

An aerial night photograph of Brighton, Vermont. The town is illuminated by streetlights and building lights, with a prominent red-roofed building in the center. The surrounding area is dark, with some trees and hills visible in the background. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Annual Report

Town of Brighton, VT

For The Year Ending December 31, 2022

2022



Lakeside Park Improvements

The Town of Brighton was awarded a Downtown Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$118,400 to make improvements to Lakeside Park. This project will enhance Island Pond's Lakeside Park with improved pedestrian connections, new signage, and landscaping. The changes will support expanded use of the park's pavilion for community events such as music, community picnics, and the annual Independence Weekend Celebration. Construction is expected to begin in early July 2023.

Annual Report

of the Town and the Officers of

Brighton, Vermont



Oath of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands
one nation under God, indivisible
with liberty and justice for all

For the year ending December 31,

2022

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Community Information

Monday, March 6, 2023 -

School and Town Informational Meetings - Brighton Municipal Building
School Meeting at 7:00 PM
Town Business Meeting at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 -

Town Meeting Elections - Brighton Municipal Building:
9:00AM to 7:00 PM

Monday, April 1, 2023 - Last day to license dogs

General Information

Date of Charter: August 31, 1781

Population: 1,157 (per 2020 Census Records)

Size: 34,368 acres

2022 Educational Grand list: **\$ 1,414,617.08**

2022 Municipal Grand List: **\$ 1,416,336.78**

Town Clerk Office Hours

Monday through Friday - 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Brighton Recycle Center Hours

Saturday and Monday – 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

VOTER REGISTRATION & ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

Voters may register to vote in person at the Town Clerk's office at 49 Mill St. Ext., Island Pond, during business hours (8-3:30 M-F) or online at the VT Secretary of State Elections Office. Voters can register to vote at the Clerk's office right up to the day before the election, and at the polls the day of the election. Absentee ballots can be obtained by calling the Town Clerk's office at 723-4405, or by coming to the office in person.



Teresa DeBonville
Town Clerk & Treasurer



Brighton Selectboard
Heather McElroy, Stacey Roese
Jeanne Gervais



Joel Cope
Town & Zoning
Administrator



Noah Bond
Town Manager

Town of Brighton
WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2023

The legal voters for the Town of Brighton and the Brighton Water System are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall in Island Pond at 49 Mill Street Ext. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM to transact the following business by Australian Ballot:

1. To elect the following Town and Water System Officers: A Moderator and Delinquent Tax Collector, and One Select Board member for a one-year term. One Cemetery Commissioner, One Select Board member, One Water Commissioner, one Lister and one Auditor for a three-year term.
2. To elect the following School District officers: A Moderator for a one-year term. One School board member for two-year term, and on NCUHS School Director for the remaining two-year term.
3. Shall the voters approve borrowing an amount not to exceed \$400,000 over ten years for the purchase of a road grader?
4. Shall the Town authorize cannabis retailers and retail portions in integrated licensee operations in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. Section 863?

The following articles are to be considered at the business meeting portion of the Annual Town Meeting, to be conducted on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:30 P.M. in the town hall:

4. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. To hear the reports of the town officers for the past year and to take action thereon.
6. To hear the report of the Water Commissioners for the past year and to take action thereon.
7. To see if the voters shall fix the number of installments and the payment due dates for the collection of taxes as authorized in Title 32, V.S.A. Section 4872. Recommended payments to be due on August 19, September 19, and November 19.
8. To see if the voters shall authorize collection of 2023 taxes through the treasurer as provided for in Title 32, V.S.A. Sections 4792 and 4793.
9. Shall the Town of Brighton appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. to support the Brighton School Garden and Farm-to-School Program?
10. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a town clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651e?
11. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a town treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651f?
12. Shall the town provide notice of the availability of the annual report by publishing notice of the availability in the newspaper of record, by posting the notice around town and on the town website at least 30 days before the annual meeting instead of mailing or otherwise distributing the report to the voters of the town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)?
14. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,603,527.66, of which \$1,185,450.95 shall be raised by taxes and \$418,076.71 by non-tax revenues?
15. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Brighton, County of Essex and State of Vermont, this 1st day of February, 2023.

BRIGHTON SELECTBOARD

Jeanne Gervais, Chair '23

Heather McElroy '25

Stacey Roeser '23

Town Officers

			Term Limit	Term Expires
Moderator	**	Bruce Rumball-Petre	1 year	2023
Town Clerk/Treasurer		Teresa DeBonville	3 years	2024
Ass't. Clerk/Treasurer		Lisa Moore	3 years	2024
Selectboard	*	Michael Strait	3 years	2024
	**	Stacey Roese		2023
		Jeanne Gervais	3 years	2023
		Heather McElroy	3 years	2022
Listers		Stephanie Nagle	3 years	2025
		Tara Martin	3 years	2025
		Vacant		
Library Trustees		Krystyna Kurzej	5 years	2023
		Janet Osborne	5 years	2024
		Jocelyne Gervais	5 years	2025
		Judy Valente	4 years	2025
		Susan Vera	5 years	2026
Cemetery Commissioners		Wayne Cole	3 years	2024
		John Manning	3 years	2025
		Carmen Murray	3 years	2023
School Directors	*	Timothy O'Bar	2 years	2023
	**	Jocelyne Gervais		2023
		Judy Castonguay	2 years	2024
		Gayle Cornelius	2 years	2024
		David Yasharian	3 years	2024
		Bradley Beth	3 years	2025
School Director (NCUHS)		David Yasharian	3 years	2025
Auditors		Jocelyne Gervais	3 years	2024
		Judith Castonguay	2 years	2024
Delinquent Tax Collector		Lucille Stevens	1 year	2023

Water Commissioners		Andy Martin	3 years	2024
		Mark Vaillancourt	3 years	2024
	*	Brittany Goulet	3 years	2023
	**	Bruce Rumball-Petre		2023
Sewer Commissioners	**	Andy Martin	3 years	2024
	**	Mark Vaillancourt	3 years	2024
	*	Brittany Goulet	3 years	2023
	**	Bruce Rumball-Petre		2023
Town Administrator	**	Joel Cope		
Health Officer	**	Beth Rodondi	1 year	2023
Zoning Administrator	**	Joel Cope	3 years	12/16/2024
Development Review Board	**	Margaret Muraca	3 years	4/2024
	**	Peder Pederson	3 years	4/2024
	**	Stacey Roesse	3 years	4/2024
	**	Michael Clarke	3 years	4/2024
	**	Alan Wing	3 years	4/2024
	**	Alan Magoon	(alternate)	4/2024
Planning Board	**	Jeanne Gervais	4 years	9/1/2022
	*	Scott Gowdy	4 years	9/1/2023
	**	Anne Budrewicz		9/1/2023
	**	Mark Vaillancourt	4 years	9/1/2023
	**	William Hawkins	4 years	9/1/2024
	**	Michael Strait	4 years	9/1/2025
Justice of the Peace		David Robbins	2 years	2024
		Dolores Robbins	2 years	2024
		Stephanie Naigle	2 years	2024
		Susan Pederson	2 years	2024
		Peder Pederson	2 years	2024
		Janet Osborne	2 years	2024
		Krystyna Kurzej	2 years	2024
Town Service Officer	**	Lisa Moore		

** Appointed by Selectboard

* Resigned

Selectboard Report 2023

New Town Manager

This November the Selectboard hired Town Manager Noah Bond. Noah hails from East Peoria, IL and was selected after an extensive and time-consuming search that saw a dozen potential candidates considered. Noah impressed the search committee with his knowledge, sincerity, and eagerness to take on the daunting task of running the Town during this difficult time, with a number of important projects underway. Noah comes with experience in project management, computer skills and familiarity with mapping programs, all of which were key to his employment. He will also help the Town make the transition from Cash Accounting to Accrual Accounting, which will make our CPA auditors happy. We intend to give him every opportunity to use all the skills he has.

The budget reflects that current Administrator Joel Cope will be staying on as needed for the year at his regular 20 hours/wk to help in the transition, and with a focus on the larger projects. But Mr. Cope will be moving on as soon as possible after 34 years of service to the town. Former Selectboard member Mike Strait will also be on the administrative staff until his assistance is no longer needed. ARPA funds will pay for Mr. Bond's position for Nov-Dec, 2022, and all of 2023. ARPA funds will also cover Mr. Strait's work.

For those who wonder why the town needs this amount of administrative staff, the answer is first that several critical infrastructure projects have been more or less forced upon the town to the extent that one person working only 20 hours per week cannot possibly move these complicated and expensive projects to completion. That is the reason the selectboard decided to hire a Town Manager, which position carries legal status that Town Administrators don't have. But in the meantime, until a new town manager was hired and brought up-to-speed, some immediate additional administrative help was critically needed. Since Mr. Strait had been working on these projects as a Selectboard member and had grant-writing and other skills we needed, he was hired with his first task to arrange the search for the new town manager.

Since there were applicants from all over the country, the Selectboard approved spending ARPA dollars on technology that allowed the search committee to interview candidates virtually. This tech now allows board meetings to be held virtually as well, and those meetings can be accessed by the public from the comfort of their homes. The board did interview the finalists in person.

The water, sewer and downtown revitalization projects are outside of the normal daily operating functions of small-town municipal government. These are infrastructure projects that come along every few decades. Mr. Bond will eventually take over these projects, but for now he will be busy mastering the peculiarities of municipal government in Vermont, and a number of other tasks. He has already taken on several projects, including the \$148,000 Park Pavilion Project, upgrading the All Hazards Mitigation Plan, and working on the annual insurance renewal. None of the town manager applicants had management experience with Vermont municipal government.

Infrastructure projects – Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

The Selectboard was in the midst of following through on the downtown revitalization project as directed by the community in the 2016 VCRD meetings, when the state told us that we needed to replace the aging water and sewer plants, and clear the sludge out of the lagoons. These plants are well past their design lives, and replacements are way more expensive than Brighton taxpayers can afford without state and federal help, but getting that money is not easy.

Former water/sewer plant Chief Operator Marty Frizzell was working with the state on these projects, but he passed away in 2021, just as the projects were really getting started. After that, Cope and Strait had to assume responsibility for these projects and become involved in the discussions with engineers and numerous state environmental officials and state and federal funding programs to ensure that development of these two critical infrastructure projects would continue.

People should note that there are no less than six separate engineering stages that have been done or are underway just for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). There was an Asset Management study that assessed the basic condition of the plant and lagoons. That was followed by a Preliminary Engineering Study, which was followed by a Pre-Design Study, followed by a Final Design Study, followed by the bidding phase and the construction phase. Each of these stages involve a negotiated Engineering Services Agreement (ESA) and an application to the federal Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) for loans that won't have to be paid back for five years and then at no interest over 30 years.

Engineering alone for the WWTP is well over \$300,000 and counting. Cleaning the lagoons and constructing the new WWTP plant will cost more than \$5,000,000. The feds will cover a couple million, but a long-term loan from the feds will pay for the rest. These loans are designed to last as long as the plant itself. Taxpayers should note that the last sewer bond was paid off long before the plant was considered obsolete, but the plant operators were able to keep it going past its design life, saving taxpayers a lot of money, while living on borrowed time.

This project is expected to go out to bid this spring and construction completed by 2024. The voters have already approved a \$3.756 million dollar bond for this project, but expenses have climbed since then and costs for this project will likely increase. This project has been awarded a 42% USDA grant. We are seeking additional state and federal funding, but sewer ratepayers will see a substantial increase.

Infrastructure – Water Treatment Plants

The same process is on-going with the two Water Treatment plants, which were built in 1987, and which have provided Island Pond residents with some of the best drinking water in the state from our mountain streams. Engineering for these plants is at the Preliminary Engineering phase. This is a two-million-dollar project at this point. Another part of this project is the replacement of the 100-year-old water main coming down Mountain Street from the north reservoir, underneath the railroad and connecting up with the Cross Street water main that ends up at Derby & Pleasant Sts. A significant portion of funding for this project will come probably from USDA and/or the CWSRF, with the rest a match from the ratepayers in the form of a loan at low or no interest over 30 years—the design lifetime of the plant. A bond vote will be needed.

Infrastructure – Downtown Revitalization

The Selectboard and staff continue to follow up on the downtown revitalization goal established during the VCRD community meetings in 2016, focusing on Cross Street and the main downtown intersection. This is basically an enhanced sidewalk project, and also involves replacing the 100-year-old stormwater main while we're digging there anyway to replace the 100-year-old water main mentioned earlier. That stormwater line dumps phosphorus-containing surface water runoff from downtown Island Pond streets directly into the Clyde River. Pedestrian and traffic circulation improvements to the main downtown intersection are also planned. It also includes moving the existing overhead utility lines on Cross Street to Alder Street.

Engineering for this type of project goes in similar stages as the water/sewer engineering. So far this has consisted of obtaining a grant of \$70,000 to hire an engineering company to lay out, or “scope” the basic design of a downtown improvement scenario. That study (a public document) led to the next step--obtaining an \$80,000 grant to further develop the ideas suggested in the first study resulting in a Preliminary Engineering Report. The town had a small 10% match required for these studies.

The next step for this project is to obtain funding for the Final Design, which will lock in the design so that contractors can bid on the project. The town has submitted a grant application to the Federal Lands Access Program for over one million dollars to pay for the cost of hiring an engineering company to do the Final Design and for engineering services through construction. The town is eligible for this grant because we are the last stop with full services for travelers before the Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge. Those who are familiar with grant funding know that writing successful applications for grants like these is a task in itself, but the harder part is that if the grants are awarded, then the project has to be planned and completed and the grant funds properly managed and reported to the grant source. It's our experience that anyone who provides funds for a project wants to know the project was done properly and the funds were properly accounted for.

Infrastructure – Town Hall Sewer

About ten years ago it was discovered that the Town Hall fuel tank that was buried underground had sprung a leak. The state Pollution Cleanup Fund (PCF) was immediately notified and the PCF has been covering the costs of a consulting firm brought in to help the town deal with the problem. That firm has been trying to determine the extent of the spill and what needs to be done to resolve the problem. They have dug more than a dozen monitoring wells in the area around the hall to see which way the plume of leaked fuel oil is headed. The consultant developed a plan to inject a carbon slurry into the ground through one of the wells to neutralize the spilled oil, but in the process accidentally drilled a hole in the sewer main coming from Sunrise Manor. This resulted in some amount of the carbon slurry ending up at the sewer treatment plant and then into the lagoons. The state was notified, but this event just added to the problems at the aging WWTP, which was not designed to handle chemical waste like this. The PCF will pay for almost all of this project.

Park Pavilion Project

While the preliminary engineering was going on for the downtown revitalization project, a grant came along that would pay for improvements to the pavilion park area that were in line with the other improvements being planned for the downtown. This project is in Final Design stage, and involves some landscaping and paved paths to the lake to achieve the long-sought goal of bringing the lake and the downtown closer. It is not every village that has a commercial downtown on a lakeshore, and past planning studies have affirmed that we need to take advantage of that.

Appraisal and Reappraisal

This year the state notified us that we need to do a complete reappraisal of the town. This is largely due to the active real estate market over the past Covid years. Many Vermont towns experienced increased property values, but there are only so many professional appraisers available so our reappraisal will not start until 2025. We have had to upgrade our technology that Listers and appraisers use. A new appraiser has been hired as well as a new tax mapping company.

Law Enforcement

Towns have options when it comes to law enforcement—they can appoint or elect a qualified, trained Constable. Brighton has gone that route years ago, somewhat infamously. In recent years the Selectboard has hired a Police Chief, but he resigned and so the board now took the option of contracting with the Essex County Sheriff's office. They come at an increased cost, but as it turns out, there is a substantial savings from making the change, since the insurance company doesn't have to worry as much about insuring against loss. That risk is now on the Sheriff's budget. The change has so far saved the Town around \$30,000 in insurance fees.

Budget

The Actual 2022 budget came in slightly lower than the Proposed amount. The 2023 Proposed budget shows a 4.1% increase, but in the current inflationary climate that did not seem improper.

The road department needs a new grader if they are going to continue their excellent work (great job on Pleasant St.). A new grader is more expensive than the town can afford to pay off in five years, so the board wants to stretch the pay back to ten years. But that needs approval by the voters, so that is on the ballot.

"Long-term debt" (Line Item #1122) is up substantially because the town could not hold tax sales last year due to the epidemic, which meant less Revenue. That and delinquent taxes in general meant end-of-the-year borrowing was necessary to pay the Town's obligations.

Appointed Town Clerk/Treasurer

This question is put on the ballot by the Selectboard. Vermont statutes give the voters authority to make the Town Clerk/Treasurer position appointed rather than elected. This office is the nerve center of the Town, and it has become more and more computerized. The person in this position has to be able to do the work. The board felt the voters might want the opportunity to choose. If the voters approve, the change would not go into effect until next year. Even with the change there are no plans to change the personnel currently employed.

Speaking of...

Andy Martin, Allan Ashman and Mark Fauteux of the Brighton Road Department have been doing a great job. These guys like to work, and it shows. Of course they have to work hard, just to keep up with Teresa and Lisa in the Town Clerk's office, Bruce keeping everything running, and Administrative staff Mike and Joel. Everybody has been working at a hectic pace to keep Brighton municipal government in a solid position.

What's in Store

This has been a year of significant changes in Brighton, and those changes will continue into 2023 and beyond. There will be a state-of-the-art WWTP, sludge removed from lagoons, modern communications technology in the town hall that will make municipal government more transparent, a full-time Town Manager, new and updated appraising and mapping abilities, park improvements and extensive planning for other infrastructure improvements needed. These changes are necessary and water/sewer users are certainly going to see substantial rate increases. Nevertheless, when this is all done, Brighton infrastructure will be in place and functional for the next 20-30 years.

2022 Actual and 2023 Proposed Budget

		Proposed 2022	Actual 2022	Proposed 2023
ROAD DEPARTMENT				
	Personnel			
020	Road Foreman	53,918.28	54,929.88	58,231.74
021	Road Maintenance Worker	39,122.20	39,868.71	42,251.98
022	Road Maintenance Worker	39,122.20	39,118.62	42,251.98
025	Overtime	15,000.00	18,621.07	15,000.00
030	Social Security	11,257.95	13,959.65	12,066.78
040	Retirement	17,843.47	18,801.75	19,914.13
050	Mileage	100.00	45.27	100.00
060	Training	200.00	200.00	200.00
070	Health & Life Ins.	48,196.20	44,735.51	57,110.64
099	Total Personnel Costs	224,760.30	230,280.46	247,127.25
100	Roads & Streets			
101	Salt & Chloride	12,000.00	13,249.00	14,000.00
102	Gravel	18,000.00	14,659.75	20,000.00
103	Sand, Stone & seed	7,000.00	5,338.40	7,000.00
106	Asphalt Patch	1,200.00	-	1,200.00
107	Paving	5,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00
108	Culverts	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
109	Survey & Engineering	4,000.00	2,250.00	5,000.00
110	Bridge & Rd Cnstrct.	11,000.00	350.00	11,000.00
111	Sidewalks	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
112	Foot Bridge	10,000.00	6,191.28	10,000.00
113	Supplies & Materials	6,500.00	5,719.18	6,500.00
114	Street Signs	1,000.00	1,181.09	1,500.00
115	Contracted services	15,000.00	19,863.75	15,000.00
116	Infrastructure reserve Fund	15,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00
117	Total Roads & Streets	113,200.00	96,302.45	151,200.00

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2022	2022	2023
118	Garage			
119	Electricity	2,000.00	1,911.08	2,000.00
120	Heating Fuel	4,000.00	5,614.18	4,000.00
121	Telephone	2,000.00	1,678.76	2,000.00
122	Bldg. Maint. & Rep	3,000.00	3,525.26	3,000.00
123	Total Garage	11,000.00	12,729.28	11,000.00
124	Equipment			
125	Equipment Purchase	10,000.00	10,430.67	10,000.00
126	Maint. & Repair	40,000.00	40,739.51	40,000.00
127	Fuel	25,000.00	31,631.88	25,000.00
128	Equip. Reserve Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
129	Truck payment	-	-	-
130	Total Equipment	125,000.00	132,802.06	125,000.00
131	TOTAL ROAD DEPT.	473,960.30	472,114.25	534,327.25
200	TOWN CLERK & TREASURER			
210	Clerk & Treasurer Salary	52,104.00	53,106.01	56,272.32
220	Asst. Clerk & Treasurer 1	32,432.40	33,346.99	35,026.99
225	Asst. Clerk & Treasurer 2			8,006.17
230	Social Security	6,467.03	6,689.96	7,596.87
240	Retirement	10,250.04	10,407.63	12,537.32
250	Mileage	100.00	29.25	100.00
260	Telephone/FAX	1,000.00	1,247.38	1,200.00
270	Training	150.00	-	150.00
296	Health Insurance	36,289.08	30,615.10	42,546.36
299	TOTAL CLERK & TREAS.	138,792.55	135,442.32	163,436.03
300	ADMINISTRATOR			
320	Salary	33,966.40	17,678.00	18,341.86
330	Social Security	2,598.43	1,352.37	2,598.43
350	Mileage	500.00	-	500.00
360	Telephone	1,000.00	1,247.47	1,000.00

		Proposed 2022	Actual 2022	Proposed 2023
370	Training	200.00	-	200.00
390	Health Insurance	160.00	150.63	160.00
396	Equipment	100.00	-	100.00
399	TOTAL ADMIN	38,524.83	20,428.47	22,900.29
400	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
420	Record keeping	-	-	-
430	Wages	39,705.12	32,529.02	98,280.00
435	Social security	3,037.44	1,086.79	
440	Retirement	4,814.25	1,163.47	
470	Car Expense	5,000.00	2,050.32	
490	Telephone	2,500.00	2,389.07	2,500.00
491	Training	200.00		
497	Equip. Repair & Purchase	1,500.00	1,373.37	
498	Health insurance	8,480.64	3,531.30	
499	TOTAL POLICE DEPT.	65,237.45	44,123.34	100,780.00
500	MUNICIPAL BUILDING			
580	Supplies	4,000.00	4,263.98	4,000.00
581	Electricity	6,000.00	5,436.13	6,000.00
582	Heating Fuel	8,000.00	9,443.61	9,000.00
583	Water	2,200.00	2,300.00	2,640.00
584	Sewer	2,960.00	1,720.00	3,552.00
585	Rubbish Removal	2,500.00	2,427.36	2,500.00
586	Bldg. Maint & Repair	5,000.00	8,839.71	8,000.00
587	Bldg Paint fund	15,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00
588	Bldg. security	3,000.00		1,000.00
590	Town Hall Sewer Cleanup			10,000.00
599	TOTAL MUN. BLDG.	48,660.00	49,430.79	56,692.00
600	RAILROAD STATION			
680	Supplies	200.00	357.76	300.00
681	Electricity	3,000.00	2,995.16	3,000.00
682	Heating Fuel	8,500.00	11,509.87	9,500.00

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2022	2022	2023
683	Alarm System	2,000.00	1,044.92	1,500.00
684	Water	440.00	460.00	528.00
685	Sewer	592.00	1,052.00	710.40
686	Maint. & Repair	3,000.00	3,806.08	4,000.00
687	Bldg heating system reserve fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
699	TOTAL RR STATION	22,732.00	26,225.79	19,538.40
700	RESCUE SQUAD CONTRACT	62,398.00	67,467.62	59,746.00
710	FIRE DEPT.			
711	Wages	16,995.00	17,229.71	18,600.00
712	Officers	6,180.00	6,180.00	6,700.00
713	Social Security	1,772.89	1,742.04	1,935.45
714	Records & Reporting	500.00	500.00	500.00
715	Mileage	500.00	175.50	500.00
716	Electricity	2,000.00	2,287.89	2,000.00
717	Heating Fuel	7,000.00	7,891.79	8,000.00
718	Telephone	2,800.00	3,849.58	3,200.00
719	Water	400.00	450.00	480.00
720	Sewer	432.00	462.00	518.40
721	Training	3,000.00	50.00	3,000.00
722	Equip. Purchase	12,000.00	11,322.69	12,000.00
723	Maint. & Repair Bldg.	3,000.00	7,895.63	3,000.00
724	Equip. Maint. & Rep.	7,500.00	2,845.57	7,500.00
725	Equipment Fuel	150.00	-	150.00
726	Fire Watch	2,000.00	99.84	2,000.00
727	Mutual Aid & VSFA dues	343.00	680.00	700.00
728	Banquet & Awards	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
729	Miscellaneous	-	-	-
730	Forest Fire Warden	300.00	300.00	300.00
731	Fire Station Addition	25,003.26	25,003.26	25,003.26
732	Communications/tower	4,592.02	5,740.34	5,200.00
733	Fire Truck Reserve Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
799	TOTAL FIRE DEPT.	107,668.17	105,905.84	112,487.11

		Proposed 2022	Actual 2022	Proposed 2023
800	MAINTENANCE DEPT.			
820	Wages	38,168.00	39,535.44	41,221.44
825	Overtime	4,000.00	-	2,000.00
830	Social security	3,225.85	2,865.60	3,306.44
840	Retirement	5,112.87	4,867.74	5,456.71
845	Telephone	300.00	300.00	300.00
850	Health Insurance	16,558.68	15,258.12	19,627.32
860	Tractor Payment	11,256.34	11,256.34	11,256.34
899	TOTAL MAINT. DEPT.	78,621.74	74,083.24	83,168.25
900	LIBRARY			
920	Wages	55,176.68	57,806.92	59,590.81
930	Social security	4,221.02	2,819.46	4,558.70
940	Library Service	13,770.00	13,770.00	13,770.00
950	Retirement	6,690.17	6,363.12	7,523.34
960	Health Insurance	8,775.84	9,354.54	10,305.12
999	TOTAL LIBRARY	88,633.71	90,114.04	95,747.97
1000	RECREATION DEPARTMENT			
1020	Wages	28,757.04	23,713.05	18,044.00
1030	Social security	2,199.91	1,814.15	1,380.37
1035	Retirement	3,486.79	853.73	-
1040	Equipment	-	-	-
1050	Telephone	300.00	-	300.00
1060	Mileage	100.00	-	100.00
1070	Rec Health Insurance		6,665.40	-
1070	TOTAL RECREATION DEPT.	34,843.74	33,046.33	19,824.37
1100	GENERAL FUND			
1101	Selectmen	8,000.00	7,583.30	8,000.00
1102	Listers	2,000.00	9,655.51	2,000.00

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2022	2022	2023
1103	Listing Services	15,000.00	18,593.50	21,300.00
1104	Auditors	1,000.00	742.50	1,000.00
1105	Zoning Administration	6,000.00	7,864.60	6,480.00
1106	Planning Commissioners	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
1107	Health Officer	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,500.00
1108	Board of Civil Authority	2,100.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
1109	Development Review Board	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
1110	Library Trustees	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
1111	Social Security	6,000.00	4,648.48	5,000.00
1112	Town Officers Mileage	500.00	150.65	500.00
1113	Town Officers Training	300.00	-	500.00
1114	General Insurance	64,000.00	30,473.50	35,000.00
1115	Unemployment Ins.	1,500.00	2,229.00	2,500.00
1116	Animal Control	1,000.00	1,871.07	1,000.00
1117	Tax Mapping	1,500.00	5,000.00	2,500.00
1118	Street Lights	21,000.00	22,170.03	22,500.00
1119	Lakeside Park	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
1120	Downtown Engineering Match	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
1121	County Tax	40,000.00	44,125.71	45,000.00
1122	Long Term Debt	80,000.00	80,000.00	150,000.00
1123	Interest Expense	2,500.00	1,599.99	2,500.00
1124	Town Meeting-Elections	4,000.00	3,878.73	4,000.00
1125	Office Supplies	12,500.00	12,029.36	12,500.00
1126	Office equip. & maint.	5,000.00	22,387.76	5,000.00
1127	Legal Services	5,000.00	3,402.75	6,000.00
1128	CPA & Consultants	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
1129	Waste management	12,000.00	8,757.28	10,000.00
1130	Advertising	2,000.00	5,393.62	2,000.00
1131	VLCT	2,500.00	2,879.00	2,800.00
1132	NVDA	917.00	917.00	983.00
1133	NEK Human Services	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
1134	Home Health Services	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
1135	Adult Education	200.00	200.00	200.00
1136	Area Agency on Aging	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2022	2022	2023
1137	Umbrella	700.00	700.00	700.00
1138	VT. Independent Living	150.00	150.00	150.00
1139	Brighton Community Forum	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
1140	Prevent Child Abuse	300.00	300.00	300.00
1141	Cemetery	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1142	Miscellaneous	2,000.00	27,458.30	2,000.00
1143	911 Emergency Service	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1144	Restoration of Records	500.00	-	500.00
1145	Vt Symphony Orchestra	100.00	100.00	100.00
1146	Emergency Mgmt.	-	-	-
1147	Red Cross	250.00	250.00	250.00
1148	Green-Up Day	100.00	100.00	100.00
1149	VABVI	500.00	500.00	500.00
1150	NEK Youth Corps	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
1151	Fireworks for July 4th	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
1152	Parade & Winter Carnival	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
1153	Frontier Animal Society	200.00	200.00	200.00
1154	Cemetery Reserve Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1155	Essex Co. Nat. Res. Dist	500.00	500.00	500.00
1156	Preservation Trust	100.00	100.00	100.00
1157	RSVP	500.00	500.00	500.00
1158	RCT	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1159	SASH	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1160	Lake Protection	7,000.00	7,100.30	8,000.00
1161	State Property tax	8,000.00	7,604.63	8,000.00
1162	Town Banners	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1163	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	379,617.00	406,116.57	435,563.00
1164	TOTAL ROAD FUND	473,960.30	472,114.25	534,327.25
1165	TOTAL DEPARTMENTS	686,112.19	646,267.78	633,637.41
1166	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,539,689.49	1,524,498.60	1,603,527.66

		Proposed 2022	Actual 2022	Proposed 2023
2022 Expected Revenues & 2021 Actual Revenues				
	ROAD DEPARTMENT			
1175	Property Tax	398,960.30	398,960.30	452,327.25
1176	State Aid for Roads	75,000.00	82,176.76	82,000.00
1177	Equipment Rental	-	230.00	
1178	Miscellaneous	-		
1180	Total - Road Dept.	473,960.30	481,367.06	534,327.25
1181				
1182	GENERAL FUNDS			
1183	Property taxes	714,218.09	583,948.43	733,123.70
1184	Town Clerk's Fees	25,000.00	21,204.42	20,000.00
1185	Sewer Service Fee	10,000.00	10,000.00	11,000.00
1186	Water Service Fee	10,000.00	10,000.00	11,000.00
1187	Dog Licenses & Fees	500.00	132.00	500.00
1188	Building Rents	57,413.00	58,173.73	60,000.00
1189	Railroad Tax	2,000.00	3,889.29	3,889.29
1190	Other Earned Interest	3,000.00	2,206.59	3,000.00
1191	Emergency services	11,000.00	14,573.11	11,000.00
1192	Police Fines	500.00	5,000.00	3,000.00
1193	Licenses	5,000.00	3,799.75	5,000.00
1194	Refunds & Reimbursements	17,375.00	24,050.79	20,000.00
1195	Misc. Revenue	10,000.00	10,319.68	5,000.00
1196	Delinquent Taxes	170,000.00	96,775.25	170,000.00
1197	Del. Tax Interest	7,000.00	3,205.07	7,000.00
1198	Beginning Cash on Hand	22,723.10	-	5,687.42
1199	Total - General Funds	1,065,729.19	847,278.11	1,069,200.41
1200	Total - Roads	473,960.30	481,367.06	534,327.25
1201				
1202	TOTAL REVENUES	1,539,689.49	1,328,645.17	1,603,527.66

Statement of Taxes Raised

	Tax Rate	Grand List	Total Raised
Non-residential - School Tax	\$1.4787	\$984,026.08	\$1,455,079.37
Residential - School Tax	1.4888	430,591.00	\$641,063.89
Highway Tax	0.0054	1,416,336.78	\$7,648.37
Town Tax	0.2817	1,416,336.78	\$398,982.17
Local Agreement Tax	0.4600	1,416,336.78	\$651,502.45
Late Homestead declaration penalty			\$3,111.98
Total Tax			\$3,157,388.23

Amount billed	\$3,157,388.23	
State (Hold-Harmless)	52,315.00	
Pilot Program (State)	9,782.00	
Adjustment to billing	(5,414.89)	
Total to be collected		\$3,214,070.34
Collected	2,920,232.71	
State payment to the School	117,515.73	
Delinquent Taxes turned over	126,182.67	
Refunds/Overpayments	(10,032.92)	
Total collected		\$3,213,898.19

Tax Rate Breakdown

	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>
Town	0.4778	0.4778	0.356	0.356	0.46	0.46
Highway	0.3451	0.3451	0.277	0.277	0.2817	0.2817
School	1.5493	1.5309	1.4984	1.4913	1.4888	1.4787
Local Agreement Rate	<u>0.0057</u>	<u>0.0057</u>	<u>0.005</u>	<u>0.005</u>	<u>0.0054</u>	<u>0.0054</u>
Total Tax Rate	2.3779	2.3595	2.1364	2.1293	2.2359	2.2258

Statement of Delinquent Taxes

Year	Beginning Bal.	Collected	Adjustment	as of 12/31/22
2020	\$104,987.51	\$104,987.51		\$-
2021	\$80,394.08	\$71,620.38		\$13,773.70
2022	\$128,034.79	<u>\$32,352.03</u>		\$95,682.76
Total	\$318,416.35	\$208,959.92		\$109,456.46

Delinquent Property Taxes (As of Dec. 31, 2022)

2021 Delinquent Taxes

Alcantara, Kavika	Dunbar, Christopher
Angel Above Realty	Eagle Spire Realty
Ayotte, Gordon O.	Fanning, Michael ET
Bailey, Peter	Felguth, Arnett
Barbosa, William	Gerstel, David
Belmore, Richard	Ginsburg, Linda
Bissonette, Steven	Gravel, Dean
Bizzaro, Connie	Haberfield, David
Boisseau, Maurice	Kertenis, Jason
Boleski, Paul	King, Russell
Bouchard, Meghan (Rt114S-02AL)	Kinney, Catherine
Bouchard, Meghan (Rt114S-02BL)	Lefebvre, Paul
Boudreau, Robert	Leidy, David
Boutin, Donald	Little, Peter
Brault, Donna	Mariani, Enrico
Brault, Donna	Marsden, Pauline (Est)
Brunoli, Shawn	McComisky, Robert
Buchman, Avery Scott	McMillan, Lydia
Chase, Gary	Minicucci, David
Connary, Maurice P.	O'Keefe, Michael
Dittner, Danny	Palmer, Paul (BELLAV-01-AR)

Palmer, Paul (BELLAV-01-BR)	
Phelps, Keith	
Pierre, Noella Trust	
Pinsonneault, Laurie	
Popinko, Noreen	
Reutter, Shanon (000TR7-02BR)	
Reutter, Shanon (00RRST-07R)	
Roberto, Joseph	
Rowe, John	
Santaw, Raymond	
Secretary of Housing	
Shaw, Justin	
Someroff, Kathy	
Southerland, Melissa	
Ste. Marie, Peter	
Stacey, Stephen	
Stone, Michelle (Est)	
Wilcox, George (Est)	
Grand Toltal Delinquent Taxes as of December 31, 2022	\$95,682.76

Water Department Proposed Budget

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
Income			
Cash on hand: PSB Ckg. Acct.#.....0072	\$27,683.35	\$27,683.35	\$66,385.83
Water Rents	305,453.29	308,157.85	323,565.74
Interest	200.00	239.94	200.00
Sale of Materials	250.00	1,687.57	500.00
Camp Lease	600.00	-	-
New Connections	1,750.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous		104.00	-
Reconnection Fee			250.00
Total Income	\$335,936.64	\$341,872.71	\$392,901.57

Expenses

Labor	\$1,000.00	\$659.50	\$12,000.00
Social Security			918.00
Commissioners stipend	3,000.00	2,999.96	3,000.00
Insurance	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Electricity	5,500.00	6,256.73	6,200.00
Equipment purchase	6,000.00	51,794.50	10,000.00
Equipment maintenance	1,000.00	697.34	1,000.00
Equipment hire	10,000.00	2,636.14	8,000.00
Tools	500.00	-	500.00
Paving	5,000.00	1,500.00	5,000.00
Operating Supplies	6,000.00	1,205.81	5,000.00
Legal Services	3,000.00	-	1,500.00
Town service fee	10,000.00	10,000.00	11,000.00
Advertising	200.00	-	200.00
Plant Operations	145,078.72	206,032.60	146,122.58
Rent	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	673.92	2,000.00
Bond payment - Vt Bond Bank	50,000.00	44,603.61	44,603.61
Bond payment - (Lakeshore Drive)	33,232.92	33,232.92	33,232.92
Hydrant repair	5,000.00	3,966.04	8,000.00
Water testing	3,500.00	2,102.50	2,500.00
Permit fees	2,000.00	1,334.30	2,000.00
Reservoir Maintenance	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
Engineering Services	15,000.00	13,822.42	15,000.00
Building Maintenance	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
Secretary/Minutes	425.00	-	425.00
Reimbursement to sinking fund	5,000.00	-	-
Truck Reserve Fund			10,000.00
Infrastructure Improvement Fund			40,000.00
Total Expenses	\$335,936.64	\$387,018.29	\$391,702.11

Auditors' Report

As auditors for the Town of Brighton, we have carefully reviewed all town accounts for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Our findings are reported with each account we have listed in this town report. We strongly advise the computerization of all the Town of Brighton accounts/bookkeeping procedures to both save time and eliminate the possibility of error.

Thank you,
Jocelyne Gervais and Judith Castonguay

Sewer Department Proposed Budget

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
Income			
Cash on hand: PSB Ckg.#.....0073	\$17,639.30	\$17,639.30	57,715.74
Sewer rents	217,969.18	188,107.86	278,023.42
Miscellaneous			
Interest from Delinquencies	100.00	138.31	100.00
Sewer permits	1,200.00		
NSF Returned Checks		(238.00)	
Total Income	236,908.48	\$205,647.47	\$335,839.16
Expenses			
Labor	700.00	150.00	12,000.00
Social Security			918.00
Commissioners stipend	3,000.00	2,999.96	3,000.00
Town service fee	10,000.00	10,000.00	11,000.00
Insurance	1,062.00	1,062.00	1,062.00
Electricity	15,000.00	14,163.09	15,000.00
Equipment & Supplies	20,000.00	57,836.35	30,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	3,135.00	3,700.00
Supplies	500.00	1,358.01	500.00
Water Rent	400.00	240.00	480.00
Discharge Permit	1,200.00	450.00	1,200.00
Sludge Removal Fund	5,000.00	-	-
Contract Services	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Plant Operations	145,078.72	145,078.72	146,122.58
Sewer capital account	2,500.00	-	-
Engineering Services	15,000.00	22,411.75	15,000.00
Plant Improvements	1,000.00	675.50	1,000.00
Secretary/Minutes	425.00	425.00	425.00
Bond payment (Dale Ave.)	9,842.76	9,842.76	9,842.76
Truck Reserve Fund			10,000.00
Loan Payment			69,464.95
Total Expenses	\$236,908.48	\$274,828.14	\$335,715.29

Water-Sewer Operations Account

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
Income			
Cash on hand (CNB Ckg. #.....2601)	\$681.56	\$681.56	\$4,743.84
Water payments	145,078.72	206,032.60	146,122.58
Sewer payments	145,078.72	145,078.72	146,122.58
Interest earned		5.85	
Refunds (Miscellaneous)		14,379.55	
Total Income	\$290,839.00	\$366,178.28	\$296,989.00
Expenses			
Contract Operations	\$248,089.00	\$312,472.50	\$248,089.00
Labor & Overtime	1,000.00	280.00	1,000.00
Administration	500.00	1,002.17	500.00
Utilities	5,250.00	7,386.92	7,400.00
Propane/Fuel	4,500.00	4,797.48	5,000.00
Vehicle Allowance	500.00	1,837.34	2,000.00
Maintenance & Supplies	13,000.00	14,858.68	15,000.00
Line Maintenance	5,500.00	4,795.00	5,000.00
Chemicals	7,000.00	7,139.85	7,000.00
Truck Expenses	5,000.00	5,098.95	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	1,765.55	1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$290,839.00	\$361,434.44	\$296,989.00

Sewer Engineering Service Reserve Account

PSB Savings Acct #.....1317

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022 **\$3,011.79**

Revenues

Interest earned in 2022 \$1.18

Total Revenue **\$3,012.97**

Expenses

Transferred to Sewer Acct#....0073 \$(3,012.97)

Total Expenses **\$(3,012.97)**

Account Closed On June 30, 2022 **\$-**

Water Capital Improvement Account

PSB Savings Acct #0241

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022		\$5009.43
Funds transferred from PSB Acct#5221	\$47,336.45	
Interest earned in 2022	<u>\$5.77</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$52,351.65

PSB CDARS Acct. #5221

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022		\$47,246.36
Interest earned in 2022	\$90.09	
Transferred to PSB Acct#0241	<u>(\$47,336.45)</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$-

Grand total for Water Capital Improvement

as of 12/31/2022	\$52,351.65
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Sewer Sludge Removal

CNB CD Acct. #.....5970

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$48,775.31	
Interest earned in 2022	<u>\$98.00</u>	
EXPENSES:		
Transferred to ACCT#.....2601	<u>\$(40,000.00)</u>	
(to cover repairs to Pump Stations)		
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$8,873.31

PSB CD Account #.....0534

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$5,173.03	
Interest earned in 2022	<u>\$10.32</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$5,183.35

PSB N.O.W. Acct. #.....1290

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$42,992.13	
Interest earned in 2022	\$4.05	
EXPENSES:		
Transfer to PSB ACCT#....0073	<u>\$(42,000.00)</u>	
(To cover pump station repairs)		
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u>\$996.18</u>

Total Sewer Sludge Removal Funds

\$15,052.84

Water Engineering Services Reserve Account

PSB Savings Acct #.....1314

Balance of of January 1, 2022	\$5,009.43	
Interest earned in 2022	\$4.69	
Transferred from Cdars#5213	\$18,130.08	
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Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$23,144.20

PSB CDRAS Acct #5213

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$18,095.59	
Interest earned in 2022	\$34.49	
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Balance as of Dec. 16, 2022	\$18,130.08	
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Amount to be Reinvested 12/16/2022	(\$18,130.08)	
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Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$-
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Grand Total as of December 31, 2022		\$23,144.20

Water Reservoir Maintenance Account

PSB Savings Acct. #.....1193

Account Balance Jan. 1, 2022	\$29,423.57	
Interest earned in 2022	\$21.15	
Funds Transferred from PSB Acct #5205	\$45,948.59	
Trans. to PSB Acct #0073	(\$20,000.00)	
(Cover expenses Water/Sewer Projects)		
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Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$55,393.31

PSB CDARS Acct #5205

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$45,861.15	
Interest earned in 2022	\$87.44	
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Balance as of 12/16/202	\$45,948.59	
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Maturity Amount Reinvested	(\$45,948.59)	
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Balance as of 12/31/2022		\$-
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Grand Total for Water Reservoir Acct		
as of 12/31/2022		\$55,393.31

Sewer Capital Improvement Fund

CNB CD Account #.....1470

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$19,775.26	
Interest earned in 2022	57.43	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$19,832.69

PSB CD Account #.....0496

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$5,422.72	
Interest earned in 2022	13.73	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$5,436.45

PSB N.O.W. Acct. #.....1290

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$23,564.66	
Interest earned in 2022	\$23.58	
Transferred from Acct #0073	\$600.00	
Trans to PSB Acct #0073 (To Cover Pump Station Repairs)	(\$23,597.70)	
Bank Fees	(\$55.15)	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$545.10

Total Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$25,814.24
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Water Equipment Reserve Fund

PSB Savings Acct. #.....1194

Account Balance Jan. 1, 2022	\$16,742.72	
Interest earned in 2022	\$14.78	
Funds Transferred from PSB Acct# 5248	\$14,277.48	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$31,048.92

PSB CDARS #5248

Balance as of 1/1/2022	\$14,250.33	
Interest earned in 2022	\$27.15	
Balance as of December 16, 2022	\$14,277.48	
Maturity Amount to be Reinvested	(\$14,277.48)	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$-

Grand Total as of December 31, 2022		\$31,048.92
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Delinquent Water and Sewer Users
(As of December 31, 2022)

Peter Applebee	\$238.00
Gordon Ayotte	476.00
Lionel Bachand	238.00
David Blodgett	240.00
Francis Castonguay	238.00
Shane Clarke (BIR04550)	365.80
Shane Clarke (MTN02820)	476.00
Beryle Dittner	211.26
Danny Dittner	163.09
George Foy	485.08
Ezra Glodgett	162.00
Leona Glover	161.00
David Haberfeld	440.16
IPCINN LLC	2,380.00
Island Pond County Inn	476.00
IPND Realty LLC	523.20
Jason Kertenis	240.00
Harris & Georgianna Kinsey	552.68
Richard Lavoie	74.34
Tammi Letourneau, c/o USDA	695.40
Scott & Maggie Machinist	120.00
Denise Marsden	3,725.21
Robert McComisky	713.72
Shawn & Jennifer McGarvin	120.00
Matthew Moore	240.00
William O'Keefe	168.00
Shannon Reutter	238.00
John Risi	723.44
Joseph Roberto	238.00
Donald Sackett	535.92
Raymond Santaw	510.34
Ellen Sheltra	378.93
Peter Ste. Marie, Jr.	1,348.36
Paulina Tucker	\$275.76
TOTAL DUE:	\$18,171.69

Water Sinking Fund

CNB CD Acct #.....8170

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$83,239.23	
Interest earned in 2022	\$283.38	
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Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$83,522.61

PSB Savings Acct #.....1260

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$28,346.03	
Interest earned in 2022	\$22.70	
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Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$28,368.73
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Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$111,891.34

Miscellaneous Funds

Brighton Culvert Fund

PSB Savings Acct #.....0942

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022 **\$11,636.21**

Revenues

Interest earned in 2022	\$9.32	
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Total Revenues 2022		\$9.32

Balance as of December 31, 2022 **\$11,645.53**

Equipment Reserve Fund

PSB Savings #.....1008

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022 **\$17,851.81**

Revenues

Interest earned in 2022	\$14.47	
Deposited from General Acct #5213	\$50,000.00	
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Total Revenues		\$50,014.47

Balance as of December 31, 2022 **\$67,866.28**

Paving Project Account

CNB Preferred Savings Acct #.....7718

Balance as of January 1, 2022		\$40,037.42
Interest earned in 2022	\$20.14	
Total as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$40,057.56

Better Connections Grant Match Reserve Account

PSB Savings Acct #.....1316

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$7,529.34	
Interest earned in 2022	\$6.03	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$7,535.37

Fire Department Equipment Fund

PSB Savings Acct #.....0459

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$6,015.56	
Interest earned in 2022	\$4.84	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$6,020.40

Fire Truck Capital Reserve

PSB Savings Acct #.....1257

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022	\$20,018.87	
Town Appropriation 2022	\$10,000.00	
Transfer from CDERS #5256	\$30,618.81	
Interest earned in 2022	\$17.22	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$60,654.90

PSB CDERS Acct #5256(4969)

Interest earned in 2022	\$58.28	
Balance as of December 16, 2022	\$30,618.81	
Balance Reinvested	(\$30,618.81)	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$-
Total as of December 31, 2022		\$60,654.90

Sidewalk Account

CNB Preferred Savings Acct #.....4818

Balance of Jan. 1, 2022		\$35,045.23
Interest earned in 2022	\$17.65	
Transfer from General Acct. # ...5213	\$5,000.00	
Balance As Of Dec. 31, 2022		<u>\$40,062.88</u>

Emergency Generator Fund

PSB Savings Acct #.....1256

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022		\$383.12
Interest earned in 2022	\$0.35	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u>\$383.47</u>

ARPA Funds

CNB Checking Acct #.....6901

Account Opened of Dec. 30, 2022	\$222,315.33	
2022 Expenses paid in 2023	(\$49,745.14)	
Balance as of January 31, 2023		<u>\$172,570.19</u>

Lister Training Fund

PSB Savings Acct #.....0528

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$5,384.50	
Interest earned in 2022	\$4.32	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u>\$5,388.82</u>

Heavy Equipment Fund

PSB CD #.....5264

Balance as of Jan 1, 2022	\$10,183.94	
Interest earned in 2022	\$19.41	
Funds transferred to PSB Acct#.....4212	(\$10,203.35)	
Balance as of Dec. 16, 2022		\$-

PSB Acct#.....4212

Account Opened On November 30, 2022		\$50.00
Interest earned in 2022	\$0.38	
Transferred from Acct#.....5264	\$10,203.35	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		<u>\$10,203.73</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u>\$10,253.73</u>

Lakeside Park

CNB Checking Acct. #.....9201

BALANCE as of January 1, 2022 **\$1,453.44**

REVENUES:

Town Appropriations 2022 \$15,000.00

Earned Interest in 2022 \$4.53

Total Revenues as of Dec. 31, 2022 **\$15,004.53**

Expenses:

Operating expenses \$(9,702.34)

Electricity \$(1,089.63)

Equipment Maintenance & repair \$(4,097.92)

Total Expenses as of Dec. 31, 2022 **\$(11,720.63)**

BALANCE as of December 31, 2022 **\$4,737.44**

Brighton Ambulance Account

CNB Ckg Acct. #.....9701

Balance as of January 1, 2022 **\$2,957.23**

EMS Call Stipend \$(2,800.00)

Balance as of December 31, 2022 **\$157.23**

Miller Building Account

PSB Savings Acct. #.....1192

Account Balance January 1, 2022 **\$203,201.04**

Interest earned \$42.47

Repayment of Funds Transferred to Gen. Acct # 5213 \$200,000.00

Total Income as of Dec. 31, 2022 **\$200,042.47**

Expenses

Transfer to General Acct #5213 to cover expenses
in lieu of tax revenue \$(200,000.00)

Total Expenses **(\$200,000.00)**

Balance as of December 31, 2022 **\$203,243.51**

Brighton Recreation Account

PSB CKG Acct. #1812

Balance as of January 1, 2022 \$17,811.78

REVENUES

Marathon	\$2,994.56
Fishing Tournament	\$9,843.34
Pond-A-Thon	\$4,825.37
Donations	\$936.50
Grants	\$4,463.72
Refunds/Reimbursements	\$67.84

Total Revenues as of December 31, 2022 \$23,131.33

EXPENSES

Supplies	\$(563.83)
Fishing Tournament	\$(9,384.76)
Skating Rink	\$(215.39)
Programs	\$(5,742.74)
Swim Lessons	\$(4,670.00)
Marathon	\$(4,777.57)
Pond-A-Thon	\$(3,833.01)

Total Expenses (\$29,187.30)

BALANCE as of December 31, 2022 \$11,755.81

CPA Reserve Account

CNB Savings Acct. #.....2218

Balance January 1, 2022 \$1,508.01

Town Appropriation 2022	\$7,500.00
Interest earned in 2022	\$.80

Balance as of December 31, 2022 \$9,008.81

Downtown Engineering Reserve Account

CNB Savings Acct. #.....8418

Balance as of January 1, 2022 \$1,905.10

Town Appropriation 2022	\$5,000.00
Interest earned	\$0.98

Balance as of December 31, 2022 \$6,906.08

Reappraisal Accounts

PSB CD Acct. #.....0436

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$38,017.23	
Interest earned in 2022	\$82.99	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$38,100.22

PSB CD Acct. #.....0552

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$10,750.02	
Interest earned in 2022	\$28.65	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$10,778.67

PSB CD Acct#...5272

Interest earned in 2022	\$22.70	
Transfer to PSB Acct#.....1070	(\$11,923.11)	
Balance as of December 15, 2022		\$-

PSB Cders Acct#...1070

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$9,299.02	
Transfer from Acct#....5272	\$11,923.11	
Interest earned in 2022	\$7.87	
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$21,230.00

Grand Total as of December 31, 2022		\$70,108.89
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Building Paint Reserve Account

PSB Savings Acct #.....1064

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$20,000.04	
Interest Earned In 2022	\$16.10	
2022 Appropriations Acct5213	\$15,000.00	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$35,016.14

Heating System Reserve Account

PSB Savings Acct #.....1067

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$10,000.02	
Interest Earned In 2022	\$8.03	
2022 Appropriations Acct5213	\$5,000.00	
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$15,008.05

Town of Brighton Indebtedness

	Balance 1/1/2022	Borrowed 2022	Amt. Paid Principal	Balance 12/31/2022
General				
Fire Station - CNB Loan #.....5550	\$47,229.52		\$(23,144.76)	\$24,084.76
CNB Loan #.....6750	\$52,295.00		\$(9,948.97)	\$42,346.03
CNB Loan#.....7550	\$80,000.00		\$(80,000.00)	-
CNB Loan#.....1950		\$150,000.00	-	\$150,000.00
Totals	\$179,524.52	\$150,000.00	\$(113,093.73)	\$216,430.79
Water Department				
Water Bond - USDA Loan #9103	\$35,000.00	\$-	\$(35,000.00)	-
Water Improvement RF 3-167	\$877,188.61	-	\$(24,268.33)	\$852,920.28
Totals	\$912,188.61	\$-	\$(59,268.33)	\$852,920.28
Sewer Department				
Dale Ave. Project - Loan RF1-162-1	\$111,397.95		\$(7,916.17)	\$103,481.78
CNB Loan#....8950		300,000.00		\$300,000.00
Totals	\$111,397.95	\$-	\$(7,760.95)	\$403,481.78
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,203,111.08	\$450,000.00	\$(180,278.23)	\$1,472,832.85

Infrastructure Reserve Funds

PSB Savings Acct #.....1315

Balance as of January 1, 2022		\$125,225.84
Interest earned in 2022	\$30.68	
Loan to Water/Sewer Department	\$(123,000)	
Repayment of Loan to Water/Sewer	\$123,000	
Town Appropriations 2022	\$15,000.00	
Revenues as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$15,030.68
Balance as of December 31, 2022		\$140,256.52

Librarian's Report 2022

This year our Early Literacy Program was cited by our largest funder, the Turrell Fund, as a role model for the support provided to small Town Libraries. It is truly a compliment not given lightly. The young readers from Headstart, Early Headstart, Brighton School and our Homeschoolers should be proud.

We were again given extra funding for 2022 to provide athletic footwear (quality sneakers) from Operation Warm's "Warm Soles" program and were able to procure 96 pairs. Turrell Fund approved our Grant for 2023 and then doubled the amount requested through a Trustee grant.

With all the Technical and Digital capabilities that I referenced in last year's Report, we will be able to expand our services, both In-person and Virtual, for all ages. This is especially important for the Youth Services area (Middle School and Beyond) in which we are trying to increase our impact like we have in Early Literacy.

This year's Summer Read Program is titled "All Together Now". Follow us on Facebook, our website "islandpondpubliclibrary.com" and call us at 802-723-6134 with any questions or requests.

Thanks to our Patrons, Friends and local Banks for their donations and the surrounding Towns of Charleston, Norton and the UTG for their appropriations.

Special thanks to Michelle Wilcox for her extraordinary work and efforts beyond the normal during the restrictive Covid years and since.

Respectfully submitted,
John Zuppa - Library Director

Assistant Librarian - Michelle Wilcox
Library Services - Justin Hannington
Cleaning Services - Jane Moulton

Board of Trustees - Susan Vera (Chair), Janet Osborne (Secretary), Jocelyne Gervais, Krystyna Kurzej, Judy Valente

Brighton Library Report

CNB Checking Acct #.....1601

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022 \$28,687.74

Revenues

Turrell Fund Grant	\$4,000.00
Norton, Charleston, UTG Appropriations	\$1,200.00
Town of Brighton Appropriations	\$13,770.00
Donations	\$325.00

Total Income for 2021 **\$19,295.00**

Expenses

Books	\$(3,370.19)
Newspapers/magazines	\$(359.46)
Programs	\$(2,649.60)
Software	\$(270.96)
Mileage	\$(131.62)
World Books	\$(674.78)
Equipment Purchase/Repair	\$(11.99)
Cleaning	\$(3,640.00)
Office supplies	\$(3,349.11)
Turrell Fund	\$(3,720.36)
Telephone	\$(876.68)

Total Expenses for 2022 **\$(19,054.75)**

Balance as of December 31, 2022 **\$28,927.99**

Gladys Brooks Foundation Grant Report

PSB CD Acct. #.....0020

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022 \$40,023.79

Interest earned 209.49

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022 **\$40,303.88**

Transfer to PSB Chg Acct # ...0112 **(209.49)**

Balance CD Acct as of 12/31/2022 **\$40,023.79**

PSB Chkg. Acct. #.....0112

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022 \$2,557.74

Transfer from PSB CD #.....0020 209.49

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022 **\$2,767.23**

Total as of Dec. 31, 2022 **\$42,791.02**

Brighton Cemetery Commissioners' Report

There is a history in cemeteries. I discovered the oldest cemeteries in Island Pond are Catholic and Protestant on Pleasant Street. August 6th, 2022 was a day for restoration. The Vermont Old Cemetery Association arrived with five volunteers from Chittenden County and two from Glover to help and teach us. Diane Leary heads up this Association and she brought epoxy to repair the broken stones and D2 to clean stones. The Town had brought stone dust to stabilize the leaning stones. Eleven stones are now sturdy and three broken stones are fixed. One citizen cut grass and limbs from the left side, and she found a stone that was not seen because of the grass and is now sturdy and visible again. More than 30 citizens from Island Pond came to do this work and, also to cut down broken trees and bushes. This was a hot day but at least it didn't rain. Volunteers started at 8:00 AM. Some left at 10:30 AM. Others worked until 12:30 PM. Anita Gervais oversaw the project and will do more work in October with those who worked in August. We will continue the restoration of both cemeteries until all are fixed. This will take time and patience, but this is a sacred work, and we will continue.

Cemetery Commissioners,
Carmen Murray
Wayne Cole
John Manning
Anita Gervais

Cemetery Report

CNB Checking Acct #.....5801

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022 **\$988.92**

Revenues

Putnam Fund dividends	\$380.08	
Wellington Fund dividends	\$1,075.18	
Sale of lots and markers	\$2,800.00	
Transfer from General Acct#.....5213	\$1,000.00	
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Total Revenues as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$5,255.26

Expenses:

Maintenance	\$(3,700.00)	
Preparation of burial lots	\$(1,250.00)	
Supplies	\$(25.80)	
Restoration of Plots	\$(511.65)	
Commissioners stipend	\$(600.00)	
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Total Expenses as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$(6,087.45)

Balance as of December 31, 2022 **\$156.73**

Cemetery Trust Funds and Savings

George Putnam shares (2196.995 shares @ \$19.75)		\$43,394.84
Wellington Fund (1,400.737 shares @ \$38.42)		\$53,816.32
Consolidated Gas CNB CD Acct #.....9670		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$767.79	
Interest earned in 2022	<u>\$2.55</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$770.34
PSB CD Acct. #.....0001		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$3,938.28	
Interest earned in 2022	<u>\$10.64</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		\$3,948.92
CNB CD Acct. #.....4870		
Balance as of Jan. 1, 2022	\$1,937.80	
Interest earned in 2022	<u>\$6.60</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2022		<u>\$1,944.40</u>
Total Trust Funds, CDs & Savings		\$103,874.82

Cemetery Reserve Fund

PSB Savings Acct. #.....1056		
Balance as of January 1, 2022		\$2,016.08
Revenues		
2022 Town Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Interest earned in 2022	<u>\$1.62</u>	
Balance Revenues		<u>\$1,001.62</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2022		<u>\$3,017.70</u>

Newport Ambulance Report

Our call volume increased to 3107 calls in 2022 from a total of 3052 in 2021. In 2022 Newport Ambulance responded to 198 emergency calls in the Town of Brighton and transported 18 Town residents from North Country Hospital to receive care in other facilities. We have also responded to 61 calls for mutual aid.

Our Crews continue to work close with the Vermont Dept. of Health and Vermont Emergency Medical Services to assist with the statewide COVID 19 testing and Vaccine sites throughout the state. In 2022 Newport Ambulance hosted a drive through Covid testing site. We also have delivered thousands of Covid and flu vaccines to patients throughout Orleans and Essex County. We currently are serving as a drive through COVID-19 and Flu vaccine site at our 830 Union Street location 2 days a week.

Newport Ambulance has been fortunate to continue and receive funding from the Coronavirus Emergency Outbreak Testing & Vaccination Administration Grant. This funding was used to pay off the Mortgage on the Morgan Station and keep the cost down to the taxpayers.

Currently the ambulance service has 3 crews providing 24/7 service. This service presently has 6 ambulances, and a Paramedic first response car that are stocked and available to respond, at the Advanced Life Support level, at any time.

Newport Ambulance has substation in Morgan and is running a crew there 24/7. This will help serve parts of Derby, Holland, Morgan, Charleston, and Brighton.

Newport Ambulance facilities are located at 830 Union St, Newport and 8437 RTE 111, Morgan.

Newport Ambulance Service thanks you for your support and looks forward to serving you and your town.

Respectfully

Jeffrey J. Johansen,
Executive Director

Newport Ambulance Service Inc

Green Mountain Farm-to-School

Town of Brighton:

Green Mountain Farm-to-School is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1.000 from the Town of Brighton to support the Brighton School Garden Program and the associated Farm-to-School Program.

Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is a non-profit organization with a mission to strengthen local food systems in Vermont by promoting positive economic relationships, education, and access between schools, farms, and communities. In 2022, our Green Mountain Farm Direct program distributed \$542,938 worth of local food from 51 farms and producers to 116 schools, retailers, restaurants, food shelves, and other institutions throughout Vermont; our Lunchbox program provided 4,000 free meals to NEK children in the summer months; and our Farm-to-School program served 2,412 students in 15 different NEK schools.

As part of our Farm-to-School program, GMFTS coordinates student and community involvement in the Brighton School Garden. Over the last year, every student at the school has been involved in maintaining and harvesting the garden. Produce from the garden was served to students in the school cafeteria or provided to community members in need in the summer months. GMFTS also worked with the school to purchase local food, host monthly taste tests, teach nutrition and gardening workshops, and lead farm field trips.

With the town's help, GMFTS can continue to provide the School Garden and Farm-to-School Program for the Town of Brighton, producing fresh local food for the cafeteria, and giving students the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy food choices. The funding from grants, towns, individuals, and businesses covers a portion of the school garden and Farm-to-School Program. Funds received from the town will pay for tools, seeds, equipment and supplies, as well as staff time needed to maintain the school garden in the summer months.

Thank you for your consideration and please reach out if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Cusack
Executive Director

Northeastern Vermont Development Association

To the Voters of Brighton:

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 conducted business outreach visits in Brighton. We also assisted Brighton with traffic counts, emergency planning and preparation, and coordinated a consortium municipal planning grant application for a regional lodging feasibility study. Finally, we assisted with Brighton'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

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)		
Administrative Grant Revenue	\$494,750	\$762,985	Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,252,718
Operations Revenue	\$203,000	\$49,138	Operations Revenue	\$747,787
Capital Grant Revenue	\$205,005,250	\$5,565,444	Capital Grant Revenue	\$29,785,249
Total Cash In	\$208,753,000	\$6,377,567	Total Cash In	\$31,930,754
Administrative Cost	\$494,750	\$617,969	Administrative Cost	\$1,847,193
Operational Cost	\$215,900	\$97,353	Operational Cost	\$586,601
Construction Cost	\$205,705,000	\$5,565,444	Construction Cost	\$29,785,249
Total Cash Out	\$206,415,650	\$6,280,766	Total Cash Out	\$31,219,043
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$403,134	\$96,801	Annual Net Cash Flow	\$711,707
Increase in Capital Assets	\$25,705,000	\$5,565,444	Increase in Capital Assets	\$29,785,249



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



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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.

Northwoods Stewardship Center

North Woods Stewardship Center is a conservation and environmental education nonprofit founded in 1989. Northwoods has four program areas: the conservation corps, environmental education, forest stewardship and conservation science. Northwoods manages a 1,500 acre conserved forest at our campus on the Ten Mile Square Road, with non-motorized trails that are open to the public year round. Residents of Brighton are encouraged to visit at no charge. North Woods offers subsidized educational programs to local schools. Year-round, North Woods employs 15 people, and in summer, including the youth conservation crews, Northwoods employs more than 100 employees! Northwoods works with many regional, state and federal organizations to implement conservation projects that improve water quality, wildlife habitat, and public access to the outdoors, as well as offering events for the local community. At the North Woods campus in the coming year, look for an improved main lodge entrance and bathrooms that are accessible to all people, and the start of a 1-mile ADA compliant All Persons Trail to better reach all people in the community. Thank you for your continued support from our hometown.

Vermont Center for Independent Living

On behalf of the Board and staff of the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), we would like to express our appreciation for the Town of Brighton's appropriation of \$150.00 to VCIL for our FY'22. This allocation enables VCIL staff to continue to work to accomplish our mission of supporting and empowering Vermonters with disabilities.

This appropriation will be utilized by VCIL for programs and services that are available for all qualified residents. Our services include information, referral and assistance, individual and systems advocacy, peer counseling and independent living resources that include Home Access Modifications, Meals on Wheels (for Vermonters with disabilities under age 60), and the Sue Williams Freedom Fund.

With this allocation we will be able to reach even more Vermont citizens with disabilities. With over 43 years of support and advocacy, we are helping to build a society where we can all live with dignity, independence and our full civil rights. We sincerely appreciate the Town of Brighton's support.

Sincerely,

Sarah Launderville
Executive Director

Vital Statistics - Births – 2022

Name	Date	Mother's Name	Father's Name
Malcolm David Kuhaneck	01/05/22	Maria May Paul	Joshua Michael Kuhaneck
Jaxon Philip Forrest	04/12/22	Nataliya Fedorenko	Kyle Philip Forrest
Halle Lujah Maxwell	02/21/22	Hannah Katherine Maxwell	Michiah Claude Maxwell
Kerrylyn-Hope Jolene Kelleher	04/18/22	Jessica Lynn Kelleher	Kevin James Kelleher II
Huxlee Noel Cole	08/23/22	Shire Lee Snyder	Wayne C. Cole
Ariana Mae Rancourt	10/29/22	Joshlynne Marie Rancourt	Clint Luc Rancourt
Mitchell Steven Porter	12/22/22	Samantha Joan Prive	

Vital Statistics - Marriages – 2022

Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence	Date
Denzel Lamar Davis	VT	Kristine Beth Bair	VT	01/01/22
Erin Scott	VT	Marcia Louann Matson	VT	02/18/22
Troy David Osborne	VT	Molly Eileen Burger	VT	08/13/22
Enrico Joseph Marianni II	VT	Vanessa Lynn Neary	VT	08/21/22
Cristian Felipe Mayorga	MA	Kayla Nicole Blodgett	VT	09/03/22
Christopher Lee Ray Marsh	VT	Barbara Jean Corey	VT	09/21/22

Vital Statistics- Deaths – 2022

Name	Date	Age	Place of Death
Katherine M. Blanchard	01/12/22	59	Brighton, VT
Walter J. Hallack	06/19/22	57	Brighton, VT
Theresa Frances Adamonis	07/16/22	69	Brighton, VT
Steven Bissonette	07/06/22	61	Brighton, VT
Douglas B. Maxwell	10/01/22	84	Newport City, VT
Lloyd D. Avery	10/21/22	89	Newport City, VT
Beth Ming	10/25/22	91	Brighton, VT
George Albert Wilcox	11/04/22	94	Brighton, VT
Frances Julia Pepau	12/22/22	92	Brighton, VT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2022

The Town of Brighton's annual meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM to transact the following business.

Heather McElroy made a motion to nominate Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux as acting moderator. Seconded by Jeanne Gervais. Carried by voice vote, the Ayes have it.

4. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Melinda read aloud Articles 1 through 3 and explained that these articles will be voted on by Australian Ballot at the Brighton Town Hall polls on March 1, 2022, from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Melinda asked if there were any questions or comments at this time. Jim Webb made a motion to move Article 3 to the floor, seconded by Carmen Murray.

3. Shall the Town authorize cannabis retailers and retail portions in integrated licensee operations in town pursuant to 7 VSA Section 863?

Molly Cook said that cannabis retailers would have a negative impact on the Town. She was concerned that there are no regulations on THC and we would end up with more people driving around in Town under the influence. She also stated that it would change the face of Island Pond by attracting the kind of people that we do not want. Janet Osborne asked what 7 VSA Section 863 said. No one was able to answer that question. Mark Vaillancourt asked why we were voting on this again when we have already voted on it last year and it did not pass. Michael Strait explained that there was a petition with at least 50 signatures on it so it was allowed to be put on a ballot. He also stated the Towns do not get funds from this or have control because it is regulated by the state. Marcia Driscoll asked if it does pass by vote and the Town finds that they don't like it, how will they be able to get rid of it. Michael Strait said he did not think we would be able to close it once it is allowed to be here.

5. To hear the report of the town officers for the past year and to take action thereon.

Janet Osborne made a motion to bring this Article to the floor, seconded by Jim Webb. Kathy Nelson asked if we needed a new snow plow. Andy Martin, road foreman, said we do not need a new one because one was purchased last year.

6. To hear the report of the Water Commissioners for the past year and to take action thereon.

Mark Vaillancourt explained that a lot of things have happened this year. Three pump stations are either in need of repair or replacement. We had a water break at the Welcome Center area. Our Water & Sewer Plants, Sludge Removal System and working equipment all need to be upgraded. We may have a fight on our hands with the state if we are expected to meet the new mandates of the State which may require us to find a new water source. Presently we have two sources that have excellent water quality and have served our Town well for many years. Water and Sewer rates need to be increased and will be reflected in the next bill totaling \$30 more per quarter. When our rates are compared to other Vermont Towns, you will find that 37 towns pay higher rates and 28 towns pay lower rates.

Administrator job. Mark Vaillancourt said that one grant could possibly pay for the manager's salary and he is in favor of a Town Manager because we need someone to go after these grants. Tom Donnellan stated that Mike Strait was putting the other two Selectboard members in a bad position. Melinda Gervais asked the Town's people to vote on this Article by a show of hands. Forty-Three (43) raised their hands in favor of hiring a Town Manager. Six (6) raised their hands not in favor of hiring a Town Manager.

10. To see if ISLAND POND/BRIGHTON will appropriate the sum of \$500 to the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its educational programs, and direct the selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Tom Donnellan made a motion to bring this Article to the floor, seconded by Craig Goulet. Michael Strait pointed out that this is Orleans County and that they don't give money to our Town or support anything in our Town. Judy Castonguay said that they do field trips every year and demonstrations for the kids. Carried by voice vote. The Nays have it.

11. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,539,689.49, of which \$1,113,178.39 shall be raised by taxes and \$426,511.10 by non-tax revenues? Carmen Murray made a motion to bring this Article to the floor. Seconded by Tom Donnellan. Ayes have it.

12. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting. Carmen Murray said that she got a small grant to work on the old cemeteries. She needs volunteers to help.

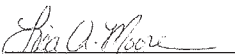
Paul Lefebvre, State Representative, said that this would be the last time that he would speak with us as our representative since the State has redistricted our town with seven other towns. He spoke about some recent work going on at the State House. The Department of Natural Resources is focusing on water work projects and aging infrastructure. Lake Memphramagog has been identified as a lake in crisis so efforts are being made to improve its water quality through the Clean Water Act.

The state is also trying to get a better hold on household hazardous waste to prevent it from leaching into landfills.

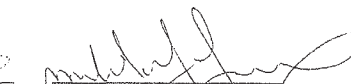
Bill Coates and the Town's people thanked Paul for all of his years of service as our representative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted


Lisa A. Moore
Ass't. Town Clerk


Michael Strait
Selectboard Chairperson


Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux
Acting Moderator

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

BRIGHTON RECYCLE CENTER HOURS

Saturday and Monday: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Telephone Numbers

Ambulance Emergency	911
Fire Emergency	911
Police Emergency	911
Animal Control Officer	723-5464
Brighton Elementary School	723-4373
Fire Station	723-4444
Fire Warden	723-6290
General Information	723-4405
Health Officer	723-4405
Island Pond Health Center	723-4300
Library	723-6134
NEKCA Head Start	723-6231
North Country Union High School	334-7921
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
Police/Sheriff	Dispatch (802) 334-8881, Office-Business Hrs (802) 676-3500
Probate Court	676-3910
Road Foreman	673-6698
State Police	334-8881
Sunrise Manor Senior Center	723-6130
Town Administrator	723-4753
Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office	723-4405
Town Garage	723-5039
Town Manager	723-4405
Water/Sewer Emergency	626-5939/274-1915
Welcome Center	723-9889
Zoning Administrator	723-4753

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