

Annual Report

Town of Brighton, VT

For The Year Ending December 31, 2021

2021



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In Memoriam



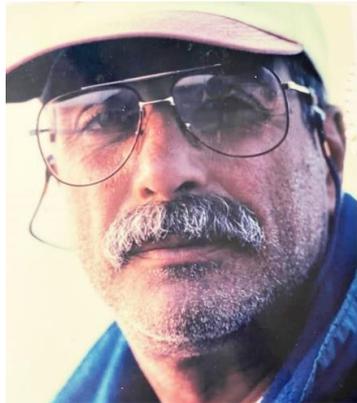
Marty Frizzell

1959 - 2021

Chief Operator - Brighton Water &
Wastewater Treatment Facilities

Former Chairman, Brighton Selectboard

Former Member, Brighton Elementary School Board



Joe Arborio

1948 - 2021

Former Brighton Town Health Officer

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of the Town and the Officers of

Brighton, Vermont



Oath of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands
one nation under God, indivisible
with liberty and justice for all

For the year ending December 31,

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Community Information

Monday, February 28, 2022 -

School and Town Informational Meetings - Brighton Municipal Building
School Meeting at 7:00 PM
Town Business Meeting at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 -

Town Meeting Elections - Brighton Municipal Building:
9:00AM to 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 1, 2022 - Last day to license dogs

General Information

Date of Charter: August 31, 1781
Population: 1,157 (per 2020 Census Records)
Size: 34,368 acres
2021 Educational Grand list: \$ 1,406,267.18
2021 Municipal Grand List: \$ 1,408,026.78

Town Clerk Office Hours

Monday through Friday - 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Brighton Recycle Center Hours

Saturday and Monday – 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

VOTER REGISTRATION & ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

Voters may register to vote in person at the Town Clerk's office at 49 Mill St. Ext., Island Pond, during business hours (8-3:30 M-F) or online at the VT Secretary of State Elections Office. Voters can register to vote at the Clerk's office right up to the day before the election, and at the polls the day of the election. Absentee ballots can be obtained by calling the Town Clerk's office at 723-4405, or by coming to the office in person.



Teresa DeBonville
Town Clerk & Treasurer



Brighton Selectboard
Heather McElroy, Michael Strait
Jeanne Gervais



Joel Cope
**Town & Zoning
Administrator**

Town of Brighton
WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2022

The legal voters for the Town of Brighton and the Brighton Water System are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall in Island Pond at 49 Mill Street Ext. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM to transact the following business by Australian Ballot:

1. To elect the following Town and Water System Officers: A Moderator and a Delinquent Tax Collector for a one-year term. One Cemetery Commissioner, one Select Board member, a Water Commissioner, three Listers, all for three-year terms. Two Auditors for three-year terms and one Water Commissioner for two-year terms.
2. To elect the following School District officers: A Moderator for a one-year term. Two school board members for two-year terms. One school board member for a three-year term. One NCUHS School Director for a three-year term.
3. Shall the Town authorize cannabis retailers and retail portions in integrated licensee operations in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. Section 863?

The following articles are to be considered at the business meeting portion of the Annual Town Meeting, to be conducted on Monday, February 28, 2020, at 7:30 P.M. in the town hall:

4. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. To hear the reports of the town officers for the past year and to take action thereon.
6. To hear the report of the Water Commissioners for the past year and to take action thereon.
7. To see if the voters shall fix the number of installments and the payment due dates for the collection of taxes as authorized in Title 32, V.S.A. Section 4872. Recommended payments to be due on August 19, September 19, and November 19.
8. To see if the voters shall authorize collection of 2022 taxes through the treasurer as provided for in Title 32, V.S.A. Sections 4792 and 4793.
9. Shall the Town of Brighton adopt the town manager form of governance in accordance with the provisions of chapter 37 of Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated?
10. To see if ISLAND POND/BRIGHTON will appropriate the sum of \$500 to the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its educational programs, and direct the selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.
11. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,539,689.49, of which \$1,113,178.39 shall be raised by taxes and \$426,511.10 by non-tax revenues?
12. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Brighton, County of Essex and State of Vermont, this 28th day of January, 2022.

BRIGHTON SELECTBOARD

Michael Strait, Chair '24

Jeanne Gervais '23

Heather McElroy '22

Town Officers

		Term Limit	Term Expires
Moderator		1 year	2022
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Teresa DeBonville	3 years	2024
Ass't. Clerk/Treasurer	Lisa Moore	3 years	2024
Selectboard	Michael Strait	3 years	2024
	Jeanne Gervais	3 years	2023
	Heather McElroy	3 years	2022
Listers	Stephanie Nagle	3 years	2022
	Alan Wing	1 year	2022
	Vacant		
Library Trustees	Krystyna Kurzej	5 years	2023
	Janet Osborne	5 years	2024
	Jocelyne Gervais	5 years	2025
	Judy Valente	4 years	2025
	Susan Vera	5 years	2026
Cemetery Commissioners	Wayne Cole	3 years	2024
	Ray Fontaine	3 years	2022
	Carmen Murray	3 years	2023
School Directors	Timothy O'Bar	2 years	2023
	Katie Mientka	2 years	2022
	Cass Lyons	2 years	2022
	David Yasharian	3 years	2024
	Bradley Beth	3 years	2022
School Director (NCUHS)	David Yasharian	3 years	2022
Auditors	Jocelyne Gervais	3 years	2024
	Janet Osborne	2 years	2022
	** Judith Castonguay		
Delinquent Tax Collector	Lucille Stevens	1 year	2022

Water Commissioners	*	Lisa Moore	3 years	2024
	**	Mark Vaillancourt		
		Ralph Wilkins	3 years	2022
		Brittany Goulet	3 years	2023
Sewer Commissioners	*	Lisa Moore	3 years	4/1/2024
	**	Ralph Wilkins	3 years	4/1/2022
	**	Brittany Goulet	3 years	4/1/2023
	**	Mark Vaillancourt		
Town Administrator	**	Joel Cope		
Health Officer	**	Beth Rodondi	1 year	2022
Zoning Administrator	**	Joel Cope	3 years	12/16/2024
Development Review Board	**	Margaret Muraca	3 years	4/2024
	**	Peder Pederson	3 years	4/2024
	**	Stacey Roese	3 years	4/2024
	**	Michael Clarke	3 years	4/2024
	**	Alan Wing	3 years	4/2024
	**	Alan Magoon	(alternate)	4/2024
Planning Board	**	Jeanne Gervais	4 years	9/1/2022
	**	Scott Gowdy	4 years	9/1/2023
	**	Mark Vaillancourt	4 years	9/1/2023
	**	William Hawkins	4 years	9/1/2024
	**	Michael Strait	4 years	9/1/2025
Justice of the Peace		David Robbins	2 years	2022
		Dolores Robbins	2 years	2022
		Stephanie Naigle	2 years	2022
		Susan Pederson	2 years	2022
		Peder Pederson	2 years	2022
		Janet Osborne	2 years	2022
		Krystyna Kurzej	2 years	2022
Town Service Officer	**	Lisa Moore		

** Appointed by Selectboard

* Resigned

Selectboard Report 2022

Running municipal government is a lot like maintaining a house and property—if you don't keep it up things start to go downhill fast. When you think about what it takes in human ingenuity to design, build, operate and maintain the municipal infrastructure in a place even as small as Island Pond village, you have to give them all credit. Buildings, roads, water systems, sewer systems, school systems all need constant attention.

There are three big infrastructure projects that the Town is working on that are going to be costly but that will leave Island Pond downtown infrastructure transformed and serving the village for the next thirty years.

Downtown Re-vitalization

The Downtown Re-vitalization Project will replace century-old underground water and stormwater pipes, construct new sidewalks, remove the telephone poles and make streetscape improvements in the downtown. This in-the-works project is the end result of community goals established at meetings held in 2016, followed by a grant for a \$70,000 “scoping” study in 2017. These laid the groundwork to advance the project to a Preliminary Engineering phase paid for by an \$80,000 grant from two state agencies with a 10% town match. This current study will give us a more detailed plan and cost estimates to consider, and information about the funding available to help pay for it.

Sewer Treatment Plant

The water and sewer departments have been focusing on the old water treatment plants and sewer treatment plants. The town will go out to bid for a \$3.756 million sewer upgrade project this year. Former Chief Operator Marty Frizzell and his staff kept these old plants running on borrowed time, but they absolutely need to be upgraded. The water and sewer department staff are contracted employees. But when Marty passed away in April, the contractor could find no one to replace him and the town had to find another contractor. The new contractor is H2O Innovations, but there is no one on their staff responsible for moving the sewer treatment plant upgrade project to completion. H2O Innovations just operates the plants. Neither does the Water and Sewer Boards have staff, so Selectboard member Mike Strait and Town Administrator Joel Cope have stepped in to pick up on the work Marty was doing to ensure this vital project progressed to completion.

Water Treatment Plants

Preliminary engineering for the water treatment plants upgrade is almost completed. Besides the old water treatment plants, that project also identified that the water main coming down from the north treatment plant needs to be replaced and this includes the same water main that is part of the downtown project, so digging up Cross Street is necessary regardless of whether the larger downtown re-vitalization project is done

or not. The Selectboard calculates that if Cross Street is going to be dug up for the water main replacement, now is the time to replace the very old stormwater line as well. And if the downtown is being dug up for those two projects, now is the best time to upgrade sidewalks and make the other improvements to the downtown.

Although these projects are going to be costly, there is no better time for getting funding from the state and federal governments to pay for most of the costs, and there is no time to waste.

But staff is a problem. Each of these three projects require an engineer to get the project started. Money has to be obtained through a long grant application to hire an engineer through competitive bidding. Each hired engineer can't start work until a contract is agreed upon for their work. Each engineering contract needs to be reviewed by an attorney. Once completed the engineering study has to be approved by the granting agency. When that happens, now we can start thinking about hiring a contractor. We have to go through the same process with a contractor. Once the engineers and contractors start submitting bills, the town has to pay and track the invoices and submit requests for reimbursement to the grant source. With three engineers and three projects and numerous different funding sources, this requires a lot of attention.

These three big projects are not the only issues the town faces. The Covid virus has thrown a wrench into lots of normal municipal activities. All the many property transfers with people paying higher prices have resulted in the state likely giving us an order to reappraise. That's another contract. Our hired property assessor is leaving this year and we have no Listers currently although there is a candidate on the ballot. The Grand List needs work. Computers and internet issues have become so complicated that local staff cannot manage them anymore if the towns' systems are to be adequately protected from all the scammers out there.

Need for a Town Manager

Given the scope of work ahead, more managerial help is needed. The Selectboard has therefore decided to ask the voters to approve the Town Manager form of government. They have placed the required article on the Warning for the floor meeting Monday night in the gym.

The Town currently employees a Town Administrator who is a semi-retired part-time employee and has his hands full with only the Downtown Project and his other duties. The Administrator is not technically the Town Manager, as that is a form of government described in statute that has to be voted in by the public at a duly warned meeting. A Town Manager is responsible for the entire day-to-day operations of a town in a way that administrators are not. A Manager assumes most of the duties of the Selectboard, and speaks with an authority that Administrators cannot because no statute authorizes Town Administrators.

The Budget

This year's budget shows a 7% increase over last year's Proposed Budget, but is only 1.8% more than the average of the last five years. The last couple years, due to Covid, the board underspent the budgets because with the pandemic shutting down the economy, the board couldn't know what the impact would be on people's ability to pay taxes. Some expenses were put off and some employees were laid off.

But now, the jobs market has resulted in significant increases in the cost of labor. A compensation report from the VT League of Cities and Towns shows that a number of our employees are significantly underpaid and if we want to keep them there will have to be increases in wages.

Past investments in energy efficiency have resulted in lower heating fuel costs in all our buildings, even with higher fuel costs.

Most of the budget increase is accounted for by Line Item 1122 "Long-term Debt." This is the amount of money the town has to borrow at the end of the year to meet the approved budget, even if not all the taxes the budget proposed actually were paid. Last year the town didn't have to borrow any money due to underspending the budget (see above) and an unanticipated revenue source.

After a recent episode of vandalism in the town hall, we have installed cameras on all our town buildings, with the help of a \$5,000 grant from our insurer. We have also installed an up-to-date electronic locking system on the town hall. It's been ten years since the paint job on the town hall and the Selectboard has been putting money away in anticipation of needing it done again soon.

Town Meeting will be held February 28 in-person in the gym Monday night as is customary. Masks and social distancing will be required to protect the public health.

Lastly, we wish the best for our retired Road Foreman Mark Castonguay, who served the town for more than 30 years on our road crew. We would also like to express our appreciation for the town staff that have had to work under difficult conditions these past few years.

Sincerely,

Brighton Selectboard

Michael Strait, Chair '24

Jeanne Gervais '23

Heather McElroy '22

2021 Actual and 2022 Proposed Budget

		Proposed 2021	Actual 2021	Proposed 2022
ROAD DEPARTMENT				
Personnel				
020	Road Foreman	49,869.57	55,363.84	53,918.28
021	Road Maintenance Worker	36,895.54	35,593.12	39,122.20
022	Road Maintenance Worker	36,895.54	36,883.60	39,122.20
025	Overtime	12,000.00	13,757.57	15,000.00
030	Social Security	10,378.04	12,703.28	11,257.95
040	Retirement	15,092.25	17,195.94	17,843.47
050	Mileage	200.00	71.04	100.00
060	Training	200.00	-	200.00
070	Health & Life Ins.	43,402.08	48,128.60	48,196.20
099	Total Personnel Costs	204,933.01	219,696.99	224,760.30
100	Roads & Streets			
101	Salt & Chloride	11,000.00	10,639.77	12,000.00
102	Gravel	15,000.00	17,502.75	18,000.00
103	Sand, Stone & seed	7,000.00	2,472.00	7,000.00
106	Asphalt Patch	1,200.00	-	1,200.00
107	Paving	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
108	Culverts	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,500.00
109	Survey & Engineering	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
110	Bridge & Rd Cnstrct.	2,000.00	-	11,000.00
111	Sidewalks	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
112	Foot Bridge	3,000.00	1,392.78	10,000.00
113	Supplies & Materials	4,500.00	5,982.29	6,500.00
114	Street Signs	500.00	463.19	1,000.00
115	Contracted services	11,000.00	9,280.00	15,000.00
116	Infrastructure reserve Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00	15,000.00
117	Total Roads & Streets	109,200.00	97,732.78	113,200.00

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2021	2021	2022
118	Garage			
119	Electricity	2,000.00	1,554.99	2,000.00
120	Heating Fuel	4,000.00	2,367.64	4,000.00
121	Telephone	1,000.00	1,071.60	2,000.00
122	Bldg. Maint. & Rep	3,000.00	4,942.06	3,000.00
123	Total Garage	10,000.00	9,936.29	11,000.00
124	Equipment			
125	Equipment Purchase	6,500.00	5,557.47	10,000.00
126	Maint. & Repair	30,000.00	29,139.77	40,000.00
127	Fuel	25,000.00	17,734.99	25,000.00
128	Equip. Reserve Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
129	Truck payment	30,000.00	30,000.00	-
130	Total Equipment	141,500.00	132,432.23	125,000.00
131	TOTAL ROAD DEPT.	465,633.01	459,798.29	473,960.30
200	TOWN CLERK & TREASURER			
226	Clerk & Treasurer Salary	49,643.60	49,628.80	52,104.00
227	Asst. Clerk & Treasurer	30,146.36	31,693.60	32,432.40
230	Social Security	5,869.17	6,264.33	6,467.03
240	Retirement	9,076.11	9,518.14	10,250.04
250	Mileage	100.00	27.75	100.00
260	Telephone/FAX	1,000.00	1,031.86	1,000.00
270	Training	150.00	20.00	150.00
296	Health Insurance	43,787.40	46,087.66	36,289.08
299	TOTAL CLERK & TREAS.	139,772.63	144,272.14	138,792.55
300	ADMINISTRATOR			
320	Salary	36,130.07	36,129.60	33,966.40
330	Social Security	2,763.95	2,763.78	2,598.43
350	Mileage	500.00	-	500.00
360	Telephone	1,000.00	1,012.96	1,000.00
370	Training	300.00	20.00	200.00

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2021	2021	2022
390	Health Insurance	156.24	153.50	160.00
396	Equipment	100.00	-	100.00
399	TOTAL ADMIN	40,950.26	40,079.84	38,524.83
400	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
420	Record keeping	600.00	-	-
430	Wages	38,574.72	40,858.64	39,705.12
435	Social security	2,950.97	3,125.70	3,037.44
440	Retirement	4,291.44	4,750.81	4,814.25
470	Car Expense	4,000.00	4,474.77	5,000.00
490	Telephone	2,400.00	2,678.48	2,500.00
491	Training	200.00	-	200.00
497	Equip. Repair & Purchase	1,500.00	836.35	1,500.00
498	Health insurance	8,500.08	9,149.97	8,480.64
499	TOTAL POLICE DEPT.	63,017.21	65,874.72	65,237.45
500	MUNICIPAL BUILDING			
580	Supplies	4,000.00	1,885.21	4,000.00
581	Electricity	6,000.00	5,173.00	6,000.00
582	Heating Fuel	8,000.00	6,667.03	8,000.00
583	Water	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,200.00
584	Sewer	2,160.00	2,160.00	2,960.00
585	Rubbish Removal	2,500.00	2,100.00	2,500.00
586	Bldg. Maint & Repair	16,860.00	9,623.33	5,000.00
587	Bldg Paint fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	15,000.00
588	Bldg. security	10,000.00	11,242.15	3,000.00
599	TOTAL MUN. BLDG.	71,520.00	60,850.72	48,660.00
600	RAILROAD STATION			
680	Supplies	200.00	14.13	200.00
681	Electricity	3,000.00	2,427.16	3,000.00
682	Heating Fuel	8,500.00	6,997.06	8,500.00
683	Alarm System	1,800.00	979.47	2,000.00
684	Water	400.00	400.00	440.00

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2021	2021	2022
685	Sewer	432.00	432.00	592.00
686	Maint. & Repair	1,000.00	3,205.73	3,000.00
687	Bldg heating system reserve fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
699	TOTAL RR STATION	25,332.00	24,455.55	22,732.00
700	RESCUE SQUAD CONTRACT	48,000.00	48,000.00	62,398.00
705	EMERGENCY GENERATOR			
710	FIRE DEPT.			
711	Wages	16,500.00	16,497.14	16,995.00
712	Officers	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,180.00
713	Social Security	1,721.25	1,751.64	1,772.89
714	Records & Reporting	500.00	500.00	500.00
715	Mileage	500.00	-	500.00
716	Electricity	2,000.00	1,346.35	2,000.00
717	Heating Fuel	7,000.00	4,818.86	7,000.00
718	Telephone	2,800.00	2,786.47	2,800.00
719	Water	400.00	400.00	400.00
720	Sewer	432.00	432.00	432.00
721	Training	2,500.00	450.00	3,000.00
722	Equip. Purchase	10,000.00	21,480.90	12,000.00
723	Maint. & Repair Bldg.	6,000.00	5,318.50	3,000.00
724	Equip. Maint. & Rep.	7,500.00	1,027.78	7,500.00
725	Equipment Fuel	150.00	-	150.00
726	Fire Watch	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
727	Mutual Aid & VSFA dues	343.00	1,820.45	343.00
728	Banquet & Awards	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
729	Miscellaneous	-	-	-
730	Forest Fire Warden	300.00	300.00	300.00
731	Fire Station Addition	25,003.26	25,003.26	25,003.26
732	Communications/tower	4,592.02	5,245.00	4,592.02

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2021	2021	2022
733	Fire Truck Reserve Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
799	TOTAL FIRE DEPT.	107,441.53	106,378.35	107,668.17
800	MAINTENANCE DEPT.			
820	Wages	35,986.12	34,129.62	38,168.00
825	Overtime	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
830	Social security	2,752.94	2,610.96	3,225.85
840	Retirement	4,003.46	4,289.30	5,112.87
845	Telephone	300.00	180.00	300.00
850	Health Insurance	13,253.88	19,440.72	16,558.68
860	Tractor Payment			11,256.34
899	TOTAL MAINT. DEPT.	60,296.40	60,650.60	78,621.74
900	LIBRARY			
920	Wages	50,677.00	50,968.59	55,176.68
930	Social security	3,876.79	2,441.82	4,221.02
940	Library Service	13,770.00	13,770.00	13,770.00
950	Retirement	5,764.51	6,225.60	6,690.17
960	Health Insurance	8,756.52	9,422.89	8,775.84
999	TOTAL LIBRARY	82,844.82	82,828.90	88,633.71
1000	RECREATION DEPARTMENT			
1020	Wages	23,903.36	27,141.61	28,757.04
1030	Social security	1,828.61	2,076.32	2,199.91
1035	Retirement	2,719.01	2,778.76	3,486.79
1040	Equipment	10,000.00	-	-
1050	Telephone	600.00	185.13	300.00
1060	Mileage	100.00	-	100.00
1070	TOTAL RECREATION DEPT.	39,150.97	32,181.82	34,843.74
1100	GENERAL FUND			
1101	Selectmen	7,500.00	7,500.00	8,000.00
1102	Listers	2,000.00	1,098.50	2,000.00

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2021	2021	2022
1103	Listing Services	15,000.00	11,343.99	15,000.00
1104	Auditors	2,000.00	495.00	1,000.00
1105	Zoning Administration	6,000.00	6,478.81	6,000.00
1106	Planning Commissioners	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
1107	Health Officer	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
1108	Board of Civil Authority	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
1109	Development Review Board	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
1110	Library Trustees	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,500.00
1111	Social Security	6,000.00	5,027.61	6,000.00
1112	Town Officers Mileage	500.00	-	500.00
1113	Town Officers Training	300.00	-	300.00
1114	General Insurance	60,000.00	62,290.00	64,000.00
1115	Unemployment Ins.	1,000.00	1,564.00	1,500.00
1116	Animal Control	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
1117	Tax Mapping	1,500.00	331.22	1,500.00
1118	Street Lights	21,000.00	19,909.16	21,000.00
1119	Lakeside Park	15,000.00	14,691.00	15,000.00
1120	Downtown Engineering Match			5,000.00
1121	County Tax	40,000.00	40,672.77	40,000.00
1122	Long Term Debt	-	-	80,000.00
1123	Interest Expense	5,000.00	-	2,500.00
1124	Town Meeting-Elections	4,000.00	4,659.49	4,000.00
1125	Office Supplies	12,500.00	11,947.99	12,500.00
1126	Office equip. & maint.	10,000.00	10,660.87	5,000.00
1127	Legal Services	3,000.00	5,492.04	5,000.00
1128	CPA & Consultants	2,000.00	2,000.00	7,500.00
1129	Waste management	12,000.00	9,447.09	12,000.00
1130	Advertising	2,000.00	2,172.47	2,000.00
1131	VLCT	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
1132	NVDA	917.00	917.00	917.00
1133	NEK Human Services	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
1134	Home Health Services	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
1135	Adult Education	200.00	200.00	200.00
1136	Area Agency on Aging	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2021	2021	2022
1137	Umbrella	700.00	700.00	700.00
1138	VT. Independent Living	150.00	150.00	150.00
1139	Brighton Community Forum	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
1140	Prevent Child Abuse	300.00	300.00	300.00
1141	Cemetery	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1142	Miscellaneous	2,000.00	13,516.10	2,000.00
1143	911 Emergency Service	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1144	Restoration of Records	500.00	-	500.00
1145	Vt Symphony Orchestra	100.00	100.00	100.00
1146	Emergency Mgmt.	-	-	-
1147	Red Cross	250.00	250.00	250.00
1148	Green-Up Day	100.00	100.00	100.00
1149	VABVI	500.00	500.00	500.00
1150	NEK Youth Corps	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
1151	Fireworks for July 4th	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
1152	Parade & Winter Carnival	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
1153	Frontier Animal Society	200.00	200.00	200.00
1154	Cemetery Reserve Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1155	Essex Co. Nat. Res. Dist	500.00	500.00	500.00
1156	Preservation Trust	100.00	100.00	100.00
1157	RSVP	500.00	500.00	500.00
1158	RCT	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1159	SASH	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
1160	Lake Protection	10,000.00	6,021.00	7,000.00
1161	State Property tax	8,000.00	7,669.42	8,000.00
1162	Town Banners	700.00	700.00	1,000.00
1163	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	294,017.00	289,205.53	379,617.00
1164	TOTAL ROAD FUND	465,633.01	459,798.29	473,960.30
1165	TOTAL DEPARTMENTS	678,325.82	665,572.64	686,112.19
1166	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,437,975.83	1,414,576.46	1,539,689.49

		Proposed 2021	Actual 2021	Proposed 2022
2022 Expected Revenues & 2021 Actual Revenues				
ROAD DEPARTMENT				
1175	Property Tax	391,133.01	391,133.01	398,960.30
1176	State Aid for Roads	74,500.00	76,919.11	75,000.00
1177	Equipment Rental	-	-	-
1178	Miscellaneous	-	-	-
1179	Better Roads reimb.	-	-	-
1180	Total - Road Dept.	465,633.01	468,052.12	473,960.30
1181				
1182	GENERAL FUNDS			
1183	Property taxes	581,650.41	419,579.82	714,218.09
1184	Town Clerk's Fees	20,000.00	49,888.65	25,000.00
1185	Sewer Service Fee	7,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00
1186	Water Service Fee	8,500.00	8,500.00	10,000.00
1187	Dog Licenses & Fees	500.00	385.00	500.00
1188	Building Rents	55,673.89	46,223.58	57,413.00
1189	Railroad Tax	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
1190	Other Earned Interest	3,000.52	3,000.52	3,000.00
1191	Emergency services	15,000.00	10,724.59	11,000.00
1192	Police Fines	500.00	408.00	500.00
1193	Licenses	5,000.00	4,550.00	5,000.00
1194	Refunds & Reimbursements	8,000.00	11,109.36	17,375.00
1195	Misc. Revenue	10,000.00	147,753.66	10,000.00
1196	Delinquent Taxes	104,987.51	165,552.67	170,000.00
1197	Del. Tax Interest	8,000.00	6,302.22	7,000.00
1198	Beginning Cash on Hand	142,530.49		22,723.10
1199	Total - General Funds	972,342.82	880,978.07	1,065,729.19
1200	Total - Roads	465,633.01	468,052.12	473,960.30
1201				
1202	TOTAL REVENUES	1,437,975.83	1,349,030.19	1,539,689.49

Statement of Taxes Raised

	Tax Rate	Grand List	Total Raised
Non-residential - School Tax	\$1.4913	\$959,621.08	\$1,431,083.04
Residential - School Tax	1.4984	446,646.10	\$669,254.51
Highway Tax	0.2770	1,408,026.78	\$390,023.89
Town Tax	0.3564	1,408,026.78	\$501,806.98
Local Agreement Tax	0.0057	1,408,026.78	\$8,025.92
Late Homestead declaration penalty			3,358.57
Total Tax			\$3,003,552.91

Amount billed	3,003,552.91	
State (Hold-Harmless)	66,697.00	
Pilot Program (State)	7,672.20	
Adjustment to billing	(5,053.07)	
Total to be collected		\$3,072,869.04
Collected	2,720,870.26	
State payment to the School	217,346.63	
Delinquent Taxes turned over	153,653.14	
Refunds/Overpayments	(18,450.29)	
Total collected		\$3,073,419.74

Tax Rate Breakdown

	Non-Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
Town	0.531	0.531	0.4778	0.4778	0.356	0.356
Highway	0.287	0.287	0.3451	0.3451	0.277	0.277
School	1.437	1.486	1.5493	1.5309	1.4984	1.4913
Local Agreement Rate	<u>0.006</u>	<u>0.006</u>	<u>0.0057</u>	<u>0.0057</u>	<u>0.005</u>	<u>0.005</u>
Total Tax Rate	2.26	2.309	2.3779	2.3595	2.1364	2.1293

Statement of Delinquent Taxes

Year	Beginning Bal.	Collected	Adjustment	as of 12/31/21
2019	\$87.75	\$(87.75)		\$0.00
2020	\$104,987.51	\$(104,987.51)		\$0.00
2021	\$153,653.14	<u>\$(68,259.06)</u>		<u>\$85,394.08</u>
Total	\$258,728.40	\$(173,334.32)		\$85,394.08

Delinquent Property Taxes (As of Dec. 31, 2020)

2021 Delinquent Taxes

Alcantara, Kavika	Hoppes, Michael (000TR3. D12/000TR3.066)
Ayotte, Gordon O.	Kay, Susan
Bailey, Peter	Kertenis, Jason
Barney, Roland	Kinney, Catherine et al
Belmore, Richard	Lefevre, Jason (mcpond .03R)
Bizzaro, Connie	Little, Peter
Boisseau, Maurice	Maloney, Frank (00RRST .08L)
Bone, Jamie	Mariani, Enrico
Bouchard, Meghan	Marsden, Pauline (Estate)
Boudreau, Robert	Maxwell, Brian (000TR7.02D R/000TR7.02BR/0Derst.39R)
Boutin, Donald	McCurdle, Mary
Brault, Donna (00TR11.10R) (00TR11.10RA) (00TR11.10RA)	McCurdy, Kevin
Brunoli, Shawn	Minicucci, David
Citimortgage	Nash, Jessie
Connary, Maurice	Nevarez, Joel
Derish, Pavel	O'Keefe, Michael
Dittner, Danny	Pinsonneault, Laurie
Finn, Michael	Popinko, Noreen
Ginsburg, Linda	Reuther, Shannon
Gravel, Dean	Rogers, Michael
Haberfield, David	Rowe, John

Santaw, Raymond
Silas, Sharon
Southerland, Melissa
St-Marie, Peter
Stone, Michelle (Estate of)
Zerwek, Kelly

Delinquent Taxes paid in full after 12/30/2021

Brooks, Timothy
Colonel Savings & Trust
Dunbar, Christopher
Grant, Aril
Nagle, Stephanie
Palmer, Paul
Phelps, Keith
Pontbriand, Robert
Roberto, Joseph
Schneider, Charles
Someroff, Kathy
Stebenne, Normand

**Grand Total Delinquent Taxes as of
December 31, 2021**

\$85,394.08

2021 Water and Sewer Commissioner's Report

2021 threw the water and sewer department some curveballs. Early in the year, we suffered a great loss with the unexpected passing of our Chief Operator, Marty Frizzell. Marty had been the Chief Operator for 25 years and played an instrumental part in meeting the needs of the Townspeople, the Board, and the State. This was a role which he enjoyed and he is greatly missed.

Along with continuing to work around COVID and the issues that arise with processing potential contaminants in the sewer, we continued to have failing pump stations. This is a result of the age of the system, the pump stations are over 45 years old. In June of 2021, we put a bond vote before the town, which passed, in order to upgrade our sewer treatment plant facility. We are hopeful to break ground in late spring/ early summer of 2022.

Our pump stations are in great need of repair. This is due to their age as well as what is being flushed through them. We are seeing a considerable amount of nonflushable items, including "flushable" wipes, which are damaging to the pumps themselves and should not be in our sewer treatment system. In the near future, we will be replacing several pumps, pipes, and tanks. Please remember to only flush urine, poop, and toilet paper.

We will be needing to upgrade our water plants in the next few years. This is in accordance with regulatory requirements as well as age, the plants are 34 years old. Serious discussions are being held with the State as the State has continued to express concerns around our streams being compromised by the Town. These streams have been used for 100 years by the Town and have been able to be filtered in order to provide safe, clean water and keep our reservoirs full during several years of drought.

There have been some changes over the last year: we no longer hold a contract with Piscataqua for water and sewer, we now have one with H2O Innovation. Andrew Vera has joined the water and sewer department. Lisa Moore stepped down as commissioner and was replaced by Mark Vaillancourt. Brittany Goulet is the chairperson. Meetings have been both in person and virtual, and are open to the public. Please refer to posted agendas for access numbers as they are subject to change.

There will be a rate increase for both sewer and water in order to attend to our aging and failing infrastructure as well as meeting cost of living increases. We are pleased to say that there has not been a rate increase since 2016.

2021 was a difficult year for all of us and we thank you for your continued support.

The Brighton Water and Sewer Commission.

Brittany Goulet - Chair - 2023 Ralph Wilkins - 2022 Mark Vaillancourt - 2022

Auditors' Report

As auditors for the Town of Brighton, we have examined the accounts for the Town of Brighton for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Our findings are reported with each account we have listed in this town report.. We recommend the automation of all Town of Brighton accounting procedures as soon as possible so as to eliminate duplicate work that might introduce more possibility of error.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Auditors,

Jocelyne Gervais Janet Osborne Judith Castonguay

Water Department Proposed Budget

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Proposed
Income			
Cash on hand: PSB Ckg. Acct.#.....0072	\$23,769.65	\$23,769.65	\$27,683.35
Water Rents	259,104.49	280,294.30	305,453.29
Interest	200.00	54.49	200.00
Sale of Materials	250.00	100.00	250.00
Camp Lease	600.00	-	600.00
New Connections	1,500.00	-	1,750.00
Miscellaneous		69.75	
Reconnection Fee		100.00	
Total Income	\$285,424.14	\$304,388.19	\$335,936.64
Expenses			
Labor	\$1,000.00	675.00	\$1,000.00
Commissioners stipend	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Insurance	2,475.00	-	2,500.00
Electricity	7,000.00	4,435.67	5,500.00
Equipment purchase	5,000.00	6,368.87	6,000.00
Equipment maintenance	1,000.00	832.41	1,000.00
Equipment hire	6,500.00	2,172.00	10,000.00
Tools	500.00	-	500.00
Paving	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Operating Supplies	6,000.00	69.75	6,000.00
Legal Services	2,000.00	3,862.06	3,000.00
Town service fee	8,500.00	8,500.00	10,000.00
Advertising	200.00	-	200.00
Plant Operations	124,591.22	144,580.06	145,078.72
Rent	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	277.25	2,000.00
Bond payment - Vt Bond Bank	50,000.00	43,075.68	50,000.00
Bond payment - (Lakeshore Drive)	33,232.92	36,393.57	33,232.92
Hydrant repair	5,000.00	2,628.83	5,000.00
Water testing	3,500.00	3,115.79	3,500.00
Permit fees	2,000.00	1,563.15	2,000.00
Reservoir Maintenance	10,000.00	700.00	10,000.00
Engineering Services	20,000.00	12,529.75	15,000.00
Building Maintenance	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
Secretary/Minutes	425.00	425.00	425.00
Reimbursement to sinking fund	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Reimb.to Water Cap. Imp.-PSB Svg.#.....0241			
Total Expenses	\$315,424.14	276,704.84	\$335,936.64

Sewer Department Proposed Budget

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Proposed
Income			
Cash on hand: PSB Ckg.#.....0073	\$2,081.43	\$2,081.43	\$17,639.30
Sewer rents	192,789.54	181,458.38	217,969.18
Miscellaneous			
Interest from Delinquencies	100.00	9.04	100.00
Sewer permits	1,000.00	-	1,200.00
Total Income	195,970.97	183,548.85	236,908.48
Expenses			
Labor	700.00	\$150.00	700.00
Commissioners stipend	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Town service fee	7,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00
Insurance	1,062.00	-	1,062.00
Electricity	16,000.00	12,284.56	15,000.00
Equipment & Supplies	10,000.00	5,450.00	20,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	423.65	1,200.00
Supplies	-	301.08	500.00
Water Rent	400.00	500.00	400.00
Discharge Permit	750.00	1,120.00	1,200.00
Sludge Removal Fund	10,000.00	-	5,000.00
Contract Services	5,000.00	5,486.22	5,000.00
Plant Operations	124,591.21	38,910.26	145,078.72
Sewer capital account	5,000.00	-	2,500.00
Engineering Services	30,000.00	83,615.60	15,000.00
Plant Improvements	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Secretary/Minutes	425.00	425.00	425.00
Bond payment (Dale Ave.)	9,842.76	7,459.58	9,842.76
Total Expenses	\$225,970.97	166,125.95	\$236,908.48

Sewer Engineering Service Reserve Account

PSB Savings Acct #.....1317

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021 **\$3,009.13**

Interest earned in 2021 \$2.66

Balance as of December 31, 2021 **\$3,011.79**

Water-Sewer Operations Account

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Proposed
Income			
Cash on hand (CNB Ckg. #.....2601)	\$11,046.02	\$11,046.02	\$681.56
Water payments	124,591.22	144,580.06	145,078.72
Sewer payments	124,591.22	38,759.63	145,078.72
Interest earned		\$6.18	
Bank Interest			
Refunds (Miscellaneous)		51.95	
Total Income	\$260,228.46	\$194,443.84	\$290,839.00
Expenses			
Contract Operations	\$215,228.45	\$162,541.32	\$248,089.00
Labor & Overtime	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Administration	500.00	76.00	500.00
Utilities	5,000.00	4,908.24	5,250.00
Propane/Fuel	5,500.00	2,607.18	4,500.00
Vehicle Allowance	500.00	1,532.45	500.00
Maintenance & Supplies	13,000.00	11,508.83	13,000.00
Line Maintenance	5,500.00	-	5,500.00
Chemicals	6,000.00	8,134.64	7,000.00
Truck Expenses	7,500.00	2,997.63	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	-	500.00
Total Expenses	\$260,228.45	\$194,306.29	\$290,839.00

Water Sinking Fund

CNB CD Acct #.....8170

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$82,915.23	
Interest earned in 2021	\$324.00	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021	\$83,239.23	

PSB Savings Acct #.....1260

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$28,321.00	
Interest earned in 2021	\$25.03	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021	\$28,346.03	
Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$111,585.26	

Water Capital Improvement Account

PSB Savings Acct #0241

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$5,005.00	
Interest earned in 2021	\$4.43	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021		\$5,009.43

PSB CDARS Acct. #5788/4934

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	47,107.10	
Interest earned in 2021	135.12	
Balance as of December 16, 2021		\$47,242.22
Maturity Payout to be reinvested		(\$47,242.22)

PSB CDARS Acct. #5221

Amount reinvested in 2021	47,242.22	
Interest earned in 2021	4.14	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$47,246.36

Grand total for Water Capital Improvement

as of 12/31/2021		\$52,255.79
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Sewer Sludge Removal

CNB CD Acct. #.....5970

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$48,585.46	
Interest earned in 2021	189.85	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$48,775.31

PSB CD Account #.....0534

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$5,161.40	
Interest earned in 2021	11.63	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$5,173.03

PSB N.O.W. Acct. #.....1290

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$42,970.63	
Interest earned in 2021	21.50	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$42,992.13

Total Sewer Sludge Removal Fund		\$96,940.47
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Water Engineering Services Reserve Account

PSB Savings Acct #.....1314

Balance of of January 1, 2021	\$5,005.00	
Interest earned in 2021	\$4.43	
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Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021		\$5,009.43

PSB CDRAS Acct #5639/4926

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$18,042.25	
Interest earned in 2021	\$51.76	
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Balance as of Dec. 16, 2021		\$18,094.01
Amount to be Reinvested 12/16/2021		(\$18,094.01)

PSB CDARS Acct. #5213

Balance as of Dec. 16, 2021	\$18,094.01	
Interest earned in 2021	\$1.58	
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Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021		\$18,095.59
Grand Total as of December 31, 2021		\$23,105.02

Water Reservoir Maintenance Account

PSB Savings Acct. #.....1193

Account Balance Jan. 1, 2021	\$29,397.60	
Interest earned in 2021	\$25.97	
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Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021		\$29,423.57

PSB CDARS Acct #0594/4918

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$45,725.99	
Interest earned in 2021	\$131.14	
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Balance as of 12/16/2021		\$45,857.13
Maturity Amount Reinvested		(\$45,857.13)

PSB CDARS Acct #5205

Balance as of December 16, 2021	\$45,857.13	
Interest earned in 2021	\$4.02	
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Balance as of 12/31/2021		\$45,861.15

**Grand Total for Water Reservoir Acct
as of 12/31/2021**

\$75,284.72

Sewer Capital Improvement Fund

CNB CD Account #.....1470

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$19,718.00	
Interest earned in 2021	57.26	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021		\$19,775.26

PSB CD Account #.....0496

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$5,403.80	
Interest earned in 2021	18.92	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021		\$5,422.72

PSB N.O.W. Acct. #.....1288

(Dale Avenue Project)

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$23,564.66	
Interest earned in 2021	23.58	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021		\$23,588.24

Total Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021		\$48,786.22
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Water Equipment Reserve Fund

PSB Savings Acct. #.....1194

Account Balance Jan. 1, 2021	\$16,742.72	
Interest earned in 2021	\$14.78	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021		\$16,757.50

PSB CDARS #5639/4942

Balance as of 1/1/2021	\$14,208.32	
Interest earned in 2021	\$40.76	
Balance as of December 16, 2021		\$14,249.08
Maturity Amount to be Reinvested		(\$14,249.08)

PSB CDARS #5248

Balance as of 12/16/2021	\$14,249.08	
Interest earned in 2021	\$1.25	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$14,250.33

Grand Total as of December 31, 2021		\$31,007.83
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Delinquent Water and Sewer Users
(As of December 31, 2021)

	Sewer	Water
Kavika Alcantara	\$139.36	\$130.00
Brian Ashman	322.72	300.00
Roland Barnes c/oTerry Walker	108.00	100.00
Richard Belmore	108.00	100.00
Jamie Bone	-	154.40
Donald Boutin	108.00	100.00
Maurice Connary	231.00	218.04
Sandra Currier	96.57	76.56
Gary Dauphin	-	200.00
Beryle Dittner	110.00	103.01
Danny Dittner	108.00	90.03
George Foy	108.00	100.00
Ezra Glodgett	-	100.00
Robert Gunn	-	100.00
David Haberfeld	-	92.00
Mary Healy	108.00	100.00
Rebecca Hinton	108.00	100.00
Eugene Hunt	438.00	310.53
Jason Kertenis	-	100.00
Harris Kinsey	40.82	37.00
James Kovacs, Jr.	108.00	100.00
Tammi Letourneau, c/o USDA RD	-	503.97
Scott Machinist	-	100.00
Frank Maloney	-	598.00
Denise Marsden	3,381.21	3,000.00
Laurent Masse	232.00	200.00
Gregory Miller	-	100
Matthew Moore	-	300.00
Stephanie Nagle	-	200.00
William O'Keefe	150.68	149.00
Dylan Oropeza-Bresciani	216.00	200.00
Dylan Oropeza-Bresciani	-	78.00
Michael Palmer	108.00	100.00
Rachel Reeve	-	101.70
John Risi	108.00	100.00

Joseph Roberto	108.00	100.00
Donald Sackett	176.00	150.00
Raymond Santaw	150.00	143.33
Secretary of Housing/Urban Developm.	108.00	100.00
Michael Sharon	-	251.00
Ellen Sheltra	70.00	65.88
Simon the Tanner	108.00	100.00
Peter Ste Marie, Jr.	217.66	177.67
Cory Twiss	108.00	100.00
James & Patricia VanMetter	-	100.00
Jason Waldo	-	200.00
Laura Weatherstone	108.00	100.00
George Wilcox	110.00	100.20
Gwynn Worthington	348.50	310.00
Richard Zibold	-	100.00
TOTAL DUE:	\$9,408.38	\$10,540.32

Miscellaneous Funds

Better Connections Grant Match Reserve Account

PSB Savings Acct #.....1316

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021 **\$7,522.70**

Interest earned in 2021 \$6.64

Balance as of December 31, 2021 **\$7,529.34**

Brighton Culvert Fund

PSB Savings Acct #.....0942

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021 **\$10,416.38**

Revenues

Interest earned in 2021 \$9.21

Transfer from Gen. acct #...5213 \$1,210.62

Total Revenues 2021 \$1,219.83

Balance as of December 31, 2021 **\$11,636.21**

Equipment Reserve Fund

PSB Savings #.....1008

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021 \$3,548.64

Revenues

Interest earned in 2021 \$3.17

Deposited from General Acct #5213 \$14,300.00

Total Revenues \$14,303.17

Balance as of December 31, 2021 \$17,851.81

Paving Project Account

CNB Preferred Savings Acct #.....7718

Balance as of January 1, 2021 \$30,018.98

Revenues

Repayment of loan to Gen. Acct. #5213 \$25,000.00

(In lieu of taxes)

Town Appropriations 2021 \$10,000.00

Interest earned in 2021 \$18.44

Total Revenues in 2021 \$35,018.44

Expenses

Transfer to Gen. Acct. #5213 (\$25,000.00)

(In lieu of taxes)

Total Expenses in 2021 (\$25,000.00)

Total as of Dec. 31, 2021 \$40,037.42

Fire Department Equipment Fund

PSB Savings Acct #.....0459

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021 \$6,010.24

Interest earned in 2021 \$5.32

Balance as of December 31, 2021 \$6,015.56

Fire Truck Capital Reserve

PSB Savings Acct #.....1257

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021	\$10,009.99	
Town Appropriation 2021	\$10,000.00	
Interest earned in 2021	\$8.88	
Total Revenues 2021	<u>\$10,008.88</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$20,018.87

PSB CDERS Acct #5698

	\$30,470.46	
Interest earned in 2021	\$87.39	
Balance as of December 16, 2021	<u>\$30,557.85</u>	
Balance Reinvested		(\$30,557.85)

PSB CDERS Acct #4969

	\$30,557.85	
Interest earned in 2021	\$2.68	
Balance as of December 31, 2021	<u>\$30,560.53</u>	
Total as of December 31, 2021		<u><u>\$50,579.40</u></u>

Sidewalk Account

CNB Preferred Savings Acct #.....4818

Balance of Jan. 1, 2021		\$25,020.15
Interest earned in 2021	\$25.08	
Transfer from General Acct. # ...5213	\$10,000.00	
Balance As Of Dec. 31, 2021	<u></u>	<u><u>\$35,045.23</u></u>

Emergency Generator Fund

PSB Savings Acct #.....1256

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021		\$382.76
Interest earned in 2021	\$0.36	
Balance as of December 31, 2021	<u></u>	<u><u>\$383.12</u></u>

Lister Training Fund

PSB Savings Acct #.....0528

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$4,286.73	
Deposit from General Acct. #5213	\$1,094.00	
Interest earned in 2021	\$3.77	
	<u> </u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		<u>\$5,384.50</u>

Lakeside Park

CNB Checking Acct. #.....9201

BALANCE as of January 1, 2021 \$12,768.44

REVENUES:

Town Appropriations 2021

Earned Interest in 2021 \$4.53

Total Revenues as of Dec. 31, 2021 \$4.53

Expenses:

Operating expenses \$(5,903.20)

Electricity \$(1,223.41)

Skating Rink \$(95.00)

Equipment Maintenance & repair \$(4,097.92)

Total Expenses as of Dec. 31, 2021 \$(11,319.53)

BALANCE as of December 31, 2021 \$1,453.44

Brighton Ambulance Account

CNB Ckg Acct. #.....9701

Balance as of January 1, 2021 \$12,498.49

Revenues

Transferred from Acct. #5213 \$48,000.00

Revenues as of December 31, 2021 \$60,498.49

Expenses

Newport Ambulance Service \$(55,766.26)

EMS Call Stipend \$(1,775.00)

Expenses as of Dec. 31, 2021 \$(57,541.26)

Balance as of December 31, 2021 \$2,957.23

Heavy Equipment Fund

PSB CD #.....0943/4977

Balance as of Jan 1, 2021 \$10,153.93

Interest earned in 2021 \$29.12

Balance as of Dec. 16, 2021 **\$10,183.05**

Maturity Reinvestment **\$(10,183.05)**

PSB CD #.....5264

Balance as of Dec 16, 2021 \$10,183.05

Interest earned in 2021 \$0.89

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021 **\$10,183.94**

Miller Building Account

PSB Savings Acct. #.....1192

Account Balance January 1, 2021 \$203,129.44

Interest earned \$71.60

Repayment of Funds Transferred to Gen. Acct # 5213 \$190,000.00

Total Income as of Dec. 31, 2021 **\$190,071.60**

Expenses

Transfer to General Acct #5213 to cover expenses
in lieu of tax revenue **(\$190,000.00)**

Total Expenses **(\$190,000.00)**

Balance as of December 31, 2021 **\$203,201.04**

Infrastructure Reserve Funds

PSB Savings Acct #.....1315

Balance as of January 1, 2021 \$100,137.29

Interest earned in 2021 \$88.55

DEPOSIT from General ACCT # ...5213 \$25,000.00

Revenues as of Dec. 31, 2021 **\$25,088.55**

Balance as of December 31, 2021 **\$125,225.84**

Building Paint Reserve Account

PSB Savings Acct #.....1064

Account Opened on December 29, 2021 \$20,000.00

Balance as of December 31, 2021 **\$20,000.00**

Heating System Reserve Account

PSB Savings Acct #.....1067

Account Opened on December 29, 2021 \$10,000.00

Balance as of December 31, 2021 **\$10,000.00**

Brighton Recreation 2021

While navigating the continued challenges presented by the pandemic, Brighton Recreation has had a busy year filled with in-person programming, exciting grant projects, new events and infrastructure improvements. With the help of incredible volunteers, we continue to strive to create and expand recreational opportunities in our beautiful community and region.

Brighton Recreation hosted their traditional slate of annual events including the “Tri-County Kids Fishing Tournament,” which saw 140 anglers spending time out on the ice, the “Pondathon,” our local favorite biking/running race around the lake, and also the inaugural edition of the “Northeast Kingdom Marathon,” that attracted 150 racers to our community! Additionally, regular program offerings such as outdoor circuit training classes, run/walk/bike nights in partnership with our local health center and RiseVT, junior hoops basketball, line dancing classes, family bike rodeos and repair classes, and after school programming at Brighton Elementary School continued. Thanks to a sizable grant from Vermont Afterschool, this summer saw the expansion of the Brighton Kids Club Summer Program to 6 weeks of free programming that included free lunches from the Essex House and Kingdom Grille, swim lessons and the addition of local staff members! Transitioning into the winter, Brighton Recreation is excited to see the now larger public skating rink in Lakeside Park seeing consistent usage.

Brighton Recreation used grant funding from the Building Communities Grant Program to make necessary repairs to the basketball/tennis court surfaces and surrounding fencing structure. The grant also allowed the rec department to install five pieces of outdoor exercise equipment along the lakeside walking path. We are also excited to announce that after years of fundraising and with substantial assistance of federal funding, the Lakeside Park Playground Project will be coming to fruition as we expect to break ground on our new engaging playground structure in May of this 2022.

Brighton Recreation wants to sincerely thank its many dedicated volunteers and also encourage residents to make use of the department’s website, www.brightonrecreationvt.org, to stay up to date on program and event offerings.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Chambers
Recreation Director



Brighton Recreation Account

PSB CKG Acct. #1812

Balance as of January 1, 2021 \$31,430.72

REVENUES

Marathon	\$5,284.08
Fishing Tournament	\$6,470.62
Pond-A-Thon	\$3,919.00
Donations	\$1,772.00
Grants	\$16,856.33
Centerpiece Project	\$460.00
Refunds/Reimbursements	\$8,923.58

Total Revenues as of December 31, 2021 **\$43,685.61**

EXPENSES

Supplies	\$(1,747.45)
Fishing Tournament	\$(5,781.97)
Fitness Equipment	\$(13,115.30)
Skating Rink	\$(2,741.73)
Programs	\$(2,783.90)
Interactive Maps	\$(4,412.13)
Kids' Summer Program	\$(6,692.25)
Swim Lessons	\$(4,000.00)
Marathon	\$(14,592.06)
Pond-A-Thon	\$(1,437.76)

Total Expenses **\$(57,304.55)**

BALANCE as of December 31, 2021 **\$17,811.78**

CPA Reserve Account

CNB Savings Acct. #.....2218

Account opened January 1, 2021 \$8,000.04

Transferred to General Acct. #5213 \$(6,500.00)
(cover cost of CPA Audit in 2021)

Interest earned in 2020 \$7.97

Balance as of December 31, 2021 **\$1,508.01**

Reappraisal Accounts

PSB CD Acct. #.....0436		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$37,924.02	
Interest earned in 2021	\$93.21	
Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$38,017.23	
PSB Acct. #.....1080		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$10,712.97	
Interest earned in 2021	\$37.05	
Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$10,750.02	
PSB CDEers Acct#...8093/5043		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$11,865.34	
Interest earned in 2021	\$34.03	
Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$11,899.37	
Maturity Payout to be Reinvested	\$(11,899.37)	
Total Expenses 2021		\$(11,899.37)
PSB Cders Acct#...5272		
Balance as of December 16, 2021	\$11,899.37	
Interest earned in 2021	\$1.04	
Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$11,900.41	
PSB Savings Acct#...1070		
Account opened December 20, 2021		\$9,299.00
Grand Total as of December 31, 2021		\$69,966.66

Building Security Reserve Account

CNB Savings Acct #.....0918

Balance as of January 1, 2021 **\$4,000.02**

Transferred to General Acct. #5213 \$(4,003.68)

(Purchased security cameras for Town buildings)

Interest earned in 2020 \$3.66

Balance as of December 31, 2021 **\$-**

Downtown Engineering Reserve Account

CNB Savings Acct. #.....8418

Balance as of January 1, 2021 **\$20,000.10**

Transferred to General Acct. #5213 \$(18,114.92)

Interest earned \$19.92

Balance as of December 31, 2021 **\$1,905.10**

Town of Brighton Indebtedness

	Balance 1/1/2021	Borrowed 2021	Amt. Paid Principal	Balance 12/31/2021
General				
Fire Station - CNB Loan #.....5550	\$69,519.51		\$(22,289.99)	\$47,229.52
CNB Loan #.....6750	52,295.00			\$52,295.00
CNB Loan#.....7550	\$80,000.00			\$80,000.00
Totals	\$69,519.51	\$132,295.00	\$(22,289.99)	\$179,524.52
Water Department				
Water Bond - USDA Loan #9103	\$70,000.00	\$-	\$(35,000.00)	\$35,000.00
Water Improvement RF 3-167	901,456.94	-	\$(24,268.33)	\$877,188.61
Totals	\$971,456.99	\$-	\$(59,268.33)	\$912,188.61
Sewer Department				
Dale Ave. Project - Loan RF1-162-1	\$119,158.90		\$(7,760.95)	\$111,397.95
Totals	\$119,158.90	\$-	\$(7,760.95)	\$111,397.95
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,160,135.35	\$132,295.00	\$(89,319.27)	\$1,203,111.08

Librarian's Report 2021

This past year we were very pleased to be able to return to providing services inside the Library while following the CDC and Town Guidelines. All our resources are accessible while masks are required.

The impact of our Early Literacy programming was again acknowledged by our Funders and Donors by financing another Grant from "Operation Warm" last March. We obtained pairs of athletic footwear (serious sneakers) for 60 children Pre-K thru 2nd Grade from their "Warm Soles" Program.

We were also able to upgrade and improve our Technical and Digital capabilities through Federal and Local Grants. With a Grant from the Vermont Community Foundation and local appropriations, we now have top of the line interactive desktop computers at our work stations. Through a Federal Grant from ARPA, the State provided the funding to obtain a cutting-edge 55" One Screen Touchscreen Interactive smart board computer, which will expand the digital possibilities for years to come, for the youngest to the oldest patrons and programmers.

In order to provide more accessibility, the Library hours will be changing beginning in March and once again include hours on Saturdays. The new hours will be posted on our Facebook Page and our website "islandpondpubliclibrary.com".

Follow us on Facebook and call us at 802-723-6134 with any questions or requests. This year's Summer Read Program is titled "Oceans of Possibilities."

Thanks to our Patrons, Friends and local Banks for their donations and to the surrounding Towns of Charleston, Norton and the UTG for their appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,
John Zuppa – Library Director

Assistant Librarian – Michelle Wilcox
Cleaning Services – Jane Moulton

Board of Trustees – Susan Vera (Chair), Janet Osborne (Secretary), Jocelyne Gervais, Krystyna Kurzej, Judy Valente

Brighton Library Report

CNB Checking Acct #.....1601

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021 **\$25,951.65**

Revenues

Turrell Fund Grant	\$6,500.00
Norton,Charleston, UTG Appropriations	\$1,200.00
Town of Brighton Appropriations	\$13,770.00
Donations	\$1,050.00
Grants	\$5,466.75

Total Income for 2021 **\$27,986.75**

Expenses

Books	\$(4,516.50)
Newspapers/magazines	\$(485.90)
Programs	\$(2,737.39)
Software	\$(216.00)
World Books	\$(1,137.65)
Equipment Purchase/Repair	\$(2,874.30)
Cleaning	\$(3,710.00)
Office supplies	\$(706.52)
Turrell Fund	\$(3,484.51)
Telephone	\$(888.66)
Miscellaneous	\$(24.00)
Computer/grant	\$(4,469.23)

Total Expenses for 2021 **\$(25,250.66)**

Balance as of December 31, 2021 **\$28,687.74**

Gladys Brooks Foundation Grant Report

PSB CD Acct. #.....0020

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021 **\$40,023.79**

Interest earned 280.09

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021 **\$40,303.88**

Transfer to PSB Chg Acct # ...0112 **(280.09)**

Balance CD Acct as of 12/31/2021 **\$40,023.79**

PSB Chkg. Acct. #.....0112

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021 **\$2,277.65**

Transfer from PSB CD #.....0020 280.09

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021 **\$2,557.74**

Brighton Cemetery Commissioners' Report

Another busy year has gone by. We were able to get some colored 4 x 4 posts put in to mark off sections of the cemetery and now we need to record who is in each of these sections. This will take much time to accomplish and if anyone is interested in this type of research, we can use your help. Eventually, finding a loved one's plot will be easier. We up-righted many smaller headstones that were tipping over or that were already on the ground. Corner markers were found and cleaned. Trying to find corner markers is a big issue and again, we would appreciate the help of anyone to aid in finding and cleaning these grassed-over markers. Some leaning trees were cut down and Staymat was put down on roads that needed fixing.

In March we will ask for bids that will include mowing the lawns with riding and/or push mowers, cleaning up clippings, etc after every mowing and the spring cleanup. Some Grant money has been approved, and we will be asking for funds from Town voters to get work done that was neglected for so many years. Volunteers are very much appreciated for as much time as they can donate. Please let us know if you have a few hours, days, or weeks available to give us a hand.

There is a 3-year Cemetery Commissioner term opened... let Town Clerk know if interested in this position.

Respectively submitted,
Brighton Cemetery Commissioners,
Ray Fontaine, Chair
Carmen Murray
Wayne Cole

Cemetery Reserve Fund

PSB Savings Acct. #.....1056

Balance as of January 1, 2021 **\$2,014.30**

Revenues

Interest earned in 2021 \$1.78

Balance Revenues **\$1.78**

Balance as of December 31, 2021 **\$2,016.08**



Cemetery Report

CNB Checking Acct #.....5801

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021 **\$924.65**

Revenues

Putnam Fund dividends \$295.08

Wellington Fund dividends \$997.33

Sale of lots and markers \$1,300.00

Burial reimbursement fund \$850.00

Transfer from CD# 4870 \$5,000.00

Transfer Cemetary Reserve \$1,000.00

Voided check-redeposited \$150.00

Total Revenues as of Dec. 31, 2021 **\$10,592.41**

Expenses:

Maintenance \$(6,500.00)

Preparation of burial lots \$(2,225.00)

Supplies \$(503.14)

Purchased Returned plot \$(400.00)

Commissioners stipend \$(600.00)

Total Expenses as of Dec. 31, 2021 **\$(10,528.14)**

Balance as of December 31, 2021 **\$988.92**

Cemetery Trust Funds and Savings

George Putnam shares (2196.995 shares @ \$23.69)	\$52,046.81
Wellington Fund (1,321.728 shares @ \$48.53)	\$64,143.46
Consolidated Gas CNB CD Acct #.....9670	
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$765.57
Interest earned in 2021	\$2.22

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021	\$767.79
PSB CD Acct. #.....0001	
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$3,924.73
Interest earned in 2021	\$13.55

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021	\$3,938.28
CNB CD Acct. #.....4870	
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2021	\$6,926.95
Transfer to Cemetery Expense Acct. #5801	\$(5,000.00)
Early Withdrawal Fee	\$(9.73)
Interest earned in 2021	20.58

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021	\$1,937.80
Total Trust Funds, CDs & Savings	\$122,834.14

2021 Police Report

Death Investigations	2	Fireworks	2
Sex Offense	1	Agency Assist	20
Assault	2	ATV Incident	3
Burglary	8	Citizens Dispute	16
Communications Offense	4	Juvenile Problems	1
Larceny from vehicle	2	Fish & Game	46
Traffic Hazard	3	E911 Hang Up	10
Fraud – bad checks	2	Abuse Prevention Order	10
Fraud	4	Drugs	3
Larceny from building	3	Citizens Assist	24
Vandalism	3	Missing Person	1
Stalking	1	Animal problem	4
DUI	2	Mental Health Assist	5
Family Disturbances	17	Fire Investigation	1
Auto Theft	1	Snowmobile	5
Threatening	6	Parking Problems	3
Medical Assist	4	Noise Disturbance	3
Arrest on Warrant	2	Intoxication	2
Suspicious	25	Disorderly	8
Alarms	13	Conditions of release	1
Crash	17	Theft	19
Motor Vehicle Violation	15	Welfare Checks	18
DLS	5	Littering	2
Trespassing	8		

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate through these tough ever changing times. We continue to strive to bring you the best service possible as a law enforcement community. Between legislative changes and the continuing Pandemic, it has made things slightly more difficult. Our hopes are that once the dust finally settles, we can get back to more normal response to criminal activity. We do ask that you, the community continue to report all suspicious activity to any of the departments listed below.

Jeffery M. Noyes, Chief

802-723-4322 Brighton Office
802-676-3500 Essex County Sheriff
802-334-8881 Dispatch

Newport Ambulance Report

Dear Citizens of Brighton,

Newport Ambulance has had its struggles along with every other agency during the COVID 19 Pandemic. In 2021 fortunately our call volume increased to 3052 calls in 2021 from a total of 2538 in 2020. In 2021 Newport Ambulance responded to 160 emergency calls in Brighton and transported 25 Brighton residents from North Country Hospital to receive care in other facilities. We have also responded to 128 calls for mutual aid.

Our Crews have been working close with the Vermont Dept. of Health and Vermont Emergency Medical Services to assist with the statewide COVID 19 testing and Vaccine sites throughout the state. We have delivered over 1000 vaccines to homebound patients throughout Orleans and Essex County. We currently are serving as a drive through COVID-19 testing site at our 830 Union Street location 4 days a week.

Newport Ambulance has been fortunate to receive funding from the Coronavirus Emergency Outbreak Testing & Vaccination Administration Grant. This funding will be used to help offset the losses suffered during the early statewide shut down of the COVID-19 pandemic

Currently the ambulance service has 3 crews providing 24/7 service. This service presently has 5 ambulances, and a Paramedic first response car that are stocked and available to respond. at the Advanced Life Support level, at any time.

Newport Ambulance substation in Morgan and is running a crew there 24/7. This will help serve parts of Derby, Holland, Morgan, Charleston, and Brighton.

Newport Ambulance facilities are located at 830 Union St , Newport and 8437 RTE 111, Morgan.

Newport Ambulance Service thanks you for your support and looks forward to serving you and your town.

Respectfully

Jeffrey J. Johansen,

Executive Director

SERVICE REPORT FY 2021
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 2021 42,199

Total Visits FY 2021 - Town of Brighton 2,626

During Fiscal Year 2021 , home based services were provided to 91 individuals in Brighton for a total of 2,626 multi-disciplinary visits. 35 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2021 \$7,000.00

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,

Vermont Symphony Orchestra

The North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra appreciates the Town of Brighton for supporting SymphonyKids programs for the children in your town. While the VSO was not allowed in schools during the pandemic, we created five free, online videos titled Musical Chairs about the different musical families of an orchestra. The videos are available on VSO's You Tube channel and have been viewed by 1,650 people so far, some may be from your town.

The Lois H. McClure Musicians-in-Schools program is our core music education program. The fully vaccinated musicians are returning to schools with this valuable educational resource this academic year. Each session includes instrument demonstrations, a wide sampling of repertoire, and audience participation.

This appropriation request supports the Musicians-in-Schools programs to benefit the youth in your town and the Northeast Kingdom. Each school show costs \$525 for musician/actor fees and mileage. Schools pay a portion of this cost, leaving the balance subsidized through your town appropriation and individual sponsorships.

The VSO greatly appreciates your support in providing access to classical music for ALL children!

For more information, please contact the VSO at 802-864-5741 or visit the <https://www.vso.org/website>.

Thank you!

North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra

Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District

Dear Brighton Selectboard,

On behalf of Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District, I kindly ask you to consider us when voting for appropriations in the upcoming 2022 year. I am asking you to vote to support us with funding in the amount of \$500.00 at the next town budget meeting. The funds will be utilized to assist the town with upcoming Category B Grants.

The Essex County NRCDC is administered by a locally elected Board of Supervisors including Bill Manning (Island Pond), Chris Von Alt (Maidstone), Dan Kilborn (Island Pond), Ursula Johnson (Canaan) and Timothy White (Maidstone). We receive a small grant from the State of Vermont each year (\$7,000 in 2021) but must raise the remaining funds for our services and projects from grants, fees and donations.

Thank you very much for your consideration and for your support. Please feel free to contact me by email if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Heather Johnson

Umbrella

Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression. 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:

- Social Change focuses on prevention education and initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, and creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. One of our strategies is to provide pathways for girls to work within this social change and prevention field through the Youth in Power Program. In FY21 , we provided 1,780 youth with educational workshops throughout our 15 school partners. We provided 197 adults with educational programs through 18 workshops.
- Advocacy Program serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation - which in total we characterize as gender-based violence. In our work, the client leads and we support them in any way they need us to including legal advocacy, housing advocacy, support with parenting after trauma and more. In FY21 , 451 individuals received direct advocacy, 65 people were housed in our emergency shelters as a result of fleeing domestic or sexual violence and 25 were housed in our Transitional Housing program.
- Family Based Services focuses on child-care and strengthening family relationships. Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC) assists families in the St. Johnsbury district to receive subsidized childcare, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. The Family Room offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In FY21 , KCCC served 620 families and the Family Room worked with 44 families, serving 79 children.
- Economic Empowerment serves women with significant barriers to employment in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties. Our Cornucopia program, and our social enterprise, Dolcetti each wrap around women to support them in building job readiness skills while helping them to address challenges in their lives so they are able to move towards financial self-sufficiency. In FY21 6 of our graduates received ongoing support and we had 1 new graduate from the program who also gained employment postgraduation.

In addition, as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged and prepared 35,823 meals for homebound seniors through Meals on Wheels. 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 6 households in Brighton were served by Umbrella in FY 2021 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 Brighton's support.

Northeastern Vermont Development Association

To the Voters of Brighton:

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has long been a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. As the state's only combined regional planning and economic development organization, we are uniquely suited to effectively serve the municipalities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom.

This year, we are once more requesting dues from our member communities. These funds are critical as they allow our team of professionals to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage other state and federal funds for our region.

While local governance becomes more complex, our talented team staff is there to assist our member communities. Throughout 2021, we remained focused on the challenges presented by COVID while seeking opportunities to aid in regional recovery. We quickly mobilized to help all local governments secure ARPA funding and connected businesses and communities to other state and federal recovery resources. Our regular services continued as well, including:

- Land use planning & regulation - town plans and bylaws, and technical assistance for local officials;
- Transportation studies, Infrastructure inventories, and Project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS services;
- Grant writing and administration for community and regional projects;
- Direct business support, referral services, and lending to employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning to help communities meet evolving statutory requirements;
- Local emergency planning and hazard mitigation planning;
- Brownfield assessments and planning;
- Economic development activities to grow and strengthen businesses in our region;
- Municipal education and training opportunities for local officials.

How have we served your community?

- Technical assistance on zoning issues.
- Business assistance.
- Emergency Planning and Preparation.
- Provided COVID 19 information.
- Road Erosion Inventory Assistance.
- Grants In Aid Technical Assistance

NVDA's municipal dues have remained level since 2016 at \$0.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$500. We take great pride in providing professional services to the communities and businesses of the NEK, but next year an increase is expected so we may continue providing a high level of service. We take pride in keeping communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact usat tqonyaw@nvda.net to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,

David Snedeker

Executive Director

Northwoods Stewardship Center

Dear Residents of the Town of Brighton,

On behalf of the North Woods Stewardship Center, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the Town of Brighton's ongoing support of the Center and specifically the Conservation Corps. In 2021, thanks in part to support from the Town of Brighton, the Corps completed many conservation projects throughout the Northeast Kingdom. Highlights included working on Cow Mountain Pond in Granby, the golden trail in Victory Bog, completing trail patrol on the Kingdom Heritage Trail, and hosting both a youth and professional crew in the Nulhegan Basin Division of the Wildlife Refuge. The youth crews worked on North Woods trails as well - where they rebuilt bog bridges on the Lang Brook Trail and updated signage on the Gardner Path Living History Trail, featuring a very impressive round barn foundation - just off the Ten Mile Square Road. If you haven't been, we hope you will come see it. This season was record-breaking, with just over 120 employees at peak season. This means job opportunities for high school youth, and also draws in young professionals to the NEK from across the country.

Despite delays from Covid, we are planning to launch the Kingdom Heritage Trail Ramble in June 2022 in partnership with Brighton Recreation, with Island Pond as the hub for the event. We enjoy the opportunity to partner with the Town of Brighton in both the planning and implementation of projects to support sustainable outdoor recreation tourism.

North Woods provides discounted program offerings to Brighton Elementary School for winter outdoor recreation programming, a week-long summer school program and year-long after school programming where we highlight appreciation and awareness of trails, waterways, mountains and natural communities of Island Pond area. We also provided our facility at no cost as the host site for the youth hunter education course each spring, and offer access to our trails at no cost for Brighton, Charleston and Morgan residents.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dusty May

Conservation Corps Director



Communications Union District Annual Report for 2021

We are excited to share the progress we've made towards bringing high-speed internet to the 50 member towns of NEK Broadband. Our pilot project in Concord, Waterford and Lunenburg will offer 100 Mbps symmetrical service or higher to 342 addresses in late 2021 and early 2022. We've received additional state and federal grant funding and are finalizing plans for a full-length construction season beginning the spring of 2022.

The organization has matured with the addition of three key partners. The National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) is experienced in design, construction management, and materials procurement. Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT) will be our network operator and internet service provider. WCVT brings over a century of experience in telecommunications and provides all the modern services customers expect. Mission Broadband serves as an advisor and adjunct staff.

Who We Are:

A Communications Union District (CUD) is a municipal entity made up of multiple towns. Our district is building fiber-optic based internet access that has a capacity far beyond most current services available. Each town appoints at least one representative to our Governing Board, which has chosen to develop a publicly-owned network.

Member Towns: All but these five towns in the Northeast Kingdom (Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties) have joined the district: Granby, Jay, Lemington, Norton, Victory. Wolcott in Lamoille county is also a member.

Project Plans: The overall project will require roughly \$140 million and take at least five years to complete. Funding will be through grants and municipal revenue bonds, as well as income from subscribers. The team is establishing technical standards as well as analysis of all locations and their current internet access. Utility pole surveys are in progress, fiber optic cable has been ordered, and we will be ready to continue construction in the spring of 2022.

Grants Received: NEK Broadband has received three different federal grants totalling \$1,045,000 for the Concord-Lunenburg-Waterford project, which began construction in November, 2021. We have been awarded almost \$7 million for designing the entire network, hiring additional staff and preparing for the 2022 construction season. Smaller grants were received from Vermont Community Foundation, Northeastern Vermont Development Association, Northern Community Investment Corporation, and Northern Enterprises.

Obligations: Community National Bank Letter of Credit (\$3.5 million); Northern Enterprises loan (\$80,000)

Respectfully,

Evan Carlson, Board Chair, Sutton Representative
NEK Broadband

Residents can sign up to receive regular general updates and, in the future, information about when service will be available at specific locations at:

get.nekbroadband.org

Budget Summary

2021 Budget to Actual (Projected)

	Budget	Actual
Total Income	\$93,700	\$3,087,767
Total Expenses	\$90,350	\$1,353,932
Total Capital Investment	\$5,360,000	\$945,000
Annual Net Cash Flow		\$788,835

2022 Proposed Budget

Projected Surplus from 2021	\$788,835
Grants	\$25,000,000
Net Operations Revenue	-\$52,900
Total Income	\$25,735,935
Administrative Costs	\$495,000
(Pre) Construction Costs	\$25,000,000
Total Spending	\$25,495,000

Vital Statistics - Births – 2021

Name	Date	Mother's Name	Father's Name
Braelynn Elizabeth Roese	2/23/21	Erin Elizabeth Roese	Christopher Frederick Roese
Gavinn Hunter Germaine	5/29/21	Hady Ann Crowe	Dylan Joseph Germaine
Raidyn Rose Deslandes	9/26/21	Ashley Elizabeth Deslandes	
Norrie Jane Martin	10/24/21	Tara Ann Martin	Andrew James Martin
Liam Gabriel Chase	12/21/21	Elizabeth M. Maynard	Cody Douglas Chase

Vital Statistics - Marriages – 2021

Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence	Date
Eric Donald Graupner	NH	Robin Jean Reinhold	NH	6/29/21
Kevin Blake Bruyere	VT	Mary-Colleen Healey	VT	7/14/21
Brandon Mark Castonguay	VT	Adrianna Day Maurais	VT	8/7/21
Alex Read Goodhile	MA	Emily Jean Samuelman	MA	8/28/21
Kelly Paul Kane, Jr	VT	Sara L. Kane	VT	11/16/21
Danny William Dittner	VT	Sarah Dawn	VT	11/25/21

Vital Statistics- Deaths – 2021

Name	Date	Age	Place of Death
Mervyn F. Wiley	2/16/21	93	Lyndon, VT
Gary Robert O'Keefe	3/14/21	64	Newport City, VT
Carl R. Borg, Jr	4/27/21	79	Brighton, VT
Urban Bishop Ruiter	4/30/21	96	Middletown Springs, VT
Robert J. Calhoun	5/30/21	88	Brighton, VT
Patricia Carbonneau	6/25/21	93	Newport City, VT
Laura W. Weatherstone	6/30/21	99	Brighton, VT
Rosaire A. Marcoux	8/ /21	74	Brighton, VT
George Roland Lanoue	9/14/21	79	Newport City, VT
Robert Raboin	9/ /21	74	Brighton, VT
Duane George Powers	10/14/21	75	Brighton, VT
Dwight S. Maxwell	11/11/21	87	Brighton, VT
Arlene M. Reynolds	12/30/21	85	Newport City, VT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 1, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Brighton met on Monday, March 1st, 2021 at 7:20 PM via electronic means to transact the following business:

Michael Strait, acting moderator called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM and explained the guidelines for communicating virtually to those who participated.

Michael read the following Articles and explained that all Articles would be voted on by Australian Ballot on March 2, 2021, at the Brighton Town Hall, 49 Mill Street Extension, Island Pond, Vermont and that the polls would be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

1. To elect the following Town and Water System Officers: Moderator, Delinquent Tax Collector all for a one-year term. One Water Commissioner, one Cemetery Commissioner, one Select Board member, two Listers, one Auditor, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, all for a three-year term. One Library Trustee for a 5-year term, and one Library Trustee for the remaining 4-year term of a resignation from office.
2. To elect the following School District officers: One Moderator for a one-year term. One school director for a two-year term. One School Director to serve the remaining two years of a three-year term due to a resignation. One School Treasurer and one School Director for a three-year term.
3. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,437,975.83, of which \$969,783.94 shall be raised by taxes and \$468,191.89 by non-tax revenues?

Michael asked if there were any questions or comments.

Paul Greenier, representative of Efficiency Vermont, said that Island Pond was one of the Towns chosen to benefit from Efficiency Vermont. The municipal office, town garage, a church and some businesses all got upgraded with LED lights through this program. Unfortunately, they were not able fulfill all of their plans in reaching out to the community because of COVID. They hope to be able to reach out to more people this year. Information about this program can be found on page 43 of the Town of Brighton's Annual Report for the year ending 2020.

Meagan, from the Chronicle, asked how many people attended this meeting. At one point there were 37 attendees.

Meagan also asked what non-tax revenues help cover the town's operating expenses. Joel Cope explained that income from dog licenses, miscellaneous money from State grants and delinquent tax revenues are examples of non-tax revenues.

Marty Frizzell, Water and Sewer Operations Manager, informed the Town's people of some costly issues that the department is facing. He explained that our waste water treatment plant is 40-45 years old and is in need of major upgrades. Pump stations need to be upgraded or replaced. Water treatment plants are over 30 years old and need to be upgraded to meet state requirements. The department may also have to find an additional water source in order to meet state requirements. The department is seeking as much money as possible from grants to help with all of the expenses, but it is likely that there will be water and sewer rate increases. Once the department knows what the cost will be, they may be asking the Town for a bond vote in the near future in order to pay for some of these expenses.

Doris Boisvert was concerned that a lot of people were not notified of the Town meeting. Michael said that it was posted online on the Town's web site a couple of days ago. It is also posted on the Town bulletin boards and warned in the Annual Town Report which is sent out to all registered voters and is available at the Town Hall or by request. Warning of the meeting was also posted in the Caledonia Record and the Chronicle.

Paul Chambers, Recreation Director, spoke about the marathon run that was supposed to be in May. It will be postponed until September when hopefully things are safer as far as COVID concerns. He said hundreds of people have signed up for this and he believes this event will bring a lot of money to the Town businesses.

There was no other business.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Moore
Ass't. Town Clerk

Michael Strait
Acting Moderator/Selectboard Chairperson

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

BRIGHTON RECYCLE CENTER HOURS

Saturday and Monday: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Telephone Numbers

Ambulance Emergency.....	911
Fire Emergency.....	911
Police Emergency.....	911
Animal Control Officer.....	723-4405
Brighton Elementary School.....	723-4373
Fire Station.....	723-4444
Fire Warden.....	723-6290
General Information.....	723-4405
Health Officer.....	723-4405
Island Pond Health Center.....	723-4300
Library.....	723-6134
NEKCA Head Start.....	723-6231
North Country Union High School.....	334-7921
Poison Control Center.....	1-800-222-1222
Police Department.....	723-4322
Probate Court.....	676-3910
Road Foreman.....	673-6698
State Police.....	334-8881
Sunrise Manor Senior Center.....	723-6130
Town Administrator.....	723-4753
Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office.....	723-4405
Town Garage.....	723-5039
Water/Sewer Emergency.....	626-5939/274-1915
Welcome Center.....	723-9889
Zoning Administrator.....	723-4753

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