

# ***Town of Lowell***



***Annual Town and School Report  
For Year Ending  
December 31, 2022***

## **LETTER OF DETICATION TO ALDEN WARNER**

**Alden Warner has retired as a selectboard member after 26 years (1996-2022) of providing exemplary and dedicated service to our Town. In addition to staying current with all the responsibilities of his position, he has always been willing to do even more. The phrase, "Call Alden" has been often used at the office whenever an issue arose. If his years of experience did not give him answers for resolution, he would research to find the correct process and move forward to completion. His presence was always welcomed in the office. When he was there, it was either to research and weigh options or, on a less serious note, to provide a sense of humor to promote the great atmosphere. We also wish to thank him for the times he filled positions when they became temporarily vacant.**

**His considerable knowledge was continually a welcoming factor when the Board needed to review possibilities for decision making. It has always been so obvious that his concern for the welfare of the Town was his priority. He welcomed discussion so that all thoughts were on the table before a final decision was made.**

**We already miss his presence but wish him all the best in his future plans.**

**Alden, we think of you so often and want to express our appreciation for all you have done for this Town. Again, thank you so very much.**

# ***ANNUAL TOWN REPORT***



**For Year Ending December 31, 2022  
Town of Lowell, Vermont**

***Lowell Graded School on  
Tuesday  
March 7, 2023.***

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

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# 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** 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 business hours.

### NOTE:

*Starting May 1, 2023, the Office will be open Monday -Wednesday 9 am to 5 pm*

## OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday**

**9:00 am to 5:00 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**



# LOWELL TOWN OFFICERS

## 2022

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

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MODERATOR:	Alden Warner	2023
SELECTMEN:	Wayne Richardson	2024
	Darren Pion	2023
	Jennifer Blay	2025
SCHOOL DIRECTORS:	David Legacy	2023
	Steven Mason	2024
	Jason Blay	2025
1st CONSTABLE:	Ashley Callahan	2023
2nd CONSTABLE:	Lyse McAllister	2023
AUDITORS:	Arlon Warner	2024
	Dorothy Spoerl	2024
	Gordon Spencer	2025
ROAD COMMISSIONER:	Calvin Allen	2025
LISTERS:	Lerry Chase	2023
	Christine Hager	2024
	Mark Higley	2025
LIBRARIAN:	Regine Griswold	Retired 2022
LIBRARY TRUSTEES:	Gina Arel (Resigned 2022)	2027
	Gynette Manning	2023
	Jill Legacy (Resigned 2022)	2025
	Gail Sicotte	2026
	Fay Starr	2026
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:	Daphne Dolan-Christiansen	Retired 2022
	Sadie Willey	Retired 2022
	Patricia Sears	Retired 2022
	Steven Mason	Retired 2022
	Jeff Parsons	

### OFFICERS BY APPOINTMENT

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TOWN CLERK:	Christy Pion	
TREASURER:	Rebecca DiZazzo	
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:	Rebecca DiZazzo	
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	Mary Hunt	(August) Resigned 2022
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:	Ashley Callahan	2023
ASST. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:	Lyse McAllister	2023
HEALTH OFFICER:	Christina Adams	11/30/2024
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER:	Troy Adams	11/30/2024
FIRE WARDEN:	Gerard Nick	
ASST. FIRE WARDEN:	Marc Sicotte	
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Gordon Spencer	
ZONING COMMISSION:	Sam Thurston	
	Jeff Parsons	
	Troy Adams	

**WARNING**  
**LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN 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 7, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. TO ACT ON THE**  
**FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZ:**

**TOWN MEETING:**

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

**ARTICLE 2:** TO HEAR and ACT upon reports of TOWN OFFICERS

**ARTICLE 3:** TO ELECT the following **OFFICERS** required by law:

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

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$358,003** for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Select Board's Account)?

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$140,000** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS**?

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$140,000** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS**?

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$33,000** for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT**?

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$6,500.00** for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**?

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$3,000.00** for the **LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL** teams?

**ARTICLE 10:** 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 11:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **\$12,064** for contract services to the **ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** for law enforcement services and to direct the Select persons to assess a tax over and above the budget sufficient to meet the same? This will be used for approximately 192 hours of routine patrols, answering complaints, and investigating incidents. It will also cover administrative expenses, including salaries, vehicle, benefits, liability Insurance, maintenance, gasoline, supplies, telephone costs, and crime prevention programs.

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

**2023**

- a) **\$300** to **AMERICAN LEGION JAYPEAK POST # 28, INC.**
- b) **\$800** to **GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC.**
- c) **\$1000** to **LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH**
- d) **\$200** to **MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOC.**
- e) **\$300** to **NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING**
- f) **\$1,758** to **NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.**
- g) **\$250** to **NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.**
- h) **\$754** to **NORTHEASTERN VT. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**
- i) **\$250** to **ORLEANS COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER**
- j) **\$200** to **ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY**
- k) **\$500** to **ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION-(OCFA)**
- l) **\$550** to **ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
- m) **\$700** to **RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION**
- n) **\$825** to **UMBRELLA**
- o) **\$100** to **VACD – VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION**
- p) **\$200** to **VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED**
- q) **\$90** to **VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**
- r) **\$250** to **VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK**
- s) **\$100** to **VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

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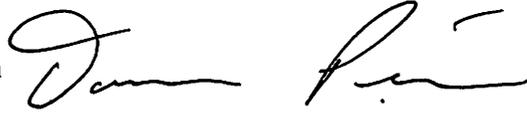
**\$ 8,310.25** Totals for above appropriations

**PLEASE NOTE:** Individual service reports printed towards the end of town report.

**ARTICLE 13:** To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town.

**ARTICLE 14: TO ADJOURN.  
SELECTBOARD:**

Darren Pion- Chairman



Wayne Richardson



Jennifer Blay



**ATTEST:**

Christy M. Pion - Town Clerk

**Received for posting January 31, 2023**

<b>2023 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE:</b>		
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Interest Income	4,300.00	
License Income	2,107.00	
Other Misc. Income	12,728.00	
Permits	150.00	
Land Use Change Penalty	8,000.00	
State Equalization Payment	855.00	
Delinquent Tax Revenue	18,700.00	
GMP Income	607,875.00	
Income from Audit Acct.	8,831.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>663,546.00</b>
<b>TOWN VOTED EXPENSES:</b>		
Orleans County Sheriff's Dept.	12,064.00	
Selectboard	358,003.00	
Roads	280,000.00	
Fire Dept	33,000.00	
Library	6,500.00	
Little League	3,000.00	
Lowell Cemetary	5,500.00	
Orleans Essex VNA	3,500.00	
Other Services voted in	9,127.00	
<b>Town Voted Expenses</b>	<b>710,694.00</b>	
Income Minus Town Expenses		<b>-47,148.00</b>
<b>LOANS TO BE PAID:</b>		
Fire Truck Payment Due	17,585.00	
Paving Payment Due	106,061.00	
Kempton Bridge payment Due	84,848.00	
Less income from Logging.	0.00	
Prior Paving Grant spread 2 yrs	0.00	
<b>TOTAL LOAN PAYMENTS DUE 2023</b>		<b>-208,494.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH BALANCE</b>		<b>-255,642.00</b>
GRAND LIST		915,753.50
Tax Rate:		0.2792
Loan int. rate -Paving & Kempton Bridge	1.9999	
Loan int. rate - Fire Truck	2.9999	
Paving Loan Bal Due	305,103.79	
Kempton Bdge Bal. Due	236,592.83	
Fire Trk Bal. Due	80,429.70	

Town of Lowell  
2023 Admin Proposed Budget

	Admin. Budget	2022 Budget	2022 Actuals	2023 Proposed Budget	
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
Asses. Income Paving/Audit Acct.	\$ 87,500	\$ 87,500	\$ 87,500	\$ 8,831	
<b>Interest</b>					
Checking-GF	\$ 3,900	\$ 2,692	\$ 2,692	\$ 2,700	
Checking-Office	\$ 85	\$ 54	\$ 54	\$ 55	
Interest-escrow	\$ 15	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 10	
Interest ARPA	\$ -	\$ 255	\$ 255	\$ -	
<b>Money Market{78}</b>					
KCW Reserve Int.	\$ 375	\$ 471	\$ 471	\$ 500	
Town Reserve Int.	\$ 920	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,035	
<b>Total Money Market{78}</b>	<b>\$ 1,295</b>	<b>\$ 1,501</b>	<b>\$ 1,501</b>	<b>\$ 1,535</b>	
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>\$ 5,295</b>	<b>\$ 4,507</b>	<b>\$ 4,507</b>	<b>\$ 4,300</b>	
<b>License Fees/Fines</b>					
Beer Licenses	\$ 215	\$ 135	\$ 135	\$ 135	
DMV Renewals	\$ 3	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 12	
Dog Licenses	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,450	
Hunting/Fishing Lic.	\$ 10	\$ 51	\$ 51	\$ 10	
Marriage Licenses	\$ 450	\$ 410	\$ 410	\$ 450	
License Fees/Fines - Other	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ 50	
<b>Total License Fees/Fines</b>	<b>\$ 2,228</b>	<b>\$ 2,103</b>	<b>\$ 2,103</b>	<b>\$ 2,107</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>					
Cert. of Vital Statistics	\$ 400	\$ 360	\$ 360	\$ 400	
Copying Fees	\$ 1,550	\$ 994	\$ 994	\$ 1,000	
Green Mtn. Pass	\$ 6	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 18	
Misc. Fees	\$ 325	\$ 481	\$ 481	\$ 400	
Pilot Income	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,287	\$ 3,287	\$ 3,300	
Posted Land Fees	\$ 40	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 20	
Recorder Fees	\$ 9,500	\$ 7,031	\$ 7,031	\$ 7,250	
Research Time	\$ 550	\$ 290	\$ 290	\$ 300	
Truck Weight Fees	\$ 335	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 40	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 16,006</b>	<b>\$ 12,516</b>	<b>\$ 12,516</b>	<b>\$ 12,728</b>	
<b>Permits</b>					
Zoning Permits	\$ -	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 150	
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 230</b>	<b>\$ 230</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>	
<b>State Revenue</b>					
Judiciary	\$ -	\$ 163	\$ 163	\$ 150	
Land Use Change Penalty	\$ 1,226	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Property Tax Adjustment	\$ -	\$ 168	\$ 168	\$ -	
State Equalization Payment	\$ 705	\$ 705	\$ 705	\$ 705	
<b>Total State Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,931</b>	<b>\$ 1,036</b>	<b>\$ 1,036</b>	<b>\$ 855</b>	
<b>Tax Revenue</b>					
Current Use/State	\$ 2,300	\$ 8,395	\$ 8,395	\$ 8,000	<a href="#">Hold Harmless   Department of Taxes (vermont.gov)</a>
Delinq tax penalty	\$ 8,900	\$ 9,870	\$ 9,870	\$ 8,900	summary of all penalty revenue accounts
Delinq. tax interest	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,772	\$ 10,772	\$ 9,800	summary of all interest revenue accounts
GMP Tax Contract	\$ 607,875	\$ 607,875	\$ 607,875	\$ 607,875	
Interest - tax sale	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Property Tax Income	\$ 1,522,028	\$ 1,310,467	\$ 1,310,467	\$ 255,642	calculated formula; actual is a summary of all tax income accounts
<b>Total Tax Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,152,903</b>	<b>\$ 1,947,379</b>	<b>\$ 1,947,379</b>	<b>\$ 890,217</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,265,863</b>	<b>\$ 2,055,271</b>	<b>\$ 2,055,271</b>	<b>\$ 919,188</b>	
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 2,265,863</b>	<b>\$ 2,055,271</b>	<b>\$ 2,055,271</b>	<b>\$ 919,188</b>	

Town of Lowell  
2023 Admin Proposed Budget

	Admin. Budget	2022 Budget	2022 Actuals	2023 Proposed Budget	
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>Approp. Pd by Town</b>					
American Legion Jay #28	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300		
American Red Cross	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -		
Area Agency on Aging	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300		
Felines & Friends	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -		
Green Mtn. Farm to Sc	\$ 900	\$ 600	\$ 800		
Green Up-Vt.	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -		
Jr. Hoop	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -		
Lamoille County Mental Health	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		
Lowell Cemetary Association	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,500		
Lowell Fire Dept	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000		
Missisquoi River Basin	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200		
NE Vt. Develop. Assoc.	\$ 659	\$ 659	\$ 754		
NEK Human Services	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,758		
NEKLS-Adult Learning Ctr.	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 250		
Orl. Essex. VNA & Hospice	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500		
Orleans Citizen Advocacy	\$ 500	\$ 200	\$ 200		
Orleans County Child Advocacy	\$ 350	\$ 200	\$ 250		
Orleans County Fair Assoc.	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500		
Orleans County Sheriff's Dept.		\$ 3,822	\$ 12,064		
Orleans Historical Soc.	\$ 700	\$ 550	\$ 550		
Pope Frontier Society	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -		
Rural Community Transp.	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 700		
School-Lowell	\$ 782,815	\$ 788,306	\$ -		estimated net amount due to the school
School-No. Country	\$ 394,326	\$ 419,882	\$ -		estimated net amount due to the school
UMBRELLA Step O.N.E.	\$ 825	\$ 825	\$ 825		
Vermont Family Network	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250		
Vt. Assoc. for Blind	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200		
Vt. Ctr. Independent Liv.	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90		
Vt. Rural Fire Protection	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100		
Vt. Symphony Orchestra	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100		
<b>Total Approp. Pd by Town</b>	<b>\$ 1,229,123</b>	<b>\$ 1,263,792</b>	<b>\$ 63,191</b>		
<b>Assessed Appropriations</b>					
Library	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500		
Little League & T-Ball	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000		
Roads-Summer	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000		Transfer to Roads-Summer
Roads-Winter	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000		Transfer to Roads-Winter
Selectboard	\$ 290,000	\$ 290,000	\$ 358,003		Transfer to Selectboard
<b>Total Assessed Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 579,000</b>	<b>\$ 579,000</b>	<b>\$ 647,503</b>		
<b>Interest Expense</b>					
Interest Expense Fire Trk	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ 2,416		
Kempton Bridge int. expense	\$ 4,800	\$ -	\$ 4,895		
Paving Interest Exp.	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ 4,125		
Interest Expense - Other	\$ -	\$ 12,977	\$ -		
<b>Total Interest Expense</b>	<b>\$ 11,700</b>	<b>\$ 12,977</b>	<b>\$ 11,436</b>		
<b>Legal &amp; Professional Services</b>					
Legal Fees	\$ 650	\$ 882	\$ -		
<b>Total Legal &amp; Professional Services</b>	<b>\$ 650</b>	<b>\$ 882</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		
<b>Office Expense</b>					
STATE PAYMENT-PROP. TAX	\$ 189,632	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>\$ 189,632</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		
<b>Operating Expense</b>					
<b>Purchases</b>					
Fire Truck Payments	\$ 17,585	\$ 17,585	\$ 15,169		
Kempton Bridge Payments	\$ 84,848	\$ 76,858	\$ 79,953		
Paving Payments	\$ 106,060	\$ 101,074	\$ 101,936		
<b>Total Purchases</b>	<b>\$ 208,493</b>	<b>\$ 195,517</b>	<b>\$ 197,058</b>		
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 208,493</b>	<b>\$ 195,517</b>	<b>\$ 197,058</b>		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 2,218,597</b>	<b>\$ 2,052,168</b>	<b>\$ 919,188</b>		
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 47,265</b>	<b>\$ 3,103</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 47,265</b>	<b>\$ 3,103</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		

Town of Lowell  
2023 Selectboard Proposed Budget

	Selectboard Budget	2022 Budget	2022 Actuals	2023 Proposed Budget	
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Assess income. From Town	\$ 290,000	\$ 290,000	\$ 290,000	\$ 358,003	Formula in Admin pulls from this cell
Permits					
Zoning Permits	\$ 580	\$ 95	\$ 95	\$ 100	
Permits - Other	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	
Total Permits	\$ 580	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 150	
State Revenue					
HHW Grant	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
Total State Revenue	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
Tire Ev5					
2022 Tire Event/ Misc Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,609	\$ 1,609	\$ -	
Total	\$ -	\$ 1,609	\$ 1,609	\$ -	
Total Income	\$ 293,580	\$ 294,754	\$ 294,754	\$ 361,153	
Gross Profit	\$ 293,580	\$ 294,754	\$ 294,754	\$ 361,153	
Expense					
Approp. Pd by Selectboard					
Jay Food Shelf	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	
Ambulance	\$ 39,327	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,247	
Total Approp. Pd by Selectboard	\$ 39,577	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 50,497	
Assessed Appropriations					
Appraisal Fund	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
Culverts & Bridges	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	
Paving Fund Exp.	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	
Total Assessed Appropriations	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 54,000	
BRIDGE RENTAL	\$ 1,512	\$ 1,512	\$ 1,512	\$ 1,512	
Insurance					
Property & Casualty Ins.	\$ 13,332	\$ 11,503	\$ 11,503	\$ 12,521	
Total Insurance	\$ 13,332	\$ 11,503	\$ 11,503	\$ 12,521	
Legal & Professional Services					
Legal Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900	2022 Actual in Admin; \$882
Total Legal & Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900	
Maintenance					
Bldg & Grd. Maintenance					
FURNACE MAINT.	\$ -	\$ 773	\$ 773	\$ 800	
Bldg & Grd. Maintenance - Other	\$ 1,850	\$ 3,379	\$ 3,379	\$ 3,500	
Total Bldg & Grd. Maintenance	\$ 1,850	\$ 4,152	\$ 4,152	\$ 4,300	
Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ 1,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Maintenance	\$ 3,550	\$ 4,152	\$ 4,152	\$ 4,300	
Office Expense					
Advertising	\$ 500	\$ 1,049	\$ 1,049	\$ 800	
Cleaning Supplies	\$ 60	\$ 219	\$ 219	\$ 200	
Computer Support	\$ 6,500	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200	\$ 5,500	
Copier Exp.	\$ 440	\$ 490	\$ 490	\$ 550	
DEC Watershed Fees	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350	
Digitization	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,250	
Dog License fees-Vt. Treas.	\$ 639	\$ 608	\$ 608	\$ 625	
Dog Tags/Books/supplies	\$ 160	\$ 164	\$ 164	\$ 175	
Heating-Fuel Expense	\$ 11,200	\$ 11,704	\$ 11,704	\$ 12,000	
Lister Computer Support	\$ 402	\$ 4,316	\$ 4,316	\$ 4,500	
Lister Office Supplies	\$ 210	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Lister Postage	\$ 23	\$ 44	\$ 44	\$ -	
Lister Tax Mapping	\$ 2,050	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,200	
Listers Membership	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	
Marriage License-Vt Treas.	\$ 400	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 300	
Office Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,712	\$ 3,712	\$ 3,500	
Postage	\$ 850	\$ 2,999	\$ 2,999	\$ 3,000	
Shredding	\$ 75	\$ 51	\$ 51	\$ 50	

Town of Lowell  
2023 Selectboard Proposed Budget

	Selectboard Budget	2022 Budget	2022 Actuals	2023 Proposed Budget	
Subscriptions	\$ 900	\$ 448	\$ 325		
Town Reports Printing	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,863	\$ 3,000		
Training	\$ 250	\$ 900	\$ 1,000		
Utilities					
Electricity	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,479	\$ 3,500		
Phone & Internet	\$ 3,282	\$ 3,856	\$ 4,000		
Security & Lights	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,517	\$ 3,700		
Utilities - Other	\$ -	\$ 140	\$ 150		
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 10,082</b>	<b>\$ 10,992</b>	<b>\$ 11,350</b>		
Office Expense - Other	\$ -	\$ 13			
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>\$ 43,091</b>	<b>\$ 49,572</b>	<b>\$ 51,725</b>		
Operating Expense					
Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 400		
Diesel/Gas	\$ 550	\$ -			
Dues/Membership					
VLCT Dues/Fees	\$ 2,160	\$ 2,196	\$ 2,300		
Dues/Membership - Other	\$ 50	\$ (40)			
<b>Total Dues/Membership</b>	<b>\$ 2,210</b>	<b>\$ 2,156</b>	<b>\$ 2,300</b>		
Lister Mileage	\$ 203	\$ -			
Mileage	\$ 52	\$ 713	\$ 725		
Misc. Expenses					
County Tax	\$ 12,779	\$ 12,779	\$ 12,779		
<b>Total Misc. Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,779</b>	<b>\$ 12,779</b>	<b>\$ 12,779</b>		
Supplies	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,356	\$ -		
Trash Removal	\$ 350	\$ 207	\$ -		
Operating Expense - Other	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ -		
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 17,794</b>	<b>\$ 17,631</b>	<b>\$ 16,204</b>		
Payroll Expenses					
Company Contributions		\$ 2	\$ -		
FICA Expense	\$ 7,249	\$ 6,361	\$ 7,380		6.2% of taxable wages
Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ 9,888	\$ 10,752		
Medicare Exp.	\$ 1,695	\$ 1,488	\$ 1,726		1.45% of taxable wages
Municipal Retirement	\$ 3,120	\$ 2,911	\$ 3,186		
Unemployment-State	\$ 1,708	\$ 1,664	\$ 1,810		
Workers Comp	\$ 4,861	\$ 9,653	\$ 10,498		
<b>Total Company Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 18,634</b>	<b>\$ 31,967</b>	<b>\$ 35,352</b>		
Salaries					
Admin. Ass't/Asst Clerk/Treas	\$ 20,996	\$ 11,842	\$ 15,000		combined Admin Assistant and Assistant clerk/treas estimated 62 hours of work, increased the \$15.91 by 8.75%
Auditors	\$ 986	\$ 422	\$ 1,073		estimated 50 hours of work, increased the \$15.91 by 8.75%
Civil Board	\$ 374	\$ 1,134	\$ 865		scheduled 4 hours every 2 weeks; 104 hours, increased the \$15.91 by 8.75%
Cleaning	\$ 1,655	\$ 1,655	\$ 1,799		
Constable/Animal Cont	\$ 350	\$ 700	\$ 750		estimated 30 calls at \$25/call
Garage Mt.	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -		
Health Officer	\$ -	\$ 363	\$ 500		estimated 20 calls at \$25/call
Listers	\$ 18,806	\$ 18,476	\$ 20,451		Increased last year budget by 8.75% Scheduled 208 hours per year; \$15.91 increased by 8.75%
Recycling Attendant	\$ 3,389	\$ 3,309	\$ 3,599		
Select Board	\$ 4,900	\$ 4,854	\$ 4,900		
Town Clerk	\$ 32,000	\$ 30,679	\$ 34,800		increased by 8.75%
Town Treasurer	\$ 32,000	\$ 29,024	\$ 34,800		increased by 8.75%
Zoning Board	\$ 1,270	\$ 143	\$ 500		
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 116,925</b>	<b>\$ 102,601</b>	<b>\$ 119,037</b>		
Payroll Expenses - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 135,559</b>	<b>\$ 134,568</b>	<b>\$ 154,389</b>		
Solid Waste					
Hired Eq. Green Up Day-Removal	\$ -	\$ 406	\$ 425		
Household Hazardous Waste	\$ 1,750	\$ 7,794	\$ 8,420		
In Town Recycling	\$ 17,000	\$ 5,799	\$ 6,260		
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$ 18,750</b>	<b>\$ 13,999</b>	<b>\$ 15,105</b>		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 314,165</b>	<b>\$ 274,188</b>	<b>\$ 361,153</b>		
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (20,585)	\$ 20,566	\$ -		
Net Income	\$ (20,585)	\$ 20,566	\$ -		

**Town of Lowell  
2023 Roads Proposed Budget**

	Roads Budget	Winter Roads			Summer Roads		
		2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed Budget	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
Assess income. From Town	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	
<b>Grant Income</b>							
Cheney Grant 1&2	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		
Grant Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Total Grant Income</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Other Income</b>							
Truck Weight Fees	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 60	\$ 60	
Other Income - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Total Other Income</b>	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 60	\$ 60	
<b>Permits</b>							
Driveway Permits	\$ 50	\$ 35	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 25	\$ 50	
<b>Total Permits</b>	\$ 50	\$ 35	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 25	\$ 50	
State Aid Class 2-3 Rds	\$ 40,186	\$ 44,709	\$ 44,709	\$ 40,186	\$ 41,274	\$ 41,274	
State Revenue - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Total State Revenue</b>	\$ 40,186	\$ 44,709	\$ 44,709	\$ 40,186	\$ 41,274	\$ 41,274	
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 180,236	\$ 184,994	\$ 185,009	\$ 180,336	\$ 181,359	\$ 181,384	
<b>Expense</b>							
<b>Assessed Appropriations</b>							
Equip. Mt. Fund	\$ 3,946	\$ 3,946	\$ 12,253	\$ 3,946	\$ 3,946	\$ 15,253	
Gravel Pit	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
Assessed Appropriations - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Total Assessed Appropriations</b>	\$ 5,946	\$ 5,946	\$ 14,253	\$ 5,946	\$ 5,946	\$ 17,253	
<b>Hired Equipment</b>							
Equip Transport	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 500	\$ -		
Hired Eq./Albany	\$ 4,500	\$ -		\$ 950	\$ -		
MULCHER	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ -	\$ -		
Plowing	\$ 12,774	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ -		
Rd. Ditching-Hired Equip.	\$ 1,222	\$ -		\$ 500	\$ 600	\$ 600	
Road Mowing-Hired Eq.	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 6,000	\$ 6,290	\$ 6,500	
Sweeper-Hired Eq.	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 3,500	\$ 3,583	\$ 3,650	
Tree Cutting/Excavation	\$ 1,780	\$ 345	\$ 350	\$ 750	\$ -		
Hired Equipment - Other	\$ 3,600	\$ 16,300	\$ 16,300	\$ 3,600	\$ 6,468	\$ 6,500	
<b>Total Hired Equipment</b>	\$ 23,876	\$ 19,155	\$ 19,160	\$ 15,800	\$ 16,941	\$ 17,250	
<b>Ins.-Property &amp; Casualty</b>							
<b>Insurance</b>							
Property & Casualty Ins.	\$ 330	\$ -		\$ 824	\$ -		
Insurance - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Total Insurance</b>	\$ 330	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 824	\$ -	\$ -	
Insurance (deleted)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Interest Expense</b>							
Int. Exp. Trucks	\$ 3,676	\$ -		\$ 3,676	\$ -		
Interest Expense - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Total Interest Expense</b>	\$ 3,676	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,676	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Maintenance</b>							
Bldg & Grd. Maintenance - Other	\$ -	\$ 650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Total Bldg &amp; Grd. Maintenance</b>	\$ -	\$ 650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Culverts	\$ 200	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Equipment Repair</b>							
Screener		\$ 108	\$ 108	\$ -	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	
Tires	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,262	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Trucks	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,151	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,608	\$ 1,800	
Equipment Repair - Other	\$ -	\$ 16	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -		
<b>Total Equipment Repair</b>	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,537	\$ 2,108	\$ 2,300	\$ 3,758	\$ 2,950	

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		Winter Roads			Summer Roads		
		2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed Budget	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed Budget
<b>Roads Budget</b>							
	Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ 1,472	\$ 2,150	\$ 140	\$ -	\$ 1,244	\$ 1,500
	Maintenance - Other	\$ -	\$ 379		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 3,672</b>	<b>\$ 5,716</b>	<b>\$ 2,248</b>	<b>\$ 2,300</b>	<b>\$ 5,002</b>	<b>\$ 4,450</b>
	<b>Operating Expense</b>						
	Albany Plowing		\$ -		\$ -	\$ 4,840	\$ 5,000
	Beaver Expense		\$ 330	\$ 330	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 500
	Chloride	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 6,500	\$ 7,502	\$ 8,000
	Diesel/Gas	\$ 11,000	\$ 17,445	\$ 17,500	\$ 11,000	\$ 15,413	\$ 16,000
	Gravel-Chloride/Albany	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 2,000	\$ -	
	Hay/Mulching	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 200	\$ -	
	Lease Exp.						
	Loader - Lease Equipment	\$ 9,607	\$ 9,607	\$ -	\$ 9,607	\$ 9,607	
	Trk CV515 Lease	\$ 8,181	\$ -		\$ 8,181	\$ -	
	Trk HV507 Lease	\$ 11,387	\$ -		\$ 11,387	\$ -	
	Trk HV613 Lease	\$ 13,396	\$ -		\$ 13,486	\$ -	
	Trk Lease Exp	\$ -	\$ 37,095	\$ 37,095	\$ -	\$ 37,095	\$ 37,095
	Lease Exp. - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Lease Exp.</b>	<b>\$ 42,570</b>	<b>\$ 46,702</b>	<b>\$ 37,095</b>	<b>\$ 42,660</b>	<b>\$ 46,701</b>	<b>\$ 37,095</b>
	Plant Seed	\$ -	\$ 160	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Road Stakes	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,100	\$ 1,320	\$ 1,500
	<b>Roads</b>						
	Road Signs	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 900	\$ -	
	Stone for Roads	\$ -	\$ 2,162	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Roads - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,162</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
	Salt	\$ 15,500	\$ 14,237	\$ 15,500	\$ -	\$ -	
	Snow Removal	\$ 900	\$ 987	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	
	Stones-Crushed	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 1,307	\$ 700	\$ 600	\$ -	
	Operating Expense - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 70,470</b>	<b>\$ 83,329</b>	<b>\$ 73,275</b>	<b>\$ 64,960</b>	<b>\$ 76,126</b>	<b>\$ 84,095</b>
	<b>Payroll Expenses</b>						
	<b>Company Contributions</b>						
	FICA Expense	\$ 4,438	\$ 4,329	\$ 4,693	\$ 3,058	\$ 3,863	\$ 4,181
	Health Insurance	\$ 8,268	\$ 2,697	\$ 2,933	\$ 8,268	\$ 3,496	\$ 3,810
	Medicare Exp.	\$ 1,038	\$ 1,012	\$ 1,097	\$ 715	\$ 904	\$ 978
	Municipal Retirement	\$ 3,489	\$ 2,493	\$ 2,699	\$ 2,404	\$ 2,436	\$ 2,640
	Unemployment-State	\$ 166	\$ -		\$ 196	\$ -	
	Workers Comp	\$ 2,487	\$ -		\$ 2,487	\$ -	
	Company Contributions - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Company Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 19,885</b>	<b>\$ 10,531</b>	<b>\$ 11,422</b>	<b>\$ 17,127</b>	<b>\$ 10,699</b>	<b>\$ 11,609</b>
	<b>Salaries</b>						
	Other Salaries	\$ 39,078	\$ 35,817	\$ 38,951	\$ 25,180	\$ 36,632	\$ 39,515
	Rd. Comm.	\$ 32,500	\$ 33,959	\$ 36,703	\$ 24,137	\$ 25,054	\$ 27,246
	Salaries - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 71,578</b>	<b>\$ 69,776</b>	<b>\$ 75,654</b>	<b>\$ 49,317</b>	<b>\$ 61,686</b>	<b>\$ 66,761</b>
	Payroll Expenses - Other	\$ -	\$ 48		\$ -	\$ 626	\$ 700
	<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 91,463</b>	<b>\$ 80,355</b>	<b>\$ 87,076</b>	<b>\$ 66,444</b>	<b>\$ 73,011</b>	<b>\$ 79,070</b>
	Use of Town Loader	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 199,433</b>	<b>\$ 194,501</b>	<b>\$ 196,012</b>	<b>\$ 159,951</b>	<b>\$ 177,026</b>	<b>\$ 202,118</b>
	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (19,197)</b>	<b>\$ (9,507)</b>	<b>\$ (11,003)</b>	<b>\$ 20,386</b>	<b>\$ 4,333</b>	<b>\$ (20,734)</b>

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	Roads Budget	Carter Road Grant #1			Carter Road Grant #2		
		2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed Budget	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
Assess income. From Town		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Grant Income</b>							
Cheney Grant 1&2		\$ 32,040	\$ 32,040		\$ -	\$ -	
Grant Other		\$ -	\$ 20,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,000
<b>Total Grant Income</b>		<b>\$ 32,040</b>	<b>\$ 52,040</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,000</b>
<b>Other Income</b>							
Truck Weight Fees		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Other Income - Other		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Other Income</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Permits</b>							
Driveway Permits		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Permits</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
State Aid Class 2-3 Rds		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
State Revenue - Other		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total State Revenue</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 32,040</b>	<b>\$ 52,040</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,000</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
<b>Assessed Appropriations</b>							
Equip. Mt. Fund		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Gravel Pit		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Assessed Appropriations - Other		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Assessed Appropriations</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Hired Equipment</b>							
Equip Transport		\$ -	\$ 120		\$ -	\$ -	
Hired Eq./Albany		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
MULCHER		\$ -	\$ 220		\$ -	\$ 220	
Plowing		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Rd. Ditching-Hired Equip.		\$ -	\$ 880		\$ -	\$ 8,315	
Road Mowing-Hired Eq.		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Sweeper-Hired Eq.		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Tree Cutting/Excavation		\$ -	\$ 880		\$ -	\$ -	
Hired Equipment - Other		\$ -	\$ 4,400		\$ -	\$ 1,746	
<b>Total Hired Equipment</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,281</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Ins.-Property & Casualty		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Insurance</b>							
Property & Casualty Ins.		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Insurance - Other		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Insurance</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Insurance (deleted)		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Interest Expense</b>							
Int. Exp. Trucks		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Interest Expense - Other		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Interest Expense</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>							
Bldg & Grd. Maintenance - Other		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Bldg &amp; Grd. Maintenance</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Culverts		\$ -	\$ 2,219		\$ -	\$ 5,465	
<b>Equipment Repair</b>							
Screener		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Tires		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Trucks		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Equipment Repair - Other		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Equipment Repair</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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	Roads Budget	Carter Road Grant #1			Carter Road Grant #2		
		2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed Budget	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed Budget
	Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Maintenance - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Maintenance</b>	\$ -	\$ 2,219	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,465	\$ -
	<b>Operating Expense</b>						
	Albany Plowing	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Beaver Expense	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Chloride	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Diesel/Gas	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Gravel-Chloride/Albany	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Hay/Mulching	\$ -	\$ 260		\$ -	\$ 480	
	Lease Exp.						
	Loader - Lease Equipment	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Trk CV515 Lease	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Trk HV507 Lease	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Trk HV613 Lease	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Trk Lease Exp	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Lease Exp. - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Lease Exp.</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Plant Seed	\$ -	\$ 160		\$ -	\$ 320	
	Road Stakes	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Roads</b>						
	Road Signs	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Stone for Roads	\$ -	\$ 2,150		\$ -	\$ -	
	Roads - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Roads</b>	\$ -	\$ 2,150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Salt	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Snow Removal	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Stones-Crushed	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 937	
	Supplies	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Operating Expense - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ 2,570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,737	\$ -
	<b>Payroll Expenses</b>						
	<b>Company Contributions</b>						
	FICA Expense	\$ -	\$ 212		\$ -	\$ 290	
	Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 554	
	Medicare Exp.	\$ -	\$ 50		\$ -	\$ 68	
	Municipal Retirement	\$ -	\$ 135		\$ -	\$ 177	
	Unemployment-State	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Workers Comp	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	Company Contributions - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Company Contributions</b>	\$ -	\$ 396	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,089	\$ -
	<b>Salaries</b>						
	Other Salaries	\$ -	\$ 2,215		\$ -	\$ 2,721	
	Rd. Comm.	\$ -	\$ 1,207		\$ -	\$ 1,962	
	Salaries - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Salaries</b>	\$ -	\$ 3,423	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,683	\$ -
	Payroll Expenses - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	\$ -	\$ 3,819	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,772	\$ -
	Use of Town Loader	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ 15,108	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,256	\$ -
	<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 32,040	\$ 36,932	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (23,256)	\$ 27,000

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		<b>Roads Budget</b>	<b>Total Roads</b>		
			2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
	Assess income. From Town	\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000	
<b>Grant Income</b>					
	Cheney Grant 1&2	\$ 32,040	\$ 32,040	\$ -	
	Grant Other	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 27,000	
	<b>Total Grant Income</b>	<b>\$ 32,040</b>	<b>\$ 52,040</b>	<b>\$ 27,000</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>					
	Truck Weight Fees	\$ -	\$ 310	\$ 310	
	Other Income - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 310</b>	<b>\$ 310</b>	
<b>Permits</b>					
	Driveway Permits	\$ 200	\$ 60	\$ 100	
	<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>\$ 200</b>	<b>\$ 60</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>	
	State Aid Class 2-3 Rds	\$ 80,372	\$ 85,983	\$ 85,983	
	State Revenue - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total State Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 80,372</b>	<b>\$ 85,983</b>	<b>\$ 85,983</b>	
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 392,612</b>	<b>\$ 418,393</b>	<b>\$ 393,393</b>	
<b>Expense</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Assessed Appropriations</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Equip. Mt. Fund	\$ 7,892	\$ 7,892	\$ 27,506	
	Gravel Pit	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
	Assessed Appropriations - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Assessed Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 11,892</b>	<b>\$ 11,892</b>	<b>\$ 31,506</b>	
<b>Hired Equipment</b>					
	Equip Transport	\$ 500	\$ 120	\$ -	
	Hired Eq./Albany	\$ 5,450	\$ -	\$ -	
	MULCHER	\$ -	\$ 550	\$ 110	
	Plowing	\$ 12,774	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	
	Rd. Ditching-Hired Equip.	\$ 1,722	\$ 9,795	\$ 600	
	Road Mowing-Hired Eq.	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,290	\$ 6,500	
	Sweeper-Hired Eq.	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,583	\$ 3,650	
	Tree Cutting/Excavation	\$ 2,530	\$ 1,225	\$ 350	
	Hired Equipment - Other	\$ 7,200	\$ 28,914	\$ 22,800	
	<b>Total Hired Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 39,676</b>	<b>\$ 52,877</b>	<b>\$ 36,410</b>	
<b>Ins.-Property &amp; Casualty Insurance</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Property & Casualty Ins.	\$ 1,154	\$ -	\$ -	
	Insurance - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 1,154</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
	Insurance (deleted)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Interest Expense</b>					
	Int. Exp. Trucks	\$ 7,353	\$ -	\$ -	
	Interest Expense - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<b>Total Interest Expense</b>	<b>\$ 7,353</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Maintenance</b>					
	Bldg & Grd. Maintenance - Other	\$ -	\$ 650	\$ -	
	<b>Total Bldg &amp; Grd. Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 650</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
	Culverts	\$ 200	\$ 7,684	\$ -	
<b>Equipment Repair</b>					
	Screener	\$ -	\$ 1,258	\$ 1,258	
	Tires	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,262	\$ 1,000	
	Trucks	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,759	\$ 2,800	
	Equipment Repair - Other	\$ 300	\$ 16	\$ -	
	<b>Total Equipment Repair</b>	<b>\$ 4,300</b>	<b>\$ 6,295</b>	<b>\$ 5,058</b>	

**Town of Lowell  
2023 Roads Proposed Budget**

		<b>Roads Budget</b>	<b>Total Roads</b>		
			2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed Budget
		Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ 1,472	\$ 3,394	\$ 1,640
		Maintenance - Other	\$ -	\$ 379	\$ -
		<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 5,972</b>	<b>\$ 18,402</b>	<b>\$ 6,698</b>
		<b>Operating Expense</b>			
		Albany Plowing	\$ -	\$ 4,840	\$ 5,000
		Beaver Expense	\$ -	\$ 680	\$ 830
		Chloride	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,502	\$ 8,000
		Diesel/Gas	\$ 22,000	\$ 32,858	\$ 33,500
		Gravel-Chloride/Albany	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -
		Hay/Mulching	\$ 200	\$ 740	\$ -
		Lease Exp.			
		Loader - Lease Equipment	\$ 19,213	\$ 19,213	\$ -
		Trk CV515 Lease	\$ 16,361	\$ -	\$ -
		Trk HV507 Lease	\$ 22,773	\$ -	\$ -
		Trk HV613 Lease	\$ 26,882	\$ -	\$ -
		Trk Lease Exp	\$ -	\$ 74,190	\$ 74,190
		Lease Exp. - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>Total Lease Exp.</b>	<b>\$ 85,230</b>	<b>\$ 93,403</b>	<b>\$ 74,190</b>
		Plant Seed	\$ -	\$ 640	\$ 150
		Road Stakes	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,320	\$ 1,500
		<b>Roads</b>			
		Road Signs	\$ 900	\$ -	\$ -
		Stone for Roads	\$ -	\$ 4,312	\$ 1,000
		Roads - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>	<b>\$ 4,312</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
		Salt	\$ 15,500	\$ 14,237	\$ 15,500
		Snow Removal	\$ 900	\$ 987	\$ 1,000
		Stones-Crushed	\$ -	\$ 937	\$ -
		Supplies	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,307	\$ 700
		Operating Expense - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 135,430</b>	<b>\$ 163,762</b>	<b>\$ 157,370</b>
		<b>Payroll Expenses</b>			
		<b>Company Contributions</b>			
		FICA Expense	\$ 7,495	\$ 8,695	\$ 8,874
		Health Insurance	\$ 16,535	\$ 6,747	\$ 6,743
		Medicare Exp.	\$ 1,753	\$ 2,034	\$ 2,075
		Municipal Retirement	\$ 5,894	\$ 5,240	\$ 5,339
		Unemployment-State	\$ 362	\$ -	\$ -
		Workers Comp	\$ 4,973	\$ -	\$ -
		Company Contributions - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>Total Company Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 37,012</b>	<b>\$ 22,715</b>	<b>\$ 23,031</b>
		<b>Salaries</b>			
		Other Salaries	\$ 64,258	\$ 77,386	\$ 78,466
		Rd. Comm.	\$ 56,637	\$ 62,183	\$ 63,949
		Salaries - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 120,895</b>	<b>\$ 139,568</b>	<b>\$ 142,415</b>
		Payroll Expenses - Other	\$ -	\$ 674	\$ 700
		<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 157,907</b>	<b>\$ 162,958</b>	<b>\$ 166,146</b>
		Use of Town Loader	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 359,384</b>	<b>\$ 409,891</b>	<b>\$ 398,130</b>
		<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 33,228</b>	<b>\$ 8,502</b>	<b>\$ (4,737)</b>
			\$ (45,123)	<b>FY21 Ending Balance</b>	
			\$ 8,502	<b>FY22 Results</b>	
			\$ (36,621)	<b>FY22 projected ending balance</b>	
			\$ (4,737)	<b>FY23 Results</b>	
			\$ (41,357)	<b>FY23 projected ending balance</b>	



ARPA Grant Fund				
	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
SLFRF VT Grant	\$ 119,122	\$ 119,122	\$ 119,178	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 119,122	\$ 119,122	\$ 119,178	\$ -
<b>Expenses</b>				
Roads Summer	\$ 6,772	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Roads Winter	\$ 5,532	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hodgeman Bridge Match	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,298	\$ -
Gelo Park Maintenance	\$ 712	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BLDG. & Grd. Maint/Electronic Sign	\$ 2,275	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 12,000
Phone & Internet (Free Public)	\$ 304	\$ 579	\$ 579	\$ 600
Missisquoi Ambulance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,327	\$ -
Equipment-Small	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ -
Tree Cutting/Excavation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -
Orleans County Sheriff's Dept	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,822	\$ -
Grader Repairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90	\$ -
Equipment Repair-Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,794	\$ -
Tools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 237	\$ -
Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 791	\$ -
<b>Company Contributions</b>				
FICA Expense	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Medicare Exp.	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Retirement	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unemployment-State	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Workers Comp	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Salaries</b>				
Town Treasurer	\$ 42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 15,644	\$ 579	\$ 66,312	\$ 12,600
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 103,478	\$ 118,543	\$ 52,866	\$ (12,600)
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ -	\$ 103,478	\$ 103,478	\$ 156,344
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 103,478	\$ 222,021	\$ 156,344	\$ 143,744
Computerization Fund				
	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
Computerization Income	\$ 3,379	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,625	\$ 3,000
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 3,379	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,625	\$ 3,000
<b>Expenses</b>				
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 3,379	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,625	\$ 3,000
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ 11,870	\$ 15,249	\$ 15,249	\$ 17,874
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 15,249	\$ 18,249	\$ 17,874	\$ 20,874

### Equipment Maintenance Fund

	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
Asses. from Roads	\$ 7,892	\$ 7,892	\$ 7,892	\$ 27,506
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,892</b>	<b>\$ 7,892</b>	<b>\$ 7,892</b>	<b>\$ 27,506</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Tires	\$ 4,425	\$ -	\$ 3,437	\$ 3,500
Bridge Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35	\$ -
Chains/Grader-Loader	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,229	\$ -
Chains/Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 435	\$ -
Equipment Repair-Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ -
Grader Repairs	\$ -	\$ 1,800	\$ 122	\$ 5,000
Loader	\$ 1,517	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 849	\$ 850
Plow Blades/Shoes/etc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sander	\$ 141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Screeener	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 446	\$ -
Truck Maint.	\$ 1,876	\$ 1,250	\$ 60	\$ 500
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 7,959</b>	<b>\$ 4,550</b>	<b>\$ 7,889</b>	<b>\$ 14,850</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ (67)</b>	<b>\$ 3,342</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>	<b>\$ 12,656</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ (2,136)</b>	<b>\$ (2,203)</b>	<b>\$ (2,203)</b>	<b>\$ (2,201)</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ (2,203)</b>	<b>\$ 1,139</b>	<b>\$ (2,201)</b>	<b>\$ 10,455</b>

### File Restoration Fund

	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
Restoration	\$ 4,509	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,480	\$ 3,500
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,509</b>	<b>\$ 4,500</b>	<b>\$ 3,500</b>	<b>\$ 3,500</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Mileage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ -
FICA Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60	\$ -
Medicare Exp.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ -
Admin Ass't	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 961	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,065</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,509</b>	<b>\$ 4,500</b>	<b>\$ 2,435</b>	<b>\$ 3,500</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 15,021</b>	<b>\$ 19,530</b>	<b>\$ 19,530</b>	<b>\$ 21,965</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 19,530</b>	<b>\$ 24,030</b>	<b>\$ 21,965</b>	<b>\$ 25,465</b>

## Gravel Pit Fund

	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
Asses. from Roads	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Land Rent	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Hired Equipment	\$ 900	\$ 1,000	\$ 188	
Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ 104	\$ -	\$ 43	
Sand Screening/ gravel Crushing	\$ 971	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Company Contributions				
FICA Expense	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ 43	
Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96	
Medicare Exp.	\$ 18	\$ -	\$ 10	
Municipal Retirement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29	
Unemployment-State	\$ 8	\$ -	\$ -	
Workers Comp	\$ 54	\$ -	\$ -	
Salaries				
Other Salaries	\$ 1,209	\$ -	\$ 385	
Rd. Comm.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 302	
In Town Recycling	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 840	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 3,338</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,934</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,662</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,066</b>	<b>\$ (16,000)</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 11,352</b>	<b>\$ 15,014</b>	<b>\$ 15,014</b>	<b>\$ 20,080</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 15,014</b>	<b>\$ 20,014</b>	<b>\$ 20,080</b>	<b>\$ 4,080</b>

## Large Culverts & Bridges

	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
Asses. from Selectboard	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,538	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 12,000</b>	<b>\$ 12,000</b>	<b>\$ 17,538</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Bridge Expense	\$ 599	\$ 1,000	\$ 8,165	
Culverts	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,243	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	
Company Contributions				
FICA Expense	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ 30	
Health Insurance	\$ 94	\$ -	\$ 81	
Medicare Exp.	\$ 9	\$ -	\$ 7	
Municipal Retirement	\$ 31	\$ -	\$ 24	
Unemployment-State	\$ 5	\$ -	\$ -	
Workers Comp	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ -	
Salaries				
Other Salaries	\$ 650	\$ -	\$ 231	
Rd. Comm.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 255	
Other	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,469</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>\$ 11,062</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,531</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,476</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 29,830</b>	<b>\$ 40,362</b>	<b>\$ 40,362</b>	<b>\$ 46,838</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 40,362</b>	<b>\$ 50,362</b>	<b>\$ 46,838</b>	<b>\$ 46,838</b>

### Hodgeman Bridge Grant Fund

	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
SLFRF VT Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,298	\$ -
Hodgeman Bridge - Federal	\$ 2,487	\$ 81,080	\$ 74,577	\$ 162,160
Hodgeman Bridge - State	\$ 274	\$ 8,920	\$ 8,197	\$ 17,840
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,761</b>	<b>\$ 90,000</b>	<b>\$ 96,073</b>	<b>\$ 180,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Bridge Rental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67	\$ -
Engineering	\$ 3,647	\$ 100,000	\$ 94,857	\$ 200,000
Mileage	\$ 33	\$ -	\$ 209	\$ -
Contracted Services	\$ 18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 3,700</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 95,134</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ (939)</b>	<b>\$ (10,000)</b>	<b>\$ 939</b>	<b>\$ (20,000)</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (939)</b>	<b>\$ (939)</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ (939)</b>	<b>\$ (10,939)</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>	<b>\$ (20,000)</b>

### Paving Fund

	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
Assess from Selectboard	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000
Grant Income	\$ 175,000	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Paving Fund Exp.	\$ 87,500	\$ 87,500	\$ 87,500	
Road Repair	\$ -		\$ 3,951	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 87,500</b>	<b>\$ 87,500</b>	<b>\$ 91,451</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 112,500</b>	<b>\$ (62,500)</b>	<b>\$ (66,451)</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 99,952</b>	<b>\$ 212,452</b>	<b>\$ 212,452</b>	<b>\$ 146,001</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 212,452</b>	<b>\$ 149,952</b>	<b>\$ 146,001</b>	<b>\$ 196,001</b>

**Town Of Lowell  
Bank Accts. Cd's**

General Checking Acct.			
	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	
<b>Income</b>			
Office Sales Acct. Interest	\$ 2,692	\$ 2,700	
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 2,692	\$ 2,700	
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 2,692	\$ 2,700	
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 780,522	\$ 783,214	
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 783,214	\$ 785,914	
Available Funds from the general checking includes \$156,344 of the ARPA grant money and \$175,000 we are holding for the Bridge #10 .			

Petty Cash			
	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	
<b>Available Funds in Cash</b>	\$ 300	\$ 300	

Archie Powers Trust Fund			
	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	
<b>Income</b>			
A. Powers MM Int.	\$ 175	\$ 175	
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 175	\$ 175	
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 175	\$ 175	
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 8,010	\$ 8,185	
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 8,185	\$ 8,360	

**Town Of Lowell  
Bank Accts. CDs**

Town Reserve CD				
	2022 ACTUAL		2023 BUDGET	
<b>Income</b>				
Town Reserve Interest	\$	1,030	\$	1,035
<b>Total Income</b>	\$	1,030	\$	1,035
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$	-	\$	-
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$	1,030	\$	1,035
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$	47,054	\$	48,084
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$	48,084	\$	49,119

Wind Tower Reserve				
	2022 ACTUAL		2023 BUDGET	
<b>Income</b>				
Wind Tower Reserve Interest	\$	471	\$	500
<b>Total Income</b>	\$	471	\$	500
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$	-	\$	-
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$	471	\$	500
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$	138,636	\$	139,107
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$	139,107	\$	139,607

Office Sales Acct.				
	2022 ACTUAL		2023 BUDGET	
<b>Income</b>				
Office Sales Acct. Interest	\$	54	\$	55
<b>Total Income</b>	\$	54	\$	55
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$	-	\$	-
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$	54	\$	55
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$	5,577	\$	5,631
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$	5,631	\$	5,686

Town Of Lowell  
Delinquent Tax Report as of December 31,2022

<b>Delinquent Taxes-2019</b>	<b>\$15,070.15</b>
<b>Delinquent Taxes-2020</b>	<b>\$13,530.53</b>
<b>Delinquent Taxes-2021</b>	<b>\$23,566.18</b>
<b>Delinquent Taxes- 2022</b>	<b>\$57,458.75</b>
<b>Total Delinquent Taxes</b>	<b>\$109,625.61</b>



# Treasurer's Report

As you can see the municipal tax rate increased from .1136 to .2792. The reason for the large increase is for several reasons.

1. We had a large paving grant \$87,500 we used to help bring down our tax rate.
2. We didn't have the \$12,064.00 for the Sheriff's Dept.
3. With the cost-of-living increase, nearly all vendors have notified me of an increase in their 2023 billings.
4. Paving budget increased by \$25,000 a year.
5. The Ambulance service went up another \$10,920.



## 2022 Town of Lowell Audit Report

The Town Auditors audited the various town records for 2022 on January 26, 2023 which includes the accounts for the Historical Society, Lowell Cemetery Association, Fire Dept Special Equipment Fund and F.O.L.K. (Friends of Lowell Kids). For the Historical Society – many receipts are missing and there is incomplete information, no deposit slips/receipts were included, and no bank statements for the beginning of the year were not available for audit, bottom line - this account was not able to be audited this year. For the Lowell Cemetery Association – records were in very good order and were in balance, bank reconciliation records were cross referenced to journal entries, payroll records were in good order. The Fire Dept Special account was in excellent condition and everything was in balance. The F.O.L.K account had many receipts missing for the beginning of the year, however the last half of the year showed great improvement. The books for the town accounts were all in good order and in balance.

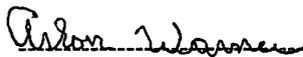
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Gordon Spencer

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Arlon Warner

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# Listers' Report 2022

The Duty of the Listers is to update & maintain the Grand List accurately each year & have it "Lodged" or certified by each Lister, Selectboard member & the Town Clerk. The Lowell Grand Lists are kept in the vault- from 1828 to 2022! To complete this work, we update & verify property sales, subdivisions, new or updated houses & structures, plus credits and exemptions. Examples include Veteran's Credits, Current Use, Contracts, & much more. Surveys, deeds and transfer documents are sent to Cartographics to update the 'Tax Maps' yearly. These maps are assessable on the Town website- [lowelltown.org](http://lowelltown.org).

To be granted the Residential (Homestead) Tax Rate a resident must file the Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122 with Form HI-144, with or after you've filed your income taxes with the IRS & VT. The 'Free File' programs do not usually include the above Forms HS-122 and HI-144. If you need help don't hesitate to call the Office & we can help!

Each Spring we begin our inspections relying on the building permits you filed. It's a great help to us if you include floor plans & septic & water sites. Thank you! The value of these improvements is as of April 1<sup>st</sup> each year. We send you notices of the change of values in June, the Grievance Notices.

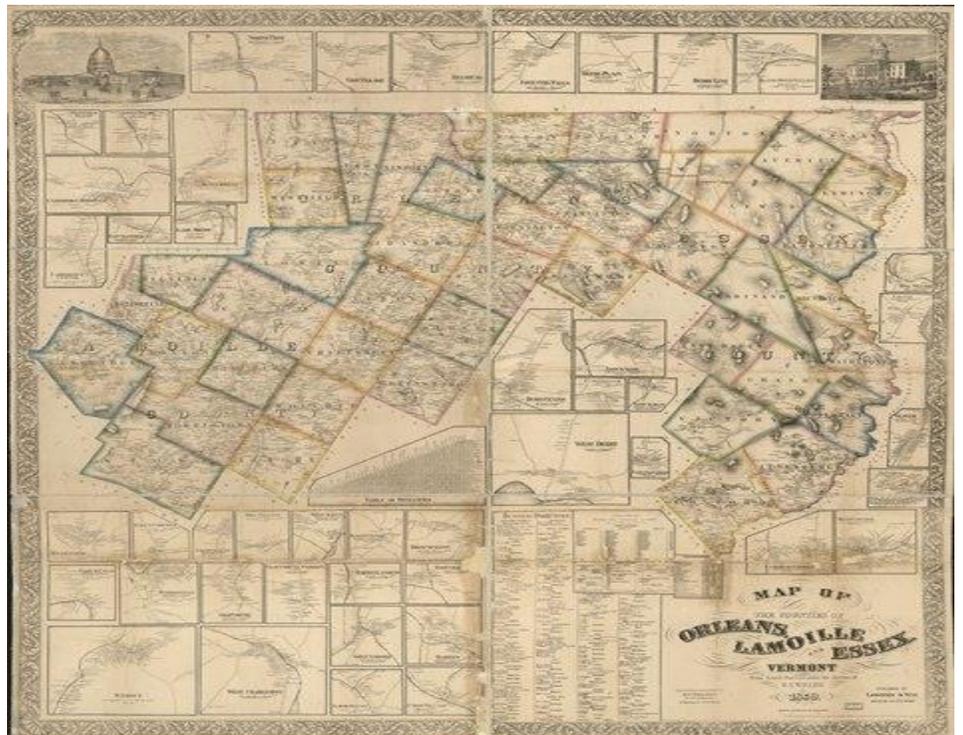
This year we begin the long overdue townwide reappraisal! We sent our first RFP letters out in December 2019. In July 2023 the appraisal firm will set up in our Town Office. The inspections won't start until 2024. We will put notices on the Town website, [lowelltown.org](http://lowelltown.org), when the actual inspections begin. The last townwide reappraisal started in 2013—10 years ago!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Higley

Chris Hager

Lerry Chase



# LOWELL PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

## (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.**

**Check the meeting is on.**

**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.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lowell Planning Board and Board of Adjustment (Zoning Board)



## THE LOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lowell Historical Society is looking forward to a more active year in 2023 than the previous few when covid slowed us down.

The Lowell Historical Society will again be offering the Harry Wellman Scholarship. The monetary award will be given to a graduating Lowell senior or seniors attending any schooling who is 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, July 17th and should be sent to Lowell Historical Society, Lowell Town Offices, 2170 Vermont Route 100 in Lowell or e mailed 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)

Note the deadline which is later than many scholarships. The historical society likes to send letters regarding the scholarship directly to Lowell seniors, so look for it!

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 or lived in Lowell before the 1970's 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.

You may purchase a copy of A History of Lowell at the Town Clerk's office during their regular hours or order one to be sent by mail. The cost is \$25 tax included or \$30 if we mail it to you. Order from the Lowell Historical Society, Vermont Route 100, Lowell, Vermont, 05847.

The Historical Society is very grateful for the donations of artifacts, photos, historical letters and documents (the originals or photocopies) and other materials that document Lowell. We continue to learn about our town. There is always more to the story, as they say.

## Lowell Historical Society, 2022+

Ending Balance 2021, Checking	2,909.23
<b>Revenue</b>	
Donations:	1,075.00
Fund Raisers and Candy Sales	202.00
Grants (UMATR):	2,460.00
IBank Interest	1.42
History Book Sales	1,836.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>5,574.42</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Consignment fees on book sales	80.00
Bank Fees (Checks)	39.60
Fundraising Expenses:	83.95
Grant Disbursements	
Jeff Parsons, Historial Mills Book	2,710.00
Aaron Worthley for Historical Mills	750.00
History Room Repairs and Improvements:	146.42
Mailing Expenses	3.25
Publicity and Advertising	56.00
Vermont Sales Tax (on book sales)	250.20
Vermont Historical Society	50.00
Wellman Scholarship	1,000.00
<b>Total Disbursement</b>	<b>5,169.42</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$3,314.23</b>

# **LETTER FROM THE FIRE CHIEF**

**Lowell fire department responded to 35 calls to include 3 structure fires ,3 grass fires , 4 fire - Co alarm's, 2 gas leaks, 11 car accidents, 5 Mutual Aid, along with 7 EMS related calls.**

**We have 21 active members that train monthly to be ready on a moment's notice. And as always we thank the town for your continued support**

Respectfully Fire Chief,  
Calvin Allen

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# **LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## Special Equipment Account

Prior Year Balance 12/31/2021	<b>25,344.23</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Donations	700.00
Special Donation From "Lowell Bible Church"	2,500.00
Services Rendered	745.00
Great Auk Wireless	675.00
T-Mobile	17,401.40
Andre Tetreault Memorial Fund	500.00
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Total Income	22,521.40
<b>TOTAL BALANCE &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>47,865.63</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Rescue Truck Loan Payments	12,600.00
Christmas Party	1,109.11
Dues/Memberships	20.00
Building & Grounds (New Flagpole & Memorial Granite)	4,866.02
Town Appropriations Deficiency	2,000.00
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Total Disbursements	20,595.13
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>47,865.63</b>
<b>LESS DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>20,595.13</b>
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<b>SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>27,270.50</b>



**LVFD, Inc.**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January through December 2022

	Jan - Dec 22
<b>Income</b>	
Direct Public Support	
Town Approp.	33,000.00
<b>Total Direct Public Support</b>	<b>33,000.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>33,000.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Contract Services	3,181.27
<b>Facilities and Equipment</b>	
Equipment -Small	1,108.97
Facilities and Equipment - Other	3,423.00
<b>Total Facilities and Equipment</b>	<b>4,531.97</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	
Bldg & Grd. Maint.	
Snow Removal	945.00
Bldg & Grd. Maint. - Other	905.00
<b>Total Bldg &amp; Grd. Maint.</b>	<b>1,850.00</b>
Equip. Maint.	1,363.20
Inspections	166.00
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>3,379.20</b>
<b>Office Expenses</b>	
Office Supplies	280.62
<b>Utilities</b>	
Electricity	1,031.93
Fuel	5,798.47
Phone & Internet	590.48
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>7,420.88</b>
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>7,701.50</b>
<b>Operations</b>	
gas/oil/Diesel	1,122.90
<b>Insurance</b>	
Property & liability Insurance	6,934.00
Sickness & Acci, Ins.	409.19
Workers Comp Ins.	1,219.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>8,562.19</b>
Membership Dues	1,974.00
Postage, Mailing Service	130.00
Supplies	785.80
Training	690.00
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>13,264.89</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	
Work. Comp.	1,219.00
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>1,219.00</b>
stipend	7,470.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>40,747.83</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-7,747.83</b>

LVFD, Inc.  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of December 31, 2022

	<u>Dec 31, 22</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Community Checking-LVFD	725.29
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>725.29</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>725.29</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>725.29</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Open Balance Equity	2,513.93
Unrestricted Net Assets	5,959.19
Net Income	<u>-7,747.83</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>725.29</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>725.29</u></u>

## 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 67** 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.

### **NOTICE:**

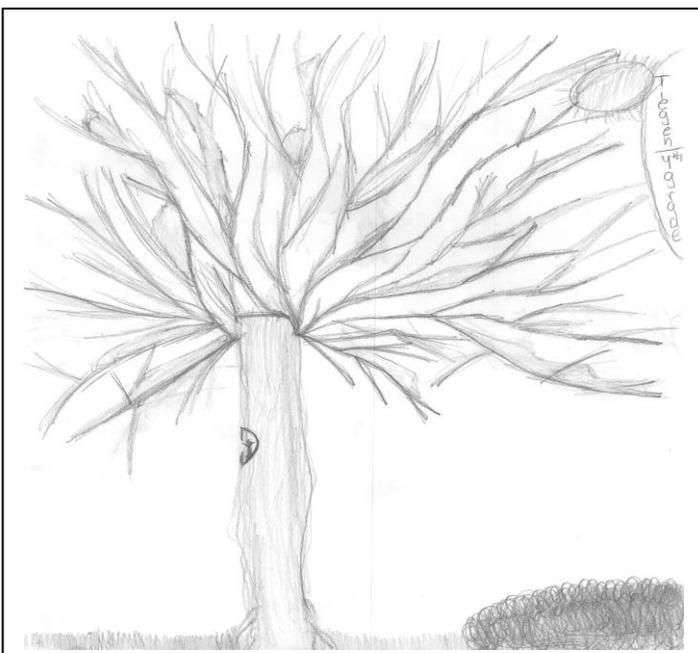
Due to calls from neighbors of illegal burning of toxic materials. Wardens or members of the Fire Department may make random checks of the burn piles. Please respect your neighbors and do not burn garbage. Certain building materials such as roofing, vinyl siding, foam rubber, etc.... There are **finer** for burning **without a permit**, so please call the Warden or Assistant Fire Warden

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

Thank-you for your cooperation,

*Genny Nick*- Forest Fire Warden

*Marc Sicotte*- Deputy Warden



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# Mountain View Cemetery Association

**The Lowell Cemetery Association manages the care and finances of the Mountain View Cemetery. Town funding, volunteer effort, and contributions of material and equipment enable the Association's mission to maintain, improve and beautify the cemetery. In addition to lawn care, town funding enabled professional cleaning of several dozen monuments in 2022. The Association requests town funding of \$5500.00 for 2023 to provide ongoing maintenance and improvements.**

**The Trustees of the Lowell Cemetery Association recognizes the Richardson family for their long dedication and commitment for the betterment of the Mountain View Cemetery. Jack and his sons, Ken, Keith, and Jamie continued a line of support running from Jack's grandfather Horace through his father and mother, Percy and Ilene, and now carried on by his granddaughter Kristi and nephew Wayne. For many years the Richardson family has overseen the management, operation, and care of the cemetery with limited resources and little recognition. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation. Thank you.**

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



**MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
JAN. 1, 2022 - DEC. 31, 2022**

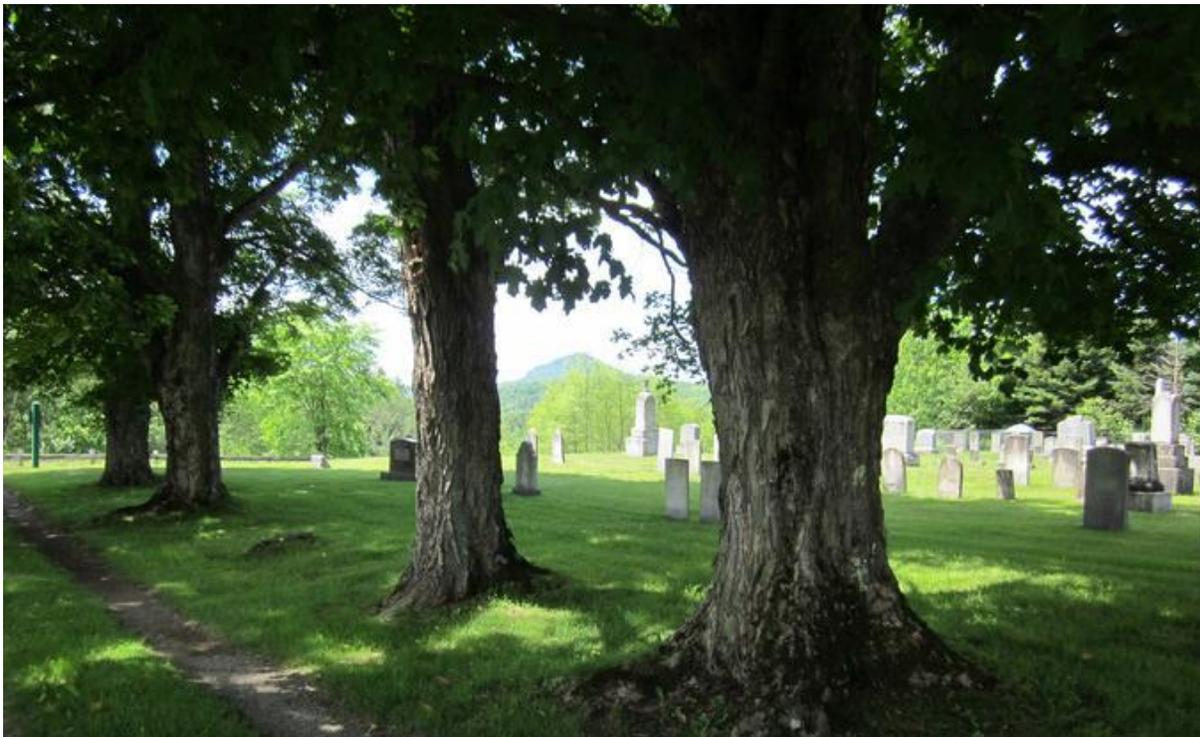
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**Jan 1, 2022 (Beg. Bal.)** **\$4,300.95**

<b>INCOME:</b>	Mass Mutual Interest	815.98	
	Fund Raiser	630.50	
	Sale of lots	600.00	
	Town of Lowell (ARPA)	5,000.00	
	Town of Lowell	5,000.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,046.48</b>	<b>12,046.48</b>
			<b>\$16,347.43</b>

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	Lawn Care	3,640.00	
	Website	478.28	
	Maps & Lumber	42.33	
	Cleaning Stones	5,000.00	
	Fee for plot deed	15.00	
	Corner Posts	250.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,425.61</b>	<b>\$9,425.61</b>

**ENDING BAL. Dec. 31, 2022** **6,921.82**



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

The generosity of our small town never ceases to amaze us. We work hard to plan and organize events throughout the year to benefit all of the children in the town of Lowell. This organization is not just made up of parents, but grandparents, and community members who truly just care and have great intentions. Yet none of it would be possible without the support that comes from those who join us at an event, who donate or give in some other way. It takes all of us! So FOLK wants to thank you for all you do. This year we were fortunate to be able to hold more events, making it a very successful year. If you would like to make a suggestion for future events or projects then please remember to fill out our survey so we can hear all the voices of our supporters.

We hope that you will check out our website if you have not yet. Be sure to look for our "Forms & Feedback" page to request funding or support for activities for children, or share your ideas or requests with us. We welcome new ideas for programs, events or fundraisers you'd like to see us help make a reality for the children of Lowell.

Friends of Lowell Kids typically meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. The location is usually at the Lowell Graded School. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time or let us know if you'd like to attend a meeting so we can keep you posted. We welcome your ideas and look forward to working together to build more opportunities for children in our town.



Sincerely,

Members: Carla Raboin, Keri Willey, Shannon Escalante, Jennifer Blay, Sonja Blodgett, Samantha Santaw-Wright, Cheryl Clarke, Jesse Waldenville, Angela Audet, Jeremy Pion, Anita Gagner

Junior Members: Vivianna Waldenville, McKenna Blay, Martina Blodgett, Madisyn Pion



### 2023 F.O.L.K. EVENTS (all dates tentative and subject to change)

Tuesday, March 7th

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

Saturday, March 11th

BINGO at St. Ignatius Parish Hall to benefit LGS 8th trip to Washington D.C.

Friday, March 31st

Deadline for High School Senior Scholarship Applications

Saturday, May 27th

F.O.L.K. Community Yard Sale

Saturday, September 16th

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

October 27th

Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday, November 11th

Hunters' Breakfast & Raffle Drawing

For updates, check us out at:  
<https://sites.google.com/view/friendsoflowellkids/home>

**FOLK Checkbook for 2022**

Total	Payment /Debit	Deposit /Credit	Date	Description	Check Number
\$10,361.32			1/1/2022	Starting balance from 2021	---
\$10,061.32	\$300.00		3/5/2022	Cash for FOLK bingo 3/5: For cash kitty	---
\$11,124.82		\$1,063.50	3/11/2022	Deposit - FOLK bingo 3/5	---
\$10,874.82	\$250.00		3/21/2022	Journalism and media conference for McKenna Blay. Check written to: "George Mason University/WJMC"	1060
\$11,534.82		\$660.00	4/9/2022	Deposit #1 - Raffle proceeds for journalism and media conference for McKenna Blay	---
\$11,284.82	\$250.00		4/26/2022	Scholarship award for Amos Willey	1061
\$9,954.82	\$1,330.00		5/4/2022	Check from raffle proceeds for journalism and media conference for McKenna Blay. Check written to: "George Mason University/WJMC"	1062
\$10,624.82		\$670.00	5/9/2022	Deposit #2 - Raffle proceeds for journalism and media conference for McKenna Blay	---
\$10,634.82		\$10.00	7/23/2022	Deposit - FOLK festival: Vendor fees received: "HEAT Squad" \$10	---
\$11,187.82		\$553.00	8/27/2022	Deposit - FOLK hosting lunch for the Lions' Club Texas holdem game	---
\$11,207.82		\$20.00	9/2/2022	Deposit - FOLK festival: Vendor fee received: "Simply Scents with Jessi (Scentsy)" \$20	---
\$11,247.82		\$40.00	9/2/2022	Deposits - FOLK festival: Vendor fees received: "None Yet" \$10; "Designs by Xochiti" \$20; "Brenda's Jewelry Boutique" \$10	---
\$10,362.82	\$885.00		9/15/2022	Paid \$885 to "Green Mountain Sporting Goods" - rifle and crossbow for FOLK hunters raffle	1063
\$9,572.82	\$790.00		9/24/2022	Paid to "Bounce Around Vermont": Bounce house for FOLK festival	1064
\$9,440.32	\$132.50		9/26/2022	Reimbursement to Jennifer Blay: Tent for FOLK festival	1065
\$13,239.82		\$3,799.50	9/29/2022	Deposits: 1. FOLK festival: Vendor fees received (\$60): "Kellie's Custom Cakes" \$10; "Beaded Sparrow" \$10; "Tonya's Crafts" \$20; "Wayne's Wood Originals" \$10; "Dianne Ferrin" \$10; 2. FOLK festival: Auction plus donation (\$3,009.50) 3. Hunters raffle tickets: 73 tickets (\$730)	---
\$13,732.32		\$492.50	10/8/2022	Deposits: 1. FOLK festival: Auction plus donation (\$262.50) 2. Hunters raffle tickets: 23 tickets (\$230)	---
\$14,262.32		\$530.00	11/5/2022	Deposit - Hunters raffle: 53 tickets (\$530)	---
\$16,587.32		\$2,325.00	11/19/2022	Deposits: 1. Hunters raffle tickets: 151 tickets (\$1,510) 2. Hunters breakfast \$815	---
\$16,466.94	\$120.38		11/15/2022	Payment for bacon for hunters breakfast to Lowell Graded School	1066
				<b>Total Fundraising/Donations</b>	<b>\$10,163.50</b>
				<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,057.88</b>
				<b>Net Yearly Amount</b>	<b>\$6,105.62</b>

## 2022 LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

After 40 years of dedicated service to the Lowell library and community, Regine Griswold retired at the end of December 2022.

Regine began her tenure in 1982 when the library was housed in what was then the town hall. The library moved to its current location in 1998.

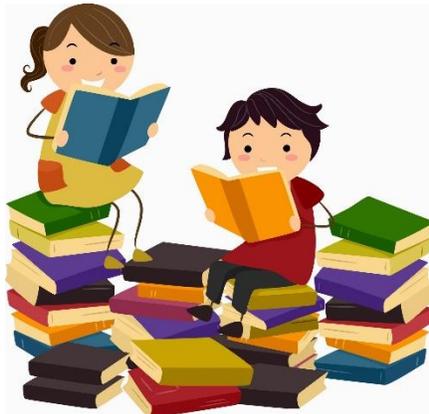
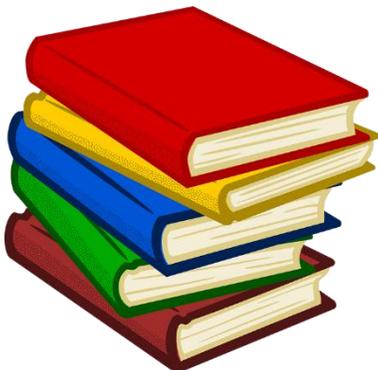
The Lowell trustees wish Regine well and gratefully thank her for all the years she dedicated to caring for the library.

Following Regine's retirement the trustees reviewed several applicants for the position and extended an offer to Nancy Allen.

Nancy has extensive library experience that she brings to the position and we are excited to have her working with us to make our library the best it can be.

She began working on January 21st and will be on duty Tuesday's from 4pm to 6pm and Saturday's from 10am to 12pm. Nancy will be sorting through books to make room for newer books. We plan to add more children's materials as well. Please stop in to meet Nancy and enjoy the library space. Free Wi-Fi is available, inside and outside the building.

There are trustee positions open this year so please come forward if anyone has an interest and helping our library flourish.



## DEDICATION TO REGINE GRISWOLD

Regine Griswold retired as librarian for the town of Lowell at the end of December 2022.

Her tenure as librarian began in 1982 when the library was housed in the lower section of the town hall. When the current offices were built in 1998 she and her husband Floyd moved all the books and office contents to the new location. This began the work of building shelving and creating the library as it exists today.

Regine has been a staple in the community providing entertainment and educational materials for our enjoyment for 40 years.

The Library Trustees would like to thank her on behalf of the town for this lengthy investment of time and energy to keep us supplied with the magic of stories. She has been a dedicated steward, sharing her passion for reading with all of us.

With much gratitude, we wish her well in her retirement.



Library Fund				
	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
Assess. Income from Town	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,500</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Office Supplies	\$ 33	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62	\$ 50
Subscriptions	\$ 109	\$ 200	\$ 115	\$ 150
Books	\$ 1,368	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,563	\$ 2,500
Mileage			\$ 9	\$ 20
Company Contributions				
FICA Expense	\$ 177	\$ 45	\$ 190	\$ 200
Medicare Exp.	\$ 41	\$ 197	\$ 44	\$ 50
Unemployment-State	\$ 35	\$ 46	\$ -	
Workers Comp	\$ 105	\$ 99	\$ -	
Salaries				
Librarian	\$ 2,825	\$ 3,150	\$ 2,927	\$ 2,927
Library Assist.	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 138	\$ 200
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 4,722</b>	<b>\$ 5,800</b>	<b>\$ 5,049</b>	<b>\$ 7,597</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,279</b>	<b>\$ 200</b>	<b>\$ 951</b>	<b>\$ (1,097)</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 7,300</b>	<b>\$ 8,579</b>	<b>\$ 8,579</b>	<b>\$ 9,530</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 8,579</b>	<b>\$ 8,779</b>	<b>\$ 9,530</b>	<b>\$ 8,433</b>
Little League Fund				
	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>				
Assess. Income from Town	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Ball Field Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,107	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,107</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ (4,107)</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 8,444</b>	<b>\$ 11,444</b>	<b>\$ 11,444</b>	<b>\$ 7,337</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 11,444</b>	<b>\$ 14,444</b>	<b>\$ 7,337</b>	<b>\$ 10,337</b>



# Baseball Sports Fund:

We had 22 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 a strong return of our younger players which was a great sign for the future of our teams. We also had a strong showing of volunteers to coach our kids, it is very much appreciated. Without volunteers this wouldn't be possible! We were able to resurface our main ball field, due to the ongoing generosity of our taxpayers, which allowed our kids who played on other towns' teams to use Lowell as their home field.

As our kids are aging out of the Cal Ripken league any additional volunteers would be greatly appreciated, please reach out with any questions.

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

Thank you,

Ryan and Mandy Sargent



# Announcements & Reminders:

- *All Australian ballot articles warned by North Country Union High School (NCUHS) will be voted by the Australian ballot system as well as Lowell Graded School. Ballots will be available at the Town Office by in person voting and absentee requesting.*
- *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 compacter 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.*

**2023**

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

<b>Rabies Clinic</b>	<i>The Animal doctor will be holding Clinics every Wednesday in March 2023. (at their facilities)</i>		
<b>Green Up Day</b>	<i>May 6th</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Vermont</i>
<b>Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day</b>	<i>May 20th</i>	<i>7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT</i>
<b>Tire Collection Event</b>	<b>WILL BE HELD ON GREEN UP DAY (MAY 6, 2023) FROM 8 TO NOON AT THE TOWN PIT ON LOWER VILLAGE ROAD.</b>		
<b>Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day</b>	<i>October 7th</i>	<i>7:30 a.m. To 11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT</i>



# REPORT OF DOG LICENSES

Dogs Licensed (2022) .....	141.
Penalties .....	\$ 67.00
Special Licenses .....	\$ 45.00
Total License Fees Received .....	\$ 1,439.00
Fees Paid to VT State Treasurer .....	\$ 680.00.

## DOG REMINDER

ALL DOGS 6 MONTHS & OLDER MUST BE LICENSED BY  
APRIL 1st, 2023

*50% Penalty charged after April 1st, 2023.*



### Dog License Fees:

\$9.00 each neutered or spayed.

\$13.00 each not neutered or spayed.

### Fee After April 1st, 2023

\$ 11.00 each neutered or spayed.

\$ 17.00 each not neutered or spayed.



**The Animal Doctor will be hosting a Rabies clinic every Wednesday in March 2023 at her facilities only.**

**(YOU MUST SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION AT TIME OF LICENSING)**

### PLEASE NOTE

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

### TOWN OF LOWELL- DOG ORDINANCE

*An ordinance establishing regulations for the control of domestic pets and wolf-hybrids has been adopted by the Selectboard 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/her or under his/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.*

The Animal Doctor  
56 Eastern Ave  
Newport Center, VT  
802.334.1503

## 2023 Vaccine Clinics



All Wednesdays in March from 10 AM to 12 PM

Curbside vaccines available for all dogs and cats!

Please bring previous vaccine records for your pets if you have them.

## **TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!**

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (**VSNIP**), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. **Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law by six months of age.** Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics as well as humane societies during the month of March. Call for their schedules. After the vaccination, contact your town clerk and provide proof of the rabies vaccination to license your dog.

**Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.**

### **Licensing a dog:**

- 1) Helps identify your dog if lost.
- 2) Provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

For an Application for VSNIP and a List of Participating Offices, send a S.A.S.E. (a 9" Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope) to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Or, to download and print, go to: [VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV](http://VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV) Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. Once *fully* completed, you will mail it back. If approved, you will receive your Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pay the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog registration. Please be **SURE** your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit. Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We **NEED** them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they've made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let's keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator 1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)

VSNIIP is funded by \$4.00 added to the licensing of dogs. Dogs are required by law to be licensed in the town in which you live by six months of age. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required to be able to license a dog. Puppies and kittens can have a rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Tractor Supply stores offer monthly rabies clinics as do some humane society shelters.

Below is a list of places that offer low cost spay & neuter clinic options to VSNIIP. Animals usually come home the day of surgery. If you must travel, enjoy the day in the area! You may want to call your local humane society to see if they've added a spay day to their schedule.

**LOW COST SPAY NEUTER OPTIONS: LOOK UP THEIR WEB SITES** 😊

Cat Crusaders of Franklin CTY: Franklin CTY residents considered first. 802-782-9968

Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden CTY, 3 clinics a week! 802-923-9023

Feline & Friends Foundation: 802-323-4793 Cats ONLY in Caledonia, Orleans & Essex Counties considered first. Outside area will be considered as space allows AND Barn & Feral (frightened) Cats in the Northeast Kingdom are welcome. If possible: [Schedule on FFFVT.org](http://Schedule.on.FFFVT.org)

Franklin County Humane Society, St. Albans 802-524-9650 X 707

Frontier Animal Society, Orleans, VT 754-2228 Cats ONLY

Homeward Bound: Addison CTY Humane Society, VT "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100

Humane Society of Chittenden County's Community Pet Clinic, So. Burlington 802-923-9028

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: 802-484-5829 West Windsor, VT

Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter: 802-754-2228 Orleans, VT Cats ONLY

Riverside Rescue: 802-892-5300 Lunenburg, VT 524-9650 X

Rutland County Humane Society: 802-483-6700 Rutland, VT

Second Chance Animal Center: 802-375-2898 Shaftsbury, VT

Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc.: 603-259-3244 Littleton, NH

Springfield Humane Society: 802-885-3997 Springfield, VT

Sullivan CTY Humane Society: 603-542-3277 Claremont, NH

The Feline Connection: Rutland County: [thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com](mailto:thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com)

Upper Valley Humane Society: 603-448-6888 Enfield, NH

Windham County Humane Society: 802-254-2232 Brattleboro, VT

VT- CAN: 802-223-0034: Middlesex, VT

N.E. Kingdom Spay-Neuter Program: 802-334-7393 Orleans, Essex County

# Household Hazardous Waste



## 2023 Collection Days



Saturday May 20  
Saturday October 7  
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, Gallon or less of Old Gasoline, 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**

# **LOWELL VITAL RECORDS**

## **BIRTHS:**

Total number of Births Recorded in Lowell for 2022:

9 Births

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Middle</b>
1/13/2022	Camley	Peyton	Rose
1/11/2022	Dennett	Warren	Thomas
5/18/2022	O'Keefe	Lyla	Marie
6/2/2022	Richardson	Emilia	Mae
6/26/2022	Rooney	Oaklynn	Dawn
6/18/2022	Sicotte	Oliver	James
7/2/2022	Sweeney	Allen	Russell
10/12/2022	Tognelli	Elowen	Ray
6/7/2022	Watkins	Abigail	Emory



## **MARRIAGES:**

Total Number of Marriages Recorded in Lowell for 2022:

**7 Marriages**

## **DATE OF WEDDING:**

July 11, 2022	Tamara Jean Whitten & Roger Lee Pratt
July 16, 2022	Kenneth Joseph Nierwienski & Dawn Bennett Lee
July 16, 2022	Patrick Henry Donna & Alison Mae Martin
October 8, 2022	Eleanor Victoria Friar & Justin Finnegan Naramore
August 27, 2022	Sabastian Ronal Lyonnais & Naomi Ruth Roberts
October 9, 2022	Cara Leah Lanza & Thomas David Ruyle
October 1, 2022	Katie Lynn Monique McClure & Zebulon Dion King



## **DEATHS:**

Total Number of Deaths Recorded in Lowell for 2022:

12 Deaths

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Town Of Death</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>
8/12/2022	Bessette	Henry	W.	76 years	Burlington	Lowell
10/15/2022	Bochain	Craig	Charles	66 years	Lowell	Lowell
7/2/2022	Brenck	Martha	E.	88 years	Newport City	Lowell
8/27/2022	Copp	Shane	Gordon	24 years	Lowell	Newport City
5/18/2022	Dannat	Wayne	M.	89 years	Lowell	Coventry
5/11/2022	Giuliano	Maxine	Rae	89 years	Lowell	Lowell
8/1/2022	Leblanc	Rejean		82 years	Lowell	Lowell
2/28/2022	McAllister	Douglas	C.	70 years	Lowell	Lowell
12/23/2022	Raboin	Robert		91 years	Lowell	Lowell
2/15/2022	Robitille	David	Bruce	70 years	Lowell	Lowell
11/10/2022	Terry	Michael		52 years	Colchester	Lowell
7/31/2022	Tetreault	Amanda		40 years	Colchester	Lowell



**WARNING**  
**LOWELL 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 7, 2023 AT**  
**10:00 A.M. TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZ:**

1. TO ELECT A MODERATOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR
2. TO ELECT A SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM
3. TO ELECT A UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO FILL THE REMAINING TWO-YEARS OF A THREE-YEAR TERM
4. SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO EXPEND \$2,186,336.00, WHICH IS THE AMOUNT THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR?
5. SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO USE \$65,000.00 OF THE UNALLOCATED, UNAUDITED GENERAL FUND BALANCE FROM THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, TO REDUCE TAXES IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET?
6. SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO TRANSFER TO THE TAX STABILIZATION FUND \$65,000.00 OF UNALLOCATED, UNAUDITED GENERAL FUND BALANCE FROM THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR TO BE USED IN FUTURE BUDGETS WHEN THE TAX RATE IS TO INCREASE MORE THAN 3 CENTS?

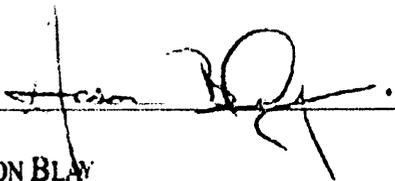
DATED AT LOWELL, VERMONT THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2023:

TOWN OF LOWELL.

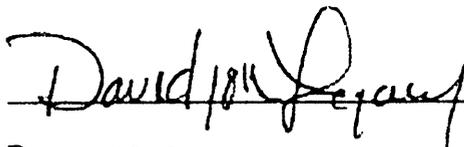
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS



STEVE MASON



JASON BLAY



DAVID LEGACY

## A Letter from the Lowell School Board – January 2023

As we are exiting a time of disruption caused by the worldwide epidemic of COVID, the year 2022 has presented all of education with a new set of challenges to be overcome.

The first is a nationwide shortage of general school staff and teachers. We are beginning to experience a number of negative effects on education a teacher shortage brings. For example,

- 1) Students may not have access to the same level of instruction as they would with a full complement of teachers. This can lead to gaps in their knowledge and skills and make it more difficult for them to succeed academically,
- 2) Class sizes may increase as a result of the shortage, making it more difficult for teachers to give individual attention to each student. This can lead to a decrease in the quality of education, and
- 3) Schools may be forced to hire untrained or unqualified teachers in an attempt to fill the teacher shortage leading to a decrease in the overall quality of instruction, and the teacher shortage may lead to increased teacher burnout and turnover, as teachers are asked to take on additional responsibilities and work longer hours.

Overall, a teacher shortage can have serious consequences for the education system and the students it serves. For this reason, in 2023, North Country Supervisory Union (NCSU) will be taking an inclusive approach to the issue asking for input from students, staff, parents, and the community at large for help in finding solutions by holding a series of public forums in towns across the NCSU. All are invited to participate. We are happy to report that at this time Lowell is fortunate that a teacher/staff shortage hasn't really affected us.

As we write this report to the Town of Lowell, we can report a modest increase in the school budget for the next fiscal year. Despite this, however, are being told that there is likely to be a decline in the tax rate associated with the school budget. While we don't know exactly how much that decrease will be, it is a welcome development. Pertinent to this, as school board members, we are often asked by community members "*Why does the cost of educating our children keep going up?*" We would like to take a few lines to address this question as there are a number of factors that can contribute to the rising cost of education. First, rising costs are tied to realities that include staff salaries, building maintenance, state-mandated programs, and other expenses noted below. Second, in many cases, state and federal funding for education has declined in recent years, which can put pressure on schools. Third, as is the case of all households, food, energy cost (electricity and heating fuel), and other expenses contribute to the rising costs.

In addition to the points above, one of the big factors that affect the increase in the cost of education for many of our local schools is decreased enrollment in schools. Lowell has seen a decrease in its student population over the years of over 40% at the same time most of Lowell's school budgets have shown a steady increase.

This has been true for most of the schools in NCSU as our schools, generally have seen some decline in student enrollment. Why does this lead to higher costs? It is a complex issue with no easy solutions. The reasons why fewer students in public schools can lead to higher costs are:

- 1) Fixed costs, such as the cost of maintaining buildings and grounds, that do not decrease even if there are fewer students. This means that the per-student cost of these expenses increases as the number of students decreases.
- 2) Changes in funding. Schools receive less funding from the state government if there are fewer students leading to a decrease in the resources available to the school, which results in higher costs per student.
- 3) The ever-rising cost of health insurance.

There are many factors that can contribute to higher costs in public schools when there are fewer students, however, over the years, *Lowell Graded School* has carefully managed its budgets in order to minimize the impact on students and their families by often presenting "cost of living" increases while returning unspent money to the taxpayer, putting unspent money into tax stabilization accounts and allowing money to go into a maintenance fund in the case of unexpected facility needs.

**We are especially pleased to report that of this writing, planning has begun for the return of the eighth grade trip to Washington, DC! After a few years, this Lowell tradition will again take place.**

**As always, we are most proud of the support the community has given to its school and the incredible work that our teachers and support staff give every day to ensure student safety and well-being. This is apparent as our students continue to gain recognition by excelling amongst their peers while here at Lowell School and even after they move on. We recognize how fortunate we are to have such commitment!**

**Steve Mason   Jason Blay   David Legacy**

LOWELL GRADED SCHOOL  
52 Gelo Park Road  
Lowell, Vermont 05847-9796  
(802) 744-6641 (phone)  
(802) 744-9989 (fax)

Anita Gagner  
Principal

Elaine Collins  
Superintendent

**"The mission of Lowell Graded School is to provide a safe, challenging and engaging learning environment that promotes achievement and is tailored to individual student needs."**

**School Year 2022-2023**

**Greetings Lowell Graded School Community,**

**I would like to start by *Thanking* the incredible group of people who make up Lowell. Everyone has just gone through a tumultuous time not experienced by any of us previously. Many were frightened, confused, agitated, and paralyzed as they carried out their everyday activities. School was still in session while we navigated these stressors to provide a sense of normality and keep moving students forward academically. Children as young as 3 years old came every day to participate in their education and learn all they could from an amazing group of instructors, while dealing with these emotions. We were able to do this largely because of the support we received from you!**

**This school year we did some restructuring with our grade configurations. We were able to move to a more individualized model, instead of having combined classes in the primary grades. This is due in thanks to ESSER funds. Our Middle School is 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, with 3 core teachers. We have one teacher for math, one for science and one for humanities. We feel fortunate to be able to provide this small group instruction to our students. Our hope is to continue this model to have the greatest academic and social/emotional impact providing the needed support for students.**

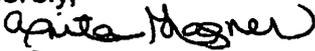
**Allow me to speak for a moment about our exceptional staff. We are fortunate and unique in the fact that approximately half of our staff also live in Lowell. Another interesting fact that is impressive, collectively our staff has over 250 years of service to Lowell Graded School. Perhaps we should change our name to Lowell Community School!**

**Our building encountered a couple of major upgrades during the summer of 2022. We installed a commercial hood in the kitchen to meet fire code. We also had the outside of the building painted. This entailed more work than anticipated as there were boards**

that needed to be replaced. These are just a few of the projects that have been completed to help make our school environment the best and welcoming place to educate our kids.

As I close my annual letter, I would like to state what an honor and privilege it is to be the Principal of Lowell Graded School. This is a distinction I hold with genuine reverence and pride. I realize I cannot begin to mention all of the wonderful things happening in your/our school; therefore, I am elated to once again be able to invite you to come in and check out what we are doing. I welcome your considerations and feedback. Please, let's not forget or allow ourselves to get sidetracked, *it truly is all about "OUR CHILDREN!"* On behalf of the students, staff, and board at LGS, I would like to take this as an opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for your continued consideration, cooperation, and support!

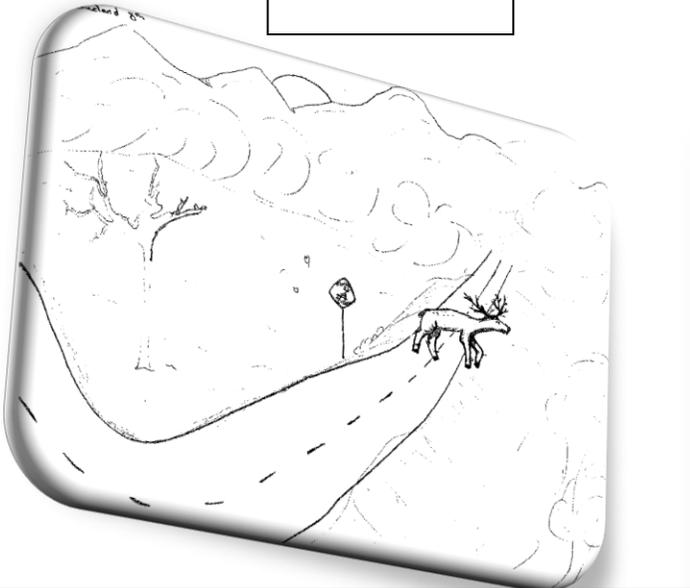
Sincerely,

  
Anita Gagner

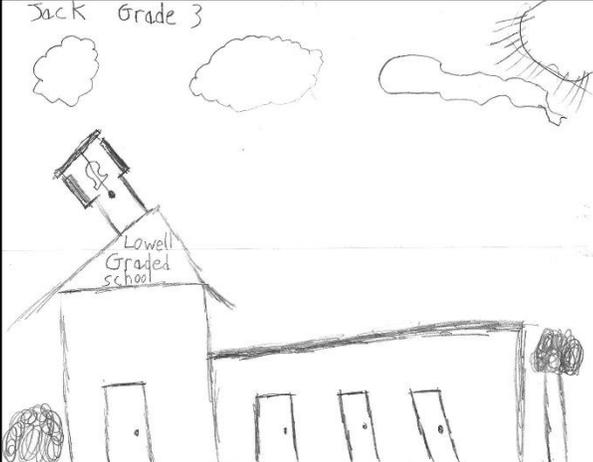
As a Title I school, Lowell Graded School receives federal funds to support the academic success of all learners.

# KIDS PAGE DRAWINGS!

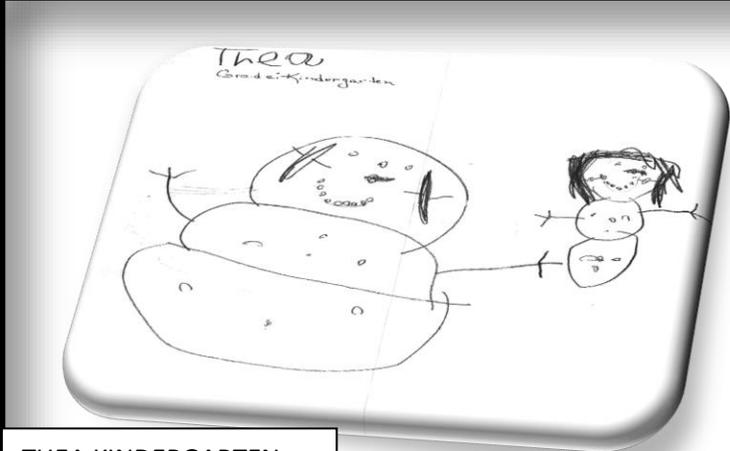
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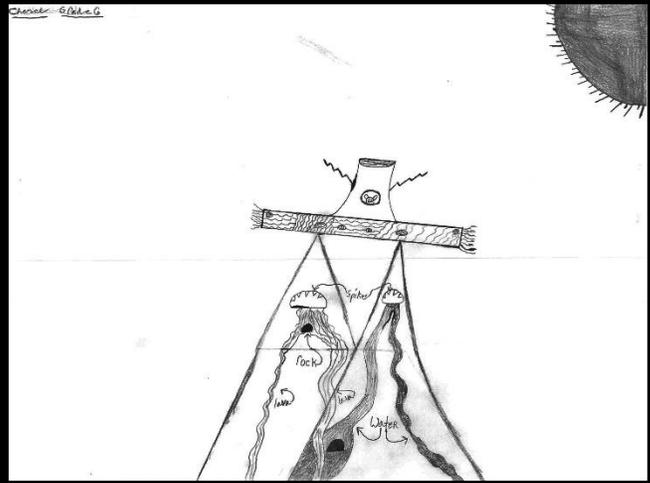
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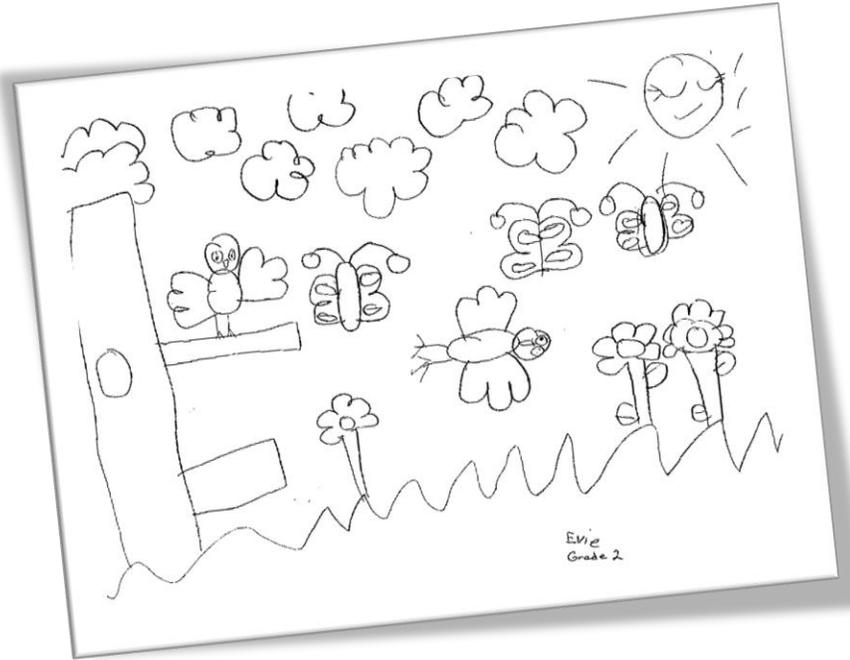
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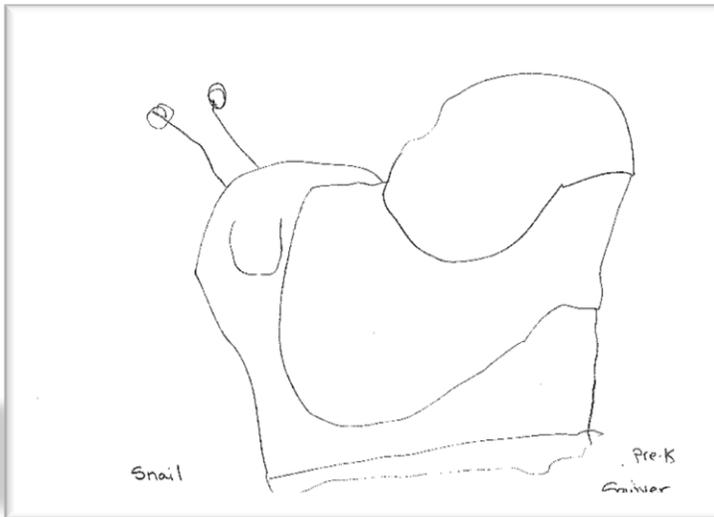
CLYDE GRADE 4



EVIE GRADE 2



SHANTI GRADE 5



SAWYER PRE-K



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**PRINCIPAL**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Anita Gagner  
Sara Morse LeBlanc

**TEACHERS**

**PreK 50%**

**Kindergarten**

**Grade 1**

**Grade 2**

**Grade 3**

**Grade 4**

**Grades 5-8 Humanities**

**Grades 5-8 Math**

**Grades 5-8 Science**

**School Librarian/Technology Integrationist**

**Music (40%)**

**Art (20%)**

**Physical Education (40%)**

**Special Educator**

**Special Educator**

**Intervention (50%)**

**Guidance (60%) & School Based Clinician (30%)**

**Student Support Liaison**

**NURSE (50%)**

**PARAEDUCATORS**

**SpEd. / Classroom Assist.**

**SpEd./ Classroom Assist.**

**PreK / Classroom Assist. 50%**

**Permanent Sub / SpEd./Classroom Assist.**

**LUNCH PROGRAM**

**Manager/Cook**

**Cook**

**Tooth Tutor**

**CUSTODIANS**

**General**

**General**

Samantha Vallieres

Karla Graham

Keri Willey

Gretchen Irwin

Judith Ide

Leanne Barnard

Michael Brooks

Bonita Deslandes

Jennifer Blay

Norah Connolly

Jonathan DeRoehn

Michelle Koch

Samantha Santaw-Wright

Heather Stetson

Suzanne Hastings

Alice Drown

Inga Luebke

Danielle Hamblett

Sonja Blodgett

Sheila Burger

Anne Cota

Terrie Davis-Perry

Jill Legacy

Shannon Mead

Gail Sicotte

Autumn Smith

Michaela DiZazzo

Debra Merrill

Lisa Geoffroy

Jenna Sicard

Gilles Bathalon

Kelly Bathalon

**BUS DRIVERS**

Joanne Bathalon  
Nanette Bonneau  
Steve Bonneau  
Gerry Nick

**COACHES**

**Soccer**  
**Boy's Basketball**  
**Girl's Basketball**

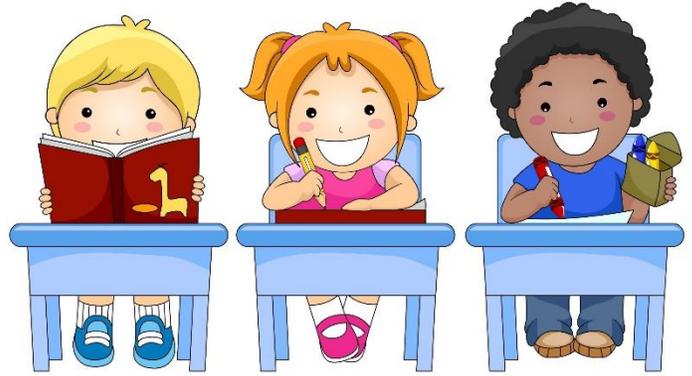
Ryan Sargent  
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Jill Legacy

# Lowell Graded School Students

## STUDENTS:

PRESCHOOL	9
KINDERGARTEN	8
1 <sup>st</sup> GRADE	7
2 <sup>nd</sup> GRADE	10
3 <sup>rd</sup> GRADE	12
4 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	10
5 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	8
6 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	8
7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	5
8 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	9

**Total**                    **86**



**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 27, 2023**, at 5:30 p.m., 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: Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$19,475,500, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?
- ARTICLE V: Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$6,211,900, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

Voting on the aforementioned ARTICLE 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 7, 2023**. 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 7, 2023**. 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. The respective Boards of Civil Authority shall be responsible for determining persons' eligibility to vote and the supervision of the election. 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 transmit the certified counts to the North Country Union High School District Clerk.

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

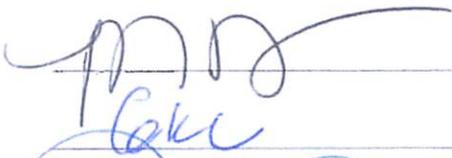
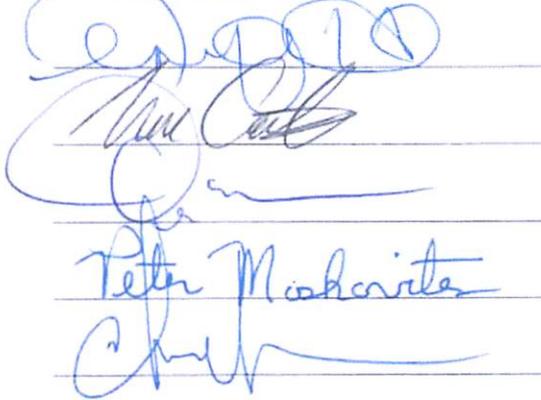
DISCUSSION AND DEBATE ON THE APPROPRIATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE ASSEMBLED NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING ON **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023**, AT 5:30 p.m. THE ASSEMBLED MEETING SHALL ALSO CONSTITUTE THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING REQUIRED BY 17 V.S.A. §2680(0).

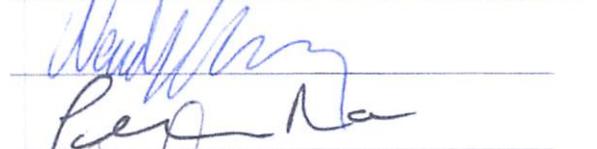
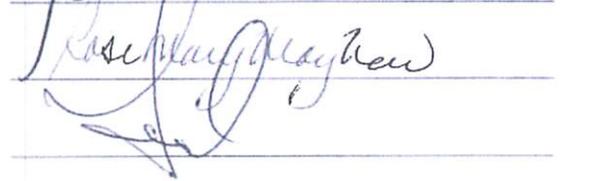
ARTICLE VI: To see when, by date and time, the North Country Union High School District shall hold its Annual District Meeting in 2024, and the time it shall hold special district meetings under the provisions of 16 V.S.A. 706j (a) (5), 706p, 17 VSA 2643 and 17 VSA 2655 including any special meetings held subsequent to the Annual District Meeting in 2023.

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ARTICLE VIII: To adjourn.

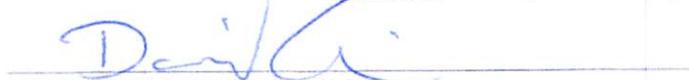
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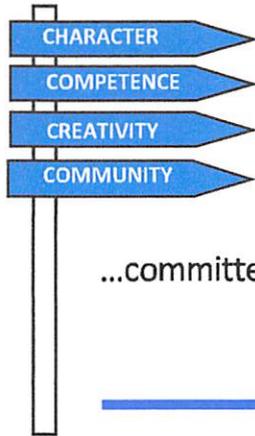
  
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NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Received and Recorded this \_\_\_\_\_ 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023

  
Clerk, NCUHS District #22



# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

...committed to the development of Character, Competence, Creativity and Community

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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

## *NCSU SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ANNUAL LETTER*

As many of you may already be aware, after serving as NCSU's superintendent for the last eight years, John Castle stepped down from his post on June 30, 2022 to pursue another opportunity, and I took over beginning July 1, 2022. In my 33 years of working in education in a variety of roles, I've had the privilege to work for a lot of superintendents. John's sense of integrity, advocacy for our students, passion for teaching and learning, and strong moral compass made him a very effective leader. Our supervisory union is a better place because of John's commitment to and vision for our schools, and I'm very fortunate for the awareness and experience needed in order to offer consistency and continuity of these same commitments and vision through this transition.

We continue to frame our work with students by thinking about NCSU's Design for Learning and our Work and Learning Plan. Both documents can be found on NCSU's website at <https://sites.google.com/ncsuvt.org/ncsu-learning-design/home>. Since it's been about nine years since we've looked closely at the Design for Learning, we will soon engage NCSU stakeholders to provide input into this framework for a potential revision.

As you know, education has undergone many changes over the last few years, creating some big challenges, including staffing and funding changes.

Like many schools and businesses in our region and state, NCSU has experienced some challenges with filling positions and retaining staff. Currently, we have approximately 52 positions open across our supervisory union, including approximately 27 teaching positions and 29 support staff positions. When we are short-staffed, everyone who is working in the system is doing more than is usual, which creates stress in the system.

You may have heard about some changes in the way that special education is funded. The legislature has mandated switching from a reimbursement model to block grant funding. This has had an extremely negative effect on our SU-wide budgets. For this year and moving forward, the legislature is phasing in block grant funding. Instead of receiving 56% reimbursement of whatever the special education cost is, we receive a block grant per student. Districts and supervisory unions with lower special education students will see an increase in revenue, but at NCSU, we have lost approximately \$750,000 in revenue from FY22 to FY23.

Although our work with students in a post-pandemic world has had some challenges, I want to express how proud and grateful I am of our NCSU students, families, and staff. Illnesses continue to afflict both the students and staff. Because of increased absences, the need to differentiate and provide a multi-tiered system of support for students has increased. With students missing instruction, concepts or skills, and having different gaps in instruction, the need to deliver effective universal instruction while planning and implementing substantially different instructional pathways for the varied needs of students continues to be a large focus of our professional development and priority within schools. Additionally, students continue to require an increase of social-emotional support. For many students, a prolonged heightened sense of anxiety and uncertainty has compounded this need. Despite these challenges, NCSU's community of students, families, and staff have rallied to keep our educational systems progressing. We have not only done what's required, but we are also continuing to strive for excellence and to exemplify our district's 4C's of Character, Competence, Creativity and Community. Thank you for your support and for the opportunity to serve our community in my new role.

**JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. – AMERICAN LEGION (Requesting \$300)**

254 Dominion Avenue North Troy, VT 05859-9701

John Hurlburt, Commander (802) 487-9116



January 5, 2023

Town of Lowell:

First on behalf of Jay Peak Post #28 members, (Legionnaires, Auxiliary and sons of the American Legion) we wish to thank you for your support of the American Legion. The appropriated funds provide the means of the Post to purchase flags and markers for replacement near a veteran's headstone in neighboring cemeteries. We also rely on these funds to replace American service flags that fly at the Post flag park, support Memorial Day Observances and defray operational costs.

In Appreciation,

 *Commander*  
John Hurlburt



December 19th, 2022

Town of Lowell:

Green Mountain Farm-to-School is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$800 from the Town of Lowell to support the Lowell School Garden Program and the associated Farm-to-School Program.

Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is a non-profit organization with a mission to strengthen local food systems in Vermont by promoting positive economic relationships, education, and access between schools, farms, and communities. In 2022, our Green Mountain Farm Direct program distributed \$542,938 worth of local food from 51 farms and producers to 116 schools, retailers, restaurants, food shelves, and other institutions throughout Vermont; our Lunchbox program provided 4,000 free meals to NEK children in the summer months; and our Farm-to-School program served 2,412 students in 15 different NEK schools.

As part of our Farm-to-School program, GMFTS coordinates student and community involvement in the Lowell School Garden. Over the last year, every student at the school has been involved in maintaining and harvesting the garden. Produce from the garden was served to students in the school cafeteria or provided to community members in need in the summer months. GMFTS has also worked with the school to purchase local food, host monthly taste tests, teach nutrition and gardening workshops, lead farm field trips, and host activities at the Fall Festival.

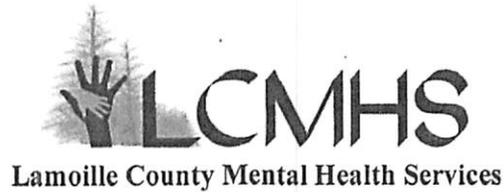
With the town's help, GMFTS can continue to provide the School Garden and Farm-to-School Program for the Town of Lowell, producing fresh local food for the cafeteria, and giving students the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy food choices. The funding from grants, towns, individuals, and businesses covers a portion of the school garden and Farm-to-School Program. Funds received from the town will pay for tools, seeds, equipment and supplies, as well as staff time needed to maintain the school garden in the summer months.

We are deeply grateful for the support from Lowell in the past. Thank you for your consideration and please reach out if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Cusack".

Catherine Cusack  
Executive Director



November 15, 2022

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

This is a request for a contribution of \$1000 from the Town of Lowell for FY2023 and a report of the agency's activities during the last year. We appreciate the continued support from the residents of Lowell and we look forward to serving you in the coming years.

In the last year, July 2021 through June 2022, LCMHS has provided services including child and family mental health, crisis services for individuals, and a variety of other community-based services to improve outcomes for individuals and families in the Lamoille Valley. As well our agency continues working with local, county, and state police and other first responders and local schools to help improve outcomes for persons impacted by sudden and unexpected events such as accidents and other serious incidents.

We at the agency hope you will support LCMHS in our effort to promote the health and wellbeing of our neighbors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michael Hartman'.

Michael Hartman  
Chief Executive Officer



# LCMHS

## Lamoille County Mental Health Services

Dear Lowell Residents,

Lamoille County Mental Health Services strives 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, ambulance, Copley Hospital inpatient and Emergency Department, Lamoille Valley school districts and other partners. The Mobile Crisis Team 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, 2022 we served four (4) Lowell individuals providing over 112 services over the course of fiscal year 2022.

In the past five years, we have created a community peer support program, the Cadre team, to support individuals who are experiencing a difficult time to have a peer to talk with or to assist them in getting over a temporary challenge. We have also developed into a Zero Suicide agency to help reduce suicides in our area, among the highest county for suicide related deaths in Vermont. This effort has been successful in training over 200 staff and community members on basic suicide prevention and over 70 providers on doing specific suicide intervention therapy. 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.

Our community and school treatment/support programs continue to provide service by telehealth and in person for children and families through the challenges of covid and other needs and this year we are continuing to develop new pathways to help families cope. Meanwhile our Developmental Services program has also done phenomenally well as we have recently been found to continue to have one of Vermont's strongest employment programs for persons with intellectual and development disabilities.

In these challenging times, town contributions and support, are always valued, making them more important than ever as all of us wrestle with post Covid 19 recovery and the many needs that spring from it. We are committed to do what we can to support our families and friends who find themselves in need and help to mitigate the many health impacts of the pandemic.

Sincerely,

*Michael Hartman*

Michael Hartman  
Executive Director



January 6, 2023

Town of Lowell  
2170 VT Rte 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Lowell Selectboard members and Residents of Lowell,

This year, the Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) celebrated 25 years working to protect and improve water quality! As a non-profit organization, it is thanks to our volunteers – which include school groups, teachers, paddlers, and farmers, to name just a few – that we succeed in our mission to identify and address issues that affect water quality in the Missisquoi River and its tributaries.

MRBA Projects and Programs:

**Ecological restoration, streambank stabilization, and river clean-up efforts:** During 2022, as in most years, MRBA volunteers assisted with tree plantings (an additional 1300 trees were planted along streams and the river during 2022!), helped pull trash from our riverbanks, and assisted with our continued study of non-chemical ways to combat Japanese knotweed.

**Water quality sampling:** MRBA staff and volunteers also collected water quality samples from 10 locations within our watershed during 2022; monitoring stream health throughout our region.

**Assisting farmers and landowners:** In addition to implementing projects (tree plantings, bank stabilizations, water bars, combating invasive species), we also conducted several site assessments this year. These are designed to help landowners understand what water may be doing on their property, and some ways to mitigate or improve their relationship with runoff.

**Educational programs:** We love providing hands-on educational opportunities to students through our watershed model, rainfall simulator, and Bugworks program. In 2022, we were pleased to help bring back Lake Lessons, a half-day water-focused field trip for area 4<sup>th</sup> graders; we also are assisting in a year-long educational experience, called Winds, Waves, and Variables, for the Lowell School and several other of our watershed schools.

We respectfully request the Town's support of MRBA through a \$200 donation so that we may continue to serve our community with these programs. Your appropriation will help us continue to provide programs, assist landowners, and will help us grow our team so that we may better serve our watershed towns.

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 2023 request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'John Little'.

John Little, MRBA President

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**Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA)**  
2839 VT Route 105 East Berkshire, VT 05447

Tel: (802) 393-0076 E-mail: [lindsey@mrbavt.com](mailto:lindsey@mrbavt.com) Website: [www.mrbavt.com](http://www.mrbavt.com)

November 7, 2022

Town of Lowell Select Board,

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 older Vermonters living in your community. Your support is vitally important as we continue to face challenges due to the increased costs for food and fuel, and the increasing need to protect and feed elder Vermonters.

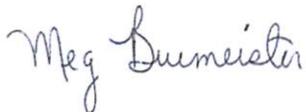
The NEK Council on Aging serves as a central guide for older Vermonters to gain services and assistance in their communities. In FY 2022, the Council aided **over 4,350 residents of the Northeast Kingdom** and with our congregate and home-delivered meals program, **delivered 224,343 meals**. We also offer a Helpline; Medicare counseling and Bootcamp; 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 14 meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. 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 over 320 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 43 years. This year, we are requesting the amount of \$300 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 and a copy of our 2022 Annual Report.

Suggested wording for the warning article for town meeting follows: *"Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$300 to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to older Vermonters in the ensuing year."*

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

Warm regards on behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the NEK Council on Aging,



Meg Burmeister  
Executive Director  
[www.nekcouncil.org](http://www.nekcouncil.org)

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.

March 2023

For over 44 years, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging has been a valued and trusted resource for older Vermonters to age independently, their way. Our mission is to deliver the person-centered support necessary for our older Vermonters to sustain their independence and live well in their communities.

Our valuable services include a Helpline, Medicare counseling and Bootcamp, specially-trained staff who help people develop long-range planning as they age, exercise and mobility programs, family and caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support with aging in place, as well as assistance in applying for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs.

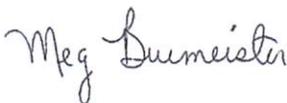
Our nutrition programs partially fund 14 meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide solutions for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. In addition, our work is supplemented by over 320 volunteers who serve as home-delivered meal drivers, wellness program leaders, friends who make neighborly check-in phone calls, and home-based caregivers.

Our service area extends across the entire Northeast Kingdom, all Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties. During this past year, 3 residents of Lemington used the services of our organization to meet their needs. People called our Helpline for assistance with caregiving and programs such as 3SquaresVT, Medicaid and Medicare, our e-learning portals Trualta and GetSetUp, fuel assistance, and transportation, among other services. Our website [www.nekcouncil.org](http://www.nekcouncil.org) provides information on many of our programs and services.

We sincerely thank the residents of Lemington for your continued support to make a difference in the lives of your residents who are often the most vulnerable. As a private non-profit, we are able to remain independent and put the focus on our clients who need unbiased assistance.

If you have a friend or family member who may benefit from our services, please contact us. We're just a phone call away at the Helpline: 800-642-5119 or (802) 748-5182.

In gratitude,



Meg Burmeister  
Executive Director

The staff at the NEK Council on Aging wish to extend a special note of thanks to all the residents of the towns that supported us with an appropriation or donation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Requests for our services increased substantially and we remain grateful for the support of our friends in the Northeast Kingdom as we continue to help elder Vermonters to age positively.

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Toll free 800-696-4979

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Toll free 800-649-0118

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



NORTHEAST  
KINGDOM  
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SERVICES

Serving the NEK  
since 1960

November 30, 2022

Town of Lowell Select Board  
2170 VT RT 100  
LOWELL, VT 05847  
cpion@lowelltown.org

RE: 2023 Town Meeting Appropriation Request

Dear Town of Lowell Select Board and Community Members:

The professional employees at Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. follow their mission to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support. We ask you to financially support our mission and agency by including the following article in your 2023 Town Meeting Warning.

**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 support community members who cannot otherwise afford care?

This request is the same amount as voted at the 2022 Town Meeting.

A Fiscal Year 2022 Summary Activity Report of how Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS) supported your town and the Northeast Kingdom is included with this letter.

For more information about our agency and services, please visit our website at <https://www.nkhs.org>, or call our offices in Derby (802-334-6744) or St. Johnsbury (802-748-3181). Emergency Services are available 24/7.

We strive to respond to community needs with quality care.

Respectfully,

Kelsey Stavseth, Executive Director  
Northeast Kingdom Human Services Board of Directors and Leadership Team

Contact Ruth Marquette at [RMarquette@nkhs.net](mailto:RMarquette@nkhs.net) regarding appropriation questions.

*We're all about being human.*

## Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.

55 Seymour Lane, Suite 11

Newport, VT 05855

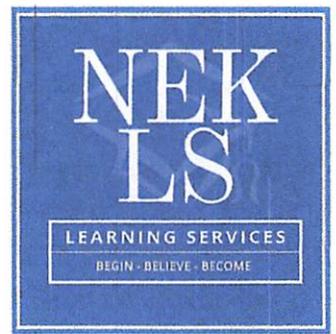
1-844-GO NEKLS(466-3557) / toll free

(802) 334-6532 / phone

(802) 334-6555 / fax

info@neklsvt.org

www.NEKLSVT.org



November 18, 2022

Town of Lowell,

Since the late 1960s, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (NEKLS) has served the residents of Orleans, Essex, and Caledonia counties. NEKLS began in one location in Newport, and has since expanded to provide free services in five Community Learning Centers as well as various off-site and in-home educational programs. Residents of these counties who have accessed NEKLS services have worked toward obtaining a high school diploma or GED, gained job skills, and prepared for college courses, in addition to continuing support for the Orleans and Northern Essex County Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Community groups like NEKLS continue to face financial difficulties due to state and federal budget constraints. The hundreds of community members we interact with each year depend on town appropriations to keep programs free and help them achieve their goals. Funding supports the introduction of new educational options as well as the maintenance of current high-quality programs. NEKLS is asking for a \$250.00 town appropriation to fund programs that are available to locals.

In 2019, NEKLS added Ready, Set, Grow Child Care Center, which is licensed for 98 children and cares for infants (6 weeks old) to school-age children year round (up to age 12). Bringing this childcare center to the community was a transformative project that included a partnership with NEKCA Head Start to create a spectacular center that recently earned 5 STARS in Vermont's Child Care Rating System.

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,

*Michelle Faust*

Michelle Faust

Executive Director

Enclosure: NEKLS Appropriations Infographic

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

***Newport (802)334-6535 / St. Johnsbury (802)748-5624 / Hardwick (802)472-3183 / Island Pond (802)723-1134 / Canaan (802)274-2608***



To the Voters of Lowell:

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has long been a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. As a 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 again requesting annual dues from our member communities. These funds are critical, as they allow us to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage additional state and federal funds that benefit our region.

While local governance becomes more complex, our talented staff remains available to assist your community. Throughout 2022, we continued helping local government and businesses navigate the ongoing challenges resulting from the pandemic, including pursuing new opportunities to aid in regional recovery. We continued assisting communities and businesses with ARPA funding and other state and federal recovery resources. Our regular services continued as well, including:

- Land use planning & regulation;
- Transportation studies and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS services;
- Grant writing and administration;
- Direct business support, referrals, and lending to employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning to help communities meet evolving statutory requirements;
- Planning for natural hazards and local emergency response;
- Brownfield assessments and remediation assistance;
- Economic development activities to grow and strengthen businesses in our region;
- Training for local officials.

How have we served your community? In 2022, NVDA staff helped the town to update the expired town plan. Under our transportation work we conducted traffic counts on some of the town roads. We also helped the town with Grants In Aid and in emergency planning and preparation.

Municipal contributions to NVDA have remained the same since 2016. This year, however, the NVDA Board has approved the first of three small adjustments that will occur over a five-year period to lessen the impact on municipal budgets. In 2023, dues will increase to \$0.85 per capita (from \$0.75), with a maximum of \$3,965 and a minimum of \$565. We take great pride in serving the communities and businesses of the NEK. This additional contribution allows us to continue providing a high level of professional service. We take pride in keeping 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

## Request for 2023 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:           \$754

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 \$754 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.**



42 Central St. 101

PO Box 1133

Newport, VT 05855

802.334.6002

Meghan.Gyles@partner.vermont.gov

OCCAC/SIU Town Report FY 22

Dear Citizens of Lowell,

The Orleans County Children's Advocacy Center / Special Investigations Unit is a non-profit organization dedicated to investigating, prosecuting, and providing victim advocacy services for victims of sexual violence, child physical and sexual abuse, and crimes against vulnerable adults. The OCCAC/SIU represents a collaborative partnership between the Orleans County State's Attorney's Office, Vermont State Police, the Orleans County Sheriff's Department, Newport Police Department, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, North Country Hospital and the Department for Children and Families, as well as various therapeutic service providers.

In fiscal year 2022, the OCCAC/SIU was involved in 60 investigations throughout Orleans County related to allegations of physical and sexual abuse against children and 3 investigations related to allegations of sexual violence against adult victims. Town funds supplement our state funds and help us to support our investigators in effectively investigating incidents, our victim advocate in helping victims from your community through this very difficult process, and the State's Attorney's office in attaining justice. Our goal is to prevent further trauma to the victims by providing a safe, non-threatening, family friendly space to meet and explore allegations of abuse. Members of our Team receive specialized training to investigate these sensitive cases.

The OCCAC/SIU is an associate member with the National Children's Alliance (NCA). As the accrediting agency for Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) across the county, NCA awards various levels of accreditation and membership to centers responding to allegations of child sexual and severe physical abuse. This designation means we meet rigorous national standards that ensure these allegations are investigated and prosecuted effectively and efficiently, while providing coordinated support services to victims and their families.

The Orleans County Children's Advocacy Center / Special Investigations Unit is requesting funds in the amount of \$250 to continue our efforts in supporting families in your community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Meghan Gyles, 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 28,2022

Dear Lowell Voters,

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA) was founded in 1988 to promote friendships between individuals with developmental disabilities and community volunteers. Through one to one matches, we help our members build empowering relationships where each person is respected, included,and heard.

In the last few years, in order to address challenges of isolation and loneliness brought on by the covid pandemic, we have attempted to increase meaningful opportunities for community inclusion by offering a variety of in-person and online activities. However, we continue to face obstacles to meeting the diverse unmet needs of people with disabilities in our communities.

To address these needs, OCCA has begun a brand-new program to create a "hotline" for anyone in Orleans County with developmental disabilities (or their caregivers) to call for help. Our goal is to assist people who may fall through the cracks between what private and public support networks provide. We intend to get the hotline up and running in the beginning of 2023 with a robust publicity campaign. We will periodically evaluate and adjust our program to ensure effectiveness. We encourage anyone who is interested in volunteering for any of our programs to contact us.

Since its inception, OCCA has continued to function without any federal or state funding. We have a small budget and low overhead. 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 an appropriation of \$200.

Best Wishes,

Rich Ossias and Ann Stannard

Co-Chairs, OCCA Board of Directors

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL APPROPRIATE \$200 TO ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN  
ADVOCACY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH  
SEEK TO PROVIDE SUPPORT, ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FOR  
INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN ORLEANS COUNTY.

# 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)

The Orleans County Fair Association is proud to have served this community by hosting the Orleans County Fair since 1867, 156 years this year!

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!

This past year we used our donations to maintain our grounds and replacing tables and chairs in our floral hall area. We are also working on funding to assist us with making our barn area better and the area of the barns to allow more exhibitors and spectators to enjoy the area. 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.



December 13th, 2022

Orleans County Historical Society  
dba Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village  
109 Old Stone House Road  
Orleans, VT 05860-9557

Town of Lowell, Vermont

Dear Select Board Members:

The mission of the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village is simple yet essential: Preservation, Education, Inspiration. It is carried out each day by ensuring our heritage remains relevant to our community. Our organization brings local history to life each year for thousands of visitors; seniors, adults and children alike. We are proud to continue loyally serving our community with high-quality programming, events and research opportunities.

Since 1917, the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village has worked to preserve and share the rich history of our corner of the world. The historic village 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.

This year we've increased outreach to our community through additional educational programming and affordable or free events. We continue to give tours to visitors through the season. Our onsite lodging options (airbnb, Harvest Host and Hip Camp) bring tourists from all over the map to Orleans County. Our collections team avails our rich and extensive collections representing our local history and families to the public year around.

Support from the towns in our community plays an important role in helping the entire site 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 programs, and direct the selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same."

Our year-end financial report will be submitted on the first of January. I respectfully submit this request and thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Molly Veysey, Executive Director  
Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village



# 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 10, 2022

Town of Lowell  
Lowell Town Office  
2170 VT Rt 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Re: Request for town appropriation

Dear Lowell Voters,

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2023 warning for the Town Meeting:

Article: Shall the Town of Lowell vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Rural Community Transportation, Inc.** to provide services to residents of the Town of Lowell.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2022, RCT provided 818 rides to 27 residents of Lowell, traveling 26,189 miles at a total cost of \$20,024.53. RCT continued to provide safety-focused, demand-based rides in COVID-19 pandemic conditions without interruption in service.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match, and are therefore vital to RCT's operation.

We hope you will vote to fund this request, and RCT looks forward to continued service to the residents of Lowell.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessy M Pelow".

Jessy M Pelow  
Office Administrator



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### **Special Appropriation Recipient Report**

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT), is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which has provided public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, and Essex Counties since 1991, and now serves Lamoille County. RCT operates fare-free shuttle and commuter bus routes, allowing connections between towns in our region and the ability to travel throughout Vermont and beyond. RCT also provides demand-response transportation services under several programs, such as Medicaid, the Elderly & Disabled program, and Rides 2 Wellness.

RCT runs four commuter routes to enhance access to employment, connecting Morrisville to the towns of Barre and Waterbury, and St. Johnsbury to Montpelier and to Littleton. We operate three shuttle routes tying Morrisville, Newport/Derby, and St. Johnsbury/Lyndonville residents and nearby Vermonters to essential locations, from grocery stores to medical centers. Shopping routes provide similar service spanning Morrisville and Stowe in the west, Newport and surrounding towns in the north, and Lyndon to New Hampshire in the east. Our neighbors who utilized over 130,000 rides in FY2022 have expressed their gratitude and noted their dependence on our services.

As COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed and Vermont moves forward, RCT remains committed to providing safe, reliable, accessible, and affordable transportation, and continues to be responsive to the safety needs of riders, including those who may not have another means of pandemic-sensitive transportation.

RCT gratefully benefits from a robust and growing volunteer program, with sixty volunteers providing rides to neighbors and those needing non-shuttle transportation to access vital services. We depend on our volunteers to help meet the needs of their neighbors near and far.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match, and are therefore crucial to RCT's operations. Your generosity allows RCT to transform your funding into the ability to thrive, grow, and provide your community with reliable quality transportation service.



Cultivating a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression

December 12, 2022

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

Dear Christy,

We at Umbrella thank you and your town voters for supporting our agency services in the past. We are asking for your support again to be added to the 2023 Town Meeting Warning.

Shall the Town of Lowell vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$825 for the support of Umbrella to provide services to residents of the Town?

Please find that we have sent the town report and financials with this request and we would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Amanda Cochrane  
Executive Director



Activity Report for Lowell  
Fiscal Year 2023 \* July 2022 – June 2023  
Town Appropriation Request: \$825

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 FY22, we provided 1865 youth with educational workshops throughout our 17 school partners. We provided 214 adults with educational programs through 12 workshops and 5 advocacy training sessions.
- **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 FY22, 633 individuals received direct advocacy, 65 adults and 39 children were housed in our emergency shelters as a result of fleeing domestic or sexual violence and 25 people 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 Northeast Kingdom 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 FY22, KCCC served 732 families and the Family Room worked with 50 families, serving 70 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 FY22 as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged and prepared 30,453 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 14 households in Lowell were served by Umbrella in Fiscal Year 2022 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  
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December 21, 2022

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 for 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, designs installations, and finds financial resources to support the costs of construction. During the **25+ years** of the program, almost **1200 grants** totaling over **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation 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 several 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, and upgrades of existing 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 2022 was **\$285,901**, of which **\$165,422** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **27 rural fire protection projects** throughout Vermont. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Division of Fire Safety of 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

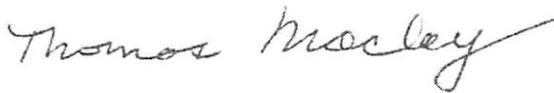
grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2022, we received over \$9,000 in town appropriations from over 90 towns. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

216 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 and W-9 from VACD in case they are required. VACD's tax form 990 is also available upon request. 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)

Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person for Town Appropriation business  
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program  
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Jill Arace, Executive Director  
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**Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:**

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department  
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone  
Walter Bothfeld, Jr., Cabot Volunteer Fire Department  
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1  
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety, Department of Public Safety  
Christine Kaiser, Stowe, VT  
Lars Lund, VT Department of Forest Parks & Recreation  
Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders Office



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

12/9/2022

Town of Lowell  
Christy Pion  
Clerk-Treasurer  
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 help, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) has completed another successful year. Thank you for your ongoing support!

It costs VABVI approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each adult client. In FY22 VABVI served 1,145 clients in the state of Vermont, including 1 adult and 1 student in Lowell, and 29 adults and 13 students in Orleans County.

An estimated 14,000 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. We anticipate that the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future. Our neighbors, family and friends are among those who may be coping with vision loss.

Last year local towns and cities provided us with over \$27,704 in support, which went directly to client services. We hope that Lowell 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 additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (802) 863-1358 ext. 219 or by e-mail at [sgougher@vabvi.org](mailto:sgougher@vabvi.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Samantha Gougher  
Development Associate

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So. Burlington, VT 05403  
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**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 2022 Fiscal Year saw the organization's continued success in adapting to the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

This is an excellent time for VABVI not only to reflect on changes from the past several years, but also set goals based on an increased number of clients and schools and other public environments being re-opened. As projected in recent years, the aging population of our state promises a continued increase of clientele. We believe that the innovations developed as a result of the pandemic are a demonstration of VABVI's ability to accommodate increased demand in even the least ideal circumstances. Moving forward, it is exciting to imagine the strides we will make in enabling blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be more independent, develop adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life.

**SMART Device Training Program:** The SMART Device Training Program has served a higher number of Vermont seniors each year we've offered it, especially because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to social distancing protocols, technology has become essential for our clients to be able to live independently while remaining social and connected to their communities. Clients who received technology training prior to COVID-19 have reported that the skills learned in this program have been invaluable throughout the pandemic, and clients who sought out our help during the pandemic will continue to use SMART Technology in the future.

**PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning and Support) Group:** PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. While PALS groups have been operating remotely via Zoom and telephone over the past two years, arrangements are being made to resume in-person meetings by the end of 2022.

**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, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This year's camp took place in Upstate New York at Six Flags Great Adventure Lodge and nearby attractions such as rail biking and bowling.

In FY22 VABVI served 1,145 clients in the state of Vermont, including 1 adult and 1 student in Lowell, and 29 adults and 13 students in Orleans County.

For more information about VABVI's services or volunteer opportunities, please contact Samantha Gougher, Development Associate, at [sgougher@vabvi.org](mailto:sgougher@vabvi.org). Thank you very much for your support!

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December 14, 2022

Christy Pion Town Clerk  
Town of Lowell  
2170 VT RTE. 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Ms. Pion 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 FY'22.

Annual support from over 140 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 or other locations; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people with disabilities 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).

This past year VCIL spent **\$3,600.00** on home modifications and **\$450.00** on meals for residents of Lowell. **We are requesting \$90.00 from the town** 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'23 budget.

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

Sincerely,



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

Enclosures

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000**  
**TOWN OF LOWELL**  
**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Request Amount: \$90.00**

For over 43 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'22 (10/2021-9/2022) 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 **158** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **6** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **172** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **80** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **91** individuals with information on assistive technology; **39** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **454** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **29** people and provided **16** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served over 600 people in the 2 years it was funded. The Rise Program helped provide an array of items or services if the needs were directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Franklin, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY'22, **2** residents of **Lowell** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)  
(over **\$400.00** spent on meals for residents)
- Home Access Program (HAP)  
(**\$3,600.00** spent on home modifications)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)



September 9, 2022

Lowell town  
2170 VT Rte. 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Select Board,

The mission of Vermont Family Network (VFN) is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P), merged, VFN has collectively served families across Vermont for more than 30 years. Vermont children, youth, and families are provided with a "one-stop shop" to help them reach their full potential. VFN gives a strong start, lifts family voices, and advances inclusive communities.

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 Lowell town where we have served many families to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we can 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 1,500 families yearly with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, an annual conference and more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches children and parents about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Each year over 10,000 school children and adults benefit from these educational programs and workshops.

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 Vermont families. Please feel free to reach out to me at [Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org](mailto:Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org), or my cell phone at 301-509-2435 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claire Giroux-Williams".

Claire Giroux-Williams  
Development Manager  
Vermont Family Network



Town of Lowell  
cpion@lowelltown.org

November 26, 2022

Dear Town of Lowell Select Board,

The North Country Friends Group of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra appreciates the Town of Lowell for supporting *SymphonyKids* programs for the children in your town. *SymphonyKids* is an outreach program with a mission to engage children in classical music through audience participation and encourage students to develop a lifelong enthusiasm for music.

It is our understanding that the Select Board can make the decision to add our request for an appropriation of \$100.00 to the 2023 Town Meeting Warning. We hope that you will consider sharing this letter and Article with town voters.

**Article: Shall the Town of Lowell voters approve the sum of \$100.00 as an appropriation to the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's educational and youth access programs?**

*SymphonyKids* involves a number of youth music education programs which benefit our youth in the Northeast Kingdom. We visited and drew students from communities across the NEK including Barnet, Brighton, Burke, Glover, Greensboro, Hardwick, Newport, North Troy, Walden, Waterford, Woodbury, and Wolcott during the financial year.

- 320 kids (elementary and middle school) attended the VSO's **Musicians in Schools** programs, which took place in both schools and libraries. These 45-minute concerts highlight the connection between STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and music with live performances by a trio of musicians and a storyteller.
- 12 high school chorus students from Lake Region Union High School are training and will participate in our December 2022 **Brass Quintet and Counterpoint concert** in Newport.
- 68 kids (ages 1-17) took part in our **Musical Petting Zoo** at Burke Mountain during the July 2022 Summer Festival Tour concert performance and received reduced price tickets.
- 11<sup>th</sup> grader Maaiké Dam from Kirby was the winner of our October 2022 **MasterClef** student music composition competition



# VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Jaime Laredo, Music Director

2 Church Street, Suite 3B | Burlington, Vermont 05401 | 802-864-5741 ~ 800-VSO-9293 | [vso.org](http://vso.org)

The 2023 appropriation from your town will go towards the VSO's general education work in the NEK and access to VSO performances for young people in the community. Your support in providing access to classical music for ALL children is greatly appreciated! Should you have questions about this appropriation request, please contact me at 802-673-2447 or [raamarq@hotmail.com](mailto:raamarq@hotmail.com). For more information about the VSO, visit their website at <https://www.vso.org/>.

Thank you!

Ruth Marquette, on behalf of the North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra  
15 Taylor Street, Newport, VT 05855



*Musicians in Schools string trio at Hardwick Elementary*



*Musical Petting Zoo at Burke Mountain with the VSO's Summer Festival Tour concert*



*Kirby-based student Maaiké Dam (center) with student finalists and composer Matthew Evan Taylor for VSO's MasterClef competition*

# LETTER FROM THE JAY FOODSHELF

A very special thanks to everyone who donated time, food, and money to the Jay Food Shelf. With 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 noon or email [kim.lucier1961@gmail.com](mailto:kim.lucier1961@gmail.com).

For those 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 or online via PayPal thru the Jay Focus Group: [www.jayfocusgp.com](http://www.jayfocusgp.com).

Thanks to all who helped make the program a success. A special thanks to Berry Creek Farm for the 2022 season in kind donations. Many thanks to those individuals/businesses/organizations who did food drives and/or donated food directly to the Food Shelf and to the many individuals/businesses/organizations for their generous donations, which included Vermont Food Bank, Rozelle Inc, Intershack, Jay Focus Group, Hannaford, and the towns of Lowell, Westfield, Jay, and Troy.

Thanks to your help, in 2022 The Jay Area Food Shelf served approximately 225 households in the towns of Jay, Lowell, North Troy, Troy & Westfield.

Kim Lucier, Director



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46 Lakemont Road Newport, Vermont 05855

Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

June 14, 2022

TO: Selectmen/Aldermen - Town of Lowell  
FROM: Lyne B. Limoges, Executive Director  
RE: Article for Warning - 2023 Town Meeting (Suggested format)

Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. respectfully requests that the following article be warned for Town Meeting 2023:

#### ARTICLE FOR WARNING

To see if the Town of Lowell will vote to 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 Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency.

Skilled Nursing  
Occupational Therapy  
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## SERVICE REPORT FY 2022 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 2022 .....	41,113
Total Visits FY 2022 - Town of Lowell.....	1,060

During Fiscal Year 2022, home based services were provided to 32 individuals in Lowell for a total of 1,060 multi-disciplinary visits. 9 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2023.....\$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



Jennifer L. Harlow  
Sheriff

**ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

PO BOX 355  
NEWPORT, VT 05855

Telephone  
(802) 334-3333

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(802) 334-3307

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December 1, 2022

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department would like to ask the Town of Lowell to consider the following appropriation of \$12,064.00 to allow for police services in your town for the contractual year of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department would like to be given the opportunity to continue working with the residents of Lowell.

Respectfully,

*Jennifer Harlow*

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow



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The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has been honored to provide the Town of **Lowell** with patrol services this past year. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 through December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has had the opportunity to work this past year with the United States Marshal's, ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms), DEA (Department of Drug Enforcement Agency), United States Border Protection/Customs, Homeland Security Investigations, Vermont Drug Task Force, Newport Police Department and Vermont State Police in an effort to make our community a safer place to live and a pleasurable place to come and visit. We will continue to work with our Federal and Local partners to continue with the effort to fight back against violence occurring within our community.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department continues to be supplemented by the Newport Police Department for dispatching services for nights and weekends. We all continue to be very pleased with the level of service that has been afforded to this department and the towns we serve.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department participates in the Governor Highway Safety Program and look forward to providing the added coverage to our community in 2023.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department currently has a Deputy assigned to Lake Region Union High School as their School Resource Officer. Deputy Morrill has done extremely well in the position and has built wonderful relationships with students, staff and families.

We continue to work in partnership with the Newport Restorative Justice Board to maintain a "Drug Take-back" box in our lobby at the Sheriff's Department. The Department has collected approximately 220 lbs of prescriptions in 2022. We also participate with Wal-Mart and Kinney Drugs in Derby on National Drug Take Back Day. Each year this program, in cooperation with the DEA, is responsible for getting hundreds of pounds of drugs out of medicine cabinets and off the street and properly disposed of by incineration.

In December the Sheriff's Department celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Operation Santa". We received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and community members. **Thank you!** The program helped bring a happy holiday season to over **311** children in our community. We want to once again thank our own Tammy Lacourse who works tirelessly all year to make this a success. If you know of a family or child (children) in need throughout the year with clothing or other needs please contact your school to let them know, if not please contact the Orleans County Sheriff's Department to see if we can help.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer L. Harlow*

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

**Town of Lowell - Total Incident Report**

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Accident	4
Agency Assist	3
Citizen Assist	2
Citizen Dispute	1
Civil Process	23
Civil Standby	1
Directed Patrol	1
Juvenile Problem	1
Larceny - from Building	1
Larceny - from Motor Vehicle	1
Property Check	1
Public Speaking	1
Sex Offender Registry Check	6
Subpoena Service	1
TRO/FRO Service	3
Traffic Stop	25
Vin Verification	2
Total Incidents for Town of Lowell	77

**Town of Lowell - Total Arrests Report**

Driving Under the Influence	1
Driving with a Criminally Suspended License	1
Total Arrests (by count) for Town of Lowell	2
Total Arrests (by person) for Town of Lowell	2

**Town of Lowell - Total Traffic Violation Report**

Total Traffic Tickets	14
Total Warnings	20

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



NEK Broadband had a successful and busy year. Construction continued throughout 2022, and customers in Concord, Waterford, and Lunenburg were connected to our fiber-optic internet network! We prepared multiple grant applications, received significant funding from a multitude of sources, and were able to procure and purchase a majority of the materials needed to continue construction throughout our district.

## PREPARING FOR CONSTRUCTION

- We purchased over 700 miles of fiber optic cable.
- More than \$2 million in hardware and equipment was ordered.
- We submitted the necessary applications to eight electric and communication utility companies, giving us access to more than 12,000 utility poles spread over 500 miles of roadways in 24 towns. We are now able to prepare these poles for installation.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

2022 Budget to Actual (Projected)			2023 Proposed Budget	
NEK BROADBAND	BUDGET	ACTUAL (Projected)		\$145,018
Administrative Grant Revenue	\$494,750	\$762,965	Projected Surplus from 2022	
Operations Revenue	\$203,000	\$49,138	Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,252,718
Capital Grant Revenue	\$26,005,250	\$5,555,444	Operations Revenue	\$747,767
<b>Total Cash In</b>	<b>\$28,703,000</b>	<b>\$6,377,587</b>	Capital Grant Revenue	\$28,785,288
Administrative Cost	\$494,750	\$617,969	<b>Total Cash In</b>	<b>\$31,930,789</b>
Operational Cost	\$215,900	\$97,353	Administrative Cost	\$1,847,193
Construction Cost	\$25,705,000	\$5,555,444	Operational Cost	\$588,601
<b>Total Cash Out</b>	<b>\$26,415,650</b>	<b>\$6,280,766</b>	Construction Cost	\$28,785,288
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$403,134	\$96,801	<b>Total Cash Out</b>	<b>\$31,219,081</b>
Increase in Capital Assets	\$25,705,000	\$5,555,444	Annual Net Cash Flow	\$711,707
			<b>Increase in Capital Assets</b>	<b>\$28,785,288</b>



## GRANTS & FINANCING

- This year, the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved \$8,023,915 in Pre-Construction Grants and \$20,865,889 in Construction Grants.
- We secured American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Recovery Funds from 13 towns, totaling \$941,750 plus an added \$941,750 in matching funds from the VCBB.
- We secured and completed a USDA Rural Business Development Grant to build seven miles, serving 90 premises.

## BUILDING CAPACITY

- We hired three full-time employees in 2022, and are in the process of hiring additional staff.
- Contracts have been finalized with all major construction and operations companies.
- We secured warehouses in both Saint Johnsbury and Brighton.

## CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE PROJECTED GROWTH BY YEAR



**432**  **SERVICE AVAILABILITY**

OUR SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO 432 ADDRESSES IN CONCORD, WATERFORD, AND LUNENBURG.

**36**  **MILES BUILT**

IN 2022, WE BUILT 36 MILES OF OUR NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE NEK BROADBAND DISTRICT.

## ABOUT NEK BROADBAND

We are a Communications Union District (CUD), a municipal entity representing our 51 member communities in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, plus Wolcott in Lamoille County. Our district is building high-speed broadband internet infrastructure for underserved communities in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

## SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, fill out the form at [get.nekbroadband.org](http://get.nekbroadband.org).

## Newport Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns in Essex and Orleans Counties in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, the Newport Local Health Office:

**Protected communities from COVID-19:** Since the pandemic began three years ago our doors have remained open, and we've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. We provided vaccine, testing, and information, along with other key public health services.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In collaboration with community partners, since COVID-19 response efforts began, we hosted over 70 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 7,370 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

**Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies:** We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members.

**Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved:** We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools without access, shelters, meal, and food distribution sites, farms, and more.

**Collaborated with Town Health Officers around environmental health:** To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about environmental health including lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at [www.healthvermont.gov/environment](http://www.healthvermont.gov/environment).

**Provided WIC services and resources to families and children:** Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,068 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at [www.healthvermont.gov/wic](http://www.healthvermont.gov/wic).

**Supported student health and youth empowerment:** According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 59% percent of students in Essex County and 45% in Orleans County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." The state average is 58%. Regionally, efforts like mentoring and after-school enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

**Promoted health in all policies:** Health is not just individual behaviors and access to care, it's also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We worked with towns, schools, worksites, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.

# MINUTES OF THE LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2022

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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 **Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

- The Lowell Town Meeting was called to order at 10:02 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 read the announcements notifying the voters of the normal announcements of the Town Meeting.
- Alden reviewed the Roberts Rules of conduct to be adhered to throughout the meeting.

## **TOWN MEETING:**

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

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

**ARTICLE 2:** *To HEAR and ACT upon reports of TOWN OFFICERS.*

- **TOWN REPORT ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN, WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS BY VOICE VOTE.**
- Becky DiZazzo, Town Treasurer, announced some corrections that had been brought to her attention before town meeting. She had announced that the Fire department financials were missing so she included a separate page to be put in the book after it was published. There was an error in the Archie Powers fund and Becky explained that she had forgotten to add the interest and gave what the number should have been. Becky also explain that we never sent last year's Jr. Hoop money to the school but will be sending a check this year along with this year's request.
- Jennifer Blay spoke up to announce that the date of the F.O.L.K. Festival had been changed from September 17<sup>th</sup> to September 24, 2022.

**ARTICLE 3:** *To ELECT the following OFFICERS required by law:*

- a. **SELECT PERSON**                      3-year term
- Gerry Nick- nominated.
- Gordon Spencer-nominated-declined nomination
- Jennifer Blay-nominated

- Stephen Clark-nominated
- Ben Willey- nominated
- **Nominees were asked to be heard from.** Nominees said a few words before the first round of paper ballot votes.
- **Results by paper ballot:** 1<sup>st</sup> round of votes for nominees by paper ballot were Gerry Nick-79, Jennifer Blay-74, Ben Willey-10, and Stephen Clark-7. Ben Willey and Stephen Clark dropped out after the 1<sup>st</sup> round of paper ballot votes.
- **Results by paper ballot:** 2<sup>nd</sup> round of votes for nominees by paper ballot were Gerry Nick-77 and Jennifer Blay-80
- **JENNIFER BLAY-ELECTED**

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

- Calvin Allen-nominated
- A.J. Sicotte-nominated
- Candidates were asked to speak on their behalf.
- Alden asked Darren to step in for him as temporary Moderator so he could speak on the current road commissioner's behalf.
- **Results by paper ballot:** Calvin Allen-111 A.J. Sicotte-54
- **CALVIN ALLEN-ELECTED**
- Motion was made to suspend the rules and jump to Article 12 due to the fact the Sheriff had to leave the meeting by a certain time.
- Motion was made to pass over Article 12, voice vote was undetermined, show of hands was asked for, results of show of hands was, Yes-34, No-46
- Motion was made to hear from the Sheriff-no objections
- Sheriff Harlow spoke and answered questions from the voters.
- Motion was made to call the question, and seconded, voice vote/carried
- Request for paper ballot/show of hands requested by moderator/request granted by show of more than 7 hands.
- Results listed in Article 12.

**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



- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote.**

**ARTICLE 6:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 140,000.00 plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS?***

- Article moved and seconded.
- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote.**

**ARTICLE 7:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 33,000.00 for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT?***

- *Article moved and seconded*
- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 8:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 6,000.00 for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY?***

- Article moved and seconded.
- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote.**

**ARTICLE 9:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 3,000.00 for the **LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL** teams?*

- Article moved and seconded.
- **ARTICLE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 10:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 1,000.00 for the **JR. HOOP BASKETBALL** teams?*

- Article moved and seconded.
- **ARTICLE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 11:** *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
- **ARTICLE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **\$11,464.96** for contract services to the **ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** for law enforcement services and to direct the Select persons to assess a tax over and above the budget to sufficient to meet the same? This will be used for approximately 192 hours of routine patrols, answering complaints, and investigating incidents. It will also cover administrative expenses, including salaries, vehicle, benefits, liability Insurance, maintenance, gasoline, supplies, telephone costs, and crime prevention programs.

- **Article 12 was taken up during article 3: See article 3**
- **Results by paper ballot: Yes-64 No-33**

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
a)	\$250	\$250	to AMERICAN RED CROSS
b)	\$ 0	\$ 50	to FELINES & FRIENDS
c)	\$600	\$900	to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC.
d)	\$ 50	\$50	to GREEN UP VERMONT
e)	\$1000	\$1000	to LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
f)	\$200	\$200	to MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOC.
g)	\$300	\$300	to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
h)	\$1,758	\$1,758	to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
i)	\$200	\$200	to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.
j)	\$659	\$659	to NORTHEASTERN VT. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
k)	\$ 0	\$350	to ORLEANS COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
l)	\$ 0	\$500	to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
m)	\$500	\$500	to ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION-(OCFA)
n)	\$550	\$700	to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
o)	\$500	\$500	to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
p)	\$700	\$700	to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
q)	\$825	\$825	to UMBRELLA
r)	\$100	\$100	to VACD – VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
s)	\$200	\$200	to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
t)	\$90	\$90	to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
u)	\$0	\$250	to VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK
v)	\$0	\$100	to VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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**\$8,482.00    \$10,182.00    Totals for above appropriations**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Individual service reports printed throughout the town report.

- Motion was made and seconded to amend or modify the numbers back to 2021 appropriation amounts. Discussion followed.
- Motion was made to call the question. No second
- Motion was made and seconded to amend the main motion to modify the 2021 amounts that had 0 in 2021 to the following for 2022 : L to \$200, K to \$200, U to \$250, V to \$100, and B to \$50.
- Amendment carried by voice vote.
- The new total for appropriations is: \$9282.00
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 14:** *To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.*

- *Lyse McAllister made a suggestion of appropriating \$200 to the Lowell historical society next year.*
- *Lorin Warner made a request that the Town push the State to put a caution light at the 4-corner intersection in town.*
- *Lorin Warner also suggested that the towns people should get a petition going to maybe help the town get the caution light put in at the 4-corners.*

**ARTICLE 15:** *TO ADJOURN*

- The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting; voice vote / carried.
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:40 P.M.**

**Attest:**

MODERATOR: Alden Warner \_\_\_\_\_

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: Sadie Willey \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDING OFFICER: Christy M. Pion \_\_\_\_\_

*Received for recording in Town Proceeding Book*

*Attest: Christy M. Pion- Town Clerk*