

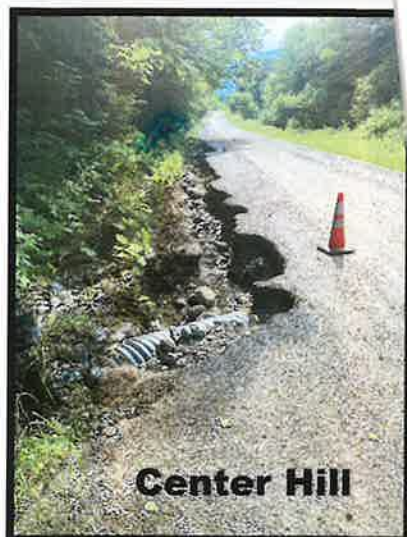
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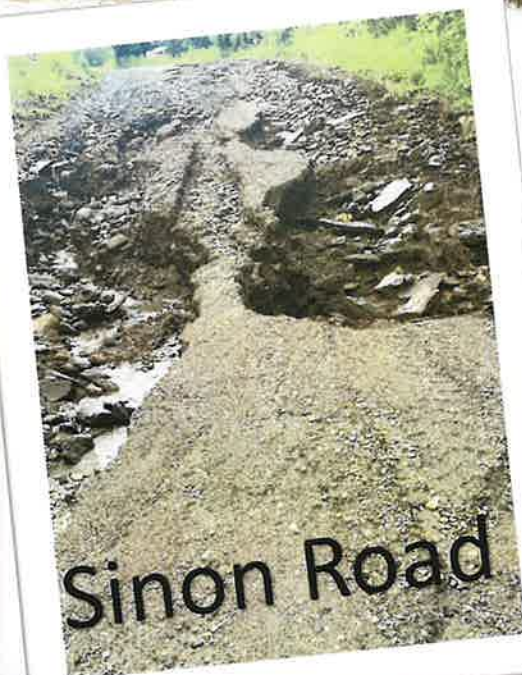
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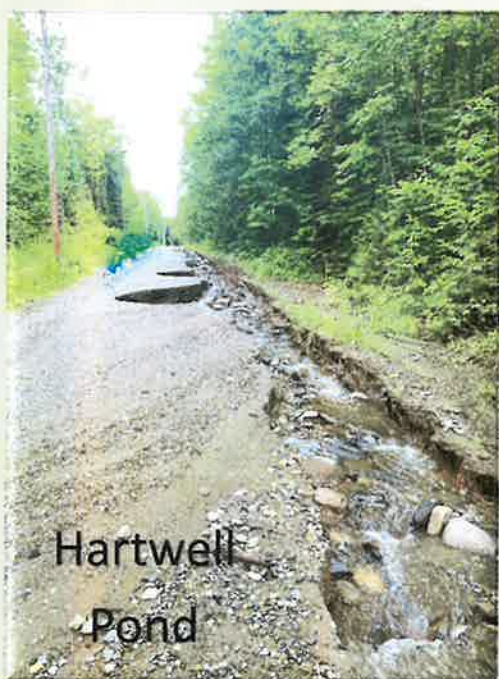
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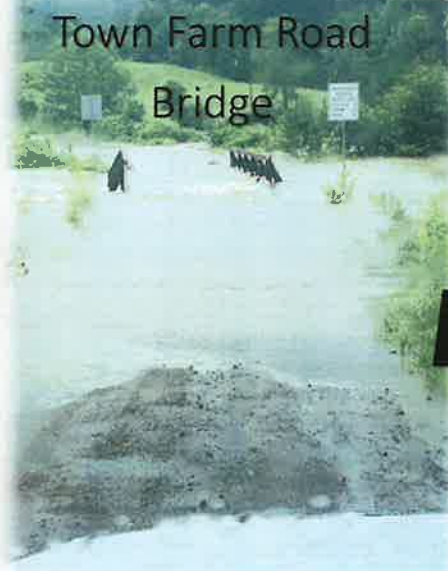
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**Hartwell
Pond**



**Town Farm Road
Bridge**

2023 Town of Albany, Vt. Annual Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 2023

OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF ALBANY
For the year ending December 31, 2022

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Auditor's Report

Year Ending 2023

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Albany for the year ending December 31, 2023. These financial statements are the responsibility of those Town Officers authorized by law to draw orders and keep accounts.

We reviewed all transactions in Town Bank Accounts, Selectboard Orders, Taxes Collected, Delinquent Taxes, Accounts Receivable, Journals, Ledgers, Fire Department Transactions, Town Allotted Funds and all other accounts held by the Town of Albany.

We reviewed all bills presented to the Selectboard for payment and accuracy to ensure they were properly signed and paid and we found that all financial accounts to be in order.

The following shows an overall financial report for the year ending December 31, 2023:

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Cash on Hand | \$ 540.831.89 |
| Plus Total Receipts | \$ 3,066,389.78 |
| Less Total Expenditures | \$ 2,957,089.38 |
| Plus Fire Department Funds | <u>\$ 35,000.00</u> |
| Total Ending cash on Hand | \$ 685,132.29 |
| Bank Errors Found | + 4.00 and - .04 |
| Checking account balance | \$ 685,136.25 |

Detailed Information included in the following Town Report.

We would like to thank Tonya Coderre for her support in our audits every month.

Respectfully submitted: January 18, 2024

Ruth Cross

Frank Jarvis

Jane Rayner

Treasurer's Report

Liabilities:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Orleans County Sheriff's Dept. | \$ 3,784.50 |
| Bond Principal & Interest Payment | 31,182.60 |
| Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Dept. | 50,909.97 |
| Albany Town Library | 15,538.44 |
| Cemetery Stone Repair | 404.30 |
| Memorial Day 2022 | 93.24 |
| Building Maintenance Money | 26,806.00 |
| Trash Fund | 10,174.62 |
| Recycling Fund | 435.02 |
| Cemetery Fund | 1,845.69 |
| Road Fund | 66,773.29 |
| Emergency Management Coordinator | 1,081.63 |
| Recycling Building Upgrade | 10,000.00 |
| Planning Commission Grant | 4,000.00 |
| General Fund | <u>6,697.03</u> |

Total Liabilities \$231,726.13

Assets:

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Delinquent Taxes -2021 | \$ 1,644.30 |
| Delinquent Taxes -2022 | 6,673.62 |
| Delinquent Taxes -2023 | 46,672.59 |
| Cash on Hand | <u>685,136.25</u> |

Total Assets \$740,126.76

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2023 \$411,240.51

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2024 \$508,400.63

Increase in Assets \$ 97,160.12

***\$42,565.19 of the Assests are the Town's 17.5 % Share of the July 2023 Flooding on the Line of Credit expense if FEMA pays out at 75 % and the State at 7.5 % as expected.

Town Officers

| | |
|---|---|
| Moderator | Gary Heath Mason |
| Town Clerk / Treasurer / Selectboard Minutes | Tonya Coderre |
| Assistant Clerk / Treasurer | Debra Ann Geoffroy |
| Select Board | Normand Inkel, 2024 |
| | Phillip Beaudry, 2025 |
| | Brian Goodridge, 2026 |
| Road Commissioner | Brian Goodridge |
| LR Union Elementary–Middle School District Board Members: | Neil Urie & Daniel Roock |
| Listers | Cathy Wilder, 2024 |
| | Susan Richardson, 2025 |
| | Michele Reed, 2026 |
| Auditors | Ruth Cross, 2024 |
| | Frank Jarvis, 2025 |
| | H. Jane Rayner, 2026 |
| Constable | Select Board |
| Delinquent Tax Collector | Debra Ann Geoffroy |
| Director of Lake Region Union High School | Richard Carbonetti |
| Justices of the Peace | Chad Tollman, Kelsey Crelin |
| | Cheryl Dewees, Anthony Daniels, Kathleen Sullivan(resigned) |

Appointees

| | |
|--|---|
| Select Board Chair | Brian Goodridge |
| Select Board Clerk | Tonya Coderre, Appointed |
| Select Board Administrative Assistant/Minutes | Terri Campbell |
| Sexton – Town Cemeteries | Richard Geoffroy |
| Town Fire Warden – Term Expires 6/30/2025 | Gary Heath Mason |
| Emergency Management Coordinator | Gary Heath Mason |
| Tree Warden | Christopher Daniels |
| Animal Control Officer and Pound Keeper | Kelly Carpenter |
| Town Health Officer – Term Expires 1/31/2025 | Pamela Krupa |
| 911 Coordinator | Cathy Wilder |
| Vermont town Forest Fire Warden – Term Expires 6/30/2025 | Gary Heath Mason |
| Planning Commission | S. Christopher Jacobs, Hannah Dreissigacker, 2024 |
| | Rob Dewees, Ed O’Leery, 2025 |
| NVDA Representative | Neil Urie, George Richardson, Amy Poirier, 2026 |
| NVDA Alternate | Vacant |
| NEKWMD board of Supervisors Representative | Nicholas Rivers |
| NEKWMD Board of Supervision Alternate | Vacant |
| Orleans Ambulance / Emergency Unit Rep | Laurie Perron |

**WARNING
TOWN MEETING 2024**

The legal voters of the Town of Albany are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Albany Town Hall, Tuesday, March 5, A.D. 2024 at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T. to act on the following articles to wit:

- Art. 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Art. 2. To hear and dispose of the Auditor's Report.
- Art. 3. Shall the Town of Albany assess a tax in the amount of \$ 15,921.00 for the Orleans County Sheriff's Department.
- Art. 4. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$ 33,438.07 for Ambulance Service to the Town. \$ 25,938.07 for Orleans Emergency Unit and \$ 7,500.00 for Glover Ambulance Squad.
- Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to have its taxes collected by the Town Treasurer with the Due Date being the second Wednesday in November 2024.
- Art. 6. To elect a Road Commissioner for a term of 1 year.
- Art. 7. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year.
- Art. 8. To elect all other officers required to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting.
- SELECT PERSON: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.
LISTER: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.
AUDITOR: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.
1ST CONSTABLE: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.
- Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$ 175,000.00 to defray all other expenses Of the Town not otherwise provided for. (General Fund)
- Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$ 335,000.00 for the maintenance of Class 2 & 3 Town Highways within the Town.
- Art. 11. Shall the Town establish a Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to be used for major repairs and replacement of town highway equipment, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 2804.

- Art. 12. If Article 11 is voted in the affirmative, will the Town raise the sum of \$ 30,000.00 for a Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of Blacktop.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for the summer maintenance of Class 4 roads within the Town.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for a Maintenance and Repair Fund for Town Buildings.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$ 35,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department Operating Budget.
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$ 5,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund.
- Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$ 18,000.00 for the maintenance of the Town Cemeteries & compensation for a Town Sexton.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of repairing or cleaning of Cemetery Headstones pursuant to V.S.A. Title 18, Section 5362 (a).
With voter approval each year the process of repair and cleaning will be ongoing.
- Art. 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
- Art. 21. To see if the Town raise the sum of \$ 7,500.00 to finance Recycling.
- Art. 22. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for upgrades to the Recycling Building as needed.
- Art. 23. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.
- Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$ 16,000.00 for the Albany Town Library.
- Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$ 5,000.00 for the support of
The Albany Food Share site of the Hardwick Area Food Pantry, to provide services
To residents of the Town through the Albany Food Share.
- Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to recommend that the Selectboard allow the Albany Food Share to continue to use the Albany Town Hall under terms and conditions agreed upon by the Selectboard and Albany Food Share.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 14,862.00 for appropriations as requested,
And direct the Select Board to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.

| PLACE | 2024 Request | 2023 Amount |
|--|--------------|---------------------------|
| Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging | \$ 450.00 | \$ 450.00 |
| VT Center for Independent Living | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Northeastern VT Development Association | 830.00 | 803.00 |
| Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. | 1,882.00 | 1,882.00 |
| Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Umbrella | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| VT Green Up, Inc. | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| American Red Cross, VT & NH Upper Valley Region | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| North Country Animal League | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Orleans County Historical Society | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Rural Community Transport | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Albany Historical Society | 1000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Craftsbury Community Care Center | 3500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Craftsbury Saplings | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| | 14,862.00 | \$ 14,862.00 14,835.00 |

Art. 28. Will the Town vote to exempt from taxation any land and buildings outside the Village Limits that are owned by the Albany Village Water Supply Company pursuant to Title 32, Section 3820 of V.S.A. This vote is good for 5 years.

Art. 29. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Art. 30. To Adjourn.

Dated at Albany, Vermont, January 23, 2023.

Br. Sood
Phillip B.
Norma J. Lee

Select Board, Town of Albany

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

ATTEST: Joseph Codore
Clerk, Town of Albany

RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING 2023

- Art. 1. Moderator- Gary Heath Mason – 1 Year term
- Art. 2. Auditors Report – Accepted
- Art. 3. Sheriff's Department Budget – Passed \$15,138.00
- Art. 4. Ambulance Services - Passed – Orleans \$24,356.27 / Glover - \$6,437.50
- Art. 5. Taxes to be Collected by Town Treasurer / Due Date – Passed / 2nd Wednesday of November
- Art. 6. Road Commissioner – Brian Goodridge – 1 Year
- Art. 7. Delinquent Tax Collector – Debra Ann Geoffroy – 1 Year Term
- Art. 8. Select Person – Brian Goodridge – 3 Year Term
 - Lister – Michele Reed – 3 Year Term
 - Auditor – H. Jane Rayner – 3 Year Term
 - 1st Constable – Selectboard – 1 Year Term
- Art. 9. General Fund – Passed - \$158,000.00
- Art. 10. Class 2 & 3 Town Highways – Passed - \$285,000.00
- Art. 11. Blacktop - Passed - \$20,000.00
- Art. 12. Class 4 Town Highways - \$10,000.00
- Art. 13. Town Building Maintenance Fund – Passed - \$10,000.00
- Art. 14. Fire Department Budget – Passed - \$ 35,000.00
- Art. 15. Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund - Passed - \$5,00.00
- Art. 16. Cemetery Maintenance - Passed - \$16,00.00
- Art. 17. Cemetery Headstone Maintenance - Passed - \$5,00.00
- Art. 18. Emergency Management Coordinator Trainings - Passed - \$400.00
- Art. 19. Authorize Selectboard to Borrow Money - Passed
- Art. 20. Recycling – Passed - \$6,500.00
- Art. 21. Recycling Building Upgrades - Passed - \$10,000.00
- Art. 22. Memorial Day - Passed - \$0.00
- Art. 23. Library - Passed - \$16,000.00
- Art. 24. Albany Food Share Site – Amended and Passed- \$5,000.00
- Art. 25. Appropriations – Passed - \$14,835.00

If you would like to see information on the various agencies listed in Article 25, please go to The Town Clerk's Office to request them.

Selectboard Message for 2023

Roads: 2023 was an extra challenging year for the Albany Road Crew. We started off work with a horrible mud season which turned into an extremely wet summer and major flooding in early July. Although parts and supplies have been a little easier to secure, we are still paying extremely high prices for everything we use and need to maintain our roads. We have added a part-time crew member in addition to our two full time crew members. This greatly helped with another small round of flooding and another mud season in late December. We appreciate everyone's patience in dealing with these challenges that seem to be the new normal, unfortunately.

Recycling/Trash: We are happy to announce that we have a dedicated attendant that started in August 2023, that has been doing a great job with everything. The Transfer Station's current hours of operation are Wednesdays 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. and Fridays 12 P.M. (noon) to 4 P.M. While we know these hours aren't convenient for everyone, people seem to be adjusting and the trash portion of the center is self-funding at this point. We will be offering (2) Bulky Days this year. They will be on May 25th and October 5th, 2024. We still plan on an upgrade to the Transfer Station building but with the flooding and cost of materials for construction we are hoping that it can be put out to bid and completed in the summer of 2024.

Cemeteries: Our Town Sexton, Richard Geoffroy, continues to do an excellent job with our cemeteries. Again, we have had more headstones cleaned and straightened, and selected large dead trees removed in some of our cemeteries in 2023.

July 2023 Flooding:

The Town of Albany was hit fairly hard by the July flooding. We had (24) roads so seriously impacted that we sought FEMA funding and reimbursement for their repairs. Of these roads, (7) were completely impassable for a short time. The Selectboard would like to thank the Road Crew and all the Subcontractors for having most of the roads passable within a day, even though they weren't all pretty. There is still work to be completed come spring; however, looking at the town-wide damage when the storm hit compared to what everything looks like now, we have come a long way! A \$400,000 line of credit was secured to make repairs from the unexpected damage costs. The Town has used \$250,000 of the total line of credit at this time. With the high interest costs, we hope to start seeing federal reimbursement money coming back to us by early summer on some of the completed roads. The Selectboard has engaged an engineer to find a solution for the structure on Shuteville Road to fix the ongoing washouts from the culvert being too small. We hope this will help and hopefully be funded with mostly FEMA funds.

Budget Requests for 2024

General Fund: Last year the Town raised \$158,000 for the General Fund. This year we will be requesting \$175,000. The major reason for this increase is the increase in the Town's share of taxes and retirement because of a few wage increases, an additional child tax that will take effect in July, and the cost of office supplies, utilities and administrative expenses increasing.

Road Budget: Last year the Town raised \$280,000 for the Road Budget. We will be asking for \$335,000 for this year. Inflation costs, wages (including hiring a new part-time road employee), and the interest the Town is paying for the line of credit due to the July flooding, are the main factors of the necessary increase in the Road Budget for 2024.

Blacktop: Last year we raised another \$20,000 for the Blacktop fund. In 2024 we will again be raising \$20,000. We are awaiting confirmation from the State, but we believe it is Albany's turn to receive State funds to do paving this year. The Blacktop Fund helps the Town pay our percentage/contribution share that is due by using state funds.

Class 4 Roads: Last year we raised \$10,000. We plan to remain level funded in 2024 and are asking for \$10,000 for Class 4 road maintenance.

Cemeteries: Last year we raised \$16,000. The Town will be requesting \$18,000 for the maintenance budget of the (6) Town cemeteries, and \$5,000 toward headstone maintenance. This increase in funds will allow for more tree removals in the cemeteries, as many trees are at risk of damaging stones.

Recycling: In 2023 the Town raised \$6,500 for the Recycling Budget. The budget request is increasing to \$7,500 for 2024. The increase will be for wages as well as other inflation driven anticipated costs. We will again be asking for an additional \$10,000 toward the Recycling Building upgrades. After consulting with a resident familiar with small construction projects, which are anticipated to happen on the Recycling Building, it was determined the costs will be higher than first projected. The Selectboard has received the permit from the Fire Marshall, so we hope to begin the bidding process for the project in Spring of 2024.

Equipment Replacement Fund: We are asking for a new funding category this year, *Equipment Replacement Fund*. This would be an account only to be used for purchasing major equipment that eventually wears out and needs to be replaced for the Town. We are asking for \$30,000 to create this fund. This account would be similar to how the Town used the *Good Neighbor Fund*, which is no longer being funded, and the remaining amount in the account is \$38,068.32.

We hope everyone has a good winter and look forward to seeing you on March 5th at Town Meeting.

Sincerely,

Brian Goodridge

Phillip Beaudry

Normand Inkel

SELECT BOARD'S REPORT

General Orders

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| School Tax | \$ 1,323,083.93 |
| Appropriations, Dues and Taxes | 130,408.42 |
| Salaries, Social Security & Medicare (Town Share) | 119,869.74 |
| Bond Loan-Principal & Interest to Bond Bank | 32,273.19 |
| Insurance | 23,664.50 |
| Trash Expense | 21,393.83 |
| Administrative Expense | 17,542.07 |
| ARPA Money-Town Hall Cupola Repair | 17,194.52 |
| Over Payment of Property Taxes | 13,104.02 |
| Cemetery Mowing (6 Town Cemeteries) | 11,592.00 |
| Reappraisal Fund-Grand List Maintenance | 6,743.50 |
| Recycling | 6,212.67 |
| Cemetery Stone Maintenance | 4,795.00 |
| Cemetery Tree Removal | 4,500.00 |
| Town Hall & Library | 3,562.22 |
| Retirement-Town Share for Clerk & Treasurer | 3,116.16 |
| Utilities-Town Office | 2,485.54 |
| Restoration and Preservation Reserve Fund (Land Records) | 2,084.00 |
| Town Office-New Water Heater & Installation | 2,075.00 |
| State of Vermont- Dog License Surcharge | 1,371.00 |
| Legal Services (Hartwell Pond) | 981.00 |
| Ball Field Mowing | 880.00 |
| Pressure Washing Town Office & Fire Station | 800.00 |
| Town Office- Cupola Repairs Completion | 600.00 |
| Recycling Building Construction Permit-Dept. of Public Safety | 400.00 |
| Vt State Treasurer-Marriage License Return | 360.00 |
| Electrical for Town Office Water Heater Installation | 319.00 |
| Legal Services | 255.00 |
| Milage Reimbursement-Clerk/Treasurer Training | 188.64 |
| Bush Hogging Behind Village Cemetery | 175.00 |
| Memorial Day Flags | 132.45 |
| Paint for Cemetery Fence | 77.96 |
| Mileage Reimbursement-Lister | 53.06 |
| Legal Services-Cemetery | 45.00 |
| Sign-EV Charging Station | 42.12 |
| Mileage Reimbursement-Assistant Clerk to School Meeting | 22.53 |
| Total | \$ 1,752,403.07 |

Road Orders

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| Line of Credit Interest & Final Payment for Larabee Hill Culvert Replacement | \$ 321,507.72 |
| Truck Repairs & Maintenance | 131,492.93 |
| Labor | 124,213.74 |
| July Flood Repairs Subcontractor Expense | 185,025.22 |
| Grader & Loader | 62,424.79 |
| Gravel, Ledge, Stone July Flooding Repairs | 58,204.46 |
| Fuel & Lubricant | 51,930.11 |
| Insurance-Road Share | 24,818.50 |
| Gravel-Straight Line Farm-Contract Purchase | 22,500.00 |
| Blacktop-2023 Tax Raised | 20,000.00 |
| Chloride | 19,164.75 |
| Winter Sand | 15,007.50 |
| Equipment Rental for July Flooding Repairs | 12,050.00 |
| Wings, Plows, Snaders & Chains | 11,430.77 |
| Culverts | 10,958.73 |
| Bridge Flood Repairs | 7,732.87 |
| Garage Tools & Supplies | 7,729.50 |
| Retirement Town Share-Road Crew Full-Time Employees | 7,687.89 |
| Winter Salt | 6,444.48 |
| Pressure Washer | 5,780.00 |
| Roadside Mowing | 4,194.00 |
| Roadside Bush Hogging | 4,030.00 |
| Class 4 Flood Repair | 3,550.00 |
| Uniform Services | 3,127.10 |
| Mileage Reimbursement | 3,113.23 |
| July Flooding Line of Credit Interest | 2,983.79 |
| Utilities | 2,154.04 |
| Towing | 1,900.00 |
| Unplugging Culverts | 1,600.00 |
| Gas | 1,213.97 |
| Gravel Pit Testing | 1,319.72 |
| Tree Removal | 1,200.00 |
| Municipal Roads General Permit | 1,125.00 |
| Road Signs | 1,067.73 |
| Legal Services | 975.00 |
| Furnace Repairs at Garage | 832.98 |
| Advertising | 757.98 |
| Electrical at Garage | 560.00 |
| Pacer Pump for Chloride Trailer | 449.49 |
| Equipment Rental | 420.00 |
| Grass Seed | 375.63 |
| Septic Tank Pumping at Garage | 365.00 |
| Street Sweeping | 300.00 |
| Fire Extinguisher Annual Maintenance | 177.25 |
| Storm Water Permit-Gravel Pit | 160.00 |

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Legal Services-Gravel Pit | 112.50 |
| Postage | 57.50 |
| Mailbox | 54.99 |
| Road Order Forms | 35.60 |
| Department of Motor Vehicles-Title | 35.00 |
| Background Checks | 30.00 |
| Chainsaw Parts | 23.00 |
| CDL Yearly Queries | <u>11.25</u> |
| Total | \$ 1,144,415.71 |

ROAD SUMMARY

Available Road Funds:

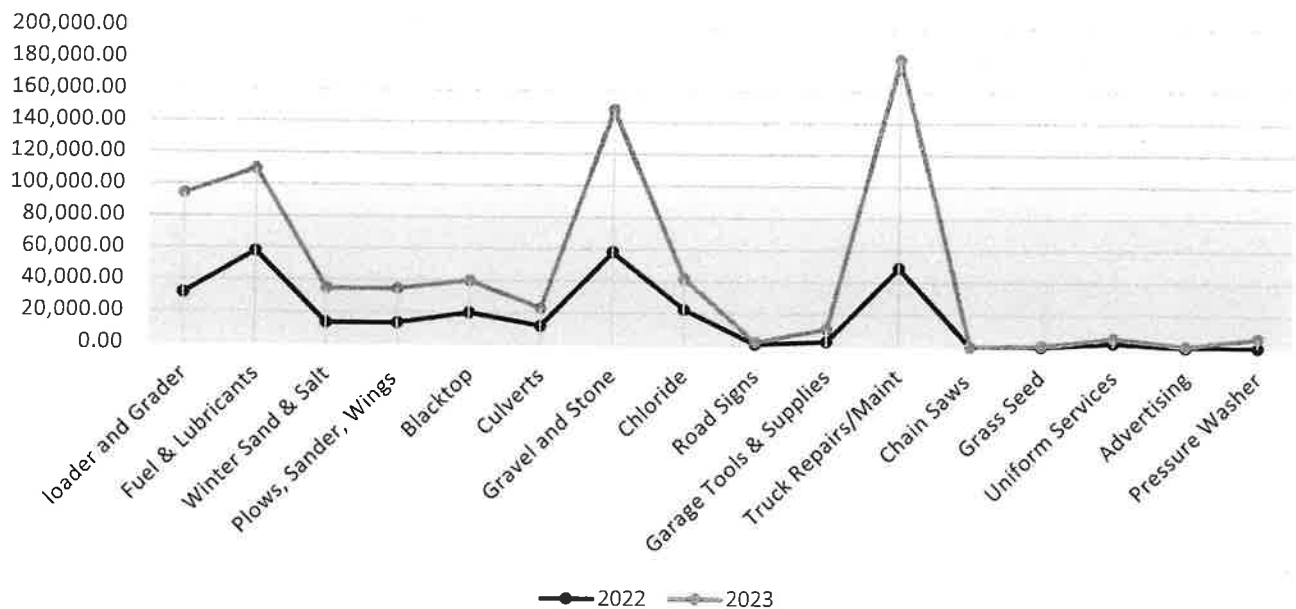
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| Town Highway Tax (Includes Class 2, 3, 4 & Blacktop) | \$ 310,000.00 |
| State of Vermont: FEMA Larabee Hill Culvert Reimbursement | 300,493.12 |
| Town of Albany – Line of Credit for 2023 Flooding | 250,000.00 |
| State of Vermont Highway Aid Received to Date | 120,175.13 |
| Town of Albany Good Neighbor Account-Reimbursement for 2004 Truck Repairs | 106,823.84 |
| State of Vermont Highway Aid Received early for 1 st & 2 nd Quarter 2024 | 63,661.01 |
| Town of Albany Good Neighbor Account-Reimbursement for Grader Purchase | 45,000.00 |
| 2022 Road Surplus Carry Forward | 25,498.56 |
| 2022 Road Surplus Larabee Hill Culvert Replacement-Town Share & Interest | 21,321.05 |
| State of Vermont-2023 Grants in Aid | 14,800.00 |
| VLCT-Pressure Washer Claim | 7,395.00 |
| Town of Lowell – 2022/2023 Season Plowing | 4,840.00 |
| VLCT Casualty-Hazard Cabinet Grant | 1,250.00 |
| Town of Lowell – Spring/Summer Road Work on Bailey Hazen/Eden Roads | 1,231.10 |
| State of Vermont – Municipal Fines Reimbursement | 844.00 |
| Town of Lowell – Chloride on Bailey Hazen/Eden Roads | 653.46 |
| VLCT Pacif – Reimbursement of Insurance Paid for 2018 Truck Sold | 389.00 |
| Overweight Permits | 315.00 |
| O'Reilly – Hydraulic Fluid Settlement | 130.25 |
| Community National Bank – Overpayment on Larabee Hill Culvert Line of Credit | <u>29.49</u> |

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|---|------------------------|
| Total Available Road Funds for 2023: | \$ 1,274,850.01 |
| Less Total Road Expenses for 2023: | <u>\$ 1,144,415.71</u> |
| Road Surplus: | \$ 130,434.30 |
| Less Highway Aid Received Early for 1 st & 2 nd Quarter of 2024 | <u>\$ 63,661.01</u> |
| True Road Surplus for 2023 | \$ 66,773.29 |

Of this Road Suplus 42,565.19 is the Town's 17.5 % for the line of credit for the July 2023 flooding (assuming FEMA pays out at 75% and the state at 7.5% of the flooding damage total costs). Making the True Road Surplus \$24,208.10

2022 – 2023 Comparisons

| | 2022 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Loader & Grader | \$ 31,831.95 | \$ 62,424.70 |
| Fuel and Lubricants | 57,859.12 | 51,930.11 |
| Winter Sand & Salt | 13,303.70 | 21,451.98 |
| Plows, Sander, Wings & Chains | 6,449.66 | 11,430.77 |
| Blacktop | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Culverts | 11,956.23 | 10,958.73 |
| Gravel & Stone | 58,433.02 | 80,704.46 |
| Chloride | 22,612.30 | 19,164.75 |
| Road Signs | 1,179.04 | 1,067.73 |
| Garage Tools & Supplies | 2,993.88 | 7,732.87 |
| Truck Repairs & Maintenance | 48,961.20 | 131,492.93 |
| Chain Saws & Trimmer | 163.88 | 23.00 |
| Grass Seed | 277.87 | 375.63 |
| Uniform Services | 2,511.44 | 3,127.10 |
| Advertising | 26.60 | 757.98 |
| Pressure Washer | 82.90 | 5,780.00 |



BLACKTOP MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2023 | \$ 68,203.42 |
| Income: Town of Albany-2023 Tax Raised | 20,000.00 |
| Community National Bank-2023 Interest | <u>471.89</u> |
| Total Available Funds: | \$ 88,675.31 |
| Expense: None | |
| Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2023 | \$ 88,675.31 |

CLASS 4 ROAD WORK-2023 BREAKDOWN

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Excavation | \$ 8,125.00 |
| Town Trucks | 654.78 |
| Crushed Gravel | 472.50 |
| Culverts | 300.00 |
| Labor | 209.25 |
| Tailings Material | 189.00 |
| Dense Grade Material | 175.00 |
| Town Grader | 150.92 |
| Town Loader | <u>47.55</u> |
| Toal Expenses | \$ 10,324.00 |
| 2023 Total Funds Raised | \$ 10,000.00 |
| 2022 Carry Forward | <u>1,743.96</u> |
| Total Class 4 Road Funds | \$ 11,743.96 |
| Less Total Expense | <u>\$ 10,324.00</u> |
| Total 2023 Carry Forward | \$ 1,419.96 |

The Class 4 Road work was done on Dyer Road, Daniels Road, Center Cemetery Road, Horace Way Road, Goddard Lot Road, Centebar Road, and Daniels Road East.

BREAKDOWN OF YEARLY INSURANCE PREMIUMS

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Total Paid | \$ 44,927.00 |
| Road Fund Share: | \$ 22,299.50 |
| General Fund Share: | \$ 22,627.50 |
| Town Share of the General Fund Share: | \$ 13,020.50 |
| Fire Department Share of the General Fund Share | \$ 9,607.00 |
| (Both shares paid for by Town, Not the Fire Department Budget) | |

RECYCLING REPORT

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Balance as of January 1, 2023 | \$ 506.05 |
| Income: 2023 Tax Raised for Recycling | \$ 6,500.00 |
| Town of Irasburg ½ Share of cost | 5,182.14 |
| Gates Salvage – Metal Dumpster at Center | 755.50 |
| Tire Recycling | <u>140.00</u> |
| Total Available Funds: | \$ 13,083.69 |
| Expenses: Attendant | \$ 6,032.00 |
| Recycling Pick Up Fee | 2,058.00 |
| Compost Pick Up Fee | 1,470.00 |
| Porta Potty Rental | 990.00 |
| Plowing & Sanding | 745.00 |
| Dept. of Public Safety – Building Construction Permit | 400.00 |
| Miscellaneous Supplies | 360.90 |
| Tire Recycling | 350.00 |
| Electric at Recycling Center | <u>242.77</u> |
| Total Expenses: | \$ <u>12,648.67</u> |
| Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2023 | \$ 435.02 |

Income, 22890.41, Expenses, 21521.33,
52% 48%

TRASH REPORT

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2023 | \$ 8,805.54 |
| Income: Trash Collection | \$ 21,277.25 |
| Town of Irasburg – ½ Share of Bulky Day | 1,613.16 |
| Total Available Funds | \$ 31,695.95 |
| Expenses: Myers Container Service Corp – Trash Dumpster | \$ 17,230.44 |
| All Metals Recycling, Inc. – Bulky Day Dumpsters | 2,674.25 |
| NEK Waste Management District – Per Capita Assessment | 1,034.56 |
| NEK Waste Management District – Surcharge on Bulky Day Dumpsters | 310.58 |
| Bulky Day Labor | 127.50 |
| The Chronicle, Inc. – Bulky Day Ads | 114.00 |
| James W. Barlow, PLC, - Legal Services | <u>30.00</u> |
| Total Expenses: | \$ <u>21,521.33</u> |
| Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2023 | \$ 10,174.62 |

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| The Town Raised \$158,000.00 in tax dollars for the General Fund in 2023 | \$ 158,000.00 |
| Surplus from 2022 General Fund | 7,301.64 |
| 2019 Flooding-Admiration Portion Reimbursement | 1,671.50 |
| Hardwick Area Food Pantry Albany Food Share Electric Reimbursement Share | <u>635.33</u> |
| Total Available Funds: | \$ 167,608.47 |

Breakdown of General Fund Expenditures:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Salaries | \$ 90,841.00 |
| Insurance | 23,664.50 |
| Social Security and Medicare – Town Share | 16,451.61 |
| Administrative Expense | 15,790.07 |
| Retirement – Town Share for Town Clerk/Treasurer | 3,116.16 |
| Appropriations and Dues | 2,283.00 |
| Town Hall/Library Fuel | 1,515.13 |
| Town Office – Fuel | 1,332.19 |
| Legal Services | 1,326.00 |
| Town Hall & Library – Electric | 1,007.13 |

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|--|--------------|
| Green Head Lawn Care – Mowing Ballfield | 880.00 |
| Phillip Beaudry- Town Office Cupola Finished Repairs | 600.00 |
| Town Office Water Rent | 560.00 |
| Green Head Lawn Care – Plowing Town Hall/Library | 385.00 |
| Town Office – Electric | 273.27 |
| Solar Meter- Electric | 247.27 |
| Town Hall & Library Yearly Water Rent | 150.00 |
| Mileage Reimbursement – Clerk Training | 188.64 |
| Piano Tuning at Town Hall | 82.50 |
| EV Charging Station – Electric | 72.81 |
| Mileage Reimbursement – Lister | 53.06 |
| EV Charging Station – Sign | 42.12 |
| Town Hall Supplies | 27.46 |
| Mileage Reimbursement – Asst. Clerk School Meeting | <u>22.52</u> |

Total Expenditures: **\$ 160,911.44**

Total Available General Fund Balance as of December 31, 2023 **\$ 6,697.03**

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

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Town Hall Building & Land – Main Street | \$ 248,000.00 |
| Town Office, Fire Station & Land – Main Street | \$ 841,500.00 |
| Town Gravel Pit, Land & Building – Delano Road | \$ 117,600.00 |
| Town Garage, Sand Shed & Land – Center Hill Road | \$ 205,000.00 |
| Recycling Center Building & Land – Main Street | \$ 46,000.00 |
| Land at Hartwell Pond – Hartwell Pond Road | \$ 116,500.00 |
| Ball Park – Main Street | \$ 35,700.00 |
| Town Cemeteries – Various Locations | \$ 125,600.00 |

Plus: Town Trucks, Graders, Loader, Culvert Thawer, Plows, Pickup Truck, Sanders, Wings, Chloride Trailer and Tank, Water Trailer and Tank, Fire Trucks & Equipment.

RE-APPRAISAL ACCOUNT REPORT

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Balance as of January 1, 2023 | \$ 80,409.24 |
| Income: State of Vermont – Grand List Maintenance | \$ 6,355.50 |
| Town of Albany – 2023 Tax Raised | 5,000.00 |
| Community National Bank – Interest | <u>38.62</u> |
| Total Available Funds | \$ 91,803.36 |

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|---|---------------|
| Expenses: NEMRC, LTD – Annual CAMA Disaster Recovery Agreement | \$ 796.68 |
| Apex Software – Sketching Software Renewal | 520.00 |
| NEMRC, LTD – Marshal & Swift Cost Tables | <u>251.87</u> |

Total Expenses: **\$ 1,568.55**

Total Available Funds as of December 31, 2023 **\$ 90,234.81**

GOOD NEIGHBOR ACCOUNT

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

Balance as of January 1, 2023 **\$ 106,840.29**

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Income: Green Mountain Power -2023 Payment | \$ 54,601.85 |
| Auction International – Sale of 2018 Truck | 42,370.00 |
| Community National Bank – 2023 Interest | <u>580.02</u> |

Total Available Funds: **\$ 204,392.16**

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|---|------------------|
| Total Expenses: Town of Albany Road Fund – 2004 Western Star Repairs | \$ 106,823.84 |
| Town of Albany Road Fund – Purchase of Grader | 45,000.00 |
| Town of Albany Road Fund – Purchase of Toyota Pickup | <u>14,500.00</u> |

Total Expenses: **\$ 166,323.84**

Total Available Funds as of December 31, 2023 **\$ 38,068.32**

This is the 10th year and final payment from Green Mountain Power for the Wind Towers.
This money was voted to be used as an Equipment Replacement Fund

RESTORATION & PRESERVATION RESERVE FUND

Balance as of January 1, 2023 **\$ 11,994.21**

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Income: Per Page recording fees for 2023 | \$ 2,472.00 |
| Community National Bank – 2023 Interest | <u>6.61</u> |

Expenses: None

Total Available Funds as of December 31, 2023 **\$ 14,472.82**

LIBRARY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Balance of funds as of January 1, 2023 | \$ 12,217.24 |
| Income: Town of Albany 2023 Tax Raised | \$ 16,000.00 |
| Total Available Funds: | \$ 28,217.24 |
| Expenses: Librarian Pay | \$ 8,499.60 |
| Assistant Librarian Pay | 3,183.75 |
| Town Share of Social Security & Medicare on Wages | 893.77 |
| Towns Share of Worker's Comp on Wages | <u>101.68</u> |
| Total Expense: | \$ 12,678.80 |
| Balance of Library Funds as of December 31, 2023 | \$ 15,538.44 |

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2023 | \$ 225.69 |
| Income: None | |
| Expenses: Flag Order | \$ 132.45 |
| Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2023 | \$ 93.24 |

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Balance of funds as of January 1, 2023 | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Income: Town of Albany – 2023 Tax Raised | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Total Available Funds | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Expenses: Wayne Richardson Heating -Town Office Water Heater Replacement | \$ 2,075.00 |
| Mr. Clean – Pressure Washing Town Office and Fire Station Buildings | 800.00 |
| J + S Electrical – Electrical at Office for Water Heater Installation | <u>319.00</u> |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 3,194.00 |
| Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2023 | \$ 26,806.00 |

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA FUNDS)

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Balance of funds as of January 1, 2023 | \$ 217,045.19 |
| Income: Community National Bank – 2023 Interest | \$ 261.02 |
| Total Available Funds | \$ 217,306.21 |
| Expenses: Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department – New Tanker (Lisle Houghton-New tank-\$3,000.00, Quick Dump Set Up \$5,680.45, Charliebois-Repairs, Set Up, ect \$9,158.59, Finish Set Up, Repairs \$12,160.96) | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Heritage Slate – Town Hall Cupola Repairs, Paint, and Temp Roof | 17,194.52 |
| Listers Fire Proof Filing Cabinet | <u>1,752.00</u> |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 48,946.52 |
| Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2023 | \$ 168,359.69 |

CEMETERY REPORT

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2023 | \$ 5,935.65 |
| Income: Town of Albany – 2023 Tax Raised | \$ 16,000.00 |
| Total Available Funds | \$ 21,935.65 |
| Expense: Green Head Lawn Care – Mowing (6) Town Cemeteries | \$ 11,592.00 |
| Labounty & Son Tree Service – Cemetery Tree Removal | 4,500.00 |
| Richard Geoffroy – Sexton Stipend | 2,500.00 |
| St. John of the Cross Cemetery (2 years) | 1,200.00 |
| Mike Montgomery – Bushhogging Rear of Village Cemetery | 175.00 |
| Pick & Shovel – Paint for Cemetery Fence | 77.96 |
| James W. Barlow, PLC. – Legal Cemetery Fees | <u>45.00</u> |
| Total Expenses : | \$ 20,089.96 |
| Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2023 | \$ 1,845.69 |

The funds of the previous Albany Cemetery Association remain in a separate account. The Balance of this fund is \$15,356.92 as of December 31, 2023
(The majority of this money is to be spent only at the village cemetery.)

CEMETERY HEADSTONE MAINTENANCE

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2023 | \$ 199.30 |
| Income: Town of Albany – 2023 Tax Raised | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Total Available Funds | \$ 5,199.30 |
| Expenses: Bianchi Memorials, Inc. – Stone Repairs | \$ 4,795.00 |
| Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2023 | \$ 404.30 |

Work was done at the Rowell Cemetery; the stones were completely cleaned and repaired. They are 85% legible now compared to the 25% before cleaning. With continuation of funding, work will continue in 2024

A Few Notes about Rowell Cemetery where the work was completed this year

- The oldest stone in Rowel Cemetery is 199 years old
- There is a rare metal headstone in this cemetery. There are very few of these in Vt.
- This Cemetery has the stone of the first male child born in Albany.
- The fence was painted in 2023.
- Their were 4 very large trees that could of caused damage to several Headstones if they had fallen.



TOWN RECEIPTS
January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Beginning Cash on Hand 1/1/2023 **\$ 540,831.89**

RECEIVED FROM

State of Vermont:

| | |
|--|---------------|
| FEMA Money – Final Reimbursement on Larabee Hill Culvert | \$ 300,493.12 |
| Highway Aid | 120,175.13 |
| Highway Aid Received early for 2024 | 63,661.01 |
| Hold Harmless Payment – 2023 Current Use | 47,217.00 |
| Municipal Tax Adjustment | 31,003.00 |
| Grants in Aid 2022 | 14,800.00 |
| Grand List Maintenance Reappraisal Account | 6,355.50 |
| MERP Mini Grant – Planning Commission | 4,000.00 |
| 2019 Flooding – Reimbursement of Administrative Portion-General Fund | 1,671.50 |
| Current Use Withdrawal Change Tax | 1,537.50 |
| Civil Fines Reimbursement | 844.00 |
| Property Tax Adjustment | 492.00 |
| Libraries Grant | 300.00 |
| Recording Fees & Land Records Maintenance Fee \$22.00/\$8.00 | 30.00 |
| Retirement Overpayment | <u>5.02</u> |

Total: **\$ 592,584.78**

Town Treasurer

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2023 Property Taxes | \$ 1,807,293.79 |
| Overpayment of 2023 Property Taxes | 13,104.02 |
| Town Clerk Fees | 10,623.94 |
| Land Records Maintenance Fees | 2,472.00 |
| State Surcharge on Dog Licenses | 1,371.00 |
| Dog License Money | 426.00 |
| State of Vermont Marriage License Fee | 360.00 |
| EV Charging Station Use | <u>237.44</u> |

Total: **\$ 1,835,888.19**

Delinquent Tax Collector

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 2021 Delinquent Taxes | \$ 1,895.10 |
| 2021 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes | 95.24 |
| 2021 Interest on Delinquent Taxes | 419.11 |
| 2022 Delinquent Taxes | 34,103.83 |

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 2022 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes | 2,977.48 |
| 2022 Interest on Delinquent Taxes | 1,796.89 |
| 2023 Delinquent Taxes | 61,086.43 |
| 2023 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes | 4,903.41 |
| 2023 Interest on Delinquent Taxes | <u>894.62</u> |

Total: \$ **108,172.11**

Miscellaneous:

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Town of Albany Line of Credit – 2023 Flooding | \$ 250,000.00 |
| Town of Albany Good Neighbor Funds – Transfer to Road Funds for 2004 Truck | 106,823.84 |
| Town of Albany Good Neighbor Funds – Transfer to Road Funds for New Grader | 45,000.00 |
| ARPA Funds – Transfer to Fire Department Funds for New Tanker | 30,000.00 |
| Transfer Station Attendant – Trash Collection | 21,277.25 |
| ARPA Funds – Transfer for Town Hall Cupola Repairs | 17,194.52 |
| Lake Region Elementary – Middle School District -True Up Payment | 12,629.82 |
| Burkett Houghton – Fire Tanker Sale (Fire Department Funds) | 10,100.00 |
| VLCT Property & Casualty – Pressure Washer Claim | 7,395.00 |
| Town of Irasburg – ½ Share of Recycling | 5,182.14 |
| Town of Lowell – 2022/2023 Plowing | 4,840.00 |
| Lake Region Union High School – True Up Payment | 4,742.70 |
| Town of Lowell – Spring/Summer Road Maintenance Bailey Hazen/Eden Roads | 1,884.56 |
| Community National Bank – Interest on Checking | 1,754.14 |
| ARPA Funds – Transfer for Lister’s Fire Proof File Cabinet | 1,752.00 |
| Town of Irasburg – ½ Share of Bulky Day | 1,613.16 |
| David Rowell – PO Box Lot Rent | 1,600.00 |
| VLCT Property & Casualty – Hazard Cabinet Reimbursement for Garage | 1,250.00 |
| VLCT Property & Casualty – Hazard Cabinet Reimbursement for Fire Station | 1,250.00 |
| Gates Salvage – Metal Dumpster at Recycling | 755.50 |
| Hardwick Area Food Pantry – Electric Use at Town Hall | 635.33 |
| VLCT Property & Casualty – Reimbursement of Insurance Paid on Vehicle | 597.00 |
| VLCT Pacif- Sale of 2018 Truck Sold | 389.00 |
| Overweight Permits | 315.00 |
| Albany Genny – Liquor License | 185.00 |
| Recycling – Tires | 140.00 |
| O’Reilly Hydraulic Fuel Settlement | 130.25 |
| Burial Fee | 125.00 |
| Town Hall Rental Fee | 100.00 |
| Town Hall Rental Deposit | 50.00 |
| Community National Bank – Overpayment on Line of Credit | 29.49 |
| Telephone Transfer Fee | <u>4.00</u> |

Total: \$ **529,744.70**

Total 2023 Receipts: **\$ 3,066,389.78**

Plus Beginning Cash on Hand 1/1/2023 **\$ 540,831.89**

Less Disbursements:

Selectboard Orders: General Orders \$ 1,752,403.07

Road Orders \$ 1,144,415.71

Fire Department Orders \$ 60,270.60

Total Orders Paid **\$ 2,957,089.38**

Ending Cash on Hand 12/31/2023 **\$ 650,132.29**

Plus Fire Department Funds * SM #12 General Order **\$ 35,000.00**

Total **\$ 685,132.29**

Plus bank error charge paid out for Phone Transfer \$ 4.00

Less bank error on incorrect check \$.04

End of year Balance as of 12/31/2023 **\$ 685,136.25**

Balances with the

End of year Checkbook Balance 12/31/2023 **\$ 685,136.25**

*2023 Budget – No check issued for these funds as funds are left in Town Checking for Fire Department per vote at 2010 Town Meeting

Treasurers Tax Account

Collected by Treasurer:

Real Estate Taxes (includes local agreement rate taxes): \$ 1,812,874.31

Pre-bate Credits: 208,512.86

Total Tax Collected by Treasurer: **\$2,021,387.17**

Delinquent Tax: **107,759.02**

Total Tax to be accounted for: **\$ 2,129,146.19**

Taxes Collected by Delinquent Tax Collector: **\$ 61,086.43**

Taxes collected by Treasurer: **\$ 2,021,387.17**

Total 2023 Taxes Collected: **\$ 2,082,473.60**

Total Delinquent as of 12/31/2023 **\$ 46,672.59**

Total 2023 Taxes to be accounted for: **\$ 2,129,146.19**

2022 Tax Rates: **Homestead Tax Rate: 1.9795**

Non-Residential Tax Rate: 2.1740

TREASURER SUMMARY

Salaries & Social Secuity – General & Road Orders

| | |
|---|--------------|
| EFPTS – Social Security Town Share | \$ 17,345.39 |
| Paige Horner – Road Foreman/Truck Driver | 64,425.71 |
| Jonathan Rowell – Road Laborer/Truck Driver | 51,504.03 |
| Tonya Coderre – Clerk & Treasurer | 36,000.00 |
| Debra Ann Geoffroy – Assistant Clerk & Treasurer | 9,100.00 |
| Debra Ann Geoffroy – Clerk & Treasurer | 7,800.00 |
| Kristin Urie – Librarian | 5,881.40 |
| Tonya Coderre – Shadowing Clerk & Treasurer | 4,464.00 |
| Michele Reed – Lister | 3,455.25 |
| Krista Mayer – Librarian | 2,910.75 |
| Cathy Wilder – Lister | 2,907.00 |
| Reilly Auger – Part-time Road Crew Employee | 2,787.50 |
| Susan Richardson – Lister | 2,758.25 |
| Krista Mayer – Assistant Librarian | 2,618.20 |
| Brandon Mason – Transfer Station Attendant | 2,664.00 |
| Richard Geoffroy – Cemetery Sexton | 2,500.00 |
| Therese Campbell – Selectboard Administrative Assistant | 2,278.00 |
| Brian Goodridge – Road Commissioner | 2,265.00 |
| Brian Goodridge – Selectboard | 1,850.00 |
| Phillip Beaudry – Selectboard | 1,850.00 |
| Normand Inkel – Selectboard | 1,850.00 |
| Debra Ann Geoffroy – Delinquent Tax Collector | 1,782.00 |
| Phillip Beaudry – Transfer Station Attendant | 1,704.00 |
| Zachariah Beaudry – Transfer Station Attendant | 1,664.00 |
| Phillip Beaudry – Road Crew Worker | 1,600.00 |
| Rene Roberts- Part-time Road Crew Employee | 1,540.00 |
| H. Jane Rayner – Auditor | 1,200.00 |
| Frank Jarvis – Auditor | 1,200.00 |
| Ruth Cross – Auditor | 1,200.00 |
| Justin Mason – Assistant Clerk & Treasurer | 1,107.72 |
| Kelly Carpenter – Animal Control Officer | 800.00 |
| Christopher Dunn – Transfer Station Attendant | 304.00 |
| Justin Mason – Shoveling Town Hall | 275.00 |
| Laura Lee Bond – Assistant Librarian | 273.00 |
| Tonya Coderre – FEMA Flooding Administrative Expense | 168.00 |
| Paige Horner – Bulky Day Loader Operator | 76.50 |
| Ellen St. Marie – Bulky Day Attendant | 25.50 |
| Brian Goodridge – Bulky Day Attendant | <u>25.50</u> |

Appropriations, Dues & Taxes-General Orders

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Lake Region Elementary-Middle School District | \$ 932,377.25 |
| Lake Region Union High School District | 390,706.68 |
| Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department – Budget | 35,000.00 |
| Orleans Emergency Unit | 24,356.27 |
| Orleans County Treasurer | 16,046.57 |
| Orleans County Sheriff's Department | 14,950.08 |
| Glover Ambulance Squad | 6,437.50 |
| Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department – Vehicle Replacement Fund | 5,000.00 |
| Town of Albany Re-Appraisal Account | 5,000.00 |
| Hardwick Area Food Pantry | 5,000.00 |
| Craftsbury Community Care Center | 3,500.00 |
| Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc | 3,000.00 |
| Vermont Leagues of Cities & Towns | 2,383.00 |
| Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. | 1,882.00 |
| Albany Historical Society | 1,000.00 |
| Northern Vermont Development Association | 803.00 |
| Umbrella, Inc. | 700.00 |
| Orleans County Historical Society | 700.00 |
| Rural Community Transportation | 600.00 |
| Craftsbury Saplings | 500.00 |
| Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. | 500.00 |
| Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging | 400.00 |
| North Country Animal League | 400.00 |
| American Red Cross | 250.00 |
| Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. | 200.00 |
| Front Porch Forum | 200.00 |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living | 150.00 |
| Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired | 100.00 |
| Vermont Green-Up Day, Inc. | 50.00 |

Administrative Expense & Utilities – General Orders

| | |
|---|----------|
| The Memphremagog Press – Town Report Printing | 2,164.38 |
| Consolidated Communications – Office Phone & Internet | 1,776.66 |
| Everything To Go – Listers Fireproof File Cabinet | 1,752.00 |
| Green Head Lawn Care – Mowing at Town Office | 1,650.00 |
| Fred's Energy – Fuel at Office | 1,332.19 |
| U.S. Postal Service – Stamped Envelopes | 1,211.95 |
| Staples – Office Supplies | 1,184.76 |
| Unifirst Corporation – Office Floor Mats | 986.63 |
| Green Head Lawn Care – Plowing at Office | 930.00 |
| U.S. Postal Service – Town Report Postage | 922.50 |
| U.S. Postal Service – Listers Envelopes & Mailing | 826.02 |
| Canon Financial Services – Copier Lease | 759.00 |

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|---|--------|
| Kofile – Land Records Book & Paper | 607.03 |
| Albany Village Water Supply Company – Office Water Rent | 560.00 |
| Community National Bank – Check Order | 299.04 |
| Vt. Electric Coop. Inc. – Town Office Electric | 273.27 |
| IDS – 2023 Animal Tags & License Forms | 251.84 |
| The Chronicle – Advertising | 247.98 |
| Vt Electric Coop. Inc. – Solar | 247.27 |
| VMCTA – Clerk Spring/Fall Trainings | 210.00 |
| Mike Montgomery – Bush Hogging Rear of Office | 200.00 |
| Vt. Department of Labor – Worker’s Comp Claim | 199.62 |
| Canon Solutions America – Copier Maintenance | 187.35 |
| J & S Electrical – Office Fire Alarm Yearly Maintenance | 175.00 |
| The Chronicle-Lister Grievance Advertising | 158.13 |
| Schwaab, Inc. – Office Stamps | 155.33 |
| St. J. Fire Extinguisher – Annual Inspection & Fire Extinguisher Brackets | 134.65 |
| Norton – Office Computer Security Renewal | 121.89 |
| U.S. Postal Service – Office Postage | 97.52 |
| WB Mason – Office Supplies | 83.98 |
| U.S. Postal Service – Po Box Yearly Box Fee | 78.00 |
| Vt. Electric Coop. Inc. – EV Charging Station | 72.81 |
| Card Services Center/Amazon – Office Supplies | 67.81 |
| Vt. Department of Health – Certified Copy Paper | 38.00 |
| VMCTA – Member Yearly Dues | 35.00 |
| VLCT – Additional Member Fee | 20.00 |
| VLCT – Moderator Workshop | 10.00 |

Town Hall & Library – General Orders

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|---|-------------|
| Fred’s Energy – Heating Fuel | \$ 1,515.13 |
| Vt. Electric Coop. Inc. – Electric | 986.62 |
| Green Head Lawn Care – Plowing | 385.00 |
| State of Vermont – Libraries Grant | 300.00 |
| Albany Village Water Supply – Yearly Water Rent | 150.00 |
| John Young – Piano Tuning | 82.50 |
| Kimberly Kreig – Town Hall Rental Deposit Refund | 50.00 |
| James W. Barlow PLC – Legal Fees for Town Hall | 45.00 |
| Hardwick Area Food Pantry – Overpayment on Electric | 20.51 |
| The Pick and Shovel – Supplies | 14.99 |
| Therese Campbell – Security Door Battery | 7.49 |
| Card Services Center – Amazon – Supplies | 4.98 |

Recycling – General Orders

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| NEK Waste Management District – Recycling Pick Up | \$ 2,058.00 |
| Keep It Green Compost – Compost Pick Up | 1,470.00 |
| Taplin Septic Pumping & Portable Toilets Inc. – Porta Potty Rental | 990.00 |

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| Green Head Lawn Care – Plowing | 705.00 |
| Dept. of Public Safety – Building Construction Permit | 400.00 |
| KNS Tire Recycling | 350.00 |
| Vt. Electric Coop. Inc – Electric | 242.77 |
| Card Services Center/Signs.com – Hours Sign | 196.94 |
| Pick & Shovel – Supplies | 84.98 |
| Christopher Dunn – Plowing | 40.00 |
| Phillip Beaudry – Reimbursement for Caution Triangles | 39.90 |
| Reed Supply – Gloves | 29.50 |
| Kevin Mason - Reimbursement for Propane | 9.58 |

Trash Collection – General Orders

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|---|--------------|
| Myers Container Service Corp – Trash Dumpsters | \$ 17,230.44 |
| All Metals Recycling – Bulky Day Dumpsters | 2,674.25 |
| NEK Waste Management District – Per Capita Assessment | 1,034.56 |
| NEK Waste Management District – Bulky Day Surcharge | 310.58 |
| The Chronicle – Bulky Day Advertising | 114.00 |
| James W. Barlow, PLC. – Legal Fees Bulky Day | 30.00 |

Miscellaneous – General Orders

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|---|--------------|
| ARPA – Heritage Slate – Town Hall Cupola Repairs, Painting & Temporary Roof | \$ 17,194.52 |
| Green Head Lawn Care – Mowing 6 Cemeteries | 11,592.00 |
| Town of Albany Reappraisal Account – Yearly Grand List Maintenance | 6,335.50 |
| Bianchi Memorials – Cleaning Stones at Rowell Cemetery | 4,795.00 |
| Jim Labounty – Tree Removal @ Rowell Cemetery | 4,500.00 |
| Town of Albany Restoration & Preservation Reserve Acct– Yearly Recording Fees | 2,472.00 |
| Wayne Richardson Heating – New Water Heater Replacement & Installation | 2,075.00 |
| Vt State Treasurer – Dog License Surcharge | 1,371.00 |
| Monaghan Safar Ducham – Legal Fees | 981.00 |
| Green Head Lawn Care – Ball Field Mowing | 880.00 |
| Mr. Clean – Pressure Washing Office & Fire Department Buildings | 800.00 |
| Phillip Beaudry – Completion of Office Cupola Repairs | 600.00 |
| Vt. State Treasurer – Marriage Licenses | 360.00 |
| J & S Electrical – Electrical for Installation of Office Water Heater | 319.00 |
| James W. Barlow, PLC – Legal Fees | 255.00 |
| Tonya Coderre – Mileage Reimbursement for Training | 188.64 |
| Mike Montgomery – Bushhogging Rear of Cemetery | 175.00 |
| Pick and Shovel – Paint for Cemetery Fence | 77.96 |
| Susan Richardson – Lister Mileage Reimbursement | 53.06 |
| James W. Barlow, PLC – Legal Fees for Cemeteries | 45.00 |
| My Parking Sign/Card Services Center – EV Charging Station Sign | 42.12 |
| Justin Mason – Mileage Reimbursement for School Meeting | 22.53 |

2023 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF 12/31/2023

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| Begin, James O. , Jr | \$ 746.27 |
| Breault, Bruce & Ellen | 1,717.46 |
| Flomen, Michael & Crowley, Kristin Spaeth *** | 5,837.20 |
| Franks, Eric & Cessilee | 3,365.35 |
| Fromm, Neil | 700.63 |
| Fromm, Neil & Newland, Trina | 134.79 |
| Gordon, Lynn *** | 3,226.21 |
| Hornbacher, Mark | 1,050.04 |
| IX Wood Corporation *** | 1,089.17 |
| Johnson, Richard & Dolina *** | 98.74 |
| Jonson, Garth * Vonstackelburg, Katherine *** | 55.56 |
| Kelly, Dawn | 169.57 |
| Knight, Elizabeth | 57.75 |
| Mason, Carol | 645.68 |
| Mason, Robert | 108.70 |
| Mason, Shawn | 1,243.53 |
| Nelson Farms, Vt. LLC | 1,347.88 |
| Nelson Farms, Vt. LLC | 7,972.06 |
| Peloquin-Labonte, Angelicque C | 4,698.01 |
| Plosinski, Victor | 1,778.43 |
| Rowell, Cory | 3,080.56 |
| Schauer, Deborah | 1,585.09 |
| Sicely, Garrett A. & Jasna, Cajic | 1,716.09 |
| Smith, Randy *** | 900.03 |
| Tremblay, Theodore P & Elva-Estate of | 1,532.68 |
| Williams, Robert Jr. & Amy *** | 52.06 |
| Young, Leland & Debra *** | <u>1,763.11</u> |
| Total Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/2023 | \$ 46,672.59 |

***All or partial payments have been made after 12/31/2023



Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department

Hello All,

I would just like to thank the community for the support we received last year with our fundraisers and the funding to keep the Albany Fire Department up and running, and in good standing. I also want to thank the members of the department for volunteering so many hours training, responding to emergency calls, and helping to maintain the building, apparatuses, and equipment. Your willingness to devote so much time to the community is very much appreciated.

Our new tanker is in service and operates great. It was a long process to complete this apparatus however we now are set up with a tanker that will last a long time. We are into it for approximately \$80,000 compared to the price tag of a new tanker starting at \$280,000. It's capable of carrying 3,600 gallons of water and has a 180 degree swivel quick dump that is capable of unloading on either side or the rear of the truck.

We are looking at a big repair on Engine one this year. It is a great truck with very low miles, however the pump has a lot of hours and it will be getting a rebuild. We received a quote of \$11,800 for the work that needs to be performed. We will be using Engine two for responding to calls while Engine one is out of service.

During 2023 there were 393 hours of training and 185 hours of work details logged. Also last year we restructured the department's Junior Firefighter program. The program is aimed at getting the younger generation interested in emergency response services; there are fewer and fewer members signing on to the fire service which causes a shortage of personnel to respond to emergencies. The Junior Fire Fighter program is for people ages 16 to 18 years who maintain good grades in their academics and agree to abide by all rules written in the program handbook.

If anyone is interested in joining the fire department please contact me.

Our annual chicken BBQ & Parade will be on Labor Day again this year. We welcome anyone to enter a float, vehicle or animals. We hope to see you there!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy 2024!

Josh Pilbin
(802) 793-2340
joshuawpilbin@gmail.com

Department Roster

Josh Pilbin, Chief
Robert Hoyt, Assistant Chief
Jeanne Peters, Captain
Gary Mason, President, Treasurer, Firefighter, EMT
Tony Schneider, Firefighter
Kasey Butler, Firefighter, First Responder
Patty Cote, Firefighter, First Responder
Steve Richardson, Firefighter
Dylan Mason, Firefighter
Mikayla Farrand, Firefighter
31 Aiden Walker, Junior Firefighter

Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department
Jan 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 – Report of Selectboard Controlled Funds

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| Beginning Balance as of 1/1/2023 | \$ 34,830.57 |
| Income: 2023 Tax Raised | \$ 35,000.00 |
| Town of Albany ARPA Funds -For New Tanker | 30,000.00 |
| Sale of Old Tanker | 10,100.00 |
| VLCT Casualty – Fire Proof Cabinet Reimbursement Grant | <u>1,250.00</u> |
| Total Available Funds | \$ 111,180.57 |
| Expenses: Charliebois Inc. – New Tanker Frame & Mechanic Work | \$ 9,158.59 |
| LWI Metal Works – Fabrication/Work on New Tanker | 8,980.02 |
| AH Stock Manufacturing – Dump Set-up for New Tanker | 5,680.45 |
| Reynold & Son Inc. – Equipment for Fire Fighters/Trucks | 5,229.12 |
| New England Tire – Tires for New Tanker | 3,277.00 |
| Lisle Houghton – Tank for New Tanker | 3,000.00 |
| Fred's Energy – Diesel/Fuel/Propane for Station | 2,869.52 |
| City of Newport – Annual Dispatch Services | 2,800.86 |
| Blanchard Oil – Supplies (including 2 tires) | 2,762.62 |
| Fred's Energy – Furnace Repairs | 1,999.05 |
| Auger Heights Excavation – Debris Removal @ Hydrant | 1,620.00 |
| Collinsville Repair – Truck Repairs | 1,381.25 |
| Global Industrial – Hazard Cabinet | 1,345.00 |
| Consolidate Communications – Phone at Station | 1,320.92 |
| HSE Fire Safety – Supplies | 1,027.39 |
| Round Hill Fence – New Security System and Installation | 990.50 |
| Northeastern Mutal Aid – Member Dues & Training Fees | 980.00 |
| Green Head Lawn Care – Plowing at Station | 675.00 |
| Jay Whitcomb – Service on Trucks | 636.06 |
| Amazon/Card Services Center – Supplies | 622.99 |
| Albany Village Water Supply Co. – Yearly Water Rent | 560.00 |
| The Chronicle – Advertising | 519.75 |
| Albany Volunteer Fire Department – Reimbursement of Bill | 494.32 |
| Pick and Shovel – Supplies (including Pressure Washer) | 484.43 |
| J & S Electrical – Yearly Fire Alarm Inspection & Service | 425.00 |
| V-Tel/Card Services Center – Internet at Station | 423.60 |
| Vt Electric Coop Inc. – Electric | 328.01 |
| Card Services Center – Background checks | 300.00 |
| St. J Fire Extinguisher – Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspections | 223.15 |
| Beardsley Inc. – Supplies | 99.00 |
| James W. Barlow PLC – Legal Services | 45.00 |
| Vt. DMV – Registration of New Tanker | <u>12.00</u> |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 60,270.60 |
| Balance of Funds as of 12/31/2023 | \$ 50,909.97 |

Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund

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| Balance of Funds 1/1/2023 | \$ 1,966.77 |
| Income: Town of Albany – 2023 Tax Raised | 5,000.00 |
| Community National Bank – Interest | <u>12.09</u> |
| Total Available Funds: | \$ 6,978.86 |
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| Expenses: Bank Service Charge | \$ 50.00 |
| Deposit for Tank on New Tanker | <u>1,000.00</u> |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 1,050.00 |
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| Total Available Funds as of 12/31/2023 | \$ 5,928.86 |

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOL. FIRE DEPT.
TREASURER REPORT NON-TAXPAYER FUNDS
JANUARY 1, 2023 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2023

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| Beginning Balance January 1, 2023: | 5476.82 |
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INCOME:

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| Coin Drops 5-27 and 9-2-23 | 1794.65 |
| Transfers from Equipment Fund | 10,093.44 |
| Labor Day | 2318.00 |
| Void Check from 2022 | 170.00 |
| All Metals Recycling Inc.- excess metal on new tanker tank | 245.00 |
| Holiday Raffle | 780.00 |
| Donations | 1955.00 |
| Bottle Return Funds | 862.60 |
| Interest Earned on Bank Account | 6.10 |
| Total Income | 18,224.79 |

EXPENSES:

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| Penguin Management Inc.- edispatches subscription | 972.00 |
| VT State Firefighters Assoc.- dues 2023 and 2024 | 357.00 |
| Josh Pilbin- portable generator, sump pump, strobe light for new tanker | 1861.22 |
| Kasey Butler- Labor Day Supplies | 115.53 |
| Brigham Industries, Inc.-firefighting foam | 205.00 |
| Thibaults Market | 435.37 |
| VT Silkscreen Express- t-shirts | 371.00 |
| Majestic Trophy- Labor Day trophies | 55.50 |
| Steve Richardson- chainsaw repair and guard | 65.44 |
| Lori Schneider- Labor Day supplies | 338.49 |
| Patty Cote- get well gift | 200.00 |
| Robert Hoyt- diesel for new tanker | 120.02 |
| Albany Genny | 547.80 |
| J.B. Colton | 153.64 |
| Walmart | 362.92 |
| Burlington Communications- radios, batteries, and mics | 2812.00 |
| Michael Gonyaw- go fund me donation | 200.00 |
| Mary Sanville- go fund me donation | 200.00 |
| Jackaline Swett- go fund me donation | 400.00 |
| C&C Supermarket- chicken, coleslaw, and mayo for Labor Day | 1184.50 |
| Albany Methodist Church- donation for church use on Labor Day | 200.00 |
| Pick and Shovel | 56.96 |
| Alert All Corp.- fire prevention supplies | 770.00 |

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| Park View Garage, Inc- mount new tanker tires | 494.32 |
| Harrison Shrader Enterprises- suction hoses, fittings, nozzles, hose sections | 4720.90 |
| Albany Community School- 25% of Holiday Raffle Income 2022 and 2023 | 365.00 |
| Hardwick Area Food Pantry- 25% of Holiday Raffle Income 2023 | 195.00 |
| Total Expenses | 17,759.61 |

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| Ending Balance December 31, 2023 | 5942.00 |
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Note: Ending balance includes a petty cash fund of \$122.00

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOL. FIRE DEPT.

NON-TAXPAYER EQUIPMENT FUND:

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| Beginning Balance on January 1, 2023 | 23,367.11 |
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INCOME:

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| Interest earned on account | 8.56 |
| Town of Albany- reimbursement for expense on mounting new tanker tires | 494.32 |

EXPENSES:

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| Transferred to Checking Account- generator, foam, radios, batteries, mics, suction hoses, fittings, nozzles, sump pump, hose sections, strobe light for new tanker, and mounting new tanker tires. | 10,093.44 |
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| Ending Balance December 31, 2023 | 13,776.55 |
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Thank you for your support and for supporting our fund raisers!

CALLS DISPATCHED AND RESPONDED TO:

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| 5-assist ambulance | 1-structure fire |
| 3-motor vehicle accidents | 1-investigate possible fire(no fire found) |
| 2-fire alarms(no fire found) | 1-flooded basement |
| 2-CO alarms | 1-search and rescue |
| 1-assist law enforcement | 1-tree on powerline |
| 1-propane leak | 1-grass/brush fire |
| 1-standby station | 1-chimney fire |
| Total incidents for 2023: 22(3 involved assistance to another town) | |

Engine 1 responded to 11 incidents, Engine 2 responded to 2 incidents, Rescue responded to 12 incidents, and Tanker responded to 1 incident(Albany did not have a tanker for most of the year). On average, 4 personnel responded to each incident.

Gary H. Mason
Treasurer

Joshua W. Pilbin
Chief

2023 Listers Message

Hello friends and neighbors. Welcome to all the new residents in our town. We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season with family and friends.

What a crazy year for the weather! We would like to show our appreciation to the Selectboard, road crew, town office staff, and all the volunteers that assisted with the quick response to this past year's flooding.

The Listers were busy this past year with all the new builds, renovations, and additions. We really enjoyed meeting and talking with you all. We foresee another busy year for site visits. That's good news for everyone. Please take time to respond to the annual Property Information Letter we will be sending out soon. We look forward to seeing you in the spring.

Sadly, Cathy Wilder will not be seeking re-election as Lister this year. We would like to acknowledge and thank Cathy for her 15 years of service. She takes a wealth of knowledge with her. We are hoping that Cathy will remain as the town's 911 Coordinator. Maybe with some encouragement at town meeting, she will remain in that capacity. She has been extremely dedicated to both her roles and we certainly wish her the best in whatever her future holds. Therefore, anyone interested in filling the position is welcome to contact us for more information.

Feel free to reach out to the Listers with any questions regarding changes or property information. Because we are not always in the office, the best way to contact us is by email at albanylisters@gmail.com.

Best wishes from the Listers office,

Sue Richardson, Cathy Wilder, Michele Reed

Planning Commission Report 2023

The Planning Commission worked with the Select Board on the following issues:

We spent a good deal of time in 2023 discussing the current status of our historic Town Hall and possible repairs and renovations to expand its use for Albany community events. This may include weatherization to increase energy efficiency, improving ADA accessibility and renovating the kitchen, all while preserving the historic characteristics of the building.

Specific activities included:

Repairing the leak in the Town Hall cupola, replacing rotten wood inside the cupola, sealing the roof of the cupola and scraping and painting the cupola.

The Town received free energy use audits from the VT Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) for the Town Hall/Library, Clerk's office, Fire Station and Town garage. The Town also received from this program a \$4,000 mini grant for energy planning. The program has up to \$500,000 available for each town in the program for weatherization and other energy efficiency improvements for Town buildings.

Repairs to the exterior of the Town Hall/Library will be made before it can be painted in the summer of 2024.

Preparing a draft Town Hall Use Policy for the Select Board which includes the change in the time of the Albany Food Share. This draft will be incorporated into an expanded Town Hall Use Policy in the future.

Working with NVDA to prepare an application to the VT Municipal Technical Assistance program for funding design and engineering services for improvements to the Town Hall and NEMRC software for the Clerk and Listers.

Organized the Albany Window Dressers program held in September and October, when 85 energy efficient window inserts were fabricated and installed, in conjunction with the Craftsbury and Glover Window Dressers programs.

Albany Planning Commission:

Rob Dewees, Chair

Ed O'Leary

Hannah Dreissigacker

Chris Jacobs

Neil Urie

George Richardson, joined the Commission in 2023

Amy Poirier, joined the Commission in 2023

Library Report 2023

2023 was a year of transition for the library. Kristin Urie stepped down as library director in the autumn, but not before packing the 2023 library calendar with a wealth of programs! Former library assistant Krista Mayer is now library director, and, in November, we were joined by Lalee Bond as the new library assistant.

In 2023, there were 662 visits to the library (for checking out or returning books, using the computers, etc). In addition, attendance at library programs tallied up to 684 participants.

The library hosted several community movie nights to view local historical films from the Simpson Library Ouida B. Grant film collection. In October, the series was crowned by Home Movie Day with assistance from Rachel Onuf (the director of Vermont Historic Records) and Fred Pond (from the Vermont Historical Society). This event gave people the opportunity to bring out their old reels of film and receive expert guidance on their preservation. Thanks to Kristin for coming back to help make sure this event went smoothly!

Other events for adults included ongoing Death Cafes; a book club; a Health Fair in the Town Hall in April; Paint and Sips; Poetry and Pie; workshops from the Vermont Department of Health on topics ranging from Emergency Preparedness to Tick Safety; a piano performance in the Town Hall by David Feurzig from Play Every Town VT; a three-week bookmaking class; and a Vermont Humanities talk with Howard Coffin entitled *Vermont Women and the Civil War*. The writer's group had steady participation over the summer, bringing together a diverse group ranging in age from 11 to 80 years.

In youth programming, Wednesday afternoons were especially lively throughout the summer. Cynthia Fryman from Head Start collaborated with the library to offer an open-ended drop-in playtime for families with young children, while Charles Supernaw offered a LEGO club for older kids at the same time. Attendance ranged from 10 - 27 children, with a core group of kids coming every week. The summer also saw a Saturday D&D group with 9 participants. In other children's programming, the library hosted a visit from Vermont children's author Christy Mihaly, and the Modern Times Puppet Theatre returned for another year to play the Perils of Mr. Punch to a packed Town Hall.

In other library news, we used grant funds to acquire new board games that can be borrowed to play at home. We also now have tabletop role-playing resources like D&D dice and related books to check out.

For the 2023-2024 school year, Albany received a Children's Literacy Foundation Year of the Book grant, which supports both our town library and the school library. Our library selected \$1,000 worth of free, high-quality children's books, which refreshed our youth collection with more than 50 new books! We have new picture books, chapter books, nonfiction, and many new graphic novels.

The library launched new hours for 2024. We are now open on Mon. 9 - 2, Wed. 3 - 6, Fri. 3 - 6, and Sat. 11 - 3. If you need a book outside those hours, check out the free shelf in the Genny or one of the little free libraries in Albany Village, South Albany, Albany Center, and East Albany.

Thanks to everyone who has continued to support the library. I'd love to hear feedback on how the library can serve you better. Stop in when the library is open, email aplvtdirector@gmail.com, call 755-6107, comment on our FaceBook, attend a trustee meeting (which are warned on the library website), or reach out to one of the trustees: Cathy Wilder, Cheryl Dewees, Emily Carbonetti, Nadine Richardson, Karen Hennig, Leslie Rowell, Sara McGlinchy or Jessica Maxwell.

Respectfully submitted by Krista Mayer, Library Director

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR/FIRE WARDEN

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| Beginning Balance January 1, 2023 | \$681.43 |
| Money raised on March 7, 2023 for Emergency Management Coordinator to attend trainings. | \$400.00 |
| Ending Balance December 31, 2023 | \$1081.43 |
| No money is requested in 2024 due to conference being local in 2023. | |

Emergencies:

In accordance with dispatch reports, an ambulance responded to Albany for 42 incidents: Orleans-33 and Glover-10(Glover Ambulance responded to assist Orleans on one of the incidents). The Albany Fire Dept. was dispatched and responded to 22 incidents.

Emergencies are dealt with at the local level. I continue to encourage everyone to safely check on your family, friends, and neighbors, especially the disabled, elderly, and those with medical conditions during significant weather events and/or power outages. Also, as a reminder, please do not use generators inside homes, basements, crawlspaces, or attached garages due to the possibility of you, your family, or pets being exposed to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Fire Warden:

There was 1 brush/grass fire reported in 2023 due to a debris fire becoming out of control. I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation. As a reminder, please contact me for a burn permit before doing any open burning when there is no significant snow on the ground. Only the burning of NATURAL VEGETATION is permitted. Household trash, tires, paint, oil, or plastic are a few examples of what is not permitted.

Gary Heath Mason, EMC/Fire Warden
albanysix@yahoo.com, cell 802-673-7185

Albany Historical Society 2023

After several years of not having regular meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Historical Society met on September 22, 2023. At this meeting Paul Daniels, who has been President since the Society's first meeting in October of 1993, announced that he felt it was time for him to step down. Jim Oliver, who has been the Vice-president and curator of the museum collection, also announced that due to health concerns he would also be giving up his position. Those present agreed to meet again on October 20th to elect new officers. Following many praises and thanks for both Paul and Jim, the election process began. The following persons were elected Paige Horner, President; Jeanne Peters, Vice-President; Marlene Goodrich, Secretary; and Angela Ross, Treasurer.

During the years the Society did not meet there were several on-going projects that were completed. The fire-alarm system in the museum was updated. Lights were changed from florescent to LEDs. The windows on the first floor were repaired.

The museum received at least one new donation: the old school card catalog cabinet was donated thanks to the work of Kristin Urie. She has also been working on getting old videos and films of historical value to the town digitized to be added to the collection. Thank you, Kristin for all your hard work.

We are planning a Variety Show and Bake Sale, tentative date May 18th. The Museum should be open on Memorial Day, May 27th. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21st at the Albany United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

You can follow us on our new Facebook page, "Albany Vermont Historical Society" or watch for announcements on Front Porch Forum. If you would like to receive a phone call, text, email, or letter about other events, please contact Marlene Goodrich at thewifemg@gmail.com or call 802-754-8729.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paige Horner, Jeanne Peters, Marlene Goodrich and Angela
Ross

HARDWICK AREA FOOD PANTRY INC
PO Box 1075, Hardwick, VT 05843
802-472-5940
www.NourishHardwick.org/pantry



Hardwick Area Food Pantry (HAFP) and the Albany Food Share

The Albany Food Share and HAFP are extremely grateful for the support of the town of Albany, in the form of our annual appropriation as well as our continued use of the Albany Town Hall. At the 2023 town meeting, voters approved increasing the appropriation to HAFP to \$5000. In 2024, we would like to encourage you to vote to YES on the article requesting \$5000 once again for the Hardwick Area Food Pantry.

The Hardwick Area Food Pantry is a multi-site food pantry that is committed to innovating and collaborating as a key partner in building a resilient local community in the Greater Hardwick area through improving quality food access for all.

HAFP and the Albany Food Share, in numbers:

- In 2023 the HAFP experienced a significant increase in demand: a 20% increase overall between our three sites.
- Albany Food Share served a total of 444 people in 2023.
- Hardwick Area Food Pantry (HAFP) served 2243 total individuals, approximately 234 of whom were residents of the town of Albany.
- This represents roughly 20% of the population of Albany.
- Over \$21,000 dollars in food costs went towards residents of Albany in 2023. (Due to donated food, the \$ amount of food received by residents is even higher.)
- Albany Food Share has over 30 volunteers who have been active in the last year.
- 25-35 volunteer-hours go into running the Albany Food Share site each week.

We have a strong team of staff, board members, volunteers, and donors who are committed to providing healthy foods to our neighbors who are experiencing need. We continue to also see an increased demand for our delivery program, which connects many of our clients to food throughout a wide service area. We also are proud to purchase food from many local farmers and producers. We want to extend a warm thank you to our communities, staff, volunteers, and donors: your continued support in making our mission possible.

HAFP Board: Reeve Basom, Gina Campoli, Hannah Dreissigacker, Alice Fleeer, Erika Karp, Jake Lester, Diana Peduzzi, John Tuthill, Liz Baum

HAFP Director: Heather Davis

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

NAME

PARENTS

Theodore Alan Collins

Kaitlyn Marie Lemieux & Bryce Raymond Collins

Braelynne Grace Parker

Ashley Marie Parker & Donnie Paul Parker

Owen James Goff

Taylor Ann Goff & Patrick Zebulon Goff

IN MEMORIAM

NAME

AGE

Carl T. Oberg

27

Jason L. Sanville

46

June Yvonne Cleveland

80

Linda Lee Major

59

Debra Marie Drudi

69

Robert O. Brown

67

Blaine Davis

71

Gary Chase

69

Robert Lee Talmadge

70

MARRIAGES

Maria Rose Hampton & Jean-Francois Barbeau

Kaitlyn Grace Stone & Richard Harvey Carroll Jr.

Kristilyn Rhoda Lefevre & Kyle Bernard Lemieux

Raffaella Mary Riha & Joseph Gregory Talmadge

Hallie Marilyn Grossman & Ethan Barlett Dreissigacker

TOWN INFORMATION

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL: 911

FIRE STATION NUMBER: 802-755-9240

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2024

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| March 4 | (Lake Region High School Location) | School Meeting |
| March 5 | | Town Meeting |
| March 23 | (2:00pm-2:45pm @ Town Clerk Parking Lot) | Rabies Clinic |
| April 1 | | Listing Begins |
| April 1 | | Dog License Due |
| May 4 | | Green Up VT Day |
| May 25 & October 25 | | Bulky Day |
| May 27 | | Memorial Day |
| August 13 | | Primary Election |
| November 5 | | General Election |
| November 13 | | Taxes Due |

This year the Rabies Clinic will be March 23th from 2:00pm to 2:45 P.M. It will be a drive-thru only clinic at the Town Office parking lot. The Stowe Vet Clinic will only go to cars per their request. Please remember to stay in your car and respect their request. Thank you.

To license this year, you can mail the proper amount with current rabies certificates and spay or neuter certificate if applicable, deposit in the drop box at the Town Office.

Dog License Fees are: Spayed or Neutered - \$9.00 /// Male or Female - \$13.00 (If done by April 1st.)

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS / OFFICE PHONE 802-755-6100

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

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

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

7:00PM at the Town Clerk's Office or Town Hall depending on current Health Situations

RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday - 4:00PM to 7:00PM and Friday - 12:00 P.M. to 4:00PM

Trash Disposal is during the same hours as Recycling:

\$2.00 / 13 gallon bag \$4.00 / 30 gallon bag \$6.00 / 64 gallon bag

HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY PLEASE

TOWN GARAGE PHONE: 755-6300

Albany/Irasburg Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

1030 Main St. Albany, VT .

Wednesdays, 4:00pm-7:00pm & Fridays, 12:00pm-4:00pm



SORT ITEMS



RECYCLING MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY

MIXED PAPER

Newspapers, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored & white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper.

NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.

TIN CANS

Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic.

MUST BE RINSED

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

*Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin) *

NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids, metal or wood.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, & BROWN KRAFT BAGS

FLATTEN BOXES. All Cardboard and Boxboard food packaging. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK.

NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam.

ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS

Labels OK. Flattening not required.

NO snack bags, candy wrappers, coffee bags.

MUST BE RINSED

BATTERIES

All types including primary and rechargeable batteries.

Please bag similar types together and bag damaged batteries separately.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 & #5 Food Containers

REMOVE CAPS / MAX. SIZE- 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*

Includes food containers, health/beauty product, and cleaner containers. #5 included if it's a food container. **NO plastic bags or films, black plastic, screw-top caps, motor oil bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes, or medical devices.**

ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS at the ALBANY RECYCLING CENTER:

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

SCRAP METAL: Metal appliances (stoves, washer/dryer, dishwasher), grills, water tanks, microwaves, metal roofing, pots and pans, bicycles. Any item that is mostly metal included. No fridges, freezers, A/Cs, dehumidifiers.

ELECTRONICS: TVs, computers (incl. mouse/keyboard/speakers), computer printers, radio/stereos, gaming systems, telephones, fax machines.

SPECIAL WASTES: Waste oil & filters, metal aerosols cans, hard cover books, fluorescent light bulbs.

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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE – May through the end of September **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** in Lyndonville, & special Saturday events throughout the District. Call for details.

In addition to services provided at this location, district residents have access to disposal services at the Lyndonville Recycling Center, 224 Church St, Lyndonville:

Recycling, Food Scraps, Scrap Metal, E-waste, Waste Oil, Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs, Freon-Containing Appliances (Refrigerators, Freezers, A/C units, Dehumidifiers), Stump Dump all free of charge, and Tire Disposal, fees apply.

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

Updated: 1/2023



List of Common Items **NOT ACCEPTED** for Recycling

Please dispose of the following items in the trash unless otherwise stated.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFELY AND PROPERLY DISPOSING OF A
MATERIAL- CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM

WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

(802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. www.nekwmd.org, e-mail outreach@nekwmd.org

Unacceptable Plastics Include:

Any **black** plastic containers

Motor oil, gas containers

Pesticide containers

Styrofoam of any kind

Planting pots and trays

Plastic furniture

Plastic Toys

Coffee Makers

Coat hangers

Vinyl Siding

Maple Tubing

CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases

Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size

Hard, rigid plastic (if it shatters, it's not accepted)

Unacceptable Plastic Bags and Films

Any type

Unacceptable Cardboard

Pringles containers

Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind

Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes

Cardboard with metallic interior

Single-use coffee cups

Soiled Cardboard

Waxy Cardboard

Unacceptable Paper

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)

White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)

Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers

Paper plates, cups, bowls

Single-use cups

Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

Unacceptable Glass

Crystal

Incandescent light bulbs

Automotive lights

Pyrex

Porcelain

Unacceptable Aluminum

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers

Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)

Coffee Bags

Unacceptable Tin

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans

Large Pieces of Metal

Nails, Screws, Fasteners

Any tin that is a non-food container

Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)

"Biodegradable" Bags

"Biodegradable" bags, cutlery, bowls, plates

Food utensils

Plates, bowls, cups

Plastic bags

Styrofoam

Keurig cups

2024 NEKWMD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| | |
|----------------|---|
| MAY 2 | Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection by appointment in Lyndonville begins |
| MAY 4 | Danville Bulky Day, Danville Stump Dump 8am-3pm |
| MAY 11 | Ryegate HHW Collection, Ryegate Transfer Station, 8am-12pm |
| MAY 18 | Peacham HHW Collection, Peacham Transfer Station 8am-12pm |
| MAY 18 | Guildhall Bulky Day, 5635 VT Route 102 (HWY Salt Shed) 8am-12pm |
| MAY 25 | Bloomfield Bulky Day, VT Route 102 Bloomfield, 8am-12pm |
| MAY 25 | Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30am-1pm |
| MAY 30 -June 1 | Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD facility Lyndonville, Appointment required |
| JUNE 1 | Derby HHW Collection, Derby Recycling Center, 9am-1pm |
| JUNE 8 | Brunswick Bulky Day & HHW Collection, Brunswick Town Offices, 8am-12pm |
| JUNE 22 | Newport Center HHW Collection, Newport Center Town Garage, 8am-12pm |
| JUNE 29 | Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Hatchery Brook Rd., Averill, 8am-12pm |
| JULY 10 | Barnet HHW Collection, Barnet Transfer Station 3pm-7pm |
| JULY 20 | Maidstone Bulky Day, 1342 Rte. 102 Maidstone 8am-12pm |
| AUGUST 3 | Greensboro HHW Collection, Greensboro Recycling Center 8am-11am |
| AUGUST 10 | Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Rte. 105 UTG Building, Ferdinand, 8am-12pm |
| AUGUST 14 | Lunenburg HHW Collection, Lunenburg Transfer Station 1pm-5pm |
| AUG 29-31 | Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD Facility, Lyndonville, Appointment required |
| SEPTEMBER 14 | Bloomfield Bulky Day, VT Route 102 Bloomfield, 8am-12pm |
| SEPTEMBER 21 | Danville Bulky Day, Danville Stump Dump, 8am-3pm |
| SEPTEMBER 28 | Cabot Bulky Day, Cabot Recycling Center, 8am-3pm |
| SEPTEMBER 28 | HHW Collection, NEKWMD Office, No appointment necessary, 8am-3pm |
| OCTOBER 3 | HHW Collection by appointment in Lyndonville ends |
| OCTOBER 5 | Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30-1pm |
| OCTOBER 19 | Brunswick Bulky Day, Brunswick Town Offices, 8am-12pm |

For information on these events and others, contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District at (802) 626-3532, 800-734-4602, by e-mail at progmgr@nekwmd.org or check the updated calendar of events at www.nekwmd.org

2024 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SATURDAY, MAY 11 | 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Ryegate Transfer Station |
| SATURDAY, MAY 18 | 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Peacham Transfer Station |
| SATURDAY, JUNE 1 | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Derby Recycling Center |
| SATURDAY, JUNE 8 | 8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. | Brunswick Town Office |
| SATURDAY, JUNE 22 | 8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. | Newport Center Town Garage |
| WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 | 3:00 p.m. – 7:00p.m. | Barnet Transfer Station |
| SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 | 8:00 a.m. – 11:00a.m. | Greensboro Recycling Center |
| WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14 | 1:00 p.m. – 5:00p.m. | Lunenburg Transfer Station |
| SATURDAY, SEPT. 28 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Lyndon Recycling Center |

The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection early in the event that we are at storage capacity. Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 25 gallons. If you have more than 25 gallons, please call our office to schedule an appointment at our Lyndonville facility, May 2 – Oct. 3, 2024.

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 2, 2024 to October 3, 2024. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

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

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

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

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

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

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

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

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

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

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

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

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

The NEKWMD hazardous waste collection program is made possible in part by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. This year's grant totaled \$74074.31

Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

GARDEN SUPPLIES

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

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

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

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

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

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802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or www.nekwmd.org**

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Jennifer L. Harlow
Sheriff



ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PO BOX 355
NEWPORT, VT 05855

Telephone
(802) 334-3333

Fax
(802) 334-3307

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has been honored to provide patrol services to you this past year. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town from January 1st, 2023 through December 31st 2023.

This past year has been a busy one for the Orleans County Sheriff's Department. The OCSD was able to send two (2) Deputy's to the Level III full- time Police Academy in Pittsford, VT which is an intense sixteen (16) week program. When a law enforcement officer is level III there are no restrictions on their certifications with the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council. Congratulation Deputy Andrew Gonyaw and Deputy Jeremy Cotnoir we are all very excited to see where your career with OCSD will take you.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has collaborated and worked cases once again this past year with the United States Marshal's, ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms) DEA (Department of Drug Enforcement), United States Border Protection/Customs, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Vermont Drug Task Force in an effort to make our community a safer place to live and a pleasurable place to come and visit.

The OCSD hired a new Deputy, William Kulakowski who brings over eight (8) years of law enforcement experience with him. Deputy Kulakowski stepped up and became a valuable instructor in the area of Use of Force along with Deputy Gonyaw, which is extremely beneficial to this agency and our community.

The OCSD has hired Deputy Daniel Locke who is a trained Drug Recognition Expert who travels throughout the counties assisting local and state law enforcement with interactions involving individuals believed to be operating under the influence of drugs. This expertise has and will continue to benefit Orleans County and our surrounding counties to assist in keeping our roads a safer place for travel. Deputy Locke is also a Field Training Officer and Firearms Instructor which has already benefited the OCSD.

The OCSD continues and will continue to work with supporting our Child Advocacy Center with a Deputy investigating crimes against our children as well as working with the States Attorney's Office with a grant that we currently hold.

Deputy Doug Morrill is assigned to Lake Region Union High School as the School Resource Officer and continues to build strong positive relationships with our young people. This position has and continues to prove so valuable to our community. We are all very lucky Deputy Morrill cares so much for this population of young people and does a wonderful job of being a positive role model for them.

The OCSD actively participates in grants through Governor Highway Safety as well as Operation Stone Garden which help to supplement patrol throughout Orleans County to enhance the safety of our residents.

We continue to maintain a "Drug Take-back" box in our lobby at the Sheriff's Department. The Department has collected approximately 255.4lbs of prescriptions in 2023. 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.

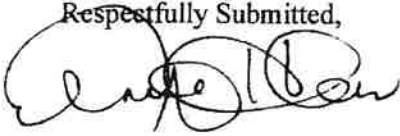
In December the Sheriff's department celebrated the 16th anniversary of "Operation Santa". We received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and community members. **Thank you!** The program helped bring a happy holiday season to approximately 358 children in our community. Dispatcher Tammy LaCourse has always been someone who has been a big part of helping our community, whether it is supporting youth sporting events, organizing food drives and items to help our local high schools with their community closets to Operation Santa. Tammy works so hard on this,

keeping track of all the donations that come in from our community members is a full time job in itself. Tammy stays after her regular work hours, comes in on weekends to make sure that everything is where it needs to be so no child goes without, this is all done on her own time. I personally am so grateful for her dedication and hard work that she puts into all of these events yearly. Thank you Tammy!!

It is an honor to work and live in Orleans County. Working with the local selectboards to meet the needs of each each town is a rewarding part of my job. Keeping the lines of communication between the select boards by both attending in person meetings, and sending monthly reporting system statistics helps keep our communities needs at the forefront of our services.

Orleans County Sheriff's Department Administration Office Hours: 8-4 pm Monday – Friday. Patrol Hours Day/Evening Hours Seven (7) days a week call 802-334-3333 and press 1 to speak to Dispatch.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer L. Harlow", written in a cursive style.

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

Town of Albany - Total Law Incident Report

| Nature of Incident | Total Incidents |
|---|------------------------|
| Agency Assist | 9 |
| Citizen Assist | 3 |
| Citizen Dispute | 1 |
| Civil Process | 13 |
| Crash -Property | 4 |
| Directed Patrol | 3 |
| Family Fight | 1 |
| Fraud | 1 |
| Illegal Dumping | 1 |
| Juvenile NICS Check | 2 |
| Juvenile Problem | 3 |
| Lewd & Lascivious Conduct | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle Complaint | 1 |
| Sex Offense | 1 |
| Speed Cart | 1 |
| Stalking | 1 |
| Subpoena Service | 1 |
| Traffic Hazard | 1 |
| Traffic Stop | 23 |
| Trespass | 1 |
| TRO/FRO Service | 4 |
| Vin Verification | 2 |
| Welfare Check | 2 |
| | |
| Total Incidents for Town of Albany | 80 |

Town of Albany - Total Traffic Violation Report

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Total Traffic Tickets | 7 |
| Total Warnings | 18 |

Town of Albany - Total Arrest Report

| Town of Albany - Total Arrest Report | |
|---|----------|
| Disorderly Conduct by Phone or Electronic Comm | 1 |
| Driving Criminally Suspended License | 1 |
| Excessive Speed | 1 |
| Home Improvement Fraud | 1 |
| Lewd and Lasvicious Conduct | 1 |
| | |
| Total Arrest (by person) for Town of Albany | 5 |
| Total Arrests (by count) for Town of Albany | 5 |



To the Voters of Albany:

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) serves Albany as a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. NVDA is the regional planning commission and economic development organization for Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, so we are uniquely suited to effectively serve municipalities and businesses.

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.

Local governance has become increasingly complex in recent years, and our staff remains available to assist your community in multiple capacities:

- Land use planning and 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.

The July flood brought new challenges to local governments and businesses already navigating post-pandemic realities. In addition to our regular services, we participated directly in flood response. We also began helping our communities meet the requirements of Act 47 (the HOME Act) to alleviate the housing crisis, and we continued to aid in regional pandemic recovery through assistance with ARPA funding, as well as other state and federal recovery resources such as the Municipal Energy Resilience Program and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program.

How have we served your community? In 2023, NVDA staff performed traffic counts in Albany and reported on major road damage stemming from the July flood. We also updated the Town's Local Emergency Management Plan which has been adopted by the Town and accepted by Vermont Emergency Management. NVDA staff also produced planning maps for Albany related to forest blocks and housing. Finally, NVDA was one of the participants on the VCRD Community Visit resource team.

NVDA dues are just \$0.85 per capita, 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 to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

Member Benefits - All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 142 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. Staff responds to thousands of member questions and publishes guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2023, VLCT specialists provided government-specific finance training as well as resources and consultation that help Vermont's cities and towns comply with federal rules for receiving federal ARPA and infrastructure funding. Staff also provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials.** The League provides training via webinars, classes at members' locations, and its annual member conference, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. In the wake of the 2023 floods, VLCT became a crucial information hub for local officials. VLCT's Equity Committee assists local officials in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in their municipalities' decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped cities and towns access additional resources to respond to the pandemic, repair roads and bridges, enact cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Specific success in 2023 includes securing \$3 million for towns to expand their capacity to access state and federal grants through the Municipal Technical Assistance Program, fighting to balance changes to local zoning laws with state land use laws to facilitate housing construction, elevating awareness of the financial difficulties rural emergency medical services face, amplifying municipal concerns as the Legislature contemplates moving toward a state-led reappraisal system, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members group rates on important benefits for municipal employees: life, disability, dental, and vision insurance. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.

Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions and to access resources to help them carry out the important work of local government. **To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org.** Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/AuditReports.

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2023

Newport Local Health Office | 100 Main St. Suite 220, Newport, VT
802-334-6707 | AHS.VDHNewport@Vermont.gov

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. **The Newport Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Orleans and Northern Essex counties.** Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/newport



Community Engagement

We work with residents, community partners, local officials, first responders and local health care partners on topics that are meaningful to our community.

- We set up a Comfort Station at the Barton Fair. Families could care for their babies, get bottled water or healthy snacks, cool down and learn about community resources.
- We teamed up with Salvation Farms to distribute excess produce twice a month. This helps the community get fresh food and reduces waste.
- This summer our office helped with the flood response by giving out water test kits.



WIC Services and Resources

Our Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) team provides nutrition education and support services to our community families.

- We held 2,429 appointments between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.
- WIC helps families get healthy food, support for breast/chest feeding and referrals for other health services.
- Our WIC team partners with Newport's dental hygienist. They offer advice for good oral health and can help families find a dental practice.



Immunizations and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

Our office works to protect our community against vaccine-preventable diseases

- We participated in 13 community clinics this year, including a clinic at Newport's first Pride Event this past summer.
- Our staff organized a Tdap clinic for those affected by floods this past spring.
- We work with our community partners to help ensure everyone has access to vaccines.



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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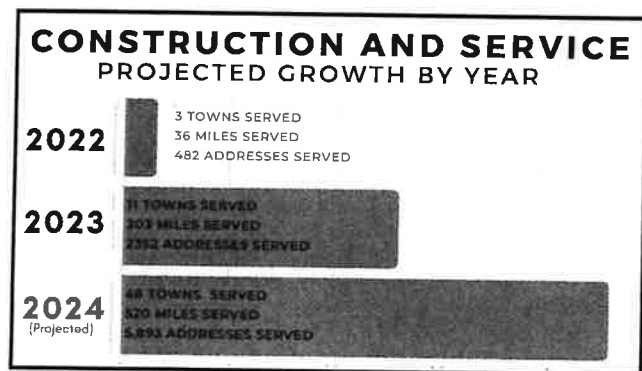


2023 ANNUAL REPORT




DELIVERING ON OUR PROMISE

In 2023, NEK Broadband put in place the additional staff, funding and infrastructure needed to continue delivering on its promise to bring high-speed, reliable internet to unserved and underserved communities in the NEK. We've made significant progress in building the "backbone" of our network throughout the region. This "backbone" of interlocking fiber optic cable will provide extra reliability for our internet service. We received a USDA ReConnect grant of 17.5 million to cover most of Essex County, thus freeing up more funds to expand our network build in the rest of the NEK. This year, we also increased our construction capacity and our ability to purchase and store more materials so that we can increase the speed of our buildout.



2352 
SERVICE AVAILABLE
WE NOW OFFER SERVICE TO
2352 ADDRESSES IN THE
NEK.

179 
CUSTOMERS SERVED
IN 2023, WE OVER DOUBLED
THE NUMBER OF
CUSTOMERS SERVED.

203 
MILES SERVED
AT THE END OF 2023, WE
NOW HAVE 203 MILES OF
FIBER NETWORK SERVED
THROUGHOUT THE NEK.

NEK 
BROADBAND

GRANTS & FINANCING

- We were awarded a USDA ReConnect grant of \$17,474,000 that will cover most of the addresses in Essex county and Eastern Orleans and Caledonia counties.
- The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved an additional \$17.94 million in construction funding, bringing the total investment in NEK Broadband to \$38.9 million to date.
- Our 2022 financials were given an unqualified "clean" opinion (evaluation) by our auditors.

BUILDING CAPACITY

- We are up to 6 full-time staff.
- We now have active warehouses in Danville, St. Johnsbury and Brighton for the storage of construction materials.
- We are working with state and vocational partners to train and increase the workforce in the NEK to help build our network.

BUDGET SUMMARY

OVER \$15,876,591 HAS BEEN INVESTED IN NEK COMMUNITY-OWNED BROADBAND.

| 2023 BUDGET TO ACTUAL (PROJECTED) | | 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Budget | Actual 2023 (Projected) | Projected Surplus from 2023 |
| Administrative Grant Revenue | \$2,252,718 | \$996,599 | \$1,256,119 |
| Operations Revenue | \$747,767 | \$222,790 | \$524,977 |
| Capital Grant Revenue | \$28,785,288 | \$10,311,147 | \$18,474,141 |
| Total Cash In | \$31,785,773 | \$11,530,536 | \$20,255,237 |
| Administrative Cost | \$1,847,194 | \$852,862 | \$994,332 |
| Operational Cost | \$586,601 | \$235,395 | \$351,206 |
| Construction Cost | \$28,785,288 | \$10,311,147 | \$18,474,141 |
| Total Cash Out | \$31,219,083 | \$11,399,404 | \$19,819,679 |
| Annual Net Cash Flow | \$566,690 | \$119,132 | \$447,558 |
| Increase in Capital Assets | \$28,785,288 | \$10,311,147 | \$18,474,141 |

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 Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.

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