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Report For Year Ending December 31, 2022

TOWN MEETING ON MARCH 7, 2023

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Contact Information, Etc.

Contact Information & Hours of Operation

Town Clerk's Office

Town Clerk: Benjamin Heisholt
Asst. Clerk: Catherine Roy
Telephone: 802-633-2256
Fax: 802-633-4315
Email: townclerk@barnetvt.org
Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Town Website: www.barnetvt.org

Zoning Administrative Officer

Shirley Warden
Telephone: 802-633-4993

Town Garage

Road Foreman: Mark Chase
Telephone: 802-633-4477

Animal Control Officer

Vacant
Contact Caledonia County Sheriff
or local Constables

Barnet Public Library

Librarian: Dylan Ford
Telephone: 802-633-4436
Email: barnetpl@hotmail.com
Hours: Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Board of Listers

John Fairchild, Nancy Bishop & David Warden
Telephone: 802-633-2256
Email: listeners@barnetvt.org
Meetings: Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – 12:00 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: 802-633-4978
<https://barnet.ccsuvt.net>

Vermont State Game Warden

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

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union

Telephone: 802-684-3801

Meetings

Selectboard

Second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Barnet Fire Station on Bimson Drive

Caledonia Cooperative School District Board of Directors

Visit website for times and locations:
<https://www.ccsuvt.net/>

Planning Commission/Zoning Board

Second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Barnet Fire & Rescue Station on Bimson Drive

Municipal Calendar

March 7, 2023 – Town Meeting Day (Office* Closed)
April 1, 2023 – Dog Licenses due
May 28, 2023 – Memorial Day Services
May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day (Office closed)
May 31, 2023 – Transfer Station summer hours begin
July 4, 2023 – Independence Day (Office closed)
August 2023 – Property Tax bills mailed out
August 30, 2023 – Transfer Station summer hours end
September 4, 2023 – Labor Day (Office closed)
Mid-October 2023 – Property Taxes due (see bill for date)
October 31, 2023 – Library Trunk or Treat Event
November 23, 2023 – Thanksgiving (Office closed)
November 24, 2023 – Office closed
December 25, 2023 – Christmas Day (Office closed)
January 1, 2024 – 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/\$13.00 for unneutered
- Fees for license after April 1:
- \$11.00 for neutered/\$17.00 for unneutered

NEK Broadband

Kathleen Monroe
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Annual Report
Year Ending December 31, 2022

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Section 1

2023 Annual Town Meeting

**WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023**

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 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

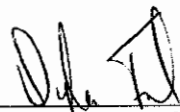
- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect all other Town Officers as required by law and additional Town Officers as approved by the voters.
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- ARTICLE 20. To see what arrangements the Town will vote for the collection of its taxes, and its portion of taxes for Caledonia Cooperative School District, and by what lawful official for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 21. 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 22. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated this 23rd day of January 2023.

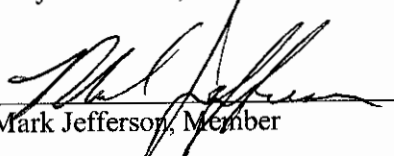
By the Selectboard members of the Town of Barnet:



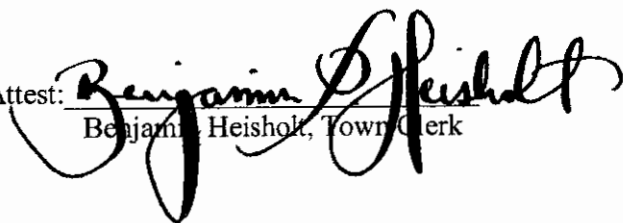
Dylan Ford, Co-Chair



Benjamin Gates, Co-Chair



Mark Jefferson, Member

Attest: 
Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS

For Local Floor Annual or Special Meeting

BEFORE MEETING DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by February 5, 2023. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

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

ON MEETING DAY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

NO PERSON SHALL:

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

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

Section 2

General Town Information

Town Elected Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator	Dennis McLam	March 2023
Town Clerk & Treasurer	Benjamin Heisholt	March 2024
Selectboard	Dylan Ford	March 2023
	Benjamin Gates	March 2024
	Mark Jefferson	March 2025
Listers	David Warden	March 2023
	John Fairchild	March 2024
	Nancy Bishop	March 2025
Caledonia Cooperative School District School Directors (representing Barnet on three-town, nine-member board)	David Warden	April 2023
	Susan Roberts	April 2024
	Jessica Lynn Roy	April 2025
Auditors	Joseph Breidenstein	March 2023
	Dennis Kauppila	March 2024
	Jeffery Riley	March 2025
Delinquent Tax Collector	Lisa Bowden	March 2023
1st Constable	Steve Mosher	March 2023
2nd Constable	David Stevenson	March 2023
Trustee of Public Funds	Merle Fitzgerald	March 2023
	George Coppenrath	March 2024
	William Graves	March 2025
Library Trustees	Julie Roos	March 2023
	Linda Cochrane*	March 2024
	Laura Goldberg	March 2025
	Jacquelyn Verley*	March 2026
	Susan Wood	March 2027
Justice of the Peace	Rebecca Boardman	February 2025
	Caroline DeMaio	February 2025
	William Graves	February 2025
	Susan Jensen	February 2025
	Dennis Kauppila	February 2025
	Dennis McLam	February 2025
	Shellie Samuels	February 2025

*Appointed to fill vacancy in elected office; term of appointee expires at next Town Meeting.

Town Appointed Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Beach Committee	Christene Demers Christen Emerson Jennifer Kierstead Christopher Yancey	
Dam Committee	George Coppenrath Robert Dufresne Donald Easter Dylan Ford Joseph Mangiapane	
Emergency Management Coordinator	Ronald Morse	
Fire Chief	Ronald Morse	December 2023
Fire Warden	Christopher Bunnell	June 2023
Health Officer	Dylan Ford	March 2023
Health Officer, Deputy	Emil Pollak	October 2023
Library Director	Dylan Ford	
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Representative	William Douglas	
Road Foreman	Mark Chase	
Town Attorney	Steven Adler	March 2023
Town Clerk & Treasurer, Assistant	Catherine Roy	March 2023
Transportation Advisory Committee Representative	Benjamin Gates	
Tree Warden	Stanley Robinson	March 2023
Zoning Administrative Officer	Shirley Warden	March 2025
Zoning Secretary	Dawn Holtz	July 2023
Zoning Board/ Planning Commission	Benjamin Adams Trent Roy Bruce Denio Mark Bowen Zachary Mangione Elizabeth Evans Eric Skovsted Dennis McLam Dawn Holtz	July 2023 July 2023 July 2023 July 2024 July 2024 July 2025 July 2025 July 2026 July 2026

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MINUTES ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Barnet Elementary School gymnasium by Moderator Dennis McLam.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.

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

The Moderator allowed a brief intermission 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.

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 Mark Jefferson is expiring.
- Mark Jefferson nominated by Benjamin Gates.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Mark Jefferson.

Lister

- Moderator stated that the three-year term of John Cook is expiring.
- Moderator read a letter from John Cook indicating that Mr. Cook does not seek re-election.
- David Warden nominated by Alan Boye.
- Nancy Bishop nominated by John Fairchild.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- John Fairchild, a current Lister, spoke in support of the nomination of Nancy Bishop, stating that Ms. Bishop has computer skills and experience in office work. Ms. Bishop, who was not present, had indicated to Mr. Fairchild that she is willing to serve as Lister.
- David Warden spoke, indicating that he is willing to serve as Lister and discussing his previous experience as a town officer, including as a Lister.
- A paper ballot is required for the office of Lister. Paper ballots were distributed, voted, and counted by the Board of Civil Authority.
- While the Board of Civil Authority counted the ballots, Zoning Administrative Officer and Transfer Station attendant Shirley Warden spoke regarding zoning permits and Transfer Station matters.
- Moderator announced that 81 total votes were cast. 41 votes were required for election. 52 votes were cast for Nancy Bishop, 29 votes were cast for David Warden.
- Moderator stated that Nancy Bishop was elected.

Lister

- Moderator stated that this office has one year remaining of a three-year term. Sarah Cook resigned, and a replacement was not appointed.
- David Warden nominated by Alan Boye.
- Mona Marceau moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Roseann Drew Leute. Hearing no objections, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot David Warden.

Auditor

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

Collector of Delinquent Tax

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

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.

Trustee of Public Funds

- Moderator stated that three-year term of William Graves is expiring.
- William Graves nominated by Benjamin Gates.
- 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 Susan Wood is expiring.
- Susan Wood nominated by Dylan Ford.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Susan Wood.

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

- Caroline Demaio moved to accept the report of the Town Auditors as it appears on page twenty-eight of the Town Report. Seconded by Mark Bowen.
- 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?

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

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?

- Mona Marceau moved the article as warned. Seconded by Roseann Drew 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?

- Caroline Demaio moved the article as warned. Seconded by Charles McAlpine.
- 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?

- Caroline Demaio moved the article as warned. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- 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?

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

ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to The Community Restorative Justice Center?

- Jay Sprout moved the article as warned. Seconded by Nancy Sprout.
- Levering White spoke in opposition to the motion, arguing that the requestor receives funding from

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- the Department of Corrections and that Barnet taxpayers should focus funding on local services.
- Caroline Demaio spoke in favor of the motion, arguing that the requestor does serve members of the Barnet community.
- Barnet Public Library Librarian Dylan Ford spoke, indicating that the requestor does use the library to meet with Barnet residents, confirming that they serve the Barnet community.
- Wendy Stein spoke in favor of the motion, arguing that Barnet needs to view its community as extending beyond the town of Barnet.
- Harry Adamek spoke in favor of the motion. He indicated that he has worked for the requestor for seven or eight years and finds that they provide a valuable service and need more funding.
- Mona Marceau asked if the requestor had also requested appropriations in neighboring towns in 2022.
 - Dylan Ford responded, indicating that the requestor had requested 2022 appropriations from neighboring towns.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) to Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium?

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

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Habitat for Humanity in the Northeast Kingdom?

- Leland Alper moved the article as warned. Seconded by Jay Sprout.
- Levering White spoke in opposition to the motion, arguing that the requestor is part of a large national organization with fund-raising campaigns that raise millions of dollars and that Barnet taxpayers should focus funding on local services.
- Jay Sprout spoke in favor of the motion, stating that the requestor is the local branch of a national organization and receives no funding from the national organization and that all of the local branch's funding is raised locally and spent locally.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Kingdom Animal Shelter?

- Mona Marceau moved the article as warned. Seconded by Grace Gershuny.
- Levering White spoke, stating that this requestor's services are for cats.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging?

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

ARTICLE 14. 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.?

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

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.?

- Brynn Evans 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 Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?

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

ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00) to Rural Community Transportation?

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

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ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) to Umbrella Inc.?

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

ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$280.00) to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

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

ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to the West Barnet Senior Meal Site?

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

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.

- Lisa Bowden moved that property taxes become due and payable in hand to the town Treasurer during business hours on or before October 15, 2022, 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 made 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 1.5% per month or fraction thereof, plus the collector's fee of 8% as provided by law. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- 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 Benjamin Gates moved to raise the sum of \$1,674,137.04 for the General Fund budget. Seconded by Mark Bowen.
- Mona Marceau asked about the costs for the feasibility study for the renovation and repurposing of the Town Hall as a municipal office and about the costs for a previous feasibility study for a similar proposed project at the McIndoe Falls Academy.
 - Benjamin Gates stated that in 2021 the Town expended \$600 and in 2022 the Town has expended approximately \$2,600 and obligated an additional \$4,800.
 - The Selectboard indicated that McIndoe Falls feasibility study expenditure totals were not readily available, but most of the costs were offset by grants.
 - Benjamin Gates indicated that the Town may be eligible for some grant funding for the Town Hall project, but the Selectboard intends to work primarily from Town funding.
 - The Selectboard indicated that they intend to leverage Town Hall feasibility study costs to reduce future project costs, including architectural plans.
- Grace Gershuny asked how much funding the Town received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and how the Selectboard will decide how to spend it.
 - Dylan Ford reported that the Town will receive approximately \$488,000 in ARPA funding. When the Selectboard originally learned about ARPA funding, available information indicated that allowable uses of the funds would be somewhat restrictive. More recent information, however, indicates that Selectboard may expand uses of the funds to any traditional government services. The Selectboard has focused its internal discussions on infrastructure projects, including bridges. Suggestions from residents and taxpayers are welcome and may be sent to the Town Clerk.
- Grace Gershuny asked if the Selectboard would consider using ARPA funding to make the Town Forest accessible and safe for the public.
 - Benjamin Gates indicated that the so-called Town Forest is not a town forest as traditionally understood. It has never been used for recreational purposes but has served previously as a town dump and source of lumber and firewood, and currently as a gravel pit. It would be costly to convert a portion of the property to recreational use and it is uncertain if it would be allowable under Mine Safety and Health Administration rules. The Selectboard is not likely to consider it.
 - Shirley Warden spoke about her research on the history of the Town's acquisition and use of the so-called Town Forest. She indicated that there is no evidence that the property was ever purchased or used under the auspices of the 1915 state law regarding municipal forests.
- Benjamin Gates's motion to raise the sum of \$1,674,137.04 for the General Fund budget was passed by voice vote.

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

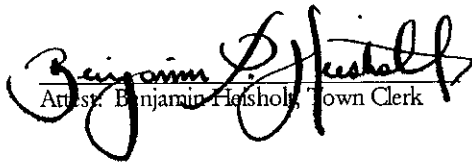
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- Mona Marceau spoke about low turnout for the April 5, 2022 school district election. She suggested that better communication and advertising be done to raise awareness and mitigate confusion about location and date.
- Mona Marceau spoke to encourage voters to participate in Selectboard meetings, which are accessible remotely online.
- Dylan Ford spoke in appreciation for the service of Listers John Cook and Sarah Cook, who both retired from their Lister positions at this meeting. Mr. Cook served for ten years and Ms. Cook for nine years.
 - Ms. Cook spoke in appreciation for her opportunity to serve the Town and for the cooperation and kindness of taxpayers, even in adversarial situations like grievance hearings.

Hearing no further business, the Moderator announced that the meeting would adjourn. Meeting adjourned 7:36 p.m.


Dennis McLam, Moderator


Dylan Ford, Selectboard Co-Chair


Attest: Benjamin Hersholt, Town Clerk

Barnet Transfer Station & Recycling Center. (2022)

Staff, Location, Requirements and Hours of Operation.

- **Staff:**
 - Bruce Marston, Supervisor & Recycling Center Attendant
 - Donald Nelson, Transfer Station Attendant
 - Daniel Ehlers, Recycling Center Attendant
 - Shirley Warden, Transfer Station Attendant
- **Hours of Operation:** Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., all year. During summer months from the first Wednesday after Memorial Day until the last Wednesday before Labor Day we will be open from 3-7 p.m.
- **Location:** 900 Town Forest Rd: At end of Town Forest Road. In Passumpsic Village, turn onto Bridge Street and cross the bridge over the Passumpsic River. As you come off of the bridge, take a right onto Town Forest Road and go the end of the road. Transfer Station will be on your left; Recycling Center will be straight ahead past the Transfer Station.
- **Requirements for use:** For rubbish generated by residences located within the Town of Barnet. A sticker is required to show the attendant that you are a resident or taxpayer of Barnet. This sticker can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Bruce Marston

January 1, 2022

PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT NOTICE

For the safety of yourself and others.....

Please 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, all fluorescent light bulbs, 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 1-802-626-3532.

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

Thank you everyone,

Bruce P. Marston

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

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

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

Unacceptable Plastics Include:

Any **black** plastic containers

Motor oil, gas containers

Pesticide containers

Styrofoam of any kind

Planting pots and trays

Plastic furniture

Plastic Toys

Coffee Makers

Coat hangers

Vinyl Siding

Maple Tubing

CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases

Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size

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

Unacceptable Plastic Bags and Films

Any type

Unacceptable Cardboard

Pringles containers

Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind

Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes

Cardboard with metallic interior

Single-use coffee cups

Soiled Cardboard

Waxy Cardboard

Unacceptable Paper

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)

White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)

Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers

Paper plates, cups, bowls

Single-use cups

Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

Unacceptable Glass

Crystal

Incandescent light bulbs

Automotive lights

Pyrex

Porcelain

Unacceptable Aluminum

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers

Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)

Coffee Bags

Unacceptable Tin

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans

Large Pieces of Metal

Nails, Screws, Fasteners

Any tin that is a non-food container

Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)

"Biodegradable" bags, cutlery, bowls, plates

Food utensils

Plates, bowls, cups

Plastic bags

Styrofoam

Keurig cups

Barnet Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

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

↓ SORT ITEMS ↓	
<p><u>MIXED PAPER</u> Newspapers, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored & white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper. <i>NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.</i></p>	<p><u>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, & BROWN KRAFT BAGS</u> All Cardboard and Boxboard food packaging. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK. <i>NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam.</i> *BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED*</p>
<p><u>TIN CANS</u> Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic. *MUST BE RINSED*</p>	<p><u>ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS</u> Labels OK. Flattening not required. <i>NO snack bags, candy wrappers, coffee bags.</i> *MUST BE RINSED*</p>
<p><u>GLASS BOTTLES & JARS</u> *Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin) * <i>NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids, metal or wood.</i></p>	<p><u>BATTERIES</u> All types including primary and rechargeable batteries. Please bag similar types together and bag damaged batteries separately.</p>
<p><u>PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 & #5 Food Containers</u> <u>REMOVE CAPS / MAX. SIZE- 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*</u> Includes food containers, health/beauty product, and cleaner containers. #5 included <i>if it's a food container.</i> <i>NO plastic bags or films, black plastic, screw-top caps, motor oil bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes, or medical devices.</i></p>	
<p> <u>NO DIRTY OR UNRINSED ITEMS</u> <u>NO BLACK PLASTIC CONTAINERS</u> <u>NO CONTAINERS larger than 2 GALLONS</u></p>	

ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS at the BARNET TRANSFER STATION:

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

SPECIAL WASTES: Scrap metal, Freon-containing appliances, electronics (TVs, computers, radio/stereos, gaming systems, telephones), automotive batteries, metal aerosols cans, 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 – May through the end of September **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** in Lyndonville, & special Saturday events throughout the District. Call for details.

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

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

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

Updated 11/2021



Barnet Transfer Station & Recycling Center **Pricing as of Jan. 1st, 2022**

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Mixed solid household waste (MSW):

- 13 gallon (kitchen) bag: \$2.00
- 30 gallon bag: \$3.00
- 42 gallon bag: \$4.00
- 55 gallon bag: \$6.00

Construction & demolition debris (C & D):

- \$20.00 per cubic yard
- Bulkies: \$17.00 each
- Toilets, dishwashers, (if mostly plastic), refrigerators, freezers and A.C. units are All \$5.00 each

Metal items: FREE!

Tires: (automobile and pick-up trucks):

- Without rims, less than 16.5": \$ 4.00 each
- With rims, less than 16.5": \$6.00 each
- Without rims, larger than 16.5": \$8.00 each
- With rims, larger than 16.5": \$10.00 each
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- **Large truck and farm tractor tires:**
- \$18.00 and up.

Recycling Center: All acceptable items can be recycled at no charge. See the Recycling List, which contains most of the items below:

- **Electronic items, limited to the below list:**
 - Amplifiers, answering machines, boom boxes, cable converter boxes, CD players, clock radios, computer systems and components, digital converter boxes, DVD players, electronic games consoles, etc., fax machines, MP3 players, power cords and chargers, scanners, smart phones, etc, stereo equipment, telephones, televisions, and VCRs.

If you have any other questions regarding waste management, please call NEKWMD at (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602 or on the web at www.nekwmd.org

TO ALL RESIDENTS:
NOTICE OF A FINE
FOR FAILURE TO
COMPLY WITH
REGULATIONS!

**WE ARE FACING A \$155.00 FINE PER DRUM IF WE DO NOT
STOP PUTTING UNWANTED ITEMS IN OUR GLASS DRUMS!**

***The worst part of this problem is the fact that after just
three drums that are considered contaminated, they will
no longer pick up our glass! Then, what do we do?***

Please help prevent this from happening!

Thank you for your cooperation!

2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 13	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Corinth Transfer Station
SATURDAY, MAY 20	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Waterford Transfer Station
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Glover Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 3	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 17	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Jay Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JULY 15	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Maidstone 1342 Rte. 102
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Cabot Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19	8:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.	Westmore Transfer Station
SATURDAY, SEPT. 16	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

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

HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS
Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 20 gallons. If you have more than 20 gallons, or are a business, please call our office to schedule an appointment at our Lyndonville facility, May 2 – Oct. 5, 2023.

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 2, 2023 to October 5, 2023. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

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

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

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

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

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

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

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

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

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

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

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

The NEKWMD hazardous waste collection program is made possible in part by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. This year's grant totaled \$74,074.00

Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

GARDEN SUPPLIES

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

GARAGE

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

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

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

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2022 ACTUAL Taxes and Tax Rates							
Caledonia							
Town Name	Education Homestead Taxes	Education Non-Residential Taxes	Municipal Taxes	Education Homestead Tax Rate	Education Non- Residential	Municipal Tax Rate	Local Agreement Tax Rate
Barnet	1,447,617	1,889,625	1,672,968	1.3844	1.3452	0.6840	0.0028
<i>Barnet FD #1</i>	0	0	4,316	0	0	0.0575	0
<i>Barnet FD #2</i>	0	0	23,737	0	0	0.1647	0
<i>Barnet FD #3</i>	0	0	8,583	0	0	0.0600	0
<i>Barnet FD #5</i>	0	0	3,562	0	0	0.0200	0
Burke	1,502,755	2,928,562	2,155,157	1.5673	1.6966	0.7842	0.0012
Danville	2,664,807	2,008,223	1,717,688	1.3844	1.4528	0.5190	0
Groton	779,952	1,075,761	797,140	1.3679	1.4795	0.6141	0.0025
Hardwick	1,886,336	1,326,111	2,559,318	1.6831	1.6574	1.3264	0.0101
Kirby	554,917	380,055	265,483	1.5812	1.5525	0.4460	0.0008
Lyndon	2,933,607	2,897,235	1,729,828	1.4966	1.6201	0.4613	0.0044
<i>Lyndonville Village</i>	0	0	584,876	0	0	0.8391	0
<i>Lyndon Highway</i>	0	0	1,013,564	0	0	0.3320	0
Newark	487,199	926,462	640,693	1.4339	1.5521	0.6851	0.0024
Peacham	1,041,453	1,134,173	865,643	1.5819	1.5298	0.6196	0
Ryegate	926,184	952,302	988,748	1.3454	1.4551	0.7353	0.0033
Sheffield	435,231	475,984	254,999	1.5344	1.6610	0.2536	0
St. Johnsbury	2,981,972	4,325,597	5,244,868	1.3256	1.5427	1.0343	0.0027
<i>St. J Spec Serv Dist</i>	0	0	1,297,676	0	0	0.6009	0
Stannard	125,159	156,462	172,366	1.4522	1.5264	0.9164	0
Sutton	777,281	577,040	641,951	1.2386	1.3408	0.6088	0.0041
Walden	857,070	716,712	574,516	1.3507	1.3124	0.4881	0.0041
Waterford	1,592,939	1,420,515	998,684	1.5098	1.4670	0.4807	0.0022
Wheelock	537,048	417,930	484,483	1.4149	1.5316	0.7464	0.0051
County Totals	21,531,527	23,608,748	24,700,848				

Section 3

Reports of Town Officers, Boards, Committees & Departments

2022 Barnet Selectboard Report

Happy New Year! The Selectboard would like to thank everyone who has made this year run smoothly. First of all, special thanks to Benjamin Heisholt and Catherine Roy for all their continued efforts in the Clerk's Office. We would like remind everyone, if you see the volunteers and office holders of this Town, please thank them for their service. There are many committees which are teeth on the gears that keep the Town running smoothly and moving forward- for example the Beach Committee, Dam Committee, Library Trustees, Listers, Firemen and EMS, Planning and Zoning Boards, Transfer Station, Board of Civil Authority, and the list goes on and on. As a Selectboard we are truly blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers and office holders. If you have interest in getting involved, please reach out and we can get you pointed in the right direction. The Selectboard has been busy this year with a few big projects: Harvey's Lake Dam, NEK Broadband, Church Street parking and the Town Hall Project.

The Dam Committee met regularly in 2022 and had some very productive meetings with the State of VT to get the Harvey's Lake level to remain consistent and prevent backflow from the South Peacham Brook. The Dam Committee is working with the state to get the dam reclassified, which will help with being able to move forward with a plan to rectify the situation.

NEK Broadband has been working diligently to increase coverage in the town. The Town decided not to allocate ARPA funds in that direction but we authorized an easement on Town property on Gilfillan/West Barnet Road for a terminal. We look forward to the increased high-speed internet which should be a benefit to all the home-based businesses. NEK Broadband has been great to work with on the layout of lines and construction as well as developing a place in our Town for the terminal.

The Town Hall project is moving along very well. A committee has been formed which includes Benjamin Heisholt, William Graves, Jeremy Roberts, Catherine Roy, and the Selectboard, to develop initial plans, and work through this process. We have hired Black River Design to be our architectural firm. Jay Ancel and Rollin Tait worked with us to develop an initial set of plans with function and historic preservation both in mind. Many of the initial testing has been completed and we hope to have a final set of plans soon. We contracted with Estes & Gallup as construction managers to help with the facilitation of this project. They will be developing a budget and anticipated costs in the next month or so and we will have a good idea where we are going with this project. Darrell Mathews Excavating has removed the old fire station from the side of the Town Hall. For more updated information on this project, please see the Town website, www.barnetvt.org.

At the junction of Bimson Drive and Church Street there is a parcel of land which the Wells River Savings Bank donated to the Town of Barnet with the purpose of being used as additional parking for the new town clerk's office. It appears we have obtained an Park and Ride Grant from the State of VT to help offset the cost of the project. This will be a very low impact parking area with no lighting or pavement. A staymat parking area is planned and we plan to add some trees and shrubs for aesthetics.

We would like to thank the road crew, Mark, Jason, Glenn, Barry, and Chris, for keeping the roads in tip top shape both throughout the summer and during these crazy winter storms. Unfortunately, it was an incredibly dry summer which made it difficult to grade the roads but we did the best we could. We continue to get our winter sand and road materials from the Town owned pit which saves us a considerable amount of money. We did trade in the JD grader this year and the new Caterpillar grader showed up just before winter. We

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continue to budget our equipment and truck funds so we can replace trucks and equipment on a regular basis; this is essential to having equipment that is ready to work when we need it.

In closing, we would like to thank the citizens of this town for their continued support. In return, we as a Board try to make decisions based on what is best for the Town in the long run. There can be many factors that weigh in on each decision we make, but at the end of the day, we have the Town of Barnet's best interest in the forefront of our minds.

Sincerely,

The Barnet Select Board

Dylan Ford, Benjamin Gates, Mark Jefferson

Town Auditor's Report

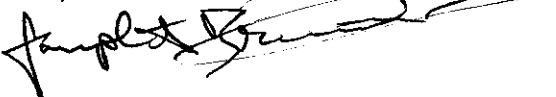
In accordance with Title 24, Section 1681 of the Vermont Statutes, we have examined the accounts and records of the Town of Barnet.

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, 2022.

January 23, 2022

Jeffery Riley

Joseph Breidenstein

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Breidenstein", written over a horizontal line.

Dennis Kauppila

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Kauppila", written below the name.

BARNET LISTERS' REPORT

This was another interesting year for many reasons. There are a lot of changes coming to the many different areas that encompass our job.

Web based data entry is coming to all towns in Vermont and we have begun training on the new system. There has been a software update on the APEX sketching program which we find to be more user friendly. We are now able to download parcel information to our tablet which helps tremendously in field work.

This year there are 1,130 taxable properties in the Barnet Grand List compared to 1,125 last year. Property totals in 2022 were \$258, 289,800 down from 290,228,600 last year. The lower value is a direct result of a settlement agreement which decreased the value of both the Comerford and McIndoe Dams.

This year's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 90.27% which is down substantially from last year at 108.98%. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 18.55% up from 9.92% in 2021. A CLA of less than 100% indicates that in general the properties in town are listed for less than the fair market value.

The preliminary results of the 2022 Equalization Study indicate that 165 of the 254 municipalities analyzed (for the Equalization Study the 6 unorganized gores in Essex County are treated as one municipality) have a Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) or Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) that fall outside of the statutory bounds and will be subject to a reappraisal order (CLA <85%, CLA >115% or COD >20%). Even though Barnet had spikes in sales prices, the two percentages do not require us to have a reappraisal. However, we are getting close to the Statutory requirements for reappraisal.

We look forward to helping Barnet residents with any questions they have regarding their property taxes. Our office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9am – 12pm or you may email us at listers@barnetvt.org.


John Fairchild


Nancy Bishop


David Warden

Report of the Trustees for Public Funds, for fiscal year 2022

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 \$182,670.59 on December 31, 2022, but has lost value equaling \$44,427.55 since December 31, 2021, at a negative 19.6% rate of total return. Investment income (such as dividends and interest) for 2022 is \$7,139.98.

The beginning values over 14 years ago were \$53,168 for the Town, and \$53,168 for the School District. The Town's share of funds has increased by 3.44 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 School Esden funds. The Trustees service to the Caledonia Cooperative School District is by that District's request or permission only. The Trustees do assert a right to oversee the original, restricted principal.

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.

George Coppenrath
Merle Fitzgerald
William Graves

Town of Barnet
Esden Fund
2022 Financial Reports

Activity Summary

Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2021	227,098.14
Income:	7,139.98
Gain (loss) in value of investments:	(51,567.53)
Assets withdrawn from account:	0.00
2022 Net Earnings or (Loss)	(44,427.55)
Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2022	182,670.59

Balance Sheet

Assets:	Dec. 31, 2021	Dec. 31, 2022
Cash	5,514.45	6,526.84
Corporate Bonds	0.00	0.00
Government Securities	0.00	0.00
Unit Trusts	23,236.56	17,325.72
Mutual Funds	198,347.13	158,818.03
Total Assets	227,098.14	182,670.59
Fund Equity:		
Fund Balance - Non-spendable	53,168.58	53,168.58
Fund Balance - Unassigned	173,929.56	129,502.01
Total Fund Equity	227,098.14	182,670.59

2022 Annual Report of Barnet Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Under Vermont state law the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board are two separate municipal boards serving two separate functions. A Town can, and Barnet has, however, elected to cause the members of its Planning Commission to serve also as the members of its Zoning Board.

Therefore, although this group serves two distinct functions, it is in practice one board. As the Planning Commission it primarily serves to prepare a municipal plan, and amendments thereto, and to prepare zoning bylaws, and amendments thereto. As the Zoning Board it primarily hears appeals from the decisions of the Zoning Administrative Officer, and grants or denies variances and/or conditional uses. Meetings/Hearings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Fire & Rescue Station (151 Bimson Drive) starting at 7:00 P.M.

2022 Report of Activities:

- Dennis McLam was re-appointed to the board as vice-chair upon term expiration.
- Dawn Holtz was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy from outgoing board member Dakota Butterfield. Holtz also currently serves as the board secretary.
- The Rules of Procedure were updated with town lawyer.
- Several public hearings were held for various zoning requests.
- Monthly meetings were conducted as per regular meeting schedule.
- Mandatory town plan editing work began with NVDA (Northeastern Vermont Development Association)
- Some board members and Zoning Administrative Officer attended information/training sessions about VT Cannabis.

Current Board Members: (for detailed listing, including contact information and term expiration, see municipal directory):

- Benjamin Adams, Chair
- Elizabeth Evans
- Dawn Holtz - Secretary
- Dennis McLam, Vice-Chair
- Mark Bowen
- Zachary Mangione
- Eric Skovsted
- Trent Roy
- Bruce Denio

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BARNET ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Barnet Zoning Bylaw was updated August 14, 2018, requires ALL "structures" defined as "an assembly of materials for use or occupancy," and over 50 square feet (5'X10'), have a permit before construction. There is NO exemption for "temporary structures."

Application forms and Completing the Zoning Application Form check list are available at the Barnet Town Clerk's office and on the Barnet Town website; www.barnetvt.org. The application form must be dated May 1, 2022 or newer.

Incomplete applications are returned for more information. In 2022 13 applications were returned for more information.

January 1, 2022 permit fees were increased for the first time since 1994. New fees are as follows:

TYPE OF APPLICATION	BASIC	RECORDING	TOTAL
Permitted use	\$25.00	& \$15.00	\$40.00
Late filling*	\$50.00	& \$15.00	\$65.00
Board Public Hearings	\$50.00	& \$15.00	\$65.00
Late filling	\$100.00	& \$15.00	\$115.00
Appeals to the Board	\$50.00	& \$15.00	\$65.00

All fees MUST be submitted with the applications (checks made to the "Town of Barnet").

* Late filling fees are charged when a structure is built without a permit, and is double the basic fee. There were four late fees collected in 2022. The Select Board waived two fees.

The Administrative Officer has 30 days to act on a completed application and is not buildable for 15 days after it is signed. To save time check the Completing the Zoning Application form. As I do not keep regular office hours at the Town Clerk's office so leaving an application there will delay your issued permit.

I maybe reached by phone at 802-633-4993, when leaving a message please repeat your number twice. I missed a least 2 calls this year because I could not make out a number. My address is 521 Warden Road, Barnet VT 05821.

"Qualifying" Agricultural or Silvicultural structures are exempt from zoning permits, however the Barnet Bylaw requires that an "Intent to Build form", along with a recording fee of \$15.00 be filed before building. In 2022 one form was recorded for a sugar house addition.

There were 47 applications processed in 2022. Six were referred to the Planning/Zoning Board for a commercial enterprise, building within 100 feet of the shore line and four for building on a back lot. One application was with drawn.


Permits were issued by me for one each: barn, carport, chicken coop, add room to garage, change green house to living space, res:garage with accessory dwelling, leantoo, deck replacement, deck addition, replace burned mobile home with dwelling, and convert existing garage to 3 apartments; two each of the following: condo cabins, construction trailers, residential garages, Dwelling additions & metal storage container; three enclosed porches, & tent platforms; four barn additions; six decks; eight porches; twenty four sheds; Three 2 lot subdivisions, one 3 lot subdivision and a subdivision to adjust property lines.

One permit was appealed to the Planning/Zoning Board, the appeal was denied after a public hearing.

Nine letter of violation were issued, most for signs on utility poles, all but two were corrected.

Three new 911 locatable address number were issued in 2022.

Respectfully submitted


Shirley Warden

Barnet Zoning Administrative Officer

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Report of the Collector of Delinquent Tax

Lisa J. Bowden, Collector

December 31, 2022

Year	Taxes Charged to Collector	Collected	Abated	Uncollected Tax as of 12/31/22
2012	\$ 5,564.88	\$ 453.01	- 0 -	\$ 5,111.87
2013	11,726.86	477.99	- 0 -	11,248.87
2014	12,046.65	365.69	- 0 -	11,680.96
2015	11,355.65	1,392.65	- 0 -	9,963.00
2016	3,515.88	2,887.80	- 0 -	628.08
2017	1,183.69	1,183.69	- 0 -	- 0 -
2018	12,391.99	2,372.13	- 0 -	10,019.86
2019	12,407.51	1,994.11	- 0 -	10,413.40
2020	21,509.57	3,413.26	- 0 -	18,096.31
2021	68,542.51	56,836.99	\$3,918.87	7,786.65
2022	<u>144,421.25</u>	<u>88,326.62</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>56,094.63</u>
	\$ 304,666.40	\$159,703.94	\$3,918.87	\$ 141,043.60

Unpaid Tax Balances by Taxpayer:

2012

Kendall, James \$ 5,111.87

2013

Kendall, James \$ 6,993.75

Kendall, James & Jere 4,255.12

2014

Kendall, James \$ 7,262.40

Kendall, James & Jere 4,418.56

2015

Kendall, James \$ 5,435.94

Kendall, James & Jere 4,527.06

2016

Kendall, James \$ 425.85

Kendall, James & Jere 202.23

2018

Bradley, John \$ 34.96

Kendall, James 6,250.26

Kendall, James 3,734.64

2019

Kendall, James \$ 6,495.87

Kendall, James & Jere 3,917.53

2020

Alongi, Vito \$ 2,393.25

Hahr, Christopher 2,407.32

Hilliker, Shawn 826.35+

Kendall, James 8,409.06

Kendall, James & Jere 4,060.33

+ paid in full by publication date

2021

492 Rte 5 LLC \$ 1,158.86

Alongi, Vito 155.14

Cooper, T, et als 2,006.95

Hahr, Christopher 2,098.14

Hayes, Candace 957.73

Labounty, Elphage Jr. 151.99

Mitchel, Stephanie 488.66

Noyes, Billy 769.18

2022

492 Rte 5 LLC \$ 1,377.70

Alongi, Vito 2,497.33

Boardman, Brendan 1,739.39

Bogie, Calvin Jr 1,584.96

Bradley-Ward, Delia 855.47

Butterworth, Stewart 5,758.69+

Campbell, Kathleen 530.35

Cooper, Teresa et als 1,845.05

Edmunds, Tarcia 1,735.33

Hahr, Christopher 1,273.81

Hayes, Candace 601.44

Hilliker, Shawn 701.89+

Jones, James 10,639.56

Kendall, James 5,626.61

Kendall, James & Jere 3,604.76

Lacourse, Dennis Jr. 2,637.54

Lancot, James Jr. 123.95

Mitchel, Stephanie 1,365.77

Noyes, Billy 707.14

O'Shana, Tracia 422.65+

Ouellette, William 548.68

Petty, Nathan 17.94

Prevost Achile Trust 467.36

Redmond, David 52.35+

Rivard, Martha 1,228.41

Somers, Brian 1,330.96

Stacey, Justin 3,622.61

Starosciak, Keith 373.89

Tetreault, Shawn 2,684.84

Walsh, Diane 123.20+

Warnaar, Gail Trust 15.00

2022 REPORT OF BARNET FIRE & RESCUE

We are currently operating with a roster of 13 members. Of those 13 members 1 is an EMT, 3 members are cross trained as both a firefighter and an EMT, and 9 are firefighters.

Barnet Fire & Rescue responded to 177 fire and medical incidents in 2022 compared to 147 for the previous year. This is a highest number of incidents the department has logged in its history. It should be noted that 75 to 80 percent of the calls are medical and motor vehicle accidents both of which are coded as EMS incidents. With only 4 EMS providers that means that they are responding to calls 2-3 times a week at all hours of the day and night. There have been several incidents where no Barnet EMTs were available and Calex Ambulance was the only responding agency. Going into 2023 I can see this as happening more often unless we can increase the number of not only EMS personnel but also firefighters on the Department. . 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.. The Town of Barnet provides an hourly stipend for time spent on calls, Workers Compensation and also an Accident & Sickness policy that provides an additional coverage above the Workers Compensation.

Vermont's Requirements for Photoelectric Smoke Alarms

The type of smoke alarm is important; requirements for the use of photoelectric only smoke alarms were established in 2008 by the legislature. Photoelectric-only type smoke alarms are required to be installed in the vicinity of any bedrooms and on each level of a dwelling. New dwellings must have alarms directly wired to the building electrical service and have a battery backup. Dwellings that are sold or transferred after January 1, 2009 are required to have photoelectric and carbon monoxide alarms installed and working.

The law allows the use of photoelectric and carbon monoxide combination alarms but it does not allow ionization/photoelectric combination alarms to be used for these specific locations. Many existing Vermont homes currently have old outdated ionization smoke alarms installed. These old alarms need to be replaced. The division recommends to homeowners that when you are replacing alarms that you update to a photoelectric smoke alarm now and not wait until the time when home is being sold.

No home should be without smoke alarms, and ionization alarms should continue to be used until a home can be equipped with new photoelectric alarms.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald L Morse, Chief

**Barnet Fire Rescue
2022 Treasurer's Report**

Balance on hand January 1, 2022 \$ 12,905.91

Income

Donations	\$ 1,360.00	
Interest	\$ 6.19	
BBQ receipts	\$ 3,451.00	
911 Sign Sales	\$ 45.00	
Total Income		<u>\$ 4,862.19</u>

January 1st balance plus income \$ 17,768.10

Expenses

Department T-Shirts	\$ 438.00	
VSFA Dues	\$ 180.00	
Active 911 subscriptions	\$ 17.57	
Training	\$ 50.00	
Meeting Refreshments	\$ 172.95	
Building & Equip. Maint.	\$ 153.13	
Fuel for Squad 1	\$ 160.67	
Office Supplies	\$ 7.99	
Fire Equipment	\$ 15.26	
911 Sign Supplies	\$ 33.00	
BBQ expenses	\$ 1,815.06	
Postage & Box Rent	\$ 74.00	
Member Reimbursement	\$ 14.79	
Donations	\$ 350.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 3,482.42	<u>\$ 3,482.42</u>

Balance on hand December 31, 2022 \$ 14,285.68

Christopher Bunnell, Treasurer

Harvey's Lake Beach Committee- Town Report 2023

Summary of beach happenings for the year 2022

- Summer 2023 we will be open regular hours of 9-5 daily (weather permitting).
- Per person fees are \$3.
- Season Passes are \$50. Passes are for 5 people ONLY that will be listed, when entering the beach only the people listed on the pass are free under the pass, others must pay the entrance fee. There is a \$10 fee per person to be added to the pass.
- We will remain a carry in carry out facility.
- As a reminder we are a **NO DOGS ALLOWED** beach! Thank you for respecting all beach visitors!

Thank you to our community for all your support! The playground is installed!



We are still desperately looking to hire local youth that are interested in becoming certified lifeguards. If you know someone interested please direct them to a beach committee member or the Town Clerk for an application. Funding is available to help with certification costs!

We are also looking to add a few more active beach committee members reach out if you are interested!

Visit our webpage, **harveyslakebeach.net**, passes and pavilion rental forms can be printed from there or picked up at the beach.

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

Committee Members: Christen Emerson, Jennifer Kierstead, Chris Yancey,
and Christene Demers

Beach Email: harveyslakebeach@gmail.com



Barnet Public Library Librarian's Report 2022

This year has been one of fun-filled events, inside and out of the library. It has been so wonderful to have classes and playdates, story hours and lively discussions back in the library. The space finally feels, once again, like the local gathering place. Thank you to all who come in and use our library like the community living room it was always meant to be.

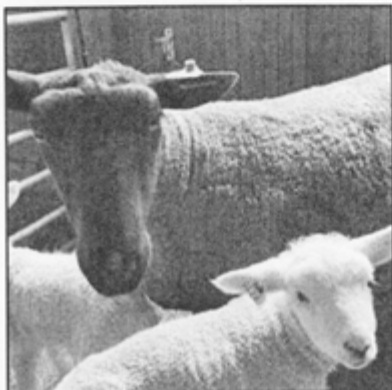
Our classes in needle-felting, paper art, wreath making, botanical salves and lotions and card art have resumed and continue to fill the library with art and banter an evening a month during the winters. Saturday morning crafts and stories have begun welcoming more kids and caretakers back in. Our events this year were packed with folks eager to join their community again; we had a huge turnout at Maplemont farm for our lambing story hour, and an even bigger group at Joe's Brook Farm for our Strawberry Patch Story hour. Modern Times theater joined us at Harvey's Lake to wrap up our Summer Reading programs. It was a huge success. This Fall we participated in Killington's statewide Fairytale Festival, and, of course had a wonderful, warm Halloween Trunk or Treat. Such fun!

We sent out almost 200 Valentine cards, the majority made by Barnet's young library patrons. We answered all kinds of questions, and provided access to a large collection of digital and audio books, along with many other kinds of technology. We are almost fully supported financially by the Town of Barnet. Come in and see what we're all about. We have many bestsellers, classics, and new releases, Vermont history old and new, tons of graphic novels, Manga, easy fiction, DVDs, and more. We loan snowshoes, binoculars, and canopies as non-traditional items.

The Barnet Library prides itself on being the Community Switchboard. We are the first place many new arrivals to the community come to ask "what should we know about around here?".

We are YOUR library. We welcome new ideas and suggestions. We are here for you. Thank you for all your support.

www.barnetpubliclibrary.com 802-633-4436 barnetlibrary1@gmail.com Facebook and Instagram



Barnet Public Library
Annual Report
for the year ending 12/31/2022

	2022Budget	2022Actual	2023Budget
Income			
Town Tax Appropriation	31,000	31,000	32,000
Donations	1,500	5,200	1,500
Grants	200	700	300
Fundraisers	1,000	846	1,000
Annual Appeal	2,000	4,025	2,000
ARPA Funds Revenues		834	
Interest on Bank Accts		37	
	<hr/> 35,700	<hr/> 42,642	<hr/> 36,800
Expenses			
Salaries			
Gross Wages	25,500	17,747	25,500
FICA Taxes (Soc. Sec.)	1,913	1,358	1,913
Workshops	200	0	200
Facilities Expense			
Telephone	490	398	550
Internet Service	490	787	1,150
Maintenance & Renovation	400	728	400
Library Operation			
Audio/Video	150	62	150
Adult Books	2,000	2,673	2,200
Kid Books	1,000	2,120	1,100
Magazines/Newspaper	300	309	450
Ebooks	450	346	450
Website	300		300
Fundraisers	100		100
Software	177	190	200
ARPA Expenditures		1,832	
Supplies & Equipment			
Mileage	50	0	50
Office Supplies	650	316	650
Computer	500	0	500
Postage	200	352	325
Special Programs			
Special Events	350	927	900
	<hr/> 35,220	<hr/> 30,146	<hr/> 37,088
Net Income	<hr/> 480	<hr/> 12,496	<hr/> (288)

Barnet Transfer Station Report For 2022

The year has passed and 2022 was another busy one at the Transfer Station. Construction debris and Trash accounted for a total of 267.16 tons, while Recycling, including scrap metal, accounted for another 104.05 tons.

Thanks to Donald Nelson, Rusty Ehlers, Ernest "Buddy" Bourtelle, Michael Bigelow and Shirley Warden, everything went well again and everyone worked hard to make it happen! Dixie Burns (Call 2-1-1) was also there, if needed, to help the Good Neighbor Fund operate efficiently. They all went above and beyond! Also we would like to thank the Highway Department crew for their help in sanding and plowing.

The Barnet Good Neighbor Fund hosted two Clothing Giveaways in 2022; one in April and one in November. The November proceeds were deposited into the Barnet Good Neighbor Fund to help any of our neighbors who may need help in the future. Joyce Evans (my wife), Christene Demers (Joyce's Personal Assistant) and her two daughters Bella and Sophia, Lisa Bowden, Heather Lindstrom, David and Ruth Anderson, Deb Morse, Tom and Fran Flanagan, Penny Parker, Melody Phelps Peterson and Annette Brick Dauscher helped to organize these events. The "crew" completely filled the pews of the church with clothing for all in need. Over 120 families took advantage of these opportunities and we are grateful to all who contributed to this cause. We, again, donated leftover clothing to local non-profit agencies throughout the Northeast Kingdom. Stay tuned for more details for this year.

The Barnet Good Neighbor Fund has had another great year. We would like to thank everyone who has donated their returnable bottles to this worthy cause and the churches who gave us donations this year.

Debbie King of the West Barnet Quick Stop continues to watch out for any neighbors who may need monetary assistance from our Good Neighbor Fund. If you find yourself, or someone you know who is a Barnet resident, in need of financial assistance, please don't hesitate to ask one of our committee members: Bruce Marston, Shirley Warden, Tammy Carpenter or Tina Morrison, for help.

The folks at Casella, All Metals and The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are always ready to help solve any problems that arise. They all have really great employees.

Our little four-legged pals are still excited to come to the transfer station to get their snack. As I say each year we are always sad to hear about the loss of any

of our dog buddies and this year was no exception. We seem to lose a few dogs each year.

We need community members to use more care in putting items in the right place and rinsing dirty items. We seem to be taking one step forward for two back in this regard. Folks are not reading the signs or putting things where they need to be. By not following the signs, it makes more work for Donald and Rusty. This disregard for rules adds two hours a week to our payroll which, of course, adds to the cost of recycling and trash removal. Please do a better job to help us with this on-going problem by reading the signs, asking for help and removing the caps from all containers.

We appreciate those of you who have made an effort to arrive prior to 3:00 p.m. but there are still some who show up at 2:59 p.m. with loads that require 15 to 20 minutes to unload. Arriving BEFORE 3:00 p.m., especially in the wintertime, allows Donald and Rusty, who have been at their posts since before 8 o'clock in the morning, to go home because they are chilled to the bone! It's not fair to expect them to stay past closing time.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Marston

Of Interest to Many:

*Please consider giving us items that can still be used by others, rather than throwing them away. Re-use is always better for our planet and its inhabitants. You might consider using the website **BUY NOTHING CALEDONIA**. It's incredible how many things get recycled from there. You can even make a request for something you need/want and people offer it up.*

If you have any questions on the proper recycling of any item, you may call Bruce Marston at 1-802-748-1374 OR the Waste Management District in Lyndonville at 1-802-626-3532.

Barnet Dam Committee
2022

The Barnet Dam Committee (BDC) includes George Coppenrath, Joe Mangiapane, Don Easter, and Red Dufresne with Richard Downer serving as a technical advisor. When the Selectboard received notice that officials from the Vermont Dam Safety Program that the "Riffle Concept" (which included partial breaching the current dam) was not approved, BDC began investigations for alternative modifications of the current dam. The goal of these modifications would be to pass more flow downstream to the Stevens Branch to reduce back flow of water from Peacham Brook into Harvey Lake. The Barnet Selectboard had previously submitted a permit application in years past to install a bladder into the existing dam but the VDSP requested several studies to complete the application. Initially the BDC met with the VDSP officials and requested permission to complete some maintenance activities which included replacement of the stop boards with an automatic gate but the VDSP indicated a permit would be required for any work that would modify the dam geometry. After several meetings, the BDC decided that if a permit was required, the Town would be best served by pursuing a project which would include a larger gate to pass more water downstream during large storms. The BDC submitted concept narratives with figures for such a concept to the VDSP. The concept would include either a bladder gate or a crest gate. The VDSP officials suggested the Town request the Harvey Lake Dam to be reclassified as a "low hazard" dam which would streamline the permit process as many of the expensive studies would not then be required. Such a request would include a study to show the hydraulics and hydrology of downstream effects of a potential dam breach. Fortunately, some of this work had been completed in the past by other consultants. The BDC worked with consultants to develop a budget for this study with the goal of completing the report in 2023. Other work scheduled for completion this year would be some safety improvements such as grating and railings as well as to repair a broken drain gate stanchion which would not require a state permit.

Memorial Flags

After two years absent we happily welcomed back the Barnet School Students to take 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 20, 2022 they met the school bus at each cemetery and passed out the flags to the following 6th grade students, staff and bus driver.

Students: Zoe Bartlett, Caiden Bickford, Jeff Call, Niobe Farlice, Henry Jolliffe, Skylar Jones, Ella Kierstead, Jack Pilner, Makenzie Sheehan, Sebastian Shore, Lillian Stevenson, Niah Varnum, Sawyer Willard, Ben Wright, Lydia Wright

Staff: Caroline Adams, Melissa Bushey, Tammy Carpenter, Cheryl Patoine

Bus Driver: Frieda Fournier

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. 86 at McIndoes, 31 at Walter Harvey, 35 at West Barnet, 73 at Barnet Center, 9 at Stevens and 91 at Pleasant View plus 3 at the monument on the Barnet Village circle.

We want to thank the following volunteers who collected the flags this fall.

Lisa Bowden, Mark Gilleland, Kevin & Sarah Daniels & children Titus, Selah, Trinity, Ezra, Shiloh, & Micah, Judy Butson, Tony & Mary Faris, Claudia Heisholt and daughters Luisa & Clara.

Patricia McLam,
Lisa Bowden
Judy Butson

Memorial Day Report 2022



The 2022 Memorial Day services were held Sunday, May 29 by the VFW and the Barnet Selectboard. The first ceremony was held at the Passumpsic Monument at 9am, the second at the Barnet Village monument at 9:30am. The ceremonies began with a welcome by the Selectboard and a prayer led by Benjamin Gates.

The speaker for both events was David Curtin. David served two years in Vietnam in the 173 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 Chris Haggett. Mr. Haggett's Scout troop attended both events. Debbie Smith played taps at both locations. Thank you to all for making this day special.

The Barnet Village monument is getting a new plaque commemorating those who served their country in combat since 1975. We are accepting donations from those who wish to make a gift towards the purchase of this bronze plaque. Our goal is to have this addition to the Village Memorial installed before the 2023 Memorial Ceremony. All are welcome. Please join us.

2022 Boat Monitor Report -- Kathy Wirthwein

The summer of 2022 was another successful season for our Lake Harvey Greeter Program. The season started on May 27th and continued through September 25th. Once again parking lot neighbor Mathew Collins generously provided Internet access. Greeters used iPads to input information about each boat which at the end of every day was transmitted to Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources. Pre-programmed questions provided choices to input requested information. Additional comments were added as notes on the form. Especially important were (example) "2 kayaks" comments, because only 1 entry was entered on the form for each visiting car or truck. Provided choices enabled specifying launch locations on the Connecticut River and Lake Champlain. (Most other water bodies have only one access.) Vermont returned a completed spreadsheet to us at the end of the season containing many information columns which I reconfigured and analyzed to provide this synopsis.

My first step was to separate vehicles launching boats from retrievals, and to delete the retrievals. Vehicles totaled 634; with retrievals combined to total 959. So many fewer boats were recorded leaving than entering. (Some might have left after 7 p.m. or departed amidst busy arrival times, or from residences after monitoring ended for the season.)

Of the 634 vehicles that launched boats, 92 were into "fishing", 527 were "recreation", and "government" boats arrived on 15 different days.

The 634 total vehicles launching boats included 432 boats - about two thirds - last in Harvey's Lake. Connecticut River locations and Moore Dam provided 28 boats. Thirteen boats were "first use" or did not recall their last location. Additional locations were about 44 plus the Lake Champlain locations. Boats from close-by locations numbered 23 from Joes Pond, 12 from Peacham Pond, 4 from Ricker Pond and 4 from Ticklenaked Pond (milfoil). Thirteen boats were last in Lake Champlain (which has zebra mussels and all invasives of concern), 10 in Lake Willoughby (milfoil), 7 in Crystal Lake (milfoil), and 5 in Lake Morey (milfoil, rusty crayfish). Parts of the Connecticut River contain invasives but it is not clear whether they are yet into our close-by locations. I worry because rivers flow or connect to other areas.

The watercraft types broke down as follows: 197 outboards, 77 inboards, 73 pontoons, and 24 jet skis. Non motorized boats included 9 sailboats, 1 rowboat, and 28 canoes. 176 visiting vehicles arrived bringing 224 kayaks. 48 of those 176 visitors brought more than one kayak, and 3 brought additional canoes. The SUPs or paddleboards arrived as 49 visitor vehicles with 12 additional SUPs. (The 634 total above is thus actually plus 48 + 3 + 12 equaling 697.) That 2022 grand total of 697 is very close to the 2021 grand total of 686. The totals of boat types are also close to the previous year.

The number of boats decontaminated using our hot water power-wash was 49. All but one of these (1 of 3 boats last in Lake Harvey) had been in a water body during the previous 14 days. Eleven were last in Lake Champlain, 5 in Willoughby, 3 in Lake Morey, 2 in Ticklenaked Pond, 1 in Fairlee, 4 in the Connecticut River, 2 in Moore Reservoir, 1 from Marshfield Dam, others in various unlikely infested waters.

Not all boats previously in milfoil invasive species waters were washed by us. Many were previously washed by their users, or out of the water long enough for any invasives to dry up. Zebra mussels however can resist drying for extended periods, making consistent power washing critical. Between our Town and Association efforts and education, and conscientious boater awareness and care, Lake Harvey remains invasive species free for yet another year.

PREVENTION IS THE ONLY CURE, HELP US KEEP LAKE HARVEY PURE!

Section 4

Town Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report

The Town's finances continue to be mostly stable and predictable, even as we tread carefully into an environment of inflationary pressures and fiscal challenges. In 2022, actual revenues and expenditures were generally on target compared with budget category totals, and planned long-term goals steadily progressed. Several small over-expenditures and under-expenditures were the primary drivers of variance in the General Fund. There was a 2022 General Fund surplus of \$102,515, which, combined with prior year surpluses, contributes to an overall fund balance of \$821,735. This surplus continues to be applied to the budget to reduce the overall annual tax burden. 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 perplexing because they differ in presentation from those encountered in business and 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 those 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.

A few items of particularly newsworthy interest have surfaced or developed in 2022, which will merit the continued monitoring of the Treasurer's office, Selectboard, and taxpayers.

1. The Selectboard continues its exploration and initial ramp-up of renovation and repurposing the Town Hall as a public office, with hopes of moving operations from their current location on US Route 5 South in Barnet Village a short distance up the hill to a new perch on Church Street. A total of \$47,375 was spent towards this end in 2022. The Selectboard now plans to move forward with the heavy lifting of this project in 2023; funds currently in the Municipal Buildings Fund (Reserve Fund) and future contributions to that fund will be used. The Selectboard does not plan to bond or borrow for the project.
2. The 2021 tax appeal of Great River Hydro, LLC, the owner of the Comerford Dam and McIndoe Falls Dam, was settled in 2022. As stipulated in the Settlement Agreement the Town "agrees to apply a credit to each tax bill issued against the April 1, 2023 through April 1, 2027 Grand Lists in the amount of \$146,414.60 each year as an offset to the taxes owed in each tax year." This amount becomes an annual budget line-item, which can be found in Section 38 of the budget. These payments represent refunds of Great River's overpayment of 2021 property taxes in comparison to the values agreed upon in the settlement. The majority of overpaid tax was education tax which already has been delivered to the State of Vermont. The Town has

applied to the State for recalculation of the 2021 education tax liability, which may reduce the burden of these future repayments. This State's determination, however, is uncertain, so the 2023 budget includes the full \$146,414.60. This amount constitutes almost the entirety of the 2023 increase in the Selectboard's tax appropriation request.

3. The Town now has received the entirety of its funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. The eligible uses of these funds are limited by stipulations set forth by the federal government. The Selectboard has spent or committed only a small portion of these funds. Thus far expenditures have focused on Fire Districts and community organizations; the Selectboard now turns its attention to municipal uses for the funds. This fund's current balance is \$451,677.

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

Town of Barnet, Vermont

2023 General Fund Budget

Selectboard: Dylan Ford, Benjamin Gates & Mark Jefferson

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Revenues

Selectboard Income

1 Taxes

a	Selectboard Budget Tax Appropriation	1,626,001.28	1,674,137.04	1,674,029.83	1,828,374.85
b	Change in Deferred Property Tax Revenue	50,303.77		14,955.99	
	Total Taxes	1,676,305.05	1,674,137.04	1,688,985.82	1,828,374.85

2 Town Clerk's Office Fees

	Recording Fees	19,090.00	18,000.00	16,755.00	17,000.00
a	General Office Fees	2,712.99	3,500.00	2,882.81	2,500.00
	Dog Licenses	1,385.00	1,500.00	1,148.00	1,500.00
	Dog Ordinance Violation Fees	87.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
b	Liquor Licenses	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00
	Other Licenses	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
	Total Town Clerk's Fees	23,345.49	23,070.00	21,055.81	21,070.00

3 Planning Commission & Zoning Board

	Zoning Permit Fees	810.00	1,200.00	1,815.00	1,200.00
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4 Transfer Station

	Transfer Station Collections	52,583.52	50,000.00	67,343.50	60,000.00
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5 Harvey's Lake Beach

	Admission Charges	7,709.75	9,500.00	13,693.40	9,500.00
	Pavilion Rental	1,544.50	1,500.00	2,220.00	1,500.00
	Total Harvey's Lake Beach	9,254.25	11,000.00	15,913.40	11,000.00

6 General Selectboard Income

a	Late Filing Fees - HS-122 forms	8,525.90	0.00	3,488.05	0.00
	Interest - Delinquent Taxes	40,372.59	15,000.00	15,254.81	15,000.00
b	Interest - Savings & Checking	14,135.58	7,900.00	12,130.28	28,000.00
	Highway Access Permits	20.00	0.00	40.00	0.00
c	State of VT - Current Use Payment (Selectboard's share)	44,766.00	40,000.00	38,117.50	40,000.00
	State of VT - Current Use Change Tax	2,963.50	0.00	1,084.00	0.00
d	State of VT - Fish & Game Land	7,409.40	7,500.00	7,504.98	7,500.00
e	State of VT - Aquatic Nuisance Grant	9,157.00	7,000.00	9,323.00	7,000.00
	State of VT - Elections Grant	1,972.88	0.00	0.00	0.00
f	FEMA Firefighter Grant	47,794.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
g	Electronics Recycling Credit		200.00		200.00
h	Rent - Barnet Public Library Building (formerly known as Village Partnership)	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00

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i	Tax Retainage Fee - Prior Year	1,161.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
	District Court of VT - Local Fines	2,318.50	1,500.00	1,020.50	1,500.00
	School Election Expense Refund	1,167.58	0.00	815.19	0.00
	Various Other Income	0.71	0.00	(1.17)	0.00
	Total General Selectboard Income	188,965.29	88,300.00	95,977.14	108,400.00
7 a	Use of Prior Surplus	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
	Total Selectboard Income	2,151,263.60	2,047,707.04	2,091,090.67	2,230,044.85
	<u>Highway Income</u>				
9	State Aid				
a	State Aid to Roads	203,978.39	190,000.00	206,594.14	205,000.00
	Total State Aid	203,978.39	190,000.00	206,594.14	205,000.00
12	Other Highway Income				
a	State of VT - Current Use Payment (Highway share)	44,766.00	40,000.00	38,117.50	40,000.00
	Scrap Metal Sales	268.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Gravel Sales	0.00	0.00	1,176.00	0.00
	Various other receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Other Highway Income	45,034.80	40,000.00	39,293.50	40,000.00
13 a	Use of Prior Surplus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Highway Income	249,013.19	230,000.00	245,887.64	245,000.00
	Total General Fund Income	2,400,276.79	2,277,707.04	2,336,978.31	2,475,044.85

Expenditures

	<u>Selectboard Expenditures</u>				
15	Payroll Benefits & Taxes:				
	FICA Taxes (Social Security)	11,620.90	17,000.00	11,926.53	17,000.00
	Health Insurance	28,379.92	26,800.00	27,053.17	30,183.00
a	Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Reserve Fund Appropriation				
b	Retirement	4,048.85	6,000.00	3,979.25	6,000.00
c	Unemployment Compensation	525.50	482.00	456.50	380.50
d	Dental Insurance	437.84	500.00	431.64	500.00
	Total Payroll Benefits & Taxes	47,013.01	52,782.00	45,847.09	56,063.50
16	Town Clerk's Office (formerly "Office Supplies"):				
	<u>Salaries (See Schedule A):</u>				
a	Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk & Treas.	66,121.17	68,208.04	70,197.78	71,618.44

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b	Assistant Town Clerk & Treas.	21,264.38	25,000.00	21,085.75	25,000.00
c	Substitute Town Clerk	331.50	0.00	408.00	0.00
	Total Salaries	87,717.05	93,208.04	91,691.53	96,618.44
	Land Record Books & Supplies	305.35	700.00	2,034.94	700.00
	Land Record Online Portal	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
d	Copier Expenses	1,946.17	1,500.00	1,644.36	1,500.00
	Tax Bills	320.00	350.00	380.00	350.00
e	Software Service Agreement	5,778.99	6,000.00	5,845.20	6,000.00
f	Computer Maintenance, Supplies	3,639.71	5,000.00	4,649.72	5,000.00
	Postage	2,715.93	2,500.00	1,957.97	2,500.00
	Postage Meter Rental	308.88	300.00	296.23	300.00
	Advertising	525.00	800.00	2,061.84	800.00
	Various Office Supplies	1,211.96	1,500.00	1,731.58	1,500.00
	Total Town Clerk's Office	105,669.04	113,058.04	112,293.37	116,468.44
17	Listers' Office:				
a	Salaries (See Schedule B)	13,997.50	12,500.00	14,537.38	15,000.00
b	Contracted Services (professional appraiser)		15,000.00	1,900.00	4,000.00
	Computer Maintenance & Supplies	1,509.09	1,500.00	1,189.97	1,500.00
	Software Service Agreement		250.00		250.00
	Mileage		1,000.00		1,000.00
	Training	1,653.85	300.00	859.53	300.00
c	Tax Map Maintenance	2,912.50	3,500.00	3,037.50	3,500.00
	Total Listers' Office	20,072.94	34,050.00	21,524.38	25,550.00
18	Planning Commission/Zoning Board:				
a	Administrative Officer Salary	3,500.00	3,850.00	3,850.00	4,250.00
b	Wages - Secretary	1,126.00	1,000.00	2,276.00	2,000.00
	Administrative Officer Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Advertising	600.00	600.00	432.00	600.00
	E911 Administrative Expenses	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
	Town Plan Update	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
	Other	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
		6,226.00	11,800.00	7,558.00	13,200.00
	Total Planning Commission/Zoning Board				
19	Auditors:				
	Salaries	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00
	Printing Town Reports	1,922.00	2,500.00	1,798.50	2,700.00
	Total Auditors	1,922.00	3,300.00	1,798.50	3,500.00
20	Landfill/Transfer Station:				
a	Salaries-Transfer Station (See Schedule C)	7,727.50	7,000.00	7,819.51	8,500.00
b	Environmental Compliance/ Post-Closure Testing	3,857.70	1,500.00	1,752.80	1,500.00
c	Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Annual Appropriation/Surcharge	8,593.09	8,000.00	8,330.94	8,000.00
	Supplies - Transfer Station	18.99	100.00	94.61	100.00
d	Dumping Fee	24,458.54	24,000.00	26,520.17	30,000.00
e	Hauling Fee	22,680.00	22,000.00	24,395.00	27,500.00

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f	Advertising - Transfer Station	210.00	150.00	120.00	150.00
	Hired Equipment	240.00	250.00	360.00	400.00
	Equipment Maintenance	413.18	0.00	23.33	0.00
	Total Landfill/Transfer Station	68,199.00	63,000.00	69,416.36	76,150.00
22	Barnet Recycling:				
a	Salaries (See Schedule D)	8,716.00	10,000.00	9,538.00	10,000.00
	Disposal Fees	3,406.00	3,500.00	2,450.00	3,500.00
	Compost Tote Fees	1,471.50	1,000.00	957.50	1,000.00
	Equipment & Supplies	107.09	0.00	4.60	0.00
	Total Recycling	13,700.59	14,500.00	12,950.10	14,500.00
23	Fire & Rescue:				
a	Volunteers' Reimbursement	5,046.64	5,000.00	4,728.25	5,000.00
b	Equipment & Supplies	53,040.48	12,100.00	4,694.52	12,100.00
	Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	1,122.71	2,000.00	961.92	2,000.00
c	Mutual Aid Dues & Dispatching Service	3,184.00	4,000.00	3,612.50	4,000.00
	Rescue Squad Expenses	86.53	3,200.00	0.00	3,200.00
	Regionalization	1,017.00	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00
	Other	207.70	600.00	0.00	600.00
	Total Fire & Rescue	63,705.06	28,000.00	13,997.19	28,000.00
24	Harvey's Lake Beach:				
	Salaries - Lifeguards & Gate Attendants (See Schedule E)	4,660.77	20,000.00	10,404.54	20,000.00
	Employee Training	0.00	850.00	0.00	850.00
	Operating Supplies	148.15	400.00	326.87	400.00
	Rubbish Removal	908.49	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Advertising	429.04	500.00	197.20	500.00
	Total Harveys Lake Beach	6,146.45	21,750.00	10,928.61	21,750.00
25	Police Services:				
	Constable Charges - Dogs	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Constable Charges - Other	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Sheriff's Patrol	5,440.99	7,500.00	5,902.25	7,500.00
	Other	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Total Police Services	5,440.99	8,000.00	5,902.25	8,000.00
26	Selectboard:				
a	Salaries	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,010.96	1,500.00
	Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Total Selectboard	2,500.00	3,000.00	2,510.96	3,000.00
27	Elections Expenses:				
	Ballot Clerks	345.45	500.00	906.76	500.00
	Moderator	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Advertising	915.00	400.00	528.00	400.00
	Supplies/Equipment	450.60	50.00	31.67	50.00
	Ballot Tabulator Expense	925.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Election Expenses	2,636.05	3,050.00	1,466.43	1,050.00

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32 a	Buildings/Grounds Utilities & Maintenance				
	<u>Town Clerk's Office</u>				
b	Fuel Oil	1,371.23	2,000.00	2,790.36	2,000.00
	Electricity	1,271.86	1,200.00	1,540.70	1,200.00
	Water	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
	Telephone	1,059.54	1,000.00	981.37	1,000.00
	Internet	929.87	800.00	1,242.92	800.00
	Maintenance	2,891.93	3,000.00	2,810.87	3,000.00
	Cleaning	1,060.00	2,100.00	920.00	2,100.00
	Total Town Clerk's Office	8,584.43	10,500.00	10,286.22	10,500.00
	<u>Barnet Public Library Building:</u>				
c	Fuel Oil	4,363.11	8,500.00	6,983.68	8,500.00
	Electricity	787.09	900.00	808.48	900.00
d	Water		1,400.00	1,642.12	1,700.00
	Heating & Plumbing	3,118.38	0.00		0.00
	Other Various	1,869.67	1,300.00		0.00
	Maintenance			1,744.78	2,800.00
	Total Barnet Public Library Building	10,138.25	12,100.00	11,179.06	13,900.00
	<u>Town Hall</u>				
	Electricity	251.57	300.00	429.61	2,000.00
	Water	547.36	450.00	547.36	450.00
	Maintenance	1,122.48	1,000.00	1,122.83	1,000.00
	Total Town Hall	1,921.41	1,750.00	2,099.80	3,450.00
	<u>Transfer Station</u>				
	Electricity	1,601.56	1,700.00	2,252.97	2,100.00
	Telephone		0.00		0.00
	Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Portable Toilet	0.00	55.00	0.00	55.00
	Total Transfer Station	1,601.56	1,755.00	2,252.97	2,155.00
	<u>Recycling Center</u>				
e	Fuel Oil	79.72	200.00	213.18	200.00
	Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Recycling Center	79.72	200.00	213.18	200.00
	<u>Fire & Rescue Station</u>				
f	Fuel Oil	3,090.09	5,000.00	4,781.50	5,000.00
	Electricity	1,499.05	1,800.00	1,608.50	1,800.00
	Telephone	1,431.06	1,800.00	1,814.20	1,800.00
	Internet	0.00	550.00	0.00	550.00
	Maintenance	2,063.50	1,900.00	2,608.81	1,900.00
	Total Fire & Rescue Station	8,083.70	11,050.00	10,813.01	11,050.00
	<u>West Barnet Fire Station</u>				
g	Fuel Oil	-19.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Electricity	317.36	400.00	298.08	400.00
	Total West Barnet Fire Station	298.16	400.00	298.08	400.00

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	<u>Harvey's Lake Beach</u>				
	Electricity	1,886.97	1,500.00	1,754.19	1,500.00
	Telephone	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Portable Toilet	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Maintenance	3,172.98	2,000.00	1,195.12	2,000.00
	Total Harvey's Lake Beach	5,059.95	5,000.00	2,949.31	5,000.00
	Total Buildings/Grounds Utilities & Maintenance	35,767.18	42,755.00	40,091.63	46,655.00
33	Insurance & Bonds:				
	Vehicles, Buildings & Town Officer Bonds	19,201.53	10,753.12	14,049.52	11,955.16
	Workers' Compensation	4,491.48	2,678.40	5,039.80	5,500.00
a	Fire & Rescue Insurance	1,033.00	1,250.00	2,810.00	1,250.00
	Total Insurance & Bonds	24,726.01	14,681.52	21,899.32	18,705.16
34	Legal Expenses:				
a	Tax Appeals	0.00	1,000.00	3,650.00	1,000.00
	Tax Collectors Items	5,141.44	500.00	(582.96)	500.00
	General	125.00	5,000.00	500.00	5,000.00
b	Zoning	0.00	1,000.00	9,427.64	1,000.00
	Fire & Rescue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Animal Control	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Legal Settlements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Legal Expenses	5,266.44	9,000.00	12,994.68	9,000.00
35	Interest on Loans:				
a	Tax Anticipation Borrowing	5,349.78	4,500.00	4,062.78	24,000.00
	Total Interest on Loans	5,349.78	4,500.00	4,062.78	24,000.00
36	Professional Services:				
	Auditing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
38	Tax Abatements & Credits:				
a	Tax Abatements			3,918.87	
b	Tax Credits			0.00	146,414.60
	Total Tax Abatements & Credits	3,334.65	0.00	3,918.87	146,414.60
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	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Caledonia Home Health Care	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
	Catamount Arts	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	County Tax	28,179.00	27,952.00	27,952.00	27,298.49
	Community Restorative Justice Center		500.00	500.00	500.00
	Fairbanks Museum	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
	Habitat for Humanity	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
	Kingdom Animal Shelter	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
c	Memorial Day	1,979.38	1,500.00	768.30	1,500.00

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	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	250.00
	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	280.00	280.00	280.00
	Vermont League of Cities & Towns	3,195.00	3,182.00	3,182.00	3,290.00
	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	52,039.38	51,820.00	51,088.30	50,724.49
40 a	Cemeteries:				
	Stevens Cemetery - Misc. Mowing	757.35	2,000.00	680.00	2,000.00
	Palmer Cemetery	757.35	2,000.00	680.00	2,000.00
	Pleasant View Cemetery Association	4,750.00	6,750.00	6,750.00	7,750.00
	McIndoe Falls Cemetery	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
	Total Cemeteries	9,864.70	14,350.00	11,710.00	15,350.00
41	Appropriations to Other Funds:				
a	Fire Department Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
b	Municipal Buildings Fund	225,000.00	225,000.00	225,000.00	225,000.00
	Harvey's Lake Beach Fund		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Harvey's Lake Dam Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00
	Library Fund	30,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	32,000.00
	Fire District Grant Fund	10,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Total Appropriations to Other Funds	280,000.00	274,000.00	274,000.00	285,000.00
42	Miscellaneous Selectboard Expenses:				
	Town Officers Meetings	132.00	1,000.00	28.00	1,000.00
	Health Officer Expense		200.00	0.00	200.00
	Harvey's Lake Dam Maintenance		3,500.00	200.00	500.00
a	Harvey's Lake Dam Registration Fee	350.00	500.00	350.00	500.00
	Harvey's Lake Boat Wash/Monitoring (See Schedule F)	21,871.94	20,000.00	24,668.84	25,000.00
b	Ambulance Service	34,100.00	37,578.00	37,578.24	41,073.00
	Economic Development	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
	Other Various	623.21	2,000.00	687.61	2,000.00
	Total Miscellaneous Expenses	57,077.15	66,778.00	63,512.69	72,273.00
43	Contingency:	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
44	Total Selectboard Expenditures:	816,656.42	839,174.56	789,471.51	1,035,354.19
	Highway Expenditures				
45	Salaries - General Maintenance (See Schedule G)	297,159.50	290,000.00	294,454.78	290,000.00
46	Parts & Supplies:				

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<u>Section & Note</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
a	Blades & Chains	2,008.18	6,000.00	13,743.64	6,000.00
b	Tools	2,513.15	5,100.00	1,383.97	5,100.00
	Safety Supplies	64.49	1,000.00	195.76	1,000.00
	Shop Supplies	2,758.50	2,500.00	4,672.51	2,500.00
	Total Parts & Supplies	7,344.32	14,600.00	19,995.88	14,600.00
47	Payroll Benefits & Taxes:				
	FICA Taxes (Social Security)	23,461.87	21,000.00	23,389.16	21,000.00
	Health Insurance	66,859.80	67,300.00	63,733.80	71,107.32
	Health Insurance Declination Stipend	11,800.00	10,400.00	11,500.00	10,400.00
a	Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Reserve Fund Appropriation				
	Uniforms	3,229.16	3,500.00	5,162.44	5,000.00
b	Retirement	18,154.74	16,000.00	16,909.47	17,500.00
c	Unemployment Compensation	525.50	482.00	456.50	380.50
d	Dental Insurance	1,751.24	2,100.00	1,727.04	2,100.00
	Total Payroll Benefits & Taxes	131,782.31	126,782.00	128,878.41	133,487.82
48	Town Garage				
a	Propane	274.90	3,000.00	495.02	700.00
	Waste Oil Furnace Fuel	294.11		0.00	
	Electricity	3,929.22	4,000.00	4,071.35	4,000.00
b	Telephone	1,083.54	1,100.00	1,004.38	1,100.00
c	Cellular Phone	585.00	550.00	585.00	550.00
	Internet Service	969.89	1,000.00	972.88	1,000.00
	Computer Maintenance & Supplies	560.83	500.00	512.93	500.00
	Building Maintenance	4,585.19	5,000.00	6,520.10	5,000.00
	Advertising	248.40	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Total Town Garage	12,531.08	15,350.00	14,161.66	13,050.00
48	Insurance				
	Vehicles & Buildings	11,422.22	10,980.88	8,235.66	12,410.84
	Workers' Compensation	17,714.52	17,369.60	13,027.20	19,892.00
	Total Insurance	29,136.74	28,350.48	21,262.86	32,302.84
50	Equipment Maintenance:				
	Dump Trucks	51,489.43	45,000.00	72,062.93	55,000.00
	Grader	7,108.38	10,000.00	326.43	0.00
	Grader (2022)			29.00	10,000.00
	Loader (1991)	1,788.21	3,000.00	1,107.33	3,000.00
	Loader (2010)	3,889.24	3,000.00	4,157.86	5,000.00
	Backhoe (2019)	1,378.66	2,000.00	8,180.03	5,000.00
	Roadside Mower Tractor	1,316.51	2,000.00	2,824.16	2,000.00
	Pickup (2015)	5,210.18	5,000.00	12,821.59	5,000.00
	Chainsaws	161.15	500.00	50.50	500.00
	Other Equipment	138.49	1,000.00	1,509.71	1,000.00
	Welding Supplies	581.65	1,200.00	717.98	1,200.00
a	Tires	10,671.86	12,000.00	14,597.00	15,000.00
	Stock Items	651.66	0.00	1,326.83	0.00
	Total Equipment Maintenance	84,385.42	84,700.00	119,711.35	102,700.00

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<u>Section & Note</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
51	Gas & Oil:				
a	Gasoline	376.53	1,000.00	146.22	1,000.00
b	Diesel fuel	57,714.59	75,000.00	88,399.08	85,000.00
	Oil	2,101.98	4,000.00	3,318.90	4,000.00
	Other Petroleum Products	3,013.22	2,000.00	3,806.68	2,000.00
	Total Gas & Oil	63,206.32	82,000.00	95,670.88	92,000.00
52	Contracted Services:				
a	Hired Equipment & Equipment Rental	150.00	10,500.00	200.00	300.00
b	Screening Winter Sand	10,626.00	16,000.00	11,359.53	16,000.00
c	Overburden Removal - Sand	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
	Mowing Roadsides	0.00	10,000.00	7,050.00	0.00
d	Crushing	69,822.26	75,000.00	85,172.56	85,000.00
e	Overburden Removal - Gravel	20,792.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
	Permitting	1,350.00	2,500.00	1,350.00	2,500.00
	Highway Department Education	250.00	750.00	450.00	750.00
	Total Contracted Services	102,990.26	134,750.00	105,582.09	124,550.00
53	Operating Supplies:				
a	Salt	54,449.97	70,000.00	64,429.46	70,000.00
	Cold Patch/Hot Mix	1,820.00	2,500.00	3,710.22	2,500.00
	Specialty Aggregate	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Culverts	6,384.60	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
	Chloride	15,190.66	24,000.00	24,900.62	24,000.00
	Guardrails	0.00	10,000.00	1,260.00	10,000.00
	Erosion Control	242.50	500.00	201.97	500.00
	Sign Maintenance Program (formerly in Selectboard Expenditures budget)	1,251.87	4,000.00	5,285.53	4,000.00
	Total Operating Supplies	79,339.60	120,000.00	99,787.80	120,000.00
54	Bridge Repairs:				
	Bridge Fund Appropriation	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	25,000.00
	Total Bridge Repairs	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	25,000.00
55	Highway Construction Projects:				
	TH #1 - West Barnet Road/West Main St			61,959.20	
	TH #4 - Groton Road	67,643.24			
	TH #9 - Barnet Center Road			137,710.80	
	TH #9 - Meeting House Hill				
	TH #10 - Harvey Mountain Road	131,072.06			
	TH #104 - Academy Lane	15,307.99			
	TH #8 - Church Street			45,816.24	
a	Paving/Construction Projects	214,023.29	242,000.00	245,486.24	242,000.00
b	Construction Fund Appropriation	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00
	Total Highway Construction Projects	274,023.29	302,000.00	305,486.24	242,000.00
56	Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts:				
a	Equipment Account	75,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	125,000.00

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<u>Section</u>					
<u>& Note</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
b	Truck Account	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	125,000.00
	Highway Maintenance Account	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts	190,000.00	190,000.00	190,000.00	250,000.00
58	Total Highway Department Expenditures	1,321,898.84	1,438,532.48	1,444,991.95	1,439,690.66
	Total General Fund Expenditures	2,138,555.26	2,277,707.04	2,234,463.46	2,475,044.85
	General Fund Surplus of (Deficit) (total general fund revenues less total general fund expenditures)	261,721.53	(0.00)	102,514.85	(0.00)

**Town of Barnet
Schedules for General Fund Budget**

Schedule A - Town Clerk's Office Salaries

Heisholt, Benjamin - Town Clerk & Treasurer	70,197.78
Roy, Catherine - Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	21,085.75
Warden, Shirley - Substitute Town Clerk	408.00
Total	91,691.53

Schedule B - Listers' Office Salaries

Bishop, Nancy	4,024.13
Cook, John	2,266.00
Cook, Sarah	2,087.25
Fairchild, John	6,160.00
Total	14,537.38

Schedule C - Transfer Station Salaries

Nelson, Donald	6,817.63
Warden, Shirley	1,001.88
Total	7,819.51

Schedule D - Recycling Center Salaries

Bigelow, Michael	425.25
Ehlers, Daniel	6,612.75
Marston, Bruce - Supervisor	2,325.00
Nelson, Donald	175.00
Total	9,538.00

Schedule E - Harvey's Lake Beach Lifeguards, Etc. Salaries

Blanchard, Ella	2,152.34
Christy, Maya	324.00
Hauser, Frederick	2,247.75
Larocque, Yofa	567.00
Locklin, Danielle	840.85
Matzkin, Jonah	1,204.00
Rijnbout, Amelie	903.60
Rijnbout, Milena	552.20
Young, Sadie	1,612.80
Total	10,404.54

Schedule F - Harvey's Lake Boat Wash/Monitoring Program Salaries

Cowan, Andrew	2,996.00
Easter, Donald	9,804.75
Morrison, Alyssa	2,639.00
Roy, Jennifer	1,316.00
Young, Rory	2,135.00
Total	18,890.75

Schedule G - Highway Salaries

Bourtelle, Ernest	221.38
Bunnell, Christopher	44,612.25
Chase, Mark - Road Foreman	71,710.88
Fearon, Glenn	54,978.18
Fuller, Mark	81.00
Gibson, Paul	4,237.97
LeClair, Jason	55,372.57
Mosher, Steve	11,668.44
Snow, Barry II	51,572.11
Total	294,454.78

Town of Barnet, Vermont

2023 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.
- 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.
- d. Payment from State of Vermont for Roy Mountain Wildlife Area.
- e. Grant to reimburse Town for a portion of expenses for Harvey's Lake boat wash/monitoring program.
- f. Grant to reimburse Town for firefighting equipment. See Section 23 for associated expenditure.
- 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 (*inactive section*)

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 (*inactive section*)

11. Flood Repair Proceeds (*inactive section*)

12. Other Highway Income

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 (*inactive section*)

15. Payroll Benefits & Taxes

- a. An appropriation is made to a reserve fund equaling \$2,500 for each full-time employee. Employees can use these funds to cover out-of-pocket health care expenses.
- b. Mandatory for full time employees. Employees pay 4.5% of wages. Fund managed by State of Vermont and similar to state employees and state teachers' retirement systems. Town rate increased to 6.750% as of July 1, 2023.
- c. Paid to the Vermont League of Cities & Towns Unemployment Trust.
- d. 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. Benjamin Heisholt.
- b. Catherine Roy.
- c. Occasional employee to keep office open when both Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk are unavailable.
- d. Includes: service contract on copier, copy paper, tax bills, toner.

- e. 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.
- f. IT contract through RB Technologies, and various computer components and service.

17. Listers' Office

- a. John Fairchild, Nancy Bishop & David Warden.
- b. Beginning in 2022 budget: hired assessor to work with Listers in hybrid Lister-Assessor arrangement.
- c. 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 Dawn Holtz.

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. Charge for disposal by Casella Waste Management. 2023 rate: 89.00 per ton.
- e. Casella charges per trip for MSW and for construction debris. 2023 rate: 365.00 per trip.
- f. Mowing of former landfill to keep brush from growing.

21. Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (*inactive section*)

22. Barnet Recycling

- a. Total employee hours 8 hours per week regularly, 12 hours per week during summer.

23. Fire & Rescue

- a. Wages for actual time at fires as submitted by Fire Chief paid at minimum wage.
- b. Annual budget for equipment purchases by Fire Department. See Section 6 for grant income for equipment purchases.
- c. 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.

27. Election Expenses

28. Advertising & Postage (*inactive section*)

29. Heat & Lights (*inactive section*)

30. Telephones (*inactive section*)

31. Building Maintenance (*inactive section*)

32. Buildings Utilities & Maintenance

- a. Prices: December 31, 2022: Fuel oil: 3.9338 per gallon

Town Clerk's Office

- b. Town Clerk's Office fuel usage: 733 gallons in 2022.

Barnet Public Library Building (formerly known as Village Partnership Building)

- c. Library Building fuel usage: 2,085 gallons in 2022.
- d. Water from Barnet Water System.

Town Hall

Transfer Station

Recycling Center

- e. Recycling Center usage: 94 gallons in 2022.

Fire & Rescue Station

- f. Bimson Road Fire Station usage: 1,399 gallons in 2022.

West Barnet Fire Station

- g. Propane gas for heat in building in West Barnet. Usage: None in 2019-2022.

33. Insurance & Bonds

- a. Accident & Sickness policy, a supplement to workers' compensation coverage.

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 anticipation borrowing. See revenues for offsetting income amount.
 - 2022: borrowed \$685,108 from Union Bank at a rate of 0.65%
 - 2023: to borrow \$791,925 from Passumpsic Savings Bank at a rate of 3.02%
- 36. Professional Services**
- 37. Capital Expenditures**
- 38. Tax Abatements & Credits**
- d. Abatements approved by the Board for the Abatement of Taxes.
 - e. New expense for 2023 Budget: Tax credits due to taxpayers. As stipulated in the Settlement Agreement with Great River Hydro, LLC on a 2021 property tax appeal, the Town "agrees to apply a credit to each tax bill issued against the April 1, 2023 through April 1, 2027 Grand Lists in the amount of \$146,414.60 each year as an offset to the taxes owed in each tax year."
- 39. Annual Appropriations & Charges**
- a. 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**
- a. Funds placed in reserve account for future purchase of fire truck.
 - b. Appropriation voted beginning 2004 for funds set aside for future projects (salt sheds, town garage, Town Clerk's office, etc.).
- 42. Miscellaneous Expenses**
- a. Beginning in 2016 Budget, fee from State of Vermont.
 - b. Beginning in 2019 Budget, Selectboard contracts ambulance service, rather than appropriation to CALEX.
- 43. Contingency**
- 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**
- a. An appropriation is made to a reserve fund equaling \$2,500 for each full-time employee. Employees can use these funds to cover out-of-pocket health care expenses.
 - b. Mandatory for full time employees. Employees pay 4.5% of wages. Fund managed by State of Vermont and similar to state employees and state teachers' retirement systems. Town rate increased to 6.750% as of July 1, 2023.
 - c. Paid to the Vermont League of Cities & Towns Unemployment Trust.
 - d. Dental plan through Delta Dental. Town pays employee cost; employee pays for rest of family if they wish.
- 48. Town Garage**
- a. Town Garage propane usage: 316 gallons in 2022.
 - b. Two lines: telephone and dedicated alarm line.
 - c. Cellular phone for Road Foreman. Road Foreman reimbursed for use of personal cell phone for Highway Department use.
- 49. Insurance**
- 50. Equipment Maintenance**
- a. Tires for dump trucks only.
- 51. Gas & Oil**
- a. Gasoline usage: 36 gallons in 2022.

- b. Diesel Fuel: 21,537 gallons in 2022. Price as of December 31, 2022 at 4.2657 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. 2022 Actual: Chief Crushing & Excavation (5,187 cubic yards at \$2.19)
- c. Expenses incurred to remove overburden to access sand at Town pit.
- d. Crushing of gravel at Town pit. 2022 Actual: Chief Crushing & Excavation – 3/4" minus crushed gravel (9,960 cubic yards), 1 1/2" crushed stone (1,258 cubic yards); all products at \$6.67 per cubic yard. Plus \$10,000 over-expense extra for blasting, per agreement with Selectboard.
- 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. \$94.00 per ton for the 2022-2023 season.

54. Bridge Repairs

55. Highway Construction Projects

- a. Road construction projects including paving.
- b. Funds that have been raised for several years for highway reconstruction placed in reserve.

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 (*inactive section*)

58. Totals

Town of Barnet General Fund Balance Sheet

Assets:	<u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2022</u>
Checking Account	(494,041.25)	209,799.66
Checking Account ICS	712,153.56	127,662.04
Union Bank TAN Deposit Accounts	769,434.49	527,068.03
Delinquent Tax Collector Checking Account	2.80	2.80
Petty Cash	365.35	347.95
Undeposited Funds	3,864.44	2,465.35
Uncollected Delinquent Taxes	155,731.76	141,043.60
Current Taxes Receivable	3,408.47	4,322.84
Due from State for Aquatic Nuisance Grant	9,157.00	9,323.00
Various Accounts Receivable	17,831.04	18,619.14
Due to/from Other Funds	46,199.25	0.00
Total Assets	1,224,106.91	1,040,654.41
Liabilities:		
Tax Appropriation Due to School District	19,937.79	17,060.67
Payroll Withholdings Payable	(2,173.96)	(4,270.08)
Various Accounts Payable	139,481.70	74,244.24
Fees due to Delinquent Tax Collector	2,881.82	2,781.00
Sales Tax Payable	42.70	0.00
Due to/from Other Funds	217.61	(439.53)
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	144,499.59	129,543.60
Total Liabilities	304,887.25	218,919.90
Fund Equity:		
Fund Balance - Unassigned (Accum. Surplus)	657,498.13	719,219.66
Current Operating Surplus or (Deficit)	261,721.53	102,514.85
Total Fund Equity	919,219.66	821,734.51
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,224,106.91	1,040,654.41

**Town of Barnet
Statement of Taxes Raised
Year Ended December 31, 2022**

Grand List Computation:

Real Estate	258,289,800.00
Add:	
Personal Property*	80,500.00
Less:	
Veterans Exemptions	(520,000.00)
Land Use	(12,453,600.00)
Voted Exemptions	(655,500.00)

Net Real Estate & Personal Property **244,741,200.00**

Net Grand List (1% of Net Real Estate & Personal Property) **2,447,412.00**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Homestead Rate</u>	<u>Non-Residential Rate</u>	<u>Taxes Raised</u>
Town:				
Town General	2,447,412.00	0.6840	0.6840	1,674,029.83
Total Town		0.6840	0.6840	1,674,029.83
School:				
Homestead	1,046,714.00	1.3844		1,449,070.90
Non-Homestead	1,400,234.00		1.3452	1,883,594.73
Local Agreement	2,447,412.00	0.0028	0.0028	6,852.79
Total Schools		1.3872	1.3480	3,339,518.42
Grand Total		2.0712	2.0320	5,013,548.25

Penalty added for late filing of Homestead Declarations: 4,082.46

*Personal property taxed at non-residential rate.

Town of Barnet
Estimation of 2023 Town Tax Rate

The following estimation of 2023 Town tax rate is based on the 2022 Grand List valuations and proposed budget. School District tax rates are excluded.

	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
2022 Actual	2,447,412.00	1,674,029.83	0.6840
2022 Projected	2,447,412.00	1,828,374.85	0.7471

Town of Barnet
General Fund - Statement of Loan Transactions
Year Ended December 31, 2022

Tax Anticipation Loans:

Borrowed during 2022:

Union Bank tax anticipation note (0.65%)	685,107.97
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Repaid during 2022:	685,107.97
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Balance as of December 31, 2022	0.00
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General Fund - Surplus or (Deficit)
Year Ended December 31, 2022

Statement of Changes - Accumulated Surplus Account (total of years prior to 2022)

Total Accumulated Surplus as of December 31, 2020	657,498.13
Add: 2021 Operating Surplus	261,721.53
Subtract: Transfer from Accumulated Surplus to 2022 Income	(200,000.00)
Total Accumulated Surplus as of December 31, 2021	719,219.66

2022 Surplus or (Deficit):

Income	2,336,978.31
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Expenditures	2,234,463.46
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General Fund Budget Surplus or (Deficit)	102,514.85
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<u>Total General Fund Surplus as of December 31, 2022</u>	821,734.51
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Reserve Fund Reports

Town of Barnet
2022 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>2022</u>
● Act 60/Reappraisal Funds	70,610.00		10,944.00	(1,187.35)		80,366.65
● Harvey's Lake Dam Renovation	47,446.86	5,000.00		(732.60)		51,714.26
● Homeland Security Grants	201.80			(3.10)		198.70
● Land Record Restoration Fees	16,679.08		5,480.00	(273.53)		21,885.55
● Lister Education Funds	2,449.89			(37.84)		2,412.05
● Municipal Planning Grant Fund	(6,899.60)		6,793.04	106.56		0.00
● ARPA Funds	244,154.41		244,038.67	(3,769.82)	32,746.56	451,676.70
● 92 Surplus	83,476.30			(1,288.90)		82,187.40
● Highway Maintenance Fund	66,163.92			(1,021.60)		65,142.32
● Municipal Buildings Fund	637,390.76	225,000.00		(9,842.89)	51,989.63	800,558.24
● Fire District Grant Acct.	25,326.96	1,500.00		(391.07)		26,435.89
● Bridge Fund	337,112.18	50,000.00		(5,229.12)	1,457.35	380,425.71
● Equipment Account	198,790.62	100,000.00		(3,000.50)	280,808.65	14,981.47
● Fire Department Account	124,136.53	10,000.00		(1,916.71)		132,219.82
● Harvey's Lake Beach Fund	25,473.83	1,500.00	2,056.00	(394.31)	20,131.98	8,503.54
● Health Reimb. Acct. Fund	578.86	8,000.00	1,500.00	(0.09)	9,955.04	123.73
● Highway Construction Account	597,349.28	60,000.00		(3,807.29)		653,541.99
● Town Clerk's Office Paving Account	1,661.14			(25.67)		1,635.47
● Truck Account	33,990.22	90,000.00		(207.08)		123,783.14
Totals	2,506,093.04	551,000.00	270,811.71	(33,022.91)	397,089.21	2,897,792.63

Town of Barnet
Schedules for Reserve Accounts

Schedule A - Other Income

Act 60/Reappraisal Funds

State of Vermont - Reappraisal funds & Grand List 10,944.00

Study (EEGL)

Total 10,944.00

Harvey's Lake Beach Fund

Proceeds from Beach Committee fund-raisers & donations 2,056.00

Total 2,056.00

Health Reimbursement Account Fund

Funds remaining from prior year plan 1,500.00

Total 1,500.00

Land Record Restoration Fees

Recording fee surcharge 5,480.00

Total 5,480.00

Municipal Planning Grant Fund

Transfer from Municipal Buildings Fund to cover grant expenditures in excess of grant revenue for Town Hall feasibility study 6,793.04

Total 6,793.04

ARPA Funds

State of Vermont - Federal funding to municipalities 244,038.67

and counties from American Rescue Plan Act

Total 244,038.67

Total Other Income

270,811.71

Town of Barnet
Schedules for Reserve Accounts

Schedule B - Expenditures

Bridge Fund

Blocking for Bridge #10	397.35
Trucking service - Anderson Street Bridge	1,060.00
Total	1,457.35

Equipment Account

Purchase of 2022 Caterpillar Grader (Southworth-Milton)	280,808.65
Total	280,808.65

Harvey's Lake Beach Fund

Fundraiser expenses	355.00
Buoys	2,681.83
Playground equipment	17,095.15
Total	20,131.98

Health Reimbursement Account Fund

Employee qualified health care expenses paid through HRAs	9,955.04
Total	9,955.04

Municipal Buildings Fund

Town Hall property - Renovation:	
Legal services - real estate gift acceptance, contract review, etc. (Adler Law, Misenko Construction Law)	3,200.00
Architectural services (Black River Design)	34,078.13
Consulting - Grants (Stuart Consulting)	250.00
Sitework engineering (Ruggles Engineering Services)	2,927.50
Fire Station demolition (advertising)	126.00
Transfer from Municipal Buildings Fund to cover grant expenditures in excess of grant revenue for Town Hall feasibility study	6,793.04
<i>Total Town Hall</i>	<i>47,374.67</i>
Town Garage:	
Air dehumidifiers	4,614.96
<i>Total Town Garage</i>	<i>4,614.96</i>
Total	51,989.63

ARPA Funds

Grants:

McIndoe Fire District #3	24,000.00
Barnet Congregational Church Community Center	8,446.56
North Country Longspurs	300.00
Total	32,746.56

Total Expenditures	397,089.21
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Town of Barnet
Schedules for Reserve Accounts

Town of Barnet
Statement of Reserve Fund Loan Transactions
For Year Ended December 31, 2022

No Reserve Fund loans or loan transactions in 2022

Town of Barnet Reserve Fund Balance Sheet

<u>Assets:</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2022</u>
Money Market Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	26,105.97	39,291.55
ICS Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	1,801,271.30	2,225,089.31
Passumpsic Financial Advisors - Cash	23,061.92	28,675.67
Passumpsic Financial Advisors - Investments	299,246.86	255,865.90
HRA Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	1,788.24	1,333.20
Due from Other Funds	500.00	0.00
Due from State of Vermont - Class 2 Roadway Grant	175,305.71	175,305.71
Due from State of Vermont - Structures Grants	173,445.91	173,445.91
Due from State of Vermont - Diesel Emissions Grant	48,381.00	0.00
Due from State of Vermont - Equipment Grant	4,400.00	0.00
Total Assets	2,553,506.91	2,899,007.25
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Due to Other Funds	46,199.25	0.00
Accounts Payable	1,214.62	1,214.62
Total Liabilities	47,413.87	1,214.62
<u>Fund Equity:</u>		
<u>Restricted Fund Balances:</u>		
Act 60/Reappraisal Funds	70,610.00	80,366.65
Harvey's Lake Dam Renovations	47,446.86	51,714.26
Homeland Security Grants	201.80	198.70
Land Record Restoration	16,679.08	21,885.55
Lister Education Funds	2,449.89	2,412.05
Municipal Planning Grant Fund	(6,899.60)	0.00
ARPA Funds	244,154.41	451,676.70
Total Restricted Fund Balance	374,642.44	608,253.91
<u>Committed Fund Balances</u>		
92 Surplus	83,476.30	82,187.40
Highway Maintenance Fund	66,163.92	65,142.32
Municipal Buildings Fund	637,390.76	800,558.24
Fire District Grant Fund	25,326.96	26,435.89
Total Committed Fund Balance	812,357.94	974,323.85
<u>Assigned Fund Balances</u>		
Bridge Fund	337,112.18	380,425.71
Equipment Account	198,790.62	14,981.47
Fire Department Account	124,136.53	132,219.82
Harvey's Lake Beach Account	25,473.83	8,503.54
Health Reimbursement Account Fund	578.86	123.73
Highway Construction Account	597,349.28	653,541.99
Town Clerk's Office Paving Account	1,661.14	1,635.47
Truck Account	33,990.22	123,783.14
Total Assigned Fund Balance	1,319,092.66	1,315,214.87
Total Fund Equity	2,506,093.04	2,897,792.63
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,553,506.91	2,899,007.25

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, 2021	1,276.21
Add: Interest on savings account	3.33
Balance in Acct. Dec. 31, 2022	1,279.54

Palmer Cemetery Fund

Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2021	753.80
Add: Interest on savings account	0.60
Balance in Acct. Dec. 31, 2022	754.40

Balance Sheet

	<u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2022</u>
Assets:		
Esden Fund Investments (Edward Jones)	221,583.69	176,143.75
Esden Fund Cash (Edward Jones)	5,514.45	6,526.84
Stevens Cemetery Fund - Savings	1,276.21	1,279.54
Palmer Cemetery Fund - Savings	753.80	754.40
Total Assets	229,128.15	184,704.53
Fund Equity:		
<u>Non-spendable Fund Balances</u>		
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
<u>Unassigned Fund Balances</u>		
Esden Fund	173,929.56	129,502.01
Stevens Cemetery Fund	276.21	279.54
Palmer Cemetery Fund	403.80	404.40
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	174,609.57	130,185.95
Total Fund Equity	229,128.15	184,704.53

Section 5

Reports for Articles Appearing on Town Meeting Warning



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

December 28, 2022

Town of Barnet
Attn: Benjamin Heisholt
PO Box 15
Barnet, VT 05821

Dear Benjamin,

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the region:

- We made **576 homes safer** by installing smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **34,765 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **132,000 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,900** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Barnet. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of **\$250.00**.* These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Service Delivery sheet for Caledonia County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Jordan".

Lauren Jordan
Development Coordinator

32 N Prospect St
Burlington, VT 05401

2 Maitland St
Concord, NH 03301

2401 Congress St
Portland, ME 04101

BARNET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P. O. Box 64

BARNET VT 05821

CUSTODIANS OF
GOODWILLIE HOUSE MUSEUM
home of Barnet's first minister-
Rev. David Goodwillie
located at 24 Goodwillie Road
BARNET CENTER

Goodwillie House museum was open a day in most months last summer. Had a couple of days we had special openings for family reunions.

Some members of the Goodwillie family came to see the House and also toured the Barnet Center church and cemetery. The James Nelson family farmed the former Goodwillie farm in the 1930s. Members of that family came to visit the old family home.

Over the years the Society has had to find places to store antiques that were not on display. For a while we stored things in closets in the Goodwillie House. Not being heated is not good for some things, such as textiles or books. For instance, our copy of the "History of Barnet" after being at Goodwillie House for several years, smelled of mildew. Lately we have kept manuscript material and books in our little Office at the Barnet Library. Last year we installed some shelving in the basement of the Library for more storage.

The Society looks forward to having a place to keep things with proper facilities in the basement and vault of the renovated Town Hall.

We plan to have the Goodwillie House open one day a month from May to Fall Foliage day. We are also glad to be open other days on special requests - call Dave Warden - 802 633-2325.



Northern Counties
HEALTH CARE
Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice

Caledonia Home Health & Hospice
Visit Statistics for 2023 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 provide high quality, accessible, patient-centered health care, and our vision is to be a key partner in building healthy families and thriving communities.

In the last year, our team was honored to provide 938 visits to the town residents of Barnet, VT.

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

2023 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics Barnet, VT

- # of residents served: **44**
- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW): **465 visits**
- Maternal Child Health: **30 visits**
- Hospice Visits: **266 visits**
- Long Term Care (Case Management, Personal Care, Respite) = **177 visits**

Total Visits in Barnet, VT = 938 visits

Testimonials

"The support received from Caledonia Home Health & Hospice was most welcome, comforting, and assuring. The sense of security that they create was very much appreciated."

"This agency is great. I have a great team, they all work together and are very caring and compassionate. I could not ask for better care and very lucky to have them."

"I had the best care from Caledonia Home Health, they were all very good and treated me with respect."

To learn more about our programs and services please visit www.nchcv.org or call (802) 748-8116. Thank you!

Compassionate Care in Our Home or Yours

Administrative
Office
Concord
Health Center

Danville
Health Center
Hardwick Area
Health Center

Caledonia Home
Health Care & Hospice
161 Sherman Drive
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
802-748-8116 tel • 802-748-4628 fax
www.NCHCV.org

Island Pond Health
& Dental Center
Northern Counties
Dental Center

Orleans Dental
Center
St. Johnsbury
Community Health Center

Catamount Arts



The residents and voters of Barnet have consistently played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts. Through your support at Town Meeting and by attending many of the 100+ events Catamount offers throughout the year, Barnet helps keep the Arts vital and available to all Northeast Kingdom residents, boosting our creative economy for a more vibrant, sustainable community!

Last summer alone, we welcomed you back to 11 free concerts in two St. Johnsbury locations, three family-friendly street fairs, three gallery shows in multiple downtown locations, over a dozen free weekly matinees for adults and children, four Metropolitan Opera screenings, three National Theatre Live broadcasts, and summer camps including the beloved Water Ski Camp at Harvey's Lake.

We hope you've made it to some events at the new, multipurpose Catamount ArtPort in the Green Mountain Mall, where we hosted Circus Smirkus camp, live comedy and music from the Facing the Sunrise Black Performing Arts Series, the eagerly awaited return of Catamount Bluegrass Night, and our Annual Auction Gala. Indoor programming also included our critically acclaimed Arts Connect at Catamount Arts Juried Show and the internationally renowned "Art from Guantanamo Bay," in the Fried Family Gallery.

First Night North returned to in-person programming this year, bringing 200 performers in dozens of family-friendly shows to twelve St. Johnsbury venues for thousands of community members, and the KCP Presents Performing Arts Series, as always, brought the world to our community: theater from Switzerland, ballet from New York City, gospel from South Africa, polyphonic singing from Norway, the philharmonic orchestra from Ukraine, acrobats from China, and drummers from Japan played in the same schools, colleges, and churches where our friends, families, and neighbors commune every day.

In addition to integrating arts into the fabric of our community's daily life via live shows, screenings, classes, workshops, exhibitions, and more, Catamount programming generates more than \$1.5M each year to the local economy, playing a key role in the Northeast Kingdom's long-term vibrancy and sustainability. Thanks to support from our Barnet neighbors, we look forward to seeing you—all of you!—at Catamount Arts in 2023!

Town of Barnet ~ 2022 Annual Report

Omara Rivera-Vázquez, Executive Director
Neil Favreau, Program Director
Susan Russell, Reentry Coordinator
Tune Faulkner, RJ Panel Coordinator
Stephanie Rowe, Victim Outreach Liaison
Kathleen Hunter, Administrative Assistant
Alexis Eickelberry, Housing Coordinator

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



**THE COMMUNITY
RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE CENTER**

December 7, 2022

Select Board, Town of Barnet
c/o Benjamin P. Heisholt, Town Clerk
PO Box 15
Barnet, VT 05821

Dear Select Board of Barnet:

The Community Restorative Justice Center respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2023 warning for the Barnet Town Meeting:

Shall the Town vote the sum of \$500 to support the operation of The Community Restorative Justice Center during the ensuing year? The CRJC believes in preventing and resolving conflict in the community using victim and community needs as guiding information in repairing harm and restoring right relations. We work with schools, neighborhoods, and the criminal justice system to respond to community needs as it relates to justice being served and attending to the needs of victims and community. In this process, we use community members to work with their neighbors to resolve conflict and repair harm.

The Community Restorative Justice Center holds restorative justice panel meetings for cases referred directly from law enforcement as well as cases referred from the Department of Corrections. Cases that go through the CRJC have a 32% reduction in recidivism. In the past 12 months, the CRJC heard 6 restorative justice cases involving Barnet residents and victim services were provided to 1 individual. Appropriations from the Town of Barnet would also give technical support to neighborhood associations and mediation referrals as requested. The CRJC mission states that we are *committed to providing a safe environment for neighbors and parties to resolve conflict in our communities, to restore relationships, and to take responsibility to repair harms caused. We promote the principles of victim-informed restorative justice that transforms practices in workplace, school, institution, and living spaces throughout Caledonia and southern Essex Counties.*

Thank you for your kind attention to this request. Petition signatures will be sent to your office in early January.

Sincerely,

Omara Rivera-Vázquez, Executive Director
The Community Restorative Justice Center, Inc.

576 Railroad St. Suite 2 • St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Telephone: (802) 748-2977 • Fax: (802) 748-3146
orivera-vazquez@communityrjc.org
www.communityrjc.org and "Like" us on Facebook

December 13, 2022

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 2023 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. 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 2022, we brought in more visitors and campers to the museum than ever before. Once again our outdoor classroom transformed into a butterfly house for the summer, and Franklin's Guides led the way to further discovery for our visitors. Campers learned about animals, drones, and DNA. We hosted our annual Brewfest celebrating local flavors, debuted new engaging shows and movies in our planetarium, and welcomed experts from the Caterpillar Lab for a weeklong residency. 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. Your appropriation this year will support unlimited access to our new Tang Science Annex opening in summer 2023.

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, as well as 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 2021 through October 2022, we took in 71 cats and adopted out 69 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 \$110,000 (excluding depreciation) which pays for veterinary bills, food, rent, utilities, and supplies. To help in our fundraising efforts, we attended Danville Autumn on the Green, had yard sales in the spring, summer, and fall; sold many calendars online and at local businesses as a part of our calendar fundraiser in the fall; and had our Memorial Tree and Giving Tuesday fundraisers in the winter.

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 an appropriation 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,
Kathy Bouffard, Caleb Stone, Julia Persch

1161 Portland Street
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
802-473-3377
email: info@kingdomanimalshelter.com
www.kingdomanimalshelter.com

NORTHEAST KINGDOM Council on Aging



New directions for living well.

March 2023

For over 44 years, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging has been a valued and trusted resource for older Vermonters to age independently, their way. Our mission is to deliver the person-centered support necessary for our older Vermonters to sustain their independence and live well in their communities.

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

Our nutrition programs partially fund 14 meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide solutions for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. In addition, our work is supplemented by over 320 volunteers who serve as home-delivered meal drivers, wellness program leaders, friends who make neighborly check-in phone calls, and home-based caregivers.

Our service area extends across the entire Northeast Kingdom, all Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties. During this past year, 135 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, our e-learning portals Trualta and GetSetUp, fuel assistance, and transportation, among other services. 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 or (802) 748-5182.

In gratitude,

Meg Burmeister
Executive Director

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



NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES, INC. (NKHS) Requesting \$1775 in 2023

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

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

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

www.nkhs.org

Thank you **Town of Barnet** voters, for your appropriation support at your Town Meetings. Annual appropriations are a vital funding source to provide needed services to residents who cannot otherwise afford care. The 2023 appropriation request of **\$1775** is the same amount voted on at the 2022 Town Meeting. This represents 1.84% of appropriation requests from 48 towns. We offer supportive confidential program services for Emergency/Crisis Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities. Our mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

Summary Activity Report July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

- **2887** individuals of all ages in our service area utilized support services.
- **40** individuals **from the Town of Barnet** accessed supportive care at NKHS.
- Employees provided **over 94 hours** of community consultation, education, and outreach in community meetings, events, and trainings in NKHS offices, area schools, and businesses at no cost to participants. We offered QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) suicide awareness and prevention trainings, Youth Mental Health First Aid, and other educational opportunities to at least 200 Northeast Kingdom community members.
- **552** total dedicated professional employees, **11 from the Town of Barnet**, support community members in the Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, the satellite office in Hardwick, telehealth, in homes, in schools, and throughout Northeast Kingdom communities.

Good mental health is important for everyone. As a Designated Agency serving the Vermont's system of care, NKHS has a responsibility for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. A sliding fee scale is available for those in financial need. Northeast Kingdom Human Services is asking the Town of Barnet voters to consider helping neighbors, family members, and friends receive the supports they need to live a happy, fulfilling life and be an active and contributing member in your community.

Thank you so much for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Kelsey Stavseth, Executive Director
Board of Directors
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. began with one woman, Eva Warner,
teaching area residents to read at their kitchen table. **It is so much more today!**

Thank you for your continued support of our services.

Your support makes a difference in the lives of your neighbors, friends, and families!

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

THRIVING INTO THE FUTURE

2022/ 2023 brings us new hope. Despite the fact that the last few years have been difficult, our Ready, Set, Grow Child Care Center has been able to provide childcare services for 80 parents, with a staff of 23 serving 64 children. Our HSCP has provided over 4831 educational student hours in the tri-county area this year, and, due to the ongoing conflict in their nation, we now have 15 Ukrainians in our ESOL program.

Adult Education and Literacy Programs (AEL)

In addition to HSCP and GED services, our teachers provide math, reading, writing, computer literacy, as well as job skill development, and support students who are transitioning to college or work.

227 10831

Students served Hours served
During Covid-19

READY, SET, GROW CHILD CARE CENTER

Licensed for **98** children and providing care year round for infants (6 weeks old) to school-age children (up to age 12). RSG Child Center recently earned 5 STARS in Vermont's Child Care Rating System.

K-12 Tutorial Program

Our tutors provide one-one and group instruction to K-12 students at a number of locations including area libraries and Town Halls.

63

K-12 students in the
tri-county region
During Covid -19

High School Completion Program (HSCP)

HSCP collaborates with local high schools to provide a path to a high school diploma for anyone 16 or older.

55

high school diplomas were awarded, in partnership with area high schools.
During Covid-19

**NEK
LS**

LEARNING SERVICES
BEGIN - BELIEVE - BECOME



READY..SET..GROW
CHILD CARE CENTER
Newport, Vermont

English Speaking Other Languages (ESOL)

NEKLS teaches English as a second or other language to students from around the world who have settled in the NEK.

5

students served in 2021
coming from Brazil, China,
Nepal and more

Administrative Offices

(802) 334-6532

Canaan Learning Center

(802)266-3933

Island Pond Learning Center

(802)723-4261

Newport Learning Center

(802) 334-2839

St Johnsbury Learning Center

(802)748-5624

"Like" us on Facebook @ NEKLSVT

www.neklsvt.org

Please contact us at

1-844-GO NEKLS (466-3557) or at

info@neklsvt.org if you or someone you know has need for our services.

READY, SET, GROW CHILD CARE CENTER

RSG Child Care Center also serves as a training facility for students interested in working in the field of early childhood education. We have successfully run a Step Up to Childcare course that takes participants through all of the required training for working in the field of childcare, as well as learning about and building on their own character strengths, growth mindsets, and workplace skills.

Town Report Summary

2022 NEKYS Served 17 in Barnet

***NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975
In 2022 NEKYS served 503 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.
- Summer Central Scholarship program offering scholarships for children to attend summer activities they otherwise could not afford.

NEKYS Youth Programs 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 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.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services is a private, non-profit agency governed by a community-based, volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts, donations 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.



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"

Special Appropriation Recipient Report

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT), is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which has provided public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, and Essex Counties since 1991, and now serves Lamoille County. RCT operates fare-free shuttle and commuter bus routes, allowing connections between towns in our region and the ability to travel throughout Vermont and beyond. RCT also provides demand-response transportation services under several programs, such as Medicaid, the Elderly & Disabled program, and Rides 2 Wellness.

RCT runs four commuter routes to enhance access to employment, connecting Morrisville to the towns of Barre and Waterbury, and St. Johnsbury to Montpelier and to Littleton. We operate three shuttle routes tying Morrisville, Newport/Derby, and St. Johnsbury/Lyndonville residents and nearby Vermonters to essential locations, from grocery stores to medical centers. Shopping routes provide similar service spanning Morrisville and Stowe in the west, Newport and surrounding towns in the north, and Lyndon to New Hampshire in the east. Our neighbors who utilized over 130,000 rides in FY2022 have expressed their gratitude and noted their dependence on our services.

As COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed and Vermont moves forward, RCT remains committed to providing safe, reliable, accessible, and affordable transportation, and continues to be responsive to the safety needs of riders, including those who may not have another means of pandemic-sensitive transportation.

RCT gratefully benefits from a robust and growing volunteer program, with sixty volunteers providing rides to neighbors and those needing non-shuttle transportation to access vital services. We depend on our volunteers to help meet the needs of their neighbors near and far.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match, and are therefore crucial to RCT's operations. Your generosity allows RCT to transform your funding into the ability to thrive, grow, and provide your community with reliable quality transportation service.



Activity Report for Barnet
Fiscal Year 2023 * July 2022 – June 2023
Town Appropriation Request: \$1200

Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression. 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:

- **Social Change** focuses on prevention education and initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, and creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. One of our strategies is to provide pathways for girls to work within this social change and prevention field through the Youth in Power Program. In FY22, we provided 1865 youth with educational workshops throughout our 17 school partners. We provided 214 adults with educational programs through 12 workshops and 5 advocacy training sessions.
- **Advocacy Program** serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation - which in total we characterize as gender-based violence. In our work, the client leads and we support them in any way they need us to including legal advocacy, housing advocacy, support with parenting after trauma and more. In FY22, 633 individuals received direct advocacy, 65 adults and 39 children were housed in our emergency shelters as a result of fleeing domestic or sexual violence and 25 people were housed in our Transitional Housing program.
- **Family Based Services** focuses on child-care and strengthening family relationships. *Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC)* assists families in the Northeast Kingdom to receive subsidized childcare, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. *The Family Room* offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In FY22, KCCC served 732 families and the Family Room worked with 50 families, serving 70 children.
- **Economic Empowerment** serves women with significant barriers to employment in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties. Our *Cornucopia* program, and our social enterprise, *Dolcetti* each wrap around women to support them in building job readiness skills while helping them to address challenges in their lives so they are able to move towards financial self-sufficiency. In FY22 as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged and prepared 30,453 meals for homebound seniors through Meals on Wheels.

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 20 households in Barnet were served by Umbrella in Fiscal Year 2022 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 #03-0271000
TOWN OF BARNET
SUMMARY REPORT**

Request Amount: \$280.00

For over 43 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'22 (10/2021-9/2022) 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 **158** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **6** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **172** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **80** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **91** individuals with information on assistive technology; **39** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **454** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **29** people and provided **16** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served over 600 people in the 2 years it was funded. The Rise Program helped provide an array of items or services if the needs were directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Franklin, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY'22, **2** residents of **Barnet** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
(over **\$1,000.00** spent on meals for residents)
- RISE Fund
(**\$475.00** spent on pandemic related needs)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

January 10, 2023

West Barnet Senior Meal Site
P.O. Box 134
Barnet, Vermont 05821

Barnet Town Clerk's Office
P.O. Box 14
Barnet, Vermont 05821

Dear Friends:

The West Barnet Senior Meal site would gratefully appreciate continued financial support from the Town of Barnet through appropriation at Town Meeting in March. Inflation has affected many areas of our business, including fuel, food and supplies, which makes your support more important than ever.

We continue to provide in-house dining, take out meals and meals for the homebound every Wednesday and Friday. We are very fortunate to have several dedicated volunteers to help with the preparation, cooking, serving and packing of our meals.

Even though we have lost several of our valued patrons in the past months, we continue to see new faces on a steady basis. The Meal Site in West Barnet has a reputation for serving some of the most delicious meals at a site, which is a big reason so many folks continue to stop in. Our site is something for the Town of Barnet to be proud of. We hope to be there for many years to come and provide much needed fellowship and food to all who come.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and appropriation

Respectfully,



Linda A. Choate
Secretary
West Barnet Senior Meal Site

Section 6

Reports of Other Extra-Municipal Organizations & Representatives

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ANNUAL REPORT

For 2022

We completed another audit for our office in 2022 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 do to the fuel prices. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, 3 new cars were purchased, replacing cars that have served us well. We have 9 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. 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 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 8 Law Enforcement Officers to start the new year, with hopes to send a couple new hires to the academy in the spring. Our goal is to have 20 to 25 deputies to cover all details. 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 \$62,000, down to \$30,000. In 8 years, that expense will go away and the county will own the building.

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. James Hemond was sworn in on Feb 1st as your new sheriff. After 25 years with the department, it's time for me to step away. It was an honor to serve you and thank you for the support. Please continue that support with the new sheriff.

Please check out our facebook page. Thank You and stay safe.

Sincerely,
Sheriff Dean Shatney



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

2022 has been one of our most challenging years in EMS that I can remember. Coming off a busy year towards the end of the pandemic, this year has had some unique challenges. The two main factors making this a very dynamic and challenging year is the current state of the EMS workforce, coupled with the challenges in EMS funding. One of our primary noted changes in 2022 was the reduced amount of inter-facility transports due to decreased staffing and overwhelmed tertiary care centers we commonly transfer too. Our agency relies heavily on inter-facility transports to support our budget as our 911 transports do not cover the expenses to maintain a 24/7/365 Paramedic level EMS service. This is not unique to CALEX as most EMS agencies rely on inter-facility transports to help support their budgets and to keep town funding requests as reasonable as possible. State and Federal reimbursements, specifically Medicare and Medicaid, do not cover the actual costs. Roughly, we lose about 51.65% due to fee schedules that we don't have control over. We only get paid by Medicare / Medicaid what they reimburse and that is not the actual costs to deliver the service. Inter-facility transports, due to the longer distance billable loaded miles, generates a more substantial part of the budget. In 2022, what we have experienced is a drastic reduction in requests for two reasons: First, the current state of the healthcare workforce along with increased demand for healthcare. Many of our tertiary care centers (DHMC and UVMHC) have not been accepting patients due to decreased staffing and being overwhelmed. This forces our local hospital to keep patients here longer and care for them without transfer. Second, we have noticed increase in demand but a decrease in patient acuity. Meaning less acute illnesses or traumatic injuries that would require transfer. We have seen a reduction of roughly 125 inter-facility transfers this year as compared to 2021. This represents a significant loss in revenue. We really don't know what to expect for 2023, but we know if we continue to see these similar numbers next year, we will have to make some significant changes. Many EMS systems are struggling around the state and nationally with funding due to rising costs to provide the service, however the reimbursements are not keeping up with those increases. The workforce, since the pandemic, has also created challenges as many other careers are paying much higher hourly rates than we can afford in EMS. This is currently a point of discussion that state leaders and legislators are looking to find some funding mechanisms to support. We will closely monitor this and support any opportunities to assure EMS is an essential service supported appropriately to provide workforce professionals that stand ready 24/7/365.

The workforce remains a top priority for all of us in Public Safety and beyond. Our staffing has stepped up in a big way to meet the needs to fill the current openings. We have teamed up locally to partner with St. Johnsbury Academy Adult Education program to offer our very first EMT course out of the newly renovated space on Eastern Ave. We were successful last year, with hiring two full-time EMT's out of this program. We are looking forward to beginning another EMT course in early January and are hopeful for some additional staffing from this program.


CALEX continues to provide the highest quality of prehospital care to all the towns we serve providing 911 coverage at the Paramedic level 24/7/365. We have been asked to provide services to Granby this year, so we are now serving 10 towns – Saint Johnsbury, Waterford, Barnet, Concord, Kirby, Victory, Granby, Danville, Walden and Peacham. Our volumes were down a bit overall this year due to the reasons I mentioned above. 911 responses were slightly higher while transfers were less. CALEX responded to 2,387 911 responses and 469 being Interfacility Transfers and Medical transports. Our average response time to the scene for our entire service area 8 minutes 15 secs. Overall, our agency responded to 2,856 requests for service. These interfacility transports are a critical part 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. This year we transported as far as Albany, NY several times due to other hospitals declining admissions.

In 2022, we reduced our fleet of 5 ambulances to 3. We will take delivery of our next replacement ambulance, June 2023. Our current fleet is in great shape, and we feel will be a bonus to our budget next year.

As we end 2022, I look forward to a safe and successful year of providing the very best pre hospital care to our communities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced team providing care for when it is needed. 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. Lastly, please take some time and learn CPR /AED use, we would be glad to assist you. You could save a life!

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

Connecticut River Joint Commissions

Giving voice to New England's great river

New Hampshire – Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission

Vermont – Connecticut River Watershed Advisory Commission



The Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) is a bi-state organization dedicated to helping preserve the visual, ecological, and working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley while encouraging and maintaining economic viability throughout.

With its full commissions board and its five Local River Subcommittees (LRS), more than 60 volunteers regularly engaged in the CRJC mission during Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) or July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. We are pleased that both Vermont and New Hampshire have again agreed to fund and sustain the CRJC. The CRJC acknowledges the funding assistance of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the Vermont LaRosa Partnership to advance the year's water quality monitoring by CRJC.

During FY22 the CRJC Commissioners specifically engaged in the following activities through research and proactive engagement of local and state stakeholders from both states:

- Bi-state interaction on water quality conditions and data gaps of the Connecticut River
- FERC hydro-power dam relicensing for the Vernon, Bellows Falls, and Wilder stations
- Climate migration in the Connecticut River Valley
- Series of virtual expert presentations on watershed management topics
- Public meeting laws that support CRJC functioning

In the coming year, the CRJC will:

- Continue to make improvements to CRJC communications to be accessible and informative
- Convene bi-state staff and stakeholders to discuss collaborative management of the Valley
- Advance activities on water quality priorities with state partners and each LRS
- Convene stakeholders to gather input for the Tactical Basin Plans in Vermont
- Produce a New Hampshire Biennial LRS report

If you would like more information on any of our projects, or if you are interested in assisting us, please e-mail us at info@crjc.org. For general information on the CRJC see <https://www.crjc.org/>

Riverbend Local River Subcommittee

of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

New Hampshire – Lancaster, Dalton, Littleton, Monroe, Bath, Haverhill

Vermont – Guildhall, Lunenburg, Concord, Waterford, Barnet, Ryegate, Newbury



Connecticut River – Riverbend Local River Subcommittee – Annual Report 2022

The Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets quarterly and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by riverfront municipalities, with allowance for alternates. Throughout 2022, the Subcommittee has maintained a hybrid meeting format where a quorum of participating municipalities is required to be present in person. Current members of Vermont are Bill Graves and John Fairchild from Barnet, Deborah Noble from Concord, Scott Labun from Newbury, Mary Dole from Ryegate, William Piper from Waterford, and openings in Guildhall & Lunenburg. Current members of New Hampshire are Rick Walling from Bath, Gal Potashnick from Dalton, Pauline Corzilius and Howard Hatch from Haverhill, Rob Christie from Lancaster, and openings in Littleton and Monroe. Those with one representative have an opening for a second volunteer. During 2022, Rick Walling served as chair. Meetings and events are open to the public.

Riverbend is one of the five subcommittees a part of the CRJC since 1989. The Subcommittees provide a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality and wildlife habitat. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback on river-related topics to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. Feedback covers comments on proposed permits and plans, and maintaining a bi-state corridor management plan.

During 2022, Riverbend engaged on several issues. Permits that were reviewed include a commercial development and new dock in Lancaster, residential development in Littleton, and the recertification of the Fifteen Miles Falls project for the Low Impact Hydro Institute. Riverbend is also following the potential acquisition of Holton Island in Lancaster by the Town.

Riverbend supported outreach efforts in service of the Connecticut River, including a virtual speaker series (see www.crjc.org/riverwide) that delved into conversations on the local river recreation economy, stormwater retrofits, native american history & current experiences, and human & beaver dams. Further, Riverbend supported water quality monitoring efforts at 5 sites along the Connecticut River.

In 2023, Riverbend will continue their activities in management, outreach, and learning for the Connecticut River. Riverbend welcomes local participation in permit reviews, educational events, watershed planning, and water quality monitoring. If you are interested to learn more, please contact us at info@crjc.org.



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



NEK Broadband had a successful and busy year. Construction continued throughout 2022, and customers in Concord, Waterford, and Lunenburg were connected to our fiber-optic internet network! We prepared multiple grant applications, received significant funding from a multitude of sources, and were able to procure and purchase a majority of the materials needed to continue construction throughout our district.

PREPARING FOR CONSTRUCTION

- We purchased over 700 miles of fiber optic cable.
- More than \$2 million in hardware and equipment was ordered.
- We submitted the necessary applications to eight electric and communication utility companies, giving us access to more than 12,000 utility poles spread over 500 miles of roadways in 24 towns. We are now able to prepare these poles for installation.

BUDGET SUMMARY

2022 Budget to Actual (Projected)			2023 Proposed Budget	
NEK BROADBAND	BUDGET	ACTUAL (Projected)	Projected Surplus from 2022	\$145,016
Administrative Grant Revenue	\$494,750	\$782,995	Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,252,718
Operations Revenue	\$203,000	\$49,138	Operations Revenue	\$747,767
Capital Grant Revenue	\$26,005,250	\$5,565,444	Capital Grant Revenue	\$28,785,288
Total Cash In	\$26,703,000	\$6,377,567	Total Cash In	\$31,930,789
Administrative Cost	\$494,750	\$617,999	Administrative Cost	\$1,847,193
Operational Cost	\$215,900	\$97,353	Operational Cost	\$586,601
Construction Cost	\$25,705,000	\$5,565,444	Construction Cost	\$28,785,288
Total Cash Out	\$26,415,650	\$6,280,796	Total Cash Out	\$31,219,081
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$403,134	\$99,801	Annual Net Cash Flow	\$711,707
Increase in Capital Assets	\$25,705,000	\$5,565,444	Increase in Capital Assets	\$28,785,288



GRANTS & FINANCING

- This year, the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved \$8,023,915 in Pre-Construction Grants and \$20,865,889 in Construction Grants.
- We secured American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Recovery Funds from 13 towns, totaling \$941,750 plus an added \$941,750 in matching funds from the VCBB.
- We secured and completed a USDA Rural Business Development Grant to build seven miles, serving 90 premises.

BUILDING CAPACITY

- We hired three full-time employees in 2022, and are in the process of hiring additional staff.
- Contracts have been finalized with all major construction and operations companies.
- We secured warehouses in both Saint Johnsbury and Brighton.

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE PROJECTED GROWTH BY YEAR

2022

3 TOWNS SERVICED
32 MILES BUILT
432 ADDRESSES SERVICED

2023
(Projected)

26 TOWNS SERVICED
270 MILES BUILT
2700 ADDRESSES SERVICED

2024
(Projected)

46 TOWNS SERVICED
520 MILES BUILT
6193 ADDRESSES SERVICED

432



SERVICE AVAILABILITY

OUR SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO 432 ADDRESSES IN CONCORD, WATERFORD, AND LUNENBURG.

36



MILES BUILT

IN 2022, WE BUILT 36 MILES OF OUR NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE NEK BROADBAND DISTRICT.

ABOUT NEK BROADBAND

We are a Communications Union District (CUD), a municipal entity representing our 51 member communities in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, plus Wolcott in Lamoille County. Our district is building high-speed broadband internet infrastructure for underserved communities in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, fill out the form at get.nekbroadband.org.

Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2022 by processing less recycling compared to 2021 – 2,579 tons in 2022 compared to 2,952 tons in 2021. While most commodities showed decreases of about 40 tons, compostable material lead the decline in commodities with a drop of 182 tons compared to 2021. Scrap metal and battery tonnages were nearly identical in 2021 and 2022. Recycling markets were very strong for nearly all of 2022, but took a dramatic drop in the last quarter.

The District ended 2022 with a surplus of \$5,604.53. Revenues in 2022 were 6.63% above projections, while expenses were 5.98% above projections. The District continued to benefit from the after affects of the pandemic through elevated commodity prices. Surcharge revenue was the primary driver for strong revenues in 2022. Some fees used to generate revenues will increase headed into 2023. The reintroduction of employer sponsored health insurance and an inflation rate of over 7% are the drivers of these increases in 2023. The per capita assessment will increase from \$0.84/person to \$1.06/person, and the surcharge will increase a dollar from \$24.99/ton to \$25.99/ton. Hauling fees and fees for tire management will remain unchanged in 2023.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2022. 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 the Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

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

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and two part-time employees in 2022. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

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

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

NEKWMD Executive Committee



NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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January 25, 2023

NEKWMD
District Towns

RE: **NEKWMD Budget Vote for 2023 Proposed Budget**

Dear Member Town:

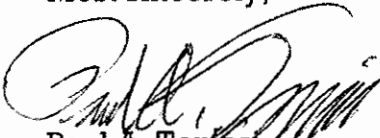
The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) has approved an amendment to our Charter, which would allow us to have our annual budget approved by the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors. That bill requires legislative approval and is currently moving through the legislature.

The legislature has simultaneously approved H42, which extends the provisions granted to towns and the NEKWMD during the last 2 legislative sessions. H42 allows the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors to approve the budget in lieu of the Australian Ballot process that has been typically employed to approve the NEKWMD budget. Both chambers of the Vermont Legislature have approved H42 and the Governor signed it into law today.

What does this mean for our member towns and the 2023 budget approval process?
Towns will not have to include the warning for the Waste District budget in their town reports. Towns will also not have to conduct the Australian Ballot process for approving the District budget. H42 extends these provisions until July of 2024; however, we anticipate our Charter Amendment will be acted upon by the legislature and approved during the 2023 legislative session.

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

Most sincerely,



Paul A. Tontasi
Executive Director

2023 NEKWMD PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2022	2023 PROPOSED BUDGET
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$1,100.00	\$180.00	\$300.00
Audit -- Financial	\$6,845.00	\$7,000.00	\$6,845.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Surplus	\$7,198.00	\$7,198.00	\$0.00
Cleaning	\$1,920.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,920.00
Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,309.50	\$1,500.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$6,500.00	\$5,541.74	\$5,500.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$1,175.59	\$1,300.00
Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$14,000.00	\$19,235.99	\$15,000.00
Legal Fees	\$4,000.00	\$636.00	\$3,000.00
Postage	\$2,500.00	\$2,120.67	\$2,000.00
Office Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$5,309.15	\$4,000.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,300.00	\$3,431.85	\$10,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$462.40	\$500.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,000.00	\$1,051.34	\$1,200.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$56,363.00	\$56,452.23	\$55,565.00
Gross Wages	\$417,500.00	\$394,706.39	\$445,164.00
OT Wages--Warehouse	\$3,000.00	\$9,720.45	\$5,000.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$25,900.00	\$25,074.48	\$27,942.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$6,100.00	\$5,864.15	\$6,534.00
Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$5,122.64	\$6,000.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$23,500.00	\$24,089.41	\$25,725.00
Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$53,000.00	\$35,957.01	\$27,500.00
Mileage - Employee	\$3,000.00	\$3,882.47	\$4,000.00
Life & Disability	\$5,605.38	\$6,307.10	\$5,700.00
Personnel Equipment	\$500.00	\$180.97	\$500.00
Training	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Travel	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$543,655.38	\$510,905.07	\$614,565.00
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
Baler Loan Payment	\$39,056.17	\$37,306.97	\$0.00
Baler Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$145.74	\$2,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$6,538.50	\$6,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$2,000.00	\$2,862.93	\$3,000.00
Forklift Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$9,993.77	\$4,000.00
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$500.00	\$798.99	\$500.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$9,062.38	\$3,000.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$2,350.61	\$2,500.00
Mack Truck Loan Payment	\$13,694.33	\$13,694.33	\$0.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$17,000.00	\$33,869.70	\$27,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$15,000.00	\$32,506.77	\$15,000.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$102,750.50	\$149,130.69	\$63,000.00

2023 NEKWMD PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2022	2023 PROPOSED BUDGET
BUILDING EXPENSES			
Electricity	\$5,000.00	\$5,343.58	\$5,400.00
Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$4,020.52	\$2,000.00
Trash Removal	\$3,500.00	\$4,326.89	\$3,600.00
TOTAL BUILDING	\$10,000.00	\$13,690.99	\$11,000.00
PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
Composting	\$29,000.00	\$23,501.00	\$26,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
Organics VT Grant	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Education Outreach	\$7,000.00	\$7,927.04	\$7,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$35,000.00	\$41,046.61	\$35,500.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$8,880.92	\$5,500.00
Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$25,000.00	\$28,562.41	\$24,000.00
Special Collections	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Supplies	\$400.00	\$1,259.09	\$400.00
Tire Disposal	\$18,000.00	\$17,660.00	\$15,000.00
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$122,650.00	\$148,837.07	\$117,150.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$835,418.88	\$879,016.05	\$861,280.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$24,000.00	\$31,800.00	\$24,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$24,000.00	\$31,800.00	\$24,000.00
TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$859,418.88	\$910,816.05	\$885,280.00
Grants--St of VT	\$92,000.00	\$79,385.42	\$80,000.00
Grants--Organics	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Surplus Funds	\$12,803.38	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$54,000.00	\$61,018.68	\$59,000.00
Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$5,000.00	\$7,891.88	\$5,000.00
Interest Income	\$20.00	\$41.07	\$30.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,500.00	\$2,787.00	\$1,500.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$2,000.00	\$998.00	\$2,000.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$121,888.50	\$122,197.74	\$122,000.00
Compost Income	\$29,000.00	\$24,002.80	\$26,000.00
Electronics Income	\$18,000.00	\$18,408.39	\$14,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$17,500.00	\$20,713.61	\$18,000.00
Battery Income	\$4,000.00	\$5,672.25	\$5,000.00
Tire Income	\$18,000.00	\$14,850.20	\$15,000.00
Per Capita Assessment	\$39,057.00	\$39,435.48	\$50,000.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$444,500.00	\$498,893.06	\$487,600.00
TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$859,418.88	\$916,420.58	\$885,280.00



To the Voters of Barnet:

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

This year, we are again requesting annual dues from our member communities. These funds are critical, as they allow us to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage additional state and federal funds that benefit our region.

While local governance becomes more complex, our talented staff remains available to assist your community. Throughout 2022, we continued helping local government and businesses navigate the ongoing challenges resulting from the pandemic, including pursuing new opportunities to aid in regional recovery. We continued assisting communities and businesses with ARPA funding as well as other state and federal recovery resources. Our regular services continued as well, including:

- Land use planning & regulation;
- Transportation studies and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS services;
- Grant writing and administration;
- Direct business support, referrals, and lending to employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning to help communities meet evolving statutory requirements;
- Planning for natural hazards and local emergency response;
- Brownfield assessments and remediation assistance;
- Economic development activities to grow and strengthen businesses in our region;
- Training for local officials.

How have we served your community? In 2022, NVDA helped Barnet with their American Rescue Plan Act funds and worked with the planning commission on a draft update to the Town Plan. We also provided some technical assistance to the Zoning Administrator, and assisted with outreach for the Window Dressers Community Build and emergency planning and Preparation. Finally, we assisted with Barnet's participation in the Grants in Aid program to promote the use of erosion control and water quality practices in road maintenance.

Municipal contributions to NVDA have remained the same since 2016. This year, however, the NVDA Board has approved the first of three small adjustments that will occur over a five-year period to lessen the impact on municipal budgets. In 2023, dues will increase to \$0.85 per capita (from \$0.75), with a maximum of \$3,965 and a minimum of \$565. We take great pride in serving the communities and businesses of the NEK. This additional contribution allows us to continue providing a high level of professional service. We take pride in keeping communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at tgonyaw@nvda.net to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director

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

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

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

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, staff responded to thousands of member questions and published guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2022, VLCT began offering additional government finance training and consulting services and launched the new Federal Funding Assistance Program (FFAP). FFAP offers communities advice on complying with federal rules surrounding pandemic funding, provides direction and insight on accessing billions of dollars in federal infrastructure funding, and provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law. The League provided training via webinars, onsite classes, and during the hallmark annual event, Town Fair, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. VLCT's Equity Committee also published an online equity toolkit that assists municipalities in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in their decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Specific success in 2022 includes securing \$45 million in funding to help municipalities make energy improvements in their buildings, securing \$250,000 for VLCT's Federal Funding Assistance Program, increasing Municipal Planning Grants to \$870,000, securing \$250,000 for the Vermont Office of Racial Equity to launch the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Program, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to insurance programs**. The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also provides members with the option to purchase life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products at a competitive price. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.

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

Section 7

Real Estate Transactions & Vital Records Reports

Real Estate Transactions

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Description
1/18/2022	Stinchfield, Charles & Mary	McLean, Allison & Geoffrey	Unlanded condo Campers Lane
1/21/2022	Shattuck, Patrick & Tamara	Carilo, Richard & Lillian	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
1/26/2022	Jewell, Annette	Bullard, Trisha & Jonathan	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
1/31/2022	Lewis, Brice & Tamatha	Valencia Property Mngmt LLC	Dwl & land Academy Lane
1/31/2022	Perkins, Justin & Natalie	Robinson, Stanley & Kathleen	Land only Smith Road
2/8/2022	Clark, Susan Revoc Trust	Lemay, Sarah	Dwl & land Old West Road
2/10/2022	Cota, Sheryl	Butkiewicz, Paul	Land only Tower Road
2/10/2022	Wright, Adam Montgomery Estate	Fontecha, Kevin	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
2/18/2022	Kendall, James	Temple, Caleb Willard, Calvin & Layn, Joseph	Land only Denio Road
2/18/2022	Kendall, James S	WVT Land LLC	Land only Denio Road
2/24/2022	Larocque, Beverly	Garand, Sandra	Dwl & land Old Silo Road
3/21/2022	Greenleaf, Michael & Jeanine	Ervin, Charles & Marin, Graciela	Dwl & land Harvey Mountain Road
3/24/2022	Pearl, Russell Estate	Brooks, Natashia & Sanders, Andre	Dwl & land Academy Lane
4/1/2022	Aldrich, Barry & Robin	Glick, Thomas & Vargova, Zuzana	Dwl & land Old Silo Road
4/18/2022	Cook, John & Sarah	Carpenter, Jonathan & Tammy	Land only Somerhill Road
4/27/2022	Adams, Bryan & Sandra	Adams, Benjamin & Caroline	Land only Brook Hill Road
5/9/2022	Corwin, Andrew & Lauren Scott	Walton, Thomas & Flannery, Kristen	Dwl & land Schoolhouse Road
5/19/2022	Lamothe, Jeffrey	Lamothe, Olivia	Dwl & land Old Silo Road
5/23/2022	Lamothe, Norman & Jeffrey	Lamothe, Joshua & Olivia	Land only Old Silo Road
5/23/2022	Somers, Charles	Hanson, John & Barbara	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
5/31/2022	Price, David Baird Trust	Pollak, Emil & Elaine	Dwl & land Roy Mountain Rd
6/6/2022	Skovsted Family Trust	Goldemund, Herwig & Susan	Dwl & land Brook Hill Road
6/14/2022	Linzer Family Trust	Darling, Gary	Land only Ferguson Road
6/23/2022	Duckett, John & Houghton-Duckett, Leslie	Santiago, Isaac	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
7/18/2022	Bushey, Wayne & Rebecca	Kittredge, David & Carolyn	Dwl & land Harvey Mountain Rd
7/19/2022	Redmond, David & Marie	Fisette, Ryan & Amber	MHU Dike Lane
7/21/2022	Adams, Bryan & Sandra	O'Donnell, Kevin Jr & Kelsey	Building & land Joe's Brook Road
7/29/2022	JG HL Partners LLC	Cudhea, Cameron & Lisa	Camp & land Bailey Farm Road
8/1/2022	Dillon, James & Julia	DOR Associates LLP	Dwl & land Brook Hill Road
8/1/2022	Roy, Gary C Jr & Bobbi J	Vogel, Thomas & Kassandra	Dwl & land McLaren Hill Road
8/15/2022	Santerre, Roger & Jerry	Cummings, Ethan & Lawuo	Dwl & land Grange Hall Lane
8/15/2022	Mason, Yvette	Sorvari-Officer, Dianne	MHU Shoreline Drive

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Description
8/17/2022	Schwein-Perez, Denise & Jackson, Michael	Mazza, Michael II & Stacy	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
8/22/2022	Northrop, Randall & Masumi	Ashley, James & Ashley Azeyanagi, Chinatsu	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
8/29/2022	Burns, Steven & Dixie	Morin, Scott & Elizabeth	Dwl & land Whitehill Road
8/31/2022	Wells River Savings Bank	Town of Barnet	Land only Bimson Drive
9/16/2022	Stinchfield, Charles & Mary	Gadapee, Lyle & Susan	Condo Unit #15 Campers' Lane
9/19/2022	Knights, Jonathan & Paula	Rivers, Jacob	Land only sbdvn Little France
9/21/2022	Ortiz, Saadia	Heaney, Jeb	Land only Garland Hill
9/22/2022	Derosiers, Joseph Estate	RODCO LLC	Dwl & land Church St
9/29/2022	Vermeulen, William Trust	Asset 20024 LLC	Pst Office & land Monument Circle
10/3/2022	Dugan, Susan Reis Rev Trust	MADAB Realty LLC	Dwl & land
10/3/2022	Hatley, John	Welsh, Susan & Davis, Jeffrey	Building & land
10/3/2022	Linabury, Laura	Trottier, Bryanna & Heidelmeier, Randie	Land only Garland Hill
10/14/2022	Tulcensky, Harvey	Marquise, Dennis & Shelly	Land only Mosquitoville Road
10/14/2022	Bogie, David	Heaney, Jeb	Land only Garland Hill
10/20/2022	Town of Barnet	Delabruere, Lisa	Dwl & land US Rte 5 No
10/24/2022	Thielen, Mary Jean	Nommik, Aureon & Lumbra, Libbie	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
10/26/2022	Kelley, Petre & Lynn	Railla, Nathan & Henshaw, Elizabeth	Dwl & land Darling Lane
10/27/2022	Town of Barnet	Northrop, Randall	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
11/7/2022	Bergeron, Jennifer	Pedersen, David & Rebecca	Dwl & land Church St
11/30/2022	Borgstrom, Margaret & Davison, Steven	Decker, Thomas, Kathleen & Benjamin	Dwl & land Harvey Mountain Road
12/23/2022	Young, Raymond	Kauppi, Elizabeth & Robert Sr	Dwl & land Farman Road
12/27/2022	Liveston, Wendy	Vincent, Brandy Lee	MH & land US Rte 5 South

BIRTHS

Roy, Isabella Grace to Roy, Brandy Lakin & Moses Laural
Baker, Henry Thomas to Smith, Lilliana Brynne & Baker, Michael Thomas
Thompson, Camryn Marie to Thompson, Diane & Cody
Stacey, Barrett Douglas to Stacey, Tiffany Jo & Justin Douglas
Bullard, Emmett James to Bullard, Trisha Mae & Jonathan Russell
Burke, Elowen Sawyer to Burke, Rebeckah Johnson & Josh Daniel

MARRIAGES

Roy, Morgen Laurel & Cousino, Zachary Charles
Brooks, Andrea Jade & Palmer, Dustan Roy
Allen, Kelly Sue & Van Liew, Theodore Justin
Lamont, Melissa Anne & Sargent, Kevin Bruce Jr
Houske, Tamatha Sue & White, Terence Lee
Cohen, Rachel JoAnn & Matte, Brandon Lloyd
Christman, Lyndsay Grace & Jefferson, James Alan
Verley, Jacquelyn Grace & Holtz, Dawn Elaine

DEATHS

Somers, Brian Andrew	Age 64	Hackett, Brenda Jean	Age 73
Gilmour, Richard Douglas	Age 82	Mitchell, Michelle June	Age 59
White, Mary Ellen	Age 80	Hackett, David William	Age 55
Moulton, Wayne Wilbur	Age 78	Girouard, Judith Eva	Age 68
Sylvester, Mark James	Age 60	Chebuske, John August	Age 93
Willman, Kenneth Scott	Age 69	Travis, Barbara Joan	Age 88
March, Jeremiah Paul	Age 42	Knowlton, Howard Larkin	Age 91
Davis, Renette Ann	Age 58	Somers, Hezzie Bailey	Age 86
Kinerson, Richard C	Age 71	Edney, Nancy May	Age 80