

# **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF GRANBY VERMONT AND THE NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT**



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**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**Please bring this report to Town Meeting**

*The 2020 Granby Town Report*

*is dedicated*

*In Loving Memory*

*Of*



*Nellie and Calvin Noble*



Nellie May (Mitchem) Noble, age 61, of Granby, Vt., passed away on June 10, 2020 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center with her family by her side after a courageous two-month battle with bile-duct cancer.

Nellie was born Sept. 25, 1958 in Newport, Vt., to Clyde and Louise (Graves) Mitchem. Nellie graduated from Lyndon Institute class of 1976. Nellie met the love of her life, Calvin, when she was 15 years old while helping her dad at the Cook Shack at Granby's Holiday in the Hills. Calvin and Nellie built their life and their home in Granby and were married Oct. 9, 1976.

Nellie loved the town of Granby where she served as Town Clerk and Treasurer for more than 30 years, as well as running the Post Office for the last 20-plus years. Nellie was an avid reader and crafter, loved pumpkin spice, snowmen, and most of all, her grandchildren. Over the years she crocheted 100s of lap blankets and baby hats to be donated to local hospitals or gifted them to friends and family going through their own battles. Nellie helped author and publish two history books for the town, served on the Granby School PTO, was a member of the Cow Mountain Pond Association, was an active member for the Granby-Victory Congregational Church, was a member of the Holiday in the Hills Association, organized countless community potluck dinners, and was always available when anyone needed a last minute hunting or fishing tag.

She is survived by her husband, Calvin, and their dog, Mia; her daughter Jessica Hook and husband Scott and their children Zachary and Elias; her son Justin Noble and wife Jenelle and their children Natalie and Felicity; her sister Jean Desrochers; sister-in-law Paula Christopher; sister-in-law Connie Quimby and husband Bruce; brother-in-law John Noble; brother-in-law Rodney Noble and wife Kathy; and sister-in-law Claudette Morehouse and partner Dave Begor, as well as her numerous nieces and nephews. She touched the lives of too many people to count and will be missed by many.

A private graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family. There will be no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center North, 1090 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.



Calvin ('Cal', 'Kelly') Dale Noble, age 67, of Granby, Vt., passed away on Oct. 10, 2020 at home with his children by his side after a five-month battle with kidney cancer.

Calvin was born May 5, 1953 in Concord, Vt., the sixth and last child to Clyde and Ruth (Shores) Noble. Calvin graduated from Concord High School class of 1972. Calvin met the love of his life, Nellie, while she was helping her dad at the Cook Shack at Granby's Holiday in the Hills. Calvin and Nellie built their life and their home in Granby and were married October 9th 1976. Calvin loved his family and the town of Granby more than anything else. He enjoyed telling stories of growing up in town and of special times with his Dad, Grampa Shores and Uncle Freeman in particular. He didn't leave 'home' often, but did enjoy a few hunting trips in Canada and a very special trip to Alaska with Nellie to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Calvin was a jack of all trades and always enjoyed learning a new skill. He took a lot of pride in doing things himself. Calvin kept cattle, hens and pigs and loved to go hunting and fishing. He was quite fond of horseradish and loved his dandelion greens. Every year his mom would dig him some for his birthday. After she passed his siblings ensured he always had dandelion greens on his birthday. Calvin worked at Fairbanks Scales for 36 years where he worked as a machinist, night shift supervisor, and head of facilities. In 2008 Calvin was severely injured when another hunter shot him which left him with many health challenges. He fought them all with strength and courage that impressed everyone that met him. In this new chapter of his life he took on many new hobbies. He purchased a lathe and taught himself how to turn bowls and rolling pins. His favorite project was restoring his father's Case tractor and taking it to local tractor pulls where he brought home a number of trophies.

Calvin was predeceased by his wife who passed away just 4 months ago, as well as a special sister-in-law, Kathy Noble. He is survived by his dog, Mia who gave him much comfort; his daughter Jessica Hook and husband Scott and their children Zachary and Elias; his son Justin Noble and wife Jenelle and their children Natalie, Felicity and Tristan; sister Paula Christopher; sister Connie Quimby and husband Bruce; brother John Noble; brother Rodney Noble; and sister Claudette Morehouse and partner Dave Begor, numerous nieces and nephews. He touched the lives of too many people to count, and will be missed by many.



January 14, 2021

NEKWMD  
Member Towns

RE: **NEKWMD PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET**

Dear Member:

Due to the impacts of the COVID19 pandemic on Town Meeting Day. The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) has petitioned the legislature to allow the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed 2021 budget. This was a difficult decision on our part, but is considered necessary for two reasons.

- (1) House Bill H48, once signed by the Governor, will allow towns to move the date of their Town Meeting. This is problematic for the District because it could potentially delay our budget vote until the end of May. We have already been notified by a couple of towns that they are moving their town meeting to the end of May 2021. If Towns move the date of Town Meeting, they risk disenfranchising their voters by holding our budget vote when the outcome may already be predetermined.
- (2) The same bill will also allow towns the ability to mail ballots directly to all of their registered voters. While we support this idea, the District is in no position to be able to mail ballots and/or receive them. We have always relied on our member towns to include the ballots as part of their Australian Ballot process. Coordinating mailed ballots with 49 members towns would be a daunting task. We understand that most towns will probably not do this, but even if we miss one town, we run the risk of disenfranchising the electorate in that one town.

H48 contains a provision that allows the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors to approve the 2021 budget. This provision would only apply to the budget for 2021. The legislature considered this proposal because all of the other Waste Districts in Vermont allow their Board of Supervisors to approve their budgets. The NEKWMD Board approved this action at their January 12, 2021 meeting.

## NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of NEK Choice School District are hereby duly notified and warned to meet at their respective individual voting locations below, to vote for Articles One (1) through Four (4) by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, with the polls open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Town of Brunswick: Brunswick Community Office Building

Town of Bloomfield: Bloomfield Town Hall

Town of East Haven: East Haven Community Building

Town of Granby: Granby Town Office

Town of Guildhall: Guildhall Town Office

Town of Kirby: Kirby Town Office

Town of Lemington: Lemington Town House

Town of Maidstone: Maidstone Town Office

Town of Norton: Norton Town Office

Town of Victory: Victory Town Office

**ARTICLE 1.** Shall the voters of NEK Choice School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation to pay tuition expenses? (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE 2.** Shall the voters of NEK Choice School District authorize the Board of School Directors to withdraw from the reserve fund in order to pay unanticipated tuition expenses? (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall the voters of the NEK Choice School District approve the Board of Directors to expend \$5,427,732 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,893 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 24.27% higher than for the current year. (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE 4.** To elect all School District Officers, as required by law. (Australian Ballot)

Given unto our hands this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

NEK Choice School District Board Chair



Miles Etter

**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF GRANBY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**March 2, 2021**

**The legal voters of the Town of Granby are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Granby Town Hall in said Town on March 2, 2021, at 7:15 p.m. to transact the following business from the floor:**

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the term of one year.

Article 2: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2651d(a)?

Article 3: To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

Town Clerk for the term of three years. (By paper ballot)  
Town Treasurer for the term of three years. (By paper ballot)  
Selectman for the term of three years. (By paper ballot)  
Lister for the term of three years. (By paper ballot)  
Auditor for the term of three years. (By paper ballot)  
Auditor for the term of one year. (By paper ballot)  
First Constable for the term of one year.  
Delinquent Tax Collector for the term of one year.

Article 4: To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to collect its 2021 taxes by the Treasurer in two installments, with the first installment due on August 15, 2021 and the last installment due on November 15, 2021.

Article 6: Will the Town vote to levy an interest charge of one percent per month from the due date of each installment?

Article 7: Will the Town vote to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent taxpayers?

Article 8: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$2,594.42 to the following social service agencies, in the amounts requested by each agency, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

A. Vermont Family Network	\$250.00
B. American Red Cross Northern New England Region	\$250.00
C. Green Up Vermont	\$50.00
D. Northeast Kingdom Human Services	\$176.00
E. Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District	\$300.00
F. Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium	\$87.00
G. Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	\$100.00
H. Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$300.00
I. Northwoods Stewardship Center	\$250.00
J. The Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$105.00
K. The Community Restorative Justice Center	\$250.00
L. VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00
M. Caledonia Home Health & Hospice	\$75.00



Article 8: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed Town General Fund Budget of \$68,546.00 for the ensuing year?

Article 9: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed Town Highway Fund Budget of \$72,500.00 for the ensuing year?

Article 10: Will the Town vote to hold the Annual Town Meeting in the evening on the first Tuesday of March?

Article 11: To conduct any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town Meeting.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

**By the Selectboard members of the Town of Granby:**

Robert C. Peters \_\_\_\_\_

Reginald A. Bunnell \_\_\_\_\_

Larry M. Brown \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Sheryl Brown, Town Clerk

Received for Record

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

January 28, 2021

\*This is a copy only. Signed document is recorded at the Town Clerks office\*



## **Important Information Regarding 2021 Town Meeting**

The Town of Granby has opted to conduct our annual town meeting in the traditional manner “from the floor” despite the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. Because of our small population and available meeting space we are confident that we can conduct business as usual while following proper social distancing and state guidelines for in person town meetings. The health and safety of all of our residents is very important to us so we have included the following list of precautions and guidelines provided by the Secretary of State office for your review prior to our meeting. Please read the list carefully and follow these guidelines to ensure a safe and productive town meeting for all.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and see you all soon!

- Cloth face coverings over the mouth and nose shall be required for all individuals and officials attending.
- Municipalities shall make spare face masks available in the event a participant fails to bring a mask.
- Building capacity shall be restricted to 50 percent fire safety occupancy or 1 person per 100 square feet, whichever ensures social distancing between households.
- All participants must be seated and socially distanced from each other or from each household by at least 6 feet.
- All officials, employees and attendees must complete a health screening before entering the public meeting space. Posting signage and asking people to conduct the screening themselves is acceptable.
- Citizens choosing to speak during a town meeting should be directed to an area that affords at least 6 feet of social distancing between the speaker and other individuals. Whenever possible, individuals should leave their masks on when speaking.
- Municipalities shall maintain an easily accessible, legible log of all employees, officials, and attendees and their contact information, including name, address, phone number and email address for 30 days in the event contact tracing is required by VDH.
- Only warned articles shall be voted on at such meetings. Discussion of other business should be deferred to another time and venue when pandemic restrictions are not in place.
- No ancillary services shall be available, including but not limited to potluck meals, bake sales, scout sales, and staffed informational "tabling" operations before, during or after a meeting occurs.
- Municipalities must distribute information to potential meeting attendees about the guidelines, including capacity reductions, cloth face covering requirements, and multi-household socialization restrictions before the event.

Municipalities that depend on access to schools shall consult the Agency of Education's guidance on using school property for meetings.

District - ESSEX-CALEDONIA

LastName, FirstName Middle Suffix	Address
AINSWORTH, OWEN M	56 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
BERRYMAN, BRUCE	367 LUND LN, GRANBY, VT
BERRYMAN, CARA	367 LUND LN, GRANBY, VT
BILODEAU, CINDY	100 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
BILODEAU, LEONARD	100 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
BROWN, BETTY	472 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
BROWN, DORENE	8912 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
BROWN, EDWIN	8749 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
BROWN, JEFF	8912 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
BROWN, LARRY	472 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
BROWN, SHERYL E.	56 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
BROWN, TAWNIA	8747 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
BUNNELL, DEBRA	8955 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
BUNNELL, REGINALD	8955 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
DAVIS, BONNIE	8792 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
DUFFY, NATALIE	5191 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
DUFFY, SHANNON R	5191 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
DUFFY, THOMAS	5191 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
DUNHAM, ROLAND E.	719 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
DUNHAM, SHELIA M.	719 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
FARIS, DAVID	79 MATTHEWS KNL, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, FREDRICK JR	576 FELKER RD, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, JERRY	324 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, JOHN W.	6173 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, KENNETH	8534 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, NICOLE E.	6173 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, PATRICIA	324 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, PRISCILLA	72 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
HOUE, RYAN	155 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
HOUE, SHELLY	155 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
LAFERRIERE, JOHN C	354 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
LAFERRIERE, SUSAN	354 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
LAMADELEINE, SUSAN	157 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
LAMOUREUX, JOHN	6451 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
MARCEAU, CHARLES A.	6671 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
NOBLE, JOHN	9130 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
NOBLE, LACIE R.	9130 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
OCONNOR, PATRICK DENNIS	382 LUND LN, GRANBY, VT
PETERS, MICHAELA E.	1071 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT

LastName, FirstName Middle Suffix	Address
PETERS, ROBERT	1071 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
PETERS, SONIA	1071 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
POWELL, ADAM M	155 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
SHORES, VERNON E.	6336 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
SPICER, ROBERT G. JR.	9018 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
SULT, BONNIE	6313 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
TREMBLAY, LOIS	1594 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
TREMBLAY, VICTOR	1594 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
TREMBLAY-STYLES, DAWN	1446 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
WALKER, HENRY	6170 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
WILLIAMS, RAYMOND TERRY	1171 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
WILLIAMS, TERRI LYNN	1171 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
WILLSON, GARY A.	467 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT

Total number of voters: 52

### **NOTICE**

NEW LAW- Vermont now has same day voter registration....

### **NOTICE**

**NEK Choice School District  
March 2, 2021**

The polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The polling location is at the Granby Town Hall (downstairs). Absentee ballots are available for these two votes only...

Annual Town Meeting will be upstairs as usual in the evening at 7:15 p.m. Because of the new Consolidated School District we are a member of, we no longer have to hold an annual local school district meeting.

**TOWN OF GRANBY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 3, 2020**

**The legal voters of the Town of Granby are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Granby Town Hall in said Town on March 3, 2020, at 7:15 p.m. to transact the following business from the floor:**

Meeting called to order at 7:15 by Moderator Bruce Berryman Twelve (12) voters in attendance.

**Article 1:** To elect a Moderator for the term of one year.

Bruce Berryman nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Bruce Berryman elected by voice vote.

**Article 2:** To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

Selectman for the term of three years. (By paper ballot)

Larry Brown nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Larry Brown elected.

Lister for the term of three years. (By paper ballot)

Cindy Bilodeau nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Cindy Bilodeau elected.

Auditor for the term of three years. (By paper ballot)

Susan Laferriere nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Susan Laferriere elected.

Delinquent Tax Collector for the term of one year.

Nellie Noble nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Nellie Noble elected by voice vote.

First Constable for the term of one year.

Bonnie Sult nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Bonnie Sult elected by voice vote.

Town Agent for the term of one year.

Robert Peters nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Robert Peters elected by voice vote.

Town Grand Juror for the term of one year

Robert Peters nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Robert Peters elected by voice vote.

**Article 3:** To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Debbie Bunnell said nice job on the Town Report. Bruce Berryman asked when the tax maps would be ready. Nellie said they were here and a copy was on the side table for people to look at. Bruce also said great job to Nellie on collecting delinquent taxes last year to a zero balance.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to collect its 2020 taxes by the Treasurer in two installments, with the first installment due on August 15, 2020 and the last installment due on November 15, 2020.

Motion made and seconded that we do. No further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Article 5:** Will the Town vote to levy an interest charge of one percent per month from the due date of each installment?

Motion made and seconded that we do. No further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Article 6:** Will the Town vote to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent taxpayers?

Motion made and seconded that we do. No further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Article 7:** Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$2,043.00 to the following social service agencies, in the amounts requested by each agency, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

A. Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$300.00
B. Caledonia Home Health Care	\$75.00
C. Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	\$176.00
D. VT Center for Independent Living	\$105.00
E. Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District	\$300.00
F. Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium	\$87.00
G. Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	\$100.00
H. American Red Cross Northern VT Chapter	\$250.00
I. Northwoods Stewardship Center	\$250.00
J. Green Up Vermont	\$50.00
K. VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00
L. The Community Restorative Justice Center	\$250.00

Bruce gave a short report on the work that Northwoods Stewardship Center did at Cow Mtn Pond Forest last year and hope to come back this year. Town is trying to get a grant to help on those expenses. Motion made and seconded to approve all appropriations totaling \$2,043.00. No further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Article 8:** To set the wages of the Town Officers.

Reviewed the wages that were set in 2019. Debbie Bunnell made a motion to move the Assistant Town Clerk/Treas down into the group of others that get paid current minimum wage at time of working. Seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed. Motion made and seconded to set wages as Town Clerk and Treasurer a salary of \$7,150 a year, Town Clerk to receive all town clerk fees collected and Treasure to collect the 1% tax commission on current taxes collected. Selectboard to receive \$700 a year with Chairman to receive an additional \$104 a year; and all other elected and appointed officers to receive the current minimum wage at the time they get paid. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Article 9:** Will the Town vote to accept the proposed Town General Fund Budget of \$58,722.00 for the ensuing year?

Debbie Bunnell said that she would like to amend the budget by \$500 and to have the town get a cemetery marker for Maude Lund that was our town clerk for many years. She has no marker. Quite a few said that was a great idea. Motion seconded. Amendment to the budget passed by voice vote.

Motion made and seconded to accept the amended budget of \$59,222. No further discussion. Budget passed by voice vote.

**Article 10:** Will the Town vote to accept the proposed Town Highway Fund Budget of \$122,800.00 for the ensuing year?

Motion made and seconded to accept the highway budget of \$122,800. Debbie Bunnell mentioned that the roads have been great and that Casey Houghton was doing a great. Bruce Berryman mentioned how many people had been taking advantage of the Cow Mtn Pond parking spot on side of road. No further discussion. Budget passed by voice vote.

**Article 11:** Will the Town vote to hold the Annual Town Meeting in the evening on the first Tuesday of March?

Motion made and seconded that we do. No further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Article 12:** To conduct any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town Meeting.

No non-binding business to discuss but Nelle made a few announcements. 1) Had an update on mandatory composting starting July 1, 2020. Vaughn will not be obligated to have a container on his trailer for our stuff. We can get home composters from the NKWMD. Just don't put any meat or bones in it. 2) State health department sent some flyers about getting your home water wells tested. 3) Tax maps have arrived. There are some errors on them but not too many. Copy is on table for you to look at after meeting. One big error is they named Cow Mountain Pond Little Mud Pond which shows up on some other maps too. Nellie said she had sent error to the state planning/mapping division and hopefully they get this fixed. 4) Rabies clinic on March 14<sup>th</sup>. 5) Nellie reported the election results from the all-day voting. All the NEK School Choice District articles passed and there were no write-in for any of the board members. NEK WMD Budget passed here 19-3. Presidential Primary results- Democrat ballots Biden-3 Sanders-4. Republican ballots Trump 13 and one write in for Victor Tremblay and one blank ballot.

Bruce Berryman reported that the state had asked someone in town to do water quality test on Cow Mtn Pond. He and Victor Tremblay volunteered for the job. A state person came out one day and took some extra tests and were notified that the pond is in really good shape.

No further business so meeting was adjourned by Moderator at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted March 5, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nellie Noble, Town Clerk

Approved By:

\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

		Term Expires
<b>Moderator</b>	Bruce Berryman	2021
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Nellie Noble*	2021
<b>Treasurer</b>	Nellie Noble	2021
<b>Selectboard</b>	Reginald Bunnell-Vice Chairman	2021
	Robert Peters-Chair	2022
	Larry Brown	2023
<b>Listers</b>	Ryan Houde	2021
	Debra Bunnell-Chair	2022
	Cindy Bilodeau	2023
<b>Auditors</b>	Shelly Houde-Chair	2021
	Terri Williams	2022
	Susan Laferriere	2023
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b>	Nellie Noble	2021
<b>First Constable</b>	Bonnie Sult	2021
<b>Town Grand Juror</b>	Robert Peters	2021
<b>Town Agent</b>	Robert Peters	2021
<b>NEK Choice School District Director</b>	Sonia Peters	2021

### Selectboard In Charge of Highways

#### Justices of the Peace

Elected on 11/3/2020

Bruce Berryman\*

Terms expire 2/1/2023

Reginald Bunnell\*

\*Notary's

Robert Peters

John Noble

Sonia Peters\*

\* Please note that there were many new appointments made after Nellie's passing to fill various empty positions. These appointments are listed on the next page\*



## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### Interim Town Clerk/Treasurer/Delinquent

#### Tax Collector

(to carry out remainder of Nellie's term)

Terri Williams - appointed June 2020

resigned October 2020

Sheryl Brown - appointed October 2020

### Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer

Paula N. Christopher - resigned June 2020

Shannon Duffy - appointed June 2020

resigned August 2020

Donna Berry - appointed June 2020

resigned July 2020

Connie Quimby - appointed August 2020

### Town Fire Warden & Town Tree Warden

John Noble

### NVDA Representatives

Reginald Bunnell-2022

### Energy Coordinator

Larry Brown

### Health Officer appointed by State

Robert Peters-2025

### Animal Control Officer

Bonnie Sult

### Town Service Officer

Robert Peters

### NKWMD Supervisor

John Laferriere

### Civil Defense Chairperson

Reginald Bunnell

### Lyndon Rescue Representative

Bruce Berryman

### Town Grand Juror

Robert Peters

### E911 Coordinator

Vacant

### Town Emergency Management Agency

Robert Peters-Chair, Sonia Peters, Selectboard

### Road Foreman

Robert Peters

### Planning Commission Members:

### Term Expires:

John Noble

2021

Sonia Peters

2021

Bruce Berryman

2022

Tom Duffy-Chair

2023

Debra Bunnell-Secretary

2024

### Zoning Board of Adjustment Members:

John Noble-Chair

2021

Cara Berryman

2022

Tom Duffy-Chair

2023

Debra Bunnell

2024

Sonia Peters

2024

### Zoning Administrator:

Reginald Bunnell

2022

### Conservation Commission Members:

David Faris

2021

Bruce Berryman-Chairman

2022

John Noble

2023

Victor Tremblay

2023

Charles Marceau

2024

### Cow Mtn. Pond Management Committee


John Noble-Chair, Thomas Goss-Vice Chair, Nellie Noble-Secretary,

Reginald Bunnell, Victor Tremblay, John Irwin Jr., Bruce Berryman

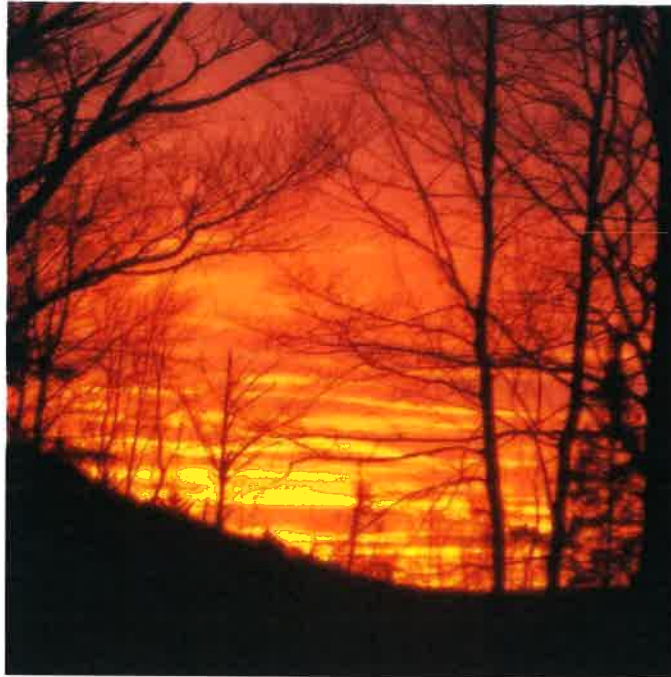
## Auditor's Report

We, the Auditors of The Town of Granby VT, have examined all accounts of the Town and to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of The Town of Granby, as of December 31, 2020.

Shelly Houde 

Susan Laferriere 

- *Note: Third auditor, Terri Williams, resigned her position in June 2020 in order to be our interim Town Clerk/Treasurer and the position was not filled before auditing time.*



NOTE: The financial records for the Town of Granby are audited by the Town Auditors and reports placed in the town report. These reports are typed up by the Town Clerk and all other documents, pictures, etc. are collated together and presented as the Town Report by the Town Clerk. We work as a team on deciding the cover picture and story. If there are any other items that you feel you would like to see in the report please let us know and we can discuss. Thank you.

## **Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2020**

<u>Year</u>	Name
2019	Brown, Edwin & Tawnya
	Brown, Shirley Estate
	Brown, Jeff & Dorene (camp)
	Brown, Jeff & Dorene (S. B. property)
	Favreau, David
	Hodgdon, Jerry & Patricia
	Walker, Henry
	Ware, Lisa
	Total Collected as of 12/31/2020
	\$5,371.06

\*Individual amounts of delinquent taxes will not be shown.  
Only the total amount due from all delinquent taxpayers will be reflected.

## **Delinquent Taxes unpaid as of December 31, 2020**

2020	Barbosa, William
	Brown, Jeff & Dorene (camp)
	Brown, Jeff & Dorene (S. B. Property)
	Favreau, David
	Gale, Bretton J & Amy
	Walker, Henry
	\$3,970.33

Note: No tax sales scheduled

# Statement of Taxes Raised

2020 Municipal Grand List	\$190,046.50	
General Fund Tax Rate	0.1724	\$32,764.02
Road Fund Tax Rate	0.2892	\$54,961.45
Local Option Tax Rate	<u>0.0059</u>	<u>\$1,121.27</u>
Total Municipal Tax Bill	\$0.4675	\$88,846.74

2020 Education Grand List-Homestead	\$38,154.00	
Statewide Education Tax Rate-Homestead	1.1318	\$43,182.70

2020 Education Grand List-Nonresidential	\$152,587.50	
Statewide Education Tax Rate-Nonresidential	1.5917	\$242,873.52

Late homestead penalty payment		0
Total		<u><u>\$374,902.96</u></u>

Current taxes collected by Treasurer	\$358,622.60
HS 122 education payments from State	\$11,336.55
Late homestead penalty	\$0.00
2020 Delinquent taxes turned to collector	<u>4,943.81</u>
	\$374,902.96

Received from:	
US Forest In Lieu of Taxes *	\$5,405.60
Vermont ANR in Lieu of Taxes*	\$609.60
Current Use Hold harmless payment*	21,855.00
State of VT-town payment portion of taxes from taxpayers	<u>440.00</u>
	\$28,310.20

## Grand List Tax Rate Five Year Comparison 2016 - 2020

Year	Tax Rate		Tax Rate	
2016	1.4289	homestead	1.9356	non-residential
2017	1.3443	homestead	1.8676	non-residential
2018	1.4003	homestead	1.9184	non-residential
2019	1.4581	homestead	1.9456	non-residential
2020	1.1318	homestead	1.5917	non-residential

**Note:** \*When setting the general fund tax rate the following receipts are used to offset the amount to raise. Plus the amount that is sold for rubbish tags from the previous year.

\*Due to a tax bill that needed to be revised in November some figures are offset due to non-residential education tax adjustment.

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	15	1,444,000	1,104,600	339,400	1,444,000
Residential II R2	18	2,929,500	2,257,500	672,000	2,929,500
Mobile Homes-U MHU	1	66,600	66,600	0	66,600
Mobile Homes-L MHL	8	611,200	543,300	67,900	611,200
Seasonal I S1	25	960,100	0	960,100	960,100
Seasonal II S2	24	2,717,900	0	2,717,900	2,717,900
Commercial C	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	3	7,376,600	0	7,376,600	7,376,600
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	0	0	0	0	0
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	40	7,156,300	11,400	7,144,900	7,156,300
Miscellaneous M	1	6,800	0	6,800	6,800
<b>TOTAL LISTED REAL</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>23,269,000</b>	<b>3,983,400</b>	<b>19,285,600</b>	<b>23,269,000</b>
P.P. Cable	0	0		0	0
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
<b>TOTAL LISTED P.P.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL LISTED VALUE</b>		<b>23,269,000</b>	<b>3,983,400</b>	<b>19,285,600</b>	<b>23,269,000</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>					
Veterans 10K	1/1	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
Veterans >10K		0			
<b>Total Veterans</b>		<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>
P.P. Contracts	0	0			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	2/2	69,500			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
<b>Total Contracts</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>69,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
<b>Total FarmStabContr</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Current Use	29/29	4,184,850	158,000	4,026,850	4,184,850
Special Exemptions	0		0	0	0
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub-total Exemptions</b>		<b>4,264,350</b>	<b>168,000</b>	<b>4,026,850</b>	<b>4,194,850</b>
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>4,264,350</b>	<b>168,000</b>	<b>4,026,850</b>	<b>4,194,850</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST</b>		<b>190,046.50</b>			
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST</b>			<b>38,154.00</b>	<b>152,587.50</b>	<b>190,741.50</b>
NON-TAX	10	NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411			

# General Fund Treasurer's Report

On Hand January 1, 2020	
Checkbook Balance	\$ 80,561.79
Savings Account	417.92
Cash on Hand	-
Total Available	\$ 80,979.71
<b>Current Receipts:</b>	
2020 Property Taxes	\$ 358,582.18
US Forest Service-in lieu of taxes	5,405.60
Agency of Natural Resources-in lieu of taxes	609.60
State of VT- Current Use Hold harmless payment	21,855.00
State of VT-Municipal Tax Adjustment	440.00
Checking Account interest-Union Bank	159.55
Savings Account interest-Union Bank	0.29
Late charges on Tax installments	76.73
Late charges on Tax installments(delinquent)	-
Delinquent Taxes	5,371.06
Delinquent Taxes interest	538.77
Late HS122 filing fees	-
Delinquent Tax Collector fees	1,829.19
Due back to general account for 'keep account active'	1.00
Town Clerk Fees	838.50
Tax overpayments received	-
Town Clerk Fees from Dog licenses	80.00
Copier usage by others	2.00
Dog Licenses-minus TC fees	144.00
Record Preservation fees from Recordings	64.00
Pay per bag rubbish tags	128.00
VLCT Workers Compensation 2019 Audit refund	39.00
Refund from Union Bank - wrong checks	22.80
History Books	350.00
Fish & Game Licenses sold-sent to State	256.50
Total Receipts:	396,793.77
Total Available	\$ 477,773.48
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Paid orders January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020	\$ 280,131.73
Loan payment	18,000.00
School taxes paid to NEK Choice School District	-
Restoration funds collected transferred to Restoration account	-
Appropriations to town accounts transferred-Restoration	-
Appropriations to town accounts transferred-Animal control/health officer	-
Appropriations to town accounts transferred-Ambulance/Fire	-
Appropriations to town accounts transferred-Town Office Equipment fund	-
Total Disbursements:	\$ 298,131.73
December 31, 2020 Balance	\$ 179,641.75

\*Please note appropriations were not paid until January of 2021, therefore they will reflect in next years expenses.

It should also be noted that some payments were paid from the wrong accounts or may not have been paid due to not knowing what had or had not been paid prior to Nellie's passing. I continue to work diligently to rectify this.

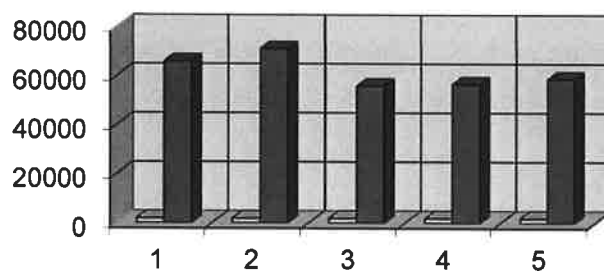
## General Fund Treasurer's Report Continued

Checkbook Balance	\$ 179,641.75
Savings Account Balance	418.71
	<u>\$ 180,060.46</u>

Reconciliation of Checking Account	
Checking Bank Balance	\$ 179,641.75
Outstanding Checks	-
Outstanding Deposits	-
Checkbook Balance	<u>\$ 179,641.75</u>

	Year	Budget
(1)	2016	65,991.00
(2)	2017	71,090.00
(3)	2018	55,926.00
(4)	2019	56,678.00
(5)	2020	58,722.00

**Five Year Budget Comparison**





# Selectmen's Report - General Fund Expenditures 2020

Vaughn Hodgdon-Rubbish & Recycling pickup/tipping fees	\$	13,670.95
NKWMD-Surcharges		587.50
Rubbish Tags		88.58
Telephone		1,259.56
GMP-electricity		495.13
Town Hall Heat-fuel		1,996.31
Town Officer Bonds		778.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer Salary		10,411.07
Town Clerk fees		837.50
Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer Salary		2,450.61
Town Office Expenses		3,214.32
Terri Williams -Delinquent Tax Collector fees		1,761.81
Elections expenses-Ballot Clerks		684.98
Auditors & Expenses		905.84
Town Report (printing, postage)		332.00
Selectmen's Salaries & Expenses		2,204.00
Listers Salaries & Expenses		1,396.69
Attorney Fees		210.00
Essex County Taxes		5,586.00
VLCT-dues		1,271.00
Debra Bunnell-Green Up Day Lunch supplies		40.00
VT Fish & Wildlife Fees		180.00
VT State Treas.-Rabies Control Program		-
VT State Treas.-Spaying/Neutering Program		-
Lancaster Ambulance Service/Lyndon Rescue Inc.		1,522.56
Mowing: Cemeteries, Town Hall, School		3,865.00
Payment to Road Acct. (raised by taxes)		55,035.00
Town Hall Maintenance		1,857.59
Tax Maps		1,575.00
VLCT PACIF-Insurance/WC/Unemployment		3,295.00
VT State Treas. First Half of FY20 State Education taxes		51,609.23
VT State Treas. Second Half of FY20 State Education taxes		74,671.00
Passumpsic Bank loan payment		34,115.70
NVDA-Dues		-
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging		300.00
Caledonia Home Health		75.00
NE Kingdom Human Services		176.00
Essex County Natural Resources		300.00
American Red Cross		250.00
VT Center for Independent Living		105.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.		100.00
Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium		87.00
Green Up Vermont		50.00
VT Rural Fire Protection		100.00
The Community Restorative Justice Center		250.00
Lyndon Rescue Inc		180.80
Northwoods Stewardship Center		250.00
Total	\$	280,131.73

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# SELECTMEN'S PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2021

	2021 Budget	2020 Budget	2020 Expenditures	Difference for 2020
Town Hall Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$ 1,857.59	240.41
Electricity	500.00	500.00	495.13	4.87
Heating fuel	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,996.31	503.69
Telephone	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,259.56	(59.56)
Town Office Supplies/equipment/training/travel	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,214.32	535.68
Town Clerk & Treasurer Salary	18,000.00	7,150.00	10,411.07	(3,261.07)
Assistant Town Clerk-Treasurer/clerical/office help	200.00	200.00	2,450.61	(2,250.61)
Auditors & Expenses	530.00	530.00	905.84	(375.84)
Constable & Expenses	100.00	100.00	-	100.00
Listers & Expenses/CAPTAP/off site backup	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,396.69	103.31
Selectmen's Salary & Expenses	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,204.00	296.00
FICA taxes	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,372.43	27.57
Essex County Taxes	5,580.00	5,580.00	5,586.00	(6.00)
Attorney Fees/Property Transactions	200.00	200.00	210.00	(10.00)
Insurances : Property/WC/Unemployment/Liability	3225.00	3225.00	3,295.00	(70.00)
VLCT-dues	1,126.00	1,126.00	1,271.00	(145.00)
NVDA-dues	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
Elections	900.00	900.00	684.98	215.02
Town Report - printing/binding/mailling	550.00	550.00	332.00	218.00
Care of Cemeteries - flags/signs	3,850.00	3,850.00	3,865.00	(15.00)
Trash Removal/Recycling/Tags/NEKWMD Surcharge	14,300.00	14,300.00	13,670.95	629.05
Green Up Day Supplies	40.00	40.00	40.00	-
Lancaster Ambulance Service contract	discontinued	1,276.00	1,522.56	(246.56)
Animal Control Officer/Health Office Expenses Fund	100.00	100.00	100.00	-
Restoration Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Town Office Equipment Fund	200.00	200.00	200.00	-
Unanticipated Ambulance/Fire Dept.Fund	200.00	200.00	200.00	-
Vermont Family Network	250.00	-	-	-
American Red Cross Northern New England Region	250.00	250.00	250.00	-
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	-
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	176.00	176.00	176.00	-
Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District	300.00	300.00	300.00	-
Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium	87.00	87.00	87.00	-
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	100.00	100.00	100.00	-
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	300.00	300.00	300.00	-
Northwoods Stewardship Center	250.00	250.00	250.00	-
The Vermont Center for Independent Living	105.00	105.00	105.00	-
The Community Restorative Justice Center	250.00	250.00	250.00	-
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00	100.00	100.00	-
Caledonia Home Health & Hospice	75.00	75.00	75.00	-
Lyndon Rescue Inc.	302.00	302.00	306.83	(4.83)
Total	\$ 68,546.00	\$ 58,722.00	\$ 62,390.87	(3,668.87)

\*Please note that NVDA dues, VT Rabies and spay/neuter program fees were not paid until the beginning of 2021, therefore they will reflect in next years expenses.

Also note that it was voted at last years town meeting to appropriate \$500 to purchase a grave stone for Maude Lund. This is still a work in progress.

# Highway Fund Treasurer's Report

On Hand January 1, 2020

Checkbook Balance	\$	26,680.76
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## Current Receipts:

2020 Levy Road Taxes	\$	55,035.00
Regular State Aid		31,109.62
Road Over weight Permits		150.00
Passumpsic Bank - interest		33.22
Highway Suppliment		8,066.81
Better Back Roads grant reimbursement		18,454.80
Deposits from State of Vt due to other accounts		23,662.50
Fema grant		19,377.41
Total Receipts:	\$	155,889.36
Total Available	\$	182,570.12

## Disbursements:

Paid orders January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020	\$	65,464.55
Total disbursements	\$	65,464.55

December 31, 2020 Balance	\$	117,105.57
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## Reconciliation of Checking Account

Uncleared checks	\$0.00
Check Book Balance	\$117,105.57



### Selectmen's Highway Expenditures 2020

Houghton & Sons Grading Services-plowing & sanding	\$ 21,805.00
Winter Sand / Salt	6,413.04
Walt Neborsky-mowing roadsides	1,330.00
Houghton & Sons Grading Services-labor/trucking	5,130.00
Chloride	2,884.81
Houghton & Sons Grading Services-Grading/chloride	9,360.00
Gravel	-
MRGP Annual Operating Fee	500.00
Road signs	41.70
Passumpsic Bank-loan payment	18,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 65,464.55</u>

### Proposed Budget - 2020

#### Disbursements

Plowing & Sanding	\$ 35,000.00
Winter sand & salt	13,000.00
Chloride	4,000.00
Grader Rental/Operator	15,000.00
Gravel	2,000.00
MRGP Annual Operating Fee	500.00
Summer maintenance labor/equipment use	3,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 72,500.00</u>

<b>Revenues</b> State of VT State Aid	\$ 30,225.00
Road overweight permits	120.00
Interest	20.00
To be raised by local taxes	<u>42,135.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 72,500.00</u>

**Restoration Fund**  
Treasurer's Report

On hand January, 1 2020		
Savings Account Balance	\$	1,674.49
<b>Current Receipts</b>		
Union Bank-interest	\$	1.16
Town Appropriation	\$	-
Total Receipts	\$	1.16
Total Available	\$	1,675.65
Disbursements:	\$	-
	Total	\$ -
December 31, 2020 balance	\$	1,675.65



**Reappraisal and Lister Fund**  
Treasurer's Report

On hand January 1, 2020		
Savings Account Balance	\$	17,117.32
<b>Current Receipts:</b>		
Union Bank-interest	\$	10.96
Total Receipts	\$	10.96
Total Available	\$	17,128.28
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Tax Maps	\$	1,575.00
December 31, 2020 balance	\$	15,553.28

\*Please note that 2020 appropriations did not post until January of 2021 therefore they will show in the 2021 town report. \*

### Unanticipated Ambulance & Fire Call Fund

#### Treasurer's Report

On Hand January 1, 2020	
Savings Account Balance	\$ 1,451.82
<b>Current Receipts:</b>	
Union Bank-interest	\$ 1.00
Town Appropriation	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
Total Available	\$ 1,452.82
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Total disbursements	
December 31, 2020 Balance	<u><u>\$ 1,452.82</u></u>

### Essex County Sheriff's Department 'after hours call service' Fund

#### Treasurer's Report

On Hand January 1, 2020	
Savings Account Balance	\$ 504.03
<b>Current Receipts:</b>	
Deposit to keep account active	\$ 0.50
Union Bank-interest	\$ 0.35
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 0.85</u>
Total Available	\$ 504.88
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Total disbursements	
December 31, 2020 Balance	<u><u>\$ 504.88</u></u>

### Town Office Equipment Fund

#### Treasurer's Report

On Hand January 1, 2020	
Savings Account Balance	\$ 1,606.58
<b>Current Receipts:</b>	
Union Bank-interest	\$ 1.12
Town Appropriation	
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 1.12</u>
Total Available	\$ 1,607.70
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Total disbursements	\$ -
December 31, 2020 Balance	<u><u>\$ 1,607.70</u></u>

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## Appleton Cemetary Perpetual Care Fund 2020

<b>Lots</b>	<b>Principal</b>
Aldrich, Robin	200.00
Bilodeau, Leonard & Cindy	200.00
Brown, Jeff & Dorene	100.00
Brown, Lynwood* & Barbara*	100.00
Brown, Sherwood* & Vivian*	200.00
Brown, Glen* & Shirley*	100.00
Corliss, Robert* / Thompson, Ruby*	200.00
Faris, David & Edna*	600.00
Fitta, Lois	100.00
Hodgdon Jr., Albert *	200.00
Hodgdon, Allen/Hodgdon, Donna*	100.00
Hodgdon, Donald* / Hodgdon-LaMadeleine, Sue	200.00
Hodgdon, Fox* & Jennie*	200.00
Hodgdon, Franklin/Hodgdon, Charles	100.00
Hodgdon Sr., Fredrick* & Priscilla	200.00
Hodgdon, Kenneth & Pammy*	200.00
LaMadeleine, Denis*	100.00
Lund, Donna/Stahler Jr., Howard	200.00
Lund, Henry*	200.00
Lund, Milton* & Eleanor*	200.00
Olson, Marvin* & Minnie*	200.00
<b>Total Principal</b>	<b>\$ 3,900.00</b>

\*Deceased

Total in savings account January 1, 2020	\$ 4,158.35
Cemetery plots sold	\$ 200.00
Union Bank-interest	2.94
Total in savings account December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 4,361.29</u>
Available interest only to be used \$461.29	

**Note 1:** If you wish to "reserve" a Lot it must be recorded with the Selectboard and Town Clerk and Paid For. A Lot size is for 2 caskets and the cost is \$200.00; which will be placed in the Perpetual Care Fund - "interest only" to be used. There are a few "half" Lots still available. The Selectboard decided full size lots on map may be sold as single lots for \$100.00 due to the fact that more and more cremations are being done..

**Note 2:** No trees are to be planted in the cemetery and we require that you purchase and place corner markers on your lots within 3 months of purchase.. If you have previously purchased a lot and do not have corner markers, please get them ASAP.





**Cow Mtn. Pond Forest Project Fund**  
Treasurer's Report

On Hand January 1, 2020  
Checkbook Balance

\$ 49,050.41

**Current Receipts:**

Passumpsic Bank-interest

\$ 48.29

Logging Income

\$ 40,427.41

Total Receipts:

\$ 40,475.70

Total Available

\$ 89,526.11

**Disbursements:**

Stewardship Expenses

231.83

Trail Maintenance

1,960.00

Accounting supplies (checks)

57.56

Advertising of Timber Sale

90.00

Total disbursements

2,339.39

December 31, 2020 Balance

\$ 87,186.72

**Reconciliation of Checking Account**

Bank Balance

\$ 87,186.72

Outstanding checks

\$ -

Checkbook balance

\$ 87,186.72



Cow Mountain Pond in Granby. Vermont's first Forest Legacy tract, 1993.



**Town Officer Wages as voted in 2020**

Town Clerk & Treasurer

\$7,150 a year plus all Town Clerk fees  
and 1% current taxes collected commission

Selectboard Members

\$700 a year each

Selectboard Chair

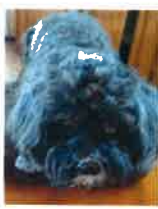
\$104 a year in addition to member pay

All other officers\*

Current minimum wage per hour at time of being paid

As of 01/01/2020 it was \$10.97. As of 01/01/2021 it is \$11.75.

\*for example: Auditors, Listers, Election Workers, Constable,  
Zoning Administrator, Health Officer, Animal Control Officer,  
Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer



## Dog Licenses



Female Dogs	6 @	\$13.00	\$ 78.00
Female Spayed	15 @	\$9.00	\$ 135.00
Male Dogs	10 @	\$13.00	\$ 130.00
Male Neutered	9 @	\$9.00	\$ 81.00
Total Dogs	40		\$ 424.00
Late fees received			
Total Received			\$ 424.00
Less: Town Clerk fees (40 x \$2.00)			80.00
State of VT Rabies Control Program (40 x \$1.00)			40.00
State of VT Spay/Neuter Program (40 x \$4.00)			160.00
Total Town Share			<u>\$ 144.00</u>

### LICENSE FEES

\$9.00 for each neutered/spayed dog or wolf-hybrid and \$13.00 for each non-neutered dog or wolf-hybrid. Includes a \$1.00 fee for the State rabies control program and a \$4.00 fee for the State Neutering program. Vaccines are good for 3 years.

**Licenses are due on or before April 1, 2021. A 50% penalty will be charged after this date by law. We will not be holding a rabies clinic at the Granby Town Hall this year due to COVID-19.**

## Planning Commission

On Hand January 1, 2020  
Check Book Balance

Treasurer's Report

\$ 1,725.68

### Current Receipts:

Union Bank-interest

\$ 1.50

Total Receipts

\$ 1.50

Total Available

\$ 1,727.18

### Disbursements:

Deposit to wrong account in 2019 reversed on 01/02/2020

\$ 730.00

December 31, 2020 Balance

\$ 997.18

### Reconciliation of Checking Account

Bank Balance	\$ 997.18
Outstanding checks	
Check Book Balance	<u>\$ 997.18</u>

### Planning Commission Expenditures

Big P zoning signs	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ -</u>



**Animal Control Officer/Health Officer Fund**  
**Treasurer's Report**

On Hand January 1, 2020  
Savings Account Balance

\$ 1,318.46

**Current Receipts:**

Town appropriation 2020

Union Bank-interest

0.91

Total Receipts:

\$ 0.91

Total Available

\$ 1,319.37

**Disbursements:**

Transfer to gen account to keep account active

Total disbursements

-

December 31, 2020 Balance  
(all in savings)

\$ 1,319.37

**Granby Town Health Officer Report**

Robert Peters is our Town Health Officer

There were no Town Health Officer issues this year.



**Granby Animal Control Officer Report**

Bonnie Sult is our Animal Control Officer and Pound Keeper

No issues this year..

\*Please note that 2020 appropriations did not post until January of 2021 therefore they will show in the 2021 town report\*

**Vital Statistics**

**Births**

0

**Deaths**

Nellie May Noble

Calvin Dale Noble

**Marriages**

0

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Granby Town Clerk's/Treasurer's Office**

9005 Granby Road

Granby, VT 05840

Phone: (802) 328-3611 Fax: (802) 328-2200

Email: [townofgranby@myfairpoint.net](mailto:townofgranby@myfairpoint.net)

Drop off box for payments, documents, etc. next to Town Office door

Office Hours are Thursday 9:30 to 3:30 or by appointment.

In case of emergency please feel free to call me at home Ph#802-535-5362

**GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS:** Applicants must be 62 years of age or older and be a legal resident of the town. Fee: \$2.00. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

**FISH & GAME LICENSES:** Licenses are available from the Town Clerk. Licenses are now done online so we can also do permanent licenses and reprints, lost licenses-no matter where you may have purchased your original from. These are just a few new features available to you. There is a \$1.50 charge for reprints of lost licenses. For those of you that have permanent licenses remember that you should get an up to date copy each year so you have the current year on your tags. I can do those for you. I am no longer an official Big Game reporting station. The state has also furnished me with some new transport tags to give you...New in 2018: in order to get your permanent license, you must now be 66 years old, and pay a one-time fee of \$60. Law books are available at the Town Office.

**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS/VAST:** Most vehicle renewals can be done at the office; cars, trucks, trailers, all terrain, motorcycle, motor home, tractors, special trucks, etc. along with snowmobiles and boats. A \$3 Town Clerk fee will also be charged. You need to pay the registration fee with a check or money order. TC fee has to be paid separate. Local snow machine club memberships and VAST memberships may be purchased in town from the MRRD Treasurer-Debra Bunnell.

**Selectboard Meetings**

Last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office

**DRIVEWAY/CURB CUT PERMITS**

This is a permit required that the Selectboard adopted in 2011. Applications are available at the Town Office. Permit is free but it needs to be recorded in the Land Records and that fee is \$15.

**RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC:**

There will not be a rabies vaccination clinic at Granby Town Clerk's Office this year due to COVID-19. We apologize for this inconvenience however this was the decision of the veterinarian offices. They are open and available for individual appointments at their offices. Please contact them for more information. Please also

note that dogs must still be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. You may do so by seeing Sheryl at the town clerk's office during regular business hours or by appointment. I will be happy to help you!

### **TRASH REMOVAL:**

**HOURS:** Every other Saturday morning from 9:00 –10:00 a.m. (in front of Bunnell's garage)  
Mandatory recycling is in effect. Remember: black plastic and items 5-7 are not recyclable. We know that some of you might not like to deal with the recycling but: **the more that we recycle, the less it costs us for tipping fees at the landfill and also for the NKWMD.** If you need to know if the trucks are coming in or if it's the correct night PLEASE call the Selectboard Chair, as he is the one that will be notified. Remember-On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 the town implemented the pay per bag system of \$2 per bag... Extra tags may be purchased from the Town Clerk.

### **Zoning Commission/Planning Commission Meetings**

Meetings are called as needed.

### **REMEMBER: ZONING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED IN GRANBY**

Contact the Zoning Administrator, Reg Bunnell at 1-802-328-2191 or the Town Clerk to get an application. All questions need to be directed to the ZA. Application fee is \$25 for residential and \$40 for commercial (includes \$15 recording fee), plus the cost of any notices that have to be published in the newspaper regarding your permit if it's a conditional use, change of use, or variance, etc. and will be billed to the applicant.

Permits issued in 2020: 1

### **E911**

Please be sure your number is displayed on or very near your house/camp. Number signs may be purchased from the East Burke Fire Dept. for \$25. Please stop into the East Burke Garage and speak with Mr. Greer about purchasing. The signs can be vertical or horizontal and come prepunched with two holes. If you need to reach the service providers for Granby directly use the numbers below. Dial 911 for emergency use only!

VT State Police	1-802-748-3111
Essex County Sheriff's Dept.	1-802-676-3500 -Trevor Colby
VT Fish & Game	1-802-748-3111
Lancaster Ambulance	1-603-788-3323
East Burke Fire Dept.	1-802-748-8924 (dispatched out of St. Johnsbury)
CALEX or Lyndon Rescue	1-802-748-3111

### **Forest Fire Warden**

John Noble 1-802-535-4222 Permits are required for all outside fires except in contained fireplaces/fire pits. Different rules apply when there is snow on the ground. But you should still contact John you are burning.

## 2020 Town Clerk & Treasurer's Report

To say that 2020 was a tough year is an understatement! The Town of Granby has endured many hardships this past year with the stress and uncertainty of a pandemic, many changes to our local government and great loss to our community with the passing of our friends Nellie and Calvin Noble. Not only was Nellie our friend she was our longtime Town Clerk, Treasurer, Delinquent Tax Collector, E911 Coordinator, Cow Mountain Pond Management Committee Secretary, Holiday in the Hills Historical Group Secretary/Assistant Treasurer and so much more. Nellie "wore many hats" and her talents and kindness spread far beyond our little town. Her loss has been felt throughout Vermont as she was very active with the VMTCA as their treasurer and on the fundraising committee as well. She was well known to all and is deeply missed.

I have often said that I don't think any of us here in Granby truly realized how important Nellie was until we lost her. One of the selectmen has often described her passing as having "taken the legs out from under us" and that explains it perfectly. We have spent the past seven months gathering our bearings, regrouping as a community and though it has been tough we have persevered.

There is not much to report in terms of happenings around town in 2020 as the pandemic and regrouping mainly occupied all of our time and limited our ability to do things. Please notice while reading this years' town report there are notations of items that were missed or delayed as we discovered what had, had not or needed to be done after Nellie passed. This has been a huge learning experience for myself and Terri when she was clerk. It may take a while yet for us to get completely back to square one. You will see that I have done my best to put notations on pages to help shed some light on how we are progressing in figuring out how to keep the books the way only Nellie knew how. Some things were not paid until January of 2021 as we did not know they had not been paid prior to June. In other instances items were deposited to, or paid from the road account that should have been from the general account and vice versa. I am working hard to transfer this monies to their proper accounts.

Road work also took a back seat in 2020 as the selectmen had their hands full with reorganizing. Only basic maintenance was performed as needed with any larger project temporarily on hold.

There was a dedication of the Rogers Rangers Pavilion in the spring that was well attended despite the pandemic.



We witnessed the closing of our beloved post office and continue to adjust to our new mail delivery system. Bob Peters and crew built an amazing shelter to house the mailboxes. Thank you Bob, nephew Matthew, grandson Darby and friends!



Many people have stepped up and worked together to keep Granby running. Be it lending a hand at the town office or taking on new roles we are unaccustomed to we have come together in our time of crisis.

I would like to give special thanks to Terri Williams for taking on the job of Interim Town Clerk/Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector until the end of October. To Betty Brown, Sonya Peters and Deb Bunnell who took on duties to help with the church, the community calendar, the holiday card exchange, office assistance extending from QuickBooks to tax bills and more we are forever grateful. Our Auditors, Sue Laferriere and Shelly Houde who spent just shy of 50 hours figuring out the books! Your dedication and experience are appreciated more than I can express! I also thank Donna Berry, Shannon Duffy and Connie Quimby for their roles as Assistant Clerks! I know I would be lost without you Connie! I am forever indebted to you for sharing your wealth of knowledge with me. I thank the Selectmen for having faith in me and giving me the opportunity to serve our town. Although I just came on board in November I am thankful for the wonderful residents of our little town for being so supportive to me and each other throughout our time of need.

At risk of being long winded and repetitive, I will wrap up my report by again thanking each and every resident of Granby for your patience and understanding throughout 2020. Please bear with me as we grow and learn together in 2021!

Warm Regards,

*Sheryl E Brown*

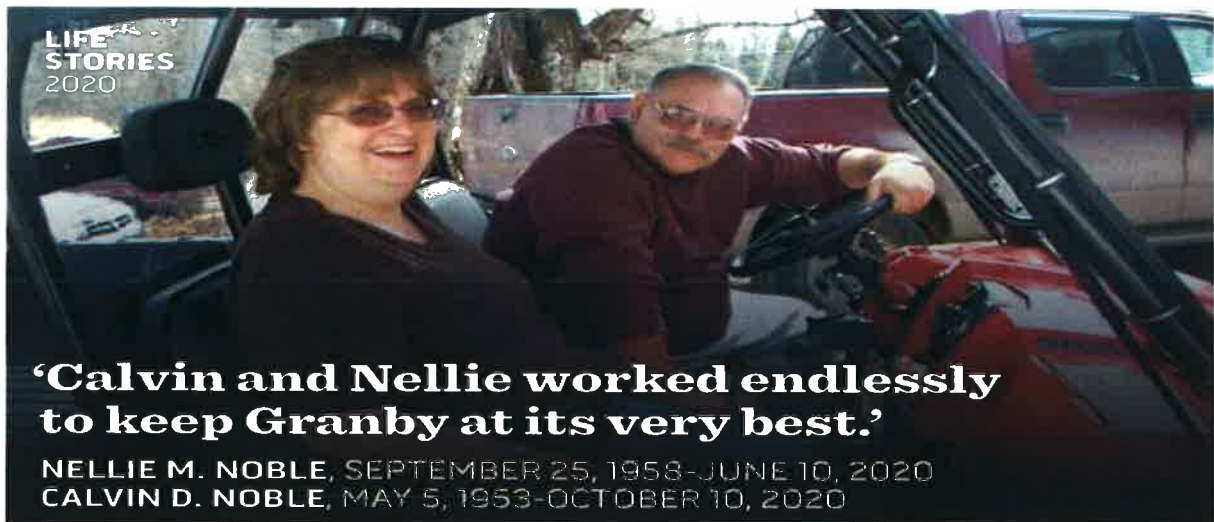


Nellie M. Noble

September 25, 1958-June 10, 2020

Calvin D. Noble

May 5, 1953-October 10, 2020



- COURTESY
- Nellie and Calvin Noble  
She was 15 and he was 20 when they met. Calvin Noble's father was repairing the roof of the fall festival "cook shack" in Granby. Nellie Mitchem's father came from two towns over to help and brought her along. It was love at first sight. Soon Calvin was tooling Nellie around in his pickup truck, she cuddling beside him on the wide bench seat.

Their meeting foreshadowed the couple's more than 40 years together. They would spend their lives devoted to each other and to the well-being of their 20-miles-from-anywhere Northeast Kingdom community and its handful of residents. They rarely would be separated, even in death: Calvin died in October, just four months after Nellie.

They married in 1976, two weeks after her 18th birthday, and moved into the ranch house they had been building behind his parents' home.

Calvin had grown up in Granby, the youngest of six children. His mother's ancestors had arrived there in 1815, and he was related to what seemed like half the town by blood or marriage. Electricity did not reach the small town northeast of St. Johnsbury until he was 10; his mother cooked on a woodstove, and the family read by the light of kerosene lamps. Calvin and his siblings and cousins fished

for trout in Schoolhouse Brook and ranged through the vast woods. At 14 or 15, he killed his first deer with a single shot. "I believe he was playing a little hooky from school," his brother John recalled.

Calvin loved that outdoor life, loved having his family nearby and never wanted to leave Granby. Soon Nellie agreed.

She was shy at first, in this new town, but she was a young woman with energy, a charitable heart and a talent for organization. As their two children, Jessica and Justin, approached school age, she volunteered to help audit the town books, dipping a first toe in the waters of town government.

In 1988, she was elected town clerk, a post she would hold for 32 years and manage so masterfully that the town leaders felt adrift when she died. "The selectboard kinda fell asleep during her time because Nellie kept track and told us what we needed to do," board chair Bob Peters said. "The smartest thing Calvin ever did was bring Nellie to town. That was one of his greatest achievements."

Town clerking was just the start. Nellie also acted as town treasurer and delinquent tax collector. She served terms on the planning commission and the zoning board and helped run the Granby Central School PTO before the one-room schoolhouse closed in 2006. Starting in 1992, she worked in the blacksmith-shop-turned-post-office, which she eventually ran. (When she died, the post office closed for good.)



COURTESY

Nellie and Calvin Nellie

"If something needed to be done in town, she would be the one to get it going" is how her friend Betty Brown put it. Nellie was instrumental in the local campaign to conserve remote Cow Mountain Pond from development. She ran the annual hunters' supper. She made sure services were held a few times a year in the Granby-Victory Congregational Church. She created the community calendar (featuring residents' birthdays) and organized the Christmas "memory tree" outside the church to remember Granby-ites who had died.

If anyone could ever be said to have their finger on the pulse of a community, it was Nellie. "Any day, she could tell you what color clothes everybody was wearing and where they were," Peters said.

But what really made Nellie the heart of Granby — 2020 population: 60-plus; miles of paved road: zero — was her own big heart and desire to help.

When she wasn't managing the town's road repair accounts or sorting mail, she was crocheting afghans for cancer patients at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury or knitting hats for newborns and mittens for the disadvantaged. Over the years, she organized "sunshine baskets" of staples and treats for the homebound and drove two elderly residents to Lancaster, N.H., to do their shopping. When Sonia Peters was pregnant and fairly new to town, Nellie organized a baby shower attended by most of the town's women.

Her daughter, Jessica Hook, summed it up: "At the heart of it, she loved people, and all these projects allowed her to feel like she was part of something bigger."

While Nellie worked for the town, Calvin commuted to Fairbanks Scales in St. Johnsbury, where he was a machinist and supervisor. Most autumns he shot his deer, some years adding a moose or a bear to the freezer.

On one of those hunts in 2008, Calvin was shot and nearly killed by a hunter who mistook him for a bear. The bullet pierced his abdomen and lodged in his hip. He lost his left leg and his bladder and underwent many operations and years of dialysis before a kidney transplant.

His extended family and the town rallied around him to help pay the transplant bills and buy Calvin an off-road utility vehicle to get around. Over time, he took up woodworking, restored a 50-year-old Case tractor, built himself a little metal ladder to mount it and won trophies in tractor-pulling contests. Together, he and Nellie organized a local historic preservation group to save the old one-room school as a future museum.

"It was his personal fortitude" that kept Calvin going, his friend Peters said. "He was more than remarkable."

In 2019, Calvin was diagnosed with kidney cancer. Not long after, Nellie was found to have cancer of the bile duct. She died in June this year, leaving Calvin alone in their home — though perhaps not so alone.

"I was there one day with him, and I could not believe the line of cars that kept coming by, people wanting to see him," Jessica recalled. But her father could not recover from Nellie's loss. He died on October 10, one day after their 44th wedding anniversary.

"My father had a lot of health issues, but a broken heart was the top of the list," his daughter said.

A stone memorial bench planned to commemorate Nellie in the churchyard now will honor her husband, as well. "Together, Calvin and Nellie worked endlessly to keep Granby at its very best," the inscription will read. "Residents will always and forever be grateful and in their debt."

— Candace Page

Originally published in Seven Days

Congratulations to Granby's very own Terri Lynn Williams for being elected to the Vermont House of Representatives in November 2020!

On behalf of the Town of Granby and its residents, we thank you for your service to our town as our interim Town Clerk and Treasurer and for your service to Essex/Caledonia Counties and the State of Vermont.

We are proud to call you our own!

Representative Terri Lynn Williams



[Essex-Caledonia](#)

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- [House Committee on Education](#)

Biography

TERRI WILLIAMS of Granby, a Republican representing Essex/Caledonia District, was born in Concord, VT, in November 1956 and has lived in North Concord and Granby for most of her life. Terri graduated from Concord High School, which included two years at the St. Johnsbury Academy Vocational Program studying bookkeeping. She also studied for one year at New Hampshire College, majoring in business.

For ten-plus years Terri owned and operated Bernie's Market in Concord. Other endeavors include manager at Fairbanks Scales and McDonalds in St. Johnsbury, administrator at Concord Schools, bookkeeper at Hovey's Shops, clerk at St. Jay Hardware, and owner of an antique shop in Concord.

Terri, for a short period, served by appointment as interim Town Clerk and Treasurer for the town of Granby. She also served as selectboard member and auditor for the town of Concord.

Her civic involvement includes establishing a big game weighing station at Bernie's Market. She was a member of local "Board of Directors" that included Lyndon Institute, Fairbanks Federal Credit Union, and Northern Counties Home Health. Terri, in her earlier years, was a coach, athletic director, and 4-H leader.

Terri has been married to Terry Williams, a 45-year employee of Fairbanks Scales, for 44 years.





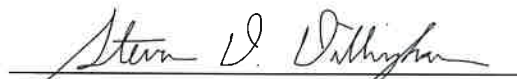
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**Town of Granby**

as an invaluable member of the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program. We appreciate the efforts you made in making the Partnership Program a success and helping achieve a successful 2020 Census.



Dr. Steven D. Dillingham, Director  
U.S. Census Bureau





## **Request for 2021 Town Dues**

Greetings:

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

### **Town of Granby**

Amount Requested:                \$500.00

Possible funding methods\*\*:

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

Example:

*“Shall the town vote to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$500.00 to the Northeastern Vermont Development Association, for planning, development, promoting and publicizing the resources of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties with other towns in the three counties?”*

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





To the Voters of Granby:

For 70 years, the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has been a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. As the state's only combined regional planning and economic development organization, we are uniquely suited to simultaneously serve the municipalities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom.

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

Local governance is increasingly complex -- and even more so during a pandemic! Since last March NVDA staff has been swift and agile in meeting the pandemic's unprecedented challenges. We quickly mobilized to help local governments secure expense reimbursements due to COVID and connect so many of our businesses to the available state and federal recovery resources. Our regular services continued without interruption as well. They include, but are not limited to:

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

How is this relevant to the Town of Granby? In 2020, our Transportation Planner assisted with a Grants-in-Aid project to help bring Granby's roads into compliance with the Municipal Roads General Permit. Our Emergency Planner assisted with updating Granby's Local Emergency Management Plan, which was approved by Vermont Emergency Management. NVDA awarded a grant to the Town for maintenance of the Cow Mountain Pond municipal forest. Finally, we provided local officials daily with COVID 19 information, such as grant assistance and health information.

NVDA's municipal dues remain at a very affordable \$0.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$250. We take great pride in providing cost-effective professional services to the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom. We take pride in keeping communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at [tgonyaw@nvda.net](mailto:tgonyaw@nvda.net) to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,  
David Snedeker  
Executive Director



**American Red Cross**  
Northern New England Region

October 14, 2020

Town of Granby  
Attn: Selectboard  
PO Box 56  
Granby, VT 5840

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well during these uncertain times. As you know, our mission at the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Established in 1881, the American Red Cross serves under the core principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality. These principles ground us and inspire us as we carry out our mission across the country, and right here at home.

Over the past year, the American Red Cross of Northern New England has succeeded in providing the following throughout the region:

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, **once every 17 hours**, helping nearly **2,000 individuals**.
- We installed more than **4,500** smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **31,400** people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected **135,000** units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,200** service members and veterans received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

As we carry on through the pandemic, the American Red Cross remains committed to safely providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Granby. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$250.00.* These funds will be used right here in our region so that we can continue to serve your friends and neighbors during these unprecedented times.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Impact Sheet for Essex County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or [supportnne@redcross.org](mailto:supportnne@redcross.org).

While we know the world may feel uncertain at present, rest assured that the American Red Cross will always be there to help and support local communities.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Zellem".

Rachel Zellem  
Development Specialist

American Red Cross of Northern New England  
[www.redcross.org/nne](http://www.redcross.org/nne)



**American Red Cross**  
Northern New England Region

# Essex County Service Delivery

## July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

### Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **3 disaster incidents**, assisting **11 residents of Essex County**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

City	Disasters	Individuals
Concord	2	10
Lunenburg	1	1

### Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout **Essex County** to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We installed **5 free smoke alarms** in homes and helped families develop emergency evacuation plans.

### Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **10 of Essex County's Service Members, veterans and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

### Blood Collections

During the last fiscal year, we collected **32 pints** of lifesaving blood products in **Essex County**.

### Training Services

Last year, **51 Essex residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

### Volunteer Services

**Essex County** is home to **2 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.







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

Town of Granby  
P.O Box 56  
Granby, VT 05840

10/13/2020

Dear Town:

Thank you for your past appropriation for Green Up Vermont, your help is crucial to sustain our mission of cleaning up our roads and waterways. Your contribution is greatly appreciated! As Green Up rolls into our 51st year, we are again requesting your continued support for 2021.

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

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

Green Up Vermont is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and organize a statewide clean-up day, always the first Saturday in May, and to raise public awareness and stewardship for a litter free environment. Quick litter stats from 2020: Nearly 14,000 volunteers, 241 tons of litter and over 9,000 tires were collected.

Most importantly, amidst a global pandemic, Vermonters felt Green Up Day was the one event that shouldn't ever be cancelled and found safe ways to continue this civic service to their communities.

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day 2021, May 1st and help us celebrate 51 years of keeping Vermont green! Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments. I look forward to working with you again. Thank you!

Kate Alberghini  
Executive Director

Invoice #: 1157

Terms: Due on receipt

Description	Amount
2021 Green Up Day Town Giving	50.00

Vermont Green Up Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization

Green Up Vermont's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the health, economic and visual benefits of a litter-free environment year-round.



**GREEN UP VERMONT**  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to Covid-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride and engagement.

Support from municipalities is essential to our program. Funds help pay for administration, supplies (including 65,000 Green Up trash bags), promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, poster and writing contests, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Early awareness initiatives for Green Up Day tripled the number of submissions to our annual poster art and writing contests and produced 184 applicants for our first scholarship. We were able to offer "Greener" bags made with 70% post-consumer waste; add a Green Scuba team to clean in Lake Champlain; and had over 100 editorial stories in the news as well as a national mention in the *Washington Post*.

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Visit our website and follow us on Facebook (@greenupvermont) and Instagram (greenupvermont).

**Green Up Day, May 1, 2021**

**Thank you!**

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

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



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November 10, 2020

Town of Granby  
Town Clerk, Select Board, and Community Members  
P. O. BOX 56  
GRANBY, VT 05840

Dear Select Board and Community Members,

Your financial support to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. (NKHS) goes directly to care for your community members in need of mental health, addictions, emergency crisis, and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities services. The appropriation request for the 2021 Town Meeting is the same as was voted at the 2020 Town Meeting. This represents 0.18% of appropriation requests from 48 towns.

**Article:** Shall the **Town of Granby** vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$176** for the support of **Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.**, a not for profit 501(c)(3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities?

This agency met the challenge this past year for accessible supports during the COVID-19 pandemic. As an essential business, NKHS adhered to Vermont's State of Emergency executive order and remained in compliance with Vermont's Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention safety guidelines. NKHS was able to adjust by implementing a wider range of telehealth options to keep clients engaged in services. These adjustments included added costs for technology. Not only did NKHS continue providing services and supports to current clients, but the agency also developed additional services for those who experienced the effects of the prolonged and unintended consequences of social isolation, loss of work, or decline in health. Examples were the warm lines made available for free to contact a mental health professional for support.

We know we don't live in a perfect world, and we are doing our best to help people live as best they can, given the realities of their individual circumstances. A summary of how NKHS helped the Northeast Kingdom and the Town of Granby's community members is included with this letter.

If you need more information, please contact Ruth Marquette at [RMarquette@nkhs.net](mailto:RMarquette@nkhs.net). Thank you very much for your support at Town Meeting!

Sincerely,

Tomasz Jankowski, President and CEO

*We're all about being human.*

**NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES, INC. (NKHS) Requesting \$176 in 2021**

181 Crawford Road – Derby, P. O. Box 724, Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 802-334-6744 or 800-696-4979

2225 Portland Street, P. O. Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 ♦ 802-748-3181 or 800-649-0118

Emergency Crisis Line 802-334-6744 – 24 hours a day/7 days a week

NKHS Parent Support Line 802-749-1111, a free community service

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

Thank you **Town of Granby** voters, for your appropriation support last year. Annual appropriations are a vital funding source supporting community members who otherwise cannot afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency/Crisis Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities. Our mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

**Summary data for July 2019 through July 2020:**

- **3,663** = Total number of individuals of all ages in our service area that utilized support services in the past year.
- **3** = Number of individuals **from the Town of Granby** who accessed supportive care at Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.
- **Over 100 hours** = Employees provided community consultation, education, and outreach in community meetings, events, and trainings in Northeast Kingdom Human Services offices, area schools, and businesses. Training examples include QPR Gatekeeper and Youth Mental Health First Aid.
- **512 total** = Dedicated professional employees who support community members in the Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, the satellite office in Hardwick, telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic, in homes, in schools, and throughout Northeast Kingdom communities.
- **18%** = There was an increase of 18% in unanticipated expenses not reimbursed by the state or other grants for technology, cleaning supplies, and personal protective equipment needed to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Good mental health is important for everyone. As a Designated Agency serving the Vermont's system of care, NKHS has a responsibility for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. A sliding fee scale is available for those in financial need. Northeast Kingdom Human Services is asking the Town of Granby voters to consider helping neighbors, family members, and friends receive the supports they need to live a happy, fulfilling life and be an active and contributing member in your community. The 2021 appropriation request of \$176 is the same amount voted on at the 2020 Town Meeting. This represents 0.18% of appropriation requests from 48 towns.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tomasz Jankowski, DPT, MHA, MBA

President and CEO

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



*We're all about being human.*



Dear Town of Granby Select Board,

On behalf of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, we are writing to ask for an appropriation from the town of Granby to support our work with older Vermonters living in your community. Your support is vitally important as we continue to face challenges due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasing need to protect and feed our elder Vermonters as they stay home and stay safe.

The NEK Council on Aging serves as a central guide for older Vermonters to gain services and assistance in their communities. We remain a critical resource for the COVID-19 emergency response. In FY 2020, the Council aided **over 4,486 residents of the Northeast Kingdom** and with our home-delivered meals program, **delivered 207,546 meals—an annual increase of 79,462 meals**. We also offer a Helpline, Medicare counseling and Bootcamp, exercise and mobility programs, specially-trained staff who help people develop long-range planning as they age, family and caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support with aging in place, as well as support to apply for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs. Our nutrition programs partially fund meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. Our work is supplemented by over 370 volunteers who serve as home-delivered meals drivers, wellness program leaders, and home-based caregivers.

As a private, 501c (3) non-profit corporation, we have been serving older Vermonters for over 41 years. This year, we are requesting the amount of \$300.00 from the residents of the town of Granby. We have enclosed a brief letter in support of this request for inclusion in your town report and a copy of our 2020 Annual Report.

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

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meg Burmeister".

Meg Burmeister  
Executive Director

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

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

March 2021

For over 41 years, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging has been a valued and trusted resource for older Vermonters to age independently, their way. Our mission is to deliver the person-centered support necessary for our older Vermonters to sustain their independence and live well in their communities.

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

Our nutrition programs partially fund meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide solutions for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. In addition, our work is supplemented by over 370 volunteers who serve as home-delivered meal drivers, wellness program leaders, friends who make neighborly check-in phone calls, and home-based caregivers.

Our service area extends across the entire Northeast Kingdom. During this past year 5 residents of Granby used the services of our organization to meet their needs. People called our Helpline for assistance with caregiving and programs such as 3SquaresVT, Medicaid and Medicare, fuel assistance, and transportation, among other services. Our website [www.nekcouncil.org](http://www.nekcouncil.org) provides information on many of our programs and services.

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

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

In gratitude,



Meg Burmeister  
Executive Director

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

**Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.**

55 Seymour Lane, Suite 11

Newport, VT 05855

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

(802) 334-6532 / phone

(802) 334-6555 / fax

**info@neklsvt.org**

**www.NEKLSVT.org**



December 4, 2020

Dear Town of Granby,

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (NEKLS) has served the residents of Orleans, Essex, and Caledonia counties since the late 1960s. Beginning in one location in Newport, NEKLS has evolved to providing our FREE services in five Community Learning Centers and with various off-site and in-home educational programs. The residents of these counties that have accessed NEKLS services have worked towards earning a high school diploma or GED, gained job skills, prepared for college courses, received family and child support services such as Early Intervention, and much more.

Throughout the COVID 19 Pandemic, NEKLS, INC has not skipped a beat. Ensuring the safety of both our staff and consumers, we have continued to offer needed services and even adjusted and expanded what we offer in order to meet the community needs. From Children's Integrated Services working with families and local food and supply drives, to our Administrative offices hosting a local social media campaign to bring community members together at the start of the pandemic, we have continued to creatively collaborate and connect with those in the Northeast Kingdom in Vermont.

State and federal budget challenges continue to impact funding of community nonprofits such as NEKLS. Town appropriations are vital in keeping services free for the hundreds of community members we work with each year, helping to make their goals a reality. Funding helps to maintain high quality services as they are and to introduce new instructional options as well. NEKLS is requesting a town appropriation of \$100.00 to help support programs that are accessible to the residents of Granby.

In 2020, NEKLS continued its new offering at Ready, Set, Grow Childcare located in the old Teddy Bear Factory on Farrant Street in Newport. The childcare opened in September of 2019 with the capacity to serve up to 98 children from infancy to age 12 all while maintaining COVID 19 protocols and making an extra effort to support essential workers. We have also debuted Step Up to Childcare, a FREE training program for those interested in becoming home providers or working in a childcare center.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Faust". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michelle Faust

Executive Director

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



# Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.

NEKLS began with one woman, Eva Warner, teaching area residents to read at their kitchen table.  
It is *so much more* almost 50 years later.

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

- **The High School Completion Program (HSCP)** collaborates with local schools to provide a path to a high school diploma for anyone 16 or older. Program participants may have left school or may still be enrolled in their partnering high school. **In FY20 35 HSCP students earned their high school diploma**
- **The General Educational Development Program (GED)** leads to a high school diploma equivalency. In 2020 18 students earned their GED through the NEKLS GED Testing Centers.
- **Adult Education and Literacy Programs** served **163 students for more than 6,336 hours in FY 2020 in the tri-county region.** In addition to HSCP and GED services, our teachers provided math, reading and writing skill development, job skills development, computer literacy and support in students' transition to work or college. Since March, many of our services are now also being offered remotely.
- NEKLS teaches English as a second or other language (**English For Speakers of Other Languages**) to students from around the world who have come to settle in our beautiful Northeast Kingdom. **In FY 2020, NEKLS served 5 ESOL students in the tri-county region.**
- NEKLS Community Learning Centers offer **group and individual digital literacy training.** In addition to computer instruction classes, an average of **106 community members a month** access email, search the web, perform job searches, complete online job applications, or apply for unemployment benefits at the **five Community Learning Centers in the tri-county region.**
- **Children's Integrated Services (CIS)** is Vermont's comprehensive approach to provide child development and family support services. In FY 2020, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services **Early Intervention and Family Support Specialists** received over **300 referrals to EI and Family Support services.**
- **The Tutorial Program** provides one-on-one and group instruction to K-12 students at any number of locations including area libraries and town halls. **In FY 2020, NEKLS served 31 K-12 students in the tri-county region.**
- In FY20 NEKLS **trained over 50 community members in Mental Health First Aid** and has a staff member that was named one of the top 100 MHFA trainers in the USA. NEKLS transitioned their foundational prevention work to Umbrella's Social Change Program at the end of the four year Regional Prevention Partnership Grant.
- In September of 2019, **Ready, Set, Grow Childcare** opened its doors to children and NEKCA Head Start opened their Head Start Program. The COVID19 Pandemic has greatly impacted families, child cares and schools. While both programs had to shut down for a period of time, Head Start was able to provide remote services to their children and Ready, Set, Grow Childcare was able to reopen to children in June. **At that time, 42 children were enrolled.** Ready, Set, Grow is actively working towards full staffing and full enrollment for 2021.

*NEKLS has a staff of 61 dedicated professionals committed to serving the needs of the Northeast Kingdom. Please contact us at 1-844-GO NEKLS (466-3557) if you or someone you know has need of our services or at [info@neklsvt.org](mailto:info@neklsvt.org). Thank you for your generous support!*



December 22, 2020

Nellie Noble, Town Clerk  
Town of Granby  
PO Box 56  
Granby VT 05840



Dear Ms. Noble:

The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2021 warning for Granby Town Meeting:

**"Shall the Town vote the sum of \$87 to support the operation of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Granby residents?"**

The Fairbanks Museum invites Granby residents to take full advantage of their unlimited free general admission to the Museum to explore the nature, beauty, and wonders of our world.

Your municipal appropriation provides essential support for the care of the Museum's historic building and the maintenance and exhibition of the most extraordinary educational collections in northern New England. These are among our region's most prized assets. Each year the Museum offers new opportunities for exploration and discovery, so do come for a visit!

In 2020, we pivoted quickly to meet the community's needs and reach our audiences in new ways due to the pandemic. We have created online access to exhibits, expanded our digital programming, and created new outdoor opportunities for learning and discovery. We installed a new outdoor classroom for safe learning, and reopened our doors in July with safety protocols to protect the community. With community support, the Museum is fully engaged in community economic, educational, and cultural development initiatives and contributes significantly to the attraction of visitors to our region.

The Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers of the Museum are tremendously grateful for the support, encouragement, and collaborative planning that keep our programs relevant and vital. We aim to ensure the Museum delivers services, programs, and a commitment to community development that benefit your town's residents and visitors, and contribute to a remarkable quality of life.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Kane".

Adam Kane, Executive Director

# NORTHWOODS STEWARDSHIP CENTER

*Connecting people and place through science, education and action*

December 20, 2020

Town of Granby  
PO Box 56  
Granby, VT 05840

Dear Members of the Granby Selectboard,

I am writing to express our sincere thanks for your past support and to respectfully request that the Town of Granby renew its support for NorthWoods Stewardship Center through an annual appropriation of \$250 at Town Meeting.

NorthWoods offers widespread conservation and educational services throughout the region and is supported through the generosity of private individuals, local communities, charitable grants, and fee-for-service contracts. We provide reduced-cost educational programs (including camps, After School, and natural science activities), summer Conservation Corps jobs for local youth, and a variety of practical workshops for adults throughout the year. The NorthWoods crew was also hired again this year by the town of Granby to do more work on Cow Mountain.

We invite all Granby residents to visit NorthWoods to enjoy a ski, paddle, or nature hike or to join us for one of our youth camps or landowner education programs. Continued support from the Town of Granby is critical to the success of these programs and *we appreciate your support!*

Thank you. I am happy to respond to any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Maria Young  
Executive Director  
NorthWoods Stewardship Center

PO Box 220 / 154 Leadership Drive, East Charleston, VT 05833 802-723-6551

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

December 21, 2020

Ms. Nellie M. Noble,  
Town of Granby  
9005 Granby Road  
Granby, VT 05840

Dear Ms. Noble and voters:

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of Granby for our fiscal year 2021.

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

We are requesting \$105.00 from the Town of Granby to help more people with disabilities in the coming year. Enclosed you will find a summary of VCIL's programs and services for the town and a copy of our FY'21 budget.

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

Sincerely,



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

Enclosures

Susan A. Cherry, Executive Director  
Neil Favreau, RJ Program Director  
Susan Russell, Reentry Coordinator  
Tune Faulkner, RJ Panel Coordinator  
Stephanie Rowe, Victim Outreach Liaison  
Alexandra Jump, RJ Coordinator Hardwick Area  
Kathleen Hunter, Front Office

Programs: \*Community Development; Neighborhoods  
\*Mediation; Circles  
\*School Training and Support  
\*Free Legal Clinic/Information and Referral  
\*Restorative Justice Panels  
\*Restorative Reentry and CoSA  
\*Victim Outreach and Victim Services



THE COMMUNITY  
RESTORATIVE  
JUSTICE CENTER

December 16, 2020

Select Board, Town of Granby  
c/o Nellie Noble, Town Clerk  
9005 Granby Rd.  
Granby, VT 05840

Dear Select Board of Granby


The Community Restorative Justice Center respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2021 warning for the Granby Town Meeting:

**Shall the Town vote the sum of \$250 to support the operation of The Community Restorative Justice Center during the ensuing year? The CRJC believes in preventing and resolving conflict in the community using victim and community needs as guiding information in repairing harm and restoring right relations. We work with schools, neighborhoods, and the criminal justice system to respond to community needs as it relates to justice being served and attending to the needs of victims and community. In this process, we use community members to work with their neighbors to resolve conflict and repair harm.**

The Community Restorative Justice Center holds restorative justice panel meetings for cases referred directly from law enforcement as well as cases referred from the Department of Corrections. Cases that go through the CRJC have a 32% reduction in recidivism, according to a 2017 study. In the past 12 months, the CRJC heard 1 restorative justice case involving Granby residents and 1 free Legal Clinic case. We also support Restorative Practices in the area schools. Appropriations from the Town of Granby would also give technical support to neighborhood associations, and other community dialogue referrals as requested. The CRJC mission states that we are *committed to providing a safe environment for neighbors and parties to resolve conflict in our communities, to restore relationships, and to take responsibility to repair harms caused. We promote the principles of victim-informed restorative justice that transforms practices in workplace, school, institution, and living spaces throughout Caledonia and Essex counties.*

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely,

  
Susan A. Cherry, Executive Director

The Community Restorative Justice Center, Inc.

576 Railroad St. Suite 2 • St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
Telephone: (802) 748-2977 • Fax: (802) 748-3146  
[scherry@communityrjc.org](mailto:scherry@communityrjc.org)  
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## Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

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

November 1, 2020

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

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **23+ years** of the program, almost **1200 grants** totaling **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

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

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

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2020 was \$200,432, of which \$107,524 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks

and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received nearly **\$10,000** in town appropriations from almost **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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

Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person Town Appropriation business  
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program  
(802) 828-4582 | [dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com](mailto:dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com)

Jill Arace, Executive Director  
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
(802) 496-5162 | [jill.arace@vacd.org](mailto:jill.arace@vacd.org)

**Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:**

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



## Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice

A division of Northern Counties Health Care, Inc.  
161 Sherman Drive, St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819  
Phone: 802-748-8116 Fax: 802-748-4628 Web: [www.nchevt.org](http://www.nchevt.org)

December 8, 2020

Town Clerk  
PO Box 56  
Granby, VT 05840

Dear Town Clerk and Selectman,

As in previous years, Caledonia Home Health Care would like to place an Article on your Town Warning to read as follows:

“Shall the Town of Granby vote to appropriate \$ 75.00 to Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice to be used in providing health care service.”

Caledonia Home Health Care's financial picture continues to be unpredictable given constant changes in the reimbursement policies of the government and private insurance plans. Our appropriation request reflects a percentage of the uncompensated care provided to the residents of your town.

Please advise if you would like me or a local member of our Board of Directors to attend the Selectman's meeting at which our warning article will be considered. If we do not hear otherwise we will assume that the above article will appear on the Warning for the March 2021 Town Meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Laurie A. Bellizzi*

Laurie Bellizzi  
Assistant Director of Operations  
Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice

**Caledonia Home Health & Hospice**  
**Visit Statistics for 2021 Town Appropriations**

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice (CHHC) is Northern Counties Health Care's (NCHC) certified Medicare and Medicaid comprehensive Home Care and Hospice division.

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice has proudly served the residents of Caledonia and Southern Essex counties since 1968. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families by providing compassionate, accessible and affordable patient-centered health services to our community.

In the last year, Caledonia Home Health and Hospice was honored to provide 131 visits to the town residents of Granby, VT. Our staff visited 3 home of community members living in the Granby area.

While working with residents, we provided physical, occupational, and speech therapies. We provided skilled nursing, medical social work, personal care attendants, and even home makers. We work together with primary care physicians so that care is specific and structured to treatment goals.

**2021 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics Granby, VT**

- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW) = **63 visits**
- Hospice (Nursing, Clergy, MD, MSW) = **68 visits**

**Total Visits in Granby, VT = 131 visits**

**Testimonials**

*"In the past 11 years of my care giving, home health has been my support at all times. They are the best! I could not have done it without them... I'm glad to have them on my side. They are a great team. We need more like them."*

*"My Physical Therapist and Nurse were methodical, practical, and explained things to me in terms I could understand. They were friendly, courteous, good listeners, and punctual as well as professional."*

*"The staff is very kind and caring. They make you feel good by the way they treat you as a friend and not a patient. They are on time and call 1st to let you us know they are coming. Very knowledgeable in all areas of healthcare. Thank you!"*

*"People from home health care agency were kind, communicative, thoughtful, and patient. Nothing but good thoughts for those people."*



**Lyndon****Rescue**

**\* We Still Make House Calls \***  
2009 Vermont Ambulance Service of the Year  
114 Vail Drive, PO Box 401 Lyndonville, VT 05851

January 1, 2021

Dear Residents of Granby,

Our calls for service decreased in 2020 which was common among ambulance services. We did receive funding from the CARES act and the State of Vermont to help offset the decrease in revenue due to the decrease in calls. January through March were very busy for us and by the end of March we had 86 more total calls compared to 2019 (a 29% increase) and transported 64 more people (a 36% increase). This busy start to the year lessened the impact of the decreased calls for the remainder of the year. We ended 2020 with a total of 1455 calls with 879 transported patients which is 60 more total calls than 2019. Most of them did not result in a transport that we would bill for though and there were 50 less transported people than in 2019.

At the end of 2020 we paid off the loan on one of our ambulances and have put that payment towards our loan for our cardiac monitors in our 2021 budget. Our goal is to pay off all of our loans on the ambulances and cardiac monitors in the next five years.

In 2020 we held fewer CPR and First Aid classes due to COVID-19 and limits on in-person gatherings, but hopefully we can get started again soon in 2021. Car seat inspections with our child passenger safety technicians were also suspended for a few months for safety but were resumed at the end of the summer. Our nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians can inspect a child's current seat as well as provide new seats as needed.

Our 2020 budget has been approved by the Board of Directors. The per capita increased by \$0.01 from \$43.05 in 2020 to \$43.06 for 2021, an increase of 0.03%. The amount requested from your town is: \$301.42

Your representative on our Board of Directors is: Bruce Berryman

On behalf of the crewmembers of Lyndon Rescue we thank you for your continued support of our organization and allowing us to serve the community.

Sincerely,

Jillian McLaughlin, NRP  
Director of Operations

A Non-Profit Ambulance Company serving the communities of: Burke, East Haven, Granby, Kirby,  
Lyndon, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton and Wheelock

Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District

5396 State Route 105, Brunswick VT, 05905

[essexnrzd@gmail.com](mailto:essexnrzd@gmail.com) [www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/essex-county](http://www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/essex-county)

Town of Granby  
PO Box 56 Granby Road  
Granby, VT 05840

November 24, 2020

Dear Granby Selectboard,

On behalf of Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District, I kindly ask you to consider us when voting for appropriations in the upcoming 2021 year. I am asking you to vote to support us with funding in the amount of \$300.00 at the next town budget meeting. The funds will be used to assist in writing upcoming Better Roads Grants.

The Essex County NRCD is administered by a locally elected Board of Supervisors including Bill Manning (Island Pond), Chris Von Alt (Maidstone), Dan Kilborn (Island Pond), Ursula Johnson (Canaan) and Timothy White (Maidstone). We receive a small grant from the State of Vermont each year (\$7,000 in 2020) but must raise the remaining funds for our services and projects from grants, fees and donations.

This past year we assisted the Town of Granby with a Better Roads grant to upgrade a portion of Shores Hill Road. We hope to continue this relationship and increase funding with future projects.

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

Sincerely,



Heather Johnson

October 7, 2020

Granby town  
Terri Williams  
PO Box 56  
Granby, VT 5840



Dear Select Board,

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

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

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

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team who teach children and parents all around the state about important topics like bullying prevention, child abuse prevention and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership and communication. Each year almost 10,000 school children benefit from one of these educational programs.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much needed services to families all across the state. Please feel free to reach out to me at [Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org](mailto:Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org), or 802-876-5315, ext. 105 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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

Claire Giroux-Williams  
Development and Communications Manager  
Vermont Family Network



**NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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January 14, 2021

NEKWMD  
Member Towns

**RE: NEKWMD PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET**

Dear Member:

Due to the impacts of the COVID19 pandemic on Town Meeting Day. The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) has petitioned the legislature to allow the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed 2021 budget. This was a difficult decision on our part, but is considered necessary for two reasons.

- (1) House Bill H48, once signed by the Governor, will allow towns to move the date of their Town Meeting. This is problematic for the District because it could potentially delay our budget vote until the end of May. We have already been notified by a couple of towns that they are moving their town meeting to the end of May 2021. If Towns move the date of Town Meeting, they risk disenfranchising their voters by holding our budget vote when the outcome may already be predetermined.
- (2) The same bill will also allow towns the ability to mail ballots directly to all of their registered voters. While we support this idea, the District is in no position to be able to mail ballots and/or receive them. We have always relied on our member towns to include the ballots as part of their Australian Ballot process. Coordinating mailed ballots with 49 members towns would be a daunting task. We understand that most towns will probably not do this, but even if we miss one town, we run the risk of disenfranchising the electorate in that one town.

H48 contains a provision that allows the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors to approve the 2021 budget. This provision would only apply to the budget for 2021. The legislature considered this proposal because all of the other Waste Districts in Vermont allow their Board of Supervisors to approve their budgets. The NEKWMD Board approved this action at their January 12, 2021 meeting.

Once H48 becomes law this week, you should make any necessary adjustments to your tabulator for the Australian Ballot process. There will be no need for your Town to include our Budget Article on your Ballots or Warning and/or to have us send you ballots if you do not use a tabulator. Towns will not be responsible for legally posting the any warning or ballot for the NEKWMD 2021 budget.

In order to allow greater public participation in the NEKWMD budget approval process for 2021, the NEKWMD Board has initiated the following procedures for 2021:

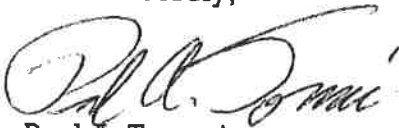
- (1) There will be 2 additional public hearings regarding the 2021 proposed budget. Those hearings will be held via ZOOM on Thursday, February 18, 2021 and Thursday, February 25, 2021. Both meetings will begin at 6pm.
- (2) The NEKWMD Board has moved our Annual Meeting to Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. That date is the regularly scheduled meeting of the NEKWMD Board for the month of March. At this meeting, the NEKWMD will take action on the 2021 budget.

This allows towns more time to consider the District's 2021 proposed budget. This also allows the NEKWMD Board additional time to make changes to the proposed budget. I will be reviewing the proposed budget and informing the Board of any potential changes that could be made in an effort to lower the impact on our member towns. The Board will be presented with an updated budget at their February 9, 2021 meeting. We will notify members immediately following the meeting if there are any changes to the budget. Any changes to the 2021 budget would be to lower the budget – not increase it.

We hope our member towns understand the reasons for this action. I would like to emphasize that this action is only for 2021. We will resume the budget process outlined in our charter for subsequent years.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Most sincerely,



Paul A. Tomasi  
Executive Director

## 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2020	2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>			
Advertising	\$200.00	\$216.25	\$200.00
Audit -- Financial	\$7,595.00	\$7,595.00	\$6,595.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$600.00	\$1,084.90	\$900.00
Bank Charges	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Cleaning	\$1,920.00	\$2,080.00	\$1,920.00
Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,382.92	\$1,500.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$4,600.00	\$6,081.58	\$4,700.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,500.00	\$596.06	\$1,000.00
Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$13,000.00	\$13,743.40	\$13,000.00
Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$8,559.92	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$2,573.00	\$2,000.00
Office Supplies	\$3,600.00	\$5,090.29	\$3,200.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,000.00	\$3,231.81	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$2,712.05	\$1,000.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,100.00	\$828.98	\$900.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$41,765.00</b>	<b>\$55,776.16</b>	<b>\$42,015.00</b>
Gross Wages	\$387,800.00	\$386,859.41	\$402,925.00
OT Wages--Warehouse	\$5,000.00	\$2,660.60	\$3,500.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$24,000.00	\$24,150.31	\$25,300.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,625.00	\$5,648.12	\$5,900.00
Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$2,212.00	\$4,466.89	\$3,500.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$21,000.00	\$20,845.09	\$21,000.00
Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$55,000.00	\$54,561.60	\$53,000.00
Mileage - Employee	\$7,000.00	\$4,041.28	\$4,000.00
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Personnel Equipment	\$250.00	\$674.17	\$500.00
Training	\$500.00	\$310.32	\$500.00
Travel	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$512,137.00</b>	<b>\$504,217.79</b>	<b>\$520,675.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSES</b>			
Baler Loan Payment	\$40,537.00	\$17,074.46	\$40,537.00
Baler Repairs	\$1,944.00	\$487.50	\$5,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$7,918.48	\$7,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$2,500.00	\$1,822.74	\$1,800.00
Forklift Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$1,144.52	\$2,000.00
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$294.69	\$500.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$27.10	\$4,000.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,958.43	\$2,000.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$22,000.00	\$17,983.11	\$17,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$12,000.00	\$26,451.87	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$97,481.00</b>	<b>\$75,162.90</b>	<b>\$89,837.00</b>

BUDGET ITEM	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2020	2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>BUILDING EXPENSES</b>			
Improvements	\$500.00	\$276.50	\$500.00
Electricity	\$7,300.00	\$6,832.23	\$6,500.00
Maintenance	\$500.00	\$885.04	\$700.00
Trash Removal	\$3,000.00	\$3,420.82	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>\$11,300.00</b>	<b>\$11,414.59</b>	<b>\$10,700.00</b>
<b>PROGRAMS EXPENSES</b>			
Advertising	\$500.00	\$450.63	\$500.00
Permits & Fees	\$500.00	\$110.00	\$250.00
Composting	\$20,000.00	\$28,229.50	\$24,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$1,500.00	\$11,946.44	\$5,000.00
Consulting Services-Grant Funded	\$0.00	\$5,015.01	\$4,000.00
Education Outreach	\$11,000.00	\$6,995.00	\$6,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$23,000.00	\$39,916.96	\$33,000.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$7,744.38	\$4,000.00
Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$22,000.00	\$38,603.15	\$30,000.00
Special Collections	\$40.00	\$127.77	\$250.00
Supplies	\$600.00	\$66.50	\$300.00
Tire Disposal	\$14,000.00	\$20,716.80	\$15,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$96,140.00</b>	<b>\$159,922.14</b>	<b>\$122,300.00</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$758,823.00</b>	<b>\$806,493.58</b>	<b>\$785,527.00</b>
Capital Improvement Fund	\$36,000.00	\$36,423.86	\$24,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$36,000.00</b>	<b>\$36,423.86</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NEK EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$794,823.00</b>	<b>\$842,917.44</b>	<b>\$809,527.00</b>
Grants--St of VT	\$82,000.00	\$82,860.97	\$92,000.00
Covid-19 Grant	\$0.00	\$20,830.17	\$0.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$48,000.00	\$52,485.00	\$54,630.00
Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$5,400.00	\$13,573.38	\$6,000.00
Interest Income	\$10.00	\$6.66	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,200.00	\$830.38	\$500.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,600.00	\$9,935.00	\$4,000.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$88,000.00	\$74,962.68	\$85,000.00
Compost Income	\$19,225.00	\$22,568.60	\$22,000.00
Electronics Income	\$21,200.00	\$23,684.38	\$20,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$18,000.00	\$8,276.36	\$15,000.00
Battery Income	\$6,500.00	\$4,338.00	\$6,000.00
Tire Income	\$16,000.00	\$20,861.80	\$15,000.00
Per Capita Assessment	\$42,538.00	\$42,834.60	\$44,800.00
USDA-NVCP Grant	\$0.00	\$6,686.72	\$0.00
Insurance Refund	\$0.00	\$2,331.00	\$0.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$445,000.00	\$447,438.52	\$444,447.00
<b>TOTAL NEK REVENUES</b>	<b>\$794,823.00</b>	<b>\$834,579.22</b>	<b>\$809,527.00</b>

**2020**  
**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
**OF THE**  
**NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT**



**INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTICE**  
**Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM**  
**Call in Remotely with Phone Number 312-626-6799**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 824 2613 4947 Passcode: 791899**

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

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



## NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of NEK Choice School District are hereby duly notified and warned to meet at their respective individual voting locations below, to vote for Articles One (1) through Four (4) by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, with the polls open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Town of Brunswick: Brunswick Community Office Building

Town of Bloomfield: Bloomfield Town Hall

Town of East Haven: East Haven Community Building

Town of Granby: Granby Town Office

Town of Guildhall: Guildhall Town Office

Town of Kirby: Kirby Town Office

Town of Lemington: Lemington Town House

Town of Maidstone: Maidstone Town Office

Town of Norton: Norton Town Office

Town of Victory: Victory Town Office

**ARTICLE 1.** Shall the voters of NEK Choice School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation to pay tuition expenses? (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE 2.** Shall the voters of NEK Choice School District authorize the Board of School Directors to withdraw from the reserve fund in order to pay unanticipated tuition expenses? (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall the voters of the NEK Choice School District approve the Board of Directors to expend \$5,427,732 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,893 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 24.27% higher than for the current year. (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE 4.** To elect all School District Officers, as required by law. (Australian Ballot)

Given unto our hands this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

NEK Choice School District Board Chair



Miles Etter

## NEK Choice Unified School District Annual Report

As you read this recap of our year, we trust that you are healthy and successfully enduring the challenges that COVID-19 thrust upon us last March. Many changes have dramatically impacted our lives. School life for our students, their families, and the many people who support school life have been confronted with dramatic change. We have risen to meet the obstacles with adaptation and perseverance. As we plan for the 2021 – 2022 school year, the hope is for a return to good health throughout society and greater opportunities for our school children.

Throughout the spring and fall, our district was able to connect with many students and families whose needs were stretched and find support for those needs. Much hard work from our supervisory staff is greatly appreciated. This board has not met in person since our last Annual Meeting but has continued to work and meet via the internet. Reflection of our path, exploring the idea of a non-operating choice district that gathered in December 2015, received approval from the State Board of Education January 17, 2017. With voter approval March 2017 and the initial operation in the summer of 2017, has revealed that challenges and successes are part of the commitment. We have worked to ensure that students' learning will be afforded the best opportunities to meet their needs and that we will do this with fiscal responsibility. I am grateful to the commitment and work of our board members, who strive to meet these goals to support our children's development.

As we work on the 2021 – 2022 budget, several factors are noteworthy with the increases. Budget incomes, surplus and reserve funds from our beginning years have been utilized annually to offset taxes. We are planning to continue this but see less money available from these sources. The financial incentive for merging is in its last year. Fiscal year 2023 and on, will have no state incentives to help us. We also will lose the 5% throttle which checked volatility next year. Planning for the loss of these supports will impact contributions from surplus and reserve funds. Tuition rates that have previously increased minimally have greater increases this year. Many school concerns will be addressed in this year's legislative session. Comparing projected budgets from the original presentation to the State Board of Ed with our actual budget history reflects good work thus far. We are at lower rates than projected and will have the challenge of moving beyond the state supported 5 years with Act 46 in 2022 – 2023.

The other future concern involves potential change with the Canaan School District joining an Interstate school district and the impact on the Essex North Supervisory Union. This change is two years out but we have been aware, involved, and advocating for our NEK Choice District students. There is information about this on the ENSU website.

Our office has expressed appreciation for cooperation from parents and guardians with our voucher process. Continue to use the office when problems, questions, and concerns arise. You may also reach out to your school board member. Our website is [ensuvt.org/NEK](https://ensuvt.org/NEK).

Stay Healthy, Well, and Informed  
Respectfully,

Miles Etter  
NEK Choice Chair



**NEK School Choice School District  
Report of the Superintendent**

Dear Families and Community Members,

As your Superintendent of Schools, I am honored to continue to serve the NEK Choice communities of Bloomfield, Brunswick, East Haven, Granby, Guildhall, Kirby, Lemington, Maidstone, Norton, and Victory. COVID-19 has created many unprecedented challenges for the educational needs of our children. In March 2020, schools quickly attempted to transition to remote learning, which brought the attention to the many longstanding disparities in our rural communities related to internet connectivity, food insecurities and social-emotional, physical health and well-being. As we reopened schools in the fall either in-person, remotely or in a hybrid model, we are attempting to recover from the long absences and are now more than ever challenged to transform teaching in our schools into more equitable and effective learning environments.

During the pandemic, NEK Choice enrollments slightly declined with families transitioning to and from our communities and ten students choosing to enroll in Vermont's Agency of Education Home Study Program. We currently have a total of 284 verified students in the school district attending 35 different schools around the region. Twenty-one percent of our students require supports and services of special education including contract services related to speech and language, occupational therapy, physical therapy, sign language, psychologists and behavioral interventions. Director of Student Services, Jennifer Lawcewicz and Associate Director of Student Services, Beth Lemnah have done an outstanding job, based on surveys from our families, advocating for the individual case management needs of these 60 students attending schools in both New Hampshire and Vermont.

Based on our projections for the FY2022 budget, we anticipate a 5.4% rise in rates increasing our tuition costs by \$514,338 and a decrease in offsetting revenues from the prior year of \$302,054. Our total expenditures less revenues account for the educational spending request of \$5,033,696 which calculates our equalized pupil costs at \$17,893 and our NEK Choice Homestead Tax Rate to \$1.64. Under our articles of agreement, this is the last year of any incentives and/or throttles limiting community taxes from increasing or decreasing by 5%. Some towns have already reached the NEK Choice rate and others will be protected for this final year.

If you would like more information or have questions or concerns pertaining to the budgets or educational needs of your children, feel free to contact me directly or visit our website at [www.ensvut.org/NEK](http://www.ensvut.org/NEK). We will be holding our Budget Information Meeting on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> remotely via Zoom Meeting Id: 824 2613 4947 Passcode: 791899 at 6:00PM or join us by phone at (312) 626-6799. I look forward to continuing to be a strong fiscal agent for the district while providing a choice in educational experiences for our students and families.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay well,

Karen E. Conroy  
Superintendent of Schools  
Essex North Supervisory Union

# FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY

Certified Public Accountants



December 1, 2020

To the Management and  
Board of School Directors  
NEK Choice School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of NEK Choice School District for the year ended June 30, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 7, 2020. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

## Significant Audit Matters

### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

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

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

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

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

### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, the one misstatement detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management was not material. The adjustment made was to remove an erroneous accounts payable to the Supervisory Union.

### *Disagreements with Management*

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

### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 1, 2020.

### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

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

### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

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

### *Other Matters*

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

*Restriction on Use*

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

Very truly yours,

*Fothergill Segale & Valley, CPAs*

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## NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND  
AND RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2020

Governmental  
Fund  
General Fund

## ASSETS

Cash in banks

\$ 2,132,037

Total assets

\$ 2,132,037

## LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

## Liabilities

Accounts payable

\$ 1,247

Due to School Districts

380,272

Due to Essex North Supervisory Union

24,796

Total liabilities

406,315

## Fund Balance

Committed

487,596

Assigned for FY2021

695,090

Assigned for future budgets

543,036

Total fund balance

1,725,722

Total liabilities and fund balance

\$ 2,132,037

## RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION:

TOTAL FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
and NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

\$ 1,725,722

**NEK Choice School District**  
**2021-2022 (FY22)Approved Budget**

<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY21)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY22)</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Supervisory Union Assessment	\$203,460	\$219,175	\$15,715
<b>Total Superintendent's Office:</b>	<b>\$203,460</b>	<b>\$219,175</b>	<b>\$15,715</b>

<b>SCHOOL BOARD</b>			
Board Members Salary	\$10,007	\$10,293	\$286
NEK Choice Clerk	\$50	\$50	\$0
NEK Choice Moderator	\$50	\$50	\$0
Payroll Taxes	\$773	\$795	\$22
Audit Services	\$8,000	\$11,000	\$3,000
Legal Services	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,000
Advertising	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0
Postage, Printing & Publishing	\$500	\$500	\$0
Dues & Fees-VSBA Data/Dues/New Member Trainings	\$3,323	\$3,400	\$77
Supplies	\$200	\$200	\$0
<b>Total School Board:</b>	<b>\$26,603</b>	<b>\$30,988</b>	<b>\$4,385</b>

<b>TREASURER</b>			
Treasurer Salary	\$544	\$1,200	\$656
Payroll Taxes	\$42	\$92	\$50
General Supplies	\$100	\$100	\$0
<b>Total Treasurer:</b>	<b>\$686</b>	<b>\$1,392</b>	<b>\$706</b>

<b>REGULAR EDUCATION: PreK Tuition</b>			
Tuition-Location TBD PreK \$3536 FY 22 (7)	\$24,115	\$24,752	\$637
<b>Total PreK Tuition (7 students):</b>	<b>\$24,115</b>	<b>\$24,752</b>	<b>\$637</b>

<b>REGULAR EDUCATION: Elementary Tuition</b>			
Tuition-Location TBD New Kindergarteners (4)	\$60,000	\$68,000	\$8,000
Tuition-Barnet (3)	\$0	\$54,000	\$54,000
Tuition-Burke Town K-6 (5)	\$76,500	\$89,215	\$12,715
Tuition-Canaan K-6 (9)	\$170,000	\$171,000	\$1,000
Tuition-Clonlara K-6 (2)	\$41,080	\$30,610	(\$10,470)
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary K-6 (4)	\$75,272	\$77,124	\$1,852
Tuition-Concord K-6 (4)	\$76,500	\$71,372	(\$5,128)
Tuition-Groveton Elementary K-6 (2)	\$50,765	\$32,014	(\$18,751)
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary K-6 (10)	\$164,611	\$174,260	\$9,649
Tuition-Lunenburg Elementary (1)	\$15,300	\$17,843	\$2,543
Tuition-Lyndon Town K-6 (7)	\$61,200	\$124,901	\$63,701
Tuition-Newark K-6 (3)	\$107,100	\$53,529	(\$53,571)
Tuition-Peacham K-6 (1)	\$0	\$18,270	\$18,270
Tuition-Riverside K-6 (47)	\$640,123	\$719,335	\$79,212
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School K-6 (6)	\$56,182	\$66,096	\$9,914
Tuition-Stratford K-6 (9)	\$100,864	\$154,692	\$53,828
Tuition-Sunnybrook Montessori K-6 (4)	\$0	\$19,260	\$19,260
Tuition-Sutton K-6 (3)	\$30,600	\$53,529	\$22,929
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens K-6 (6)	\$160,031	\$91,830	(\$68,201)
Tuition-Waterford K-6 (5)	\$76,500	\$90,000	\$13,500
Tuition-Woodland Community K-6 (1)	\$9,690	\$10,300	\$610
<b>Total Elementary Tuition (136 students):</b>	<b>\$1,972,318</b>	<b>\$2,187,180</b>	<b>\$214,862</b>



**NEK Choice School District**

**2021-2022 (FY22) Approved Budget**

<b>REGULAR EDUCATION: Secondary Tuition (7-8/9-12)</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY21)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY22)</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Tuition-Burke Town 7-8 (1)	\$76,500	\$17,843	(\$58,657)
Tuition-Canaan 7-8 (6)	\$37,000	\$120,000	\$83,000
Tuition-Clonlara 7-8 (1)	\$0	\$16,720	\$16,720
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary 7-8 (1)	\$37,636	\$19,281	(\$18,355)
Tuition-Concord 7-8 (3)	\$30,600	\$53,529	\$22,929
Tuition-Danville 7-8 (1)	\$0	\$18,000	\$18,000
Tuition-Groveton Middle 7-8 (1)	\$0	\$16,007	\$16,007
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary 7-8 (6)	\$91,450	\$104,556	\$13,106
Tuition-Lyndon Town 7-8 (5)	\$30,600	\$89,215	\$58,615
Tuition-Newark 7-8 (4)	\$61,200	\$71,372	\$10,172
Tuition-Riverside 7-8 (17)	\$276,278	\$284,240	\$7,962
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School 7-8 (2)	\$11,236	\$22,032	\$10,796
Tuition-Stratford Public 7-8 (1)	\$16,811	\$17,188	\$377
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens 7-8 (2)	\$43,645	\$33,440	(\$10,205)
Tuition-Waterford 7-8 (1)	\$15,300	\$0	(\$15,300)
Tuition-Woodland Community 7-8 (1)	\$9,690	\$10,300	\$610
Tuition-Arlington 9-12 (1)	\$17,450	\$16,720	(\$730)
Tuition-Burke Mountain Academy 9-12 (1)	\$16,252	\$16,720	\$468
Tuition-Canaan 9-12 (10)	\$129,500	\$200,000	\$70,500
Tuition-Charter Academy 9-12 (1)	\$14,280	\$0	(\$14,280)
Tuition-Colebrook Academy 9-12 (2)	\$92,062	\$43,134	(\$48,928)
Tuition-Danville 9-12 (3)	\$14,790	\$54,000	\$39,210
Tuition-East Burke 9-12 (1)	\$16,252	\$16,720	\$468
Tuition-Groveton High 9-12 (7)	\$82,839	\$117,803	\$34,964
Tuition-Holderness 9-12 (1)	\$16,252	\$16,720	\$468
Tuition-LEARN 9-12 (1)	\$10,715	\$0	(\$10,715)
Tuition-Lyndon Institute 9-12 (29)	\$370,594	\$575,215	\$204,621
Tuition-New Mexico Military Institute 9-12 (1)	\$14,582	\$0	(\$14,582)
Tuition-North Country Charter Academy 9-12 (1)	\$0	\$15,682	\$15,682
Tuition-North Country Union High School 9-12 (1)	\$17,548	\$19,425	\$1,877
Tuition-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 (21)	\$512,198	\$407,925	(\$104,273)
Tuition-White Mountain School 9-12 (1)	\$0	\$16,720	\$16,720
Tuition-White Mountain Regional 9-12 (11)	\$257,554	\$227,348	(\$30,206)
Extra Cost-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 Guided Studies (1)	\$27,720	\$9,518	(\$18,202)
<b>Total Secondary Tuition (146 students):</b>	<b>\$2,348,534</b>	<b>\$2,647,373</b>	<b>\$298,839</b>
<b>Total Pre K, Elementary &amp; Secondary Tuition (289 students):</b>	<b>\$4,344,967</b>	<b>\$4,859,305</b>	<b>\$514,338</b>
<b>REGULAR EDUCATION: Services</b>			
<b>Total Non Special Education Services:</b>	<b>\$77,587</b>	<b>\$58,422</b>	<b>(\$19,165)</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION: Services</b>			
<b>Total Special Education Services:</b>	<b>\$250,655</b>	<b>\$258,450</b>	<b>\$7,795</b>
<b>Grand Total of NEK Choice School District Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$4,903,958</b>	<b>\$5,427,732</b>	<b>\$523,774</b>
<b>Revenue Statement NEK Choice School District</b>			
	<b>Est. Revenue (FY21)</b>	<b>Est. Revenue (FY22)</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Prior Year Surplus	\$695,090	\$393,036	(\$302,054)
Education Fund	\$4,207,868	\$5,033,696	\$825,828
Interest	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$4,903,958</b>	<b>\$5,427,732</b>	<b>\$523,774</b>

District: <b>Northeast Kingdom Choice USD</b>		Property dollar equivalent yield		U065		Homestead tax rate per \$11,395 of spending per equalized pupil	
County: <b>Essex</b>		<b>11,385</b>		<b>Essex North</b>		<b>1.00</b>	
		<b>13,572</b>				Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>FY2019</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>	<b>FY2022</b>		
1.	<b>Adopted or warned union district budget</b> (including special programs and full technical center expenditures)	\$5,423,799	\$5,340,056	\$4,903,958	\$5,427,732		
2.	Sum of separately warned articles passed at union district meeting						
3.	<b>Adopted or warned union district budget plus articles</b>	\$5,423,799	\$5,340,056	\$4,903,958	\$5,427,732		
4.	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any						
5.	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit						
6.	<b>Total Union Budget</b>	<b>\$5,423,799</b>	<b>\$5,340,056</b>	<b>\$4,903,958</b>	<b>\$5,427,732</b>		
7.	S.U. assessment (included in union budget) - informational data						
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in union expenditure budget) - informational data						
<b>Revenues</b>							
9.	Union revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, federal, etc.)		\$12,888	\$696,090	\$394,036		
10.	<b>Total offsetting union revenues</b>		<b>\$12,888</b>	<b>\$696,090</b>	<b>\$394,036</b>		
11.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$5,423,799</b>	<b>\$5,327,168</b>	<b>\$4,207,868</b>	<b>\$5,033,696</b>		
12.	Northeast Kingdom Choice USD equalized pupils	286.79	289.20	295.50	286.59		
<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>		<b>\$18,912.10</b>	<b>\$18,420.36</b>	<b>\$14,239.83</b>	<b>\$17,564.10</b>		
13.	Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$72.92	\$72.90				
14.	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equpup)						
15.	Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equpup)						
16.	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equpup)						
17.	Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equpup)						
18.	Total tuitions if following ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equpup)		Exempt	Exempt	Exempt		
19.	Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equpup)						
20.	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equpup)						
21.							
22.	Excess spending threshold	Threshold = \$18,311	Threshold = \$18,311	Threshold = \$18,755	Threshold = \$18,758		
23.	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$17,816.00	\$18,311.00	\$18,756.00	\$18,789.00		
24.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$18,912	\$18,420	\$14,240	\$17,564.10		
25.	Union spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	185.050%	172.994%	129.476%	154.274%		
		based on \$10.220	based on yield \$10.648	based on \$10.998	based on yield \$11.385		
26.	Anticipated equalized union homestead tax rate to be prorated	\$1.8505	\$1.7299	\$1.2948	\$1.5427		
		based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00		
Less ACT153 4 cents Third Year of Operation Incentive		1.7705	1.6699	1.2548	1.5227		
		38 Cents	98 Cents	34 Cents	82 Cents		
<b>Prorated homestead union tax rates for members of Northeast Kingdom Choice USD</b>		<b>Equalized Rate</b>	<b>CLA</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>			
		<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>		
T021	Bloomfield	1.5386	1.5227	104.02%	1.4639		
T035	Brunswick	1.2548	1.5227	94.67%	1.6084		
T064	East Haven	1.2548	1.5227	92.62%	1.6440		
T083	Granby	1.1577	1.2156	99.80%	1.2180		
T088	Guildhall	1.1576	1.2155	103.80%	1.1710		
T108	Kirby	1.2548	1.5227	102.26%	1.4890		
T111	Lemington	1.4500	1.5225	104.00%	1.4639		
T118	Maidstone	1.1576	1.2155	94.99%	1.2796		
T144	Norton	1.2548	1.5227	90.40%	1.6844		
T216	Victory	1.8756	1.7818	101.12%	1.7621		
27.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated from Northeast Kingdom Choice USD	2.92%	2.72%	2.04%	2.59%		
		based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%		
		[( \$17,564.10 + \$13,572 ) x 2.00%]					
<b>Prorated union income cap percentage for members of Northeast Kingdom Choice USD</b>		<b>FY2019</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>FY20 F</b>	
T021	Bloomfield	2.55%	2.64%	2.51%	2.59%		
T035	Brunswick	2.00%	2.00%	2.04%	2.59%		
T064	East Haven	2.88%	2.74%	2.60%	2.59%		
T083	Granby	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.59%		
T088	Guildhall	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.59%		
T108	Kirby	2.71%	2.72%	2.04%	2.59%		
T111	Lemington	2.47%	2.48%	2.36%	2.59%		
T118	Maidstone	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.59%		
T144	Norton	2.92%	2.70%	2.04%	2.59%		
T216	Victory	3.52%	3.34%	3.17%	2.59%		

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$11,385 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$13,572 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.636 **New**  
 and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.  
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**NEK CHOICE ESTIMATED TAX RATES FY22** REVISED 1/27/21

<b>ESTIMATED Tax Rates for FY22 with Variance to</b>			
<b>FY21 Tax Rates</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>FY22 ESTIMATED</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Total Budget	\$4,903,958	\$5,427,732	\$523,774
Local Revenues	\$696,090	\$394,036	(\$302,054)
Education Spending	\$4,207,868	\$5,033,696	\$825,828
Equalized Pupils	295.50	236.59	(8.91)
Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil	\$14,240	\$17,564	\$3,324
Dollar Equivalent Yield (Tax Commissioner's Recommendation)	\$10,900	\$11,385	\$387
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	\$1,2048	\$1,5427	\$0,2479
Merger Tax Rate Incentive	\$0,0400	\$0,0200	(\$0,0200)
<b>NEK Choice Towns Homestead Tax Rate (after incentive)</b>	<b>\$1,2548</b>	<b>\$1,5227</b>	<b>\$0,2679</b>

<b>NEK Choice Towns</b>	<b>FY21 Tax Rate</b>	<b>FY22 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	<b>FY22 Estimated Tax Rate</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Bloomfield	\$1,4519	104.02%	\$1,4639	\$0,0120
Brunswick	\$1,3195	94.67%	\$1,6085	\$0,2890
East Haven	\$1,3203	92.62%	\$1,6441	\$0,3238
Granby	\$1,1318	99.80%	\$1,2180	\$0,0862
Guildhall	\$1,0960	103.80%	\$1,1710	\$0,0750
Kirby	\$1,2232	102.26%	\$1,4891	\$0,2659
Lemington	\$1,3412	104.00%	\$1,4639	\$0,1227
Maidstone	\$1,1726	94.99%	\$1,2796	\$0,1070
Norton	\$1,3356	90.40%	\$1,6844	\$0,3488
Victory	\$1,8071	101.12%	\$1,7821	(\$0,0450)

**NEK Student Population by Town & Grade**

<b>Town</b>	<b>Pre-K</b>	<b>Grades K-6</b>	<b>Grades 7-12</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bloomfield	1	10	10	21
Brunswick		4	6	10
East Haven	3	17	23	43
Granby			6	6
Guildhall	4	13	12	29
Kirby	12	66	50	128
Lemington		7	7	14
Maidstone	1	9	6	16
Norton		5	6	11
Victory		2	4	6
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>284</b>

**Essex North Supervisory Union**  
**2021-2022 (FY22) Budget Approved 11/30/20**

Expenditures SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Approved Budget (FY21)	Proposed Budget (FY22)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
<b>GENERAL COSTS</b>					
<b>SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE:</b>					
Superintendent Salary	\$106,000	\$111,000	\$5,000	\$55,500	\$55,500
Treasurer Salary	\$1,615	\$1,680	\$65	\$840	\$840
Business Administrator Salary	\$55,702	\$57,930	\$2,228	\$28,965	\$28,965
Admin Asst/Accounts Payable/NEK Residency Clerk Salary	\$33,280	\$34,611	\$1,331	\$17,306	\$17,306
Payroll & Human Resource Benefits Coordinator Salary	\$37,315	\$38,808	\$1,493	\$19,404	\$19,404
Benefits	\$125,366	\$121,933	(\$3,433)	\$60,967	\$60,967
Advertising	\$1,575	\$1,654	\$79	\$827	\$827
Audit Services	\$11,445	\$11,000	(\$445)	\$5,500	\$5,500
Cleaning Costs	\$0	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$1,950	\$1,950
Computer Equipment	\$500	\$2,125	\$1,625	\$1,063	\$1,063
Contracted Services	\$6,295	\$6,075	(\$220)	\$3,038	\$3,038
Dues & Fees-Registrations/Memberships	\$7,875	\$8,164	\$289	\$4,082	\$4,082
General Supplies	\$4,235	\$5,162	\$927	\$2,581	\$2,581
Lease-NEK Expense Only (Was heat exp in FY 21)	\$3,750	\$2,723	(\$1,028)	\$2,723	\$0
Legal Services	\$2,550	\$5,000	\$2,450	\$2,500	\$2,500
Postage	\$2,038	\$1,891	(\$147)	\$946	\$946
Prof/OLT Liab. Ins-Errors & Omissions/Liability Ins.	\$5,000	\$5,117	\$117	\$2,559	\$2,559
Repairs/Maintenance	\$0	\$480	\$480	\$240	\$240
Software	\$20,770	\$20,100	(\$670)	\$10,050	\$10,050
Telephone/Internet	\$9,123	\$9,780	\$657	\$4,890	\$4,890
Trash Removal	\$0	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$1,300	\$1,300
Travel Expenses	\$7,000	\$4,500	(\$2,500)	\$2,250	\$2,250
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Total Supervisory Union Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$443,434</b>	<b>\$458,233</b>	<b>\$14,799</b>	<b>\$230,478</b>	<b>\$227,755</b>

Expenditures TRANSPORTATION	Approved Budget (FY21)	Proposed Budget (FY22)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Owned Bus-Salary	\$10,152	\$11,420	\$1,268	\$0	\$11,420
Owned Bus-Benefits	\$777	\$874	\$97	\$0	\$874
Owned Bus-Repairs, Inspections, Fuel, Fees	\$10,000	\$8,515	(\$1,485)	\$0	\$8,515
Owned Bus-Lease Year 2 out of 3	\$0	\$13,829	\$13,829	\$0	\$13,829
Bus Service-Contracted Reg Student Transportation	\$191,323	\$188,400	(\$2,923)	\$0	\$188,400
Bus Service-Athletic Transportation, Contracted	\$34,450	\$28,417	(\$6,033)	\$0	\$28,417
Bus Service-Music/Field Trips Transportation, Contracted	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$0	\$0	\$19,500
Bus Service-CTE Transportation, Contracted	\$4,500	\$26,250	\$21,750	\$0	\$26,250
<b>Total Transportation Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$270,702</b>	<b>\$297,205</b>	<b>\$26,503</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$297,205</b>

Expenditures NON SPECIAL ED	Approved Budget (FY21)	Proposed Budget (FY22)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Salaries-Director/Asst Director/Admin Asst/Teacher/Paras	\$61,239	\$117,996	\$56,757	\$46,407	\$71,589
Benefits-Director/Asst Director/Admin Asst	\$17,463	\$32,834	\$15,371	\$10,515	\$22,319
Contracted Services-504 Only BMH,LL,Deaf,PT,OT,SLP,Blind	\$31,790	\$16,380	(\$15,410)	\$0	\$16,380
Equipment-504 Students	\$3,500	\$1,000	(\$2,500)	\$1,000	\$0
General Supplies-504 Students	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
<b>Total Non Special Ed Services:</b>	<b>\$114,992</b>	<b>\$169,710</b>	<b>\$54,718</b>	<b>\$58,422</b>	<b>\$111,288</b>

Expenditures SPECIAL EDUCATION /SERVICES	Approved Budget (FY21)	Proposed Budget (FY22)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Other	Other
Salaries-Director/Asst Director/Admin Asst/Teachers/Paras/Subs	\$504,689	\$513,656	\$8,967	\$165,345	\$339,922	\$0	\$8,389
Salaries-Teachers/Paras (IDEA Grant)	\$65,966	\$70,475	\$4,509	\$10,570	\$59,905	\$0	\$0
Benefits-Director/Asst/Admin Asst/Teachers/Paras	\$259,737	\$233,245	(\$26,492)	\$51,251	\$180,519	\$0	\$1,475
Benefits-Teachers/Paras (IDEA Grant)	\$57,756	\$55,096	(\$2,660)	\$8,264	\$46,832	\$0	\$0
Advertising	\$500	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0
Contracted Services-(IDEA Grant)	\$3,954	\$0	(\$3,954)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contracted Services-PT/OT/Speech/Visions/Deaf/Prof Dev	\$256,412	\$277,790	\$21,378	\$224,664	\$49,350	\$3,776	\$0
Dues & Registrations	\$9,800	\$11,649	\$1,849	\$4,791	\$6,858	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$16,500	\$21,579	\$5,079	\$9,245	\$12,334	\$0	\$0
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$250	\$750	\$0	\$0
General Supplies-Special Ed	\$14,650	\$19,097	\$4,447	\$7,810	\$11,287	\$0	\$0
Postage	\$1,000	\$1,300	\$300	\$650	\$650	\$0	\$0



Telephone	\$700	\$1,500	\$800	\$750	\$750	\$0	\$0
Transportation-Turning Points/New School of Montpelier	\$66,606	\$27,700	(\$38,906)	\$12,700	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
Travel-Director/NEK Case Manager	\$8,652	\$4,500	(\$4,152)	\$1,685	\$2,815	\$0	\$0
Tuition-Out of District Placements/LI Spec Ed Tuition	\$246,521	\$193,031	(\$53,490)	\$140,368	\$52,663	\$0	\$0
<b>Totals for Special Education Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$1,514,443</b>	<b>\$1,432,618</b>	<b>(\$81,825)</b>	<b>\$638,843</b>	<b>\$780,135</b>	<b>\$3,776</b>	<b>\$9,864</b>

Expenditures GRANTS/Medicaid Funds	Approved Budget (FY21)	Proposed Budget (FY22)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Salaries	\$154,273	\$82,631	(\$71,642)	\$17,765	\$64,866
Benefits	\$75,583	\$45,823	(\$29,760)	\$8,795	\$37,028
Contracted Services	\$32,368	\$51,400	\$19,032	\$23,644	\$27,756
Supplies	\$8,060	\$0	(\$8,060)	\$0	\$0
<b>Totals for Grant/Medicaid Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$270,284</b>	<b>\$179,854</b>	<b>(\$90,430)</b>	<b>\$50,204</b>	<b>\$129,650</b>

<b>Grand Total of All Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$2,613,855</b>	<b>\$2,537,620</b>	<b>(\$76,235)</b>	<b>\$977,946</b>	<b>\$1,546,033</b>
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Revenue Statement SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE/TRANSPORTATION	Revised (FY21)	Estimated (FY22)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Transportation Aid Revenue from State	\$75,000	\$71,000	(\$4,000)	\$0	\$71,000
Interest	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$500	\$500
SU Assessments	\$406,920	\$435,630	\$28,710	\$219,175	\$216,454
Transportation Assessment	\$195,702	\$226,205	\$30,503	\$0	\$226,205
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$4,200	\$0	(\$4,200)	\$0	\$0
Prior Year Surplus	\$31,314	\$21,603	(\$9,711)	\$10,802	\$10,801
<b>Total Superintendents Office/Transportation Revenue:</b>	<b>\$714,136</b>	<b>\$755,438</b>	<b>\$41,302</b>	<b>\$230,478</b>	<b>\$524,960</b>

Revenue Statement NON SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revised (FY21)	Estimated (FY22)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Contracted Services-PD to ENSU	\$114,992	\$169,710	\$54,718	\$58,422	\$111,288
<b>Total Non Special Ed Revenue:</b>	<b>\$114,992</b>	<b>\$169,710</b>	<b>\$54,718</b>	<b>\$58,422</b>	<b>\$111,288</b>

Revenue Statement SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revised (FY21)	Estimated (FY22)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Other	Other
EEE Assessment from District	\$86,464	\$22,183	(\$64,281)	\$4,642	\$17,541	\$0	\$0
EEE Grant from State	\$25,000	\$30,400	\$5,400	\$6,384	\$24,016	\$0	\$0
Special Ed Reimbursement from District	\$525,781	\$526,583	\$802	\$253,808	\$261,250	\$1,661	\$9,864
Mainstream Block Grant	\$209,400	\$212,400	\$3,000	\$64,444	\$147,956	\$0	\$0
Intensive Reimbursement from State	\$508,736	\$498,736	(\$10,000)	\$280,883	\$215,738	\$2,115	\$0
Special Ed Extraordinary Reimbursement from State	\$31,386	\$16,745	(\$14,641)	\$9,848	\$6,897	\$0	\$0
IDEA-B Grant Ages 3-21	\$123,722	\$125,571	\$1,849	\$18,834	\$106,737	\$0	\$0
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	\$3,954	\$0	(\$3,954)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Special Ed Revenue:</b>	<b>\$1,514,443</b>	<b>\$1,432,618</b>	<b>(\$81,825)</b>	<b>\$638,843</b>	<b>\$780,135</b>	<b>\$3,776</b>	<b>\$9,864</b>

Revenue Statement Grants/Medicaid	Revised (FY21)	Estimated (FY22)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Other	Other
NEKCA Grant	\$2,739	\$0	(\$2,739)	\$0	\$0		
CFP Grants	\$223,434	\$116,175	(\$107,259)	\$20,912	\$95,263		
Medicaid Grant	\$44,111	\$63,679	\$19,568	\$29,292	\$34,387		
<b>Total Grants/Medicaid Revenue:</b>	<b>\$270,284</b>	<b>\$179,854</b>	<b>(\$90,430)</b>	<b>\$50,204</b>	<b>\$129,650</b>		

<b>Grand Total All Revenues:</b>	<b>\$2,613,855</b>	<b>\$2,537,620</b>	<b>(\$76,235)</b>	<b>\$977,947</b>	<b>\$1,546,033</b>	<b>\$3,776</b>	<b>\$9,864</b>
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Report of the Director of Student Support  
*Jennifer Lawcewicz*

As I reflect upon the many achievements and challenges of the past year, I am thankful for the talented and flexible special education team I am so fortunate to work with. Together, we have adapted and stretched to support not only all students on education plans, but many other students who struggled with remote learning.

At Canaan Schools, we currently have three special education teachers and 11 paraprofessionals who support 31 students with individualized education plans (IEPs). I provide case management for the other 30 students at Canaan who are on 504 or education support plans. Our Administrative Assistant, Lori Kolatschek, manages the accounting, payroll, and Medicaid for our department in collaboration with the main office.

I am proud of the improvements we have made as a department. We have successfully increased our contracts with in-person related service providers to include Speech & Language, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Sign Language, Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Teacher of the Deaf, and the UVM I-Team. The addition of Irene Simons from Northeast Kingdom Human Services has brought in-person therapy and behavioral supports to many students in need. We have also expanded our own capacity to provide evaluations by purchasing evaluation materials and conducting them primary in-house. Additionally, we have been able to reduce our out of district placements from 5 students down to 2 students district-wide.

In the NEK Choice District, my Associate Director, Beth Lemnah, has worked hard to ensure that the needs of all students are being met. She currently oversees 53 students on IEP/504/EST plans as well as ensuring the evaluations of any new referrals or 3-year re-evaluations are completed. I oversee the other 7 students who attend schools in the northern portion of the NEK Choice district. Beth has been instrumental in assisting Riverside School with their transition to becoming approved for special education, which is allowing them to provide special education services for NEK Choice students at their school of choice.

Looking forward, we are working to develop a life skills program for students with significant learning needs at Canaan Schools so we can provide more individualized and meaningful opportunities for students through authentic experiences. By utilizing our existing staff, we are able to maximize the specialized strengths of our teachers and work flexibly to meet student needs. We will continue to collaborate with SAU7 to ensure the needs of our shared students are being met and to proactively align course offerings with student needs and interests.

I would like to thank the staff, administration, school boards, and community members for their continued support as we work to continuously improve our practices in these unprecedented times. I am looking forward to the year ahead and the opportunities it offers.