

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2019



BARNET

TOWN MEETING

MARCH 3, 2020 10AM

Barnet School

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Town of Barnet, Vermont
For Your Information:
Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Contact Information & Hours of Operation

Town Clerk's Office

Town Clerk: Benjamin Heisholt
Asst. Clerk: Catherine Roy
Telephone: 633-2256
Fax: 633-4315
Email: townclerk@barnetvt.org
Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. – Noon & 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Town Website: www.barnetvt.org

Town Garage

Road Foreman: Mark Chase
Telephone: 633-4477

Animal Control Officer

Vacant
Contact Caledonia County Sheriff
or local Constables

Barnet Public Library

Librarian: Dylan Ford
Telephone: 633-4436
Email: barnetpl@hotmail.com
Hours: Monday: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wednesday: 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday: 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Board of Listers

Telephone: 633-2256
Email: listers@barnetvt.org
Meetings: Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – Noon at the
Town Clerk's Office. Please call for an appointment.

Transfer Station & Recycling Center

Supervisor: Bruce Marston
Hours: Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
During summer from the first Wednesday after Memorial Day
until the last Wednesday before Labor Day open 3-7 p.m. on
Wednesdays.

Barnet School

Principal Luisa Millington
Telephone: 633-4978
Website: www.kidrow.net

Vermont State Game Warden

Will Seegers Cell: 802 498 5351
Dispatcher: 802 748 3111

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union

Telephone: 684-3801

Meetings

Selectboard

Second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the
Town Clerk's Office.

Caledonia Cooperative School District Board of Directors

Visit website for times and locations:
www.ccsuonline.org/ccsd

Planning Commission/Zoning Board

First Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Town Clerk's
Office.

Municipal Calendar

Mar.3, 2020 – Town Meeting Day (Office* closed)
Apr. 1, 2020 – Dog Licenses due
May 24, 2020 – Memorial Day Services
May 25, 2020 – Memorial Day (Office closed)
May 30, 2020 – Transfer Station summer hours begin
Jul. 3, 2020 – Independence Day (Office closed)
Early August 2020 – Property Tax bills mailed
Aug. 29, 2020 – Transfer Station summer hours end
Sep.7, 2020 – Labor Day (Office closed)
Mid-Oct. 2020 – Property Taxes due (see bill for date)
Oct. 31, 2020 – Library Trunk or Treat Event
Nov. 26, 2020 – Thanksgiving Day (Office closed)
Nov. 27, 2020 – Office closed
Dec. 25, 2020 – Christmas Day (Office closed)
Jan.1, 2021 – New Year's Day (Office closed)
*“Office” = Town Clerk's Office

Other

Dog Licenses

All dogs six months of age or older must be licensed annually
between January 1 through April 1. Licenses may be obtained
in person at the Town Clerk's Office or through the mail. A
current certificate of rabies vaccination must be on file, or
presented.

Fees for license on or before April 1:

- \$9.00 for neutered/spayed
- \$13.00 for unneutered/unspayed

Fees for license after April 1:

- \$11.00 for neutered/spayed
- \$17.00 for unneutered/unspayed

**Town of Barnet, Vermont
Annual Report
Year Ending December 31, 2019**

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Section 1

General Town Information

Town Elected Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator	Dennis McLam	March 2020
Town Clerk & Treasurer	Benjamin Heisholt	March 2021
Selectboard	Dylan Ford	March 2020
	Benjamin Gates	March 2021
	Mark Jefferson	March 2022
Listers	Sarah Cook	March 2020
	Michael Walsh	March 2021
	John Cook	March 2022
Caledonia Cooperative School District School Directors (representing Barnet on three- town, nine-member board)	David Warden	2020
	Susan Roberts	2021
	Jessica Lynn Roy	2022
Auditors	Joseph Breidenstein	March 2020
	Dennis Kauppila	March 2021
	Jeffrey Riley	March 2022
Delinquent Tax Collector	Lisa Bowden	March 2020
1st Constable	Steve Mosher	March 2021
2nd Constable	David Stevenson	March 2021
Grand Juror	David Willis	March 2020
Town Agent	Steven Adler	March 2020
Trustee of Public Funds	Merle Fitzgerald	March 2020
	Diane Thompson	March 2021
	William Graves	March 2022
Library Trustees	Susan Roberts	March 2020
	Ashley Wright	March 2021
	Susan Wood	March 2022
	Julie Roos	March 2023
	Rebecca Boardman	March 2024
Justice of the Peace	Steven Adler	February 2021
	Susan Coppenrath	February 2021
	William Graves	February 2021
	Susan Jensen	February 2021
	Dennis McLam	February 2021
	Stanley Robinson	February 2021
	Shellie Samuels	February 2021

Town Appointed Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Beach Committee	Jennifer Kierstead Christen Emerson Philo Marcotte Daniel Pearl Christopher Yancey	
Building Committee	William Graves, Chair Mark Jefferson Dylan Ford Benjamin Gates William Biddle Benjamin Heisholt Stanley Robinson Catherine Roy David Warden Dana Young	
Dam Committee	Dylan Ford George Coppenrath Susan Coppenrath Donald Easter Joseph Mangiapane David Price	
Emergency Management Coordinator	Ronald Morse	
Fire Chief	Ronald Morse	December 2020
Fire Warden	Christopher Bunnell	June 2023
Health Officer	Michael Walsh	September 2021
Health Officer, Deputy	Maurice Roberts	September 2020
Library Director	Dylan Ford	
Assistant Library Director	Jacquelyn Verley	
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Representative	William Douglas	
Road Foreman	Mark Chase	

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Town Clerk & Treasurer, Assistant	Catherine Roy	March 2020
Transportation Advisory Committee Representative	Benjamin Gates	
Tree Warden	Stanley Robinson	March 2020
Zoning Administrative Officer	Shirley Warden	March 2022
Zoning Board/ Planning Commission	George Pierce	July 2020
	Mark Bowen	July 2020
	Karen Stark	July 2021
	William Biddle, Chair	July 2021
	Dennis McLam	July 2022
	Dakota Butterfield	July 2022
	Benjamin Adams	July 2023
	Trent Roy	July 2023
	Bruce Denio	July 2023

**WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MARCH 3, 2020**

The legal voters of the Town of Barnet, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Barnet School (163 Kid Row) in said Town on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon (a.m.) to transact the following business from the floor:

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect all other Town Officers as required by law and additional Town Officers as approved by the voters.
- ARTICLE 3. To consider and act upon the report of the Town Auditors.
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont?
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for maintaining the Goodwillie House?
- ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for conservation and preservation of collections of historical materials associated with the township of Barnet?
- ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) to Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice?
- ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Catamount Arts?
- ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) to Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium?
- ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Kingdom Animal Shelter?
- ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging?
- ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,775.00) to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.?
- ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.?
- ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?
- ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00) to Rural Community Transportation?
- ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) to Umbrella Inc.?

- ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$280.00) to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
- ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to the West Barnet Senior Meal Site?
- ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town of Barnet, Vermont enter into a communications union district (CUD) to be known as NEK Community Broadband, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Chapter 82?
- ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation the property owned by the Barnet Historical Society located at Barnet Center, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, pursuant to 32 VSA § 3840?
- ARTICLE 21. To see what arrangements the Town will vote for the collection of its taxes, and its portion of taxes for Caledonia Cooperative School District, and by what lawful official for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray the expenses and liabilities of the Town for the current year.
- ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

- a. Non-binding discussion of items to be voted on by Australian ballot.

The following articles will be voted by Australian ballot:

- ARTICLE 1. Shall the Town of Barnet voters authorize the borrowing for building a newly constructed municipal office in an amount not to exceed \$850,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed thirty years?
- ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town of Barnet voters authorize the borrowing for the renovation of the McIndoe Falls Academy building located at 62 Academy Lane, Barnet VT in an amount not to exceed \$1,650,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed thirty years?

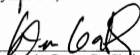
Polls open at the Barnet School (163 Kid Row) in said Town on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2020.

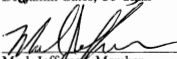
By the Selectboard members of the Town of Barnet:



Dylan Ford, Co-Chair



Benjamin Gates, Co-Chair



Mark Jefferson, Member

Attest: 
Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk

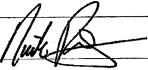
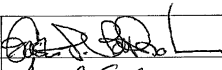

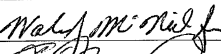

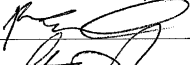

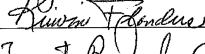
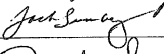
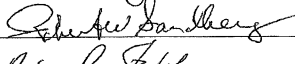
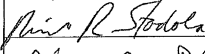
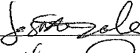
WARNING

NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

MARCH 3, 2020

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 to act on the following article.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$794,823?

	
Preston Smith	David Jones
	Rebecca Hill-Louise
Gene A Perkins	Ben Rull
	Marian Spence
	
	Steve Jones
Elizabeth Muller	Otis McKinstry
	Dan Dwyer
Imathi P. Daulton	Ken Batchelder
	Kenneth R. Hinton
	
	
Claudia W. Phipps	
	
Yves Dangle	

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2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
1	BUDGET ITEM	2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2019	2020 PROPOSED BUDGET
2	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
3	Advertising	\$400.00	\$263.75	\$200.00
4	Audit -- Financial	\$7,595.00	\$8,595.00	\$7,595.00
5	Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$2,000.00	\$1,135.00	\$600.00
6	Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
7	Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
8	Cleaning	\$1,920.00	\$1,760.00	\$1,920.00
9	Copier	\$2,000.00	\$1,551.83	\$1,500.00
10	Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$5,000.00	\$6,976.12	\$4,600.00
11	Heating Fuel	\$1,500.00	\$918.36	\$1,500.00
12	Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13	Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$15,000.00	\$13,816.00	\$13,000.00
14	Planning	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15	Legal Fees	\$1,500.00	\$2,895.00	\$0.00
16	Postage	\$2,000.00	\$2,124.45	\$2,000.00
17	Office Supplies	\$3,600.00	\$3,925.44	\$3,600.00
18	Telephone - Office	\$3,000.00	\$2,949.88	\$3,000.00
19	Water/Sewer	\$1,100.00	\$932.72	\$1,100.00
20	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$47,715.00	\$47,843.55	\$40,765.00
21	Gross Wages	\$394,610.00	\$378,076.79	\$387,800.00
22	OT Wages--Warehouse	\$5,000.00	\$4,856.87	\$5,000.00
23	Fica (Employer Match)	\$24,466.00	\$23,772.93	\$24,000.00
24	Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,722.00	\$5,559.94	\$5,625.00
25	Unemployment Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$1,613.48	\$2,212.00
26	VMERS (Retirement)	\$21,010.00	\$20,635.87	\$21,000.00
27	Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$55,000.00	\$57,000.00	\$55,000.00
28	Mileage - Employee	\$7,000.00	\$8,454.13	\$7,000.00
29	Mileage- Supervisor's	\$4,000.00	\$2,275.37	\$3,200.00
30	Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
31	Personnel Equipment	\$500.00	\$406.26	\$250.00
32	Training	\$1,500.00	\$774.72	\$500.00
33	Travel	\$100.00	\$75.14	\$50.00
34	TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$524,408.00	\$504,001.50	\$512,137.00
35				
36	Loss of Use-Baler	\$0.00	\$16,542.76	\$0.00
37	TOTAL LOSS OF USE	\$0.00	\$16,542.76	\$0.00
38				
39	BUILDING EXPENSES			
40	Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$2,462.59	\$500.00
41	Electricity	\$9,000.00	\$5,357.24	\$7,300.00
42	Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$2,341.31	\$500.00
43	Misc. Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
44	Trash Removal	\$3,000.00	\$3,085.16	\$3,000.00
45	TOTAL BUILDING	\$15,000.00	\$13,246.30	\$12,300.00

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2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
	BUDGET ITEM	2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2019	2020 PROPOSED BUDGET
46	EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
47	Purchases	\$500.00	\$498.25	\$0.00
48	Baler Loan Payment	\$40,000.00	\$64,000.00	\$40,537.00
49	Baler Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,944.00
50	Baler Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$6,323.68	\$8,000.00
51	Forklift Fuel	\$2,200.00	\$2,193.24	\$2,500.00
52	Forklift Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$992.72	\$3,000.00
53	Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
54	Skidsteer Fuel	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
55	Skidsteer Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$2,319.38	\$4,000.00
56	Warehouse Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$3,150.31	\$2,000.00
57	Trucks--Diesel	\$21,000.00	\$21,753.75	\$22,000.00
58	Trucks--Repairs	\$12,000.00	\$22,094.89	\$12,000.00
59	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$97,700.00	\$123,326.22	\$97,481.00
60	PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
61	Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$306.25	\$500.00
62	Permits & Fees	\$450.00	\$235.00	\$500.00
63	Composting	\$20,000.00	\$19,426.50	\$20,000.00
64	Composter/Bin	\$3,000.00	\$2,263.68	\$1,500.00
65	Dues & Subscription	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
66	Education Outreach	\$10,000.00	\$10,762.53	\$11,000.00
67	Hazmat Disposal	\$24,000.00	\$33,307.06	\$23,000.00
68	Hazmat Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,849.72	\$3,000.00
69	Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$25,000.00	\$32,172.59	\$22,000.00
70	Special Collections	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
71	Supplies	\$500.00	\$1,589.05	\$600.00
72	Tire Disposal	\$9,000.00	\$14,506.50	\$14,000.00
73	TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$96,250.00	\$118,418.88	\$96,140.00
74	SUB-TOTAL	\$781,073.00	\$823,379.21	\$758,823.00
75				
76	Capital Improvement Fund	\$44,000.00	\$28,060.00	\$36,000.00
77	TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$44,000.00	\$28,060.00	\$36,000.00
78				
79	TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$825,073.00	\$851,439.21	\$794,823.00
80				
81	Grants--St of VT & USDA	\$59,000.00	\$150,002.52	\$82,000.00
82	Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$41,000.00	\$43,240.00	\$48,000.00
83	Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$3,500.00	\$6,333.65	\$5,400.00
84	Interest Income	\$25.00	\$10.61	\$10.00
85	Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$1,703.79	\$1,200.00
86	Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,000.00	\$1,152.00	\$1,600.00
87	Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
88	Sale of Recyclables	\$130,000.00	\$61,254.75	\$88,000.00
89	Compost Income	\$18,000.00	\$20,624.33	\$19,225.00
90	Electronics Income	\$15,000.00	\$25,670.27	\$21,200.00
91	Scrap Metal Income	\$25,000.00	\$13,283.90	\$18,000.00
92	Battery Income	\$8,000.00	\$5,520.75	\$6,500.00
93	Tire Income	\$12,000.00	\$14,257.40	\$16,000.00
94	Per Capita Assessment	\$41,500.00	\$42,834.60	\$42,538.00
95	Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$470,398.00	\$449,359.26	\$445,000.00
96	TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$825,073.00	\$835,322.83	\$794,823.00
97				

**MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MARCH 5, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Barnet Elementary School gymnasium by Moderator Dennis McLam. Members of the Barnet Elementary School chorus sang the National Anthem. Mr. McLam led the salute to the flag. A moment of silence was then observed in memory of long-time Town Clerk William Hoar, who had recently died. Mr. McLam then read the preamble of the warning.

The legal voters of the Town of Barnet, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Barnet School on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.

- Moderator stated that one-year term of Dennis McLam is expiring.
- Dennis McLam nominated by Marvin Bailey.
- William Biddle moved that nominations ceased. Seconded. Approved by voice vote.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Dennis McLam.

ARTICLE 2. To elect all other Town Officers as required by law and additional Town Officers as approved by the voters.

Selectboard

- Moderator stated that the three-year term of Jeremy Roberts is expiring.
- Mark Jefferson nominated by Jeremy Roberts.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Mark Jefferson.
- Moderator suggested the Town should thank Jeremy Roberts for his many years of service as a Selectboard member. An ovation was given.
- Jeremy Roberts spoke, thanking the voters for their support. He reflected on his time in office, describing the evolution of his knowledge of town government, citing as an example of his growth in appreciation for the knowledge and service of Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden. He thanked town officers and family members who supported him while in office.

The Moderator allowed a brief intermission in the meeting for Vermont legislator Marcia Martel to speak regarding various recent actions and potential future actions of the legislature. With the voters' approval, non-voter Ms. Martel was allowed to speak. Her presentation included discussion of several new bills in committee - including a minimum wage bill, a paid family leave bill, and water quality bills.

Lister

- Moderator stated that the three-year term of John Cook is expiring.
- John Cook nominated by Sarah Cook.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for John Cook.

Auditor

- Moderator stated that the three-year term of Jeffery Riley is expiring.
- Jeffery Riley nominated by Roseann Leute.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Jeffery Riley.

Auditor

- Moderator stated that this office has two years remaining of a three-year term. Carrie Dunbar resigned, and Dennis Kauppila was appointed to replace her.
- Dennis Kauppila nominated by Mona Marceau.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Dennis Kauppila.

Collector of Delinquent Tax

- Moderator stated that the one-year term of Lisa Bowden is expiring.
- Lisa Bowden nominated by Mark Gilleland.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Lisa Bowden.

First Constable

- Moderator stated that the one-year term of Steve Mosher is expiring.
- Steve Mosher nominated by David Stevenson.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Steve Mosher.

Second Constable

- Moderator stated that the one-year term of David Stevenson is expiring.
- David Stevenson nominated by William Biddle.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for David Stevenson.

Grand Juror

- Moderator stated that the one-year term of David Willis is expiring.
- David Willis nominated by Mona Marceau.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for David Willis.

Town Agent

- Moderator stated that one-year term of Steven Adler expiring.
- Steven Adler nominated by Caroline Demaio.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Steven Adler.

Trustee of Public Funds

- Moderator stated that three-year term of William Graves is expiring.
- William Graves nominated by Mona Marceau.

- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for William Graves.

Library Trustee

- Moderator stated that five-year term of Rebecca Boardman is expiring.
- Rebecca Boardman nominated by Susan Roberts.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Rebecca Boardman.

ARTICLE 3. To consider and act upon the report of the Town Auditors.

- Mona Marceau moved to accept the report of the Town Auditors as it appears on page thirty of the Town Report. Seconded by Susan Persson.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont?

- Caroline Demaio moved the article as warned. Seconded by Jay Sprout.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for maintaining the Goodwillie House?

- Kathleen Monroe moved the article as warned. Seconded by Roseann Leute.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for conservation and preservation of collections of historical materials associated with the township of Barnet?

- Kathleen Monroe moved the article as warned. Seconded by Concetta Pircher.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) to Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice?

- Marvin Bailey moved the article as warned. Seconded by Concetta Pircher.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Catamount Arts?

- Kathleen Monroe moved the article as warned. Seconded by Sharon Biddle.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) to Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium?

- Mona Marceau moved the article as warned. Seconded by Susan Persson.
- Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium employee Robert Farlice-Rubio, a Barnet voter, spoke briefly about museum programs.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Kingdom Animal Shelter?

- Susan Persson moved the article as warned. Seconded by Elizabeth Evans.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging?

- Dakota Butterfield moved the article as warned. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,775.00) to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.?

- Kathleen Monroe moved the article as warned. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.?

- Mona Marceau moved the article as warned. Seconded by Caroline Demaio.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?

- Mona Marceau moved the article as warned. Seconded by Kathleen Monroe.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00) to Rural Community Transportation?

- Kathleen Monroe moved the article as warned. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) to Umbrella Inc.?

- Grace Gershuny moved the article as warned. Seconded by Concetta Pircher.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$280.00) to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

- Mona Marceau moved the article as warned. Seconded by William Biddle.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to the West Barnet Senior Meal Site?

- Kathleen Monroe moved the article as warned. Seconded by Marvin Bailey.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town of Barnet vote to raise, and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be used by the five fire districts within the Town of Barnet? Dispersal of funds will be up to the discretion of the Selectboard in the form of a grant.

- Jonathan Carpenter moved the article as warned. Seconded by Lisa Bowden.

- Selectboard member Jeremy Roberts spoke about the impetus for this this article. He spoke about the financial and infrastructure difficulties of Barnet Fire District #2 (Barnet Village) with regard to their water delivery system. He indicated the Selectboard's desire to assist Fire Districts in financial hardship, but to do so within statutory parameters and with the consent of the voters.
- Jonathan Carpenter, Fire District #2 Prudential Committee member, spoke regarding details of Fire District #2's water delivery system, and their infrastructure and financial difficulties. He also spoke about other means of assistance Fire District #2 has sought, including State and Federal grants.
- John Smith, Fire District #3 (McIndoe Falls) Prudential Committee member, spoke, indicating that Fire District #3 has reserve funds and does not seek financial assistance from the Town.
- Theodore Faris spoke in opposition to the motion, stating that the Fire Districts have authority to tax and borrow funds, and should operate independently from the Town.
- Lisa Bowden, former Fire District #2 Treasurer, spoke in favor of the motion, providing an overview of the previous several years in regard to Fire District #2 finances.
- Kathleen Monroe moved to amend the motion to: "The Town of Barnet shall vote to raise, and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be used by Barnet Fire District #2 for repair of their water system and to pay off debt, with dispersal of funds up to the discretion of the Selectboard in the form of a grant. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Gail Warnaar, a former member of the Fire District #2 Prudential Committee spoke in favor of the original motion, while discussing some of the past thirty years' history of the Barnet Village water system.
- Eric Skovsted spoke in favor of the original motion, suggesting that the Town start a grant program that could be used for various Fire District needs and improvements.
- Grace Gershuny spoke in favor of the original motion, agreeing with Eric Skovsted's idea of a grant program.
- Jonathan Carpenter indicated that the article, if passed, would cost taxpayers approximately \$2.00 for every \$100,000 in assessed value.
- William Graves asked if the Selectboard envisages the proposed reserve fund to be used as suggested by Eric Skovsted, just for water system repairs and improvements, or just for Fire District #2 water system repairs and improvements. Mr. Graves stated his opposition to the amended motion.
 - Selectboard member Jeremy Roberts stated that the article was petitioned rather than placed on the warning by the Selectboard, but that the Selectboard envisages the fund as intended for all Fire Districts.
- Ronald Morse moved to call the question.
- A voice vote was had on Kathleen Monroe's amendment. Amendment failed by voice vote.
- Original motion of Jonathan Carpenter was then passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation the property owned by Lakeview Grange #359 located in West Barnet Village, for a period not to exceed 5 years, pursuant to 32 VSA § 3840?

- Kathleen Monroe moved the article as warned. Seconded by Roseann Leute.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 21. To see what arrangements the Town and Town School District will vote for the collection of its taxes and by what lawful official for the ensuing year.

- Lisa Bowden moved that taxes become due and payable in hand to the town Treasurer during business hours on or before October 19, 2019, with said taxes to be actually received by said Treasurer on or before the due date without regard to postmark; and thereafter said taxes shall

be payable to the Collector of Delinquent Tax with interest at the rate of 1% per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months, and thereafter at the rate of 1 ½ % per month or fraction thereof, plus the collector's fee of 8% as provided by law. Seconded by Dennis Kauppila.

- School Director Louis Bushey spoke: It should be recognized that in this article "Town School District" is actually represented by the Caledonia Cooperative School District, not the Barnet School District. Property taxes will be collected by the town Treasurer for the former entity, rather than the latter, in the forthcoming tax collection season.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray the expenses and liabilities of the Town for the current year.

- Selectboard member Jeremy Roberts moved to raise the sum of \$1,580,072.86 for the General Fund budget. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Jeremy Roberts spoke in overview of 2018 events and the 2019 budget: No major unanticipated events requiring Town financial resources occurred in 2018. The Selectboard continues to project future costs for equipment, trucks, and buildings, designating appropriate reserve funding for each. The Barnet School property transfer to the Caledonia Cooperative School District has been affected, with the Town retaining ownership of Kid Row, but no part of the School property.
- Gail Warnaar asked about town-owned properties and future plans for new or renovated Town Office space.
 - Dylan Ford spoke, presenting an overview of the Selectboard's activities, with the assistance of the Building Committee, with regard to the Town Hall and the proposed new or renovated Town Office building.
- Jeremy Roberts's motion to raise the sum of \$1,580,072.86 for the General Fund budget passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

- William Graves, Chair of the Building Committee, spoke about the Town Hall with regard to maintenance and assessment for asbestos and lead contamination in anticipation of the destruction and removal of the former Fire Station annexed to the Town Hall.
- William Biddle, Chair of the Planning Commission/Zoning Board spoke regarding the Town's application for Village Center Designation for four Barnet villages, which will make certain grant and tax credit funding available to village residents and businesses.
- Caroline Demaio spoke regarding Green-Up Day.
- Grace Gershuny spoke, suggesting that, because there is no longer an annual school meeting on Town Meeting day, the Town consider holding Town Meeting in the evening.
- Lister John Cook provided an update on the ongoing town-wide reappraisal, which is due to be complete in the spring of 2020.
- Elizabeth Everts announced a sliding party to be held at the Everts farm.
- Michael Lamp asked about the 35 mile per hour speed zone on West Barnet Road near Barnet School, with regard to the introducing restricted time periods for the speed zone. Discussion ensued.
- Bruce Denio spoke about potential sites for new Town Office building construction, asking for property owners with interest in selling land to the Town to come forward.
- Mona Marceau spoke about the School District election in May, urging voters to be aware and to participate.
- Jennifer Crown thanked townspeople for their support of the fundraiser for the "Cyclones" AAU

basketball team.

- Meeting adjourned 11:59 a.m.



Dennis McLam, Moderator



Dylan Ford, Selectboard Co-Chair



Attest: Benjamin Heiskolt, Town Clerk

2019 Fees for Mixed Solid Waste in Bags

13 gallon kitchen trash bag	\$1.00
30 gallon trash bags	\$2.00
42 gallon trash bags	\$3.00
55 gallon trash bags	\$5.00

2019 Fees for Tires

NOTE: Tires must NOT be put in dumpsters! Please ask the attendant where to leave your tires.

AUTOMOBILES & PICK-UP TRUCKS:

Without rims, but less than 16.5 inches	\$2.25
With rims, but less than 16.5 inches	\$4.25
Without rims, but larger than 16.5 inches	\$7.25
With rims, but larger than 16.5 inches	\$14.25

*Large truck and tractor tires 18 to 22 inches \$18.00

*Large truck and tractor tires over 22 inches \$20.00

***Add \$5.00 if they have rims.**

2019 Fees for Construction Debris:

Per cubic yard \$15.00

This fee includes bulkies (mattresses, furniture, roofing, etc)

and all other household items with the exception of trash and things that are recyclable.

Refrigerators are free at this time. Please ask the attendant where they need to be placed.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE FILL OUR DUMPSTERS ONE AT A TIME IN ORDER TO SAVE MONEY. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO SHIP TWO HALF FILLED DUMPSTERS AS WE ARE CHARGED A \$230 PICK UP FEE PER DUMPSTER WHETHER THEY ARE FULL OR NOT PLUS A SEPARATE FEE IS ADDED FOR EACH TON.

NOTE: We do not charge for metal.

Thank you, Bruce Marston 12-8-18

PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT NOTICE

For the safety of yourself and others . . .

Do not put dangerous items in your household trash. People have been injured and even killed by unsafe items that have been disposed of improperly in trash bags. The following should NEVER be put into a trash compactor:

Gas cans, propane tanks, paint cans, sealed containers of any kind, anything of an explosive nature. Batteries of any kind, all fluorescent light bulbs, LED's, any bulbs containing mercury, aerosol cans and chemicals of any kind.

Please remember that we collect the items listed above along with many others not listed and the Northeast Waste Management District can help you with the safe disposal of anything that you are not certain of.

You may call the District at 626-3532.

In order to make recycling work, it is essential that everyone rinse their items and not include any trash or garbage in with your recyclables. If we all work together it won't be so difficult.

Hours of Operation:

Year round Saturdays from 8:00AM to 3:00PM

Wednesday from 3:00PM to 7:00PM on the first Wednesday after Memorial through the last Wednesday before Labor Day.

Thank you to everyone.

Bruce P. Marston

Jan. 24th, 2018

Barnet Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

**Barnet Transfer Station, End of Town Highway 14, Saturdays 8:00am – 3:00pm,
Additional Summer Hours (until Labor Day) Wednesdays 3:00pm – 7:00pm**

↓ SORT ITEMS ↓	
<p align="center"><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 align="center"><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 align="center">*BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED*</p>
<p align="center"><u>TIN CANS</u></p> <p>Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic.</p> <p align="center">*MUST BE RINSED*</p>	<p align="center"><u>ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS</u></p> <p>Labels OK. Flattening not required.</p> <p align="center"><i>Snack bags and candy wrappers are trash.</i></p> <p align="center">*MUST BE RINSED*</p>
<p align="center"><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 align="center"><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 align="center"><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>	
<p align="center">NO...</p> <p align="center"><u>DIRTY OR UNRINSED ITEMS</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Black Plastic containers</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Plastic Containers larger than 2 Gallons</u></p>	



ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

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

SPECIAL WASTES: Electronics, Automotive batteries, Rechargeable batteries, Alkaline batteries, Aerosols, Hard cover books, Fluorescent bulbs. Tires (fees apply).

TRASH AND BULKY WASTES: \$2.00/30 gallon bag, other fees apply for Bulky waste items. Residents can contract with private waste haulers, find our Licensed Hauler List at <http://www.nekwmd.org/pdf/haulerlist.pdf>

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, Monday – Friday, May through the end of September in Lyndonville, and special events throughout the District June – September. Call for details.

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

Updated 1/2020



List of Items NOT ACCEPTED for Recycling
Please put the following items in your trash unless otherwise stated

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

Woven plastic bags

Nylon Bags

Ziploc Bags

Unacceptable Cardboard

Pringles containers

Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind

Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes

Cardboard with metallic interior

Single-use coffee cups

Soiled Cardboard

Waxy Cardboard

Unacceptable Paper

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)

White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)

Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers

Paper plates, cups, bowls

Single-use cups

Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

Unacceptable Glass

Crystal

Incandescent light bulbs

Automotive lights

Pyrex

Porcelain

Unacceptable Aluminum

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers

Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)

Coffee Bags

Unacceptable Tin

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans

Large Pieces of Metal

Nails, Screws, Fasteners

Any tin that is a non-food container

Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)

"Biodegradable" cutlery, bowls, plates, utensils

Food utensils

Plates, bowls, cups

Plastic bags

Styrofoam

Keurig cups

ACTUAL TAXES AND TAX RATES

2019 ACTUAL Taxes and Tax Rates							
Caledonia							
Town Name	Education Homestead Taxes	Education Nonhomestead Taxes	Municipal Taxes	Education Homestead Tax Rate	Education Nonhomestead Tax Rate	Municipal Tax Rate	Local Agreement Tax Rate
Barnet	1,525,728	2,116,370	1,580,490	1.4462	1.4976	0.6417	0.0026
<i>Barnet FD #1</i>	0	0	4,595	0	0	0.0575	0
<i>Barnet FD #2</i>	0	0	11,119	0	0	0.0791	0
<i>Barnet FD #3</i>	0	0	6,747	0	0	0.0500	0
<i>Barnet FD #5</i>	0	0	3,869	0	0	0.0200	0
Burke	1,344,070	2,732,400	1,603,302	1.4378	1.5869	0.5894	0.0008
Danville	2,524,693	2,113,098	1,532,643	1.5592	1.5489	0.5145	0
Groton	823,633	1,037,134	747,545	1.4336	1.4770	0.5852	0.0030
Hardwick	1,876,645	1,246,937	2,331,762	1.7092	1.6099	1.2545	0.0105
Kirby	505,222	376,431	364,336	1.5939	1.5214	0.6461	0.0009
Lyndon	2,815,590	2,733,945	1,594,928	1.4218	1.5902	0.4309	0.0038
<i>Lyndonville Village</i>	0	0	579,877	0	0	0.8398	0
<i>Lyndon Highway</i>	0	0	981,387	0	0	0.3259	0
Newark	490,065	876,727	615,729	1.3669	1.4842	0.6501	0.0031
Peacham	1,043,700	1,061,270	853,262	1.6036	1.4869	0.6262	0
Ryegate	1,006,493	1,037,476	855,311	1.5292	1.5756	0.6512	0.0031
<i>East Ryegate Lightin</i>	0	0	49	0	0	0.0700	0
<i>South Ryegate Lighti</i>	0	0	43	0	0	0.0300	0
Sheffield	409,210	487,821	280,937	1.5158	1.6083	0.2785	0
St. Johnsbury	3,123,432	4,553,462	4,961,965	1.3053	1.4737	0.9064	0.0019
<i>St. J Spec Serv Dist</i>	0	0	1,161,421	0	0	0.4844	0
Stannard	131,771	148,071	168,616	1.4222	1.6285	0.9200	0
Sutton	841,073	599,365	645,736	1.4242	1.4315	0.6424	0.0014
Walden	703,917	681,780	578,828	1.4141	1.5452	0.6184	0.0047
Waterford	1,417,633	1,544,731	847,567	1.5694	1.6252	0.4422	0.0025
Wheelock	573,845	374,250	443,954	1.4957	1.5870	0.7213	0.0063
County Totals	21,156,720	23,721,268	22,756,017				

Section 2

Reports of Town Officers, Boards & Committees

Report of the Barnet Selectboard, 2019

When we reflect on this past year, and what we would like most to say to the Barnet Community, is that we feel grateful. While this job with which we are tasked is often difficult, we are so grateful to be able to serve our Town and our Community. It is, in itself, often a reward. We try to make each decision with the gravity and deliberation it deserves. We are also thankful for the town employees and committees that have continued to be key elements in our town government.

Our Road Crew and Foreman have worked hard to maintain our roads to high standards. We continue our paving work; this past year we were fortunate enough to receive two paving grants so we could fix more roads at a lower cost to taxpayers. We are following our long term plan for truck and equipment replacement. The Selectboard has many strengths, but we particularly have a strong sense of repair and replacement costs associated with trucks and equipment which assists in better planning and decision making.

We continue our pursuit of a different location for our municipal offices. We, along with the hard work and dedication of the Barnet Building Committee, past Selectboards, and our consultant Cynthia Stuart, have spent countless hours researching costs, sites, needs and addressing community concerns. Due to the long term significance of this project, we gave much of our time and energy to it this past year. We are sure it will continue to be a large part of our agendas in the future determined by the direction of your vote in March.

As the old saying goes; "Many hands make light work." The Selectboard would like to thank the many volunteers who work behind the scenes to keep Barnet running smoothly and make it a better community. We would like to encourage more people to get involved with the town and help out. Everyone has different strengths and can contribute in their own way. The Selectboard would like to invite everyone to come to a meeting or two to get first-hand experience of how Barnet is governed.

Benjamin Gates

Mark Jefferson

Dylan Ford

Town Auditor's Report

In accordance with Title 24, Section 1681 of the Vermont Statutes, we have examined the accounts and records of the Town of Barnet.

To the best of our knowledge the financial statements in the Town Report represent the financial position of the Town of Barnet as of December 31, 2019.

January 28, 2020

Jeffery Riley



Joseph Breidenstein



Dennis Kauppila

Barnet Listers Report

The town wide reappraisal is underway and should be completed by early summer 2020. We, as Listers, appreciate the cooperation of residents during the data gathering process. **THANK YOU!**

Data collection and data entry is nearly complete, and NEMRC will do a thorough field review of all parcels in Barnet. This will consist of a drive-by of parcels to review data entered into the CAMA system, and establish final values. After completion of the field review, a report will be generated to allow the Listers office to examine and question the final value determinations.

The tentative timeline for the completion of the reappraisal is as follows:

- April 2020-Data Collection and Data entry to be completed

-April - May 2020 - Final Review

-May 2020 - Pre-Hearings

- June 2020 – Lodge Grand List and Grievance Hearings

The objective of this reappraisal is to generate accurate, defensible estimates of the fair market value based on three years worth of valid sales for every parcel in the town of Barnet, VT, as of April 1, 2020. In addition, the estimates shall be integrated into the NEMRC Microsolve CAMA system so that future construction, subdivisions, and changes to existing properties may be valued using the same formulas.

Funds from the state ear-marked for the reappraisal were in a town reserve account.

Note: The tax rate for 2020 will be set after all grievance hearings are held, and we have a final Grand List figure. If the total Grand List goes down then the tax rate would go up, or if the Grand List goes up then the tax rate will go down, as long as the school and municipal budgets remain the same as 2019.

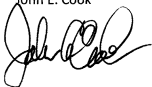
REMINDER

The Homestead Declaration and income sensitivity form must be filed **ANNUALLY** in order to receive the residential tax rate and (for those qualified) a school property tax reduction. The easiest way to remember to file the HS 122 form is to do it at the same time your income tax is filed by April 15th. After that date there is a penalty that is added to your tax bill.

Grievance notices will be mailed to all property owners this year, so they can grieve their property value if they chose, during the grievance period late spring or early summer. Notice of the grievance period will be posted in town offices and in a newspaper.

Please contact the Listers' office if you have any questions. The Listers meet Monday and Thursday mornings from 9 A.M. until noon.

John E. Cook



Michael Walsh

Sally L. Cook



Report of the Trustees for Public Funds, 2019

After this report, you will find a detailed financial report for the Esden Funds, as held by the Town per Oliver Esden's intent. The portion once held by the School District per Oliver Esden's intent is now held by the Caledonia Cooperative School District. The Trustees of Public Funds have oversight of the original, restricted principal for the Esden Funds, no matter where currently held.

Our investment plan has been to protect the original, restricted principal while the funds have opportunity to grow both by unrealized gain or accumulated value, and by reinvestment of earned dividends and interest. This plan has served well—the Town's share of Esden Funds has an accumulated value of \$180,763.13 on December 31, 2019, and has gained value equaling \$28,485.67 since December 31, 2018, at a positive 18.51% rate of total return. Investment income (such as dividends and interest) for 2019 is \$3,391.23.

The beginning values over thirteen years ago were \$53,168 for the Town, and \$53,168 for the School District. The Town's share of funds has increased by 3.39 times in these years.

The cooperative unified district controlling the Barnet, Walden, and Waterford schools does affect the Esden funds, as the Cooperative School District Treasurer's name was added, and the Barnet School District Treasurer's name was deleted. There is no financial report for either the Barnet School District or for the Caledonia Cooperative School District in this report. The remaining School portion of the Esden fund has been designated by the current Caledonia Cooperative School District board for access and use only for the benefit of Barnet citizens/residents/students. The three Trustees of Public Funds named below do receive monthly reports regarding the assignment and value of the "educational" Esden funds. The Trustees service to the Caledonia Cooperative School District is by that District's request or permission only.

The Trustees have chosen to leave the fund management over these years with the local Edward Jones Company. As the public caretakers of the Funds, we have at times made suggestions to the private fund manager. We believe our roles have evolved, and we ask that our advice be sought before actual draws from the Esden Funds assets are made by either Town or Cooperative School District boards. These Boards have the choice and right by statute to spend any gains as may seem fitting. The Trustees' original mission remains to hold sound investments for income and growth, while the original principal is always protected.

Merle Fitzgerald
William Graves
Diane Thompson

Town of Barnet

Esden Fund

2019 Financial Reports

Activity Summary

Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2018	152,277.45
Income:	10,563.12
Gain (loss) in value of investments:	17,922.56
2019 Net Earnings or (Loss)	28,485.68
Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2019	180,763.13

Balance Sheet

Assets:	Dec. 31, 2018	Dec. 31, 2019
Cash	6,298.51	10,452.10
Corporate Bonds	10,944.67	11,034.65
Government Securities	0.00	0.00
Unit Trusts	34,283.88	33,931.80
Mutual Funds	100,750.39	125,344.58
Total Assets	152,277.45	180,763.13

Fund Equity:

Fund Balance - Non-spendable	53,168.58	53,168.58
Fund Balance - Unassigned	99,108.87	127,594.55
Total Fund Equity	152,277.45	180,763.13

2019 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BARNET PLANNING/ZONING BOARD

The Barnet Planning/Zoning Board meets the first Tuesday of the month, as needed, at 7 p.m. in the Conference room of the Town Clerk's office. Public hearings are warned, as required by State Statute in THE CALEDONION RECORD, posted at the Town Clerk's office, the Barnet and Passumpsic post offices and on the Town's website "www.barnetvt.org". Agenda are posted on the website.

Draft minutes of all meetings and site visits are on the website, as required by State Statute, within five days of each meeting. Approved minutes are recorded in the public records at the Town Clerk's office, hours Monday-Friday: 9a.m. to Noon & 1 p.m. -4:30 p.m..

The Board consists of nine members, appointed by the Selectboard, to four year staggered terms, expiring on the 1st of July each year. Election of officers are held the first meeting after July first.

The current Board consists of Benjamin Adams, Vice-Chairman; William Biddle, Chairman; Mark Bowen; Dakota Butterfield; Bruce Denio; Dennis McLam; George Pierce; and Karen Stark. as of July 1, 2019 there is a vacancy, as Gary Briggs' term was up and he was not re-appointed. He is thanked for his years on the Board.

Shirley Warden is appointed for one year terms as the Boards' Secretary.

In 2019 the Board met ten times, held seven public hearings, at which they approved 6 setback waivers, one conditional use, one site plan review and signed a letter of support for a solar site.

They also did two site visits.

The Planning/Zoning Board played a critical role in securing state-regulated Village Center Designation for four of Barnet's five village centers: McIndoe Falls, Barnet, West Barnet, and Passumpsic. This certification involved an amendment to the Town Plan, which occurred on March 13, 2019, and extends for 8 years before requiring renewal. There are maps showing the areas in each village that are included. Commercial properties within these areas are now eligible to apply for special state grants and tax credits for upgrades and redevelopment, and municipal projects can qualify for tax credits.

Work is still being done for an enhanced energy plan to be added to the Town Plan, and updating the Boards rules of procedure.



Shirley Warden, Secretary
Barnet Planning/Zoning Board

2019 Annual Report of the Barnet Zoning Administrative Officer

The Barnet Administrative Officer serves three year terms, nominated by the Barnet Planning/Zoning Board, then appointed by the Selectboard. I was appointed for another three year term this year.

I may be reached at 802-633-4993, before 8:30 a.m. is best. You may leave a message, repeating your number twice and I'll get back to you. My address is 521 Warden Road, Barnet, VT 05821.

All Structures over 50 square feet (5'X10'), require a permit. Structure is defined as "an assembly of materials for use or occupancy." If in doubt call me.

Please use an application form dated September 2019 or newer and check the two pages of instructions. Application forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or on line at www.barnetvt.org.

The permit fee, to be submitted with the application form, is \$20.00 plus \$15.00 for recording. Public hearings applications for conditional uses, backlot, waiver/variances, site plan reviews or appeals, the fee is \$30.00 plus \$15.00 for recording. The late fee for building without a permit is \$40.00 plus \$15.00 for recording. Two late fees were charged in 2019.

All permits issued are recorded in the Barnet land records and available at the Barnet Town Clerk's office.

The Administrative Officer has 30 days to act on a completed Application. An issued permit is not valid for fifteen days after it is signed by the Zoning Officer or thirty days after approval by the Barnet Planning/Zoning Board.

In 2019 there were 39 applications received, two were returned for more information and not resubmitted.

Thirty seven permits were processed and approved. Seven were referred to the Barnet Planning/Zoning Board for setback waivers, conditional use, and site plan review.

Permits were issued for 14 sheds, 4 decks, 4 porches, 3 residential garages (one with living space), 2 each of the following: dwelling replacements, barn additions, dwellings, dwelling additions, and one each of the following: a two lot subdivision, a beauty salon, retail sales, a pergola, RV for seasonal sales, MH addition, a free library on a post, add a basement under an existing house, add a second apartment to an existing building, a patio and two storage containers with a connecting roof.

The Barnet Zoning Bvlaw adopted in August 2018 requires a letter of intent to build qualifying Agricultural and Silvarcultural Structures, be filed with the Zoning Administrative Officer on a form available at the Town Clerk's office and on the website. There is a \$15.00 recording fee. Three were received and recorded in 2019.

Four new 911 locatable addresses numbers were issued in 2019.

Shirley Warden
Barnet Zoning Administrative Officer

Shirley Warden

Report of the Collector of Delinquent Tax
Lisa J. Bowden, Collector
December 31, 2019

<u>Year</u>	<u>Taxes Charged to Collector</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Uncollected Tax as of 12/31/19</u>
2012	\$ 10,557.74	\$ 4,079.26	-0-	\$ 6,478.48
2013	19,666.35	5,018.04	-0-	14,648.31
2014	20,835.78	5,210.78	-0-	15,625.00
2015	28,811.43	11,367.55	-0-	17,443.88
2016	32,294.57	17,389.53	-0-	14,905.04
2017	35,087.09	26,418.01	-0-	8,669.08
2018	89,450.46	53,917.80	-0-	35,532.66
2019	<u>1,106,079.27</u>	<u>951,611.16</u>	<u>1,385.00</u>	<u>153,083.11</u>
	\$ 1,342,782.69	\$ 1,075,012.13	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 266,385.56

Unpaid Tax Balances by Taxpayer:

<u>2012</u>		<u>2019</u>	
Kendall, James	\$ 6,478.48	Alongi, Vito	\$ 2,043.37*
		Boardman, Brendan	2,865.86
<u>2013</u>		Bradley, John & Sharon	3,275.47
Kendall, James	8,297.50	Broughton, Marc	3,739.76
Kendall, James/Jere	6,350.81	Case, Neko	108.58
		Chamberlin (Hilliker)	339.69
<u>2014</u>		Cooper, Teresa et al	8.05+
Kendall, James	\$9,030.25	Edmunds, Tarcia	1,932.00
Kendall, James/Jere	6,594.75	Gardner Revocable Trust	565.04 *
		Great River Hydro	75,246.53
<u>2015</u>		Hahr, Christopher	708.58*
Fenoff, Cindy	\$ 439.01	Hawkins (Lacourse)	732.53*
Kendall, James	10,248.19	Hayes, Candace	790.68*
Kendall, James /Jere	6,756.68	Jones, James	11,223.56
		Kelley, Ray	248.46
<u>2016</u>		Kendall, James	13,110.05
Kendall, James	\$ 7,499.36	Kendall, James/Jere	6,162.24
Kendall, James/Jere	4,325.10	Labounty, David	1,822.76
Merchant, Donald Life Estate	2,261.99	Lahaye, Daren	36.41
Noyes, Billy	818.59	Lamothe, Jeffery	1,483.16*
		Lesnik-Emas	2,531.09+
<u>2017</u>		McGrath, Dorothy	1,358.83*
Alongi, Vito	\$ 826.62*	Merchant, Linwood	2,368.95
Kendall, James	1,862.91	Mitchel, Stephanie	1,576.05*
Labounty, David	1,721.41	Moore, Kevin	2,793.04*
Merchant, Donald Life Estate	2,237.22	Noble, Deborah et al	1,348.56*
Somers, Gilmore Estate	2,020.92	Ouellette, William	593.31
		Rivers, Jacob	1,258.11+
<u>2018</u>		Root, Jonathan	564.17*
Alongi, Vito	\$1,511.45*	Roy, Richard	18.74
Bradley, John & Sharon	3,100.87	Schoenbeck, Roger	317.00
Broughton, Marc	3,325.61	Simpson, Wendy	20.76
Campbell, Kathleen	626.34	Somers, Paul	424.63*
Hahr, Christopher	534.70*	Stankiewicz, Michael	8,122.09*
Kendall, James	10,650.56	Verrill, James	3,126.52
Kendall, James/Jere	5,874.55	Walsh, Diane	218.48
King, Deborah	5,218.30		
Labounty, David	1,737.66		
Merchant, Donald Life Estate	2,258.34		
Noyes, Billy	694.23		

* Payment plan in effect

+ Denotes paid in full by publication date

2019 REPORT OF BARNET FIRE & RESCUE

Barnet Fire & Rescue responded to 161 fire and medical incidents in 2019 compared to 155 for the previous year. The breakdown of the incidents responded to are 94 were for EMS (medical emergencies), 43 for various fire related emergencies, and 24 for motor vehicle accidents. We are currently operating with a roster of 15 members of which 9 are active and routinely respond to calls and attend meetings and training. Of those 15 members 4 are certified EMS providers, 3 members are Fire/EMS trained and 8 are Fire trained.

Membership in the Department has dropped to the lowest number it has been in the last 40 years. The average age of our membership is 53. There is currently a study being done for northern Caledonia and southern Essex counties to look into regionalization of fire protection. This is being funded by a \$30,000.00 grant that is being managed through NVDA and requires a 10% match by participating agencies. So far 3 municipalities have pledged funds and more are expected to join as more info is received at an informational meeting on Jan. 29, 2020. Barnet Fire Dept. will be at that meeting and I expect that joining the study will be well worth the small investment that would be needed. The declining number of volunteers coincides with an increased call volume that has tripled over the last 3 decades, and an increased expectation for more and better quality fire and rescue services.

HELP WANTED

Coverage in the continues to be an issue both day and night and we are continuing to rely on mutual aid coverage for routine incidents more than we have in the past. As I have mentioned in past reports, we are always looking for new members who would be willing to serve the community and be part of a great brotherhood. If you are that person or know of someone contact any member or stop by the firehouse on the first or third Tuesday evenings for more information. Barnet Fire and Rescue provides all the training and equipment at no cost to members, we provide an hourly stipend for time spent on calls. Members also have access to the weight room, cardio room and pool in the field house at St Johnsbury Academy. In addition we also provide an Accident & Sickness policy that provides coverage in addition to Workers Compensation..

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald L Morse, Chief

**Barnet Fire Rescue
2019 Treasurer's Report**

Balance on hand January 1, 2019 \$ 8,103.64

Income

Donations	\$ 1,977.00	
Interest	\$ 3.77	
Whitcomb raffle winnings		
BBQ receipts	\$ 1,457.00	
911 Sign Sales	<u>\$ 450.00</u>	
Total Income	\$ 3,887.77	\$ 11,991.41

January 1st balance plus income

Expenses

Member Recognition	\$ 751.39	
Building Maint. Equip	\$ 56.96	
Fuel for Squad !	\$ 41.35	
Training	\$ 121.00	
Fire Equipment	\$ 110.15	
Misc Meeting & Reception Refreshments	\$ 170.97	
911 Sign Supplies	\$ 492.45	
BBQ expenses	\$ 1,195.71	
Postage & Box Rent	\$ 64.00	
Donations	\$ 90.00	
Office Supplies	<u>\$ 64.73</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 3,158.71	\$ 3,158.71

Balance on hand December 31,2019 \$ 8,832.70

Christopher Bunnell, Treasurer

Harvey's Lake Beach Committee- Town Report 2020

Summary of beach happenings for the year 2019

Activities

- Unfortunately, due to limited staffing, we were unable to meet the Red Cross ratio requirements and were unable to offer Swimming lessons this year. Provided that we have enough staff we will try to offer them for the 2020 season.
- Our reserve fund, for playground improvements, continues to grow. We have not been able to fund any new equipment yet but with the sales of popsicles and water we are still hopeful!

Improvements

- The Barnet School 5th grade enjoyed their annual service learning trip to the beach again this year, they planted flowers, raked the beach, and picked up other debris. This is a huge help in getting the beach cleaned up and ready for opening day!
- You must have noticed the new paint on the beach house. Thank you to Clean Cut Painting for donating your time to this huge improvement, as well as materials and installation of a new entrance sign.
- The No Smoking signs you see around the beach were created and installed by the Barnet School Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT) group and NVRH. A big thank you to them as well!
- Insurance concerns forced us to remove the playground equipment. This was sold and the money put into our playground fund! The structure that was there was not commercial grade. We are working with the Select board to come up with funding ideas to replace the playground for this season.

Other News

- As in the past, we continue to have break ins and vandalism which sets our improvement efforts back! This year, again, one of our new steel doors was broken, our first weekend of operation. PLEASE keep an eye out, as we continue to try to find ways to prevent these things from happening!
- We were so happy to have at least one returning guard for the season! We had 4 new hires, but only 2 certified Lifeguards. If anyone you know would be interested in taking the Lifeguard Certification please contact a committee member!
- We will be accepting employment applications for the 2020 season.
- A few new beach rules were put in place last year. Please remember the beach is officially SMOKE free, this includes, vaping pens. Also, any children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Most of the 2019 season there was only one lifeguard on duty, with their breaks etc, the beach is not always monitored. For a complete list of rules please visit our web page, harveyslakebeach.net

**** Please be sure you are filling out your season beach pass correctly, listed people MUST be residents of the same household within the town! ONLY children UNDER 5 or Adults OVER 65 are free!****

As always, THANK YOU, the town, for your continued support of the beach!

Committee Members: Christen Emerson, Philo Marcotte, Jennifer Kierstead, Chris Yancey
Beach Email: harveyslakebeach@gmail.com

Barnet Dam Committee Report 2019

The Dam Committee made great strides this year towards our goal of a one hundred percent Dam design. Our engineering firm, Inter-Fluve , and our project manager, Ron Rhodes with the Connecticut River Conservancy have worked tirelessly on this project. We are very grateful for all their effort. It is no small feat to satisfy the Dam design requirements of the State of Vermont.

The State of Vermont is in the process of eliminating many dams. Some dams are unsafe, hard to maintain, and are disrupting some natural processes of the natural flow of water. The State of Vermont considers the Harvey's Lake Dam in this category and has been hoping to remove it for some time. The Town of Barnet has maintained this dam for years as we have been lucky to have volunteers willing to do so. However, every year regulations are stricter and we are unable to manipulate the dam as we have in the past.

Harvey's Lake is a treasure. Many of us grew up swimming, fishing, ice fishing, boating and vacationing on the lake. In an effort to maintain its health and beauty, we are working with the State to keep the lake free from milfoil and other aquatic nuisance plants and animals. Our greatest hope is to be able to satisfy the State's request to remove the dam while maintaining the normal level of the lake. We, as a committee have been very clear that lake level is a priority. Inter-Fluve and Ron Rhodes have been tasked with this challenge.

There have been many hurdles they have managed to cross this year. Getting to the one hundred percent design phase with the State of Vermont is difficult. We are trying to create a design that works with the natural flow of water, the loons, the lake level and both South Peacham Brook and the Harvey's Lake outlet. The work done this year has made us feel optimistic.

There are still many challenges ahead for this project to move towards a construction phase. The Dam Committee recognizes the importance of Harvey's Lake in our community. If this project is successful it will mean a healthier and cleaner lake for generations.

Respectfully,

George Coppenrath

Don Easter

Dylan Ford

Joe Mangiapane

David Price

Barnet Public Library Librarian's Report 2019

We have had another wonderful year at the Barnet Public Library. We want to express our gratitude for all the support we get from the Town of Barnet. The library is, above all else, a community meeting place. We would sincerely like you all to know how much we love to provide what the community needs. Please visit and see what we offer and let us know what we can do in the future for you. We are your library.

We have the amazing luck and good fortune to have Jackie Verley here as the Assistant Librarian. She brings so much creative energy and so many new ideas to the library. Story hour is always fun! Every Saturday at 10:30am we read books, sing songs and do crafts with children of any age. Gone are the days of librarian that says "Shhhh". We are a very kid-friendly space. Often, we provide a fun space for kids while their parents run errands, go for walks, or just have coffee in the adult section of the library.

The Barnet Library provides many services that people don't always associate with a library; we fax, copy, print tax forms, offer technological expertise, use public computers and free and open wi-fi. We have chairs, couches and comfy places to sit. We often have groups use the library for meetings. The Genealogical Club, Barnet Dam Committee, the Barnet Center Cemetery Association and a writer's group took advantage of this opportunity. Sometime people simply use the library as a place to talk with friends. This year our small rotating library at the West Barnet Senior Meal Site was very well used, circulating many books all year.

The Barnet Library board's Art at the Library series was very well attended this year. This year we held classes in Needle felting, Ukrainian Egg dyeing, selling on Ebay, Essential Oils, Woodworking, Wreath making and Ornament design. Over 60 folks from Barnet and beyond attended these classes. Look for their postings in 2020 and sign up early!

Our Summer Reading program used the nationwide theme of "A Universe of Stories". We made "galaxy" ice cream, made our own paper, built and launched rockets, wired our own robots and made "zines"(now available for checkout in the library). Over one hundred kids attended our various events throughout the summer.

Thank you again to all our loyal and returning patrons! We look forward to another exciting year in 2020 with our summer reading theme of Imagine Your Story. Check our website and facebook page for upcoming events. Remember, we love suggestions so come on in and tell us what you would like to see!

Dylan Ford, Director

Jackie Verley, Assistant Librarian

For more information: www.barnetpubliclibrary.com, 802-633-4436, or
[Facebook.com/barnetpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/barnetpubliclibrary), or email us at barnetpl@hotmail.com

Barnet Public Library

Budget Status as of

12/31/2019

Account	2019 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
<u>Income</u>			
Town Tax Appropriation	28,000.00	28,000.00	30,000.00
Donations	1,500.00	1,143.00	1,500.00
Grants	200.00	-	200.00
Book Sale	-	217.20	-
Fundraisers	1,000.00	850.00	1,000.00
Annual Appeal		2,245.00	-
Interest on Bank Accts	-	13.20	-
	<u>30,700.00</u>	<u>32,468.40</u>	<u>32,700.00</u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Salaries			
Gross Wages	22,000.00	20,535.00	23,860.00
FICA Taxes (Soc. Sec.)	1,700.00	1,570.91	1,700.00
Workshops	200.00	-	200.00
Facilities Expenses			
Telephone	490.00	478.20	490.00
Internet Service	490.00	445.88	490.00
Maintenance & Renovation	400.00	24.50	400.00
Library Operation			
Audio/Video	300.00	336.65	300.00
Adult Books	1,750.00	1,793.01	2,000.00
Kid Books	1,250.00	909.20	1,000.00
Magazines/Newspaper	400.00	607.63	400.00
Membership Pass	50.00	-	50.00
RB Digital	400.00	375.00	400.00
Website	300.00	-	300.00
Automation		172.71	
Supplies & Equipment			
Mileage	50.00	-	50.00
Office Supplies	650.00	383.02	650.00
Computer	500.00	-	500.00
Postage	200.00	64.00	200.00
Special Programs			
Special Events	900.00	398.43	900.00
	<u>32,030.00</u>	<u>28,094.14</u>	<u>33,890.00</u>
 Net Income	 <u>(1,330.00)</u>	 <u>4,374.26</u>	 <u>(1,190.00)</u>

Barnet Waste Management Report 2019

Well, we had another successful year of recycling in Barnet. We had help from Donald Nelson, Rusty Ehlers, Ernest Bourtelles, and Dixie Burns (Call 2-1-1) who continues to offer her support in providing us with information needed for the Good Neighbor Fund to help others.

This year we collected over 140 MSW materials (trash), over 32 tons of scrap metal and over 143 tons of C+D (construction material)! All categories are up slightly over last years figures.

The Barnet Good Neighbor Fund has had another incredible year. I would like to thank everyone who has donated their returnable bottles to this worthy cause. Debbie King of the West Barnet Quick Stop continues to watch for any sign of residents who may need help from our Good Neighbor Fund. We'd also like to thank the Presbyterian Church of Barnet for their generous donation.

Shirley Warden continues to go above and beyond helping with absolutely everything and the folks at Casella and The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are always ready to help solve any problems that arise.

Our little dog pals are still enjoying a snack when they stop in for a visit. We are always sorry to hear about the loss of any of our four-legged friends and this year was no different. We seem to loose a few little dogs each year.

We still need people to do a better job about putting items in the right place, and rinsing dirty items. When people don't follow the rules of recycling, it makes more work for the rest of us and Daniel Ehlers is spending a good part of each work day climbing in and out of the dumpsters to retrieve items that are in the wrong place. Please do your part in making Rusty's life more bearable.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Marston

Bruce Marston

Memorial Flags

This is the 20th year that the Barnet School Students have taken part in placing flags on the Veterans Graves in our town. Patricia McLam and Lisa Bowden had charge of getting the flags and new standards from the Town Clerk. On May 24, 2019 they met the school bus at each cemetery and passed out the flags to the following 6th grade students and staff.

Students:

Brielle Pontfi, Jordan Robinson, Destiny Vincent, Cole Hilliker, Madison W., Darek Noyes, Benjamin Sheltra, Alexis Ball, Brendon Roy, Kennedy McFarland, Annabelle Goodwin, Sophie S., Grace Ellis, Huckle Perkins, Djahgo Farlice, Kafden Jefferson.

Staff:

Kate Nester, Sean Clarke, Keith Lapierre.

We would like to thank the students and staff at the Barnet School for their help and hope this tradition will continue.

The following is the number of flags placed at each cemetery. 80 at McIndoes, 30 at Walter Harvey, 35 at West Barnet, 70 at Barnet Center, 9 at Stevens and 88 at Pleasant View.

We would also like to thank Barnet home schoolers Titus Daniels and Seylah Daniels for their help collecting the flags this fall.

Patricia McLam and Lisa Bowden

Barnet Memorial Day Remembrance 2019

This year's Memorial Day Services were held Sunday, May 26th at 8:30am at the Monument in Passumpsic Village and at 9:00am at the Monument in Barnet Village. The ceremony began with a prayer led by Ben Gates, an elder at the West Barnet Presbyterian Church. The speaker for the day was David Curtin. David served two years in Vietnam in the 173rd Airborne Brigade and as a civilian in the Defense Department for twenty-seven years.

Also participating was VFW Post 793 and the Auxiliary led by Commander Roland Bigelow. Debbie Smith played taps at both locations and David Rock opened and closed the ceremonies with bagpipe music recognizing Barnet's Scottish Heritage.

Special thanks this year to Edna Curtin for replacing our Passumpsic Memorial flag.

Respectfully,
Dylan Ford

Section 3

Town Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report

Town's finances were relatively stable in 2019. Actual revenues and expenditures were generally on target with regard to the budget, and planned long-term goals steadily progressed. Several small over-expenditures and under-expenditures were the primary drivers of variance in the General Fund. The Town remains fiscally strong thanks to years of sound management; there remains a healthy accumulated surplus and no long-term notes payable. Both of these elements of Town finance result from the design of the Selectboard and the trust of the taxpayers.

Town financial documents are sometimes difficult for taxpayers to understand because they differ from those encountered in business or personal lives. Town finances are reported using Fund Accounting: monies are separated into various funds because the Town must demonstrate that expenditures comply with restrictions on the use of the money. These restrictions can be externally imposed, as when benefactors restrict the use of the principal in the Trust Fund – these balances are called *non-spendable* or *restricted*. Or the restrictions can be internally imposed, as with many of the Town's Reserve Accounts – these balances are called *committed* or *assigned* fund balances. Monies that can be expended without restrictions are referred to as *unassigned* fund balances. Fund accounting also allows the Town to demonstrate that the use of money complies with approved budgets, and with accounting standards imposed by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The following is a brief summary of the function of each of the Town's funds.

- General Fund: The general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources, except these required to be accounted for in another fund. The operating income and expenditures of the Selectboard, including the Highway Department, are included in the General Fund.
- Reserve Fund: Used to account for a collection of various accounts held in reserve by the Town for future projects. Most of these are set aside by the Selectboard, with the approval of the voters, to prepare for large future expenditures while incurring minimal debt. They are each reserved for specific purposes and generally cannot be used otherwise.
- Trust Fund: Used to account for various permanent trust accounts established for the benefit of the Town. In each of the three current accounts the principal donated is non-spendable.

I continue to appreciate the confidence committed to the Treasurer's Office by the voters, and the assistance of the many volunteer officers that help make the Town's fiscal policy operate effectively. These officers, notably the Selectboard, work countless unpaid hours behind the scenes and are the true indispensable cogs and heroes of town government.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin P. Heisholt, Treasurer

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2020 General Fund Budget

Selectboard: Dylan Ford, Benjamin Gates & Mark Jefferson

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Revenues

Selectboard Income

1 Taxes

a	Selectboard Budget Tax Appropriation	1,505,519.26	1,580,072.86	1,580,635.89	1,642,288.62
b	Change in Deferred Property Tax Revenue	19,265.16		(26,900.66)	
	Total Taxes	1,524,784.42	1,580,072.86	1,553,735.23	1,642,288.62

2 Town Clerk's Office Fees

	Recording Fees	12,302.10	14,000.00	12,759.00	14,000.00
a	General Office Fees	3,472.51	3,500.00	3,120.70	3,500.00
	Dog Licenses	1,622.00	1,500.00	1,393.00	1,500.00
	Dog Ordinance Violation Fees	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
b	Liquor Licenses	210.00	210.00	140.00	70.00
	Other Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Town Clerk's Fees	17,706.61	19,210.00	17,512.70	19,070.00

3 Planning Commission & Zoning Board

	Zoning Permit Fees	750.00	1,200.00	870.00	1,200.00
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4 Transfer Station

	Transfer Station Collections	41,125.75	40,000.00	48,940.30	40,000.00
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5 Harvey's Lake Beach

	Admission Charges	10,898.72	10,000.00	8,631.50	10,000.00
	Pavilion Rental	900.00	1,000.00	1,412.50	1,000.00
	Swimming Lessons Fees	480.00	2,000.00		0.00
	Concession Sales	85.15	0.00		0.00
	Total Harvey's Lake Beach	12,363.87	13,000.00	10,044.00	11,000.00

6 General Selectboard Income

a	Late Filing Fees - HS-122 forms	1,210.61	0.00		0.00
	Interest - Delinquent Taxes	33,249.23	10,000.00	55,446.36	10,000.00
b	Interest - Savings & Checking	2,499.19	6,600.00	5,574.52	6,600.00
	Highway Access Permits	10.00	0.00	30.00	0.00
c	State of VT - Current Use Payment (Selectboard's share)	42,297.00	30,000.00	43,762.50	35,000.00
	State of VT - Current Use Change Tax	0.00		2,763.00	
d	State of VT - Fish & Game Land	7,654.17	7,900.00	7,409.40	7,900.00
e	State of VT - Reimburse Legal Fees	0.00	0.00		0.00
f	State of VT - Aquatic Nuisance Grant	8,340.00	8,340.00	7,283.00	8,340.00
g	Electronics Recycling Credit	0.00	200.00		200.00

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h	Rent - Barnet Public Library Building (formerly known as Village Partnership)	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
i	Tax Retainage Fee - Prior Year	0.00	7,000.00		7,000.00
	District Court of VT - Local Fines	2,758.50	100.00	1,681.00	100.00
	Insurance Claim - Fire & Rescue Dept	6,846.15	0.00	148.70	0.00
	Various Other Income	298.35	800.00	64.67	800.00
	Total General Selectboard Income	112,363.20	78,140.00	131,363.15	83,140.00
7 a	Use of Prior Surplus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Selectboard Income	1,709,093.85	1,731,622.86	1,762,465.38	1,796,698.62
	<u>Highway Income</u>				
9	<u>State Aid</u>				
a	State Aid to Roads	185,315.13	185,000.00	186,973.99	185,000.00
	Total State Aid	185,315.13	185,000.00	186,973.99	185,000.00
10	<u>Reserve Fund Proceeds</u>				
a	Proceeds from Highway Construction Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Reserve Fund Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11 a	<u>Flood Repair Proceeds</u>				
	July 1, 2017 Flooding Event - FEMA Projects - Federal Funds	0.00	0.00	78,351.93	0.00
	July 1, 2017 Flooding Event - FEMA Projects - State of VT Funds	0.00	0.00	7,835.19	0.00
	July 1, 2017 Flooding Event - FHWA Projects - Federal Funds	0.00	0.00	(71,981.64)	0.00
	July 1, 2017 Flooding Event - FHWA Projects - State of VT Funds	0.00	0.00	(6,069.78)	0.00
	Total Flood Repair Proceeds	0.00	0.00	8,135.70	0.00
12	<u>Other Highway Income</u>				
	State of VT - Current Use Payment (Highway share)	42,297.00	30,000.00	43,762.50	35,000.00
a	Insurance Claim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Scrap Metal Sales	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Top Soil Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Gravel Sales			300.00	
	Equipment/Tool Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Various other receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Other Highway Income	42,297.00	30,500.00	44,062.50	35,500.00
13 a	Use of Prior Surplus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Highway Income	227,612.13	215,500.00	239,172.19	220,500.00
	Total General Fund Income	1,936,705.98	1,947,122.86	2,001,637.57	2,017,198.62

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Expenditures

Selectboard Expenditures

15	Payroll Benefits & Taxes:				
	FICA Taxes (Social Security)	10,725.13	10,000.00	16,258.88	17,000.00
	Health Insurance	22,907.82	23,900.00	40,496.52	27,317.40
a	Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	300.00	300.00	1,250.00	300.00
	Reserve Fund Appropriation				
	Uniforms				
b	Retirement	2,933.94	3,000.00	5,559.99	6,000.00
	Unemployment Compensation	101.50	255.00	220.00	255.00
c	Dental Insurance	461.69	500.00	404.43	500.00
	Total Payroll Benefits & Taxes	37,430.08	37,955.00	64,189.82	51,372.40

16 Town Clerk's Office (formerly "Office Supplies"):

Salaries:

	Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk & Treas.	58,487.18	59,783.06	61,423.98	61,283.06
	Assistant Town Clerk & Treas.	15,395.37	25,000.00	19,199.81	25,000.00
a	Substitute Town Clerk	54.25	0.00	217.00	0.00
	Total Salaries	73,936.80	84,783.06	80,840.79	86,283.06
	Land Record Books & Supplies	936.68	1,200.00	541.21	700.00
	Copier Expenses	1,865.58	1,500.00	716.85	1,500.00
	Tax Bills	272.39	250.00	272.55	250.00
b	Software Service Agreement	2,131.14	2,000.00	734.27	6,000.00
c	Computer Maintenance, Supplies	1,451.73	5,000.00	1,547.73	5,000.00
	Postage	2,609.36	2,500.00	2,465.26	2,500.00
	Postage Meter Rental	193.66	200.00	408.46	200.00
	Advertising	725.00	800.00	735.00	800.00
	Various Office Supplies	2,203.97	1,500.00	1,558.52	1,500.00
	Total Town Clerk's Office	86,326.31	99,733.06	89,820.64	104,733.06

17 Listers' Office:

	Salaries	8,770.28	12,500.00	7,562.17	12,500.00
	Computer Maintenance & Supplies	1,340.40	1,500.00	909.55	1,500.00
	Software Service Agreement	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
	Mileage	839.72	1,000.00	326.01	1,000.00
	Training		300.00		300.00
a	Tax Map Maintenance	3,225.00	3,500.00	3,225.00	3,500.00
	Total Listers' Office	14,175.40	19,050.00	12,022.73	19,050.00

18 Planning Commission/Zoning Board:

a	Administrative Officer Salary	3,945.50	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
b	Wages - Secretary	782.75	1,000.00	957.00	1,000.00
	Administrative Officer Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Advertising	360.00	600.00	530.00	600.00
	E911 Administrative Expenses	0.00	50.00		50.00

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Other	0.00	300.00		300.00
	6,088.25	6,450.00	5,987.00	6,450.00
Total Planning Commission/Zoning Board				
19 Auditors:				
Salaries	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00
Printing Town Reports	2,090.10	2,500.00	1,757.10	2,500.00
Total Auditors	2,090.10	3,300.00	1,757.10	3,300.00
20 Landfill/Transfer Station:				
a Salaries-Transfer Station	4,479.28	5,000.00	1,156.25	5,000.00
b Environmental Compliance/ Post-Closure Testing	1,125.00	1,500.00	896.00	1,500.00
c Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Annual Appropriation/Surcharge	7,093.48	7,000.00	9,106.89	7,000.00
Supplies - Transfer Station	86.79	100.00	54.50	100.00
d Dumping Fee	23,167.72	23,000.00	24,652.11	23,000.00
e Hauling Fee	15,527.32	16,000.00	20,405.00	16,000.00
Advertising - Transfer Station	70.00	150.00	60.00	150.00
f Hired Equipment	300.00	250.00	360.00	250.00
Equipment Maintenance	7.00	0.00		0.00
Capital Expenditures	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total Landfill/Transfer Station	51,856.59	53,000.00	56,690.75	53,000.00
21 Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District:				
Annual Appropriation/Surcharge Fee				
22 Barnet Recycling:				
Salaries	9,171.18	8,000.00	12,498.51	8,000.00
Disposal Fees	1,830.00	1,000.00	1,922.50	1,000.00
Compost Tote Fees	764.50	400.00	648.00	400.00
Equipment & Supplies	128.20			
Total Recycling	11,893.88	9,400.00	15,069.01	9,400.00
23 Fire & Rescue:				
a Volunteers' Reimbursement	4,131.80	5,000.00	3,826.94	5,000.00
Equipment & Supplies	11,382.32	12,100.00	1,188.94	12,100.00
Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	895.18	2,000.00	1,021.79	2,000.00
b Mutual Aid Dues & Dispatching Service	3,997.00	4,000.00	4,118.50	4,000.00
Rescue Squad Expenses	284.49	3,200.00	2,773.52	3,200.00
Insurance Claim Expense	245.27	0.00	6,537.76	0.00
Other	75.90	600.00	132.75	600.00
Total Fire & Rescue	21,011.96	26,900.00	19,600.20	26,900.00
24 Harvey's Lake Beach:				
Salaries - Lifeguards & Gate Attendants	15,058.67	17,300.00	11,415.97	17,300.00
Swimming Lessons	200.00	1,100.00		1,100.00
Employee Training	150.00	850.00	130.00	850.00
Employee Background Checks	0.00	200.00		200.00

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Operating Supplies	624.47	400.00	97.94	400.00
Rubbish Removal	1,239.46	700.00	1,005.50	700.00
General Maintenance			1,352.25	
Advertising	116.00	300.00	313.12	300.00
Concession Purchases	323.82	0.00		0.00
New Equipment/Capital Improvements	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total Harveys Lake Beach	17,712.42	20,850.00	14,314.78	20,850.00

25 Police Services:

Constable Charges - Dogs	50.00	200.00		200.00
Constable Charges - Other	0.00	500.00		500.00
Sheriff's Patrol	6,766.00	7,500.00	5,676.25	7,500.00
Other	132.50	400.00		400.00
Total Police Services	6,948.50	8,600.00	5,676.25	8,600.00

26 Selectboard:

a Salaries	1,010.50	1,500.00	1,021.56	1,500.00
b Expenses	1,600.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total Selectboard	2,610.50	3,000.00	2,521.56	3,000.00

27 Elections Expenses:

Ballot Clerks	1,045.63	1,000.00	504.00	1,000.00
a Moderator	100.00	100.00		100.00
Advertising	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
b Supplies/Equipment	31.61	50.00	37.00	50.00
c Ballot Tabulator Expense	1,494.00	0.00		1,500.00
Total Election Expenses	3,071.24	1,550.00	941.00	3,050.00

32 a Buildings/Grounds Utilities & Maintenance

Town Clerk's Office

b Fuel Oil	1,597.41	3,000.00	1,259.36	3,000.00
Electricity	1,257.40	900.00	1,305.52	900.00
Water	0.00	400.00		400.00
Telephone	1,146.20	1,000.00	1,083.48	1,000.00
Internet	659.89	800.00	794.73	800.00
Maintenance	2,746.46	3,000.00	3,245.57	3,000.00
Cleaning			520.00	2,100.00
Total Town Clerk's Office	7,407.36	9,100.00	8,208.66	11,200.00

Barnet Public Library Building:

a Fuel Oil	6,525.18	8,500.00	5,948.61	8,500.00
Electricity	806.65	900.00	778.55	900.00
Water	0.00	1,400.00		1,400.00
Carpet Service	0.00	0.00		0.00
Heating & Plumbing	0.00	0.00	2,144.03	0.00
Other Various	2,375.86	1,300.00	1,464.41	1,300.00
Total Barnet Public Library Building	9,707.69	12,100.00	10,335.60	12,100.00

Town Hall

Electricity	229.16	300.00	270.74	300.00
Water	444.64	450.00	410.52	450.00

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	Maintenance	1,400.10	1,000.00	887.25	1,000.00
	Total Town Hall	2,073.90	1,750.00	1,568.51	1,750.00
	<u>Transfer Station</u>				
	Electricity	1,768.39	1,300.00	1,715.71	1,700.00
	Telephone	0.00	650.00		650.00
	Maintenance	0.00	0.00	749.94	0.00
	Portable Toilet	0.00	55.00		55.00
	Total Transfer Station	1,768.39	2,005.00	2,465.65	2,405.00
	<u>Recycling Center</u>				
a	Fuel Oil	375.04	400.00	129.54	400.00
	Maintenance	0.00	0.00		0.00
	Total Recycling Center	375.04	400.00	129.54	400.00
	<u>Fire & Rescue Station</u>				
a	Fuel Oil	4,433.57	5,000.00	4,565.54	5,000.00
	Electricity	1,558.51	1,800.00	1,458.96	1,800.00
	Telephone	1,802.07	1,800.00	1,621.78	1,800.00
	Internet	0.00	550.00		550.00
	Maintenance	958.60	1,900.00	1,130.02	1,900.00
	Total Fire & Rescue Station	8,752.75	11,050.00	8,776.30	11,050.00
	<u>West Barnet Fire Station</u>				
	Fuel Oil	390.97	900.00		900.00
	Electricity	290.18	400.00	265.71	400.00
	Total West Barnet Fire Station	681.15	1,300.00	265.71	1,300.00
	<u>Harvey's Lake Beach</u>				
	Electricity	1,361.39	200.00	1,265.32	200.00
	Telephone	0.00	500.00		500.00
	Portable Toilet	0.00	500.00		500.00
	Maintenance	2,177.37	1,700.00		1,700.00
	Total Harvey's Lake Beach	3,538.76	2,900.00	1,265.32	2,900.00
	Total Buildings/Grounds Utilities & Maintenance	34,305.04	40,605.00	33,015.29	43,105.00
33	Insurance & Bonds:				
	Vehicles, Buildings & Town Officer Bonds	18,702.25	26,315.20	24,063.21	26,315.20
	Workers' Compensation	3,526.82	6,600.00	5,785.82	6,600.00
	Insurance Claim Settlement	0.00	0.00	738.15	0.00
	Fire & Rescue Insurance	1,172.00	1,250.00	1,172.00	1,250.00
	Total Insurance & Bonds	23,401.07	34,165.20	31,759.18	34,165.20
34	Legal Expenses:				
a	Tax Appeals	0.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
	Tax Collectors Items	0.00	500.00	105.00	500.00
	General	5,562.00	4,000.00	6,207.47	5,000.00
b	Zoning	0.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
	Fire & Rescue	0.00	0.00		0.00

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Animal Control	1,195.72	1,500.00	1,039.10	1,500.00
Legal Settlements	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total Legal Expenses	6,757.72	8,000.00	7,351.57	9,000.00
35 Interest on Loans:				
a Tax Anticipation Borrowing	5,053.63	5,400.00	6,404.14	5,400.00
Line of Credit			2,977.85	
Total Interest on Loans	5,053.63	5,400.00	9,381.99	5,400.00
36 Professional Services:				
a Auditing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
37 a Capital Expenditures:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
38 Tax Abatements:	193.97	0.00	1,385.00	0.00
39 Annual Appropriations:				
American Red Cross	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Area Office on Aging	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Barnet Historical Society	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Caledonia Home Health Care	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
a CALEX Ambulance Service	26,427.52	0.00		0.00
Catamount Arts	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
County Tax	27,885.00	26,516.00	26,516.00	26,618.00
Fairbanks Museum	2,000.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Kingdom Animal Shelter	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
b Memorial Day	2,061.80	500.00	864.00	500.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	1,775.00	1,775.00	1,775.00	1,775.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Northeastern Vermont Development Association	1,281.00	1,281.00	1,281.00	1,281.00
Rural Community Transportation	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Umbrella Inc.	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	280.00	300.00	280.00	300.00
Vermont League of Cities & Towns	2,990.00	3,070.00	3,070.00	3,070.00
West Barnet Senior Meal Site (formerly known as Volunteer Senior Meal Site)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total Annual Appropriations	78,350.32	48,792.00	49,136.00	48,894.00
40 a Cemeteries:				
Stevens Cemetery - Misc. Mowing	475.15	400.00	480.25	400.00
Palmer Cemetery	475.15	400.00	480.25	400.00
Pleasant View Cemetery Association	4,750.00	4,750.00	4,750.00	4,750.00
McIndoe Falls Cemetery	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Total Cemeteries	9,300.30	9,150.00	9,310.50	9,150.00
41 Appropriations to Other Funds:				
Fire Department Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Municipal Buildings Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00

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	Harvey's Lake Dam Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Library Fund	28,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	30,000.00
	Fire District Grant Fund		50,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00
	Total Appropriations to Other Funds	93,000.00	143,000.00	143,000.00	105,000.00
42	Miscellaneous Selectboard Expenses:				
	Advertising	0.00	500.00		500.00
	Fire Warden Charges	0.00	800.00		800.00
	Town Officers Meetings	835.00	1,000.00	150.00	1,000.00
	Health Officer Expense	0.00	200.00		200.00
a	Harvey's Lake Dam Maintenance	0.00	3,500.00	250.00	3,500.00
	Harvey's Lake Dam Registration Fee	350.00	1,000.00	350.00	1,000.00
	Harvey's Lake Boat Wash/Monitoring	20,771.35	20,000.00	22,383.27	20,000.00
b	Ambulance Service		30,690.00	30,690.00	30,690.00
	Fire Districts	300.00	0.00		0.00
	Economic Development		2,000.00		2,000.00
	Other Various	1,750.00	2,000.00	100.00	2,000.00
	Total Miscellaneous Expenses	24,006.35	61,690.00	53,923.27	61,690.00
43 a	Contingency:	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
44	Total Selectboard Expenditures:	535,583.63	645,590.26	626,853.64	631,109.66
	Highway Expenditures				
45	Salaries - General Maintenance	255,819.51	230,000.00	267,299.57	250,000.00
46	Parts & Supplies:				
a	Blades & Chains	4,622.20	6,000.00	3,641.17	6,000.00
b	Tools	1,713.19	5,100.00	1,755.12	5,100.00
	Safety Supplies	740.87	1,000.00	442.32	1,000.00
	Shop Supplies	3,273.33	2,500.00	4,353.13	2,500.00
	Total Parts & Supplies	10,349.59	14,600.00	10,191.74	14,600.00
47	Payroll Benefits & Taxes:				
	FICA Taxes (Social Security)	19,999.36	20,000.00	21,137.11	20,000.00
	Health Insurance	53,967.74	56,300.00	42,193.62	64,356.36
	Health Insurance Declination Stipend	10,500.00	10,400.00	10,300.00	10,400.00
a	Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,750.00	3,000.00
	Reserve Fund Appropriation				
	Uniforms	2,122.60	3,000.00	3,845.55	3,000.00
b	Retirement	12,915.41	12,000.00	11,737.98	12,000.00
	Unemployment Compensation	101.50	255.00	220.00	255.00
c	Dental Insurance	1,846.34	2,100.00	1,686.54	2,100.00
	Total Payroll Benefits & Taxes	102,952.95	105,555.00	94,870.80	115,111.36
48	Town Garage				
a	Fuel	883.35	5,000.00	1,655.86	5,000.00
	Electricity	2,744.15	2,500.00	3,849.87	2,500.00
	Telephone	1,237.47	1,100.00	1,166.31	1,100.00
b	Cellular Phone	540.00	550.00	585.00	550.00

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& Note

Account	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
Internet Service	824.89	650.00	985.53	650.00
Computer Maintenance & Supplies	2,365.42	500.00	431.18	500.00
Building Maintenance	3,140.06	3,000.00	12,472.90	3,000.00
Advertising	0.00	200.00	155.25	200.00
Total Town Garage	11,735.34	13,500.00	21,301.90	13,500.00
48 Insurance				
Vehicles & Buildings	10,008.51	17,693.72	15,070.57	17,693.72
Workers' Compensation	12,838.67	18,233.88	23,362.90	18,233.88
Deductible Paid	0.00	0.00		0.00
Claim Settlement	2,041.76	0.00		0.00
Total Insurance	24,888.94	35,927.60	38,433.47	35,927.60
50 Equipment Maintenance:				
Dump Trucks	35,233.13	45,000.00	51,893.31	45,000.00
Grader	12,607.12	10,000.00	4,894.01	10,000.00
Loader (1991)	984.07	3,000.00	3,969.88	3,000.00
Loader (2010)	831.20	3,000.00	11,330.14	3,000.00
Backhoe	8,824.56	4,500.00	162.05	4,500.00
Backhoe (2019)			1,658.98	
Roadside Mower Tractor	1,980.66	2,000.00	243.98	2,000.00
Pickup (2015)	1,513.69	1,500.00	5,378.62	1,500.00
Chainsaws	79.11	500.00	240.57	500.00
Other Equipment	1,409.51	1,000.00	575.60	1,000.00
Welding Supplies	519.97	1,200.00	594.33	1,200.00
a Tires	10,602.10	10,000.00	10,470.81	10,000.00
Stock Items	0.00	0.00	60.56	0.00
b Repairs of Damaged Equipment	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total Equipment Maintenance	74,585.12	81,700.00	91,472.84	81,700.00
51 Gas & Oil:				
a Gasoline	194.15	1,000.00	151.72	1,000.00
b Diesel fuel	63,157.75	75,000.00	69,589.57	75,000.00
Oil	2,751.52	4,000.00	3,632.17	4,000.00
Other Petroleum Products	1,796.07	2,000.00	2,620.11	2,000.00
Total Gas & Oil	67,899.49	82,000.00	75,993.57	82,000.00
52 Contracted Services:				
a Hired Equipment	2,560.00	6,000.00	8,122.50	10,500.00
Sweeping Roads	4,560.00	4,500.00		
b Screening Winter Sand	15,436.50	16,000.00	15,162.00	16,000.00
c Overburden Removal - Sand	15,059.25	10,000.00		10,000.00
d Crushing	69,601.47	75,000.00	64,329.72	75,000.00
e Overburden Removal - Gravel	5,019.75	10,000.00	21,231.00	10,000.00
Permitting	1,990.00	2,500.00		2,500.00
Highway Department Education	661.61	750.00	450.00	750.00
Total Contracted Services	114,888.58	124,750.00	109,295.22	124,750.00
53 Operating Supplies:				
a Salt	65,518.08	55,000.00	83,101.99	70,000.00

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& Note	Account	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Budget
	Cold Patch/Hot Mix	2,400.55	2,500.00	2,520.00	2,500.00
	Specialty Aggregate	0.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
	Culverts	6,519.60	10,000.00	16,429.22	10,000.00
	Chloride	19,833.60	24,000.00	17,845.83	24,000.00
	Guardrails	6,641.00	10,000.00	9,074.00	10,000.00
	Erosion Control	530.97	500.00	276.99	500.00
b	Sign Maintenance Program (formerly in Selectboard Expenditures budget)	4,119.09	8,000.00	8,735.32	8,000.00
	Total Operating Supplies	105,562.89	111,500.00	137,983.35	126,500.00
54	Bridge Repairs:				
	Bridge Fund Appropriation	30,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
	Total Bridge Repairs	30,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
55	Highway Construction Projects:				
	TH #1 - West Barnet Road/West Main St	93,508.80		20,912.45	
	TH #8 - County Hill Road	36,582.00			
	TH #9 - Barnet Center Road			68,680.16	
	TH #10 - Harvey Mountain Road	61,950.00			
	TH #11 - Bridge Street			48,336.51	
	TH #57 - Anderson Street	1,904.70		7,762.50	
	TH #60 - Stevenson Road	20,463.10			
	TH #71 - Old West Road	20,463.10			
	TH #81 - Garland Hill	20,463.10			
	TH #99 - Bridge Street			12,301.06	
	TH #119 - Kid Row			25,074.34	
a	Paving/Construction Projects	255,334.80	282,000.00	183,067.02	242,000.00
	Construction Fund Appropriation	100,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
	Total Highway Construction Projects	355,334.80	342,000.00	243,067.02	302,000.00
56	Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts:				
a	Equipment Account	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	75,000.00
b	Truck Account	70,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
	Highway Maintenance Account				25,000.00
	Total Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts	90,000.00	110,000.00	110,000.00	190,000.00
57	Other Projects:				
	July 2017 FEMA Flood Repair Projects				
	Contract Work	96,675.73			
	Materials	34,325.09			
	Total Other Projects	131,000.82	0.00	0.00	0.00
58	Total Highway Department Expenditures	1,375,018.03	1,301,532.60	1,249,909.48	1,386,088.96
	Total General Fund Expenditures	1,910,601.66	1,947,122.86	1,876,763.12	2,017,198.62
	General Fund Surplus of (Deficit) (total gen. fund revenues less total gen. fund expend.)	26,104.32	(0.00)	124,874.45	0.00

Town of Barnet
Schedules for General Fund Budget

Schedule A - Town Clerk's Office Salaries

Heisholt, Benjamin - Town Clerk & Treasurer	61,423.98
Roy, Catherine - Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	19,199.81
Warden, Shirley - Substitute Town Clerk	217.00
Total	80,840.79

Schedule B - Listers' Office Salaries

Cook, John	3,896.54
Cook, Sarah	3,665.63
Walsh, Michael	0.00
Total	7,562.17

Schedule C - Transfer Station Salaries

Bourtelle, Ernest	281.25
Warden, Shirley	875.00
Total	1,156.25

Schedule D - Recycling Center Salaries

Bourtelle, Ernest	0.00
Ehlers, Daniel	5,415.63
Marston, Bruce - Supervisor	1,817.25
Nelson, Donald	5,265.63
Total	12,498.51

Schedule E - Harvey's Lake Beach Lifeguards & Gate Attendants Salaries

Bushey, Lydia	2,862.00
Crown, Aimee	883.97
Farlice, Indigo	1,018.71
Jefferson, Olivia	1,463.39
Lapete, Kylee	3,031.89
Stevenson, Savannah	2,156.01
Total	11,415.97

Schedule F - Highway Salaries

Bourtelle, Ernest	1,303.00
Chase, Mark - Road Foreman	67,629.95
Fearon, Glenn	47,264.76
Fuller, Mark	1,251.00
Gibson, Paul	8,669.25
Gould, Thomas	41,030.64
LeClair, Jason	49,812.35
Mosher, Steve	7,449.25
Snow, Barry II	42,889.37
Total	267,299.57

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2020 General Fund Budget Notes

Revenues

1. Taxes

- a. Net funds required for current-year operations for Selectmen's budget. For budget columns, this is the difference between total expenditures and non-tax revenues (including use of prior surplus).
- b. Actual amounts include adjustment for change in the balance of the deferred property tax revenue account.

2. Town Clerk's Office Fees

- a. Includes copier, fax service, vehicle registration fees, etc.
- b. Town receives \$70.00 of state licensing fee for each license.

3. Planning Commission & Zoning Board

4. Transfer Station

5. Harvey's Lake Beach

6. General Selectboard Income

- a. Penalty paid to Town for late filers of Homestead Declaration forms that were due by April 15th. Beginning in 2012 the State gave Towns authority to waive this fee. Beginning in 2013, due to confusion caused by repeated statutory changes, the Selectboard elected to waive this fee for all late filers. Selectboard agreed to reinstate penalty beginning in 2017.
- b. Interest gained from savings accounts as a result of tax anticipation borrowing plus other accounts yielding interest of lesser sums.
- c. State payment to Town for loss in tax due to land enrolled in current use program. Uncertain funding due to legislative action.
- d. Payment from State of Vermont for Roy Mountain Wildlife Area.
- e. Payment from State of Vermont in reimbursement of legal fees expended to defend State of Vermont real estate appraisal.
- f. Grant to reimburse Town for a portion of expenses for Harvey's Lake boat wash/monitoring program.
- g. Credit received from State for electronics items recycled at Barnet Recycling Center.
- h. Rent paid by Karme Choling for second floor at library building.
- i. Percentage of state-wide education tax that is paid to town for administration of the program.

7. Use of Prior Surplus

- a. Use of built-up surplus in the general fund to reduce overall tax request.

8. Taxes

9. State Aid

- a. Funds received from State of Vermont based on mileage: Class 2 roads=52%, Class 3 roads = 48%.

10. Reserve Fund Proceeds

- a. Town share of construction projects transferred from reserve fund.

11. Flood Repair Proceeds

- a. Revenue for repair of road damage caused by declared disasters. Includes both funds received as of end of year and funds anticipated to be received in following year.

12. Other Income

- a. Funds from claims resulting from accidents with Town equipment.

13. Use of Prior Surplus

- a. Use of built-up surplus in the general fund to reduce overall tax request.

Expenditures

14. Salaries – Town Officers

15. Payroll Benefits & Taxes

- a. Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Reserve Fund Appropriation: An appropriation is made to a reserve fund equaling \$2,500 for each full-time employee. These funds can be used by employees to cover out-of-pocket health care expenses.

- b. Mandatory for full time employees. Fund managed by State of Vermont and similar to state employees and state teachers' retirement systems.
 - Town rate increased to 5.750% as of July 1, 2019.
 - Town rate increased to 6.000% as of July 1, 2020.
 - Town rate increased to 6.250% as of July 1, 2021.
 - c. Dental plan through Delta Dental. Town pays employee cost, employee pays for rest of family if they wish.
 - 16. Town Clerk's Office (formerly "Office Supplies")**
 - a. Occasional employee to keep office open when both Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk are unavailable.
 - b. Contract with New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) for service on municipal software (grand list, land records, accounting, etc.), offsite backup plan, and disaster recovery.
 - c. IT contract through RB Technologies, and various computer components and service.
 - 17. Listers' Office**
 - a. Contract with CAI Inc. for maintenance of digital mapping (tax maps, planning & zoning maps).
 - 18. Planning Commission/Zoning Board**
 - a. Wages are annual salary for Shirley Warden.
 - b. Secretary wages for Shirley Warden.
 - 19. Auditors**
 - 20. Landfill/Transfer Station**
 - a. Gate attendant. Works 7 hours per week regularly, 11 hours per week during summer.
 - b. Post-closure monitoring required as part of closure plan. This work done by Endyne Inc. of Montpelier.
 - c. Fee paid to Waste District to run program.
 - d. Casella Waste Management-- current rate at 66.00 per ton.
 - e. Casella charges 235.00 per trip for MSW and for construction debris.
 - f. Mowing of former landfill to keep brush from growing.
 - 21. Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District**
 - 22. Barnet Recycling**
 - 23. Fire & Rescue**
 - a. Wages for actual time at fires as submitted by Fire Chief paid at minimum wage.
 - b. Dues paid to Twin State Mutual Aid System and Grafton County Sheriff's Department for dispatching services.
 - 24. Harvey's Lake Beach**
 - 25. Police Services**
 - 26. Selectboard**
 - a. Selectboard each paid \$500 annually.
 - b. Each Selectman reimbursed \$500 for expenses.
 - 27. Election Expenses**
 - a. Annual moderator salary for Dennis McLam.
 - b. LHS Associates - miscellaneous supplies for tabulator and other elections items.
 - c. Fee for maintaining vote tabulator for two elections during even-numbered years.
 - 28. Advertising & Postage**
 - 29. Heat & Lights**
 - 30. Telephones**
 - 31. Building Maintenance**
 - 32. Buildings Utilities & Maintenance**
 - a. Prices:
 - December 31, 2019: Fuel oil: 2.5606 per gallon, Propane: 1.6536 per gallon.
- Town Clerk's Office**
- b. Town Clerk's Office fuel usage: 486.2 gallons in 2019.
- Barnet Public Library Building (formerly known as Village Partnership Building)**
- a. Library Building fuel usage: 2,299 gallons in 2019.

Town Hall

Transfer Station

Recycling Center

Fire & Rescue Station

- a. Bimson Road Fire Station usage: 1,762.6 gallons in 2019.

West Barnet Fire Station

33. Insurance & Bonds

34. Legal Expenses

- a. Town legal representation in appeals of tax assessments and in negotiations for transitional support payments from power company.
- b. Legal fees for general legal advice for zoning matters, or for defense of zoning decision in Environmental Court.

35. Interest on Loans

- a. Tax antedicting borrowing. See revenues for offsetting income amount.
 - 2019: borrowed \$330,451 from Passumpsic Savings Bank at a rate of 2.19%.
 - 2020: to borrow \$417,958 from Union Bank at a rate of 2.30%.

36. Professional Services

37. Capital Expenditures

- a. Funds used to purchase fixed assets (assets with anticipated useful life beyond current budget year) other than those provided through reserve funds.

38. Tax Abatements

39. Annual Appropriations & Charges

- a. Beginning in 2019, Town contracts ambulance service, rather than appropriating funds to CALEX.
- b. Appropriation paid through expenditures associated with Town Memorial Day observance. Includes flags and flagstaffs for cemetery markers and advertising for Memorial Day services in Passumpsic Village and Barnet Village.

40. Cemetery Appropriations

- a. Stevens Cemetery and Palmer Cemetery maintained through agreement by the town with local contractor. Pleasantview Cemetery and McIndoe Falls Cemetery as private cemetery associations are appropriated funds per their requests.

41. Appropriations to Reserve Accounts

42. Miscellaneous Expenses

- a. For maintenance of dam and waterway above the dam.
- b. Beginning in 2019 Budget, Selectboard contracts ambulance service, rather than appropriation to CALEX.

43. Contingency

- a. Extra funds added to budget to cover unforeseen items.

44. Total Selectboard Expenditures

45. Salaries – General Maintenance

46. Parts & Supplies

- a. Blades, cutting edges, and chains for dump trucks.
- b. Small tools and parts replacements for small tools used in shop.

47. Payroll Benefits & Taxes

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48. Town Garage

- a. Town Garage propane usage. 989.4 gallons in 2019.
- b. Cellular phone for Road Foreman.

49. Insurance

50. Equipment Maintenance

- a. Tires for dump trucks only.
- b. Repairs to Town equipment damaged in accidents resulting in insurance claims.

51. Gas & Oil

- a. Gasoline usage: 55 gallons in 2019.

- b. Diesel Fuel: 26,567 gallons in 2019. Price as of December 31 at 2.5957 per gallon.

52. Contracted Services

- a. Various equipment and contractors used for brief periods in non-employee role.
- b. Screening of winter sand at Town pit. 2019 Actual: Chief Crushing & Excavation (7,581 cubic yards at \$2.00)
- c. Expenses incurred to remove overburden to access sand at Town pit.
- d. Crushing of gravel at Town pit. 2019 Actual: Chief Crushing & Excavation – erosion stone (867 cubic yards), 3" crushed gravel (666 cubic yards); all products at \$5.48 per cubic yard.
- e. Expenses incurred to remove overburden to access gravel at Town pit.

53. Operating Supplies

- a. Salt purchased from Cargill Salt Co. and American Rock Salt Company. \$80.85 per ton for the 2019-2020 season.
- b. Sign maintenance program.

54. Bridge Repairs

55. Highway Construction Projects

- a. Road construction projects including paving.
 - All construction grant projects to be accounted through Highway Construction Account in the Reserve Fund. This allows for uncertainty with regard to whether a grant will be secured in the current budget year. This line will be for non-grant projects only, and is therefore somewhat decreased due to this shift.

56. Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts

- a. Funds placed in reserve account to cover purchases of major road equipment other than trucks.
- b. Funds placed in reserve account for future purchase of trucks.

57. Other Projects

58. Totals

Town of Barnet **General Fund Balance Sheet**

Assets:	<u>Dec. 31, 2018</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2019</u>
Checking Account	202,620.14	(118,689.33)
Checking Account ICS	93.60	231,585.19
Union Bank TAN Savings	1,256.66	0.00
Passumpsic Savings Bank TAN Deposit	0.00	372,373.90
Delinquent Tax Collector Checking Account	2.80	2.80
Petty Cash	314.30	382.88
Undeposited Funds	8,776.40	5,982.76
Uncollected Delinquent Taxes	236,884.90	266,385.56
Current Taxes Receivable	2,395.94	0.00
Due from State for Aquatic Nuisance Grant	8,340.00	7,283.00
Due from FEMA for July 2017 FEMA Projects	196,350.00	0.00
Due from State for July 2017 FEMA Projects	19,635.00	0.00
Due from FHWA for July 2017 FHWA Projects	140,990.87	0.00
Due from State for July 2017 FHWA Projects	7,938.98	0.00
Various Accounts Receivable	17,936.04	17,723.23
Due to/from Other Funds	63,884.92	96,791.73
Total Assets	907,420.55	879,821.72
Liabilities:		
Tax Appropriation Due to School District	(39,395.56)	(40,224.27)
Union Bank Line of Credit	200,000.00	0.00
Payroll Withholdings Payable	(529.98)	(898.70)
Various Accounts Payable	48,929.55	29,536.32
Fees due to Delinquent Tax Collector	955.05	921.74
Due to Resident/Taxpayer	0.99	0.00
Sales Tax Payable	36.61	130.96
Due to/from Other Funds	65.09	41,221.76
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	219,884.90	246,785.56
Total Liabilities	429,946.65	277,473.37
Fund Equity:		
Fund Balance - Unassigned (Accum. Surplus)	451,369.58	477,473.90
Current Operating Surplus or (Deficit)	26,104.32	124,874.45
Total Fund Equity	477,473.90	602,348.35
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	907,420.55	879,821.72

Town of Barnet
Statement of Taxes Raised
Year Ended December 31, 2019

Grand List Computation:

Real Estate	261,681,300.00
Add:	
Personal Property*	80,500.00
Less:	
Veterans Exemptions	(440,000.00)
Land Use	(14,498,539.00)
Voted Exemptions	(655,700.00)
Net Real Estate & Personal Property	246,167,561.00
Net Grand List (1% of Net Real Estate & Personal Property)	2,461,675.61

<u>Department</u>	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Homestead Rate</u>	<u>Non-Residential Rate</u>	<u>Taxes Raised</u>
Town:				
Town General	2,461,675.61	0.6417	0.6417	1,579,615.47
Total Town		0.6417	0.6417	1,579,615.47
School:				
Homestead	1,057,701.22	1.4462	0.0000	1,529,647.40
Non-Residential	1,404,779.39	0.0000	1.4976	2,103,797.64
Local Agreement	2,461,675.61	0.0026	0.0026	6,400.45
Total Schools		1.4488	1.5002	3,639,845.49
Grand Total		2.0905	2.1419	5,219,460.96

Penalty added for late filing of Homestead Declarations: 1,282.51

Delinquent taxes for 2019: 1,106,079.27

*Personal property taxed at non-residential rate.

Town of Barnet
Estimation of 2020 Town Tax Rate

The following estimation of 2020 Town tax rate is based on the 2019 Grand List valuations and proposed budget. School District tax rates are excluded because they were unavailable at the time of printing.

	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
2019 Actual	2,461,675.61	1,579,615.47	0.6417
2020 Projected	2,461,675.61	1,642,288.62	0.6671

Town of Barnet
General Fund - Statement of Loan Transactions
Year Ended December 31, 2019

Tax Anticipation Loans:

Borrowed during 2019:

Passumpsic Savings Bank tax anticipation note (2.19%)	330,451.00
Repaid during 2019:	330,451.00
Balance as of December 31, 2019	0.00

Current Expense Note (in anticipation of Federal and State emergency funds):

Borrowed during 2018:

Union Bank tax current expense note (1.79%)	200,000.00
Repaid during 2018:	0.00
Balance as of December 31, 2018	200,000.00
Repaid during 2019:	200,000.00
Balance as of December 31, 2019	0.00

General Fund - Surplus or (Deficit)
Year Ended December 31, 2019

2019 Surplus or (Deficit):

Income	2,001,637.57
Expenditures	1,876,763.12
General Fund Budget Surplus or (Deficit)	124,874.45

Statement of Changes - Accumulated Surplus Account (total of years prior to 2019)

Total Accumulated Surplus as of December 31, 2018	451,369.58
Add: 2018 Operating Surplus	26,104.32
Total Accumulated Surplus as of December 31, 2018	477,473.90

Reserve Fund Reports

Town of Barnet
2019 Reserve Fund Activities
(See following pages for Income and Expense Schedules)

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Add</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Add Other</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Add Interest</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31,</u> <u>2019</u>
• Act 60/Reappraisal Funds	119,925.56		11,039.00	3,003.26	56,245.50	77,722.32
• Harvey's Lake Dam	30,644.00	5,000.00		820.15		36,464.15
• Homeland Security Grants	191.94			5.03		196.97
• Land Record Restoration	51.32		3,281.00	4.70		3,337.02
• Lister Education Funds	2,329.37			61.24		2,390.61
• Municipal Planning Grant	(4,253.99)			(111.87)	15,439.41	(19,805.27)
• 92 Surplus	79,368.35			2,087.07		81,455.42
• Highway Maintenance Fund	65,126.35			1,268.23	51,002.65	15,391.93
• Municipal Buildings Fund	395,156.63	50,000.00		10,576.16	11,807.50	443,925.29
• Bridge Fund	229,920.23	50,000.00		6,230.47		286,150.70
• Equipment Account	123,850.41	20,000.00		1,890.31	98,200.00	47,540.72
• Fire Department Account	89,091.73	10,000.00		2,371.47		101,463.20
• Fire District Grant Acct.	0.00	50,000.00		45.69	45,000.00	5,045.69
• Harvey's Lake Beach Fund	5,642.60		798.72	6.76		6,448.08
• Health Reimb. Acct. Fund	(10.23)	5,000.00		0.12	6,001.15	(1,011.26)
• Highway Construction Account	272,710.42	60,000.00	123,735.65	8,039.71	91,316.73	373,169.05
• Town Clerk's Office Paving Account	1,579.48			41.49		1,620.97
• Truck Account	24,988.75	90,000.00	5,000.00	(87.77)	120,279.35	(378.37)
Totals	1,436,312.92	340,000.00	143,854.37	36,252.22	495,292.29	1,461,127.22

Town of Barnet
Schedules for Reserve Accounts

Schedule A - Other Income

Act 60/Reappraisal Funds

State of Vermont - Reappraisal funds & Grand List Study (EEGL) 11,039.00

Total 11,039.00

Harvey's Lake Beach Fund

Proceeds from Beach Committee fund-raisers & donations 798.72

Total 798.72

Highway Construction Account

Grant from Vermont Agency of Transportation for Joe's Brook Road project 41,313.94

Grant from Vermont Agency of Transportation for Harvey Mountain Road project 63,921.71

Grant from Vermont Agency of Transportation for Cloud Brook Road project 18,500.00

Total 123,735.65

Land Record Restoration Fees

Recording fee surcharge 3,281.00

Total 3,281.00

Truck Account

Sale of dump truck #006 5,000.00

Total 5,000.00

Total Other Income

143,854.37

Schedule B - Expenditures

Act 60/Reappraisal Funds

Listers payroll 3,050.01

NEMRC - reappraisal services 51,860.81

Mailings 455.68

RB Technologies - new Listers computer 879.00

Total 56,245.50

Equipment Account

Nortrax - new John Deere backhoe (#010) 98,200.00

Total 98,200.00

Health Reimbursement Account Fund

Employee qualified health care expenses paid through HRAs 6,001.15

Total 6,001.15

Town of Barnet
Schedules for Reserve Accounts

Highway Construction Account

Roy Mountain Road paving project (State of Vermont grant)	91,316.73
Total	91,316.73

Highway Maintenance Account

McDevitt Trucks - new Western Star dump truck	51,002.65
Total	51,002.65

Municipal Buildings Fund

Clean Cut Painting - materials for painting and repair of beach bathhouse	975.00
Stephen Pitkin - estimation services on municipal building project	3,632.50
Stuart Consulting - consultant on municipal building project	1,725.00
Clay Point Associates - professional asbestos inspection on Town Hall/former Fire Station	1,525.00
Doug Murray Enterprises - 40' cargo container for Town Garage	3,950.00
Total	11,807.50

Municipal Planning Grant Fund

Stuart Consulting - consultant on municipal building project	15,439.41
Total	15,439.41

Truck Fund

McDevitt Trucks - new Western Star dump truck	120,279.35
Total	120,279.35

Fire District Grant Fund

Barnet Fire District #2 - repair and maintenance of water distribution system	45,000.00
Total	45,000.00

Total Expenditures	495,292.29
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Town of Barnet
Statement of Reserve Fund Loan Transactions
For Year Ended December 31, 2019

No Reserve Fund loans or loan transactions in 2019

Town of Barnet Reserve Fund Balance Sheet

<u>Assets:</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2018</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2019</u>
Money Market Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	27,064.73	27,859.54
ICS Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	1,220,483.18	1,139,640.94
Passumpsic Financial Advisors - Cash	19,265.93	17,581.28
Passumpsic Financial Advisors - Investments	234,798.26	270,164.04
HRA Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	1,289.36	198.21
Due from Other Funds	155.09	41,321.94
Due from State of Vermont - Class 2 Roadway Grant	0.00	63,921.71
Due from State of Vermont - Structures Grants	(1,554.09)	(1,554.09)
Total Assets	1,501,502.46	1,559,133.57
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Loan Payable - Union Bank (dump truck)	0.00	0.00
Due to Other Funds	63,974.92	96,791.73
Accounts Payable	1,214.62	1,214.62
Total Liabilities	65,189.54	98,006.35
<u>Fund Equity:</u>		
<u>Restricted Fund Balances:</u>		
Act 60/Reappraisal Funds	119,925.56	77,722.32
Harvey's Lake Dam Renovations	30,644.00	36,464.15
Homeland Security Grants	191.94	196.97
Land Record Restoration	51.32	3,337.02
Lister Education Funds	2,329.37	2,390.61
Municipal Planning Grant Fund	(4,253.99)	(19,805.27)
Total Restricted Fund Balance	148,888.20	100,305.80
<u>Committed Fund Balances</u>		
92 Surplus	79,368.35	81,455.42
Highway Maintenance Fund	65,126.35	15,391.93
Municipal Buildings Fund	395,156.63	443,925.29
Fire District Grant Fund	0.00	5,045.69
Total Committed Fund Balance	539,651.33	545,818.33
<u>Assigned Fund Balances</u>		
Bridge Fund	229,920.23	286,150.70
Equipment Account	123,850.41	47,540.72
Fire Department Account	89,091.73	101,463.20
Harvey's Lake Beach Account	5,642.60	6,448.08
Health Reimbursement Account Fund	(10.23)	(1,011.26)
Highway Construction Account	272,710.42	373,169.05
Town Clerk's Office Paving Account	1,579.48	1,620.97
Truck Account	24,988.75	(378.37)
Total Assigned Fund Balance	747,773.39	815,003.09
Total Fund Equity	1,436,312.92	1,461,127.22
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,501,502.46	1,559,133.57

Trust Fund Reports

Town of Barnet Trust Funds

Transactions Detail

Esden Fund

(See separate report with Trustees of Public Funds' Report)

Steven's Cemetery Fund

Balance in account Dec. 31, 2018	1,258.95
Add: Interest on savings account	6.18
Balance in Acct. Dec. 31, 2019	1,265.13

Palmer Cemetery Fund

Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2018	751.77
Add: Interest on savings account	0.66
Balance in Acct. Dec. 31, 2019	752.43

Balance Sheet

	<u>Dec. 31, 2018</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2019</u>
Assets:		
Esden Fund Investments (Edward Jones)	145,978.94	170,311.03
Esden Fund Cash (Edward Jones)	6,298.51	10,452.10
Stevens Cemetery Fund - Savings	1,258.95	1,265.13
Palmer Cemetery Fund - Savings	751.77	752.43
Total Assets	154,288.17	182,780.69

Fund Equity:

Non-spendable Fund Balances

Esden Fund	53,168.58	53,168.58
Stevens Cemetery Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Palmer Cemetery Fund	350.00	350.00
Total Non-spendable Fund Balance	54,518.58	54,518.58

Unassigned Fund Balances

Esden Fund	99,108.87	127,594.55
Stevens Cemetery Fund	258.95	265.13
Palmer Cemetery Fund	401.77	402.43
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	99,769.59	128,262.11
Total Fund Equity	154,288.17	182,780.69

Section 4

Reports for Articles Appearing on Town Meeting Warning



American Red Cross
New Hampshire and
Vermont Region

August 19, 2019

Town of Barnet
Attn: Board of Selectmen
PO Box 15
Barnet, VT 05821

Dear Friends,

Our mission at the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

Last year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout the region:

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, once every 17 hours, helping nearly 1,000 individuals.
- We installed more than 4,000 and carbon monoxide detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained almost 24,000 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected 76,150 units of blood at over 2,500 blood drives. All 40 hospitals in NH and VT depend on Red Cross collections.
- In our region, over 250 service members were connected with their families through the Emergency Communications efforts of our Service to the Armed Forces department.

In order to provide these essential services, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont is grateful to receive municipal support from our friends in the Town of Barnet. **This year, we respectfully request an appropriation of \$250.00.** These funds will stay right here in our region, so that we can continue to serve your friends and neighbors during their hours of greatest need.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Impact Sheet for Caledonia County.

On behalf of the 1,300 volunteers and staff throughout New Hampshire and Vermont, I thank you for your consideration of this request and your generous history of supporting this essential work.

Sincerely,

Rachel Zellem
Regional Development Specialist

New Hampshire Headquarters • 2 Maitland Street, Concord, NH 03301
Vermont Headquarters • 32 N Prospect Street, Burlington, VT 05401
1-800-464-6692

www.redcross.org/nhvt

BARNET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 34

BARNET VT 05821

CUSTODIANS OF

GOODWILLIE HOUSE MUSUEM

home of Barnet's first minister- Rev. David Goodwillie

not mail address- 24 Goodwillie Road

BARNET CENTER

REPORT

The Goodwillie House is open on average once a month from May to October. Usually on a holiday weekend Saturday, or when other local events are taking place. Also on request we give private tours of the house,

The James Nelson family was living here in the 1930s. Recently several descendants have come to visit. A distantly related Goodwillie stopped; who's ancestor was related only back in Scotland. The Hazen McLaren family stops to check on the house.

The collections were originally cataloged in 2002. We have been updating the entries and adding more cross-references – making easier ways to find items. For instance a person, such as Rev. David Goodwillie- would be listed by name; but also he was first postmaster; minister; and trustee of Caledonia County Grammar School at Peacham; along with being Town Clerk. This will help in future searches.

We now have a neighbor who is going to build next door.

Caledonia Home Health & Hospice
Visit Statistics for 2020 Town Appropriations

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

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

In the last year, Caledonia Home Health and Hospice was honored to provide 1,231 visits to the town residents of Barnet, VT. Our staff visited 48 homes of community members living in the Barnet area.

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

2020 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics Barnet, VT

- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW) = **670 visits**
- Maternal Child Health= **30 visits**
- Hospice (Nursing, Therapy, Personal Care, Respite) = **168 visits**
- Long Term Care (Case Management, Personal Care, Respite) = **363 visits**

Total Visits in Barnet, VT = 1,231 visits

Testimonials

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

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

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

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

Catamount Arts 2019

The residents and voters of Barnet played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts during 2019. Through your support at Town Meeting and by attending many of the films and performances offered throughout the year, the citizens of Barnet helped to keep the Arts vital and available to all of the residents of the Northeast Kingdom.

In the past year, Catamount has invited and encouraged the residents of Barnet to participate in many of its community offerings, including the Tap Into Film 48 Hour Student Film Slam, Community Film Series, monthly free Bluegrass Night, and gallery exhibits and receptions. In the Summer of 2019, thousands of residents once again found themselves on top of Dog Mountain each Sunday where Catamount Arts offered a free 10-concert music series for the third year in a row. These free events were funded in large measure through appropriations from communities in our area.

During 2019, Catamount Arts was able to present more than 200 films and 100 live performances, also in large measure due to the generosity of the voters of Barnet. Your appropriations helped to underwrite the costs of these presentations as well as helping Catamount pay for such general operating expenses as heating and electricity.

As part of our mission to promote lifelong community engagement in the arts, Catamount Arts offers a wide range of classes, workshops and camps for people of all ages. Learning opportunities at Catamount range from Claymation, and bookbinding, to mask making, French lessons, and filmmaking through mediums such as stop motion animation. Catamount Arts partners with local elementary, middle and high schools to provide in-school and out-of-school creative learning activities. Inspired by El Sistema, Catamount Arts once again partnered with Northeast Kingdom Community Orchestra, Northeast Kingdom Classical Series, and the St. Johnsbury School District to continue our EPIC Music program, which provides stringed instrument instruction to students in grades 1-5 into its third year. In addition, more than 4,500 students and teachers enjoy shows by professional performers in our School-Time Performance series.

With the continuing growth of its many cultural offerings and Arts Education program, Catamount and its patrons directly and indirectly contribute more than \$1,500,000 each year to the local economy while also securing a meeting space for local Masons for generations to come.



December 4, 2019

Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk
Town of Barnet
PO Box 15
Barnet VT 05821

Dear Mr. Heisholt:

The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2020 warning for Barnet Town Meeting:

"Shall the Town vote the sum of \$1,700 to support the operation of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Barnet residents?"

The Fairbanks Museum invites Barnet residents to take full advantage of their unlimited free general admission to the Museum to explore the nature, beauty, and wonders of our world. Last year, 367 Barnet residents visited the Museum. Your municipal appropriation provides essential support for the care of the Museum's historic building and the maintenance and exhibition of the most extraordinary educational collections in northern New England. These are among our region's most prized assets. Each year the Museum offers new opportunities for exploration and discovery, so do come for a visit!

In 2019, we installed a lift to bring guests to our Lyman Spitzer Jr. Planetarium, fulfilling a promise to make this unique resource available to everyone. Astronomy was on our minds as we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing. We also established a new STEM Lab with state-of-the-art equipment for middle- and high-schoolers to conduct advanced scientific research! Interest in this hands-on STEM Lab has been tremendous, adding a new dimension to our robust partnership with schools. Support from communities means our year-round calendar of events, programs and exhibits has something for all ages. With community support, the Museum is fully engaged in community economic, educational, and cultural development initiatives and contributes significantly to the attraction of visitors to our region.

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

Sincerely yours,

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

Adam Kane, Executive Director



Shall the Town of Barnet vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of Kingdom Animal Shelter to provide services to residents of the Town?

KINGDOM ANIMAL SHELTER MISSION STATEMENT: Kingdom Animal Shelter is a limited access, **all volunteer, non-profit certified 501(c) (3), animal rescue organization.** Our mission is to facilitate the placement of rescued, abandoned, abused or neglected animals in safe, life-long homes. We respect the inherent value of every animal in our care and we strive to prevent overpopulation and cruelty to animals.

We provide many services to the area, including accepting stray and unwanted cats to our shelter, rescues from abusive and hoarding situations, and trap/neuter/release (TNR) of feral and barn cats, a serious and ongoing problem in the communities we serve. We take in cats from Barnet, St. Johnsbury, Lyndon, Danville, Passumpsic, Peacham, Groton, Waterford, Concord, Kirby, Cabot, Walden, Hardwick, Sheffield, Sutton, Wheelock, Burke and Ryegate. From November 2018 through October 2019, we took in 133 cats and adopted out 141 cats. We work with the community to raise awareness of the importance of spay/neuter programs and the responsibilities of pet ownership. **Each cat that comes to the shelter costs roughly \$300-\$500 for vaccinations, testing, spay/neuter, other medical treatment, food, and lodging.**

The cats in our care are with us until they are adopted. During their stay they are lovingly cared for, played with and socialized by our many volunteers. Any medical needs are tended to promptly and the cats are provided with vaccinations as appropriate. They are spayed or neutered before they go home with their forever family. We welcome cats of a wide variety of ages, colors, and personality types.

Our volunteers work tirelessly to raise the funds necessary to meet our annual operating expenses of approximately \$89,000 (excluding depreciation) which pays for veterinary bills, food, rent, utilities, and supplies. Ongoing fundraising efforts include yard and bake sales, spaghetti dinners, a calendar, raffles, and more. We also participate in and organize many community events in the area such as spay/neuter clinics, Autumn on the Green, St. Johnsbury Pet Parade/Bark in the Park, Santa Paws, and others.

We operate with no federal or state funding, which means we depend on the generosity of towns and individuals to meet our operating expenses. We're asking for a contribution of \$500 (**unchanged from last year's request**) to assist us in our mission of finding homes for unwanted or abandoned cats, and providing quality care and a safe, clean shelter for our cats until they are adopted. We welcome any assistance given to help our animals in need. We greatly appreciate your interest and support.

Kingdom Animal Shelter Board of Directors:

Helen Morrison--President, Nancy Rivet, Rod Lauman, Jennifer Smith, Deb Moore, Kathy Bouffard, Caleb Stone

1161 Portland Street
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
802-473-3377

email: info@kingdomanimalshelter.com
www.kingdomanimalshelter.com



March 2020

For over 40 years, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging has been a valued and trusted resource for elder and disabled Vermonters to age in place. Our mission is to deliver the person-centered support necessary to sustain their independence and live well in their communities.

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

Our nutrition programs partially fund meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitians. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide solutions for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. In addition, our work is supplemented by 367 volunteers who serve as Senior Companions, Home Delivered Meals drivers, wellness program leaders, and home-based caregivers.

Our service area extends across the entire Northeast Kingdom. During this past year 150 residents of Barnet used the services of our organization to meet their needs. People called our Helpline for assistance with caregiving and programs such as 3SquaresVt, Medicaid and Medicare, fuel assistance, transportation, and many other topics. Our website www.nekcouncil.org provides information on many of our programs and services.

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

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

In gratitude,

Meg Burmeister
Executive Director

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

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Phone 802-334-6744 Fax 802-334-7455
Toll free 800-696-4979

2225 Portland Street
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Phone 802-748-3181 Fax 802-748-0704
Toll free 800-649-0118

www.nkhs.org

December 20, 2019

Town of Barnet
P. O. BOX 15
BARNET, VT 05821

RE: 2020 Town Meeting Appropriation Request - UPDATED

Dear Select Board, Town Clerk, and Town Voters:

Your financial support to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, goes directly to care for your community members in need of mental health, substance use, and intellectual disabilities services.

Northeast Kingdom Human Services is dedicated to improving lives. Every day, we work tirelessly with individuals and families in your community to provide exemplary care, develop new programs, and improve access to services for all those in need. While we are surrounded by multiple challenges, we strive to help individuals, of all ages, live their most fulfilling lives as best as they can, regardless of their individual circumstances. It has been our mission since August 20, 1960, to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives.

Being in good mental health is paramount to every human being, therefore, as private, non-profit Designated Agency, Northeast Kingdom Human Services has a responsibility for ensuring an availability and delivery of comprehensive range of services to any individual, regardless of his or her ability to pay. In 2018, Northeast Kingdom Human Services provided \$247,881 in free or uncompensated care to those in financial need in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties. These individuals reached out to us for support and we were there for them, each and every step of the way.

This year, Northeast Kingdom Human Services is asking the Town of Barnet for financial support in the amount of \$1775 (\$1.05 per town resident) to be included on the March 2020 Town Meeting Warning. The current appropriation amount has not changed since 2011. In 2011, 51 Town of Barnet community members received services from Northeast Kingdom Human Services, compared to 63 in the past year.



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since 1960

We're all about being human.

Northeast Kingdom Human Services – 2020 Town Meeting Appropriation Request
P. O. Box 724, Newport, VT 05855 802-334-6744

Page 2 of 2

Article: Shall the **Town of Barnet** vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1775** for the support of **Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.**, a not for profit 501(c)(3), to provide needed services to residents who cannot otherwise afford care.

On behalf of NKHS and all the individuals and families we serve, we wish to thank you in advance for your consideration of our request and for bringing it to the town voters on Town Meeting Day 2020. Thank you for your ongoing support in this important endeavor. The NKHS annual summary report is attached for your community.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors and Leadership Team
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.

Contact:
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Grant Writer/Funding Program Specialist
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Derby office: 802-334-6744 ext. 2140
Newport, VT 05855
RMarquette@nkhs.net

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.

55 Seymour Lane, Suite 11

Newport, VT 05855

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

(802) 334-6532 / phone

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Info@neklsvt.org

www.NEKLSVT.org



January 1, 2020

Town of Barnet

PO Box 15

Barnet, VT 05821

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (NEKLS) has served the residents of Orleans, Essex, and Caledonia counties since the late 1960s. Beginning in one location in Newport NEKLS has evolved to providing our free services in five Community Learning Centers and with various off-site and in-home educational programs. The residents of these counties that have accessed NEKLS services have worked towards receiving a high school diploma or GED, gained job skills, prepared for college courses, received family and child support services such as Early Intervention and much more. NEKLS also continues to provide prevention programming aimed at reducing underage alcohol and tobacco use, in addition to continuing support for a Big Brothers Big Sisters of Vermont program to in Orleans and Northern Essex counties.

State and federal budget challenges continue to impact funding of community nonprofits such as NEKLS. Town appropriations are vital in keeping services free for the hundreds of community members we work with each year, helping to make their goals a reality. Funding helps to maintain high quality services as they are and to introduce new instructional options as well. NEKLS is requesting a town appropriation of \$300 to help support programs that are accessible to the residents of Barnet.

In 2019, NEKLS added to its programming Ready, Set, Grow Childcare located in the old Teddy Bear Factory on Farrant Street in Newport. The Childcare opened in September and is already exploring the expansion into school age care beginning in the Summer of 2020.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Michelle Faust". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michelle" and last name "Faust" clearly legible.

Michelle Faust

Executive Director

Enclosure: NEKLS Appropriations Infographic

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

Town Report Summary

2019 NEKYS Served 16 in Barnet

*NEKYS has been serving vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975
In 2019 NEKYS served 454 individuals throughout Caledonia and Essex Counties*

NEKYS Family Programs Provide:

- Staff is available 24 hours/7days a week to support youth, families, and individuals.
- Supportive counseling for youth and families, case management, support for youth and families within their schools, and family mediation.
- Outdoor adventure opportunities that include kayaking, canoeing, hiking, swimming, and mountain climbing. The group works on learning coping skills and self-care strategies.
- Adult mentors once a week in the school for at-risk students in the 1st-8th grade. Adult mentors establish supportive relationships that result in improved academic performance and positive life choices.
- Summer Central Scholarship program offering scholarships for children to attend summer activities they otherwise could not afford.

NEKYS Youth Program Include:

- Staff is available 24 hours/7days a week to support youth, families, and individuals.
- Support to local young people ages 15-22 that are homeless or at risk of homelessness; have current or past involvement with foster care; are pregnant and/or parenting; experiencing mental health issues; struggling with substance abuse; have current or past involvement with the criminal justice system.
- Programs that utilize a positive youth development, trauma-informed approach that is tailored to meet the needs of young people. Encouragement for each young person is to identify their strengths and achieve goals related to housing, education, employment, and life skills.
- Access to short-term and long-term housing support that addresses the complex needs of young adults who are 18-22 years old. Young adults receive support which include in-home case management, rental assistance, landlord mediation, job skill development, and educational advancement support.

NEKYS Restorative Justice Programs Include:

- A voluntary and confidential alternative to court proceedings for individuals ages 10 through adult.
- Programs based on restorative justice practices that give the person who violates the law the opportunity to identify and repair the harm done to the victim, the community, and themselves.
- Opportunity for the individual who completes the requirements of the program to have his or her case closed in the legal system.
- Help for individuals to regain their driver's license while they pay off their fines and fees.
- Support for 16 to 21 year old youth who are referred to the program after receiving a notice to report from a police officer for possession and/or consumption of alcohol or marijuana.
- Assistance for youth ages 10 through 22 who have been adjudicated in Family Court, are on probation and require additional support by the Department for Children and Families.
- Pretrial Services – a new program involving risk assessment and needs screening.
- Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) – works with adjudicated youth to reduce/eliminate repeat offenses; works with at-risk youth using prevention techniques to keep them out of the juvenile justice system; truancy work with school systems.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services is a private, non-profit agency governed by a community-based, volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts, and appropriations from the towns we serve to continue our mission. Thank you for supporting families in our community. Please call our office at 748-8732 if you have any questions or concerns.



Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1677 Industrial Parkway • Lyndonville, Vermont 05851

Phone: (802)748-8170 • Fax: (802)748-5275 • <http://riderct.org>

"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"

December 20, 2019

Dear Barnet Voters,

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) respectfully requests an appropriation in the amount of **\$1,100.00**. This is the same amount that was requested and appropriated last year.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In Fiscal Year 2019, RCT provided 2,719 trips to 27 residents of Barnet, travelling 68,323 miles at a total cost of \$40,934.00.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require 20% - 50% local match dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match.

We hope you will be able to assist with this request and look forward to our continued service to the residents of Barnet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick D'Agostino", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nick D'Agostino
Executive Director



Activity Report for Barnet
Fiscal Year 2019 * July 2017 – June 2018
Town Appropriation Request: \$1200

Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that make for strong women, supported families and safe homes. Umbrella operates 4 multi-faceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

The Advocacy Program is an essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. The Advocacy Program meets the needs of victims in crisis while also offering preventive programming to local schools and youth groups with a focus on gender respect, consent and healthy relationships. In 2019, 569 individuals received direct advocacy, 27 adults and 26 children were sheltered for a total of 2,654 bed-nights, and 330 adults and 3,207 youth were reached at 150 prevention programming events.

Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC) is a community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and southern Essex counties. KCCC is responsible for helping families find and pay for high-quality childcare services while also increasing the availability and quality of child development services through professional development opportunities and targeted programmatic supports. In 2019, 759 families were connected with the Child Care Financial Assistance Program.

The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. In 2019, the Family Room helped 101 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent. Additional services such as therapeutic visitation, parenting education and mediation can also be arranged in order to help families address their unique goals and needs.

Cornucopia is a culinary arts job-training program for women with barriers to employment. This 14-week program introduces women to the culinary arts through the preparation and packaging of Meals-on-Wheels for Newport area seniors. After completing the program women are assisted with securing employment with local businesses that fit their individual strengths and interests enabling them to achieve economic self-sufficiency. In 2019, Cornucopia empowered 12 women through hands-on culinary and hospitality training and produced over 30,615 meals nutritionally-balanced meals to homebound, Newport-area seniors and 2380 meals at its weekly community meal site.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 35 households in Barnet were served by Umbrella in 2018 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

Community support is critical to sustain our programming and to discover innovative approaches to the work Umbrella does. We are deeply grateful for Barnet's support.

Respectfully,

Amanda Cochrane
Executive Director

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
TOWN OF BARNET
SUMMARY REPORT**

Request Amount: \$280.00

For the past 40 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'19 (10/2018-9/2019) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **250** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **6** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **163** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **122** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **86** individuals with information on assistive technology; **46** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **499** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **40** people and provided **31** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Montpelier office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) (previously under the VT Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY'19, **1** residents of **Barnet** received services from the following program:

- Home Access Program (HAP)
(over **\$1,500.00** spent on home modifications for resident)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.

January 12, 2020

To: Board of Selectmen
Box 15
Barnet, VT 05821

From: West Barnet Senior Meal Site
P.O. Box 134
Barnet, VT 05821

Dear Friends,

The West Barnet Senior Meal Site based in the Presbyterian Church continues to meet the nutritional needs of many seniors, from surrounding towns and on both sides of the Connecticut. Serving over 10,000 meals a year in the church, take out and M.O.W. every week.

Once again we ask for your much needed financial support for our organization. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Anderson". The script is cursive and fluid, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

David Anderson, President

West Barnet Senior Meal Site

NEK Community Broadband - A Communications Union District



Question to the Voters

"Shall the Town of Barnet, Vermont enter into a communications union district (CUD) to be known as NEK Community Broadband, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch82.?"

Our Goal

Bring a reliable and affordable, high-speed internet option (at least 100 mbps symmetrical) to every residential and business address in the Northeast Kingdom.

Summary

High-speed internet is no longer a luxury, but a necessity. Unfortunately, it's not financially appealing to internet companies to invest in infrastructure to serve our rural communities. We must set up our own networks to ensure access for all residents and businesses. The Legislature created a process to do this with Act 79 (2019).

How?

The first step is for towns in our region to form a *Communications Union District (CUD)*. It will be known as "NEK Community Broadband".

What's a CUD?

A Communications Union District (CUD), is a municipality made of two or more towns for the purpose of building communication infrastructure together. Each town in the CUD has a seat on a governing board which will plan, contract build and manage the infrastructure that will provide high speed internet.

What do we gain by joining NEK Community Broadband?

The Town gets a seat at the table as critical regional infrastructure is designed and built.

What's the cost to be a part of the CUD?

There are no direct costs to the taxpayer or the town, though a CUD may ask the town to provide space for a communications plant used to store fiber optic cable, electronics and other assets required to operate the network.

What's the risk to the taxpayer and towns?

Membership in a CUD poses no financial risk to the town or individual taxpayers, by state statute, meaning taxpayer dollars will not be used and if the CUD fails no liability falls to the member towns or taxpayers. (30 V.S.A. Chapter 82; see web address below).

How much will it cost to build the network?

We won't know the estimated cost of the network until we know which towns are in the CUD and a network design has been engineered. Luckily, Northeastern Vermont Development Association has already secured grant funds to develop a business plan and conduct the initial network engineering for the CUD. Building a network is expensive but community based broadband projects like this qualify for large grants and very low interest loans.

How long will it take?

Forming a CUD is just the first step in a multi-year process to plan, fund and build a network to deliver high-speed internet across our region.

Will it work?

Yes, we believe it will work. Across rural Vermont, substantial leaps in internet service have come from communities banding together or partnering with providers to build their own networks. ECFiber, Vermont's first CUD formed in 2015, now delivers up to 700 mbps service to 3,500 customers in 22 rural towns and is profitable.

How can we join the district?

By voting yes on the CUD Article (just listen for "NEK Community Broadband") at Town Meeting, you're voicing your support for your town's membership in the CUD. All towns that approve this ballot measure will become members of a CUD.

What's next?

Each town appoints a resident and an alternate to serve on the CUD board. That board will work to develop a feasible plan for building the network and raise funds to construct and manage it. Then we have an affordable, high-speed internet option. Of course, no one would be required to sign up for the new service. This just means we'll have more and better options!

Questions?

Visit [NEKCollaborative.org/broadband](https://nekcollaborative.org/broadband) for more information.

To read the full text of the state statute, visit: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/30/082>.

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Section 5

Reports of Other Recipients of Town Funds

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ANNUAL REPORT

For 2019

We completed another audit for our office in 2018 and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind. The state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We have kept our rates for service the same for the past few years and have a slight increase with construction and traffic. This increase is due to the fuel prices. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, replacing cars that have served us well. We have thirteen marked cars, a 2014 van for prisoner transports, one unmarked car being used for civil process service. The radar cart is working well and in many towns. That purchase was with the use of Governors Highway Safety Grant funds. We have a large enclosed trailer that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. This trailer may be utilized as a command post at a mass casualty incident as well. We have an ATV and two golf carts. With project (ROAD), Responsible Operators Against Distractions, we want to continue to educate operators about phone use and texting while driving. We continue to do town patrols and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live & drive in because of our presence. The patrols are community based. Which means each town is different, so the patrols may be different. We are taking a proactive response instead of a reactive response. This effort has helped with both fighting crime and communications with the towns. The Sheriff's Department has 20 Law Enforcement Officers to start the new year, with hopes to send a couple new hires to the academy in March. We have become more active with local schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. We have been involved with drills and evacuation plans and will continue to assist as needed. We continue to look at 24 hour dispatching for the county, but are unable to do that right now. Our new location is wonderful and working as it should. We've had a lot of visitors and people stopping by with question. We are more visible and easier to reach. Plus the savings on the tax payers went from \$52,000, down to \$30,000. In 12 years, that expense will go away and the county will own the building.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please call me or stop by the office. My door is always open. I look forward to serving this county as the Sheriff. We have continued with our great relationship with Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital and are helping them make certain that their patients and staff feel safe while in the hospital. We will again do snowmobile patrols throughout the county. Doing our best to keep the trails as safe as possible, and we will again answer snowmobile related complaints.

Please check out our facebook page. Thank You.

Sincerely,
Sheriff Dean Shatney



**Caledonia Essex Area Ambulance Service Inc.
2019 Town Report
Barnet
2019 CALEX Responses 107**

Compassionate professionals delivering the highest quality emergency medicine, specialty care, and training to our providers and communities.

2019 was yet again a very busy year providing Emergency Services in our region. CALEX continues to provide the highest quality of pre hospital care to all the towns we serve providing 911 coverage at the Paramedic level 24/7/365. Serving 9 towns – Saint Johnsbury, Waterford, Barnet, Concord, Kirby, Victory, Danville, Walden and Peacham.

Our volumes continue to rise overall for our system. Our responses were up a bit in Barnet last year to 104 responses this year 107. Our average response time to the scene for our entire service area 7 minutes 48 secs. Overall our agency responded to 3,181 requests for service. CALEX provided 788 inter-facility transports throughout the year in VT and an additional 514 in NH for a total of 1,102 inter-facility transports. These transports are a critical point of our service, reducing any delays of getting our patients to definitive care whether it be trauma services, cardiac care or other specialty services at a higher-level care facility such as DHMC or UVMHC and other hospitals across the New England. CALEX transferred patients to further tertiary care facility in 2019 due to bed availability. Our overall fleet mileage for 2019 was 102,580 averaging of 281 miles per day. CALEX provides Paramedic coverage 24/7/365 – with 2 Paramedic trucks at minimum 24/7 and additional AEMT level ambulance daytime 0700-1900. CALEX also continues to provide Paramedic intercept services to Lyndon Rescue and other services that may be transporting critical ill patients into NVRH. Our Paramedics respond rapidly with our intercept vehicle to meet on scene or enroute to the hospital to provide the highest level of care.

This year we remounted our 2009 Chevy C4500 (189,000 miles) onto a new 2019 C5500 as well as 2016 F-350 (127,000) onto a new 2019 F-450 4x4. This remount process which is completed by Osage Ambulance, Linn MO – removes the old box from the chassis, installs new LED lighting, new flooring, reinspects all the electrical systems, and completely sandblast the box and repaint/letter. This remount process has been successful for us while saving thousands versus purchasing new for a minimum of two remounts. We also replaced our 2007 Chevy Tahoe which was at the end of service with a 2019 Dodge Durango. We maintain a fleet of 5 Ambulances, one Paramedic intercept vehicle, one off-road UTV. We will also be upgrading two new cardiac monitors moving into 2020 as the other two are at the end of their service.

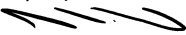
The CALEX Grill was a fundraising success in 2019! Many hours of labor were needed to operate The Grill, hours filled completely by volunteers, by individuals and families from communities throughout Caledonia and Essex Counties. The Grill took part in more than 15 Community Events during the 2019 Season. Over \$9,000, after supply costs and venue fees were paid, went directly toward the purchase of Medical Equipment used to provide care to those we serve. All of us at CALEX Ambulance Service offer sincere thanks to all who support the Agency, to those who volunteered and made The Grill a fundraising success, to those who purchased and enjoyed all that the Grill had to offer, and to those who supported the Agency in countless other ways in the past and throughout 2019.

CALEX St. Johnsbury continues to serve as the area's American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Public Training Center. Classes are offered regularly to the public, they can also be arranged to be held privately for small group or larger businesses throughout the Kingdom. You can also learn CPR/First Aid online and we will provide your skills verifications for certification. For more information you can visit us at www.calexambulance.org Please learn CPR today, you could save a life!

As we end 2019, I look forward to another successful year of providing the very best of pre hospital care to our communities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced team providing care for when it is needed to anyone who may need our service in the communities we serve. We hope you will continue to support us and approve our funding requests so we can continue providing the very best Emergency Medical Care to the region.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our staff, their families, and the CALEX Board of Directors and our dedicated dispatchers for their continued support and dedication to the Agency's mission.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael J. Wright, NRP
Chief Executive Officer

Lake Harvey Association Boat Monitoring Report for 2019 Kathy Wirthwein

This year (and for the first time in 2018) we were well prepared to both “Greet” and if necessary decontaminate boats with our small trailer Greeter station and Power Eagle DC 3505 pressure washer able to spray boats with 140 degree water especially needed for the if visible and microscopic larva zebra mussels. This year the Harvey Lake Association posted signs at the public beach directing all boat launchers to the Boat Access and contributed in various ways to our “keep Harvey’s Lake pure” cause. Boaters were more cooperative than ever by arriving with already cleaned boats plus sometimes stated pride in the pristine looking boats.

The State of Vermont now requires a spreadsheet submission at season end including the following information: date, time, boat type, purpose of trip (here recreational or fishing or game warden), last waterbody, town plus boat access, state, use in last 14 days?, familiar with AIS (we assume yes), inspection allowed, invasive species found and if so type, was boat decontaminated?, comments (catch all). We did least well listing lake locations and I ended up looking things up on the Internet, not good enough for the largest lakes or rivers, with more than one boat access. This is one area in which we need to improve. By law boats must drain water from boats when leaving a lake.

In 2019 monitoring began May 25 and continued with daily 7 am to 7 pm coverage until about mid-September with some coverage most days until September 29. This year there was little activity in May and June due to rain (7 no boats days) and cold weather. Also, the black flies were the worst ever and chased family members in swarms requiring increased speed on the pontoon. During May and June we monitored 159 visitors including 82 last used in Harvey’s in 2018 and heading to their docks and about 13 others first out this year. Thirty-eight boats were repeat Harvey’s visitors. So only 26 boats were of any possible concern with 3 from invasive species lakes. In 2018 we monitored about 175 visitors before July 1. The difference is less than expected but there are many first time out docking boats during these months. (Thirty of the visitors were kayaks with 15 additional kayaks.)

July was the busiest month with 250 visitors bringing 47 additional kayaks. Kayak visitors numbered 76 of the 250 visitors with 123 kayaks. This year we also had about 15 paddle board visits each month. Fourteen visitors were last in lakes with invasive species: Fairlee (2), Halls (3), Willoughby (3), Ticklenaked (1), Squam (1), Memphremagog (2) (now has zebra mussels), Lake Champlain (1) (has zebra mussels, sticky spiny water flea and everything bad), Bomoseen (1) (recently listed as having zebra mussels). This year we have been told that 2 weeks since previous use, not 5 to 7 days, will dry up most invasive species. We assume the not weeds are tougher, especially the zebra mussels. Some of the boats last in contaminated lakes had not been used recently and most users are washing their boats. Overall the arriving boats looked perfectly clean. The 2 Memphremagog boats used the day before were pressure washed with our up to 140 degree hot water.

In August there was a sharp decline in monitored boats to 129 visitors bringing 38 additional kayaks. Kayak visitors numbered 51 with a total of 89 kayaks. Thirteen visitors were last in invasive species lakes: Morey (1), Fairlee (1), Ticklenaked (1) all user washed, Winnepesaukee (3)(2 last used in May), Willoughby (3)(all user washed), Memphremagog (1)(month ago), “NH milfoil lake” (owner washed), Champlain (3

kayaks, 1 canoe) which we washed..

In September we monitored 61 visitors bringing 21 additional kayaks. Kayak visitors numbered 19 with a total of 40 kayaks. We also had 13 paddleboards. One boat was not recently in Halls, and a thoroughly cleaned boat was last in Memphremagog recently.

Annual visitor total was 598 vs. 509 in 2018, and these came from almost 70 different locations.

While keeping new invasive species out of our Harvey's Lake, a not on the "invasive list" variety of pondweed became more invasive than ever last summer, occupying approximately 50 acres. The "blue-green algae" or cyanobacteria blocked about 5 feet of our swimmer entry shoreline a couple of calm mornings in September, less persistent than the past 2 years. Thus environment plays a role in our waters.

We are one of just 25 lakes in Vermont with a monitoring program, and proud of another successful monitoring year.

Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2019 by processing less recycling compared to 2018 – 2615 tons in 2019 compared to 2750 tons in 2018. Significant drops in mixed paper, cardboard, and glass were responsible for most of the decline. A few items, including compostable materials, batteries, and metal saw increases in tonnage. E-Waste, tires, and plastics tonnages were approximately the same as 2018. Recycling markets remained low throughout all of 2019.

The District ended 2019 with a deficit of \$16,116.38. The District ended 2018 with a deficit of \$41,069.02. Revenues in 2019 were 1% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 3% above projections. The catastrophic failure of our baler on September 24, 2018 was the largest reason for the deficit. Even though the baler was replaced in February of 2019, we incurred significant costs for the first quarter of 2019 that were directly associated with having limited or no processing capacity.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2019. 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 2020 with a proposed budget of \$794,823 – a decrease of 3.6% compared to 2019. The decrease reflects the continued poor markets for recyclables. The surcharge rate of \$24.75 will remain unchanged for 2020. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.59. The NEKWMD will be raising hauling fees by \$10 for facilities and schools. The new rates for 2020 are \$45 for facilities and \$30 for schools.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and two part-time employees in 2019. 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. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

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 57,000 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



To the Voters of Barnet:

Since 1950, the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has been the regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. We are a combined regional planning and economic development organization serving the communities in the largest geographic region of the state – the beautiful Northeast Kingdom.

Annually, we request dues from our member communities. These funds are vital as they allow our team of professionals to provide direct assistance to the 50+ municipalities and scores of businesses in our region.

Local governance is increasingly complex and NVDA has steadily expanded our service offerings to help communities navigate new rules. Our services include, but are not limited to:

- Land use planning at the local and regional level – including town plans, zoning bylaws, and on-call technical assistance for local officials;
- Transportation studies, infrastructure inventories, and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS data services;
- Grant writing and administration for community and regional projects;
- Direct business support, referral services, and loans to employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning and implementation to help communities meet new and evolving statutory requirements;
- Local emergency planning and assistance during weather related events. NVDA has also provided assistance with flood hazard management;
- Economic development planning to grow and strengthen businesses in our communities; and
- Municipal education and training opportunities for local officials.

How have we assisted Barnet? In 2019, NVDA staff provided grant support on a Municipal Planning Grant to evaluate the feasibility of new town offices, lent assistance with a town plan amendment, and assisted with Village Center Designation for Passumpsic, McIndoe Falls, Barnet Village, and West Barnet. Finally, we provided technical assistance for town highway stormwater mitigation through Grants in Aid funding and conducted traffic counts.

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 keep 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

Section 6

Real Estate Transactions & Vital Records Reports

Real Estate Transactions

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Description
1/4/2019	LeClaire, Carrie B	Satz, Douglas L & Merrill k	Land only Kitchell Hill Rd
1/24/2019	Pearl, William & Gwen	Pearl, Christopher	Dwl & land Pearlmont Rd
2/19/2019	Pierce, Wayne etal	Criswell, Gary & Cynthia	Dwl & land Gilfillan Rd
3/1/2019	Bunnell, Linda	1008 Higgins Hill, LLC	MHL Town Forrest Rd
3/4/2019	Houde, Clement & Roswitha	Houde, Roswitha & Samantha	Dwl & land Kitchel Hill Rd
3/21/2019	Roy, Arthur & Debra	Brown, David & Lori	MHU Shoreline Drive
4/3/2019	Grady, William T & Lorna L 2010 Trust	Grady, Brian L	Land only Stetson Lane
4/4/2019	O'Shana, Tracia & Roderick	Coon, Anna & Hayden	MHU Meadow Lane
4/15/2019	Schoenbeck, Lynda	Starosciak, Keith	Camp Shoreline Drive
4/29/2019	Cohen, Tomas & Hillary	Romp, Michael & Hunt, Melora	Dwl & land Garland Hill
4/29/2019	Gombas, Sharon etal	Lepardo, Sarah E & Ferrante, Damien	Dwl & land Morrison Hill
4/29/2019	Gombas etal	Lepardo, Sarah E & Damien Ferrante	Dwl & land Morrison Hill
5/2/2019	Zevon, CA Investment Trust	Blanchard, Scott & Melissa	Dwl & land West Main St
5/2/2019	Roggeveen, The Barbara B Trust	King, Joseph & Jaimelee	Land only Shoreline Dr
5/13/2019	Stone, Linwood	Fellows, Savannah & McCarty, Cory	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
5/15/2019	Lane, Mark	Roy, Arthur & Debra	MHU Hillside Lane
5/20/2019	Bunnell, R; Robinson, S; Mathews, D	Morrison's Custom Feeds, Inc	Land only Bimson Dr
6/7/2019	Hawkins, Charles	LaCourse, Dennis Jr	Land only Goss Hill Rd
6/10/2019	Grizzard Trust	Geddes, Bradley & Sybil	Dwl & land Keyser Hill Rd
7/9/2019	Chamberlin, Steven	Hilliker, Shawn	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Description
7/12/2019	Oski, Alexander & Pamela	Cassella, Michael & Angela	Camp & lot Roy Mountain Rd
7/15/2019	Kempton, Estate of George L	Kempton, Matthew & Dawn	Dwls & land Kinerson Lane etal
7/17/2019	Malila, Matthew & Marshall, Laura	Carolan, John & Stephanie	Land only Gadley Hill Rd
7/18/2019	Sorrentino, Phillip & Mary	Chute, Christian & Paula	Camp & lot Slayton Lane
7/23/2019	Hyde, David & Roos, Julie	Stone, Haneke, & Junta	Dwl & land Strobridge Hill
7/25/2019	Roberts, Donald	Powers, Thomas & Kimberly	MHU Shoreline Drive
7/30/2019	Allan, Jeanne B Estate of	Allan, William T	Dwl & land Pavilion Lane
8/2/2019	Cook, Roy & Louise	Lang, Laurie & Patricia	MHU Shoreline Dr
8/14/2019	Darling, Kim	Darling, Simon	Land only Grange Hall Lane
8/14/2019	Muller, Wayne Burton Estate	Cheney, Heather	Dwl & land Inwood Lane
8/30/2019	Coon, Hayden & Anna	Grearson, Anna	MHU Meadow Lane
9/6/2019	Simpson, Wendy	Davis, Nicholas	MHL Symns Pond RD
9/9/2019	Bailey, Marvin & Virginia	Jefferson, John W Jr & Brooke R	MHL Little France Rd
9/13/2019	Pilette, Joshua & Mark	NorthCountry Federal Credit Union	Dwl & land Old Silo Rd
9/16/2019	Kendall, James	504 Rte 5 LLC	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
9/16/2019	Kendall, James	492 Rte 5 LLC	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
9/16/2019	Kendall, James	Kendall, Jere Stephen	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
9/16/2019	Kendall, James	Kendall, Jere Stephen	Dwl & land Cannon Lane
9/23/2019	Stevenson, Richard, Paula & Shane	Gombas, Dylan & Norton, Amanda	Dwl & land Cloud Brook Rd
9/23/2019	Merriam, Elizabeth	Holtz, Dawn & Verley, Jacquelyn	Dwl & land Barnet Center Rd
10/2/2019	Wernecke, Susanne	Kinsella, Michael & Cathleen	Dwl & land Keyser Hill Rd
10/8/2019	Cochran, Gary	Cocran, Kari	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Description
10/14/2019	Peabody, Eugene	Traina, Patricia & Thomas	Dwl & land Bailey Farm Lane
10/14/2019	Wiley, Richard	Chapman, James & Barbara	Dwl & land Ferguson Rd
10/17/2019	Catanzaro, Marion L Estate of	Papineau, David & Jennifer	Dwl & land Symes Pond Rd
10/18/2019	Choate, Estate of Jonathan A	Choate, Matthew & Alexander	Land only Garland Hill
10/18/2019	DeBarge, Estate of Theresa	Somers, Charles	MHL
10/19/2019	Narey, Joyce Estate	Sprout, Jay & Tucker, Nancy	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
11/1/2019	Ward, Ryan & Richard	Dobart, Joshua & Courtney	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
11/6/2019	Roy, Arthur F Jr & Debra	Lancot, James & Kathy	Camp Shoreline Dr
11/6/2019	White, Lois F Revoc Trust	Yancey, Christopher	Camp & land Harvey Mountain Rd
11/6/2019	Cochran, Gary & Kari	Cochran, Gary	Dwl & land Little Scotland Rd
11/18/2019	Lessard, Cindy	Wright, Leonard & Lanette	MHL Wild Leek Lane
11/19/2019	Lawrence, Susan B	Homolka, Jeremy D	Camp & land Pavilion Lane
11/25/2019	Bailey, Estate of Barbara K	Ivery, Patrick H & Claire B	Dwl & land Old West Rd
11/25/2019	Hare, Constance P	McGill, Tyler & Nelson, Laura	Dwl & land Farrow Farm Rd
12/11/2019	Moss, Michael	Campbell, Todd & Abbey	Camp Shoreline Dr
12/12/2019	Pearl, Daniel & Leah	Pearl, Daniel	Dwl & land Garland Hill
12/19/2019	Martland, Agatha M Rev Tr Agree	Heaney, Jeb A	Dwl & land McLaren Hill Rd
12/19/2019	Stuart, Robert & Denise	Community National Bank	Dwl & land Inwood Lane

Civil Marriages

Applicant A	Residence	Applicant B	Residence	Date
Berry, Stacey Rena	Barnet	Dauphin, Joseph Henry	Barnet	3/17/2019
Larabee, Robert Allan	McIndoe Falls	Balmes, John Jerome Tungol	McIndoe Falls	4/29/2019
Houde, John Allen	Passumpsic	Reising, Macaela Georjean	Passumpsic	6/8/2019
Reed, Amber Faye DeRosa	Barnet	Doolan, Christopher Percy	Barnet	6/21/2019
Vereline, Kathryn Elizabeth	West Barnet	Lemieux, Lincoln Lionel	St Johnsbury	7/13/2019
Promphong, Supaporn	Barnet	Robinson, Jacob Clayton	Barnet	8/10/2019
Delfarno, Jessica Ann	McIndoe Falls	Blanchard, Andrew Neal	McIndoe Falls	9/7/2019
Houde, Samantha Rose	Barnet	Downing, Kyle Anthony	Barnet	9/22/2019
Bunnell, Carrie Marie	Dover, NH	Moser, Kyle Christopher	Dover, NH	10/12/2019
Deem, Carrie Christian	West Barnet	DeBlois, Michelle Miriam	West Barnet	10/12/2019

Births

Last Name	First Name	Middle	Birth Date	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Langley	Finnegan	Scott	3/6/2019	Langley, Connor Michael	Leach, Alicia Leah
Powers	Archer	Jude	3/23/2019	Powers, Seth William	Powers, Anna Lee
Duncan	Cecilia	Hope	5/3/2019	Duncan, Joshua Monroe	Duncan, Amanda Lynn
Bedard	Colton	Stephen	6/6/2019	Bedard, Justin Raymond	McCarthy, Kayla Stephanie
Cohen	Cyrus	Daniel	6/14/2019	Cohen, Tomas Alfredo	Cohen, Hillary Ann
Wahl	Rosalie	Lynn	9/25/2019	Wahl, Brandon Donahue	Wahl, Miranda Lynn
Osgood	Grayson	Arthur	10/3/2019	Osgood, Matthew Charles	Shortsleeve, Courtney Lynn
Mulligan	Watson	Robert	10/10/2019	Mulligan, Brendan William	Mulligan, Heather Joan
Houde	Marceline	Charlotte	11/19/2019	Houde, John Allen	Houde, Macaela Georjean
Daniels	Micah	Luke	12/4/2019	Daniels, Kevin Michael	Daniels, Sarah Elena

Deaths

Last Name	First and Middle	Date of Death	Date of Birth	Residence
Sousa	Paul	2/1/2019	11/18/1982	Barnet
Hoar	William Edward	2/28/2019	7/2/1943	West Barnet
Narey	Joyce Rachel	3/12/2019	1/17/1933	Barnet
O'Shana	Rita Florence	4/1/2019	11/25/1943	West Barnet
Hall	Willis Robert, Sr.	4/12/2019	1/31/1945	Barnet
Moon	Richard Lee, Jr.	4/21/2019	6/5/1953	Barnet
Brill	Joyce June	4/25/2019	7/10/1930	Barnet
Streeter	Clarence Roger	5/11/2019	12/4/1919	Barnet
Robinson	Carol May	5/17/2019	6/24/1924	Passumpsic
Fitchett	Marie Florence	6/17/2019	3/23/1942	East Barnet
Harpin	William Jocco	10/3/2019	11/9/1971	McIndoe Falls
Duncan	Clint Howard	10/7/2019	4/1/1996	West Barnet
Larocque	Steven L	12/19/2019	4/4/1955	Barnet