

Town of Albany, VT
P.O. Box 284
Albany, VT 05820

Annual Report



TOWN OF
ALBANY
VERMONT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2020

Dedication to the Volunteers of Albany

As we look into the rear view mirror of life in 2020, we do have much to be thankful for by living in Albany. Assessment of the challenges that could affect Albany were discussed, and everyone's rise to turning words into action swiftly addressed. This year's Town Report is dedicated to the many volunteers, who through their efforts offered hope by keeping Albany healthy, educated, entertained and nourished. To create a list of specific names would be futile, because everyone contributes, some in very visible ways, others through unseen kindness.

Thank YOU for your notable or quiet contribution in making Albany the wonderful place we all call 'Our Home'.

OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF ALBANY
For the year ending December 31, 2020

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Auditor's Report Year Ending 2020

In our opinion, the financial statements for the Town of Albany referred to herein, present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Town's activities.

We reviewed all the funds in bank accounts, accounts payable, accounts receivable, Select Board orders, journals, ledgers, taxes, delinquent taxes, Fire Department, Town allotted funds and all other accounts held by the Town.

All bills presented to the Select Board for payments; we reviewed for accuracy, properly signed and paid. We have found that all financial accounts to be in order.

Due to Covid-19 and the struggles the virus has presented, we have not yet completed the 2020 Year End financial statements. When we deem safe to meet once again, we will complete this task and move forward with 2021.

Thanks to Debbie Geoffroy for her support in helping us to complete our audit each month.

Respectfully submitted: January 20, 2021



Brandy Inkel

Frank Jarvis



H. Jane Rayner

Albany Town Auditors

Treasurer's Report

Liabilities:

Orleans County Sheriff's Dept.	\$ 3,353.26
Bond Principal & Interest Payment	34,315.80
Grader Payment / April 2021	25,092.56
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Dept.	35,995.15
Albany Town Library	9,484.48
Cemetery Stone Repair	1,043.00
Memorial Day 2020	<u>59.39</u>

Total Liabilities

\$109,343.64

Assets:

Delinquent Taxes - 2019 & 2020	\$ 49,500.28
Cash on Hand	<u>457,223.98</u>

Total Assets

\$506,724.26

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2020

\$ 334,374.02

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2021

\$ 397,380.62

Increase in Assets

\$ 63,006.60

Town Officers

Moderator	Gary Heath Mason
Town Clerk / Treasurer	Debra Ann Geoffroy
Assistant Clerk / Treasurer	Gloria Chicoine
Select Board	S Christopher Jacobs, 2021
	Phillip Beaudry, 2022
	Brian Goodridge, 2023
	Select Board
Road Commissioner	
Lake Region Union Elementary - Middle School District	
	Board Members: Neil Urie & Matthew Kittredge
Listers	Cathy Wilder, 2021
	Susan Richardson, 2022
	Brian Suderman, 2023
Auditors	Brandy Inkel, 2021
	Frank Jarvis, 2022
	H. Jane Rayner, 2023
	Select Board
Constable	Michael Nelson
Town Agent	Katt Tolman
Town Grand Juror	Debra Ann Geoffroy
Delinquent Tax Collector	Jennifer Foehr-McKenzie
Director of Lake Region Union High School	Chad Tollmann, Cathy Wilder
Justices of the Peace	Cheryl Dewees, Kathleen Sullivan & Anthony Daniels

Appointees

Chair of the Select Board	S Christopher Jacobs
Clerk of the Select Board & Admin. Asst.	Terri Campbell
Sexton: Town Cemeteries	Richard Geoffroy
Road Foreman	Paige Horner
Town Fire Warden & Emergency Management Coordinator	Gary Heath Mason
Tree Warden	Christopher Daniels
Animal Control Officer & Pound Keeper	Kelly Carpenter
Town Health Officer	Pamela Krupa
911 Coordinator	Cathy Wilder
Planning Commission	Ed O'Leary, 2021
	Rob Dewees, Michele Reed, 2022
	Neil Urie, Jean Degre, 2023

**WARNING
TOWN MEETING 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Albany are hereby notified and warned to vote at the Albany Town Hall, Tuesday, March 2, A.D. 2021 to transact the following business by Australian Ballot.

**VOTING ON ALL ARTICLES TO BE DONE BY
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT AT THE ALBANY TOWN HALL
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

Art. 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Art. 2. To elect a Road Commissioner for a term of 1 year.

Art. 3. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year.

Art. 4. To elect all other officers required to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting.

SELECT PERSON: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

LISTER: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

AUDITOR: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM

1ST CONSTABLE: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

Art. 5. To accept the Auditor's Report.

Art. 6. Shall the Town of Albany assess a tax in the amount or \$14,386.32 for the Orleans County Sheriff's Department.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$29,208.12 for Ambulance Service to the Town. \$22,958.12 for Orleans Emergency Unit and \$6,250.00 for Glover Ambulance Squad.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to have its taxes collected by the Town Treasurer.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$128,000.00 to defray all other expenses Of the Town not otherwise provided for. (General Fund)

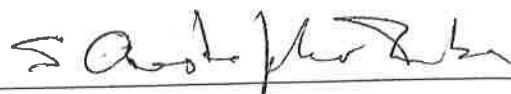


Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$230,000.00 for the maintenance of Class 2 & 3 Town Highways within the Town.

- Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of Blacktop.
- Art. 12. 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. 13. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for a Maintenance and Repair Fund for Town Buildings.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$35,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department Operating Budget.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate the balance of the 2019 and the 2020 Stipend funds (\$8,327.42) raised for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department to the operating budget of the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department.
- Art. 17. 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. 18. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$ 5,000.00 for the purpose of repairing or Possible marker replacement of Cemetery Headstones pursuant to V.S.A. Title 18, Section 5362(a). With voter approval each year the process of repair will be ongoing.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$ 300.00 for the Emergency Management Coordinator to attend trainings.
- Art. 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
- Art. 21. To see if the Town raise the sum of \$5,000.00 to finance Recycling.
- Art. 22. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the observance of Memorial Day.
- Art. 23. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Albany Town Library.
- Art. 24. 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.

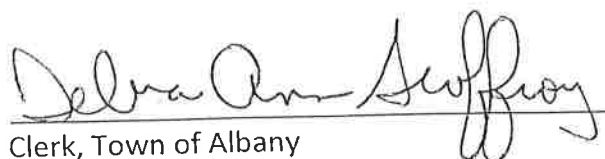
Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$15,113.00 for appropriations as requested,
And direct the Select Board to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.

PLACE	2021 Request	2020 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	500.00	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	575.00	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	300.00	300.00
Craftsbury Saplings	500.00	500.00
	\$ 15,113.00	\$ 15,113.00

Dated at Albany, Vermont, January 19, 2021.




 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: 
 Clerk, Town of Albany

NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by 1-31-2021. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. SAMPLE BALLOTS will be posted by 2-18-21.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.sec.state.vt.us.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us. The latest you can request ballots for the Town Meeting Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on 3-1-21 / 12:00 Noon. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Vote Tabulator Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CHECK OUT:

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot into the vote tabulating machine.

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

Overview of the Articles that we will be voting on by Australian Ballot:

Article 1) Even though we will not be having our regular Town Meeting this year, we still need to elect a moderator for a year, to moderate any other Town meetings that may come up throughout the year.

Article 2) The Selectboard currently holds this position.

Article 3) Debra Ann Geoffroy currently holds this position.

Article 4) These are the current officers for expiring positions:

S Christopher Jacobs – Selectboard

Cathy Wilder – Lister

Brandy Inkel – Auditor

Selectboard - Constable

Article 5) Self Explanatory

Article 6) Increase of \$973.34 over last year. Sheriff Jennifer Harlow states the amount of hours will remain the same, however their hourly rate has increased.

Article 7) Orleans Ambulance is asking for a \$5,135.48 increase over last year. Glover Ambulance is asking for a \$1,250.00 increase over last year. These requests are directly from the ambulance squads.

Article 8) Self Explanatory

Article 9) This would be an increase of \$8,000.00 over last year. The increase would fund the Selectboard's Administrative Assistant position at an average rate of 8 hours per week. Funds for this position were last raised 5 years ago, and were recently depleted in November.

Article 10) This is the same amount that was requested and received last year.

Article 11) This is the same amount that was requested and received last year.

Article 12) This is a reduction of \$5,000.00 from what was raised last year. We have repaired the major flooding issues on Class 4 roads from the 2019 Halloween storm, and feel the amount we are asking for will be sufficient this year.

Article 13) This is a new request from the Selectboard. It stems from a need to have the Town Hall repainted. Early estimates are in the \$20,000 range, and we are hoping

to spread this out over a few years. This fund would help toward achieving this goal and also for repairs and maintenance on other Town buildings in the future.

Article 14) This is an increase of \$5,000.00 over what was requested and approved last year.

Article 15) This is the same amount that was requested and approved last year.

Article 16) The current fire department membership has decided not to take the stipend that was voted on at Town Meeting for the last few years. This vote needs to be done to reallocate these funds since they were voted for a specific purpose at a previous Town Meeting.

Article 17) This is the same amount that was requested and approved last year.

Article 18) This is a reduction of \$2,000.00 from what was approved last year.

Article 19) This is a reduction of \$200.00 from what was approved last year.

Article 20) Self Explanatory

Article 21) This is an increase of \$1,000.00 over what was raised last year. The increase is due mostly to higher fees that are charged to the Town for recycling and compost pickups.

Article 22) This is the same amount that was requested and approved last year.

Article 23) This is the same amount that was requested and approved last year.

Article 24) Self Explanatory

Article 25) These are the same amounts that were requested and approved for these organizations as last year.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
TO JOIN SEE THE INFORMATION BELOW

Topic: Albany Informational Meeting

Time: Feb 25, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84950182940?pwd=Ny9mNVZaMDlVS1pPZzM5K3JzTmhEZz09>

Meeting ID: 849 5018 2940

Passcode: 551505

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) / +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

(long-distance charges may apply depending upon your phone plan)

Meeting ID: 849 5018 2940

Passcode: 551505

**THIS INFORMATIONAL MEETING IS WHERE YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT TOWN MEETING ARTICLES.**

**REMEMBER THAT VOTING FOR TOWN MEETING WILL BE
BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT THIS YEAR AT THE TOWN HALL ON
MARCH 2, 2021 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.**

**REMEMBER NO TRADITIONAL MEETING
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING ONLY**

RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING 2020

- Art. 1. NEKWMD Budget - Passed - \$794,823.00
 - Art. 2. Moderator - Gary Heath Mason, 1 year term
 - Art. 3. Town Clerk – Debra Ann Geoffroy, 3 year term
 - Art. 4. Town Treasurer – Debra Ann Geoffroy, 3 year term
 - Art. 5. Auditors Report – Passed
 - Art. 6. Sheriff's Department Budget – Passed - \$13,412.98
 - Art. 7. Ambulance Service – Passed – Orleans - \$17,822.64 / Glover-\$5,000.00
 - Art. 8. Taxes Collected by Town Treasurer – Passed
 - Art. 9. Road Commissioner – Select Board, 1 year term
 - Art. 10. Delinquent Tax Collector - Debra Ann Geoffroy, 1 year term
 - Art. 11. Select Board Person – Brian Goodridge, 3 year term
 - Lister – Brian Suderman, 3 year term
 - Auditor – H. Jane Rayner, 3 year term
 - 1st Constable – Select Board, 1 year term
 - Grand Juror – Katt Tolman, 1 year term
 - Town Agent – Michael Nelson, 1 year term
 - Art. 12. General Fund – Passed -\$120,000.00
 - Art. 13. Class 2 & 3 Roads –Passed - \$230,000.00
 - Art. 14. Blacktop – Passed- \$20,000.00
 - Art. 15. Class 4 Roads – Passed -\$20,000.00
 - Art. 16. Fire Department Budget – Passed - \$30,000.00
 - Art. 17. Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund – Passed - \$5,000.00
 - Art. 18. Fire Department Stipend – Passed -\$5,000.00
 - Art. 19. Cemetery Maintenance & Sexton Stipend – Approved - \$16,000.00
 - Art. 20. Cemetery Headstone Repair – Passed - \$7,000.00
 - Art. 21. Emergency Management Coordinator – Passed - \$500.00
 - Art. 22. Authorize Select Board to borrow money – Passed
 - Art. 23. Recycling – Passed - \$4,000.00
 - Art. 24. Memorial Day – Passed - \$200.00
 - Art. 25. Albany Town Library – Passed -\$10,000.00
 - Art. 26. Albany Community Dinner – Passed - \$1,500.00
 - Art. 27. Guest WiFi at Town Clerk – Passed - \$300.00
 - Art. 28. Appropriations – Passed - \$14,613.00*
 - Art. 29. Reappraisal Fund – Passed -\$5,000.00 per year / 5 years
 - Art. 30. Join CUD – NEK Community Broadband District - Passed
 - Art. 31. Craftsbury Saplings – Passed - \$500.00
 - Art. 32. Other Business: Audio system for Town Meeting, Welcome to Albany Signs, School Attendance Up, Albany Days and Census 2020
 - Art. 33. Adjourn - Passed
- *If you would like to see information on the various agencies listed in Article 28, please go to the Town Clerk's office to request them.

Albany Selectboard Message for 2021

We hope this letter finds everyone safe and well. The Albany Road Crew had a busy year still recovering from the 2019 Halloween flood. Since all the damage occurred just before snow arrived, the permanent repairs could not start until spring of 2020. The only project left to complete is the 9 foot culvert replacement on Larabee Hill. This is planned to be completed late summer 2021, with bids going out early spring. The Selectboard will be reviewing funding options as more information on pricing is received. Unfortunately, it appears to be a very expensive fix due to the size and conditions of the installation. The Town received a new loader in April 2020. The road crew has been very happy with its performance at this point. The Selectboard has also been working to update and extend the operating terms of our Act 250 permit for the Town's gravel pit. It is proving to be a turbulent process, though hoping to have a successful outcome in 2021. An engineer's report has estimated 150,000 cubic yards of material are left to extract from the gravel pit. This is a huge benefit for the Town to have this gravel pit, as it ensures for us lower road maintenance costs. The Selectboard's Administrative Assistant, Terri Campbell, will be resigning from her role in early spring. While hard to do, we are actively looking for someone to fill her shoes.

Now the biggest news of the year was how to hold Town Meeting on March 2nd. The Vermont Legislature has authorized towns to utilize an Australian Ballot. Normally voters would have to vote at a Town Meeting to use this option. While hesitant to hold Town Meeting this way, the Selectboard decided this was the best option to keep residents safe while adhering to state guidelines.

We hope everyone will join us at the *Informational Meeting* on Thursday, February 25th at 7PM, utilizing Zoom (computer or phone-in options) which will explain everything that will be on the ballot. This will be the only meeting prior to voting in which to discuss any questions, since there will not be the normal in-person Town Meeting.

Also, it will be important to either request an absentee ballot in order to vote, or come vote in person at the Albany Town Hall on Tuesday, March 2nd between 9:00am-7:00pm.

We hope that 2021 will be a healthy and positive year for everyone in Albany!

Sincerely,
Albany Selectboard

SELECT BOARD'S REPORT

General Orders

School Tax	\$ 1,135,350.86
Appropriations, Dues & Taxes	114,980.14
Salaries, Social Security & Medicare (Town Share)	95,931.58
Bond Loan – principal & interest to Bond Bank	35,329.04
Insurance	24,782.00
Trash Expense	14,382.99
Administration Expense	13,235.51
Cemetery Mowing (5 Town Cemeteries)	6,920.00
Re-Appraisal Fund – Grand List Maintenance/Fair Market Value Study	6,336.50
Cemetery Stone Repair	5,957.00
Town Hall & Library	5,532.82
Recycling	3,487.99
Restoration & Preservation Reserve Fund – Land Records	3,460.00
Overpayment of Taxes	3,381.38
Cemetery Tree Removal	2,400.00
Snow Guards – Fire Station and Town Hall	2,157.44
Utilities – Town Office	1,976.78
Legal Fees	1,605.00
Retirement – Town Share for Clerk/Treasurer	1,584.00
State of Vermont – Dog License Surcharge	1,485.00
Cemetery Transfer to Town – Legal Fees	530.00
Bush Hogging Ball Park, Behind Town Offices and Rear of Village Cemetery	462.50
Cemetery Supplies – Grass Seed, Concrete, Shovel, Brush Clippers, Signs, Gates	365.11
Dennis Walker – Mower Repair	340.62
Mowing Ball Park	280.00
Fire Department – Reimbursement of Fund Raiser	120.00
Welcome to Albany Signs – Reimbursement of Expenses	100.76
Animal Control Officer – Mileage Reimbursement	65.55
Lister Education Mileage	64.40
Boarding Dog Reimbursement	60.00
Stray Dog Fee	24.00
Overpayment of Recording Fee	<u>15.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,482,703.97

Summer Road Orders

Grader & Loader	\$ 100,336.98
Labor	55,379.05
Equipment Rental	50,529.05
Crushing / Screening Gravel	31,232.94
Engineering – Larabee Hill Culvert	19,500.00
Chloride	16,262.84
Trucks – Repairs & Maintenance	15,631.98
Erosion Stone	9,248.39

Fuel & Lubricant	8,962.86
Legal Fees	7,665.75
Engineering – Albany Gravel Pit	7,344.14
Sand Screening	7,155.00
Salt for Winter Sand	5,833.88
Guard Rail Replacement	5,685.00
Culverts & Bands	4,698.40
Plant Mix	4,117.36
Plows	3,313.01
Retirement, Town Share – Road Crew Personnel	2,711.87
Mileage Reimbursement	2,285.06
Core Samples	1,435.00
Municipal Roads General Permit	1,350.00
Uniform Service	1,052.18
Tree Removal	1,000.00
Insurance Deductible	1,000.00
Electrical Service and Phone at Town Garage	982.43
Matten	955.00
Chloride Pump/Sprayer	788.32
Tire Chains	735.00
Street Sweeping	700.00
Johnson Road – Winter Maintenance	700.00
WC Additional Premium	697.00
SWWP Permit	680.00
Garage Tools & Shop Supplies	558.62
Tire Recycling	555.00
Road Signs	520.43
Concrete Mix	462.00
Grass Seed	374.89
Radio Install	322.60
Chain Saw Repair	284.07
Advertising	277.63
Mulch Hay	162.00
Vehicle Decals	99.00
Computer Repair	87.50
Chloride Trailer	51.00
Fire Extinguisher – Yearly Inspection	50.00
Staples for Matten	39.75
Welder – Tank Lease	39.47
Power Auger Rental	33.75
Road Orders	28.71
Drop Fee	25.00
Engineering Copies	23.85
Pressure Washer	17.19
Pipe Grease	15.25
Gloves	10.99
Total	\$ 374,007.19

Winter Road Orders

Labor	\$ 50,008.90
Grader & Loader Payment	27,975.03
Insurance	21,573.00
Blacktop	20,000.00
Fuel & Lubricant	19,085.96
Legal Fees	7,321.45
Trucks, Repairs & Maintenance	7,041.37
Engineering – Larabee Hill Culvert	6,500.00
Equipment Rental	5,102.50
Professional Flood Assessment	3,180.00
Retirement, Town Share – Road Crew Personnel	3,117.80
Engineering – Albany Gravel Pit	2,750.91
Garage Tools & Shop Supplies	2,749.94
Mileage Reimbursement	1,890.35
Overhead Door Repair	1,398.00
Wings, Sanders, Plows & Chains	1,242.10
Washed Ledge	1,224.17
Uniform Service	1,009.01
Insurance Deductible	1,000.00
Electric & Phone at Town Garage	951.65
Road Signs	564.49
Pump Holding Tank	365.00
Welder Cylinder Lease	345.30
Radio Repair	249.00
Plant Mix	246.96
Pump for 55 gallon drum	179.95
Advertising	178.38
Lumber	98.00
Chloride	95.76
Miscellaneous	56.34
Sand Shed	54.74
Steam Cleaner	24.00
Air Compressor	11.97
Total	\$ 187,592.23

ROAD SUMMARY

Available Road Funds:

Town Highway Tax (includes Class 2, 3, 4 and Blacktop)	\$ 270,000.00
State of Vermont – Highway Aid	116,585.61
Good Neighbor Fund – Loader	95,700.00
FEMA – 2019 Halloween Flooding	38,649.37
State of Vermont – 1 time Special Highway Aid	30,231.70
Road Surplus Carry Forward	28,998.12
Town Grader Tax	25,092.56
State of Vermont – Better Roads Grant	18,960.00

Northwest Regional Planning Commission - Grant Reimbursement	14,760.00
Town of Lowell- Plowing & Sanding 2019-2020 Season	4,400.00
Town of Lowell – 2019 Halloween Storm Repair	2,665.93
Town of Lowell – Eden Road Summer Maintenance	1,108.00
Borderline Ridge Runners, Inc. - ATV Road Repair Reimbursement	795.00
Overweight Permits	275.00
State of Vermont – Civil Fines Reimbursement	<u>122.00</u>

Total Available Road Funds for 2020 **\$ 648,343.29**

Total Road Expenses:

Summer Road Orders **\$ 374,007.19**

Winter Road Orders **187,592.23**

Total Road Expenses for 2020 **\$ 561,599.42**

Road Surplus **\$ 86,743.87**

Of the Road Surplus please note that \$25,092.56 is for the Grader payment due in April 2021. Therefore the surplus carry forward amount is actually \$61,651.31.

2019 – 2020 Comparisons

	2019	2020
Loader & Grader	\$ 12,179.21	\$ 128,312.01
Fuels & Lubricants	39,812.33	28,048.32
Winter Sand & Salt	29,570.51	13,988.58
Plows, Sander, Wings & Chains	8,714.44	5,290.11
Blacktop	139,114.95	20,000.00
Culverts	9,447.48	4,698.40
Gravel & Stone	41,941.24	46,069.82
Chloride	16,560.00	16,358.80
Road Signs	468.71	1,084.92
Garage Tools & Supplies	3,506.47	3,308.56
Radios	320.00	571.60
Truck Repairs & Maintenance	29,447.24	22,673.55
Chain Saws & Trimmer	125.23	284.07
Grass Seed	99.95	374.89
Uniform Service	2,097.90	2,061.19
Bridge Supplies	201.33	.00
Welder	313.44	384.77
Chloride Pump, Tank & Trailer	297.05	839.32
Mulch Hay	131.15	162.00
Work Orders & Time Cards	28.71	28.71
Electrical Work & Repairs	2,640.00	.00
Advertising	130.15	456.01
Erosion Mat	741.25	994.75
Overhead Door Repair	954.00	1,398.00
Tree Removal	250.00	1,000.00

Tree Removal	250.00	1,000.00
Pressure Washer Repair	.00	41.19
Cement Blocks	430.00	.00
Sand Screen	9,300.00	.00
Lumber	.00	98.00
Sand Shed	.00	54.74
Pump	.00	179.95
Air Compressor	.00	11.97
Guard Rails	.00	5,685.00
Concrete Mix	.00	462.00
Vehicle Decals	.00	99.00

BLACKTOP MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2020	\$ 28,024.08
Income: Town of Albany, Tax Raised	20,000.00
Community National Bank – 2020 Interest	<u>74.92</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 48,099.00
Expenses: None	<u>.00</u>
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2020	\$ 48,099.00

CLASS 4 ROAD WORK – 2020 BREAKDOWN

Equipment Rental	\$ 10,767.50
Town Trucks	1,085.00
Town Labor	516.00
Mulching	250.00
Erosion Stone	235.63
Crushed Gravel	168.00
Town Loader	130.48
Town Grader	80.43
Mileage Reimbursement	<u>2.42</u>
Total	\$ 13,235.46
 Total Funds Raised in 2020	 \$ 20,000.00
2019 Carry Forward	<u>-- 780.32</u>
Total Class 4 Road Funds	\$ 19,219.68
 Total Under Budget	 \$ 5,984.22

This Class 4 Road work was done on Shuteville Road, Dyer Road, East Bailey Hazen Road, Griggs Road, Centebar Road, Pitkin Road, Horace Way Road, and Burbank Road.

BREAKDOWN OF YEARLY INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Total Paid	\$ 46,292.00
Road Fund Share	\$ 21,573.00
General Fund Share	\$ 24,719.00
Town Share of General Fund Share	\$ 14,260.00
Fire Department Share of General Fund Share	\$ 10,459.00
(Both Shares paid for by Town, not Fire Department)	

RECYCLING REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2020	\$ 1,438.67
Income: 2020 Tax Raised for Recycling	\$ 4,000.00
Town of Irasburg – ½ Share of Cost	4,383.68
Town of Irasburg – Share of Warming Shelter Cost	400.00
Gates Salvage – Metal Dumpster at Center	256.25
Tire Recycling	<u>25.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 10,503.60
Expenses: Attendant	\$ 6,304.50
Recycling Pick-Up Fee	1,500.00
Plowing & Sanding	855.00
Warming Shelter Materials	851.76
Electric Use	242.63
Advertising	19.60
Metal Dumpster Charge	<u>19.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 9,792.49
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2020	\$ 711.11

TRASH REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2020	\$ 6,683.26
Income: Trash Collection	\$ 15,238.00
Town of Irasburg – 1/2 Share of 2020 Bulky Days	1,499.57
Town of Craftsbury – 1/3 Share of 10/19 Bulky Day	<u>584.65</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 24,005.48

Expenses: Myers Container Service Corp. – Trash Dumpsters	\$ 10,335.57
Myers Container Service Corp – Bulky Day Dumpsters	2,030.39
NEK Waste Mgmt. District – per capita assessment	846.90
NEK Waste Mgmt. District – Keep It Green – Compost Pick-up	441.00
NEK Waste Mgmt. District – Surcharge on Bulky Day Dumpster	332.88
The Chronicle, Inc. – Bulky Day Advertising	199.38
The Pick & Shovel – Heater for Warming Shelter	148.29
South Bay – Gloves for Attendant	29.98
Gates Salvage – Metal Dumpster – Bulky Day	18.60
Bulky Day Loader Operator & Traffic Control	<u>477.75</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 14,860.74
 Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2020	 \$ 9,144.74

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

The Town raised \$120,000.00 in tax dollars for the General Fund in 2020.

Breakdown of General Fund Expenditures:

Salaries	\$ 47,947.22
Insurance	24,782.00
Social Security & Medicare – Town Share	14,383.75
Administrative Expense	13,235.51
Appropriations & Dues	2,446.20
Retirement – Town Share, Town Clerk/Treasurer	1,584.00
Town Hall/Library - Fuel	1,412.41
Legal Fees – Sanville vs. Town of Albany	1,395.00
Snow Guards - Fire Station & Town Hall (Town share after grant reimbursement)	1,078.72
Town Office - Fuel	997.82
Library Porch Repairs	877.00
Town Hall/Library – Plowing & Sanding	755.00
Town Hall Sump Pump Replacement	562.51
Town Office – Water Rent	520.00
Town Hall & Library – Exit Light Signs Repair	484.00
Bush Hogging – behind Town Office & Ball Park	387.50
Town Hall/Library – Electric	371.80
Town Hall Cellar Stairs Repair	350.00
Town Office - Electric	329.32
Mowing at Ball Park	280.00
Town Hall Cellar Dehumidifier purchase	279.98
Legal Fees – Town Business	210.00
Town Hall – Wasp Control	150.00
Town Hall – Water Rent	130.00
Solar Meter Electric	129.64
Welcome to Albany Signs Supplies	100.76

Animal Control Officer – Mileage Reimbursement	65.55
Lister Mileage Reimbursement	64.40
Town Hall Paint	55.11
Town Hall Steps & Walkway Chloride	47.98
Town Hall & Library - Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection	47.50
Stray Dog fee	24.00
Town Hall exit sign	<u>9.53</u>

Total Expenditures **\$ 115,494.21**

Total Under Budget **\$ 4,505.79**

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: Trucks, Grader, Loader, Culvert Thawer, Plows, Sanders, Wings, Chloride Trailer & Sprayer, Fire Trucks & Equipment	

RE-APPRAISAL ACCOUNT REPORT

Balance as of January 3, 2020	\$ 50,060.36
Income: State of Vermont – Grand List Maintenance	\$ 6,336.50
Town of Albany – Tax Raised	5,000.00
Community National Bank – 2020 Interest	<u>27.34</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 61,424.20
Expenses: NEMRC, LTD – Annual CAMA Disaster Recovery Agreement	\$ 692.12
Apex Software – Maintenance Renewal Agreement – 1 year	215.00
NEMRC, LTD – Marshal & Swift Cost Tables	187.00
Card Services Center – program upgrade on computer	<u>40.95</u>
Total Expenses for 2020	\$ 1,135.07
Balance of Funds as of January 4, 2021	\$ 60,289.13

CEMETERY REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2020	\$ 7,362.30
Income: Town of Albany – 2020 Tax Raised	<u>\$ 16,000.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 23,362.30
Expenses: Andre Lamarche – Mowing (5) Town Cemeteries	\$ 6,920.00
Dennis Walker – Mowing Village Cemetery	3,600.00
Labounty & Son Tree Service – Tree Removal	2,400.00
Richard Geoffroy – Sexton Stipend	2,000.00
St. John of the Cross Cemetery – 2020 Appropriation	600.00
Dennis Walker – Mower Repair	340.62
Pick & Shovel – Shovel, Brush Clippers, Winter Rd. Closure Supplies	224.36
Card Services Center – Winter Road Closure Signs	113.80
International Landscape - Bush Hogging rear of Village Cemetery	75.00
JB Cotton – Concrete mix & grass seed	26.95
May & Davies – Legal Fees for Transfer of Village Cemetery to Town	<u>530.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 16,830.73
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2020	\$ 6,531.57

The Funds of the previous Albany Cemetery Association remain in a separate account. The balance of this fund is \$14,065.57 as of December 31, 2020. Money from sale of lots is deposited into this fund.

CEMETERY HEADSTONE REPAIR

The Town raised \$7,000.00 for this fund starting in 2020.

Total Funds Available - January 1, 2020	\$ 7,000.00
Expenses: Heritage Memorials, Inc. - Stone Repair	\$ 3,857.00
Bianchi Memorials, Inc. - Stone Repair	<u>2,100.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 5,957.00
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2020	\$ 1,043.00

Work was done at the Village Cemetery and Rowell Cemetery. With continuation of funding, work in 2021 will be done at the South Albany Cemetery.

GOOD NEIGHBOR ACCOUNT

Balance as of January 1, 2020	\$ 242,916.09
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Income: Green Mountain Power – 2019 Payment	\$ 57,559.71
Community National Bank – 2020 Interest	<u>2,381.54</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 302,857.34

Expenses: Town of Albany Road Fund – Loader	\$ 95,700.00
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department – Tanker Repairs & Turn-out Gear	<u>13,794.39</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 109,494.39

Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2020 **\$ 193,362.95**
This is the 8th year of a Ten year payment from the Wind Towers. This money was voted to be used as an equipment replacement fund.

RESTORATION & PRESERVATION RESERVE FUND

The Vermont Legislature voted in the 2019 session to increase the per page recording fee for Land Records. Of the increase, \$4.00 per page is to be deposited into a separate fund for maintenance of Land Records. This fund was opened per statute with a start date of July 1, 2019.

Balance of Funds January 1, 2020	\$ 1,224.30
Income: Per page recording fee for 2020	\$ 3,460.00
Community National Bank – 2020 Interest	<u>\$ 2.85</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 4,687.15
Expenses: None	
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2020	\$ 4,687.15

LIBRARY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020

Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2020	\$ 3,615.85
Income: Town of Albany – 2020 Tax Raised	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 13,615.85
Expenses: Librarian pay	\$ 2,012.50
Ass't, Librarian pay	1,796.25
Town's Share of SS & Medicare on wages	291.38
Town's Share of Workman's Comp. on wages	<u>31.24</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 4,131.37
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2020	\$ 9,484.48

TOWN RECEIPTS

January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

Beginning Cash on Hand 1/1/20	\$ 353,500.14
Received from:	
STATE OF VERMONT	
Highway Aid	\$ 116,585.61
Hold Harmless Payment – Current Use	41,015.00
FEMA Money – 2019 Halloween Flooding	38,649.37
Highway Aid – 1 Time Special Highway Aid	30,231.70
Municipal Tax Adjustment	23,160.00
Better Roads Grant	18,960.00
Grand List Maintenance	6,336.50
EV Charging Station Grant	5,560.00
Land Use Charge Tax	1,147.50
PILOT Payment	361.20
Civil Fines Reimbursement	122.00
Recording Fees	<u>120.00</u>
	\$ 282,248.88
TOWN TREASURER	
2020 Property Taxes	\$ 1,575,509.10
Recording Fees	10,304.00
Land Records Maintenance Fees	3,460.00
Surcharge on Dog Licenses	1,485.00
Dog License Money	920.00
Use of EV Charging Station	<u>14.00</u>
	\$ 1,591,692.10
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	
2019 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 35,527.29
2019 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	2,720.47
2019 Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,002.35
2019 Delinquent Taxes from Attorney A. Ross	20,781.04
2019 Interest on Delinquent Taxes from Attorney A. Ross	1,912.97
2019 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes from Attorney A. Ross	1,628.83
2020 Delinquent Taxes	20,656.53
2020 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	1,706.86
2020 Interest on Delinquent Taxes	<u>275.28</u>
	\$ 86,211.62
MISCELLANEOUS	
Good Neighbor Fund – Loader	\$ 95,700.00
Lake Region Elementary/Middle School District – True-Up Refund	15,710.28
Recycling Attendant – Trash Disposal	15,237.00
Northwest Regional Planning Commission – Grant Reimbursement	14,760.00
Good Neighbor Fund – Fire Department Truck Repairs & Gear	13,794.39
Lake Region Union High School – True-Up Refund	7,167.66
Town of Lowell – Plowing & Sanding 2019-20 Season	4,400.00
Town of Irasburg – ½ Share of Recycling	4,383.68
Sale of Old Fire Trucks	3,350.00
Overpayment of 2020 Property Taxes	3,381.83
Community National Bank – Interest on Checking	3,242.59
Town of Lowell – 2019 Halloween Flooding Road Repair	2,665.93
Town of Irasburg– ½ Cost of 2020 Bulky Days	1,449.57
David Rowell – Post Office Lot Rent	1,200.00

Town of Lowell – Eden Road Work	1,108.00
Attorney Angela Ross – Tax Sale Redeemed Property	848.62
Borderline Ridge Runners, Inc. - ATV Road Damage	795.00
VLCT PACIF – Refund on Insurance	685.00
Town of Craftsbury – 1/3 Cost of 10/5/19 Bulky Day	584.65
Renee & Chester Baker – Reimbursement of Equipment Rental on Fire Call	500.00
Town of Irasburg – Share of Warming Shelter at Recycling	400.00
Over Weight Permits	275.00
Gates Salvage – Metal Dumpster	256.25
Town Hall Rent	200.00
Voided Checks	195.19
Treasurer Fire Department – Fire Department Fund Raiser	120.00
Stray Dog Ticket & Boarding Fee	110.00
Town Share of SS & Medicare on Fire Department Stipend	83.33
A1 Janitorial Supply Co. - Class Action Lawsuit	75.68
Public Records Request – postage, copies and time	72.89
Photo Copies	35.00
Tire Recycling	25.00
Personnel Concepts – Order Refund	20.90
	<u>\$ 192,883.44</u>

Total Receipts **\$ 2,153,036.04**

Total Receipts, plus cash on hand - 1/1/20 **\$ 2,506,536.18**

Disbursements:

Select Board's General Orders	\$ 1,482,703.97
Select Board's Summer Road Orders	\$ 374,007.19
Select Board's Winter Road Orders	\$ 187,592.23
Select Board's Fire Department Orders	<u>\$ 40,014.09</u>
Total Orders Paid	\$ 2,084,317.48

Ending Cash on Hand - 12/31/2020 **\$ 422,218.70**
Plus Fire Department Funds – SM -11 General Order **35,000.00**
(Budget & Stipend - No check issued as funds are left in Town checking account
per vote at 2010 Town Meeting)

Total Ending Cash on Hand – 12/31/2020 **\$ 457,218.70**
To Balance with Checking Account **5.28**
\$ 457,223.98

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

Cash on Hand as of 1-1-2020	\$ 69.59
Income: Town of Albany-2020 Appropriation	<u>200.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 269.59
Expenses: Flag & Holder Order	<u>\$ 210.20</u>
Balance of Funds as of 12/31/2020	\$ 59.39

TREASURERS TAX ACCOUNT

Collected by Treasurer:		
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 1,575,509.10	
Pre-bate Credits	<u>277,776.25</u>	
Total Tax Collected by Treasurer		\$ 1,853,285.35
Delinquent Tax		<u>59,536.44</u>
Total Tax to be accounted for:		\$ 1,912,821.79
Taxes Collected by Delinquent Tax Collector		\$ 20,656.53
Taxes Collected by Treasurer		<u>1,853,285.35</u>
Total 2020 Taxes Collected		\$ 1,873,941.88
Total Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/20		<u>\$ 38,879.91</u>
Total 2020 Taxes to be accounted for:		\$ 1,912,821.79
2020 Tax Rates	Homestead Tax Rate	1.7737
	Non-Homestead Tax Rate	2.0530

TREASURERS SUMMARY

SALARIES & SOCIAL SECURITY – General & Road Orders	
Paige Horner – Road Foreman/Truck Driver	\$ 55,213.88
Jonathon Rowell – Road Laborer/Truck Driver	44,391.07
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Town Clerk/Treasurer	26,400.00
Reginald Shatney – Recycling/Trash Attendant	6,304.50
Donley Goodridge – Truck Driver / Roads	6,147.00
Gloria Chicoine – Assistant Clerk/ Treasurer and Office Cleaning	5,007.57
Therese Campbell – Select Board Administrative Assistant	3,798.75
Dennis Walker – Mowing Village Cemetery	3,600.00
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Delinquent Tax Collector	3,357.23
Susan Richardson – Lister / Ballot Clerk	2,991.27
Cathy Wilder – Lister / 911 Coordinator	2,470.38
Kristin Urie – Librarian	2,012.50
Richard Geoffroy – Cemetery Sexton	2,000.00
Brian Suderman – Lister	1,819.75
Paula Davidson – Assistant Librarian	1,796.25
S Christopher Jacobs – Select Board	1,600.00
Brian Goodridge – Select Board	1,600.00
Phillip Beaudry – Select Board	1,600.00
H. Jane Rayner – Auditor	960.00
Francis Jarvis – Auditor	960.00
Brandy Inkel – Auditor	960.00
Ellen St. Marie – Mowing around Town Buildings & Bulky Day Traffic Control	689.76
Kelly Carpenter – Animal Control Officer	571.88
Alan P Dion II – Town Hall Winter Maintenance	150.00
Ruth Cross – Ballot Clerk	120.00
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Town Clerk Fees (not paid for by Town)	10,414.00
EFPTS – Social Security & Medicare – Town Share	14,383.75

APPROPRIATIONS, DUES & TAXES – General Fund

Lake Region Elementary Middle School District	\$ 818,587.97
Lake Region Union High School District	316,762.89
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department (Budget)	30,000.00
Orleans Emergency Unit	17,822.64
Orleans County Treasurer	14,182.93
Orleans County Sheriff's Department	13,315.37
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department – Vehicle Replacement Fund	5,000.00
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department – Stipend	5,000.00
Glover Ambulance EMS	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
ACT Inc. – Albany Community Dinners Fiscal Agent	1,500.00
Albany Historical Society	1,000.00
Northeastern 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
Albany Memorial Day	210.20
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	200.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	150.00
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	100.00
Vermont Green-Up, Inc.	50.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE & UTILITIES – General Fund

The Memphremagog Press – Town Report Printing	\$ 1,952.18
Andre Lamarche – Town Office Plowing & Sanding	1,775.00
US Postal Service – Town Envelopes	1,329.50
Kofile Technologies – (2) Land Records Volumes & Index Paper	1,299.82
Consolidated Communications – Town Office Phone & Internet	1,079.16
Fred's Energy – Town Office Fuel	997.82
US Postal Service – Town Report Postage	766.00
Staples Direct – Yearly Office Supplies	701.12
UniFirst Corp. – Town Office Floor Mats	699.27
Canon Financial Services – Copier Lease	606.00
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent at Town Office	520.00
Brian Suderman – Reimbursement of Lister's Computer	483.68
The Chronicle, Inc. – Advertising	379.85
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Town Office Electric	329.32
Canon Solutions America – Copier Maintenance	268.62
Community National Bank – Check Order	245.50
IDS, Inc. – 2021 Dog Tags & License Forms	234.13
J & S Electrical – Yearly Fire Alarm Inspection	192.00

US Postal Service – Special Postage	141.58
Schwaab Inc. - Date & Address Stamps	137.24
Card Services Center / VTEL – Town Office WiFi	\$ 135.34
Fillions Network Solutions – IT Service	132.00
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. - Solar Meter	129.64
Card Services Center / Walmart – Office Supplies	127.09
Terri Campbell – Reimbursement for WiFi Router	94.34
VLCT – Moderator Workshop	68.00
US Postal Service – Town P.O. Box Rent	64.00
Card Services Center / Computer Virus Program	52.99
St. Jay Fire Extinguisher Service – Yearly Service for Town Office	42.50
Schwabb, Inc. - WiFi Window Sign	40.25
The Front Desk – Records request copies & mailing tube	40.19
W.B. Mason, Inc. - Office Supplies	37.98
VMCTA – Yearly Membership	35.00
Personal Concepts – Labor Law poster	20.90
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Reimbursement of Election Supplies	18.98
Card Services Center / Pick & Shovel – Ant Bombs	12.70
US Postal Service – Records Request Postage	12.60
Vermont Dept. of Health – Engraved Certificate Paper	10.00

TOWN HALL & LIBRARY – General Orders

Fred's Energy – Heating Fuel	\$ 1,412.41
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	755.00
Paxton Anderson – Library Porch Repair	717.00
Fred's Energy – Sump Pump Replacement	562.51
J & S Electrical - Exit Lights Repair	484.00
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Electric usage	371.80
Omer Doyon – Cellar Stairs Upgrade	350.00
Pick & Shovel – Cellar Dehumidifier	279.98
Peters General Contracting – Library Porch Piers	160.00
Leblanc's Pest Control – Wasp removal	150.00
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent	130.00
Terri Campbell – Paint Reimbursement	55.11
JB Colton – Chloride for Winter Maintenance	47.98
St. Jay Fire Extinguisher Service – Yearly Service	47.50
Terri Campbell – Exit Sign Reimbursement	9.53

RECYCLING – General Orders

NEK Waste Management District – Recycling Pick-up	\$ 1,500.00
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	855.00
EM Brown & Sons, Inc. - Warming Shelter Materials	844.53
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Electric usage	242.63
The Chronicle, Inc. - Advertising	19.60
Gates Salvage – Metal Dumpster	19.00
Reginald Shatney – Supplies Reimbursement	7.23

TRASH AT RECYCLING – General Orders

Myers Container Service, Inc. – Trash Dumpsters	\$ 10,335.57
Myers Container Service, Inc. – Bulky Day Dumpsters	2,030.39
NEK Waste Management District – Per Capita Assessment	846.90
NEK Waste Management District & Keep it Green – Compost Pick-up	411.00
NEK Waste Management District – Bulky Days Surcharge	\$ 332.88
The Chronicle, Inc. – Advertising for Bulky Days	199.38
Pick & Shovel – Heater for Warming Shelter	148.29

South Bay Auto Industrial Supplies – Gloves for Attendant	29.98
Gates Salvage – Bulky Day Metal Dumpster	18.60

MISCELLANEOUS – General Orders

US Bank – Bond Principal & Interest	\$ 35,329.04
VLCT PACIF Insurance Premiums	24,782.00
Andre Lamarche – Town Cemetery Mowing (5 Cemeteries)	6,920.00
Re-Appraisal Account – Yearly Grand List Maintenance	6,336.50
Heritage Memorials, Inc. - Headstone Repair	3,857.00
Restoration & Preservation Reserve Fund – Land Records	3,460.00
Overpayment of Taxes	3,381.38
Labounty & Son Tree Service – Tree Removal	2,400.00
Bianchi Memorials, Inc. - Headstone Repair	2,100.00
Lord Abbott – Retirement, Town Share – Clerk & Treasurer	1,584.00
JB Colton – Snow Guards on Fire Station & Town Hall	1,657.44
VT State Treasurer – Dog License Surcharge	1,485.00
Monaghan, Safar, Ducham PLLC – Legal Fees	1,395.00
May & Davis – Legal Fees – Village Cemetery	530.00
Omer Doyon – Install Roof Guards	500.00
International Landscape – Bush hogging behind Town Office & Cemetery	387.50
Dennis Walker – Mower Repair	340.62
Andre Lamarche – Mowing Ballfield	280.00
James Barlow, PLC – Legal Fees	210.00
Pick & Shovel – Cemetery Winter Road Closure Supplies	136.39
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department – Fund Raised Funds	120.00
Card Services Center – Cemetery Signs	113.80
Phillip Beaudry – Welcome to Albany Signs Supplies	100.76
Pick & Shovel – Shovel & bush clippers for Cemetery	87.97
International Landscape – Bush hogging rear of Cemetery	75.00
Animal Control Officer – Mileage Reimbursement	65.55
Lister Mileage Reimbursement	64.40
Animal Control Officer – Boarding Reimbursement	60.00
JB Colton – Concrete Mix & Grass Seed – Cemetery	26.95
Oasis Enterprises, Inc. - Stray Dog Fee	24.00
May & Davies – Overpayment of Recording Fee	15.00

**2020 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES
AS OF 12/31/2020**

Beaudry, Leo	\$ 141.65
Begin Jr., James Oliver	470.68
Breault, Bruce & Ellen	1,621.87
Buckman, Frank & MacGregor-Mason, Bonnie	2,580.62
Cote-Sukkaew, Danielle & Chetta – Now: D. Jenness & C. Whitesides ***	4,118.32
Cowles, Carl	1,802.53
Digivanni, Stephen & Rosemary	810.94
Flomen, Michael & Crowley, Kristen Spaeth ***	5,514.36
Glick, Rochelle ***	983.39
Gordon, Lynn	3,083.57
Hornbacher, Mark	991.59
Judkins, Clarence, Jr. & Danielle	1,923.66
Kelley, Dawn ***	45.34
Knight, Elizabeth	125.23
Koellmer, Fabio	232.20
Mason, Carol	609.74
Mason, Robert	102.66
Mason, Shawn	1,014.56
Nelson Farms, Inc.	446.97
Plosinski, Victor	2,701.43
Rundgren, Eric	1,021.65
Sibley, Nicholas ***	1,221.54
Silva, Amaro & Jean	494.78
Thompson, Leonard & Marguerite – Now: G. Sicely & J.Cagic ***	2,605.56
Williams, Stacy	2,560.09
Young, Leland & Debra	1,654.98
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAX AS OF 12/31/2020	\$ 38,879.91

* ** All or part payment made after 12/31/2020

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 Report of Select Board Controlled Funds

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/2020	\$ 18,593.98
Income: Town of Albany – 2020 Taxes Raised	\$ 30,000.00
Town of Albany – Good Neighbor Fund	13,794.39
Wade Taylor – Purchase of 1984 GMC Truck	2,800.00
Phillip Beaudry – Purchase of Lafrance Truck	550.00
Renee & Chester Baker – Call Out Related Equipment Reimbursement	500.00
Voided Checks	195.19
A1 Janitorial Supply Corp. - Class Action Lawsuit	75.68
Total Available Funds for 2020	\$ 66,509.24
Expenses:	
Collinsville Repair, LLC. - Truck Repair	\$ 14,579.93
Reynolds & Son, Inc. – Turn Out Gear, Air Compressor Service	5,707.34
Desorcie Emergency Products, LLC – Truck Repair	1,795.00
City of Newport FD – Air Packs & Bottles	1,740.00
Municipal Emergency Services – Air Pack Masks	1,613.97
Cabot Fire Department – Turn Out Gear	1,500.00
Fred's Energy – Station Fuel	1,416.04
Consolidated Communications – Station Phone	1,174.84
JA Kaufman Mechanical, Inc. - Boiler Services	1,133.05
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	830.00
D&D Electric, Inc. - Light Repair & Wire Fuel Pump	798.92
O'Reilly – Truck Supplies	607.56
South Bay Auto Industrial Supplies – Truck Light Supplies	562.88
Clark Communications Electronics – Radio Batteries	550.80
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent	520.00
Fred's Energy – Diesel for Trucks	513.27
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Electric Usage at Station	504.73
Josh Pilbin – Computer Reimbursement	500.00
Albany VT Fire & Emergency Response Assoc. - Tanker Batteries Reimbursement	480.04
J & S Electric – Fire Alarm Inspection	480.00
Round Hill Fence & Security – Annual Alarm Monitoring	354.00
Burlington Communications, Inc. – Radio repair	322.50
Gate's Electric, Inc. – Generator Service	210.00
Card Services / VTEL – Internet at Station	206.04
VT Fire Extinguisher, Inc. - Inspection & Service Call	116.00
Park View Garage, Inc. - Truck Inspection	105.00
NE International Mutual Aid – Yearly Dues	100.00
The Chronicle, Inc. - Truck Sale Ad	96.26
Jeanne Peters – Station Supplies Reimbursement	81.14
Joan Peters – Mileage Reimbursement	64.40
Bob's Quick Stop – Supplies, Motor Oil, Battery Cable Terminals	63.86
James Barlow, PLC – Legal Fees	45.00
The Pick & Shovel – Hand Sanitizer	41.94
Total Security, Inc. – Keys	15.00
Total Expenses	\$ 38,841.51
Balance of Funds as of 12/31/2020	\$ 27,667.73

**ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Vehicle Replacement Account**

Balance of Funds as of 1/1/2020	\$ 40,688.07
Income: Town of Albany – 2020 Tax Raised	5,000.00
Community National Bank – 2020 Interest	<u>98.46</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 45,786.53
Expenses: Waterbury Fire Department – Truck Purchase	\$ <u>10,000.00</u>
Balance of Funds as of 12/31/2020	\$ 35,786.53

**ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Stipend Fund**

Balance of Funds as of 1/1/20	\$ 5,000.00
Income: Town of Albany – 2020 Tax Raised	\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
Total Available Funds:	\$ 10,000.00
Expenses: Jeanne Peters – Stipend	\$ 393.50
Kasey Butler – Stipend	328.25
Carol Irons – Stipend	209.25
Shawn Mason – Stipend	158.25
Town of Albany – Share of SS & Medicare	<u>83.33</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 1,172.58
Balance of Funds as of 12/31/2020	\$ 8,827.42

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOL. FIRE DEPT.
TREASURER REPORT NON-TAXPAYER FUNDS
OCTOBER 27, 2020 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2020

Beginning Balance October 27, 2020:	5567.85
<u>INCOME:</u>	
Thanksgiving Raffle	1170.00
Donations	100.00
Bottle Return Funds	193.35
Interest Earned on Bank Account	1.73
 Total Income	 1465.08
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Bob's Quick Stop- Pizza and plates for work details	48.44
Mike Nelson- Reimbursement for forehead thermometer	69.99
Albany PTC- 25% of Thanksgiving Raffle Income	292.50
Albany Community Trust- 12.5% of Thanksgiving Raffle Income to food share.	146.25
Albany United Methodist Women- 12.5% of Thanksgiving Raffle Income to food shelf.	146.25
Josh Pilbin- Reimbursement for fire dept. share on computer purchase(Town taxpayer share \$500.00).	103.14
 Total Expenses	 806.57
 Ending Balance December 31, 2020	 6226.36

Note: Ending balance includes a petty cash fund of \$162.56

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

LISTER'S MESSAGE

We were pleased to welcome Brian Suderman as a new lister this year. He has been a valuable addition to the office. As we had to adjust to the various Covid restrictions, we appreciated everyone's understanding and cooperation as we conducted our yearly activities. The contact phone numbers and email addresses that property owners provide have been a big help.

Sales in town, on which our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) are based, are still within the state's acceptable parameters. The state collects sales figures from Albany and use a formula to determine the amount of education aid the town receives.

The annual Property Information Letter that you receive in February concerning changes to your property before April 1 is the most efficient way to keep our records up to date. Changes to report include anything that adds or subtracts to the value of the property. Your responses are very important, as it saves us time, which in turn saves the taxpayers money.

We are stressing the importance of filing the Homestead Declaration (Form HS-122) by the April 15 filing deadline to avoid a penalty.

Please contact us with any concerns or questions. Our email address is albanylisters@gmail.com or by phone (Town Clerk's Office) 802-755-6100.

Thank you! Sue Richardson, Cathy Wilder, Brian Suderman, Town of Albany Listers.

ALBANY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 2020

"The Albany Historical Society Museum has been shut-down in view of the pandemic. Alas, we shall remain so at least through the winter and spring. It is our intention to reestablish a regular schedule of openings and access once the pandemic releases its grip."

Respectfully submitted by Jim Oliver

Albany Planning Commission report

The Albany Planning Commission ended the year 2019 with a very successful Energy Fair held at the Albany Town Hall on Saturday, November 2, 2019. As a result of the strong support of and attendance at the Energy Fair, we began planning for a follow up event and communicated with Window Dressers, an organization with which the towns of Glover and Craftsbury have worked, to host and conduct a workshop where homeowners could build simple, energy saving inserts for their windows. However, Covid-19 unfortunately struck and our plans were put on hold. Once things open back up, we will rekindle energy related activities for Albany residents.

Members of the Planning Commission have been communicating periodically via Zoom, to discuss future activities. We would like to pursue the establishment of a crosswalk in the vicinity of the soon to reopen Albany General Store, as it is anticipated that some customers will park across the road near the fire house and Town Clerk's office and walk across Route 14. School children, in particular will most likely cross the road and this will help with making that crossing safer.

We also are interested in investigating solar powered speed limit signs, similar to what exist in Craftsbury, at the north and south approaches to the Albany Community School on Route 14.

Though it is still a ways away, we are beginning to think about updating the current Albany Town Plan, which was adopted on June 20, 2017. This plan needs to be updated every eight years. Though 2025 is still years away, we encourage Albany residents to think about obtaining a copy of the Town Plan and start to consider how it might be improved, updated, modified, etc. There will be ample opportunities for citizen input, as we get closer to the renewal time.

Finally, the Albany Planning Commission is currently low in members. If anything that we have covered in this report peaks your interest, and you would like to help with some of this work, please let the Select board know of your interest in joining.

2020 seemed normal enough at the beginning. We hosted our second annual Winter Playspace, creating an indoor play area once a week in the Town Hall for children birth to age 5, and on March 7 we hosted a babysitting course that was attended by 16 area youth. Thanks to Kelly Peters for teaching the First Aid portion of the course!

Early in the year, we were happy to hire Paula Davidson as our Assistant Librarian. With the statewide shut downs in March, the library closed to the public. Paula got to work tending to the collection, weeding outdated books, and finishing the cataloging of our collection. In June we started offering curbside service, and in July we reopened to the public for limited hours. New books were purchased and donated throughout the year, keeping the collection vibrant and strong, and patrons continued to use the free WiFi, inside and outside the building.

In 2020, the number of patrons participating in the Green Mountain Library Consortium, the free audio and e-book service that we offer, nearly doubled. At the end of 2019, there were 54 patrons participating. At the end of 2020, there were 101 patrons participating.

Over the summer, the Library offered free magazine subscriptions for kids 6-10 years old in Albany. We worked with the school to get the word out to families, and we ended up providing subscriptions to either Ranger Rick or National Geographic Kids, to eighteen households.

The Little Free Libraries around town were busy this year. Cheryl and Rob Dewees continued to check on them and keep them stocked with books, and later in the summer, locally made masks as well. The libraries had great usage, adult fiction and children's literature being favorites. We have also added monthly children's magazines to the mix. Residents kindly left off their own books, which we further distributed throughout the community.

We received 45 copies of The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas from the Vermont Humanities Council as part of their Vermont Reads program. These books are available at the Town Clerk's Office and the Library. At the end of February, we will be hosting a zoom book discussion on this book. Please consider joining us! You can sign up by emailing albanypubliclibraryvt@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to finding new ways to serve you in 2021. We are hoping that this year brings with it the possibility of gathering together again to share ideas and stories. In the meantime, we will do everything we can to creatively support your needs and interests. Book delivery? Book groups? Support for home-schoolers? Have an idea for a discussion, need help setting up a zoom? Let us know, we can help! We have grant funds for family programming to use this coming year, and we want your input on how to spend them! 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.

Thank you for all of the in-kind and monetary donations made to the library this year, and for all of the ways in which you connect with the Albany Library. We look forward to seeing you there in 2021.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR/FIRE WARDEN

Beginning Balance January 1, 2020	\$298.09
Town Meeting, March 3, 2020, voted and passed to raise \$500.00 for the Emergency Management Coordinator to attend trainings.	+\$500.00
Ending Balance December 31, 2020	\$798.09

I attended the 2020 Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference virtually on September 29 and 30.

Emergencies:

In accordance with dispatch reports, an ambulance responded to Albany for 63 incidents(Orleans-51, Glover-11, and Newport-1). The Albany Fire Dept. was dispatched and responded to 22 incidents.

Due to COVID-19, 2020 has been a very interesting year. Emergencies are dealt with at the local level. Times like these require us to step back, take a breath, pull together, and help each other out safely. Special thanks to the Albany Neighbors Task Force and Albany Community Trust which have been instrumental in helping take care of citizens in our community. I admire and commend you all for it. Thank you!

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 am happy to report there were no out of control grass or brush fires reported in Albany during 2020. Thank you for your cooperation and for being safe. As a reminder, please contact me for a burn permit before doing any open burning when there is no significant snow on the ground. Only the burning of NATURAL VEGETATION is permitted. Household trash, tires, paint, oil, or plastic are a few examples of what is not permitted.

Gary Heath Mason, EMC/Fire Warden
albanysix@yahoo.com, 755-6269, cell 802-673-7185

December 2020

Dear Fellow Residents,

The Albany Equity Committee was started in November of 2020. We have 6 appointed members:

Adam Trevits, Chair
George McKenzie
Jeanne Peters
Kristen Fountain
Katt Tolman
Sue Brown

Our directive is to provide a way for residents of Albany to bring concerns of equity and fairness to the committee for discussion and eventual submission to our Select Board for consideration and action.

Meetings in 2020 were scheduled for the first Monday of each month at 7pm. This has been a problematic for some members and so we will begin to seek alternative meeting days and times. We usually meet at the town hall. In addition, we may look to leverage remote technologies for some meetings.

We have been unable to execute due to the lack of a quorum. My hope is that 2021 will provide us with an opportunity to re-engage and grow participation in this effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Trevits, Chair

The Albany Neighbors Task Force was formed in the early spring of this year with the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Our initial aim was to reach out to all community neighbors for whom we had contact information to inquire if they were doing okay. Volunteers began to provide support to those in need by assisting with things such as shopping, picking up prescriptions, or performing simple tasks. We soon realized that many of our neighbors, especially those who were isolated or who found themselves jobless due to COVID, were quietly experiencing food insecurity.

Out of this need for increased food security, the Albany Neighbor's Food Share was born. Our volunteers are now delivering food share boxes and meals to over 150 people in over 40 households in our community every week, and another 50+ people in around 20 households are served by our walk-in food shelves at the Albany Town Hall. And through the state-funded Everybody Eats Program, we are able to provide roughly 220 meals each week. Many of our customers are elderly, disabled, or have young children. Using the Albany Community Trust as our fiscal sponsor, and working with the Craftsbury Food Share, we applied for grants and we funded our food purchases with grants and other donations.

Through weekly phone calls, deliveries of Food Share boxes to those who are unable to come to the Town Hall, and face-to-face (mask-to-mask) conversations with those who are able pick up their food, we are able to keep a pulse on the health and welfare of our neighbors, and indeed, our community. Many in our community feel frightened, isolated and in need of human contact. They need to know that there are neighbors who care and that we are, in fact, all in this together. We have formed strong bonds with many of the folks we help, and in turn, many have helped us in whatever way they could. We have realized that by getting to know ourselves and our neighbors, working together for the greater good of our Town, we are indeed growing a more cohesive and stronger Albany community.

Now Joining Forces with Hardwick Area Food Pantry!

In order to be able to continue to serve our neighbors going forward, and to access more food and funding sources, we have now (as of January 2021) joined forces with the Hardwick Area Food Pantry (HAFP). As a satellite site of HAFP, we will be able to join the Vermont Food Bank and utilize the staff, experience, and funding sources of HAFP, while still operating in essentially the same way, with our dedicated group of Albany volunteers.

Sincerely,

The dedicated volunteers of the Albany Neighbors Food Share

HARDWICK AREA FOOD PANTRY
39 West Church Street
PO Box 1075, Hardwick, VT 05843
802-472-5940
www.NourishHardwick.org/pantry (new website!)

The Hardwick Area Food Pantry (HAFP) is honored to continue to serve our resilient communities and humbled by the myriad ways people are coming together to care for each other. HAFP's work has become more vital than ever during the pandemic. Major systems redesign for COVID-responsive operations include outdoor service, a home delivery program, virtual and physically distanced Grow Your Own food independence workshops, and partnering with the Center for an Agricultural Economy to distribute local grocery vouchers. We have expanded our services to offer more frequent visits, additional federal food distribution, and improved referral processes. Since March 2020, we estimate a 25% increase in total households served monthly, with 30% accessing the delivery program and 30% accessing more frequent visits. Our engaged and generous community members have made it possible for us to meet this significantly increased need.

We are also undergoing a significant expansion in collaboration with emergency food efforts in Craftsbury and Albany. **The Craftsbury and Albany Food Shares are both now a part of HAFP!** The Craftsbury/Albany Food shares were launched to serve emergency food needs during the pandemic and has nearly 150 participating households per week. This is a distinct and significant new group of households that are not otherwise accessing HAFP, despite being in our service area. It has become clear that this need in Craftsbury/Albany is ongoing and, we now believe, existed pre-pandemic as well. **In order to build long term sustainability for food access work that meets this demonstrated need in the HAFP service area, HAFP and the Craftsbury and Albany sites have teamed up with HAFP as a multi-site program.** Craftsbury and Albany have robust outreach, logistics and volunteer networks in place, but will benefit from the fiscal, organizational and staffing stability that integration with HAFP provides, as well as the benefits of VT Foodbank membership. There is strong alignment of mission, philosophy and vision between HAFP and these food shares. We are energized by this collaborative work and by the clear and significant impact of this project in supporting long term community resilience in the greater Hardwick area. The trusting relationships and local flavor of the Craftsbury/Albany sites will not be lost in this transition, and are seen as key assets to be nurtured.

As our volunteers and staff have come together to make this happen, we hope that communities in our service area will also feel connected and inspired to support us in this exciting, important collaboration.

Please reach out with your questions - we look forward to hearing from you!

Reeve Basom, HAFP Board President: reeve@hardwickagriculture.org
LauraLee Sweeney, HAFP Director: director@hardwickareafoodpantry.org
Kris Coville, HAFP Satellite Site Coordinator: mama.kris.coville@gmail.com

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

NAME	PARENTS
Abel Myers Porter	Anne Hennigan Jantzen Myers & Tobin Porter-Brown
Emilia Anne Cary	Colleen Megan Twomey & Robert Rutledge Cary III
Miles Paul Cary	Colleen Megan Twomey & Robert Rutledge Cary III
Enid Dreissigacker Koons	Hannah Geer Dreissigacker & Nils Peter Alexander Koons
Jase Robert Riendeau	Jennifer Susan Riendeau & Daniel Luc Riendeau
Violette Mae Atwood	Addie Lynn Atwood & Tanner Charles Atwood
Emery Jayda Barton	Mysti-Rae Monfette & Joseph William Barton

IN MEMORIAM

NAME	AGE
Nancy P Rivers	90
Deborah Gladys Lamell	69
David Carroll Lawrence	84
Elaine Marsh Horner	82
Jeffery Charles Waterman	46
Joyce Mason	82
Donald Nelson	79
Carolyn Tremblay	71
Steven Lamell	73
Charles Maynard King	63
Jerry D Flood	60
Pauline Locke	77

MARRIAGES

Monica Jean Morse & Arlan Jay Fisher

Marina Gutierrez Pachon & Jeremy Comstock Wintersteen

Jessica May Carroll & Warren David Smith

TOWN INFORMATION

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL: 911

FIRE STATION NUMBER: 755-9240

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2021

March 2	Town Meeting by Australian Ballot
March 20 (3:30pm-5:00pm @ Town Clerk Parking Lot)	Rabies Clinic
April 1	Listing Begins
April 1	Dog License Due
May 1	Green Up VT Day
May 15	Bulky Day
May 31	Memorial Day
October 2	Bulky Day
November 10	Taxes Due

This year the Rabies Clinic will be March 20th from 3:30pm-5:00pm. It will be a drive-thru only clinic at the Town Clerk 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 drop box at the Town Clerk, or call the Town office for an appointment (755-6100).

Dog License Fees are: Spayed or Neutered - \$9.00 /// Male or 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 and Saturday - When Required

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

7:00PM at the Town Clerk's Office

RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION HOURS

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

Trash Disposal is during the same hours as Recycling:

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




HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY PLEASE

TOWN GARAGE PHONE: 755-6300

Albany/Irasburg Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

1030 Main St. Albany, VT.

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

<div>  SORT ITEMS  </div>	
<p><u>MIXED PAPER</u></p> <p>Newspapers, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored & white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper except:</p> <p><i>NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.</i></p>	<p><u>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, & BROWN KRAFT BAGS</u></p> <p>All Cardboard and Boxboard food packaging. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK.</p> <p><i>NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food waste, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam.</i></p> <p><i>*BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED*</i></p>
<p><u>TIN CANS</u></p> <p>Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic.</p> <p>*MUST BE RINSED*</p>	<p><u>ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS</u></p> <p>Labels OK. Flattening not required.</p> <p><i>Snack bags and candy wrappers are trash.</i></p> <p>*MUST BE RINSED*</p>
<p><u>GLASS BOTTLES & JARS</u></p> <p>*Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin)*</p> <p><i>NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids, metal or wood.</i></p>	<p><u>PLASTIC BAGS</u></p> <p>Any plastic bag or packaging labelled #2, #4, or #5. Any color accepted. Includes bubble wrap.</p>
<p><u>PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 & #5 Food Containers</u></p> <p><u>Max size 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*</u></p> <p>Includes food containers, cleaner containers. #5 accepted <i>if it's a food container.</i></p> <p><i>DISPOSE OF THESE PLASTIC ITEMS IN THE TRASH: Any black plastic, Screw-top caps, automotive fluid bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes, or medical devices.</i></p>	
<div>  <p>NO...</p> <p><u>DIRTY OR UNRINSED ITEMS</u></p> <p><u>Black Plastic containers</u></p> <p><u>Plastic Containers larger than 2 Gallons</u></p> </div>	

ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

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

SPECIAL WASTES: Waste oil, oil filters, electronics (TVs, computers, radio/stereos, gaming systems, telephones), automotive batteries, household batteries (all primary & rechargeable), 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.

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



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 films with food residue

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 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 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

2021 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 8	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Ryegate Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 5	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 12	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Brunswick Town Office
SATURDAY, JUNE 19	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Newport Center Town Garage
SATURDAY, JULY 10	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Brighton Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JULY 24	8:00 a.m. – 11:00a.m.	Greensboro Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Lunenburg Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 28	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Marshfield Town Office
SATURDAY, SEPT. 25	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

****HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS****
 The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection event if storage capacity is reached.

Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 30 gallons.

HHW Collection events are limited to District Households.

**If you have more than 30 gallons, or need to dispose of business' HHW,
 please call our office for an appointment at our Lyndonville facility May 4 – Oct. 2, 2020.**

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 4, 2021 to October 5, 2021**. 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 \$74,074.31

Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

GARDEN SUPPLIES

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

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

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

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

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

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2021 NEKWMD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 15 Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30am-1pm

OCTOBER 2 Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30am-1pm

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

Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2020 by processing less recycling compared to 2019 – 2,211 tons in 2020 compared to 2,615 tons in 2019. Significant drops in mixed paper and plastic were responsible for most of the decline. A few items, including food scraps, tires, and cardboard saw increases in tonnage. E-Waste, glass, and battery tonnages were approximately the same as 2019. Recycling markets remained stable but low throughout most of 2020.

The District ended 2020 with a deficit of \$8,338.22. Revenues in 2020 were 5% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 6% above projections. The COVID19 pandemic did disrupt our work schedule for several weeks in the spring, but it does not appear to have impacted the District significantly over the course of the entire year. Legal fees and truck repairs were the primary drivers of the deficit in 2020. The pandemic will impact our budget process for 2021. The 2021 budget will be approved by the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors and not a direct vote by District members. This is a temporary one-year change directly related to changes in Town Meeting Day.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2020. 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 2021 with a proposed budget of \$809,527 – an increase of 1.85% compared to 2020. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the District's 2021 budget will be acted upon by the District Board of Supervisors at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 9, 2021. The District sought and received a one-time legislative remedy in order to act on the budget internally. There will be 2 additional public hearings to receive input on the 2021 proposed budget. These meetings will be held via ZOOM on February 18 and 25, 2021 at 6pm.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and three part-time employees in 2020. 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 provided **264.25** hours of patrol services to the Town of **Albany** during January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town.

A monthly breakdown of services provided by the Sheriff's Department is available through your Town Clerk.

The past year has forced many challenges on our community and the Orleans County Sheriff's Department recognizes how difficult it has been for the citizens of Orleans County. COVID has forced everyone to change their daily routines, how we socialize and how we currently exist. The Orleans County Sheriff's Department made every effort to bring joy to our community in such difficult times. We were able to provide over 110 gifts to children during the Governor's orders while conducting Birthday Parades with area Law Enforcement, Ambulance Services, Fire Services, Towing Services, and other community members. Thank you everyone for helping to celebrate our children's birthdays.

This year we have had to say goodbye and wish a few Deputies the best in their next endeavors. Deputy Phil Brooks resigned in February, 2020; Deputy Kyle Ingalls and Deputy Chase Walters joined Custom and Border Protection and at the time of this letter are currently in the academy. They have all moved on to better themselves and their careers and we wish them well.

Sergeant Tyler Jacobs and K-9 Jonah have also moved onto the Department of Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division with the State of Vermont and we are very sad to see them go, but are so happy for Sergeant Jacobs as this has been a goal of his for several years. The team will be missed by all.

The Orleans Sheriff's Department has hired some great new Deputies. Deputy Andrew Gonyaw is a full-time Patrol Deputy who has made such a great impact in a short period of time he has been here. Deputy Kirsten Kingsley who has been working, patrol, in the court and is currently assigned to the State's Attorney's Office as part of the STOP grant to further investigate crimes throughout Orleans County. Deputy Corey Marcoux; comes with 10 years of law enforcement experience and is a certified Field Training Officer, to the position of State Transport Deputy. Deputy Marcoux has and will continue to be a great asset to this department. Deputy Paul Barnard was hired and quickly showed an interest in the vacant School Resource Officer position at North Country Union High School. Deputy Barnard has already had a great impact in the school and we look forward to building those relationships with the students and staff. Deputy Testut was able to head back to Lake Region Union High School as their Resource Officer. Deputy Testut has been instrumental throughout these challenging times, helping school staff keep open communication with students and families, delivering school supplies and food to students and families.

The Orleans Sheriff's Department was able to bring Richard Wells on with the department as a Sergeant. Sergeant Wells comes with 13 years of law enforcement experience, is a Field Training Officer, Death Investigator, NHTSA Radar Instructor, Advanced Roadside Impairment Enforcement, certified DUI checkpoint supervisor and several other strengths and expertise. Orleans County is fortunate to have Sgt. Wells as one of the newest members to the team.

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, which has collected approximately 167.5 lbs of prescriptions in 2020. 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 13th 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 283 school children, to include Brighton Elementary this year as they are within our Supervisory Union. 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.

January 1, 2021, the Orleans County Sheriff's Department will be dispatched by Newport Police Department from 4:30 pm – 8:00 am Monday – Friday, Friday starting at 4:30 pm – Monday 8:00 am. When a community member calls the Orleans County Sheriff's Department 802-334-3333 after normal hours they will no longer receive an answering machine, they will speak to a live person. While Newport PD is dispatching after normal hours they will be able to assign a Deputy to the call, call out a Deputy if need be, but will be able to give **immediate** assistance to whoever is calling and that is what is most important.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Harlow

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

Town of Albany - Total Law Incident Report

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
911 Hangup Call	1
Agency Assist	11
Animal Problem	3
ATV Accident/Incident	1
Burglary	1
Citizen Assist	3
Directed Patrol	10
Driving - License Suspended	3
Juvenile Problem	1
Missing Person	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	1
Public Speaking	1
Service of Abuse Prevention order	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	4
Theft	1
Trespassing	1
Vin Number Inspection	3
Welfare/Suicide Check	4
Total Incidents for Town of Albany	51

Town of Albany - Total Traffic Violation Report
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Total Traffic Tickets	12
Total Warnings	18

Town of Albany - Total Arrest Report

Conditions of Release Violation	1
Driving - License Suspended	4
Total Arrest (by person) for Town of Albany	4
Total Arrests (by count) for Town of Albany	5



To the Voters of Albany:

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

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

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

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

How is this relevant to your community? In Albany, NVDA has:

- Provided Grants-in-Aid Assistance for local roads.
- Act 250 Review.
- Albany Community Store support – grant, brownfields, and loan.
- Assisted with updating Local Emergency Management Plan which was approved by Vermont Emergency Management.
- Provided daily COVID 19 information such as grant assistance and health information.
- Provided information to Fire Department on grants that were available for Fire Departments.

NVDA's municipal dues remain at a very affordable \$0.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$250. We take great pride in providing cost-effective professional services to the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom.

We take pride in keeping communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at tgonyaw@nvda.net 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, and show that our positive net position continues.

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. In 2020, 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 adapt town operations, 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 and state agencies**, 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 achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, equity and inclusion, and ensuring 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.
- **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 each official and employee carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/memborguide to download the VLCT Member Guide.

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

ORLEANS EMERGENCY UNIT

DECEMBER 31, 2020

GENERAL FUND

Account	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
Revenues	434,000.00	536,155.27	516,000.00
Contributions	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	1,000.00	260.00	0.00
Memorials	0.00	230.00	0.00
Barton Town Appropriation	49,862.26	49,862.28	89,447.24
Albany Town Appropriation	17,822.64	17,822.64	22,958.12
Brownington Town App	19,451.91	19,451.91	29,815.75
Irasburg Town App.	25,065.38	25,065.40	35,778.89
Other Income	12,000.00	25,008.39	0.00
Hazard Pay	0.00	17,600.00	0.00
Dividend Income	27,500.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	1,500.00	481.80	0.00
Realized Gain Investment	0.00	28,879.65	0.00
Total Revenues	589,202.19	720,817.34	694,000.00
Administration	7,500.00	9,000.00	7,500.00
Advertising	150.00	40.00	0.00
Assessment Fee SOV	8,000.00	7,902.49	16,400.00
Auto Fuel	6,000.00	9,521.51	9,000.00
Auto Service	4,000.00	6,496.32	5,000.00
Cable and Satellite	500.00	686.45	0.00
Charity	1,000.00	570.39	0.00
Billing Service	26,040.00	32,821.60	31,000.00
Depreciation	0.00	62,928.89	0.00
Dispatching	0.00	3,533.32	10,600.00
Dues	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
Education	2,000.00	10,981.05	1,500.00
Equipment Maint	6,500.00	367.79	7,000.00
Heating Fuel	4,500.00	3,209.22	4,500.00
Insurance	25,000.00	25,284.28	22,550.00
Workers Comp Ins	30,000.00	30,558.32	31,000.00
Internet Expense	2,000.00	568.40	0.00
Miscellaneous	2,500.00	499.11	500.00
Office Supplies	4,500.00	3,351.30	3,000.00
Payroll	372,000.00	474,751.68	454,000.00
FICA/MEDI Expense	28,000.00	36,318.79	33,000.00
Unemployment Tax	2,000.00	3,810.63	3,500.00
Health Care Fee SOV	4,000.00	4,610.50	7,000.00
Printing Publish Post	500.00	474.00	0.00
Professional Fees	8,000.00	11,400.40	9,000.00
Registrations	500.00	128.75	500.00
Repairs and Maintenance	1,500.00	1,773.87	2,000.00
Office Equipment	0.00	1,479.80	0.00
Scholarships	400.00	500.00	0.00
Supplies	25,000.00	24,336.81	26,000.00

Account	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
Telephone	0.00	3,045.88	3,500.00
Trash Removal	150.00	890.00	1,000.00
Uniforms	1,500.00	901.79	1,000.00
Utilities Electric	2,000.00	2,437.93	2,000.00
Utilities Water & Sewer	750.00	724.00	750.00
Equipment Fund	10,000.00	0.00	1,500.00
Total Expenditures	589,490.00	775,905.27	694,300.00
Total General Fund	-287.81	-55,087.93	-300.00
Depreciation Added Back In	0.00	62,928.89	0.00
Total General Fund	0.00	7,840.96	0.00

ORLEANS EMERGENCY UNIT
DECEMBER 31, 2020
GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Community Checking	76,476.07
CNB - GL Scholarship	20,119.66
CNB - GLSF Interest	63.84
Petty Cash	30.00
Edward Jones Investment	259,628.72
Building & Land	633,572.59
Fixed Assets	478,224.15
Accumulated Depreciation	-609,287.87

Total Assets	858,827.16
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LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities	-----
	0.00

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance	913,915.09

Total Prior Years Fund Balance	913,915.09

Fund Balance Current Year	-55,087.93

Total Fund Balance	858,827.16

Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance	858,827.16
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Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Newport District, 2021

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. More info on your local health office can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>

COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

- COVID-19 Testing:
 - Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost Covid-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
 - Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020
- COVID-19 Cases:
 - As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
 - Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website:
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

Additional Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
 - Approximately 213,000 Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season *(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
 - 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

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