

Town of Albany, VT
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TOWN OF
ALBANY
VERMONT



Annual Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2021

Dedication to Virginia "Ginny" Hagen

I would like to start by saying "thank you" for thinking of my mom. First the Albany Library bench the Town dedicated to her, and now the bio for the annual Town Report in recognizing all the things she did for her hometown of Albany. There are not many residents of Albany and Craftsbury that did not have some relationship with her over the years. Ginny grew up in Mill Village and spent many years in Albany dating back to the early 70's. She passed in March 2021 at the age of 95. We spread her ashes under the apple trees that she planted on the land that she worked and so loved next to Page Pond.

Over the years in Albany, she represented the Town as the local Health Officer. She was instrumental in starting and staffing the Albany Library as a volunteer. Ginny enjoyed history and was a member of the Historical Society and even donated a house on Cheney Road for them to meet and store their antiquities. She was a nurse for many years, caring for young boys at Sterling College and also for the surrounding community. Probably where most people found her so amazingly helpful and kind was in her willingness to care for the Town's elderly, allowing them to stay in their homes while she cared for them out of the goodness and kindness of her heart, and being present for family members in a time of need. Ginny loved to cook, and her specialty was cream puffs, which she gave out at all the Town's fundraisers and to her many friends. She loved to put together a parade float for the annual parades with playful themes. Being part of the community was her passion and she eagerly devoted herself to the Town. Those who ever met her still remember her signature good-bye "tootle dee doo".

Everyone leaves something behind that they created when they die. In Ginny's case there are many things still around in the Town of Albany. Many memories and moments shared with the people she loved and the community she called home. ~ John Hagen

OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF ALBANY
For the year ending December 31, 2021

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Auditor's Report Year Ending 2021

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Albany for the year ending December 31, 2021. These financial statements are the responsibility of those Town Officers authorized by law to draw orders and keep accounts. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

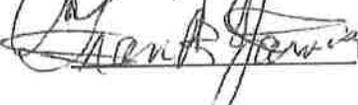
The following shows an overall financial report for the year ending December 31, 2021:

Total Receipts	\$2,633,413.24
Total expenditures	\$2,142,265.49
Cash on Hand	\$ 491,147.75
Plus Fire Dept. Funds	<u>\$ 35,000.00</u>
Total ending cash on hand	\$ 526,147.75
Bank cashed a check for .30 less than written	<u> .30</u>
Checking Account Balance	\$ 526,148.05

Detailed information included in following Town Report.

This was a difficult year for us. We are only two auditors, when there should be three. Therefore, we had to spend additional hours to complete our required tasks in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted: January 20, 2022.

 Jane Rayner
 Frank Jarvis

_____ 3rd Auditor we need, please consider
Auditors, Town of Albany

Treasurer's Report

Liabilities:

Orleans County Sheriff's Dept.	\$ 3,596.58
Bond Principal & Interest Payment	33,349.12
Grader Payment / April 2022	25,092.56
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Dept.	33,750.93
Albany Town Library	10,591.72
Cemetery Stone Repair	1,039.30
Memorial Day 2021	150.54
Building Maintenance Money	10,000.00
Trash Fund	9,957.74
Recycling Fund	1,398.59
Cemetery Fund	8,688.35
Road Fund	41,775.01
General Fund	<u>17,673.29</u>

Total Liabilities \$197,063.73

Assets:

Delinquent Taxes	\$ 31,913.22
Cash on Hand	<u>526,148.05</u>

Total Assets \$558,061.27

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2021 \$397,380.62

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2022 \$360,997.54

Decrease in Assets \$ 36,383.08

Town Officers

Moderator

Town Clerk / Treasurer

Assistant Clerk / Treasurer / Selectboard Minutes

Select Board

Gary Heath Mason

Debra Ann Geoffroy

Justin Mason

Phillip Beaudry, 2022

Brian Goodridge, 2023

Normand Inkel, 2024

Select Board

Road Commissioner

Lake Region Union Elementary –Middle School District

Board Members:

Listers

Neil Urie & Matthew Kittredge

Susan Richardson, 2022

Brian Suderman – Resigned

Michele Reed – Appointed

Cathy Wilder, 2024

Frank Jarvis, 2022

H. Jane Rayner, 2023

Brandy Inkel – Resigned

Select Board

Auditors

Constable

Delinquent Tax Collector

Director of Lake Region Union High School

Justices of the Peace

Debra Ann Geoffroy

Jennifer Foehr-McKenzie

Chad Tollmann, Cathy Wilder

Cheryl Dewees, Kathleen Sullivan, Anthony Daniels

Appointees

Chair of the Select Board

Hired Clerk of the Select Board & Admin. Asst.

Sexton: Town Cemeteries

Town Fire Warden & Emergency Management Coordinator

Tree Warden

Pound Keeper & Animal Control Officer

Town Health Officer

911 Coordinator

Planning Commission

Brian Goodridge

Terri Campbell

Richard Geoffroy

Gary Heath Mason

Christopher Daniels

Kelly Carpenter

Pamela Krupa

Cathy Wilder

Term Expires 2022: Rob Dewees

Term Expires 2023: Neil Urie

Term Expires 2024: Hannah Dreissigacken, S Christopher Jacobs

S Christopher Jacobs

Vacant

Nicholas Rivers

Vacant

Laurie Perron

NVDA Representative

NVDA Alternate

NEKWMD Board of Supervisors Representative

NEKWMD Alternate

Orleans Ambulance/Emergency Unit Representative

**WARNING
TOWN MEETING 2022**

The legal voters of the Town of Albany are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Albany Community School, Tuesday, March 1, A.D. 2022 at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T. to act on the following articles to wit:

- Art. 1. Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$846,615.50. Voting done by Australian ballot at The Albany Community School between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
- Art. 2. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To hear and dispose of the Auditor's Report.
- Art. 4. Shall the Town of Albany assess a tax in the amount of \$14,386.32 for the Orleans County Sheriff's Department.
- Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$29,896.87 for Ambulance Service to the Town. \$23,646.87 for Orleans Emergency Unit and \$6,250.00 for Glover Ambulance Squad.
- Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to have its taxes collected by the Town Treasurer with the Due Date being the second Wednesday in November 2022.
- Art. 7. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to appoint a Town Clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A. Section 2651e when the current Town Clerk's term is done in 3/2023.
- Art. 8. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. Section 2641f when the current Town Treasurer's term is done in 3/2023.
- Art. 9. To elect a Road Commissioner for a term of 1 year.
- Art. 10. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year.
- Art. 11. To elect all other officers required to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting.

SELECT PERSON: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

LISTER: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

LISTER: FOR A 1 YEAR TERM.

AUDITOR: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

AUDITOR: FOR A TWO YEAR TERM.

1ST CONSTABLE: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

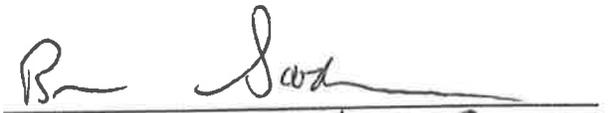
- Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$158,000.00 to defray all other expenses Of the Town not otherwise provided for. (General Fund)
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$250,000.00 for the maintenance of Class 2 & 3 Town Highways within the Town.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of Blacktop.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$15,000.00 for the summer maintenance of Class 4 roads within the Town.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for a Maintenance and Repair Fund for Town Buildings.
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$30,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department Operating Budget.
- Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$16,000.00 for the maintenance of the Town Cemeteries & compensation for a Town Sexton.
- Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of repairing or cleaning of Cemetery Headstones pursuant to V.S.A. Title 18, Section 5362 (a).
With voter approval each year the process of repair and cleaning will be ongoing.
- Art. 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
- Art. 22. To see if the Town raise the sum of \$5,000.00 to finance Recycling.
- Art. 23. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the observance of Memorial Day.
- Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Albany Town Library.
- Art. 25. To see if, in the place of the annual appropriation for the community meals, the Town Of Albany will raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,500.00 for the support of The Albany Food Share site of the Hardwick Area Food Pantry, to provide services To residents of the Town through the satellite food pantry located at the Albany Town Hall.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$14,438.00 for appropriations as requested,
 And direct the Select Board to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.

PLACE	2022 Request	2021 Amount
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
VT Center for Independent Living	150.00	150.00
Northeastern VT Development Association	706.00	706.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	1,882.00	1,882.00
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	3,000.00	3,000.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	200.00	200.00
Umbrella	700.00	700.00
Lake Region Senior Center	.00	500.00
VT Green Up, Inc.	50.00	50.00
American Red Cross, VT & NH Upper Valley Region	250.00	250.00
North Country Animal League	400.00	400.00
Orleans County Historical Society	700.00	575.00
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.	500.00	500.00
Rural Community Transport	600.00	600.00
VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	100.00	100.00
Albany Historical Society	1,000.00	1,000.00
Craftsbury Community Care Center	3,250.00	3,250.00
Orleans County Court Diversion	.00	300.00
Craftsbury Saplings	500.00	500.00
	\$ 14,438.00	\$ 15,113.00

Art. 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Dated at Albany, Vermont, January 26 , 2022.





Select Board, Town of Albany

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

ATTEST: Debra Ann Seoffroy
Clerk, Town of Albany

RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING 2021

- Art. 1. Moderator - Gary Heath Mason, 1 year term
- Art. 2. Road Commissioner – Select Board, 1 year term
- Art. 3. Delinquent Tax Collector - Debra Ann Geoffroy, 1 year term
- Art. 4. Select Person – Normand Inkel, 3 year term
Lister – Cathy Wilder, 3 year term
Auditor – Brandy Inkel, 3 year term – Resigned
1st Constable – Select Board, 1 year term
- Art. 5. Auditor’s Report - Passed
- Art. 6. Sheriff’s Department Budget – Passed - \$14,386.32
- Art. 7. Ambulance Service – Passed – Orleans: \$22,958.12 / Glover: \$6,250.00
- Art. 8. Taxes Collected by Town Treasurer - Passed
- Art. 9. General Fund – Passed - \$128,000.00
- Art. 10. Class 2 & 3 Town Highways – Passed - \$230,000.00
- Art. 11. Blacktop – Passed - \$20,000.00
- Art. 12. Class 4 Town Highways –Passed - \$15,000.00
- Art. 13. Town Building Maintenance Fund – Passed - \$10,000.00
- Art. 14. Fire Department Budget – Passed - \$35,000.00
- Art. 15. Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund – Passed - \$5,000.00
- Art. 16. Fire Department Stipend Balance to Operating Budget - Passed
- Art. 17. Cemetery Maintenance & Sexton Stipend – Passed - \$16,000.00
- Art. 18. Cemetery Headstone Maintenance – Passed - \$5,000.00
- Art. 19. Emergency Management Coordinator – Passed - \$300.00
- Art. 20. Authorize Select Board to borrow money – Passed
- Art. 21. Recycling – Passed - \$5,000.00
- Art. 22. Memorial Day – Passed - \$200.00
- Art. 23. Albany Town Library – Passed - \$10,000.00
- Art. 24. Albany Food Share Site – Passed - \$1,500.00
- Art. 25. Appropriations – Passed - \$15,113.00*

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

Albany Selectboard Message for 2022

Roads Overview: The Road Crew were happy to receive a new town truck just in time to keep our roads passable and safe this winter. This new truck has replaced our 2012 truck. With supply shortages, this truck had to be ordered back in early April to take delivery in November. It was passed by the Albany voters to have the Larabee Hill culvert be completely replaced in summer 2022, which was extensively damaged in the Halloween Flood of 2019. It has been an exhausting process moving this project along through the FEMA chain to secure funding for this project. The Road Crew also helped in completing (2) small grant projects that took place on Urie Rd, and to finish the last section of Hartwell Pond Rd, up to state standards. We have been fortunate to have dedicated workers that have kept our roads safe and passable when other towns are struggling to find any help at all.

Recycling/Garbage: The Town offered (2) Bulky Days in 2021. We will again be offering these in 2022 on May 14th (which will also include Household Hazardous Waste) and on October 1st. We are currently looking for an attendant for the Recycling Center. Any questions on this position should be directed to the Town Clerk.

Cemeteries: We continue to make great progress on updating our cemetery maps, especially in the Albany Village Cemetery. This has been a huge undertaking that our Sexton has championed. We have also raised and repaired many of the stones that have needed attention in all the cemeteries.

Budgets: Budgeting for 2022 has been a challenge for us this year. As everybody knows, price increases occur in all aspects of the marketplace. The Selectboard has had to increase some of the budgets more than we had hoped, but feel it is important to do this to maintain the services that are provided to the Townspeople.

General Fund: Last year \$128,000 was raised for the General Fund. The Selectboard will be asking to raise \$158,000 this year. There are several reasons for this increase. The first, and probably largest impact is that Debra Ann Geoffroy, our Town Clerk of 30+ years will not be seeking reelection at the 2023 Albany Town Meeting when her term expires. This led the Selectboard to place funds into this year's budget to pay the next potential Town Clerk for 5 or 6 months to shadow Debra Ann. The Board feels this is absolutely crucial to have this occur in order to secure a smooth transition for the Town. This also leads into the question if the voters want the Town Clerk position to be appointed by the Selectboard instead of elected by the voters? The Selectboard feels with the current shortage of workers, if the position was appointed, then the Board could expand the search to applicants from within or outside of Albany in order to fill the position. If the position remains as an elected position, it has to be an Albany resident. Also, if the Board was able to appoint the Town Clerk, we would be sure the person hired to shadow our current Town Clerk would be properly vetted. If the position stays as elected, the voters could elect a person that is not the same individual that the Selectboard hired to shadow Debra Ann. This upcoming change, along with general pay increases and costs of other items we purchase, is why we are asking for an increase.

Roads: Last year we raised \$230,000. This year we will be asking for \$250,000. Everything we purchase to work on the roads has increased in price. One example is culverts. This item alone has doubled in price from \$12.50 a foot to over \$25 per foot in just a year and a half. The price of fuel and parts have all risen as well. We also raised the pay of the road workers in order to stay competitive in this tight labor market. The Board feels even with this increase it is still going to be a tough year keeping within our budget. Some things are simply out of our control but need to be dealt with as they arise. Another issue is our ACT 250 permit on our gravel pit. We are still awaiting a decision from the ACT 250 Commission at the time of this writing for how our town pit is run in the future. The Board has budgeted for more engineering/attorney costs associated with this, but if our permit is granted and then appealed, it will likely cost more money than we budgeted for on this line item. Again, the Board feels it very important not to let our roads deteriorate trying to save money.

Blacktop: We will again be asking for \$20,000.

Class 4 Roads: We will again be asking for \$15,000, which is the same as last year. Every year we try to focus on a Class 4 road that needs maintenance. We have been cutting brush out of the roadway, which has allowed us to gain access with our dump trucks to add gravel and stone to these roads without damaging our trucks due to low hanging trees/brush. Without this type of work these roads in time will become unpassable by vehicle traffic.

Cemeteries: We will be asking for the same amount as last year, \$16,000 for mowing and upkeep, and \$5,000 for repair and cleaning of stones.

Recycling: The Town will ask to raise \$5,000 which is the same as last year.

Hope everyone has a good rest of the winter!

Sincerely,
Albany Selectboard

An Insight on Albany

The Town of Albany has served as a haven for so many residents through its standing of 240 years. With a diverse terrain and caring community, the Town and People have come together to support one another through hard times and victory. In 2021, the Town was blessed with The Genny Albany of Albany Village, Hinterland Market of South Albany, and the continued service of the Albany Food Pantry. These places provide a nourishing service for people to come together and share in a time when gathering is difficult.

As the Town of Albany says goodbye to some of their residents, let's welcome the new residents who have come to our valued area and show them what it means to be a part of this community. To greet a stranger with a smile, share the produce from our gardens, and to be an ally with our fellow people.

The Town of Albany is progressing towards a new Era. The Town has welcomed their first Town Official of Color and will be saying goodbye to a beloved and respected official in 2023. The Town is converting to some electronic systems that will assist in navigating the laws and transitions that we will face while continuing to use our traditional resources that help us thrive and be ourselves.

In the coming year, may we have peace, acceptance, and understanding of our neighbors, and be patient with the ever changing world we live in. It is truly an honor to serve my childhood hometown. May your year too be filled with love.

Justin Mason
Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer

WARNING
NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE
MARCH 1, 2022

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 to act on the following article.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$846,615.50?

ALBANY- <i>E/S</i> Nick Rivers	MORGAN- <i>E/S</i> Joe Noble
BLOOMFIELD- <i>E/S</i> Paulette Routhier	NEWPORT TOWN- <i>E/S</i> Steve Barrup
BRIGHTON- <i>E/S</i> Bruce Rumball-Petre	NEWBURY- <i>E/S</i> John Narowski
BRUNSWICK- <i>E/S</i> Paulette Routhier	NORTON- <i>E/S</i> Gina Vigneault
CORINTH- <i>E/S</i> Bob Sanberg	RYEGATE- <i>E/S</i> Gene Perkins
DANVILLE- <i>E/S</i> Walter McNeil Jr.	SHEFFIELD- <i>E/S</i> Preston Smith
DERBY- <i>E/S</i> Irene Dagesse	STANNARD- <i>E/S</i> Emily Cayer
EAST HAVEN- <i>E/S</i> Kirwin Flanders	TOPSHAM- <i>E/S</i> Megan Clark
GLOVER- <i>E/S</i> Jack Sumberg	TROY- <i>E/S</i> Gaston Bathalon
GREENSBORO- <i>E/S</i> Ken Johnston	UTG'S- <i>E/S</i> Gina Vigneault
GROTON- <i>E/S</i> Timothy Dailey Sr.	WATERFORD- <i>E/S</i> Richard Stodola
HOLLAND- <i>E/S</i> Joe Noble	WESTFIELD- <i>E/S</i> Jake Couture
IRASBURG- <i>E/S</i> Dustin Sanville	WHEELOCK- <i>E/S</i> Preston Smith
JAY- <i>E/S</i> Dave Sanders	
LYNDON- <i>E/S</i> Steve Gray	

NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**2022
BALLOT**

Instructions: **Make an X in one box only**

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$846,615.50?

_____ ***** YES

_____ ***** NO

SELECT BOARD'S REPORT

General Orders

School Tax	\$ 1,118,885.04
Appropriations, Dues & Taxes	122,563.07
Salaries, Social Security & Medicare (Town Share)	104,241.89
ARPA Money to New Account - County Share	70,411.37
ARPA Money to New Account - Town Share	37,949.31
Bond Loan - principal & interest to Bond Bank	34,315.80
Insurance	17,837.00
Trash Expense	17,296.14
Administration Expense	13,595.36
Cemetery Mowing (5 Town Cemeteries)	7,630.00
Overpayment of Property Taxes	7,590.90
Re-Appraisal Fund - Grand List Maintenance/Fair Market Value Study	6,327.00
Town Hall & Library	4,690.24
Restoration & Preservation Reserve Funds - Land Records	4,511.00
Recycling	3,984.98
Cemetery Stone Repair - Hovey, Center, and Chamberlin Hill	3,003.70
Utilities - Town Office	2,106.98
Albany Town Library - ARPA Grant	2,000.00
Cemetery Stone Repair - South Albany	2,000.00
Retirement - Town Share for Clerk/Treasurer	1,584.00
State of Vermont - Dog License Surcharge	1,513.00
Bush Hogging Ball Park, behind Town Office & rear of Cemetery	550.00
Legal Services	488.64
Ball Park Mowing	360.00
Cemetery Probe	318.99
Legal Services (Hartwell Pond Land)	243.00
Select Board Meeting Minutes	182.82
Cemetery Fence Painting Supplies	109.23
Animal Control Officer - Mileage Reimbursement	100.80
Lister - Mileage Reimbursement	72.95
Town Hall Deposit Return	50.00
Overpayment of Recording Fee	15.00
Mileage Reimbursement - Assistant Clerk	<u>9.63</u>
Total	\$ 1,586,637.84

Road Orders

Labor	\$ 107,597.63
Truck Repairs & Maintenance	70,225.58
Fuel & Lubricant	34,011.94
Equipment Rental	29,250.00
Grader & Loader	28,598.48
Road Aprons	28,194.00
Gravel – Town Pit	23,918.00
Chloride	18,811.16
Gravel Pit Reclaiming	16,540.00
Insurance	15,693.00
Plant Mix – Hutchins	11,994.48
Culverts	10,996.85
Sand Shed Tarp Replacement	10,448.75
Roadside Bush Hogging	8,110.00
Legal Fees	7,041.50
Retirement, Town Share – Road Crew Personnel	6,227.20
Engineering – Gravel Pit	5,712.40
Garage Repair	5,707.07
Garage Door Replacement	5,265.00
Erosion Stone	4,561.80
Mileage Reimbursement	4,535.72
Garage Tools & Supplies	4,314.13
Roadside Mowing	3,905.25
Dense Grade Stone	3,471.03
Engineering – Larabee Hill Culvert	3,000.00
Winter Sand	2,640.00
Garage Work Bench	2,375.00
Uniform Service	2,201.08
Utilities – Phone & Electric	2,071.77
Signposts & Supplies	1,902.67
Wings, Sanders, Plows & Chains	1,631.11
Salt for Winter Sand	1,608.79
Municipal Roads General Permit	1,590.00
Water Tank & Trailer - Purchase	1,500.00
Water Tank & Trailer – Fittings & Supplies	1,493.17
Chloride Tank	1,200.00
Water Tank & Trailer – Welding	1,070.00
Road Signs	940.63
All Equipment	810.91
Street Sweeping	750.00
Septic Tank Pumping	725.00
Johnson Road – Winter Maintenance	700.00
Furnace Repair – Garage	602.07

Shop Shelves	526.27
Chain Saw Purchase	522.40
Cement Blocks	480.00
Pressure Washer Repair	431.68
Tire Repair	426.34
Charger	405.07
Chloride Pump	389.99
Matten	384.00
Welding Tanks Lease	369.15
Water Tank Pump	353.09
Mulch Hay	318.50
Truck Radio	277.50
Chain Saw Chains	276.42
Road Sign Stands	275.50
Steam Jenny Repair	256.50
Beaver Control	250.00
Fire Extinguisher Inspection	219.75
Grass Seed	179.98
Stormwater Permit	160.00
Ledge	126.16
Mulcher Rental	118.00
Culvert Bid Ads	113.05
Chain Saw Repairs	108.47
Plow Stakes	90.00
Sandbags	42.99
Window Repair	33.97
Road Orders	31.18
Nails	13.99
Water Tank Registration	12.00
Marking Paint	11.98
CDL Queries	6.25

Total **\$ 501,153.35**

ROAD SUMMARY

Available Road Funds:

Town Highway Tax (includes Class 2, 3, 4 and Blacktop)	\$ 265,000.00
State of Vermont – Highway Aid	117,063.91
FEMA – 2019 Halloween Flooding	44,555.66
Road Surplus Carry Forward	86,743.87
Town Grader Tax	25,092.56
VLCT Sand Shed Roof Claim	9,077.81

State of Vermont – Highway Aid Supplement	6,478.14
Town of Lowell- Plowing & Sanding 2020-2021 Season	4,400.00
VLCT – Town Garage Claim	3,951.63
Town of Lowell –Eden Road & Bailey Hazen Roads Summer Maintenance	2,902.88
Allicks/RG-2 Claims – O’Reilly Settlement	743.77
State of Vermont – Civil Fines Reimbursement	678.50
VT Association of Conservation Districts – Culverts for Dry Hydrant	488.00
Overweight Permits	300.00
VLCT – PACIF - Refund on Truck Premium	246.00
VLCT – PACIF – Workers Compensation Audit Refund	174.00
Katzenbach Sand & Gravel – Legal fees reimbursement	120.00
Voided Check	<u>4.19</u>

Total Available Road Funds for 2021 **\$ 568,020.92**

Total Road Expenses for 2021 **\$ 501,153.35**

Road Surplus **\$ 66,867.57**

Of the Road Surplus please note that \$25,092.56 is for the Grader payment due in April 2022. Therefore, the surplus carry forward amount is actually \$41,775.01.

2020 – 2021 Comparisons

	2020	2021
Loader & Grader	\$ 128,312.01	\$ 28,598.48
Fuels & Lubricants	28,048.82	34,011.94
Winter Sand & Salt	13,988.58	4,248.79
Plows, Sander, Wings & Chains	5,290.11	1,631.11
Blacktop	20,000.00	20,000.00
Culverts	4,698.40	10,996.85
Gravel & Stone	46,069.82	44,071.47
Chloride	16,358.80	18,811.16
Road Signs	1,084.92	3,118.80
Garage Tools & Supplies	3,308.56	4,314.13
Radios	571.60	277.50
Truck Repairs & Maintenance	22,673.55	70,225.58
Chain Saws & Trimmer	284.07	907.29
Grass Seed	374.89	179.98
Uniform Service	2,061.19	2,201.08
Welder	384.77	369.15
Chloride Pump, Tank & Trailer	839.32	2,016.33

	2020	2021
Mulch Hay	162.00	436.50
Work Orders & Timecards	28.71	31.18
Advertising	456.01	113.05
Erosion Matten	994.75	384.00
Overhead Door Repair/Replacement	1,398.00	5,265.00
Pressure Washer	41.19	431.68
Cement Blocks	-0-	480.00
Sand Shed	54.74	10,448.75
Garage Repair	-0-	5,707.07
Sandbags	-0-	42.99
Steam Jenny	-0-	256.50
Marking Paint	-0-	11.98
Water Tank & Trailer – Purchase/Maint.	-0-	4,428.66
Plow Stakes	-0-	90.00
Window Repair	-0-	33.97
Charger	-0-	405.07
Nails	-0-	13.99

BLACKTOP MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2021	\$ 48,099.00
Income: Town of Albany – 2021 Tax Raised	20,000.00
Community National Bank – 2021 Interest	<u>50.69</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 68,146.69
Expenses – Pike Industries: Road Aprons	<u>20,000.00</u>
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2021	\$ 48,149.69

CLASS 4 ROAD WORK – 2021 BREAKDOWN

Equipment Rental	\$ 8,875.00
Bush Hogging	4,200.00
Plant Mix – Hutchins	3,470.94
Town Trucks	579.55
Crushed Gravel – Town Pit	420.00
Town Labor	395.67
Town Loader	209.75
Bank Run – Town Pit	84.00
Town Grader	40.22
Mileage Reimbursement	<u>2.24</u>
Total	\$ 18,277.37

Total Funds Raised in 2021	\$ 15,000.00
2020 Carry Forward	<u>5,984.22</u>
Total Class 4 Road Funds	\$ 20,984.22

Less Total Expense	<u>\$ 18,277.37</u>
Total 2021 Carry Forward	\$ 2,706.85

The Class 4 Road work was done on Daniels Road, Pitkin Road, Goddard Lot Road, Horace Way Road, and Burbank Road.

BREAKDOWN OF YEARLY INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Total Paid	\$ 32,973.00
Road Fund Share	\$ 15,532.00
General Fund Share	\$ 17,441.00
Town Share of General Fund Share	\$ 9,345.00
Fire Department Share of General Fund Share (Both Shares paid for by Town, not Fire Department)	\$ 8,096.00

RECYCLING REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$ 711.11
Income: 2021 Tax Raised for Recycling	\$ 5,000.00
Town of Irasburg - ½ Share of Cost	4,612.24
Gates Salvage - Metal Dumpster at Center	1,229.22
Tire Recycling	<u>250.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 11,802.57
Expenses: Attendant	\$ 6,419.00
Recycling Pick-Up Fee	1,556.00
Composting Pick-Up Fee	1,275.00
Plowing & Sanding	920.00
Electric at Recycling Building	229.49
Misc. Supplies	<u>4.49</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 10,403.98
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2021	\$ 1,398.59

TRASH REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$ 9,143.74
Income: Trash Collection	\$ 17,040.00
Town of Irasburg – Share of Bulky Days	<u>1,525.14</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 27,708.88
Expenses: Myers Container Service Corp. – Trash Dumpster	\$ 12,693.60
Myers Container Service Corp – Bulky Day Dumpsters	2,046.00
NEK Waste Mgmt. District – Per Capita Assessment	884.54
L&N Inkel Logging – Cement blocks & Trucking	490.00
NEK Waste Mgmt. District – Surcharge on Bulky Day Dumpster	345.83
The Chronicle, Inc. – Bulky Day Ads	203.45
U-Line Corp. – Traffic Cones	149.07
J. Hutchins – Material for 2 nd Dumpster	139.44
My Parking Signs – Enter/Exit Signs	111.00
E.M. Brown & Sons, Inc. – Electrical Wire	109.99
Tractor Supply – Material for 2 nd Entrance	93.22
Phillip Beaudry – Light for Dumpster	30.00
Bulky Day Loader Operator	<u>455.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 17,751.14
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2021	\$ 9,957.74

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

The Town raised \$128,000.00 in tax dollars for the General Fund in 2021.

Breakdown of General Fund Expenditures:

Salaries	\$ 53,594.10
Insurance	17,837.00
Social Security & Medicare – Town Share	15,053.83
Administrative Expense	13,595.36
Appropriations & Dues	2,344.85
Retirement – Town Share, Town Clerk/Treasurer	1,584.00
Town Hall/Library - Fuel	1,215.60
Town Office - Fuel	1,099.29
Town Office – Water Rent	520.00
Legal Fees	458.64
Town Hall/Library – Plowing & Sanding	440.00
Town Hall/Library – Electric	371.89
Andre Lamarche – Mowing Ballfield	360.00

Town Office - Electric	261.37
Legal Fees – Sanville vs. Town of Albany	243.00
Solar Meter Electric	226.32
Bush Hogging – behind Town Office	200.00
Meeting Minutes for Selectboard	182.82
Bush Hogging – Ball Park	175.00
Town Hall/Library – Water Rent	130.00
Town Hall/Library - Annual Fire Extinguisher Service	124.25
Mileage Reimbursement – Animal Control Officer	100.80
Town Hall – Balcony Gate	74.19
Mileage Reimbursement – Listers	72.95
Town Hall – Sign	28.25
Town Hall/Library – Bathroom Supplies	23.57
Mileage Reimbursement – Assistant Town Clerk	<u>9.63</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 110,326.71
Total Under Budget	\$ 17,673.29

Please note that the yearly insurance premiums were almost \$7,000 lower than 2020. A pleasant surprise but totally unexpected. At this time, we have no exact amount of insurance premium costs for 2022. The surplus, with Selectboard approval, will be used to purchase computer accounting programs.

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

Town Hall Building & Land – Main Street	\$ 248,900
Town Office, Fire Station & Land – Main Street	\$ 841,500
Town Gravel Pit, Land & Building – Delano Road	\$ 117,600
Town Garage, Sand Shed & Land – Center Hill Road	\$ 205,000
Recycling Center Building & Land – Main Street	\$ 46,000
Land at Hartwell Pond– Hartwell Pond Rd.	\$ 116,500
Ball Park – Main Street	\$ 35,700
Town Cemeteries – various locations	\$ 125,600

Plus: Town Trucks, Grader, Loader, Culvert Thawer, Plows, Sanders, Wings, Chloride Trailer & Tank, Water Trailer & Tank, Fire Trucks & Equipment

RE-APPRAISAL ACCOUNT REPORT

Balance as of January 4, 2021	\$ 60,289.13
Income: State of Vermont – Grand List Maintenance	\$ 6,327.00
Town of Albany – Tax Raised	5,000.00
Community National Bank – 2019 Interest	<u>32.25</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 71,648.38
Expenses: NEMRC, LTD – Annual CAMA Disaster Recovery Agreement	\$ 712.88
NEMRC, LTD – Marshall & Swift Cost Tables	419.31
Apex Software – Sketching Software Renewal	<u>215.00</u>
Total Expenses for 2021	\$ 1,347.19
Balance of Funds as of January 4, 2022	\$ 70,301.19

GOOD NEIGHBOR ACCOUNT

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

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$ 193,362.95
Income: Green Mountain Power – 2020 Payment	\$ 61,476.35
Community National Bank – 2021 Interest	<u>2,345.42</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 257,184.72
Expenses: Town of Albany Road Fund – New Truck	<u>\$ 156,680.23</u>
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2021	\$ 100,504.49

This is the 9th year of a Ten year payment. This money was voted to be used as an equipment replacement fund.

RESTORATION & PRESERVATION RESERVE FUND

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$ 4,687.15
Income: Per page recording fees for 2021	\$ 4,511.00
Community National Bank – 2021 Interest	<u>6.75</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 9,204.90
Expenses: None	
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2021	\$ 9,204.90

LIBRARY REPORT - FOR THE YEAR 2021

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$ 9,484.48
Income: Town of Albany – 2021 Tax Raised	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 19,484.48
Expenses: Librarian pay	\$ 6,571.25
Assistant Librarian pay	225.00
Town’s Share of SS & Medicare on wages	519.92
Town’s Share of Workman’s Comp. on wages	59.14
Consolidated Communications (phone)	581.76
Highlights & Ranger Rick subscriptions	344.40
Green Mountain Consortium (e-books available)	200.00
Misc. Supplies	159.79
Books	137.50
P.O. Box Rental	64.00
Courier Service (delivery or loans from other libraries)	<u>30.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 8,892.76
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2021	\$ 10,591.72

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

Cash on Hand as of January 1, 2021	\$ 59.39
Income: Town of Albany – 2021 Appropriation	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 259.39
Expenses: Flag Order	<u>\$ 108.85</u>
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2021	\$ 150.54

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

The Town raised \$10,000 in 2021 to start this fund.

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$ 10,000.00
Expenses: None	
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2021	\$ 10,000.00

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUND

Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$ 0.00
Income: State of Vermont – Town & County	\$ 108,360.68
Community National Bank – Interest	<u>89.16</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 108,449.84
Expenses: None	
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2021	\$ 108,449.84

CEMETERY REPORT

Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2021	\$ 6,531.57
Income: Town of Albany – 2021 Tax Raised	\$ 16,000.00
Andre Lamarche – Overpayment of Mowing	<u>720.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 23,251.57
Expenses: Andre Lamarche – Mowing (5) Town Cemeteries	\$ 7,630.00
Dennis Walker – Mowing Village Cemetery	3,600.00
Richard Geoffroy – Sexton Stipend	2,000.00
St. John of the Cross Cemetery – 2021 Appropriation	600.00
Holland Supply – Cemetery Probe	318.99
Mike Montgomery – Bush Hogging rear of Village Cemetery	175.00
Pick & Shovel – paint, brush, grass seed – fence painting	109.23
Dennis Walker – extra fuel mowing cost	100.00
James Barlow, PLC – Legal fees	<u>30.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 14,563.22
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2021	\$ 8,688.35

Mowing at all Town Cemeteries will be done by the same person in 2022. There will be approximately \$1,800 in additional cost due to more mowing at the Village Cemetery.

The funds of the previous *Albany Cemetery Association* remain in a separate account. **The balance of this fund is \$14,431.78 as of December 31, 2021.** Money from the sale of lots is deposited into this fund.

CEMETERY HEADSTONE REPAIRS

Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2021	\$ 1,043.00
Income: Town of Albany – 2021 Tax Raised	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 6,043.00
Expenses: Bianchi Memorials, Inc. – Stone Repairs	\$ 3,003.70
Heritage Memorials, Inc. – Stone Repairs	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 5,003.70
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2021	\$ 1,039.30

Work was done at the Hovey Cemetery, Center Cemetery, Chamberlin Hill Cemetery, and South Albany Cemetery. With continuation of funding, work will continue in 2022.

TOWN RECEIPTS

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Beginning Cash on Hand 1/1/21	\$ 457,223.98
Received from:	
STATE OF VERMONT	
Highway Aid	\$ 117,063.91
ARPA Money	108,360.68
FEMA Money - 2019 Halloween Flooding	44,555.66
2021 Hold Harmless Payment - Current Use	44,083.00
Municipal Tax Adjustment	23,054.00
Highway Aid Supplement	6,478.14
Grand List Maintenance	6,327.00
Library ARPA Grant	2,000.00
Civil Fines Reimbursement	678.50
PILOT Payment	361.20
2020 Hold Harmless Balance - Current Use	327.00
Recording Fees	240.00
	<u>\$ 353,529.09</u>
TOWN TREASURER	
2021 Property Taxes	\$ 1,590,711.97
Recording Fees	13,972.00
Land Records Maintenance Fee	4,443.00
Surcharge on Dog Licenses	1,513.00
2020 Property Taxes	1,449.11
Dog License Money	905.00
	<u>\$ 1,613,032.08</u>
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	
2019 Delinquent Taxes***	\$ 10,620.37
2019 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes***	812.82
2019 Interest on Delinquent Taxes***	3,176.42
2020 Delinquent Taxes ***	38,879.91
2020 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes***	3,056.45
2020 Interest on Delinquent Taxes***	2,637.88
2021 Delinquent Taxes	35,433.98
2021 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	2,911.99
2021 Interest on Delinquent Taxes	537.24
	<u>\$ 98,066.66</u>
***Part received from Attorney Angela Ross	
MISCELLANEOUS	
Lake Region Elementary - Middle School District - True-Up Refund	\$ 23,277.84
Transfer Station Attendant - Trash Collection	17,040.00
Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund - Truck Repair Engine #2	9,554.21
VLCT-PACIF - Sand Shed Roof Claim	9,077.81
Lake Region Union High School - True-Up Refund	9,007.65
Overpayment of 2021 Property Taxes	7,586.96
VT. Association of Conservation Districts - Dry Hydrant - Fire Department Share	7,356.00
Town of Irasburg - 1/2 Share of Recycling	4,612.24
Town of Lowell - Plowing & Sanding 2020-2021 Season	4,400.00

VLCT-PACIF – Town Garage Claim	\$ 3,951.63
Town of Lowell – Eden & Bailey Hazen Summer Road Work	2,902.88
Community National Bank – Interest on Checking	2,760.15
Town of Irasburg – ½ Cost of Bulky Day	1,525.14
Gates Salvage Yard – Metal Dumpster	1,229.22
David Rowell – Post Office Lot Rent	1,200.00
VLCT-PACIF – Snow Guards Grant	1,078.72
Allicks/RG/2 Claim – Roads	743.77
Andre Lamarche – Overpayment of Cemetery Mowing	720.00
Hardwick Area Food Pantry – Electric Use at Town Hall	604.72
VT. Association of Conservation Districts – Dry Hydrant – Town Share	488.00
Overweight Permits	300.00
VLCT-PACIF – Truck Removal/Premium Refund – Fire Department	270.00
Preservation Trust of VT., Inc. – Town Hall Assessment	250.00
Tire Recycling	250.00
VLCT-PACIF – Truck Removal/Premium Refund – Roads	246.00
Albany Community Trust – Heat at Town Hall for Food Share	200.00
VLCT-PACIF – Worker’s Compensation Audit Refund – Roads	174.00
Albany Community Trust – Electric at Town Hall for Food Share	160.32
Town Hall Rent & Deposit	150.00
Katzenbach Sand & Gravel – Legal Fees Reimbursement	120.00
Attorney Angela Ross – 2019 Delinquent Taxes Warrant	120.00
Three Ladies LLC. – Liquor License	70.00
IRS - Recording Fees	60.00
A-1 Janitorial Supply – Fire Department Refund	25.51
Voided Checks	28.55
Attorney Angela Ross – 2020 Delinquent Taxes Warrant & Overpayment	<u>20.11</u>
	\$ 111,561.43
Total Receipts	\$ 2,176,189.26
Total Receipts plus Cash on Hand - 1/1/21	\$ 2,633,413.24
Disbursements:	
Select Board’s General Orders	\$ 1,586,637.84
Select Board’s Road Orders	\$ 501,153.35
Select Board’s Fire Department Orders	<u>\$ 54,474.30</u>
Total Orders Paid	\$ 2,142,265.49
Ending Cash on Hand - 12/31/2021	\$ 491,147.75
Plus, Fire Department Funds – SM -11 General Order*	<u>35,000.00</u>
Total Ending Cash on Hand as of 12/31/2021	\$ 526,147.75
To Balance with Checking Account; Bank cashed a check for .30 less than written	<u>.30</u>
	\$ 526,148.05

*2021 Budget - No check issued as funds are left in Town Checking per vote at 2010 Town Meeting

TREASURERS TAX ACCOUNT

Collected by Treasurer:		
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 1,590,711.97	
Pre-bate Credits	267,190.55	
Lease Land Credit	<u>36.22</u>	
Total Tax Collected by Treasurer		\$ 1,857,938.74
Delinquent Tax		<u>67,347.20</u>
Total Tax to be accounted for:		\$ 1,925,285.94

Taxes Collected by Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 35,433.98
Taxes Collected by Treasurer	<u>1,857,938.74</u>
Total 2021 Taxes Collected	\$ 1,893,372.72
Total Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/21	<u>\$ 31,913.22</u>
Total 2021 Taxes to be accounted for:	\$ 1,925,285.94

2021 Tax Rates	Homestead Tax Rate	1.7410
	Non-Residential Tax Rate	2.0814

TREASURERS SUMMARY

SALARIES & SOCIAL SECURITY – General & Road Orders

Paige Horner – Road Foreman/Truck Driver	\$ 56,284.46
Jonathon Rowell – Road Laborer/Truck Driver	45,553.81
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Town Clerk & Treasurer	26,400.00
Kristin Urie – Librarian	6,571.25
Justin Mason – Asst. Clerk & Treasurer	6,041.06
Gary Mason – Truck & Rented Equipment Driver	5,986.86
Reginald Shatney – Recycling & Trash Attendant	5,789.00
Dennis Walker – Mowing Village Cemetery	3,600.00
Cathy Wilder – Lister/911 Coordinator	2,784.01
Therese Campbell – Select Board Administrative Assistant	2,347.50
Susan Richardson – Lister	2,283.76
Brian Suderman – Lister	2,251.13
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Delinquent Tax Collector	2,104.71
Richard Geoffroy – Cemetery Sexton	2,000.00
S Christopher Jacobs – Select Board	1,600.00
Brian Goodridge – Select Board	1,600.00
Phillip Beaudry – Select Board	1,600.00
Gloria Chicoine – Office Cleaning	1,185.77
Ellen St. Marie – Mowing & Trimming Town Buildings and Signs	1,035.00
H. Jane Rayner – Auditor	960.00
Francis Jarvis – Auditor	960.00
Brandy Inkel – Auditor	960.00
Justin Mason – Select Board Meeting Minutes	792.12
Phillip Beaudry – Recycling & Trash Attendant	630.00
Kelly Carpenter – Animal Control Officer	556.25
Susan Richardson – Ballot Clerk	237.50
Paige Horner – Loader Operator for Bulky Days	227.50
Ellen St. Marie – Traffic Control & Helper for Bulky Days	227.50
Paula Davidson – Asst. Librarian	225.00
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Town Clerk Fees (not paid for by Town)	14,219.00
EFPTS – Social Security & Medicare – Town Share	15,053.83

APPROPRIATIONS, DUES & TAXES - General Orders

Lake Region Elementary-Middle School District	\$ 824,953.94
Lake Region Union High School District	293,931.10
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department -Budget	35,000.00
Orleans Emergency Unit	22,958.12
Orleans County Treasurer	14,654.10
Orleans County Sheriff's Department	14,143.00
Glover Ambulance Squad, Inc.	6,250.00
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department - Vehicle Replacement Fund	5,000.00
Town of Albany Re-Appraisal Account	5,000.00
Craftsbury Community Care Center	3,250.00
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	3,000.00
Vermont League of Cities and Towns	2,236.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	1,882.00
Hardwick Area Food Pantry	1,500.00
Albany Historical Society	1,000.00
Northern Vermont Development Association	706.00
Umbrella, Inc.	700.00
Rural Community Transport	600.00
St. John of the Cross Cemetery	600.00
Orleans County Historical Society	575.00
Craftsbury Saplings	500.00
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.	500.00
Lake Region Senior Center	500.00
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	450.00
North County Animal League	400.00
Orleans County Court Diversion	300.00
American Red Cross	250.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	200.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	150.00
Albany Memorial Day	108.25
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	100.00
Vermont Green-Up, Inc.	50.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE & UTILITIES - General Orders

The Memphremagog Press - Town Report Printing	\$ 1,827.40
Consolidated Communications - Town Office Phone & Internet	1,198.08
Andre Lamarche - Town Office Plowing & Sanding	1,155.00
Fred's Energy - Town Office Fuel	1,099.29
US Postal Service - Town Envelopes	1,032.27
J & S Electrical - Yearly Fire Alarm Inspection & Repairs	936.00
Staples Direct - Town Office Supplies	824.50
UniFirst Corp. - Town Office Floor Mats	785.94
US Postal Service - Town Report Postage	776.00
US Postal Service - Town Lister Envelopes	669.28
Canon Financial Services - Copier Lease	606.00
The Chronicle, Inc. - Advertising	582.29
Albany Village Water Supply Company - Water Rent at Town Office	520.00
Kofile Technologies - Land Records Volume & Index	467.25
VTel - Town Office Wi-Fi	444.40
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. - Town Office	261.37
Community National Bank - Check Order	258.82

Canon Solutions America – Copier Maintenance	254.46
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Solar Meter	\$ 226.32
Fillion Network Solutions, LLC – Computer IT Service	220.97
IDS, Inc. – 2022 Dog Tags & License Forms	213.47
Brian Suderman – Reimbursement for Lister Computer Updates	204.93
US Postal Service – Overweight & Absentee Postage	204.00
Zoom – Monthly Charge at Town Office	190.68
VLCT – Town Fair Webinar – (2) Attendees	136.00
W.B. Mason – Office Supplies	110.19
St. Jay Fire Extinguisher Service – Yearly Service for Town Office	98.50
Schwaab, Inc. – Town Office Stamps	65.25
US Postal Service – Town P.O. Box Rent	64.00
Amazon – Town Office Supplies	63.08
VLCT – Australian Ballot Webinar – (2) Attendees	40.00
US Postal Service – Certificate of Mailing for Listing Purposes	38.28
VMCTA – Yearly Membership	35.00
Norton – Computer Security Renewal	31.79
VLCT – Animal Control Officer Webinar	28.00
Memphremagog Press – General Orders	23.53
Vermont Dept. of Health – Engraved Certificate Paper	10.00

TOWN HALL & LIBRARY – General Orders

Albany Town Library- Reimbursement for Phone, Books, PO Box Rental, Magazine Subscriptions and Misc. Supplies	\$ 1,517.45
Fred's Energy – Heating Fuel	1,215.60
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Electric usage	1,136.93
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	440.00
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent	130.00
St. Jay Fire Extinguisher Service – Yearly Service	124.25
Terri Campbell – Reimbursement for Gate on Balcony Stairs	74.19
My Parking Signs – Exit Sign	28.25
Staples Direct – Bathroom Supplies	23.57

RECYCLING – General Orders

NEK Waste Management District – Recycling Pick-up	\$ 1,556.00
Keep it Green Compost – Compost Pick-up	1,275.00
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	920.00
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Electric usage	229.49
Reginald Shatney – Supplies Reimbursement	4.49

TRASH COLLECTION – General Orders

Myers Container Service, Inc. – Trash Dumpsters	\$ 12,693.60
Myers Container Service, Inc. – Bulky Day Dumpsters	2,046.00
NEK Waste Management District – Per Capita Assessment	884.54
L&N Inkel Logging – Cement Blocks & Trucking	490.00
NEK Waste Management District – Bulky Days Surcharge	345.83
The Chronicle, Inc. – Advertising for Bulky Days	203.45
U-Line, Inc. – Traffic Cones	149.07
J. Hutchins, Inc. – Material to set 2nd Dumpster	139.44
My Parking Signs – Enter & Exit Signs	111.00
EM Brown Sons, Inc. – Electrical Wire	109.99
Tractor Supply – Supplies for 2 nd Entrance	93.22
Phillip Beaudry – Reimbursement for Dumpster Lights	30.00

MISCELLANEOUS – General Orders

ARPA Account – County Funds from Federal Government	\$ 70,411.37
ARPA Account – Town Funds from Federal Government	37,949.31
US Bank – Bond Principal & Interest	34,315.80
VLCT Insurance Premiums	17,837.00
Andre Lamarche – Town Cemetery Mowing (5 Cemeteries)	7,630.00
Overpayment of Taxes	7,590.90
Re-Appraisal Account – Yearly Grand List Maintenance	6,327.00
Restoration & Preservation Reserve Fund – Land Records	4,511.00
Bianchi Memorials, Inc. – Headstone Repairs	3,003.70
Albany Town Library – ARPA Grant	2,000.00
Heritage Memorials, Inc. – Headstone Repairs	2,000.00
Lord Abbott – Retirement, Town Share – Clerk & Treasurer	1,584.00
Vermont State Treasurer – Dog License Surcharge	1,513.00
James Barlow, PLC – Legal Fees	698.64
Mike Montgomery – Bush Hogging Ballfield, behind Office, and rear of Village Cemetery	550.00
Andre Lamarche – Mowing Ballfield	360.00
Holland Supply – Cemetery Probe	318.99
Numbers by the Book – Select Board Meeting Minutes	182.82
The Pick & Shovel – Paint, Brush, Grass Seed, Cemetery Supplies	109.23
Animal Control Officer – Mileage Reimbursement	100.80
Dennis Walker – Cemetery Mowing Fuel	100.00
Lister Mileage Reimbursement	72.95
Terrina Clark – Town Hall Deposit Refund	50.00
Monaghan, Safar, Ducham PLLC – Legal Services	33.00
Blythe & Taylor – Overpayment of Recording Fee	15.00
Asst. Town Clerk – Mileage Reimbursement	9.63

**2021 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES
AS OF 12/31/2021**

Begin Jr., James Oliver	\$	457.36
Breault, Bruce & Ellen		1,644.30
Buckman, Frank & MacGregor, Bonnie		2,616.32
Gordon, Lynn ***		3,128.34
Hornbacher, Mark		886.80
Judkins, Clarence, Jr. & Danielle		1,950.27
Kelley, Dawn		40.80
Mason, Carol		618.18
Mason, Christi		403.79
Mason, Robert		104.07
Mason, Shawn		1,190.56
Masse, Ian & Tollman, Erika		472.48
Nelson Farms, Inc.		393.39
Nelson Farms, Inc.		4,741.43
Rowell, Jason		2,924.88
Sibley, Nicholas ***		78.84
Soroka, Ronald & Michael & Koopman, Peter ***		1,193.68
Stackelberg Trust c/o Olaf, P ***		5,488.65
Williams, Stacey		2,557.11
Willis, William & Giovanna ***		1,021.97
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAX AS OF 12/31/2021	\$	31,913.22

* **indicates all or part payment made after 12/31/2021

To the Residents of Albany,

On behalf of the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department, I would like to thank you for your support and funding for the year 2021. With your support we were able to have a successful year for securing equipment and tools that we need to get the job done safely and efficiently.

The department completed several successful fundraisers this year and we are thankful for the support for that as well.

We would also like to give a big thank you to Beverly Delaney for her very generous donation of \$50,000.00! It has allowed the department to purchase some equipment that is very expensive and would have taken a big bite out of our operation budget. A donation such as this makes a huge difference for our small department.

This last June the department installed a new hydrant on the South Albany Road. The majority of that project was paid for by a grant from the Rural Fire Protection Program. This hydrant was much needed for that part of Albany, and we greatly appreciate the generosity of Jean-Francois Barbeau for allowing the Town to install this on his property.

I would also like to thank the members of the fire department, for their devotion and commitment, for helping provide a very important service to the Town and Community. Keep up the good work!

If anyone ever has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Josh Pilbin, Chief
802-793-2340
joshuawpilbin@gmail.com

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Vehicle Replacement Fund

Balance of Funds as of 1/1/21	\$ 35,786.53
Income: Town of Albany – 2021 Tax Raised	5,000.00
Community National Bank – 2021 Interest	<u>36.09</u>
Total Available Funds:	\$ 40,822.62
Expenses: Transfer to Checking to Repair 2 nd Pumper	<u>\$ 9,554.21</u>
Total Available Funds as of 12/31/2021	\$ 31,268.41

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 - Report of Select Board Controlled Funds

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/21	\$ 27,667.73
Income: Town of Albany – 2021 Taxes Raised	\$ 35,000.00
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Dept. – Vehicle Replacement Fund	9,554.21
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Dept. – Balance of Stipend Funds	8,327.42
VT. Association of Conservation District – Dry Hydrant Grant	7,356.00
VLCT-PACIF - Premium Refund for Removal of Truck	270.00
A1 Janitorial Supply Corp. – Class Action Lawsuit Refund	25.51
Pick & Shovel – Returned Check of Paid Bill	<u>24.36</u>
Total Available Funds for 2021	\$ 60,557.50
Expenses:	
Collinsville Repair LLC – Tanker, Rescue and Engine Repair	\$ 13,610.56
Reynolds & Son, Inc. – Turn-Out Gear, Flashlights, Air Compressor CO2 Sensor Repair	9,386.68
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Dept. – Reimbursement for Paid Bills (Fire Prevention Week, Thermal Imager, Truck Charger & Gear)	6,710.57
EJ Prescott – Dry Hydrant Supplies	4,895.74
TDI Repair Facility, LLC – Tanker Tires	2,760.00
Royce Lancaster – Dry Hydrant Equipment Rental	2,550.00
Fred’s Energy – Station Fuel	2,075.96
Blanchard Oil Co. – Winter Tires Pumper #2	1,500.00
Consolidated Communications – Station Phone & Alarm	1,297.04
Orleans Emergency Unit – EMR Course (3) persons	900.00
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	810.00
Fred’s Energy – Diesel for Trucks	784.65
O’Reilly Auto Parts – Fluids, Cargo Straps, Window Blades, Tanker Lights & Truck Supplies	632.76
Wright’s Towing – Truck Towing	600.00
Sign Depot – Truck Lettering	565.00
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent	520.00
The Pick & Shovel – Station Supplies, Dry Hydrant Supplies, Chimney Brush Repair	495.09
St. Jay Fire Extinguisher Sales & Service – Fire Extinguisher Service	474.48
J & S Electric – Yearly Alarm Inspection, Monitoring & Batteries	462.00
Southbay Auto & Industrial Supplies – Shovels & Gloves	437.36
Northeast International Mutual Aid – Dues, Pump Class & SCBA Class	400.00
Robert Hoyt – Reimbursement for Dry Hydrant Head	361.87
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Station Electric Usage	316.59
V-Tel Internet Service at Fire Station	303.00
Kasey Butler – Reimbursement of EMR Course	300.00
Round Hill Fence & Security – Annual Alarm Monitoring Fee	252.00
Demeritt Welding & Fabrication – Water Shute on Tanker	225.00
VACD-RFP – Dry Hydrant	190.00
Riverside Garage – Truck Inspection	170.00
Clark Communications Electronics – Chargers for Pagers	164.00
Newport Rental Center – Pump Rental for Dry Hydrant	120.00
J. Hutchins – Stone for Dry Hydrant	48.04
James W. Barlow, PLC – Legal Services	45.00
The Farmyard Store – Dry Hydrant Needs	38.70
Fred’s Energy – Generator Propane	30.24
J.B. Colton – Batteries	29.97
VT. DMV – Truck Plates	<u>12.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 54,574.30
Balance of Funds as of 12/31 /2021	\$ 33,750.93

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOL. FIRE DEPT.
TREASURER REPORT NON-TAXPAYER FUNDS
JANUARY 1, 2021 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2021

Beginning Balance January 1, 2021: 6226.36

INCOME:

Coin Drops 5-29 and 9-4-21	2767.00
J.B. Colton- refund on exchange	2.12
Transfers from Equipment Fund	27,178.85
Albany Day(Labor Day)	3286.00
Lost/Void Checks	835.00
Town of Albany- reimbursement on fire prevention supplies	359.50
Thanksgiving Raffle	1465.00
Albany Genny- refund on exchange	4.60
Donations	480.00
Bottle Return Funds	1129.13
Interest Earned on Bank Account	8.62
 Total Income	 37,515.82

EXPENSES:

Penguin Management Inc.- edispatches subscription	1621.00
Jeanne Peters- plaques for Albany VT Fire and Emergency Response Assoc. members Jeanne Peters and Calvin McRae(169.90) and refreshments for mutual aid meeting(34.14).	204.04
Josh Pilbin- zoom account, computer for secretary, and parade candy	403.87
Kasey Butler- food for work detail and stencils for Labor Day sign	77.57
VT Silkscreen Express- t-shirts and sweatshirts	504.00
Thibaults Market	287.05
North Country Flag Co.	170.00
VT State Firefighters Assoc.- dues 2021 and 2022	578.00
Kate Shatney- safety vests, decals, baby gift, towels, and Albany Day supplies	1344.94
Michael Josey- speaker mic, grass seed, batteries, and parade candy	271.97
Robert Hoyt- wiring supplies and KME suction cap supplies	31.63
Bob's Quick Stop	160.90
Albany Genny	467.85
J.B. Colton	406.95
Walmart	456.15
Irasburg Firemens Assoc.- corn hole tournament 7-17-21	80.00
Leroux Brothers Auto Inc.	1000.00
Pick and Shovel	143.07

Kyle Lemieux- wire for BBQ chicken racks	107.98
Burlington Communications-5 radios, batteries, and speaker mics	4930.00
Pepins Truck Repair	54.00
Change Fund for Albany Day	300.00
C&C Supermarket- chicken for Albany Day and Turkeys for Thanksgiving Raffle.	1025.53
Albany Methodist Church- donation for church use on Albany Day	150.00
The Flower Basket- flowers for funeral service	50.00
The Chronicle	91.87
Juddy's Septic Service- port-a-potty for Albany Day	125.00
Alert All Corp.- fire prevention supplies	359.50
Reynolds and Son Inc.- 2 SCBAs, tank, facepiece and module	15,732.78
Family Dollar	21.73
Harrison Shrader Enterprise- thermal imager, charger, flashlights and hoods	6351.07
Albany Community School 8 th grade trip- 25% of Thanksgiving Raffle Income	366.25
Hardwick Area Food Pantry- 12.5% of Thanksgiving Raffle Income to Albany Food Share.	183.12
Albany United Methodist Women- 12.5% of Thanksgiving Raffle Income to church food shelf.	183.12
Craftsbury Village Store- food for training detail	39.30
Rays Market	8.58
Amazon- paper for Thanksgiving Raffle tickets	40.26
Total Expenses	38,329.08
Ending Balance December 31, 2021	5413.10

Note: Ending balance includes a petty cash fund of \$143.00

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOL. FIRE DEPT.

NON-TAXPAYER MAJOR REPAIR/TRUCK REPLACEMENT FUND:

Account opened on February 18, 2021:	10,654.27
Received check dated February 16, 2021 from Angela M. Ross Attorney At Law for funds from Albany VT Fire and Emergency Response Assoc. Savings/Equipment Fund.	

INCOME:

Interest earned on account	9.25
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EXPENSES:

Ending balance December 31, 2021	0.00
	10,663.52

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOL. FIRE DEPT.

NON-TAXPAYER EQUIPMENT FUND:

Account opened on July 26, 2021: 50,000.00
Received check dated July 22, 2021 from The Beverly V. Delaney Donor
Advised Fund in memory of Ella and Hans Vahlteich.

INCOME:

Town of Albany- Reimbursement from operating budget for transfer of funds 6351.07
to checking and payment made to Harrison Shrader
Enterprises, LLC. for thermal imager, charger, flashlights,
and nomex hoods
Interest earned on account 15.54

EXPENSES:

Transferred to Checking Account- tanker repair; 5 radios, batteries, speaker 27,178.85
mics; 2 SCBAs, tank, facepiece, module,
thermal imager, charger, flashlights, hoods.
Ending Balance December 31, 2021 29,187.76

Thank you for your support and for supporting our fund raisers!

CALLS DISPATCHED AND RESPONDED TO:

1-structure fire in Irasburg	1-grass fire
1-chimney fire	3-reports of smoke(no fire emergency found)
2-fire alarms(no fire found)	2-CO alarms
1-traffic hazard	5-assist ambulance
2-vehicle fires	1-motor vehicle accident
	Total calls for 2021: 19

Gary H. Mason
Treasurer

Joshua W. Pilbin
Chief

LISTER'S MESSAGE

Our Lister for the past two years, Brian Suderman, decided to return to Montana to be closer to family so, in November, the Selectboard appointed Michele Reed to finish out his term. She will be up for election at Town meeting and we are pleased that she is interested in continuing the position.

We recently received our state report from Albany's property sales and are pleased to see we are still within their acceptable guidelines. We will be contacting reappraisal companies to get on the list to have a town wide reappraisal done in the near future. It has been 14 years since our last one.

Once again, we appreciate your responses to our property Information letter that we will be mailing before town meeting. As COVID is still rampant, we will be contacting you before we visit, especially any new structures.

PLEASE FILE YOUR HOMESTEAD DECLARATION (FORM HS-122) BY THE APRIL DEADLINE TO AVOID A PENALTY. THIS CAN BE DONE EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO FILE AN EXTENSION FOR YOUR TAXES.

Contact the Town Clerk's Office at 802-755-6100 with any questions or concerns. Our email address is albanylisters@gmail.com.

Thank you! Sue Richardson, Cathy Wilder, Michele Reed, Town of Albany Listers

Albany Planning Commission Report

At the beginning of 2021, the Planning Commission intended to hold an Energy Fair in the fall of 2021, much like the successful Energy Fair held in 2019. We also intended for Albany to join the Craftsbury and Glover Window Dressers program where residents can help construct energy saving inserts for their windows. Both were postponed due to the continuing COVID-19 situation.

Members of the Planning Commission have also met by Zoom to discuss possible additional future activities. These include investigating solar powered speed limit signs at the north and south approaches to the Albany Community School on Route 14 and updating the Albany Town Plan which must be completed in 2025.

We lost two members of the Commission this year when Ed O'Leary and Michele Reed resigned. We will miss their valuable contributions to the Commission. As a result, we are looking for new members. If anyone is interested please let the Select Board know of your interest in joining.

Albany Public Library Report, 2021

What an unusual year! We have been stretched as a community, and called upon to adapt and support each other in all kinds of new ways; the library is no exception.

At the end of February, we worked with the Vermont Humanities Council to host an online book discussion of the Vermont Reads book, *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. Ten community members attended the discussion, facilitated by Catherine Brooks. During poetry month in April, we worked with the Children's Literacy Foundation and the Albany Community School to support a virtual visit with Burlington poet, Rajnii Eddins. Both of these events were ways to support connection and literacy, even as our in-person gatherings were limited.

We were saddened by the passing of longtime library Trustee, Ginny Hagen, in March. For so many years she was at the heart of the library, and her contributions can be felt to this day. We installed a memorial bench in her honor; please stop by the library to sit a spell, where it is now inside for the winter. We will be putting it back out in the sunshine with the first signs of spring. We are working on the creation of a book of Ginny stories; if you have one, please be in touch!

In the summer, we doubled our open hours, opened the windows, and returned to in-person programming. We hosted a weekly chess club and storytime, as well as two "Just Right Books for You" events with ACS teacher Charles Supernaw, and an origami workshop with library Trustee Karen Hennig.

In July, we hosted a presentation with Albany author Natalie Kinsey in the Town Hall. The audience, made up of community members as well as children participating in the summer program at the Albany Community School, was delighted with Natalie's stories of animals, family, and growing up on the farm. She shared quilts that she had made with her grandmother (she did the designing, her grandmother did the sewing), and she encouraged the children to research and tell their own family stories. The presentation was followed by a book giveaway. This event was supported by a Summer Readers grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation. It was a wonderful coming together and connection to Albany history. We organized an Albany history story swap with Gary Mason after the community supper in August, where much was learned about the history of South Albany. August also saw the return of Modern Times Theater to the Town Hall with "The Perils of Mr. Punch" puppet show, which inspired belly laughter among all ages. We also had a special storytime with Donna Bousquet, who shared her storytelling, singing and art with the kids.

The four Little Free Libraries in Albany (in South Albany, Albany Village, East Albany and Albany Center) continue to have a healthy supply of visitors, especially during the warmer months. Children's books and popular fiction are favorites. Thank you to residents who have contributed from their own collections. We appreciate any newer books.

In 2021, the number of patrons participating in the Green Mountain Library Consortium, the free audio and e-book service that we offer, grew steadily, with 127 patrons participating by the end of the year. Starting in 2022, the library will be working with the Albany Preschool to organize visits with families with new babies in Albany, to share resources and books.

Thanks to all for your ongoing support; for volunteering your time, sharing your skills (thank you Richard Carbonetti for the new library porch railing!), supporting and participating in the library in 2021. We are looking forward to expanding the ways we can serve the community in 2022, and we want to hear from you. Please reach out with your questions and ideas anytime. You can call 755-6107, email albanypubliclibraryvt@gmail.com, or reach out to one of the library Trustees: Cathy Wilder, Cheryl Dewees, Emily Carbonetti, Nadine Richardson, Karen Hennig, Leslie Rowell, and Sara McGlinchy. We look forward to seeing you at the library in 2022. *Respectfully submitted by Kristin Urie, Librarian*

Albany Animal Control Officer Report

For 2021 there were a number of old cases that have come up and are still actively being pursued. There were cases/issues of: *At-large, Non-registration, No Collar/Tag, Dogs chasing cars/livestock, Lost cats, Welfare Checks, Dog bites, Unauthorized dog breeding, Poultry surrenders, and Cattle at-large.*

I was also hired in a second town, Irasburg, to work on their cases too. I received a Human Rabies Vaccination, Animal Control Training through the State, and also became a member of the National Animal Control Officer Association. I also completed a training webinar for Animal Humane Officer on animal cruelty. The State of Vermont has updated the wording/laws pertaining to both Animal Cruelty and Pet Ownership, so I encourage everyone to review these new state laws so they don't get into trouble: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/13/008/00352>

For this coming year in Albany, I plan to upgrade my reporting to the Selectboard, continue NACA trainings, administer tickets as stated in the Town ordinances and as recommended by the State Police Association, and to crack down on dog non-registrations to better serve the warrant given to me by the Selectboard. Most of the dog cases this past year had to do with unregistered dogs.

Do not hesitate to contact me should a potential case arise. I will always check it out, even if I am not able to do anything about it because of legalities. I am here to work with you and better serve what I consider to be my community.

Kelly Carpenter, Animal Control Officer 802-754-2515 C- 802-624-3559

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR/FIRE WARDEN

Beginning Balance January 1, 2021	\$798.09
Town Meeting, March 2, 2021, voted and passed to raise \$300.00	
For the Emergency Management Coordinator to attend trainings.	<u>\$300.00</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2021	\$1,098.09

During 2021 I attended a two-day Vermont Emergency Management Director Course virtually on July 20 and 21. I also attended the 2021 Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference virtually on September 14, 15, and 16.

Emergencies:

In accordance with dispatch reports, an ambulance responded to Albany for 52 incidents (Orleans Emergency Unit-42 and Glover Ambulance Squad-10). The Albany Fire Dept. was dispatched and responded to 19 incidents.

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

Fire Warden:

As Fire Warden I attended the Annual Spring Forest Fire Warden Training virtually on April 8th. There was one out of control grass/brush fire reported in Albany during 2021 due to burning debris on a dry windy day. As a reminder, please contact me for a burn permit before doing any open burning when there is no significant snow on the ground. Only the burning of NATURAL VEGETATION is permitted. Household trash, paint, oil, or plastic are a few examples of what is not permitted. **Gary Heath Mason, EMC/Fire Warden albanysex@yahoo.com C-802-673-7185**

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

NAME	PARENTS
Cosmo Satchel Paonessa	Marina Belle Carleton & Andrew Richard Paonessa
Bruce Benett Collins	Kaitlyn Marie Lemieux & Bryce Raymond Collins
Alexander Robert Cote	Sandra Teresa Cote & Paul Adam Cote
Marco Alfonso Chuidian	Elena Aleksandrovna Reingard & Anton Eduardo Chuidian
Owen Wyatt-Andrew Celley	Brittany Kathleen Seguin & Harold Andrew Celley
Aspen Maverick Pion	Angilee Marie Pion & Alain Michael Pion

IN MEMORIAM

NAME	AGE
Carlene Hazel Pierce	82
Melissa Martinez-Machado	47
Alice R. Locke	89
Richard Lyle Pray	85
Gray Lawrence Mason	78
Huguette R. Mason	77

MARRIAGES

Judith L. Jacobs & Christopher James Boyle

Connie Sue Robichaud (Wright) & Phillip Henry Beaudry

Heather Marie Morris & Dana Foster Lafont

Shannon Dorothy McAllister & Skylar Ray Trombley

Jacqueline Elisabeth Beeker & Richard Warren Stoddard

Kristina Anne Burnham & Grady Michael Brandt

TOWN INFORMATION- IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL: 911

FIRE STATION : 755-9240 / TOWN GARAGE: 755-6300

March 1	Town Meeting Day
March 19*	Rabies Clinic Day
March 22	Tentative School Meeting – Australian Ballot Vote
April 1	Listing Begins
April 1	Dog License Due
May 7	Green Up VT Day
May 14	Household Waste & Bulky Day
May 30	Memorial Day
August 9	Primary Election Day
September 5	Albany Day
October 1	Bulky Day
November 8	General Election Day
November 9	Taxes Due
November 11	Veterans Day

*The Rabies Clinic will be March 19th from 3:15pm-4:15pm. It will be Drive-Thru Only at the Town Clerk Office parking lot. The Stowe Vet Clinic will only go to cars if people are masked, per their request. Please respect their request.

To License this year, you can mail the proper amount with current rabies certificates, or deposit in the Town Office drop-box, or in person at the Town Office. We will also be open on Saturday, March 26th from 9:00am-12noon and on Friday, April 1st from 3:00pm-6:00pm to license dogs.

Dog License Fees if done by April 1st: Spay/Neuter - \$9.00 or Male/Female - \$13.00

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

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

Wednesday - 9:00AM to 7:00PM & Saturday – When Required

**Regular Selectboard Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00PM,
at the Town Clerk's Office or the Town Hall depending on current health situations.**

RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday – 4:00PM to 7:00PM and Saturday – 8:30AM to 1:00PM

\$2.00 / 13 gallon bag \$3.00 / 30 gallon bag \$5.00 / 64 gallon bag

HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY PLEASE

Albany Community Trust

January 2022

The board members of the Albany Community Trust would like to extend a huge thank you to our friends and neighbors of Albany. Since Town Meeting day last year, we've seen the re-opening of the Albany General Store, the culmination of over three years of hard work and generosity of so many in this community. We are excited to see the doors of the store open, and to see it once again alive as a hub of commerce and community in Albany Village. It has been a pleasure to see the crew at The Genny Albany get to know our community, and to continue to learn how best to serve Albany. As of this writing, just over six months since the opening, the new business has employed 10 people, sold 1,960 pizzas, and served 4,003 free meals through the Everybody Eats and Localvore programs!

Our mission is to positively impact the growth & prosperity of Albany, and we are looking forward to continuing to dream big and serve our town. This spring we are welcoming community input on what projects would benefit this community. Please check out our annual report for a more detailed recounting of our year, and to see how you can give your input and get involved.

Submitted with gratitude,
Hannah Pearce

Board Members:

Kristen Fountain, Treasurer
Sonya Kittredge, Secretary
Hannah Pearce, President
Kristin Urie, Vice-president



Albany Community Trust
PO Box 509
Albany, VT 05820
www.albanycommunitytrust.org

Albany/Irasburg Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

1030 Main St. Albany, VT .

Wednesdays, 4:00pm-7:00pm & Saturdays, 8:30am – 1:00pm



SORT ITEMS



MIXED PAPER

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

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

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, & BROWN KRAFT BAGS

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

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

TIN CANS

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

MUST BE RINSED

ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS

Labels OK. Flattening not required.

NO snack bags, candy wrappers, coffee bags.
MUST BE RINSED

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

*Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin) *

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

BATTERIES

All types including primary and rechargeable batteries. Please bag similar types together and bag damaged batteries separately.

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

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

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



NO DIRTY OR UNRINSED ITEMS
NO BLACK PLASTIC CONTAINERS
NO CONTAINERS larger than 2 GALLONS

ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS at the ALBANY RECYCLING CENTER:

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

SPECIAL WASTES: Scrap metal, waste oil, oil filters, electronics (TVs, computers, radio/stereos, gaming systems, telephones), automotive batteries, metal aerosols cans, hard cover books, fluorescent light bulbs.

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

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

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

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

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

Updated: 11/2021



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

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

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

Unacceptable Plastics Include:

Any **black** plastic containers

Motor oil, gas containers

Pesticide containers

Styrofoam of any kind

Planting pots and trays

Plastic furniture

Plastic Toys

Coffee Makers

Coat hangers

Vinyl Siding

Maple Tubing

CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases

Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size

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

Unacceptable Plastic Bags and Films

Any type

Unacceptable Cardboard

Pringles containers

Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind

Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes

Cardboard with metallic interior

Single-use coffee cups

Soiled Cardboard

Waxy Cardboard

Unacceptable Paper

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)
White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)

Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers

Paper plates, cups, bowls

Single-use cups

Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

Unacceptable Glass

Crystal

Incandescent light bulbs

Automotive lights

Pyrex

Porcelain

Unacceptable Aluminum

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers

Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)

Coffee Bags

Unacceptable Tin

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans

Large Pieces of Metal

Nails, Screws, Fasteners

Any tin that is a non-food container

Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)

"Biodegradable" Bags

"Biodegradable" bags, cutlery, bowls, plates

Food utensils

Plates, bowls, cups

Plastic bags

Styrofoam

Keurig cups

2022 NEKWMD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 3	Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection by appointment in Lyndonville begins
MAY 7	Danville Bulky Day, Danville Stump Dump 8am-3pm
MAY 14	Albany HHW Collection 8am-12pm & Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30am-1pm
MAY 21	Guildhall HHW Collection & Bulky Day, Guildhall Town Hall, 8am-12pm
MAY 28	Bloomfield HHW Collection & Bulky Day, VT Route 102 Bloomfield, 8am-12pm
MAY 26 -28	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD facility Lyndonville, Appointment required
JUNE 4	Derby HHW Collection, Derby Recycling Center, 9am-1pm
JUNE 11	Brunswick Bulky Day, Brunswick Town Offices, 8am-12pm
JUNE 18	Morgan HHW Collection, Morgan Transfer Station, 8am-12pm
JULY 2	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Hatchery Brook Rd., Averill, 8am-1pm
JULY 16	Newbury HHW Collection, Newbury Town Garage 8am-12pm
JULY 23	Danville HHW Collection, Town Garage 8am-12pm
JULY 30	Maidstone Bulky Day, 1342 Rte.102 Maidstone, 8am-12pm
AUGUST 13	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Rte. 105 UTG Building, Ferdinand, 8am-1pm
AUGUST 20	Westfield HHW Collection, Westfield Transfer Station 8am-12pm
SEPT 1, 2 &3	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD Facility, Lyndonville, Appointment required
SEPTEMBER 10	Bloomfield Bulky Day, VT Route 102 Bloomfield, 8am-12pm
SEPTEMBER 17	HHW Collection, NEKWMD Office, No appointment necessary, 8am-3pm
SEPTEMBER 24	Danville Bulky Day, Danville Stump Dump, 8am-3pm
SEPTEMBER 24	Cabot Bulky Day, Cabot Recycling Center, 8am-3pm
OCTOBER 1	Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30am-1pm
OCTOBER 4	HHW Collection by appointment in Lyndonville ends

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

2022 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

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

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 14	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Albany Transfer Station
SATURDAY, MAY 21	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Guildhall Town Hall
SATURDAY, MAY 28	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Bloomfield VT Route 102
SATURDAY, JUNE 4	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 18	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Morgan Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JULY 16	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Newbury Town Garage
SATURDAY, JULY 23	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Danville Town Garage
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Westfield Transfer Station
SATURDAY, SEPT. 17	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection early in the event that we are at storage capacity.

Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 30 gallons.

If you have more than 30 gallons, or if you need to dispose of HHW generated at a business, please call our office to schedule an appointment at our Lyndonville facility, May 3 – Oct. 4, 2022.

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 3, 2022 to October 4, 2022. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

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

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

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

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

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

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

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

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

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

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

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

The NEKWMD hazardous waste collection program is made possible in part by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. This year's grant totaled \$74074.00

Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

GARDEN SUPPLIES

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

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

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

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

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

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

Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2021 by processing slightly more recycling compared to 2020 – 2,952 tons in 2021 compared to 2,882 tons in 2020. Significant increases in organics, cardboard, and scrap metal offset decreases in mixed paper. Most other material tonnages were at or slightly above 2020 amounts. Recycling markets were very strong for nearly all of 2021.

The District ended 2021 with a surplus of \$74,405.44. Revenues in 2021 were 22% above projections, while expenses were 13% above projections. The COVID19 pandemic did not disrupt our work schedule to any large degree in 2021. In fact, the main impact of the pandemic on District operations was to drive commodity prices to near record levels. Revenues for the sale of recyclables, the surcharge, grants, and recycling pick-up fees were the primary drivers for above average revenues in 2021. Fees used to generate revenues will remain mostly unchanged or decrease in 2022. The per capita assessment will decrease from \$0.94/person to \$0.84/person, the surcharge will remain the same at \$24.99, and hauling fees will remain unchanged at \$49 and \$33/stop for facilities and schools, respectively.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2021. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The NEKWMD is entering 2022 with a proposed budget of \$846,615.50 – an increase of 4.6% compared to 2021.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and three part-time employees in 2021. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee



Jennifer L. Harlow
Sheriff

ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has been honored to provide the Town of Albany patrol services this past year. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town from January 1, 2021 through December 30th, 2021.

A monthly breakdown of services provided by the Sheriff's Department is available through your Town Clerk. The Orleans County Sheriff's Department was able to incorporate a new reporting system which officially started July 1, 2021. This reporting system gives dates, times, roads traveled, time spent in the town and a brief description of the type of call the Deputies are responding to. We have received positive feedback the system is working well.

2021 was much better than 2020 even though we were still seeing the effects of the COVID -19 Pandemic. The Orleans County Sheriff's Department was able to maintain full services for our communities. The Sheriff's Department is currently working days/evening and weekend hours to cover the towns we contract with.

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

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has had supplemental dispatching for nights and weekends through the Newport Police Department for approximately one year and we are all very pleased with the level of service that has been afforded to this department and the towns we serve.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department participates in the Governor Highway Safety Program and look forward to providing the added coverage to our community in 2022.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department currently has a Deputy assigned to Lake Region Union High School as their School Resource Officer. Deputy Smith has done extremely well in the position and has built wonderful relationships with students, staff and families. Deputy Smith completed an intense Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI) Training this year which allows her to better serve the community members she comes into contact with.

We continue to work in partnership with the Newport Restorative Justice Board to maintain a "Drug Take-back" box in our lobby at the Sheriff's Department. The Department has collected approximately 281 lbs of prescriptions in 2021. We also participate with Wal-Mart and Kinney Drugs in Derby on National Drug Take Back Day. Each year this program, in cooperation with the DEA, is responsible for getting hundreds of pounds of drugs out of medicine cabinets and off the street and properly disposed of by incineration.

In December the Sheriff's department celebrated the 14th anniversary of "Operation Santa". We received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and community members. **Thank you!** The program helped bring a happy holiday season to over 310 children in our community. We want to once again thank our own Tammy Lacourse who works tirelessly all year to make this a success. This is the highest number of children we have been able to provide for in the past 13 years and we hope next year will be just as successful. If you know of a family or child (children) in need please contact your school to let them know, if not please contact the Orleans County Sheriff's Department to see if we can help.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Harlow

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

Town of Albany - Total Law Incident Report

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Citizen Assist	6
Civil Process	10
Compliance Check	3
Directed Patrol	10
Family Fight	1
Illegal Dumping	1
Juvenile Problem	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	2
Subpoena Service	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	1
Traffic Stops	37
Threats/Harassment	2
TRO/FRO Service	4
Vandalism	1
Welfare Check	2
Total Incidents for Town of Albany	82

Town of Albany - Total Traffic Violation Report

Total Traffic Tickets	14
Total Warnings	18

Town of Albany - Total Arrest Report

Driving - License Suspended	1
Excessive Speed	1
Violation of Conditions of Release	1
Total Arrest (by person) for Town of Albany	3
Total Arrests (by count) for Town of Albany	3



To the Voters of Albany

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

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

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

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

How have we served your community?

- Assisted ACT with Albany General Store.
- Trail grant award to Albany School.
- Emergency Planning and Preparation.
- Provided COVID 19 information.
- Road Erosion Inventory Assistance.
- Grants In Aid Technical Assistance

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

Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director

Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

About the League. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports.

Member Benefits. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities. This federal partnership was instrumental in securing more than \$200 million in local pandemic aid through the American Rescue Plan Act, and ensuring it reached every city, town, and village in Vermont.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help them carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/memborguide.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.

2021 Local Health Annual Report

Twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. Additional information about your local health office and related programs can be found at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>.

COVID-19

It has been almost two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and in response, our families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless other groups have worked to better protect the health of our communities. Together we ensured towns had access to the vaccine, testing, and other services needed to make more informed decisions about their health. As of December 1, 2021, approximately

- 494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.
- Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.
- Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

Public Health Programs

In addition to COVID-19 response efforts, Local Health offices continue to provide health services and programs to Vermont communities, including but not limited to

- In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.
- The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.
- As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting these efforts. We look forward to what 2022 brings, to seeing you in the community, and encourage you to stay in touch with us.



Communications Union District Annual Report for 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

Evan Carlson, Board Chair, Sutton Representative
NEK Broadband

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

get.nekbroadband.org

Budget Summary

2021 Budget to Actual (Projected)

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

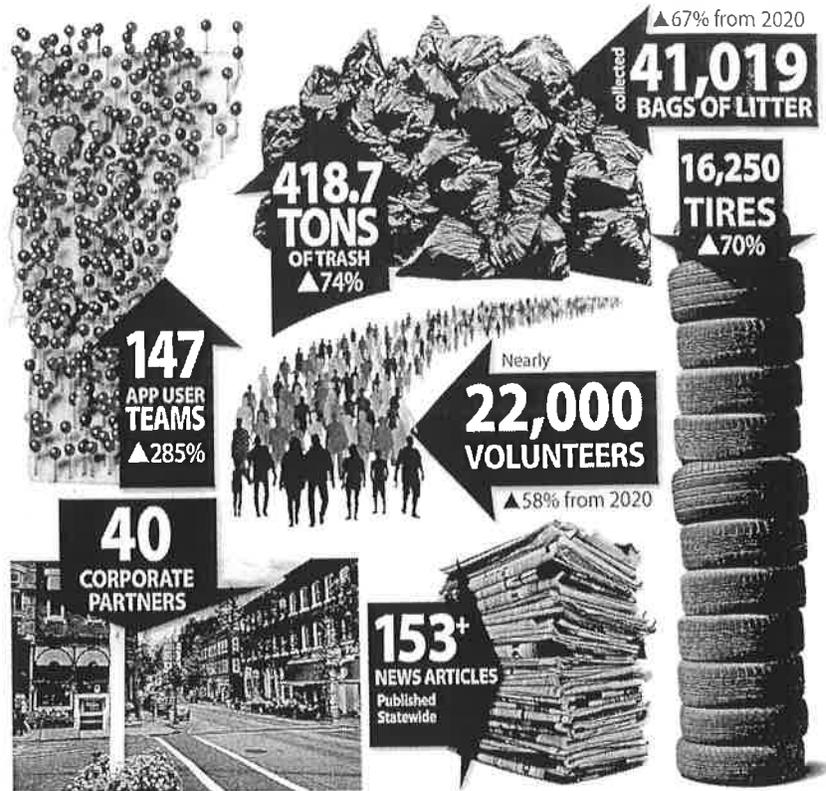
2022 Proposed Budget

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



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 7, 2022



Green Up Day on May 1, 2021 was a huge success thanks to nearly 22,000 volunteers statewide who Greened Up. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is needed and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play a very special place. As one of Vermont's favorite holidays, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Along with Green Up Day, we work year-round to further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

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 community engagement. Thank you for your support of this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

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