

# ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF KIRBY VERMONT



Kirby Quilters met at the Town Hall in December, 2021 to continue their long annual tradition of preparing and delivering Christmas Cheer baskets. Photo by Cheryl McMahon

# 2021

For Year Ending December 31  
BRING THIS COPY TO TOWN MEETING

Back in December I wrote a column on a topic that I found rather dismaying. The Vermont Climate Council's Climate Action Plan, released that month, contains dozens of recommendations designed to get Vermonters to drastically cut back their burning of fossil fuels to prevent what the Plan's authors believe is a growing climate emergency.

One key strategy in the Plan is to push, pull or regulate people out of rural Vermont and into "compact settlements", by which they mean existing places like St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville. The arguments for this include reducing carbon dioxide emissions caused by rural people travelling to work, school, health care, church and the like; reducing maintenance costs of town roads into the back country; providing more passengers for public transit; and ensuring vast stretches of human-free forest land to allow wildlife to move freely.

The Plan recognizes the need to make use of rural land for forest products, farms, and presumably ski areas. But it won't be satisfied until Vermont becomes a collection of what in Vermont would be called existing urban centers, linked by major highways and rail lines, where services can more easily be provided to residents moving in from the rural areas.

In my column I described two early attempts to empty rural Vermont. In 1935 the Federal Resettlement Administration proposed to clear out the poor, ill-educated, backwards, and unhappy residents of our rural areas, familiarize them with the benefits of advanced civilization, and prohibit anyone from going back there to live. The Vermont legislature listened to this spiel, and advised the Federal officials to get out of town.

In 1972 the proposed Act 250 State Land Use Plan sought to designate hundreds of thousands of acres of rural Vermont (including much of Kirby) as "conservation areas." After four years of controversy, a statewide popular outcry buried the idea of a State Land Use Plan.

And now, in the name of fighting climate change, the Climate Action Plan wants to exhume the State Land Use Plan, and clear out the same country people from the same rural areas.

Speaker of the House George Aiken, later Governor and Senator, had this to say about the 1935 proposition: "Why do folks live in the hills?...The reason is that some folks just naturally love the mountains and like to be up the among them where freedom of thought and action is logical and inherent".

I imagine that quite a few of the people of Kirby, then and now, can relate to that.



**FOR  
IMPORTANT  
TOWN MEETING  
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INFORMATION  
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## TOWN OFFICIALS

Moderator.....	John McClaughry.....	2022
Town Clerk.....	Wanda Grant.....	2022
Town Treasurer.....	Wanda Grant.....	2022
Selectboard.....	John Morse.....	2022
	Michael Bickford.....	2023
	Keith Isham.....	2024
Road Commissioner.....	Michael Bickford.....	2022
Auditors.....	Margaret Leslie (resigned 10/4/2021) Leslie Peters (appointed 10/12/2021).....	2022
	Cheryl McMahon.....	2023
	Emily Hartsock.....	2024
First Constable.....	Steven Baker.....	2022
Second Constable.....	Shawn McGarvin.....	2022
Tax Collector.....	Wanda Grant.....	2022
Town Agent.....	Clarke Atwell.....	2022
Agent to Convey Town Real Estate.....	Selectboard.....	2022
Trustee of Cemetery Funds.....	Wanda Grant.....	2022
Listers.....	Marla Waring.....	2022
	Arcelie Reyes.....	2023
	Cayle Erik Waring.....	2024
Sexton.....	Selectboard.....	2022
Planning Commission.....	Benjamin Mirkin.....	2022
	Cayle Erik Waring.....	2022
	Mary Etter.....	2022
	Graham Shaw.....	2023
	Martin Etter.....	2023
	Ian Balcom.....	2024
	Sharon Baker.....	2024
Justices of the Peace.....	Karen Moore Timothy Peters Tracy Sherbrook Anne McClaughry Amanda Gochie	
Board of Civil Authority.....	Selectboard, Justices of the Peace, & Town Clerk	
NEK Choice School District Officers from Kirby...	Miles Etter Dr. Lloyd (Tim) Thompson	



## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer .....	Marla Waring & Amanda Gochie
Notaries Public .....	Marla Waring & Amanda Gochie
Health Officer .....	Shawn McGarvin
Environmental Officer .....	Shawn McGarvin
Town Fire Warden .....	James Wood (phone 802-535-5585)
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	Benjamin Mirkin..... 2022
	Cayle Erik Waring..... 2022
	Mary Etter..... 2022
	Graham Shaw..... 2023
	Martin Etter..... 2023
	Ian Balcom..... 2024
	Sharon Baker..... 2024
Administrative Officer .....	Amanda Gochie
Road Foreman .....	John Ohina (cell phone 802-229-8496)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Town Meeting	First Tuesday of March
Dog Licenses	On or Before April 1
Town Listers	Start on April 1
Selectboard Meetings	First Monday of the month at 6 p.m.
School Board Meetings	Check Website
Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting	First Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.
Town Clerk's Office	Tuesdays & Thursdays - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(phone 802-626-9386)	(email address: townclerk.kirbyvermont@gmail.com)
NEK Choice School District Budget	March 1, 2022 - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Australian Ballot)
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District	
Budget Vote	March 1, 2022 - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Australian Ballot)
Hazard Mitigation Meeting	Please Check Website For Dates
Primary Election	August 9, 2022 (Australian Ballot)
General Election	November 8, 2022 (Australian Ballot)

### IMPORTANT FACTS

Town Chartered	October 1790
Area of Town	15,353.03 acres
Population of Town	575- 2020 Census
Town Website	kirbyvermont.org - check for Meeting Notices & Minutes
School Supervisory Union	Essex-North Supervisory Union (phone 802-266-3330)
Representative District	Essex-Caledonia 1
State Governor	Phil Scott
U.S. Representative	Peter Welch
State Representative	Terri Williams
U.S. Senators	Patrick Leahy & Bernie Sanders
State Senators	Jane Kitchel & Joe Benning

**POLLING PLACE: KIRBY TOWN HALL**  
**POLLS WILL OPEN AT 10:00 AM AND CLOSE AT 7:00 PM**

**WARNING**  
**NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE**  
**MARCH 1, 2022**

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

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

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

Please note that at the time of the printing of this report NEK Waste Management District is seeking an extension from the State of last year's exemption which allows the Board of Supervisors to pass the 2022 budget. They have not been approved yet. If approval is received there will be no Australian vote on their budget on March 1, 2022.



### NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of NEK Choice School District are hereby duly notified and warned to meet at their respective individual voting locations below, to vote for Articles One (1) through Four (4) by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, with the polls open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Town of Brunswick: Brunswick Community Office Building  
Town of Bloomfield: Bloomfield Town Hall  
Town of East Haven: East Haven Community Building  
Town of Granby: Granby Town Office  
Town of Guildhall: Guildhall Town Office  
Town of Kirby: Kirby Town Office  
Town of Lemington: Lemington Town House  
Town of Maidstone: Maidstone Town Office  
Town of Norton: Norton Town Office  
Town of Victory: Victory Town Office

**ARTICLE 1.** Shall the voters of NEK Choice School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation to pay tuition expenses?  
(Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE 2.** Shall the voters of NEK Choice School District authorize the Board of School Directors to withdraw from the reserve fund in order to pay unanticipated tuition expenses? (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall the voters of the NEK Choice School District approve the Board of Directors to expend \$5,814,523.00 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$20,285 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 16.8% higher than for the current year. (Australian Ballot)

**ARTICLE 4.** To elect all School District Officers, as required by law. (Australian Ballot)

Given unto our hands this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

NEK Choice School District Board Chair



Miles Etter

# IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

Due to Covid 19 Town Meeting will be conducted in the same manner as last year. The meeting will be called to order at **9:30 a.m.** on March 1, 2022; will proceed with and vote on Article 1 (to elect a moderator); and then be adjourned. The meeting will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on May 7, 2022 at which time the rest of the meeting will be conducted. There will be no potluck luncheon on either day.

**Please note** - there will be a special Selectboard Meeting immediately following Town Meeting on May 7, 2022 so that the Board can gather input into how to spend \$147,669.46 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds.

ARPA funds are being given to cities and towns throughout the United States in order to help alleviate the costs or mitigate problems associated with the effects of Covid 19. For that reason there are many restrictions and regulations connected with the expenditure of these funds. The expenditure of these funds must fall under one or more of the following categories:

- 1) Public Health
- 2) Negative Economic Impacts
- 3) Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- 4) Premium Pay
- 5) Infrastructure (Clean water, drinking water, and broadband)
- 6) Revenue Replacement
- 7) Administrative (expenses in handling funds)

If it is determined that an expenditure does not fall under one of these categories or follow Federal regulations the funds would be required to be paid back. One good note is that the deadline for committing these funds is December 31, 2024 and the deadline to disburse these funds is December 31, 2026.

VLCT (Vermont League of Cities and Towns) and regional planning commissions are working with towns to help them determine what expenditures will be accepted and what regulations the towns have to comply with. In an email received from Kate Buckley (VLCT) on January 9, 2022 she stated "VLCT has advocated for broader flexibility in the use of these funds and increased simplicity in the reporting that would be required. We are pleased to announce that not only were we heard but we got more than we asked for!" At this time they are trying to digest the 500-page document that was received from the U.S. Department of Treasury. We hope to receive updated information from them soon so that we will have the information for this meeting.

Please plan to attend. Your input is important.



**WARNING**  
**KIRBY TOWN DISTRICT MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022**

The inhabitants of the Town of Kirby, who are legal voters in the Town, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town House in said Kirby on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 9:30 am to act upon the following:

**ARTICLE**

1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.
2. To elect a Town Clerk.
3. To consider the Town Report and hear the report of the Auditors.
4. To elect the following:
  - Town Treasurer
  - Selectboard Member (3 yrs.)
  - Auditor (3 yrs.)
  - First Constable
  - Second Constable
  - Delinquent Tax Collector
  - Town Agent
  - Agent to Convey Town Real Estate
  - Trustee of Cemetery Funds
  - Lister (3 yrs.)
  - Sexton
  - 3 Planning Commission Members (3 yr terms)
  - All other necessary Town Officers to fill any vacancies.
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Kirby authorize the Selectboard to apply to 2022 current expenses Town and Highway surplus monies from 2021?
6. To see if the voters will authorize the Selectboard to apply to 2022 current expenses all monies received from 2019, 2020 and 2021 delinquent taxes, interest, and collector's fees.
7. To see what sum the Town will vote to meet current expenses for the year ensuing, and shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to set the rate necessary to raise said assessment based on the 2022 Grand List.
8. To see what method the Town will take to collect taxes, also setting date or dates when taxes are due, and rate of discount, if any.
9. Will the Town levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes on real and personal property of one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of taxes, as provided in 32 V.S.A., Section 5136?

10. Will the Town authorize its Selectboard to hire money in anticipation of taxes to meet current expenses, if necessary?
11. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$493.00 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 Kirby residents?
12. Shall the Town of Kirby vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$518.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(c) (3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for emergency crisis, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities?
13. Shall the Town of Kirby vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to Northeast Kingdom Youth Services to be used to support their work with youth and families in our community.
14. Shall the Town of Kirby vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$181.34 for the support of Rural Community Transportation, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town of Kirby.
15. Shall the Town of Kirby vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Village Improvement Society for the purpose of supporting the operation of the Powers Park Summer Program in 2022.
16. Shall the voters of Kirby vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to the Lyndon Youth Baseball/Softball organization.
17. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to older Vermonters in the ensuing year.
18. Shall the Town of Kirby vote to appropriate \$500.00 to Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice to be used in providing health care services.
19. Shall the Town of Kirby vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$350.00 for the support of Umbrella to provide services to the residents of the Town?
20. Shall the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$250.00 in support of the NorthWoods Stewardship Center.
21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.



KEITH ISHAM

KIRBY SELECTBOARD



JOHN MORSE



MICHAEL BICKFORD

Attest: 

Town Clerk

Dated: *January 20, 2022*



# 2022 TOWN, HIGHWAY, AND CEMETERY PROPOSED BUDGETS

	Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Notes
TOWN	2021	2021	2022	
Auditors	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 726.47	\$ 1,000.00	
Listers	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 6,493.58	\$ 13,000.00	
Selectmen	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Town Clerk & Treasurer (includes Assistant)	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 17,957.29	\$ 22,000.00	
Elections	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 422.44	\$ 2,000.00	
Website and IT Services	\$ 300.00		\$ 3,000.00	
Fixed Charges-Town (includes S.Kirby Schoolhouse electric, phone, FICA, county tax, & annual dues)	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 23,164.60	\$ 28,000.00	
Insurances-Town (Bond, Property-Town House & S.Kirby Schoolhouse, Workers Compensation, General Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Liability)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,506.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Legal Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Printing (Ads & Notices)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 655.92	\$ 1,000.00	
Town Hall Expenses (includes heating fuel, electric, supplies & mowing lawns)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,200.52	\$ 4,000.00	
Miscellaneous-Town (includes fire costs, training costs, fuel-S.Kirby Schoolhouse, abatement costs, etc.)	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,211.00	\$ 3,500.00	
Town Officials Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,385.91	\$ 3,500.00	
Appropriations	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,042.34	\$ 4,100.00	
Planning Commission & Zoning Board*	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 345.45	\$ 3,000.00	
Records Preservation*	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00	
New Equipment-Town	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,784.44	\$ 2,000.00	
Building Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
<b>Total Town Budget</b>	<b>\$ 109,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 75,345.96</b>	<b>\$ 104,600.00</b>	



# 2022 TOWN, HIGHWAY, AND CEMETERY PROPOSED BUDGETS

	Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Notes
HIGHWAYS	2021	2021	2022	
Deposit to Equipment Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
Diesel Fuel & Oil	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,161.75	\$ 22,000.00	
Fixed Charges-Highways (includes cell phone, retirement, & FICA)	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,639.74	\$ 9,500.00	
Garage Expenses(includes heating fuel,electric, & supplies)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,008.44	\$ 8,000.00	
Insurances-Highways (Property-Garage, Workers Compensation, Auto, General Liability, Health)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,294.72	\$ 25,000.00	
Vacation, Holiday, and Sick Pay	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,048.00	\$ 9,000.00	
Municipal Roads General Permit	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,119.50	\$ 2,000.00	
Miscellaneous-Highways (includes use of personal vehicle stipend, training, printing, etc.)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,036.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Shop Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,794.87	\$ 3,000.00	
Road Supplies (includes chloride, traffic cones, signs,etc.)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 11,258.99	\$ 18,000.00	
Grader Expenses (includes cutting edges & chains)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,285.90	\$ 5,000.00	
Loader Expenses	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,696.78	\$ 1,800.00	
Truck Expense (includes cutting edges & chains)	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 24,445.81	\$ 23,000.00	
Truck Loan	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,957.83	\$ 8,000.00	
Grader Loan	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 23,242.44	\$ 24,000.00	
New Equipment-Roads	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Winter Maintenance*	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 40,521.20	\$ 55,000.00	
General Highway Maintenance/Resurfacing & Construction*	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 117,701.38	\$ 160,000.00	
Class IV	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,496.64	\$ 4,500.00	
Road Grant Projects*	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 26,669.51	\$ 44,000.00	
Roads Improvement Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Highway Department Improvement Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Total Highway Budget	\$ 444,800.00	\$ 344,879.50	\$ 444,800.00	

# 2022 TOWN, HIGHWAY, AND CEMETERY PROPOSED BUDGETS

	Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Notes
CEMETERY	2022	2021	2021	
Mowing	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,000.00	
<b>Total Cemetery Budget</b>	<b>\$ 4,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,590.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,500.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL TOWN, HIGHWAY &amp; CEMETERY</b>	<b>\$ 586,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 421,815.46</b>	<b>\$ 586,600.00</b>	
<b>BUDGETS</b>				
<b>*LESS REVENUES</b>				
State Aide To Highways	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 51,880.39	\$ 47,500.00	
Grants in Aid-2019	\$ 8,270.00	\$ 8,270.00	\$ 8,270.00	
Grants in Aid-2021	\$ 8,800.00		\$ 8,800.00	
Grants in Aid-2022	\$ 9,400.00		\$ 9,400.00	
Grants in Aid (Equipment)	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 5,600.00	
Better Road Grant-Sheldon/N.Kirby Road	\$ 19,690.62	\$ 19,690.61	\$ 19,690.62	
Better Road Grant-Barnes Brook Road	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,037.86	\$ 20,000.00	
Better Road Grant-Ridge Road	\$ 997.75	\$ 997.75	\$ 997.75	
Drop Box Reimbursement (Elections)	\$ 500.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 500.00	
Estimated Zoning Permits	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 38,719.80	\$ 35,000.00	
State Hold Harmless Payment & PILOT Program	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00	
From Records Preservation Fund	\$ 81,844.96	\$ 81,844.96	\$ 81,844.96	
Surplus(Highways)	\$ 81,168.27	\$ 81,168.27	\$ 81,168.27	
Surplus (Town)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.79	\$ 25.00	
Interest from Cemetery Certificate of Deposit	\$ 2,286.46	\$ 2,286.46	\$ 2,286.46	
From Surplus (Cemetery)	\$ 313,183.06	\$ 306,296.89	\$ 313,183.06	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 245,416.94</b>	<b>\$ 256,788.45</b>	<b>\$ 245,416.94</b>	
Amount to be raised by taxes				
Estimated Town, Highway, & Cemetery Tax Rates	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.4352	\$ 0.435	



## SELECTBOARD REPORT 2021

Another year, as the whole country deals with Covid 19, so does the town of Kirby Vermont. Selectboard business was conducted in normal fashion. We met in person and practiced Covid protocol at each meeting.

Town Meeting was held on March 2, 2021. Due to Covid protocol and social distancing we only had 6 people present. We took care of Article 1 and elected John McClaughry moderator and postponed the remaining articles until May 22, 2021. On that day the rest of town meeting was held.

We didn't have any really major issues to contend with in 2021. Through the Better Roads Grant we were able to do much needed work on the Brook Road and Barnes Brook Road. Many residents still have concerns about the ditching, width of the roads, etc. Our road crew is following the specifications set by the State. Please bear with us.

In the spring we finished the speed study in town. Upon completion the 35 MPH Speed Ordinance was voted on and passed. All Kirby roads have new signage and the Caledonia County Sheriff Department is doing periodic patrols.

A while back a young man from South Kirby, Dominic Shackleton, asked permission from the board to build a "Little Free Library" at the South Kirby School as part of his Eagle Scout Project. This was completed as proposed. Stop by and see it sometime.

May 2022 be a better year for all Kirby residents. Stay safe and healthy!

Respectfully,  
Keith Isham - Chair



## CASH ASSETS

Town Department, Community National Bank Checkbook 1/1/2022 (includes \$73,834.73 ARPA Funds – Town Funds \$346,676.43)	\$ 420,511.16
Town Department, Passumpsic Savings Bank Checkbook 1/1/2022	879.32
Town Department, Petty Cash on Hand 1/1/2022	21.00
Community National Bank, Certificate of Deposit - Equipment Fund	77,505.54
Community National Bank, Certificate of Deposit-Equipment Fund2	94,999.97
Community National Bank, Certificate of Deposit Records Preservation	15,088.18
Community National Bank, Certificate of Deposit- Reappraisal Fund	3,486.80
Community National Bank, Certificate of Deposit – Listers Training Fund	3,181.14
Union Bank, Certificate of Deposit – Building Fund	9,074.32
Union Bank, Certificate of Deposit–Highway Department Improvement Fund	12,891.08
Union Bank, Certificate of Deposit – Highway Improvement Fund	22,033.94
Unpaid Taxes	19,673.53
Estimated Amounts due from State Treasurer, Class II & III	47,500.00
Estimated Town Inventory	121,000.00
Estimated Road Equipment & Supplies	496,300.00
	\$ 1,344,145.98

## LIABILITIES

Union Bank, Truck Loan (2.1%)	\$ 7,787.48
Passumpsic Savings Bank, Grader Loan (2.92%)	\$ 52,365.26
	\$ 60,152.74

## NET WORTH

Net Worth 12/31/2020 (does not included School funds)	\$ 1,157,872.04
Net Worth 12/31/2021 (does not included School funds)	\$ 1,283,993.24
<b>Net Increase</b>	\$ 126,121.20

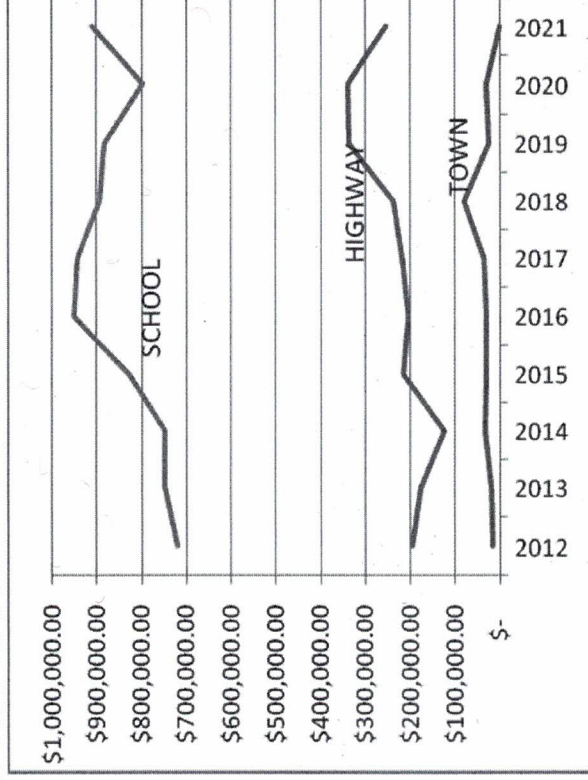
## GRAND LIST FOR PAST FOUR YEARS

2018 Grand List Municipal School		
Homestead		\$595,124.62
Non-Residential		363,418.00 231,902.62
2019 Grand List Municipal School		
Homestead		\$563,306.00
Non-Residential		336,667.00 226,835.00
2020 Grand List Municipal School		
Homestead		\$581,252.00
Non-Residential		348,693.00 233,055.00
2021 Grand List Municipal School		
Homestead		\$590,047.00
Non-Residential		365,613.00 224,630.00

## TAX RATE

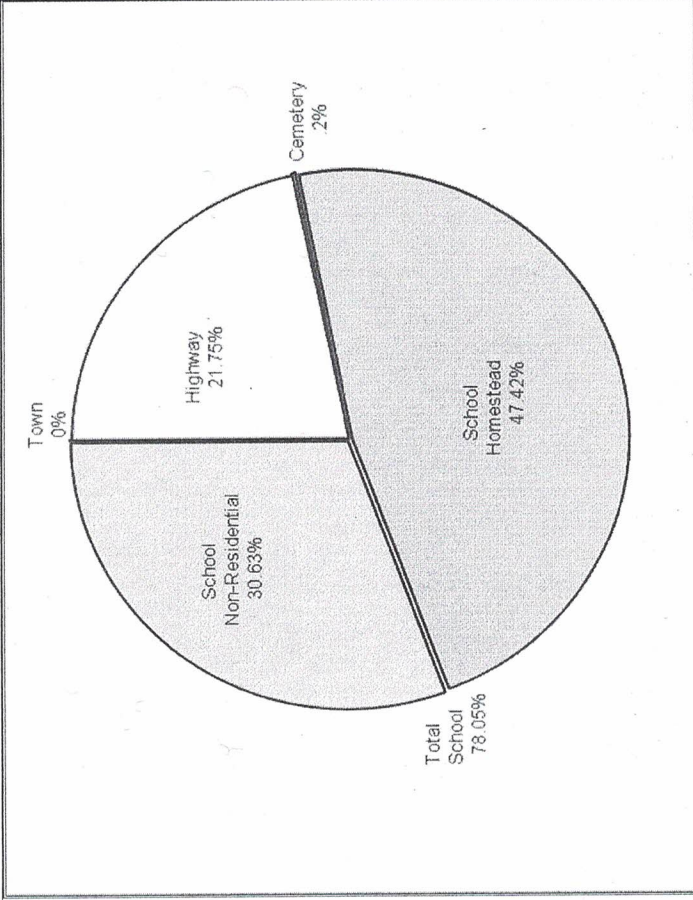
2018 Tax Rate		2019 Tax Rate	
Homestead (Residential)	\$2.0638	Homestead (Residential)	\$2.2409
Non-Residential	\$2.0092	Non-Residential	\$2.1684
2020 Tax Rate		2021 Tax Rate	
Homestead (Residential)	\$1.8671	Homestead (Residential)	\$1.9495
Non-Residential	\$2.2310	Non-Residential	\$2.0286

## AMOUNT RAISED IN TAXES FOR PAST TEN YEARS



# STATEMENT OF TAXES

Municipal Grand List	\$590,047.00	
Municipal Tax Rate	x .4352	
Total Municipal Taxes		\$ 256,788.45
Education Homestead Grand List		
Homestead (Residential) Tax Rate	\$365,613.00	
Total Education Homestead Taxes	x 1.5143	\$ 553,647.76
Education Non-Residential Grand List		
Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$224,630.00	
Total Education Non-Residential Taxes	x 1.5934	\$ 357,925.44
<b>Total Taxes</b>		<b>\$ 1,168,361.65</b>
Total to be Distributed:		
Town .....	\$ .0	\$ 0
Highways .....	.4306	254,074.24
Local Veterans Exemption .	.0008	472.03
Cemetery .....	.0038	2,242.18
School (Homestead) .....	1.5143	\$553,647.76
(Non-Residential) .....	1.5934	357,925.44
		911,573.20
		<b>\$ 1,168,361.65</b>
Accounted for as follows:		
Collected by Treasurer		\$ 1,045,015.25
Prebates		\$ 97,545.65
Delinquent Taxes to Collector		\$ 29,968.96
Minus Overpayments of Taxes		\$ -3,608.57
Late Homestead Penalties		\$ -559.60
		<b>\$ 1,168,361.69</b>
(A difference of \$.04 due to rounding amounts on tax bills)		





## AUDITOR'S REPORT

We, the Auditors, have this day, January 8, 2022 completed an audit of the books of the various Town Officers and find all books accurate and correct.

*Emily Hartsock*  
EMILY HARTSOCK

*Cheryl McMahon*  
CHERYL MCMAHON

*Leslie Peters*  
LESLIE PETERS

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(Expenses of the Town for the Past Five Years)

### YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Town Expenses	
Town Disbursements	\$ 108,060.84
Highway Disbursements	268,844.44
Other Disbursements – See Town & Highway Disbursement 2017 Town Report, Pages 28-29	995,039.98
School Expenses	
For School Year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017	1,465,070.47
For 1 <sup>st</sup> half School Year July 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017	894,327.47
For 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of School Year January 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018	679,027.35

### YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

Town Expenses	
Town Disbursements	\$ 121,643.91
Highway Disbursements	295,604.15
Other Disbursements – See Town & Highway Disbursement 2018 Town Report, Pages 26-27	752,560.37

### YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

Town Expenses	
Town Disbursements	\$ 110,600.77
Highway Disbursements (Includes purchase of grader for \$268,000.00)	759,109.11
Other Disbursements – See Town & Highway Disbursement 2019 Town Report, Pages 27-28 (Includes \$259,000.00 for short-term loan that was borrowed to cover expenses until tax monies and grant monies were received. Was paid in full before December 31, 2019)	1,021,367.64

**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Town Expenses	
Town Disbursements	\$ 86,580.40
Highway Disbursements	354,360.97
Other Disbursements – See Town & Highway Disbursement 2020 Town Report, Pages 28-29	710,884.87

**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Town Expenses	
Town Disbursements	\$ 75,345.96
Highway Disbursements	344,879.50
Other Disbursements – See Town & Highway Disbursement 2021 Town Report, Pages 27 & 28	837,643.25



# 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Balance on Hand, January 1, 2021</b>			<b>\$ 333,361.97</b>
<b>TAXES:</b>			
2021 Taxes (Includes \$6,584.44 Town Share of Prebates & \$3,608.57 Overpayments-see list on page 27)		\$ 1,051,599.69	
Kirby School District, Act 60 Administration Fees		\$ 983.97	
Wanda Grant, Tax Collector			
Delinquent 2017 Taxes	\$ 3,999.29		
Interest-2017 Taxes	\$ 334.95		
Fees-2017 Taxes	\$ 319.96		
Delinquent 2020 Taxes	\$ 32,026.85		
Interest-2020 Taxes	\$ 3,189.03		
Fees-2020 Taxes	\$ 2,562.17		
Delinquent 2021 Taxes	\$ 15,455.08		
Interest- 2021 Taxes	\$ 422.58		
Fees- 2021 Taxes	\$ 1,236.41		
		\$ 59,546.32	
<b>Total Taxes, Interest &amp; Fees</b>			<b>\$ 1,112,129.98</b>
<b>TOWN FUNDS RECEIVED FROM STATE:</b>			
State of Vermont, Act 60 (Homesteads)		\$ 357.00	
State of Vermont, Act 60 (Reappraisal)		\$ 3,034.50	
State of Vermont, Holdharmless Payment		\$ 37,089.00	
State of Vermont, Pilot Program, Darling State Park		\$ 1,630.80	
State of Vermont- Lockbox		\$ 997.75	
<b>Total Town Funds Received From State</b>			<b>\$ 43,109.05</b>
State of Vermont, 2021 ARPA Funds			<b>\$ 73,834.73</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME:</b>			
Copies		\$ 919.00	
Clerk Fees		\$ 7,591.00	
Community National Bank, NOW Interest		\$ 224.16	
Passumpsic Savings Bank, NOW Interest		\$ 0.38	
Dog Fees		\$ 876.00	
Marriage Licenses		\$ 270.00	
Records Preservation		\$ 2,820.00	
Vault Fees		\$ 227.00	
Unclaimed Property, Extra received from Taxes		\$ 0.05	
Road Access Permit, M. Bickford		\$ 15.00	
Road Access Permit, M. Bertolini		\$ 15.00	
VLCT, Refund Worker's Comp Insurance		\$ 573.00	
Kevin Rowe, Overpayment of Delinquent Taxes		\$ 3.77	
Todd Casperson, Overpayment of Delinquent Taxes		\$ 62.34	
Stacie Young, Overpayment of Delinquent Taxes		\$ 3.30	
Preservation Funds, From CD		\$ 1,200.00	
<b>Total Miscellaneous Income</b>			<b>\$ 14,800.00</b>

# 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>ZONING PERMITS:</b>			
Bandy, Doug & Lori	\$	25.00	
Bertolini, Mark & Mariann	\$	200.00	
Bickford, Michael & Anneka	\$	100.00	
Chase, David	\$	25.00	
DeMaio, Edward & Ninette	\$	25.00	
Eikenberry, David	\$	25.00	
Grant, Laurence & Wanda	\$	25.00	
Hayes, Justin & Nathan	\$	25.00	
Holder, Michael & Simone Lessac-Chenen	\$	25.00	
Kirby Golf Course	\$	100.00	
LaCoss, George & Donna	\$	25.00	
Mazyck, Beth & O'Neill/Thomas & Agnes Kurtz	\$	25.00	
Rowe, Kevin	\$	25.00	
Taylor, Richard & Philip	\$	100.00	
Wolfe, William	\$	25.00	
<b>Total Zoning Permits</b>		\$	775.00
<b>HIGHWAY RELATED INCOME:</b>			
State of Vermont, State Aid to Highways - Class II	\$	17,135.87	
State of Vermont, State Aid to Highways - Class III	\$	32,024.12	
State of Vermont, Supplemental Highway Aid	\$	2,720.40	
State of Vermont, Better Road Grants	\$	34,728.47	
State of Vermont, Grants in Aid-2019	\$	8,270.00	
Northwest Regional Planning Commission, Grant in Aid (Equipment)	\$	4,400.00	
<b>Overload Permits</b>			
Agri-Mark, Inc. dba Cabot Creamery	\$	10.00	
Amerigas Propane	\$	10.00	
Austin Construction, Inc.	\$	10.00	
Bourne's Inc. dba Bourne's Energy	\$	10.00	
Larry M. Brown	\$	10.00	
Calkins	\$	10.00	
Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc.	\$	10.00	
Cardinal Logistics Management Corp.	\$	10.00	
Carroll Concrete Co. Inc.	\$	10.00	
Gingue Construction, Inc.	\$	10.00	
Irving Energy	\$	10.00	
JBL Logging	\$	5.00	
J.P. Sicard, Inc.	\$	10.00	
Kelley-View Farm, Inc.	\$	10.00	
KML-Caleb Temple	\$	10.00	
Redline Unlimited, Inc.	\$	10.00	
R.K. Miles, Inc.	\$	10.00	
Russell Riendeau	\$	10.00	
TNR Trucking-Tracey Robinson	\$	5.00	
United National Foods, Inc.	\$	10.00	
Whitcomb Trucking, LLC	\$	5.00	
<b>Total Highway Related Income</b>		\$	195.00
		\$	99,473.86



# 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<i>Total Receipts</i>	\$ 1,344,122.62
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS &amp; BEGINNING BALANCE</b>		\$ 1,677,484.59
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Town Disbursements	\$	75,345.96
Highway Disbursements	\$	344,879.50
Other Disbursements	\$	837,643.25
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	\$	<b>1,257,868.71</b>
<b>TOWN CASH UP</b>		
Beginning Balance January 1, 2021	\$	333,361.97
Cash Received	\$	1,344,122.62
	\$	1,677,484.59
Minus Total Disbursements	\$	(1,257,868.71)
<b>Ending Balance for December 31, 2021</b>	\$	<b>419,615.88</b>
Plus Accounts Payable	\$	1,774.60
<b>Checkbooks Balances December 31, 2021</b> <b>(Community National Bank \$420,511.16 &amp; Passumpsic</b> <b>Savings Bank \$879.32)</b>	\$	<b>421,390.48</b>

## 2021 TOWN & HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS

TOWN DISBURSEMENTS					
Auditors					
Cheryl McMahon		\$	242.41		
Emily Hartsock			123.38		
Margaret Leslie			290.18		
Leslie Peters			70.50		
				\$	726.47
Listers					
NEMRC, Marshall Swift Tables		\$	107.64		
Northeast Computer Systems, New Computer			1,088.00		
Marla Waring, Lister			2,902.50		
Marla Waring, Mileage			215.00		
Cayle E. Waring, Lister			1,747.50		
Cayle E. Waring, Mileage			133.50		
Arcelie V. Reyes			71.25		
Cayle E. Waring, Reimbursement for postage & monitor			228.19		
					6,493.58
Selectmen					
Keith Isham			500.00		
John Morse			500.00		
Michael Bickford			500.00		
					1,500.00
Town Clerk & Treasurer					
Wanda Grant		\$	14,766.25		
Marla Waring, Assistant			669.00		
Marla Waring, Mileage			15.00		
Amanda Gochie, Assistant			2,371.04		
VLCT- Registrations to Town Fair			136.00		
					17,957.29
Election Expenses					
Wanda Grant, Presiding Officer			191.25		
Margaret Leslie, Ballot Clerk			108.69		
Amanda Gochie, Ballot Clerk			122.50		
					422.44
Town Hall Expenses					
Fred's Energy, Propane for Heating		\$	544.68		
Waterford Lawn Care, Mowing Lawn			450.00		
Lyndonville Electric			774.65		
Lyle Gadapee- Light Repair			165.79		
John S. Ohina, Painting Ramp			27.00		
Wheeler's Building Material, Supplies			162.76		
St. Johnsbury Fire Extinguisher- Inspection			37.50		
Lyndonville Hardware, Supplies			38.14		
					2,200.52



<b>Fixed Charges-Town</b>				
Community National Bank (IRS)-Social Security (Town Share)	\$	2,094.44		
Community National Bank (IRS)-Medicare (Town Share)		489.82		
Green Mountain Power, South Kirby School		229.59		
Consolidated Communications		817.01		
Verizon Wireless, Internet Service		658.52		
Caledonia-Essex Ambulance Service, Contract		2,000.00		
Lyndon Rescue, Inc., Dues		10,549.70		
NEKWMD, Dues		463.42		
Green-Up VT		50.00		
Vermont League of Cities & Towns, Dues		1,676.00		
Intuit QuickBooks, Payroll Service		381.60		
Northeastern Vermont Development Association, Dues		500.00		
County Treasurer, Caledonia County - Tax		3,254.50		
			23,164.60	
<b>Insurances-Town</b>				
Vermont League of Cities & Towns, Unemployment Trust	\$	447.00		
VLCT PACIF, Employment Practices Liability		453.00		
VLCT PACIF, General Liability		411.00		
VLCT PACIF, Law Enforcement Liability		2,061.00		
VLCT PACIF, Public Officials Liability		644.00		
VLCT PACIF, South Kirby Schoolhouse & Town Hall & Office		1,889.00		
VLCT PACIF, Workers Compensation		201.00		
VLCT PACIF, Crime		400.00		
			6,506.00	
<b>Legal Expenses</b>				
Clarke Atwell, Stop Signs Regulations	\$	250.00		
			250.00	

<b>Printing</b>				
The Caledonian-Record				
Town Reports	\$	40.00		
Highway Access Ordinance		110.00		
Victory Road Closure		40.00		
Speed Limit Ordinance		110.00		
Annual Town Meeting		20.00		
Road Help Wanted		215.92		
Taxes Due		120.00		
			655.92	
<b>Town Miscellaneous</b>				
Vermont League of Cities & Towns, Seminar	\$	20.00		
Clint Gray, Speed Ordinance		1,000.00		
Concord Fire Department, Brush Fire at 245 Burroughs Rd		450.00		
John China, Reimbursement for Trash Disposal		236.00		
Caledonia County Sheriff's Department, Speed Limit Enforcement		370.00		
Waterford Lawn Care, Mowing Lawn-South Kirby Schoolhouse		135.00		
			2,211.00	

Town Official Supplies			
Wanda Grant, Supplies	\$	90.87	
Marla Waring, Supplies		44.30	
Amanda Gochie, Supplies		4.40	
Postmaster, Postage		725.50	
Staples, Supplies		379.29	
All State Notary Supplies, Notary Seal		36.03	
Silver Mountain Graphics, Town Report Covers		283.47	
Kofile Preservation, Land Record Book & Plat Envelopes		676.59	
IDS, Dog Tags & Books		145.46	
			2,385.91
Appropriations			
Northwoods Stewardship Center	\$	250.00	
Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium		493.00	
Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice		500.00	
Lyndon Youth Baseball/Softball		200.00	
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging		300.00	
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.		518.00	
Village Improvement Society (Powers Park)		1,000.00	
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services		250.00	
Rural Community Transportation		181.34	
Umbrella, Inc.		350.00	
			4,042.34
Planning Commission & Zoning Board			
Amanda Gochie, Zoning Administrator	\$	193.76	
Amanda Gochie, Mileage		61.50	
Amanda Gochie, Supplies		7.90	
Mary Etter, Postage		22.29	
The Caledonian-Record, Hearings		60.00	
			345.45
New Equipment			
Office Systems of VT- New Copier	\$	3,350.00	
Office Systems of VT- Copier Agreement		118.11	
Northeast Computer Systems, New Computer		1,039.85	
Amazon, Desk		171.71	
Wanda Grant, Computer Speakers & Office Tables		104.77	
			4,784.44
Record Preservation Expenses			
NEMRC, Land Records	\$	1,200.00	
			1,200.00
Building Fund			
Town of Kirby (Union Bank)	\$	500.00	
			500.00
<b>Total Town Disbursements</b>			<b>\$ 75,345.96</b>



HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS			
Diesel Fuel & Oil			
Dead River, Co., Diesel Fuel	\$ 15,524.78		
John Ohina, Reimbursement	19.20		
Nortrax Inc.	921.33		
Ville Auto Supply	1,036.74		
KMJ Precision Fuels	659.70		
		\$ 18,161.75	
Fixed Charges-Highways			
Community National Bank (IRS), Medicare	\$ 847.23		
Community National Bank (IRS), Social Security	3,622.63		
John Ohina, Cell Phone	600.00		
FMCSA, Queries (Drug & Alcohol Federal Website)	5.00		
VMERS DB, Employer Share of Retirement Fund	3,564.88		
		8,639.74	
Garage Expenses			
Bourne's Energy, Heating Oil	\$ 1,691.18		
Lyndonville Electric	1,280.34		
Lyle Gadapee, Shop Lights	994.42		
St. J Fire Extinguisher Sales & Service, Fire Extinguishers	42.50		
		4,008.44	
Grader Expenses			
NAPA Auto Parts	\$ 329.80		
Power Plan, Hydraulic Fuel	2,065.10		
John Ohina, Maintenance	891.00		
		3,285.90	
Loader Expenses			
Ville Auto Supply	\$ 14.10		
Painless Glass	212.40		
Reed Supply, Chains	600.00		
Nortrax Inc.	1,235.78		
John Ohina, Maintenance	634.50		
		2,696.78	
Insurances-Highways			
BCBSVT, Health Insurance for John Ohina	\$ 11,221.72		
VLCT PACIF, Workers Compensation	4,270.00		
VLCT PACIF, Auto Insurance	2,522.00		
VLCT PACIF, General Liability	941.00		
VLCT PACIF, Property (Garage)	1,340.00		
		20,294.72	
Vacation, Holidays, & Sick Pay			
John Ohina, Holidays	\$ 1,512.00		
John Ohina, Sick Pay	1,512.00		
John Ohina, Vacation	3,024.00		
		6,048.00	

Miscellaneous-Highways			
John Ohina, Mileage	\$	761.00	
Steven Baker, Mileage		70.00	
Advance Workplace, Drug & Alcohol Testing		180.00	
John Ohina, Gas for Equipment		25.00	
			1,036.00
Shop Supplies			
Tools Plus Industries	\$	189.11	
Airgas USA, Cylinder Lease & Supplies		340.90	
Ville Auto Supply		810.63	
Tifco Industries		308.84	
Lyndonville Hardware		180.49	
John Ohina		330.92	
Industrial Tools		154.24	
Dad's 4 By Tool & Supply		19.97	
Northern Tool		179.00	
Reed Supply		36.95	
H.O.P Sales & Service		44.61	
Lyndon Truck Center		74.21	
Black Bart's Welding		125.00	
			2,794.87
Road Supplies			
The Gorman Group, Chloride	\$	8,248.52	
Worksafe Traffic Co., Signs & Traffic Cones		3,010.47	
			11,258.99
Truck Expenses			
John Ohina, Maintenance	\$	5,081.50	
H.P. Fairfield		2,001.57	
Lyndon Truck Center		15,499.60	
Reed Supply, Chains		465.00	
Russell Riendeau		100.00	
RR Charlebois, Inc.		575.48	
McDevitt Trucks		72.67	
Steven Baker		240.00	
NAPA Auto Parts		409.99	
			24,445.81
Truck Loan			
Union Bank, Principal	\$	7,467.09	
Union Bank, Interest		490.74	
			7,957.83
Grader Loan			
Passumpsic Savings Bank, Principal	\$	21,376.49	
Passumpsic Savings Bank, Interest		1,865.95	
			23,242.44
New Equipment			
HP Fairfield, Leaf Blower	\$	5,500.00	
			5,500.00



Municipal Roads General Permit Expenses				
State of Vermont, Fees	\$	500.00		
Marla Waring, Assistant		619.50		
			1,119.50	
Winter Highway Maintenance (for details see page 31)			40,521.20	
General Highway Maintenance/Resurfacing & Construction (for details see pages 31)			117,701.38	
Class IV (for details see page 32)			3,496.64	
Road Grant Projects (for details see page 32)			26,669.51	
Roads Improvement Fund (Union Bank)			500.00	
Highway Department Improvement Fund (Union Bank)			500.00	
Equipment Fund (Union Bank)			15,000.00	
<b>Total Highway Disbursements</b>				<b>\$ 344,879.50</b>
<b>Total Town &amp; Highway Disbursements</b>				<b>\$ 420,225.46</b>

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Funds received and paid out			
Wanda Grant, Clerk Fees (see page 19)	\$ 6,700.00		
Wanda Grant, Share of Dog Licenses (see page 38)	150.00		
Amanda Gochie, Clerk Fees (see page 19)	891.00		
Amanda Gochie, Share of Marriage Licenses (see page 19 - partial amount)	70.00		
Amanda Gochie, Share of Dog Licenses (see page 38)	10.00		
Vermont State Treasury, Unclaimed Property	.02		
Vermont State Treasury, Share of Marriage Licenses (see page 19 - partial amount)	200.00		
Vermont State Treasury, Share of Dog Licenses (see page 38)	400.00		
		8,421.02	
<b>Total Other Disbursements</b>			<b>\$ 837,643.25</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN, HIGHWAY, &amp; OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</b>			<b>\$1,257,868.71</b>
<b>TOWN DEFICIT/SURPLUS</b>			
<b>Town Related Income</b>			
Surplus from 2021	\$ 81,168.27		
Share of Taxes	0.00		
Act 60 School Administrative Fees	983.97		
Minus 2021 Delinquent Taxes	-29,968.96		
Amount Paid On Delinquent Taxes (includes principal, interest & fees)	59,546.32		
Holdharmless Payment	37,089.00		
Pilot Program Payment	1,630.80		
Act 60 Homestead Payment	357.00		
From Record Preservation Fund	1,200.00		
Reimbursement for Lockbox	997.75		
Share of Dog Licenses	316.00		
Zoning Permit Fees	775.00		
Miscellaneous Income (copies, NOW Interest, vault fees, etc)	1,943.54		
<b>Total Town Income</b>		\$ 156,038.69	
<b>Minus Town Expenses</b>		\$ 75,345.96	
<b>TOWN SURPLUS</b>			<b>\$ 80,692.73</b>



## INVENTORY

Schoolhouse, South	\$	10,000
Town House & Well		50,000
Town Garage		50,000
2 Safes		2,800
Chairs & Furniture		500
Filing Cabinets		400
1 Copier		3,000
4 Computers		3,000
4 Printers & Scanner		800
Miscellaneous Items		500
<b>TOTAL INVENTORY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>121,000</b>

## ROAD EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Road Grader, Plow & Wing	\$	230,000
Grader Chains		3,800
Loader & Plow		50,000
Loader Chains		4,000
Old Truck, Body, Plow & Wing		20,000
New Truck, Body & Wing		160,000
Truck Chains		1,500
Sand Screen-Grizzly		5,000
Liquid Chloride Tank		1,500
Shop Tools & Supplies		5,000
2 Fuel Tanks		500
Pressure Washer		2,000
2 Generators		1,000
Leaf Blower		5,000
Sand Shed		4,000
Miscellaneous Equipment & Supplies		3,000
<b>TOTAL ROAD EQUIPMENT &amp; SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>496,300</b>

## **ROAD REPORT 2021**

Here are some of the projects worked on this year:

1. Ditching on Willey Farm Road.
2. Grant in Aid project on North Kirby Road and Kirby Mountain Road.
3. Better Road Grant project on Barnes Brook Road.
4. Resurfaced Kirby Mountain Road, Barnes Brook Road, and Ridge Road where needed.
5. Culvert work throughout the Town.

Thank you to John Ohina our Road Foreman who strives to keep our roads and equipment in excellent shape.

Michael Bickford  
Road Commissioner



WINTER HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE				
	Class II	Class III	Total	
John China, Labor	\$ 3,431.00	\$ 12,822.00	\$ 16,253.00	Labor
Gingue Construction - Winter Sand, Salt & Trucking	\$ 2,641.81	\$ 7,925.44	\$ 10,567.25	Sandpile & Other
HS Supply - Calcium Chloride		\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	
Lyndonville Hardware- Tarp	\$ 20.24	\$ 60.72	\$ 80.96	
Dad's 4 By Tool & Supply - Tarp	\$ 175.00	\$ 524.99	\$ 699.99	
Town Loader	\$ 193.75	\$ 1,006.25	\$ 1,200.00	Town Equipment
Town Grader	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,250.00	
Town Truck	\$ 2,375.00	\$ 7,975.00	\$ 10,350.00	
Total Winter Highway Maintenance				
	\$ 9,061.80	\$ 31,459.40	\$ 40,521.20	
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE/RESURFACING & CONSTRUCTION				
	Class II	Class III	Total	
John China, Labor	\$ 3,766.50	\$ 21,897.00	\$ 25,663.50	Labor
John China - Use of Personal Backhoe	\$ 285.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,410.00	Backhoe
Calkins Rock Products - Gravel & Ledge	\$ 7,168.23	\$ 18,655.92	\$ 25,824.15	Gravel, Trucking, Excavation, Culverts, Guardrails, & Etc.
Gingue Construction - Gravel	\$ 394.20	\$ 1,961.40	\$ 2,355.60	
JBL Logging - Trucking, Excavating, Culvert Work & Gravel		\$ 18,320.00	\$ 18,320.00	
Pike Industries - Stone, Plant Mix & Gravel		\$ 17,332.97	\$ 17,332.97	
Arrow Central Inc.-Culverts		\$ 5,664.43	\$ 5,664.43	Culverts, Excavation, Guardrails, & Etc.
HS Supplies - Culverts		\$ 393.48	\$ 393.48	
KML Forestry & Excavation - Mowing Roadsides	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 3,100.00	
All Around Rental - Mulcher Rental		\$ 93.75	\$ 93.75	
Steve Houghton -Haybales		\$ 256.00	\$ 256.00	Town Equipment
Town Loader	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,075.00	
Town Grader	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 7,737.50	\$ 9,537.50	
Town Truck	\$ 687.50	\$ 5,987.50	\$ 6,675.00	
Total General Highway Maintenance				
	\$ 14,926.43	\$ 102,774.95	\$ 117,701.38	





## ROAD SUMMARY REPORT

John China (Regular Pay \$40,334.00 – Overtime Pay \$5,173.50)	\$	45,507.50
John China, Use of Personal Equipment		1,635.00
All Around Rental		343.75
Arrow Central Inc.		9,159.65
Calkins Rock Products, Inc.		35,255.08
Gingue Construction, Inc.		12,922.85
HS Supplies		993.48
Dad's 4 By Tool & Supply		699.99
KML Forestry & Excavation		3,100.00
Lyndonville Hardware		80.96
JBL Logging		26,570.00
Northeast Agricultural Sales, Inc.		216.00
Pike Industries		17,332.97
Steve Houghton		584.00
Town Truck		19,062.50
Town Grader		11,925.00
Town Loader		3,000.00
<b>TOTAL Winter Maintenance, General Maintenance/Resurfacing &amp; Construction, Class IV &amp; Grant Projects</b>		
	\$	188,388.73
<i>All Other Road Expenses</i>		156,490.77
<b>TOTAL ALL HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>	\$	344,879.50
<b>ROAD RELATED INCOME</b>		
Surplus from 2021	\$	81,844.96
Share of Taxes		254,074.24
State of Vermont, State Aid to Highways		51,880.39
State of Vermont, Better Road Grants		34,728.47
Grants in Aid		12,670.00
Road Access Permits		30.00
Overload Permits		195.00
<b>TOTAL ALL HIGHWAY INCOME</b>	\$	435,423.06
<b>HIGHWAY SURPLUS</b>	\$	90,543.56

## DELINQUENT TAXES

<b>2019 Taxes</b>			
Bassett, Bonnie L.	Real Estate	\$	441.57
<b>Total 2019 Delinquent Taxes</b>		\$	<b>441.57</b>
<b>2020 Taxes</b>			
Bassett, Bonnie L.	Real Estate	\$	825.25
Chapin, David A.	Real Estate		1,735.45
E-A-K Trust	Real Estate		1,624.17
Stuart, Elvis & Lisa Spinner	Real Estate		533.21
<b>Total 2020 Delinquent Taxes</b>		\$	<b>4,718.08</b>
<b>2021 Taxes</b>			
Bassett, Bonnie L.	Real Estate	\$	896.64
Chapin, David A.	Real Estate		2,161.53
E-A-K Trust	Real Estate		1,783.14
E-A-K Trust	Real Estate		1,476.83
Houghton, Daniel	Real Estate		1,213.10
Nemeth, Lester	Real Estate		7.07
Nemeth, Lester & Istavan Guyro	Real Estate		133.27
O'Brien, James	Real Estate		3,825.04
Pinkava, Gretchen	Real Estate		1,549.59
Ranney, Richard	Real Estate		57.12
Ranney, Richard & Susan	Real Estate		657.26
Stuart, Elvis & Lisa Spinner	Real Estate		484.83
Wood, Scott	Real Estate		268.46
<b>Total 2021 Delinquent Taxes</b>		\$	<b>14,513.88</b>
<b>Total 2019, 2020, &amp; 2021 Delinquent Taxes</b>			<b>\$19,673.53</b>

## AMOUNT PAID ON DELINQUENT TAXES

	1/1/2021 Balance Due	Amount Paid	1/1/2022 Balance Due
2017	\$ 3,999.29	\$ 3,999.29	\$ 0
2019	441.57	0	441.57
2020	36,744.93	32,026.85	4,718.08
2021, November 2	29,968.96	15,455.08	14,513.88
	<b>\$ 71,154.75</b>	<b>\$ 51,481.22</b>	<b>\$ 19,673.53</b>



## SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

### REAPPRAISAL FUND (ACT 60) CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Community National Bank

Balance as of January 1, 2021		\$	3,478.44
Deposits*			
Interest Earned 2021	\$	8.36	
Total Deposits			8.36
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$	<b>3,486.80</b>
*An additional \$ 3,034.50 will be deposited in Certificate of Deposit when account matures.			

### TOWN EQUIPMENT FUND CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Community National Bank (1)

Balance as of January 1, 2021		\$	58,068.83
Deposits			
Interest Earned 2021	\$	224.21	
Hourly equipment charges deposited		19,212.50	
Total Deposits			19,436.71
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$	77,505.54
<b>CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Community National Bank (2)</b>			
Balance as of January 1, 2021		\$	65,059.43
Deposits			
Interest Earned 2021	\$	165.54	
Budgeted Amount		15,000.00	
Hourly equipment charges deposited		14,775.00	
Total Deposits			29,940.54
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$	94,999.97
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT FUNDS</b>			
		\$	<b>172,505.51</b>

### TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION FUND CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Community National Bank

Balance as of January 1, 2021		\$	13,565.61
Deposits*			
Interest Earned 2021	\$	32.57	
2021 Fees Received		2,690.00	
Total Deposits			2,722.57
Withdrawal			
To cover 2021 expenses	\$	1,200.00	
Total Withdrawals			- 1,200.00
Balance as of December 31, 2020		\$	<b>15,088.18</b>
*An additional \$130.00 will be deposited in Certificate of Deposit Account when account matures.			

**LISTERS TRAINING FUNDS**  
**CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Community National Bank**

Balance as of January 1, 2021		\$	3,173.52
Deposits			
Interest Earned 2021	\$	7.62	
Total Deposits			7.62
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$	<b>3,181.14</b>

**TOWN BUILDING FUND**  
**CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Union Bank**

Balance as of January 1, 2021		\$	8,552.92
Deposits			
Interest Earned 2021	\$	21.40	
Budgeted Amount		500.00	
Total Deposits			521.40
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$	<b>9,074.32</b>

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENT FUND**  
**CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Union Bank**

Balance as of January 1, 2021		\$	12,360.15
Deposits			
Interest Earned 2021	\$	30.93	
Budgeted Amount		500.00	
Total Deposits			530.93
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$	<b>12,891.08</b>

**ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND**  
**CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Union Bank**

Balance as of January 1, 2021		\$	21,480.18
Deposits			
Interest Earned 2021	\$	53.76	
Budgeted Amount		500.00	
Total Deposits			553.76
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$	<b>22,033.94</b>



## CEMETERY REPORT

Balance on Hand January 1, 2021		\$ 3,369.68
<b>Receipts</b>		
Community National Bank, Interest from Certificate of Deposit Account		\$ 25.79
Town of Kirby, Share of Taxes		2,242.18
	<i>Total Receipts</i>	\$ 2,267.97
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Waterford Lawn Care-Mowing North Kirby Cemetery		\$ 1,080.00
Waterford Lawn Care, Mowing-South Kirby Cemetery		360.00
Weaver Construction, Tree Removal		150.00
	<i>Total Disbursements</i>	\$ 1,590.00

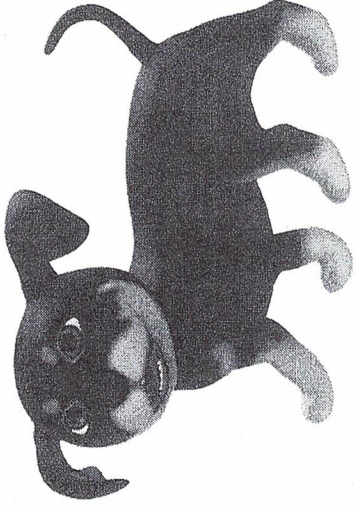
### CEMETERY CASH UP - DECEMBER 31, 2021

Balance on Hand January 1, 2021	\$ 3,369.68
Total Receipts	2,267.97
Total Disbursements	\$ 5,637.65
	1,590.00
<b>Checkbook Balance, December 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 4,047.65</b>

### TOWN OF KIRBY CEMETERY FUNDS

<b>Community National Bank, Regular Savings Account</b>		
Balance as of January 1, 2021		\$ 318.75
2021 Interest Credited	\$ .31	
	<i>Total Deposits</i>	.31
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2021</b>		<b>\$ 319.06</b>

<b>Community National Bank, Certificate of Deposit</b>		
Balance as of January 1, 2021		\$ 10,774.86
Deposits		
Interest earned 2021	\$ 25.88	
	<i>Total Deposits</i>	\$ 25.88
Withdrawal		
Withdrawal of Interest (deposited into Cemetery checking account)	25.79	
	<i>Total Withdrawals</i>	-25.79
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2021</b>		<b>\$ 10,774.95</b>
An additional \$ .09 will be withdrawn and deposited into checking account when Certificate of Deposit matures		



### DOG REVENUE 2021

#	Type License	Cost Per	Total
16	Males/Females	\$13.00	\$208.00
62	Spayed Females/Neutered Males	9.00	\$558.00
2	Special Licenses (10 dogs for breeding)	35.00	\$70.00
5	(and # of dogs over 10 dog limit)	3.00	\$15.00
1	Pet Dealer Permit	25.00	\$25.00
			\$876.00
80	Town Treasurer's Fee	-2.00	-\$160.00
80	State Treasurer's Fee	-5.00	-\$400.00
	Town Received		\$316.00

Abby, Annie, Appollo, Argus, Arthur, Bandit, Bart, Betsey, Birdie, Blackie, Bohdi, Bruce,  
 Buckly, Burnley, Clavin, Cindy, Copley, Cooper, Daisy, Deagan, Diamond, Diesel, Dubh,  
 Elsa, Emea, Emma, Fergie, Finley, Finn, Fusion, Gibbs, Gilley, Gracie, Harper, Jake, Jane,  
 Lucy, Maggie, Maggie, Match, Matilda, Max, Mick, Micki, Millie, Misty, Molly, Molly, Molly  
 Clonikada, Moose, Nesta, Niko, Norah, Ollie, Ollie, Ollie, Otis, Otto, Patches, Penny,  
 Pepper, Pepper Gracie, Poulsen, Radar, Ranger, Ren, Riley, Riot, Ruthy, Sadie, Sage,  
 Sally, Sam, Sam, Scotlyn, Scout, Sherlock "Lucky", Sherman, Sissy, Sundance,  
 Sunny, Switch, Tank, Thor, Tilly, Timmy, Trigger, Tucker, Willa Tean, Willow, Xena, Xleto,  
 Zeus, Zim



# VITAL STATISTICS



## BIRTHS

Greyson Alex Goodine  
Parents: Sierra-Lynn Denise DeWolfe  
Devin James Goodine

Sawyer Elizabeth Gillespie  
Parents: Rebecca Elizabeth Gillespie  
Collin-Alan Gillespie

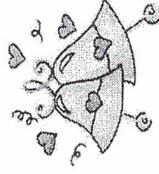
Clark Joseph Burrington  
Parents: Michele Christine Burrington  
Joseph Adam Burrington

Lorelei Jane Palmieri  
Parents: Kaitlyn Marie Palmieri  
Tony Marcus Palmieri

Aibhne Jack Failor- Bowles  
Parents: Mariah Kate Hardman  
Chris Ryan Montoya

Chavot Rihan Evelinn Young  
Parent: Morgan Suzanne Clark

Leo Ebbett  
Parents: Sachiko Takanashi  
Elliott Ebbett



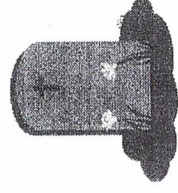
## MARRIAGES

Kalenda Pheroba Rumrill  
Scott William Wood

Taylor Jean McAllister  
Cameron Bryce Daley

Ida Katherine Sargent  
Patrick Kyle O'Brien

Mary Liboria Keane  
Cole James Hunter



## DEATHS

William Robert Brown  
84 Years

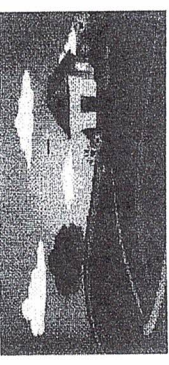
Walter Allen Dwyer  
66 Years

Keith Alan Paro  
58 Years

\* For births outside of Vermont - please let the Town Clerk's Office know



## 2021 Property Transfers



Seller	Buyer	Description
Baxter, Mark-Danville, VT	Costa, David-Kirby, VT	House & 10.10 acres
Burke Mountain Farm-S. Burlington, VT	Costa, Jessica-Kirby VT	
	Bedell, Scott T & Amy B. Logue Family Trust-East Burke, VT	90.10 Acres
Daly, Michael- Troy, ME	Nichols, Brian- Lyndonville, VT	
	Nichols, Kimberly- Lyndonville, VT	114.00 Acres
Depot, Dennis- Sutton, VT	Kane, Michael P- Kirby, VT	House & 11.70 Acres
	Olsen, Kristine M- Kirby, VT	
	Paglen, Keith- Kirby, VT	
	Paglen, Christin- Kirby, VT	House & 25 Acres
Glashagel, Marcia- Wausau, WI		
Houghton, Daniel Jr.- Sheffield, VT		
Hume, Danielle- Sheffield, VT	Hazel, Andrew- Kirby, VT	House & .25 Acres
Johnson Pond LLC- Lincoln, MA		
Keene, Scott- E. St. Johnsbury, VT	Deland, LLC- Deerfield Beach, FL	1,693.3 Acres
Keene, Kathleen D- Bethlehem, NH	Syomichev, Alexey- Lyndonville, VT	
	Syomichev, Irene- Lyndonville, VT	20 Acres
Kirby Golf Course, Inc.-Kirby, VT		
	HB Logging, LLC- Monroe, NH	250 Acres
Kvam, Matthew Estate of- Bristol, ME	Feldes, Robert- Las Vegas, NV	Mobile Home & 2 Acres
	Feldes, Janelle- Las Vegas, NV	
Nelson, Shirley Estate of- Stillwater, NJ	Palmieri, Tony M- Kirby, VT	14 Acres
Noyes, Ryan B- Kirby, VT	Swinehart, Meghan E- Kirby, VT	
Noyes, Shelley R- Kirby, VT	Swinehart, Jonathan M- Kirby, VT	House & 10.39 Acres
	Patoine, Paul A.- Kirby, VT	
Paro, Joan R- Kirby, VT	Patoine, Annie L- Kirby, VT	Mobile Home & .30 Acres
	Patoine, Paul A.- Kirby, VT	
Paro, Keith Estate of- Waterford, VT	Patoine, Annie L- Kirby, VT	Mobile Home & .15 Acres
Poulin, Daniel- Kirby, VT	Silsby- Poulin, Marc- Waterford, VT	12.80 Acres
Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc.- Houston, TX	Hudson, Colton F- Lyndonville, VT	House & 23 Acres
Rezendes Vermont Irrevocable Trust- N. Kingston, RI		Mobile Home & 4 Acres
Silsby- Poulin, Marc- Waterford, VT	Almeida, John M.- Somerset, MA	12.80 Acres
Smith, Thomas- Lisbon, NH	HB Logging, LLC- Monroe, NH	
Alexander, Lydia- Lisbon, NH		
Stough, Deborah- Island Pond, VT	Rodie, Jesse C- Kirby, VT	House & 14 Acres
Taylor, Richard A.- Kirby, VT	Rowe, Kevin- Hingham, MA	10.94 Acres
Taylor, Philip C.- Kirby, VT	Griffin, Timothy- Portland, ME	27.04 Acres
Wall, Katherine L- Lyndonville, VT	GNS Properties, LLC- East Haven VT	6.30 Acres
Whitehill, Bradley- Kirby, VT		
McMahon, Cheryl- Kirby, VT	Bickford, Michael- Kirby, VT	
Whitehead, Donna- Kirby, VT	Bickford, Aneka A- Kirby, VT	6 Acres
Young, Matthew J- Lyndonville, VT		
Young, Tiffany L- Lyndonville, VT	Nolan, Timothy C- Lyndon Center, VT	Camp & 53 Acers



## KIRBY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Just like almost every other aspect of our lives Covid 19 has impacted business at the Town Clerk's office - fewer people are coming in; for part of 2021 attorneys and researchers had to make appointments (not necessary at the present); masks were required for awhile (but not now); most seminars and training sessions are virtual; and a lot of business is handled by mail, phone, and email. At the present most town board meetings are conducted in-person, however, for awhile the Planning Commission were conducting their meetings over Zoom (people could come to the Town Hall to view the meeting but Zoom would not always work and we would end up having to use a speaker phone. We really need better internet service in the area).

Last year Town Meeting was held in two parts. The first part took place on March 2, 2021 with just Article 1 (to elect a moderator) being handled. The meeting was then adjourned to May 22, 2021. The second part took place on May 22, 2021 at which time the rest of the meeting was completed. Attendance was down that day. However, I think it was probably due to the fact that the day was such a beautiful day with many other events happening in the area then to do with Covid 19. As for this year, at this time I am not sure how Town Meeting will be conducted but hope to have the answer to that before we print the Town Reports. Please check page 7 of this report or check the Town's website ([kirbyvermont.org](http://kirbyvermont.org)) for more information.

I would like to thank all those who have helped out throughout the year - the Selectboard for your help and support, Road Foreman John China for your help, and especially my two assistants Marla Waring and Amanda Gochie. Whether it was answering the phone, completing grants, or filling in for me, they were always willing to help if they could. Thank you both for all your help.

However, I am sad to announce that due to commitments in their personal lives neither Marla nor Amanda feel that they can take over (with voter approval of course) as Town Clerk when I get ready to retire (hopefully within the next two years). So, if you might be interested in this position please talk to me.

The office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. However, if you do wish to come in you may mail us (346 Town Hall Road, Lyndonville, VT 05851), phone us (802-626-9386), or email us ([townclerk.kirbyvermont@gmail.com](mailto:townclerk.kirbyvermont@gmail.com)) and we will try to help you out.

I hope you stay safe and healthy and that we get back to more normal (before Covid 19) times soon. We can always hope.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wanda Grant  
Town Clerk and Treasurer

## 2021 Listers' Report

The Property Equalization Study Results we received from the State of Vermont, Department of Taxes, Property Valuation and Review has our CLA at 94.43% and a COD of 11.11%. The CLA has dropped, and the COD has gone up from last year. We have submitted an appeal on a few of our sales.

Based on current sales that will be used in the 2022 Equalization Study Results our CLA will continue to drop and our COD will rise. A lot of these sales have been influenced by the COVID pandemic. The state allows the CLA to be between 85% and 115%, and the COD to be up to 20%. If either of these numbers are exceeded than they will require us to do another reappraisal. For an explanation of this please see the State's tax department website.

We will be inspecting and updating properties in the spring. This past year we inspected over 70 parcels.

Please remember to file your Homestead Declaration (HS 122) with your taxes. The Listers use this information to classify properties in the Town's Grand List.

If you have any question or concerns about your property assessment you can call the Town Clerk's office on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 802 626-9386, or email the listers directly at [listers.kirbyvermont@gmail.com](mailto:listers.kirbyvermont@gmail.com). Thank you to all of the residents for your help with this task.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marla Waring      Cayle Erik Waring      Arcelie Reyes



## **2021-22 Planning Commission/Zoning Board Report**

We are reviewing and updating the Town Planning and Zoning Regulations. Please send us your thoughts and ideas regarding future regulations and we will be holding some informational meetings in the coming months to discuss ideas.

Our meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 6 pm and we encourage you to attend these meetings and contribute to our discussions.

Martin Etter  
Mary Etter  
Graham Shaw  
Erik Waring  
Ian Balcom  
Sharon Baker  
Ben Mirkin

## KIRBY FIRE WARDEN REPORT

2021

Dear Kirby residents,

A number of fire permits were issued this year for a total of 42. We did have one wildfire of approximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  acre. This occurred in a cut over area that was heavy to softwood brush. Thanks to Concord and Waterford Fire Departments, it was quickly suppressed without damage to neighboring structures.

Over the past year I have received a number of calls from adjoining property owners, concerned with burning practices of their neighbors. As a reminder, small enclosed campfires such as in a fire pit or fire ring do not require a permit, as long as it is not during the dry periods in the spring and fall. If there are any questions, please feel free to call or text me at (802)-535-5585 or Jennifer at (802)-279-6326.

All open burning in town requires a burn permit from the Fire Warden. Only natural vegetation may be burned such as wood (logs, boles, trunks, branches, limbs, and stumps), brush, weeds, grass, and leaves. Materials may not be burned if they have been altered in any way by surface applications or injections of paints, stains, preservatives, oils, glues, or pesticides. The burning of any solid waste ( household rubbish) by open fire or incineration in the State of Vermont is prohibited § 2645.

As long as snow covers the ground, a burn permit is not required. A person is not required to have a permit for a campfire (any fire for cooking or warming) on their own land. All other burn requirements remain in effect. The person setting the fire must at all times have sufficient help and tools present to control the fire. The fire must not be left unattended until it is entirely extinguished, and high wind conditions must be taken into consideration. Restricted materials cannot be used to ignite natural wood materials. A warden may refuse to issue a permit if in their judgment the weather or the site conditions create a dangerous situation. For further information refer to Vermont forest fires and fire prevention.

Thank you,

Jim Wood

**Please call or text the Kirby Fire Warden with any questions or to request a burn permit.**

**Jim Wood 802-535-5585 (cell)   Jennifer Wood 802-279-6326 (cell)**



## TOWN OF KIRBY, VERMONT DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE

The Board of the Selectmen of the Town of Kirby hereby establish the following ordinance regarding the Control of Dogs and Wolf-hybrids, for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of, and visitors to, the Town of Kirby in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 2291 (10,15), 20 V.S.A. 3549, and 24 V.S.A. 1971, et seq.

### Section 1: Definitions:

1. "Dog" shall mean dogs, wolf-hybrids, or any animal of the canine species.
2. "Excessive noise" shall mean noise created by a dog that interferes with neighbors' enjoyment of their property, or that continues for more than 15 minutes duration between the hours of 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM.
3. "Ruining at large" shall mean any activity of a dog when such dog is (i) off premises of the owner and (ii) not under control of the owner or some other person designated by the owner.
4. "Owner" shall mean any person who owns or who has actual or constructive possession of a dog.
5. "Pound keeper" shall mean a person or persons appointed by the selectmen to enforce this dog control ordinance and to hold or destroy stray and other dogs as required by this ordinance.
6. "Vicious act" shall mean any action by an unrestrained dog, not within an enclosure, which causes any person to reasonably fear a bodily injury by threatening to immediately attack or by attacking any person, other than persons who are entering upon the premises of the owner.

### Section 2: Vaccinations and Licensing

7. Owners of dogs in the Town of Kirby shall cause their dogs to be inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with title 20 of Vermont Statutes Annotated, sections 3581, 3581a and any other applicable state laws.
8. Owners of dogs in the Town of Kirby shall cause their dogs to be licensed by the Town and shall attach the license to the animal's collar in accordance with title 20 of Vermont Statutes Annotated, sections 3581 and 3582.
9. The Selectmen may ask the Town clerk to notify owners who fail to license their dogs by April 1, by certified mail, by telephone or by hand delivery that they have two weeks to license their dog or they will be fined.
10. The Selectmen may, at any time, issue a warrant for the pound keeper, constable or police officer to seize, impound and destroy dogs that have not been licensed according to state law and this ordinance. The owner shall pay the Town's costs of seizing the dog, keeping it and/or humanely destroying it.
11. Owners shall keep any unvaccinated dogs over 6 months of age confined in a secure location (i.e. indoors or in a completely enclosed cage) until vaccinated and licensed.
12. The Pound Keeper may impound and have vaccinated any unlicensed dogs 6 months old or older that he or she reasonably suspects are not properly vaccinated for rabies, and may require the owner to pay a \$20 impounding fee and the costs of vaccination, care and keeping the dog prior to releasing the dog, subject to the requirements of Section 7, below.

Section 3: Disturbances and Nuisances

13. Owners of dogs in the Town of Kirby shall not allow their dogs to make excessive noise or to create a public nuisance, including but not limited to:
  - A. Damaging personal property, other than the owner's.
  - B. Scattering garbage on property other than the owner's.
  - C. Harassing any person, including pedestrians, bicyclists or other passersby.
  - D. Obstructing traffic.
14. An owner or keeper shall not permit a female dog in heat to be outside a building or secured enclosure.
15. Persons who are injured by disturbances or nuisances created by dogs, shall notify the selectboard by written complaint. The complaint shall describe the incident, date, identity of the owner, description of the dog and shall list any injuries the person suffered.
16. Penalties for violations of these provisions are as follows:
  - A. First offense - written warning by the pound keeper or constable.
  - B. Second offense within a year of the first - a penalty of not more than \$50.
  - C. Third offense within a year of the first - a penalty of not more than \$100 and selectboard shall, upon notice and hearing, determine whether the dog should be removed from its owner and disposed of in a humane way, either by giving it to an animal shelter or a new owner or by destroying the animal. The owner shall pay the Town's costs of impounding or humanely destroying it.
17. The Pound Keeper may impose a fine or impound a dog where the dog has created a public nuisance in his or her presence, or which the owner admits to the pound keeper the dog created.

Section 4: Vicious Dogs:

18. Owners shall not allow their dogs to commit vicious acts or destroy or damage property or domestic animals or fowl not belonging to the owner.
19. Any person may kill or capture any dog acting viciously or to prevent the dog from injuring domestic animals or fowl, pursuant to 20 V.S.A. section 3545. If a person captures a dog, he or she shall give the dog to the pound keeper as soon as possible. The dog will be impounded and the injured party may notify the selectboard in writing of the incident.
20. Any person who has been bitten, such that they required medical attention, may notify the selectboard by written complaint. The complaint shall include a description of the incident, date, identity of the owner, the dog, any injuries the person suffered and the medical attention required. Upon receiving a written complaint the Selectboard shall within 7 days conduct an investigation, and thereafter impose fines and dispose of the dog in accordance with 20 V.S.A. sections 3546 and 3550.
21. The Pound Keeper may impound a dog for committing a vicious act or for committing property destruction in the Pound Keeper's presence, or which the owner admits the dog committed.



Section 5: Running at Large

22. The pound keeper shall immediately impound any dog found running at large and if the owner is known, shall notify the owner of the impoundment by certified mail. If the owner cannot be determined, the pound keeper shall post a notice providing a description of said dog, the date and location where the dog was found, the telephone number and address of the pound keeper, and that the owner should reclaim their dog within 7 days, in the Kirby Town Clerk's office and in two public locations in town. If a local newspaper and/or radio station advertises lost animals, they shall be provided with a copy of the notice and other information they require to advertise the animal.
23. Any dog impounded under the provisions of this ordinance, shall be released only upon the payment of an impounding fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00), a boarding fee of \$7.00 per day payable to the impoundment officer, together with any and all previous dog fines the owner owes to the Town of Kirby. If the impounded dog is unlicensed, it shall be licensed before it is released. No dog shall be released from impoundment until all applicable fees and fines are paid in full.
24. Any dog not reclaimed by its owner within 7 days after receipt of certified letter is returned to the Town, or after posting of public notice, shall be disposed of by the pound keeper in a humane way, either by giving it to a family, a humane society or by humanely destroying it.
25. Owners who notify the Town they want to reclaim their dog within 10 days after the animal is first impounded, shall be entitled to reclaim their animal, if living, from the family or humane society in as is condition, after paying the Town the required amounts, and after reimbursing the family or humane society their out of pocket costs for care and keeping the animal.
26. The Town shall not be liable to any owner or any person in any way for its actions relative to this ordinance or State Law, including for changes in the condition of any animal, whether dead or alive, spayed or neutered, or any other change in the animal's condition while in the care of the Town or of any family or humane society.
27. The Pound Keeper may require the owner to pay the impounding and boarding fees, or to offer proof that the same have been paid (i.e. to the Town Clerk), prior to releasing the dog from impoundment.

Section 6: Action of Selectboard

28. The selectboard or an officer appointed pursuant to 20 V.S.A. section 3550 by the commissioner of Agriculture may fine owners who violate any of the above provisions a civil penalty of up to \$500 per violation in accordance with the provisions of 20 V.S.A. section 3550. Provided, however, that where a specific penalty is provided for a particular violation of this ordinance, the selectboard or officer shall not impose a higher fine or a penalty that is inconsistent with the specific penalty.
29. Any action by the selectboard may be appealed to the Caledonia Superior Court by providing a written notice of appeal specifying i) a description of what action is being appealed from (i.e. impoundment or a fine); ii) the date impoundment commenced, or fine was imposed; iii) a brief statement why the impoundment or fine should not be continued or imposed ("Notice of Appeal"), to the Town clerk and by filing a complaint in the Caledonia Superior Court within 30 days from the selectboard issuing a written decision or providing notice of its intended action.

Section 7: Action by the Pound Keeper:

30. An owner may appeal fines or impoundment by the Pound Keeper to the selectboard by, within 7 days of commencement of impoundment or the fine being imposed, providing to the Kirby Town Clerk, a Notice of Appeal.

31. Except for dogs running at large who are unclaimed within the allowed period, the Pound Keeper may not dispose of a dog by killing it, until authorized to do so by the selectboard.

Section 8: Civil Ordinance:

This is a civil and not a criminal ordinance. Liability for violating provisions of this ordinance shall be limited to those provided in the ordinance.

Section 9: Severability:

If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

Section 10: Effective Date:

This ordinance shall become effective (60) days after it adoption by the Kirby Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. section 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

Section 11: Notice:

This ordinance shall be entered into the minutes of the town records and shall be posted in at least five conspicuous places in town. A concise summary accompanied by information as to where the full text may be examined, the right of voters to petition for a vote, and the name, address and telephone number of a person who is available to answer questions about the ordinance shall be published in The Caledonian Record within fourteen days of its adoption.

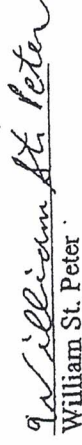
This ordinance shall become effective sixty days after its adoption unless a petition signed by five percent of the qualified voters in the Town of Kirby asking for a vote on the question of disapproving the ordinance is filed with the Town Clerk or Selectboard within forty-four days after the adoption of the ordinance. If such a petition is filed, the Selectboard shall call a special meeting to vote on that question and the ordinance shall become effective at the end of that meeting unless a majority of those voting on the question disapproves the ordinance or sixty days after its adoption.

SELECTMEN, TOWN OF KIRBY

  
Kenneth D. Hayes, Sr.

  
Reginald P. Lussier

Dated: October 2, 2002

  
William St. Peter




# Kirby Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

346 Town Hall Rd. Saturdays, 8:00am-12:00pm

Trash and recycling services provided by EZ Trash, 802-748-0144

## ADDITIONAL RECYCLING SERVICES AVAILABLE AT LYNDON RECYCLING CENTER, 224 CHURCH ST.

For Lyndonville Drop-Off Recycling, please sort into the following categories:

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

## ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS AT THE LYNDONVILLE RECYCLING CENTER

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

**SPECIAL WASTES:** Scrap metal, Electronics (TVs, computers, radio/stereos, gaming systems, telephones), automotive batteries, metal aerosols cans, hard cover books, fluorescent bulbs.

**CLOTHING AND TEXTILES** – Drop and Swaps are held in the spring and fall in Derby.

**STUMP DUMP** - Clean, unpainted, untreated wood and yard debris only.

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

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS – CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AT (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602

On the web at [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org), e-mail outreach@nekwmd.org

Updated 12/2021



List of Common Items **NOT ACCEPTED** for Recycling  
 Please dispose of the following items in the trash unless otherwise stated.  
 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFELY AND PROPERLY DISPOSING OF A  
 MATERIAL- CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM  
 WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
 (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. [www.nekwmnd.org](http://www.nekwmnd.org), e-mail [outreach@nekwmnd.org](mailto:outreach@nekwmnd.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

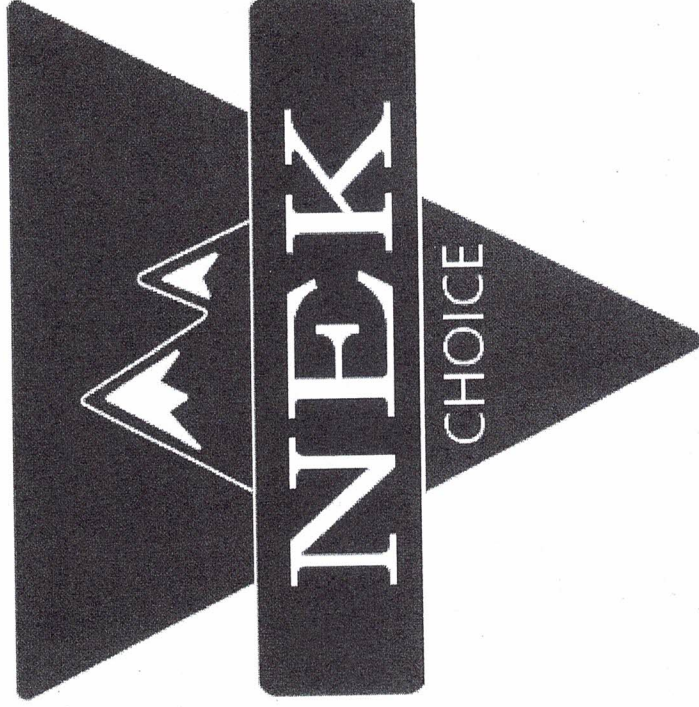
Recycle these with Scrap Metal  
 Frying Pans  
 Large Pieces of Metal  
 Nails, Screws, Fasteners  
 Any tin that is a non-food container

Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)  
 "Biodegradable" bags, cutlery, bowls, plates  
 Food utensils  
 Plates, bowls, cups  
 Plastic bags  
 Styrofoam  
 Keurig cups



**2021**  
**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
**OF THE**  
**NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT**



**INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTICE**

**Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM**  
**Essex North Supervisory Union Office**

**5 Park Street, Canaan, VT**

**Call in Remotely with Phone Number 1-312-626-6799**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 841 3000 9555 Passcode: 731487**

*Our mission of the NEK Choice School District is to acknowledge each student's individuality and provide school choice to help ensure the most rewarding and successful educational experience and environment.*

Bloomfield, Brunswick, East Haven, Granby, Guildhall, Kirby, Lemington, Maidstone, Norton, Victory

## NEK Choice School District Message from the Board Chair

It has been an interesting year for NEK Choice School District. Students returned to their schools and adjusted to the many challenges that Covid presents. We are familiar with the changes and stressors students have encountered, how families continue to juggle their life responsibilities, and how schools are stretched to meet the expanded needs of their students. It is a draining period of time we are in. Patience, Positivity and Appreciation practiced daily will help contribute to better results.

Our student population has increased in spite of some students leaving the district and several students shifting to home schooling. This presented more tracking for the office, but after 5 years of operation, they have improved the process greatly. We have established good relationships with the 36 schools our students attend, and we have had consistent leadership and staff which has helped immensely.

Our Board, which is moving into a 6<sup>th</sup> year, has been fortunate to see 8 members continue to serve their terms since the inaugural meeting. Other members are working on their 2nd year, and I hope they will stay committed. I hope and trust that we will see new, interested individuals look to take on a school board role as long-serving members decide to retire.

Karen, our Superintendent, has put together information to inform you of estimated tax rates. Our budgets have been good in comparison to projections presented in the Articles of Agreement. The CLA decrease, due to house and land sales, has impacted towns throughout the state and this has been brought to the legislators' attention. The legislators have been working to find a way to help offset this in order to help taxpayers. It is always helpful when town citizens reach out to their representatives in the legislature and express the concerns the boards have presented. To help yourselves – get involved, and share your concerns.

Our Annual Meeting will offer the opportunity to participate at both an in-person site in Canaan and a remote site. This coming year, we also plan to seek out as many student stories as possible. We'd like to share challenges, successes, and accomplishments – from during school and after graduation. If you are so inclined and inspired, please send your child's story to your School Board member or to the Superintendent's office. Thanks for the opportunity to serve your children!

Remember – if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school board member or the Superintendent's office. We are more than happy to help.

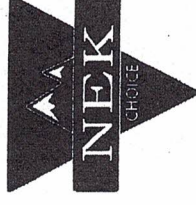
Respectfully,



Miles Etter  
NEK Choice School District Chair



NEK School Choice School District  
Report of the Superintendent



Dear Families and Community Members,

As I reflect on this past year, it is easy to begin listing all the challenges we have faced over the past two years in education. It would be just as easy to highlight all the sacrifices and efforts it has taken to keep our schools open and our children safe in what is now our third school year impacted by COVID-19. Despite these challenges and sacrifices, administrators, teachers, staff members, students, and caregivers have all come together to meet this unprecedented time in our lives. Vacations have been postponed, plans have been canceled, and protocols - whether we agree with them or not - have been followed. In short, you've done whatever has been needed on a day-to-day basis to protect not only your own families, but every family in our district. I could not be more proud and more grateful to serve the children and families of the NEK Choice School District.

Our overall enrollment has increased from the prior school year, even with several transitions to home study and families moving out of our district. We are currently working with 36 schools to ensure residencies are verified, tuition payments are made timely and support services are being provided based on needs for the 312 children in our NEK Choice communities. Our Director of Student Services, Jennifer Lawcewicz and Associate Director of Student Services, Beth Lemmah have continued to streamline contractual agreements for student services working collaboratively with 21 of the 36 schools our students currently attend.

As it relates to the budget, there are still many moving targets in the current legislative session related to our estimated equalized per pupil costs including the final Tax Commissioners yield, the use of prior year surplus from the education fund, potential changes to the funding formula related to the UVM Weighting Study Report and the ACT173 Special Education block grant. Based on our projections for the FY2023 budget, we anticipate a 16.8% rise in our projected equalized per pupil cost to \$20,285. Our total expenditures less offsetting revenues account for the educational spending request of \$5,814,523 which calculates our NEK Choice Homestead Union Tax Rate for the school district at \$1.5680, which is an increase of \$.0360 cents from the prior year.

Under our Act46 Articles of Agreement, we no longer receive any incentives and/or throttles limiting community taxes from increasing or decreasing by 5%. Although, some communities will be impacted significantly by their town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and grand list outcomes on re-appraisals, comparatively the projected tax rates shared in the 2018 community merger vote presentation are lower than previously anticipated.

Towns	2018 ACT46 Tax Rate Projections for FY2023	Current Tax Rate Projections for FY2023
Bloomfield	\$1.8698	\$1.4797
Brunswick	\$2.1043	\$1.7840
East Haven	\$1.9577	\$1.6702
Granby	\$1.9638	\$1.6090
Guildhall	\$1.8930	\$1.6424
Kirby	\$2.0541	\$1.6605
Lemington	\$1.9453	\$1.5732
Maidstone	\$1.8862	\$1.7883
Norton	\$2.1051	\$1.8298
Victory	\$1.9378	\$1.6371

If you would like more information or have questions or concerns pertaining to the budgets or educational needs of your children, feel free to contact me by email at [kconroy@ensvlt.org](mailto:kconroy@ensvlt.org), phone 802-266-3330 ext. 202, or visit our website at <http://www.ensvlt.org/NEK-Choice>.

Please join us at our Annual Informational Meeting on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Essex North Supervisory Union Office located at 5 Park Street in Canaan, connect remotely via Zoom Meeting Id: 841 3000 9555 Passcode: 731487 at 6:00PM or join us by phone (312) 626-6799. I look forward to continuing to be a strong fiscal agent for the district while providing a choice in educational experiences for all our students and families.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay well,

Karen E. Conroy  
Superintendent of Schools  
Essex North Supervisory Union



October 25, 2021

To the Management and  
Board of School Directors  
NEK Choice School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of NEK Choice School District for the year ended June 30, 2021. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 21, 2021. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

*Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by NEK Choice School District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the School District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The School District had no accounting estimates.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

*Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.



### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no corrected or uncorrected misstatements as a result of our audit procedures.

### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 25, 2021.

### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the School District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the School District's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

### *Other Matters*

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

*Restriction on Use*

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of School Directors and management of NEK Choice School District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

*Azergies Segale Valley, CPAs*

FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY, CPAs  
Vermont Public Accountancy License #110

**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND  
AND RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

JUNE 30, 2021

Governmental  
Fund  
General Fund

**ASSETS**

Cash in banks	\$ 1,167,202
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,167,202</u>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,392
Due to Essex North Supervisory Union	<u>69,466</u>
Total liabilities	<u>70,858</u>

Fund Balance	
Committed	637,596
Assigned for FY2022	393,036
Assigned for future budgets	<u>65,712</u>
Total fund balance	<u>1,096,344</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 1,167,202</u>

**RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION:**

TOTAL FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	
and NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 1,096,344</u>



**NEK Choice School District**

**2022-2023 (FY23) Approved Budget**

<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY22)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY23)</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Supervisory Union Assessment	219,175.00	231,699.00	12,524.00
<b>Total Superintendent's Office:</b>	<b>219,175.00</b>	<b>231,699.00</b>	<b>12,524.00</b>

<b>SCHOOL BOARD</b>			
Board Members Stipend	10,293.00	10,700.00	407.00
NEK Choice Clerk	50.00	50.00	-
NEK Choice Moderator	50.00	50.00	-
Payroll Taxes	795.00	-	(795.00)
Audit Services	11,000.00	11,025.00	25.00
Legal Services	3,000.00	3,500.00	500.00
Advertising	1,700.00	1,000.00	(700.00)
Postage, Printing & Publishing	500.00	750.00	250.00
Dues & Fees-VSBA Data/Dues/New Member Trainings	3,400.00	3,400.00	-
Supplies	200.00	-	(200.00)
<b>Total School Board:</b>	<b>30,988.00</b>	<b>30,475.00</b>	<b>(513.00)</b>

<b>TREASURER</b>			
Treasurer Stipend	1,200.00	1,260.00	60.00
Payroll Taxes	92.00	-	(92.00)
General Supplies	100.00	-	(100.00)
<b>Total Treasurer:</b>	<b>1,392.00</b>	<b>1,260.00</b>	<b>(132.00)</b>

<b>REGULAR EDUCATION: PreK Tuition</b>			
Tuition-Location TBD PreK \$3656 FY 23 (7)	24,752.00	25,592.00	840.00
<b>Total PreK Tuition (7 students):</b>	<b>24,752.00</b>	<b>25,592.00</b>	<b>840.00</b>

<b>REGULAR EDUCATION: Elementary Tuition</b>			
Tuition-Location TBD New Kindergarteners (4)	68,000.00	63,912.00	(4,088.00)
Tuition-Barnet K-6 (1)	54,000.00	19,313.00	(34,687.00)
Tuition-Burke Town K-6 (3)	89,215.00	53,571.00	(35,644.00)
Tuition-Canaan K-6 (9)	171,000.00	176,130.00	5,130.00
Tuition-Clonlara K-6 (0)	30,610.00	-	(30,610.00)
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary K-6 (0)	77,124.00	-	(77,124.00)
Tuition-Concord K-6 (5)	71,372.00	89,286.00	17,914.00
Tuition-Good Shepherd K-6 (1)	-	15,861.00	15,861.00
Tuition-Groveton Elementary K-6 (2)	32,014.00	32,974.00	960.00
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary K-6 (13)	174,260.00	233,321.00	59,061.00
Tuition-Lunenburg Elementary K-6 (0)	17,843.00	-	(17,843.00)
Tuition-Lupine Montessori K-6 (3)	-	23,198.00	23,198.00
Tuition-Lyndon Town K-6 (7)	124,901.00	125,000.00	99.00
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North K-6 (5)	-	25,039.00	25,039.00
Tuition-Newark K-6 (4)	53,529.00	71,428.00	17,899.00
Tuition-Peacham K-6 (1)	18,270.00	19,313.00	1,043.00
Tuition-Riverside K-6 (43)	719,335.00	687,071.00	(32,264.00)
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School K-6 (5)	66,096.00	68,079.00	1,983.00
Tuition-Stratford K-6 (8)	154,692.00	141,629.00	(13,063.00)
Tuition-Sunnybrook Montessori K-6 (1)	19,260.00	4,877.00	(14,383.00)
Tuition-Sutton K-6 (2)	53,529.00	35,714.00	(17,815.00)
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens K-6 (5)	91,830.00	79,892.00	(11,938.00)
Tuition-Waterford K-6 (5)	90,000.00	96,563.00	6,563.00
Tuition-Woodland Community K-6 (5)	10,300.00	53,045.00	42,745.00
<b>Total Elementary Tuition (132 students):</b>	<b>2,187,180.00</b>	<b>2,115,216.00</b>	<b>(71,964.00)</b>



**NEK Choice School District**  
**2022-2023 (FY23) Approved Budget**

<b>REGULAR EDUCATION: Secondary Tuition (7-8 (9-12))</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY22)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY23)</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Tuition-Barnet 7-8 (1)	-	19,313.00	19,313.00
Tuition-Burke Town 7-8 (2)	17,843.00	35,714.00	17,871.00
Tuition-Canaan 7-8 (7)	120,000.00	144,200.00	24,200.00
Tuition-Clonlara 7-8 (0)	16,720.00	-	(16,720.00)
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary 7-8 (1)	19,281.00	19,014.00	(267.00)
Tuition-Concord 7-8 (4)	53,529.00	71,428.00	17,899.00
Tuition-Danville 7-8 (1)	18,000.00	18,849.00	849.00
Tuition-Groveton Middle 7-8 (1)	16,007.00	16,487.00	480.00
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary 7-8 (2)	104,556.00	35,896.00	(68,660.00)
Tuition-Lyndon Town 7-8 (2)	89,215.00	35,714.00	(53,501.00)
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North 7-8 (1)	-	5,008.00	5,008.00
Tuition-Newark 7-8 (1)	71,372.00	17,857.00	(53,515.00)
Tuition-Riverside 7-8 (16)	284,240.00	277,556.00	(6,684.00)
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School 7-8 (2)	22,032.00	22,693.00	661.00
Tuition-Stratford Public 7-8 (1)	17,188.00	17,704.00	516.00
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens 7-8 (2)	33,440.00	34,695.00	1,255.00
Tuition-Waterford 7-8 (1)	-	19,313.00	19,313.00
Tuition-Woodland Community 7-8 (0)	10,300.00	-	(10,300.00)
Tuition-Arlington 9-12 (0)	16,720.00	-	(16,720.00)
Tuition-Blue Mountain Union High School 9-12 (1)	-	17,347.00	17,347.00
Tuition-Burke Mountain Academy 9-12 (2)	16,720.00	34,695.00	17,975.00
Tuition-Canaan 9-12 (13)	200,000.00	267,800.00	67,800.00
Tuition-Colebrook Academy 9-12 (1)	43,134.00	23,292.00	(19,842.00)
Tuition-Danville 9-12 (0)	54,000.00	-	(54,000.00)
Tuition-East Burke 9-12 (0)	16,720.00	-	(16,720.00)
Tuition-Groveton High 9-12 (7)	117,803.00	104,003.00	(13,800.00)
Tuition-Holderness 9-12 (1)	16,720.00	17,347.00	627.00
Tuition-Killington Mountain School 9-12 (2)	-	34,695.00	34,695.00
Tuition-Lyndon Institute 9-12 (36)	575,215.00	735,482.00	160,267.00
Tuition-North Country Charter Academy 9-12 (1)	15,682.00	-	(15,682.00)
Tuition-North Country Union High School 9-12 (1)	19,425.00	19,055.00	(370.00)
Tuition-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 (26)	407,925.00	512,838.00	104,913.00
Tuition-White Mountain School 9-12 (2)	16,720.00	34,695.00	17,975.00
Tuition-White Mountain Regional 9-12 (14)	227,348.00	298,061.00	70,713.00
Extra Cost-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 Guided Studies (1)	9,518.00	9,337.00	(181.00)
<b>Total Secondary Tuition (152 students):</b>	<b>2,647,373.00</b>	<b>2,900,088.00</b>	<b>252,715.00</b>
<b>Total Pre K, Elementary &amp; Secondary Tuition (291 students):</b>	<b>4,859,305.00</b>	<b>5,040,896.00</b>	<b>181,591.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION: Services</b>			
<b>Total Non Special Education Services:</b>	<b>58,422.00</b>	<b>53,400.00</b>	<b>(5,022.00)</b>
<b>Total Special Education Services:</b>	<b>258,450.00</b>	<b>456,793.00</b>	<b>198,343.00</b>

**Grand Total of NEK Choice School District Expenditures: 5,427,732.00 5,814,523.00 386,791.00**

<b>Revenue Statement NEK Choice School District</b>	<b>Est. Revenue (FY22)</b>	<b>Est. Revenue (FY23)</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Prior Year Surplus	393,036.00	-	(393,036.00)
Education Fund	5,033,696.00	5,813,523.00	779,827.00
Interest	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>5,427,732.00</b>	<b>5,814,523.00</b>	<b>386,791.00</b>



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NEK CHOICE ESTIMATED TAX RATES FY23				
ESTIMATED Tax Rates for FY23 with Variance to FY22 Tax Rates		FY22	FY23 ESTIMATED	Variance
Total Budget		\$5,427,732	\$5,814,523	\$386,791
Local Revenues		\$394,036	\$1,000	\$(393,036)
Education Spending		\$5,033,696	\$5,813,523	\$779,827
Equalized Pupils		286.59	286.59	-
Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil		\$17,564	\$20,285	\$2,721
Dollar Equivalent Yield (Tax Commissioner's Recommendation)		\$11,317	\$12,937	\$1,620
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate		\$1,5520	\$1,5680	\$0,0160
Merger Tax Rate Incentive		\$0,0200	-	\$(0,0200)
NEK Choice Towns Homestead Tax Rate (after incentive)		\$1,5320	\$1,5680	\$0,0360
NEK Choice Towns	FY22 Tax Rate	FY23 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	FY23 Estimated Tax Rate	Variance
Bloomfield	\$1.4728	105.97%	\$1.4797	\$0.0069
Brunswick	\$1.6183	87.89%	\$1.7840	\$0.1657
East Haven	\$1.6541	93.88%	\$1.6702	\$0.0161
Granby	\$1.2179	97.45%	\$1.6090	\$0.3911
Guildhall	\$1.1710	95.47%	\$1.6424	\$0.4714
Kirby	\$1.5143	94.43%	\$1.6605	\$0.1462
Lemington	\$1.4639	99.67%	\$1.5732	\$0.1093
Maidstone	\$1.2796	87.68%	\$1.7883	\$0.5087
Norton	\$1.6947	85.69%	\$1.8298	\$0.1351
Victory	\$1.7621	95.78%	\$1,6371	(\$0.1250)

NEK Student Population by Town & Grade				
Town	Pre-K	Grades K-6	Grades 7-12	Total
Bloomfield		8	9	17
Brunswick		6	6	12
East Haven	1	19	26	46
Granby			6	6
Guildhall	3	16	15	34
Kirby	14	71	60	145
Lemington		3	9	12
Maidstone		9	7	16
Norton		8	8	16
Victory		1	7	8
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>312</b>



**Essex North Supervisory Union  
2022-2023 (FY23) Approved Budget**

<b>Expenditures SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY22)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY23)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>NEK Choice</b>	<b>Canaan</b>
<b>GENERAL COSTS</b>					
<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:</b>					
Superintendent Salary	\$111,000	\$116,000	\$5,000	\$58,000	\$58,000
Treasurer Stipend	\$1,680	\$1,747	\$67	\$874	\$874
Business Administrator Salary	\$57,930	\$70,000	\$12,070	\$35,000	\$35,000
Admin Asst/Accounts Payable/NEK Residency Clerk Salary	\$34,611	\$37,440	\$2,829	\$18,720	\$18,720
Payroll & Human Resource Benefits Coordinator Salary	\$38,808	\$43,680	\$4,872	\$21,840	\$21,840
Benefits	\$121,933	\$116,464	(\$5,469)	\$58,232	\$58,232
Advertising	\$1,654	\$1,700	\$46	\$850	\$850
Audit Services	\$11,000	\$14,175	\$3,175	\$7,088	\$7,088
Cleaning Costs	\$3,900	\$0	(\$3,900)	\$0	\$0
Computer Equipment	\$2,125	\$0	(\$2,125)	\$0	\$0
Contracted Services	\$6,075	\$11,820	\$5,745	\$5,910	\$5,910
Dues & Fees- Registrations/Memberships	\$8,164	\$6,500	(\$1,664)	\$3,250	\$3,250
General Supplies/Books/Misc	\$5,162	\$4,800	(\$362)	\$2,400	\$2,400
Lease-NEK Expense Only	\$2,723	\$8,374	\$5,651	\$8,374	\$0
Legal Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
Postage	\$1,891	\$1,900	\$9	\$950	\$950
Prof/OLT Liab. Ins-Errors & Omissions/Liability Ins.	\$5,117	\$9,450	\$4,333	\$4,725	\$4,725
Repairs/Maintenance	\$480	\$2,364	\$1,884	\$1,182	\$1,182
Software	\$20,100	\$18,750	(\$1,350)	\$9,375	\$9,375
Telephone /Internet	\$9,780	\$8,000	(\$1,780)	\$4,000	\$4,000
Trash Removal	\$2,600	\$0	(\$2,600)	\$0	\$0
Travel Expenses	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$3,000
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Total Supervisory Union Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$458,233</b>	<b>\$486,164</b>	<b>\$27,931</b>	<b>\$247,269</b>	<b>\$238,895</b>

<b>Expenditures TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY22)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY23)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>NEK Choice</b>	<b>Canaan</b>
Owned Bus-Salary	\$11,420	\$8,000	(\$3,420)	\$0	\$8,000
Owned Bus- Benefits	\$874	\$612	(\$262)	\$0	\$612
Owned Bus-Repairs, Inspections, Fuel, Fees, Insurance, Supplies	\$8,515	\$19,550	\$11,035	\$0	\$19,550
Owned Bus-Lease Year -3 out of 3	\$13,829	\$13,829	\$0	\$0	\$13,829
Bus Service-Contracted Reg Student Transportation	\$188,400	\$205,000	\$16,600	\$0	\$205,000
Bus Service-Athletic Transportation, Contracted	\$28,417	\$30,000	\$1,583	\$0	\$30,000
Bus Service-Music/Field Trips Transportation, Contracted	\$19,500	\$18,500	(\$1,000)	\$0	\$18,500
Bus Service-CTE Transportation, Contracted	\$26,250	\$17,000	(\$9,250)	\$0	\$17,000
<b>Total Transportation Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$297,205</b>	<b>\$312,491</b>	<b>\$15,286</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$312,491</b>

<b>Expenditures NON SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY22)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY23)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>NEK Choice</b>	<b>Canaan</b>
Salaries-Director /Asst Director /Admin Asst/Teacher /Paras/PK Para	\$117,996	\$159,587	\$41,591	\$36,664	\$122,923
Benefits-Director /Asst Director /Admin Asst/Teacher /Paras/PK Para	\$32,834	\$51,842	\$19,008	\$14,715	\$37,127
Contracted Services-504 Only BMHLL,Deaf,PT,OT,SLP,Blind, Subs	\$16,380	\$43,948	\$27,568	\$837	\$43,111
Equipment-504 Students	\$1,000	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$0	\$0
General Supplies/Dues & Fees-504 Students	\$1,500	\$129	(\$1,371)	\$29	\$100
Transportation/Tuition-504 Out of District	\$0	\$21,220	\$21,220	\$1,155	\$20,065
<b>Total Non Special Ed Services:</b>	<b>\$169,710</b>	<b>\$276,726</b>	<b>\$107,016</b>	<b>\$53,400</b>	<b>\$223,326</b>

<b>Expenditures SPECIAL EDUCATION /SERVICES</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY22)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY23)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>NEK Choice</b>	<b>Canaan</b>	<b>Other</b>
Salaries-Director /Asst Director /Admin Asst/Teachers/Paras/Subs	\$513,656	\$633,746	\$120,090	\$217,339	\$382,298	\$34,109
Salaries-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$70,475	\$4,636	(\$65,839)	\$1,530	\$3,106	
Benefits-Director /Asst/ Admin Asst/Teachers/Paras	\$233,245	\$319,273	\$86,028	\$102,592	\$193,805	\$22,876
Benefits-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$55,096	\$1,674	(\$53,422)	\$552	\$1,122	
Advertising	\$1,000	\$645	(\$355)	\$233	\$412	
Contracted Services-(IDEA-B & IDEA PreK Grant)	\$0	\$122,690	\$122,690	\$57,921	\$64,769	



Expenditures SPECIAL EDUCATION /SERVICES	Approved Budget (FY22)	Proposed Budget (FY23)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Other
Contracted Services-PT/OT/Speech/Visions/Deaf/Prof Dev	\$277,790	\$529,559	\$251,769	\$395,210	\$121,180	\$13,169
Dues & Registrations	\$11,649	\$7,924	(\$3,725)	\$5,196	\$2,728	
Equipment	\$21,579	\$4,900	(\$16,679)	\$2,507	\$2,393	
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,000	\$0	(\$1,000)			
General Supplies-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000		\$2,000	
General Supplies/Books/Software-Special Ed	\$19,097	\$11,326	(\$7,771)	\$4,930	\$6,396	
Postage	\$1,300	\$2,000	\$700	\$1,380	\$620	
Telephone	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	
Transportation-Out of District Placements	\$27,700	\$125,612	\$97,912	\$66,514	\$59,098	
Travel-Director/Asst Director	\$4,500	\$1,500	(\$3,000)	\$805	\$695	
Tuition-Out of District Placements/Other Spec Ed Tuitions	\$193,031	\$910,754	\$717,723	\$544,938	\$365,816	
<b>Totals for Special Education Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$1,432,618</b>	<b>\$2,679,739</b>	<b>\$1,247,121</b>	<b>\$1,403,147</b>	<b>\$1,206,438</b>	<b>\$70,154</b>

Expenditures GRANTS/Medicaid Funds	Approved Budget (FY22)	Proposed Budget (FY23)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Salaries	\$82,631	\$195,215	\$112,584	\$34,834	\$160,381
Benefits	\$45,823	\$106,189	\$60,366	\$18,369	\$87,820
Contracted Services	\$51,400	\$80,532	\$29,132	\$17,961	\$62,571
Dues & Fees	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$595	\$2,905
Supplies	\$0	\$16,660	\$16,660	\$2,832	\$13,828
Transportation	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$1,020	\$4,980
<b>Totals for Grant/Medicaid Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$179,854</b>	<b>\$408,096</b>	<b>\$228,242</b>	<b>\$75,611</b>	<b>\$332,485</b>

<b>Grand Total of All Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$2,537,620</b>	<b>\$4,163,216</b>	<b>\$1,625,596</b>	<b>\$1,779,428</b>	<b>\$2,313,634</b>
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Revenue Statement SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE/TRANSPORTATION	Revised (FY22)	Estimated (FY23)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Transportation Aid Revenue from State	\$71,000	\$116,034	\$45,034		\$116,034
Interest	\$1,000	\$250	(\$750)	\$125	\$125
SU Assessments	\$435,630	\$455,024	\$19,394	\$231,699	\$223,325
Transportation Assessment	\$226,205	\$196,457	(\$29,748)		\$196,457
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$0	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$1,350	\$1,350
Prior Year Surplus	\$21,603	\$28,190	\$6,587	\$14,095	\$14,095
<b>Total Superintendents Office/Transportation Revenue:</b>	<b>\$755,438</b>	<b>\$798,655</b>	<b>\$43,217</b>	<b>\$247,269</b>	<b>\$551,386</b>

Revenue Statement NON SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revised (FY22)	Estimated (FY23)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Contracted Services-PD to ENSU	\$169,710	\$276,726	\$107,016	\$53,400	\$223,326
<b>Total Non Special Ed Revenue:</b>	<b>\$169,710</b>	<b>\$276,726</b>	<b>\$107,016</b>	<b>\$53,400</b>	<b>\$223,326</b>

Revenue Statement SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revised (FY22)	Estimated (FY23)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Other
EEE Assessment from District	\$22,183	\$10,793	(\$11,390)	\$4,965	\$5,828	
EEE Grant from State	\$30,400	\$25,000	(\$5,400)	\$11,500	\$13,500	
Special Ed Reimbursement from District	\$526,583	\$974,817	\$448,234	\$451,828	\$390,544	\$70,154
Mainstream Block Grant	\$212,400	\$926,081	\$713,681	\$500,084	\$425,997	
Intensive Reimbursement from State	\$498,736	\$0	(\$498,736)			
Special Ed Extraordinary Reimbursement from State	\$16,745	\$674,339	\$657,594	\$374,767	\$299,572	
IDEA-B Grant Ages 3-21	\$125,571	\$127,000	\$1,429	\$58,852	\$68,148	
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$1,151	\$2,849	
<b>Total Special Ed Revenue:</b>	<b>\$1,432,618</b>	<b>\$2,742,030</b>	<b>\$1,309,412</b>	<b>\$1,403,147</b>	<b>\$1,206,438</b>	<b>\$70,154</b>

Revenue Statement Grants/Medicaid	Revised (FY22)	Estimated (FY23)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Other
CFP Grants	\$116,175	\$358,073	\$241,898	\$60,872	\$297,201	
Medicaid Grant	\$63,679	\$50,023	(\$13,656)	\$14,739	\$35,285	
<b>Total Grants/Medicaid Revenue:</b>	<b>\$179,854</b>	<b>\$408,096</b>	<b>\$228,242</b>	<b>\$75,611</b>	<b>\$332,485</b>	

<b>Grand Total All Revenues:</b>	<b>\$2,537,620</b>	<b>\$4,225,507</b>	<b>\$1,687,987</b>	<b>\$1,779,428</b>	<b>\$2,313,635</b>	<b>\$70,154</b>
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## Report of the Director of Student Support

*Jennifer Lawcewicz*

We are so very fortunate to have such dedicated, flexible, and positive educators and support staff in our district. This year has presented us with increasing challenges as we stretch to ensure that all learners are getting the support they need to be successful during this pandemic. Educators and administrators have been extraordinary flexible and creative, compassionate, and supportive of both students and staff throughout this year.

At Canaan Schools, we currently have three special education teachers and 11 paraprofessionals who support 36 students with individualized education plans (IEPs). I provide case management for the other 29 students at Canaan who are on 504 or educational support plans as well as our 5 students who are in out of district placements. Our administrative assistant, Lori Kolatschek, manages the accounting, payroll, and Medicaid for our department in collaboration with the main office.

I am proud of the improvements we have made as a department. We continue to contract with in-person related service providers including Speech & Language, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Sign Language, Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Teacher of the Deaf, a behavior consultant, a school psychologist, and the UVM I-Team. The addition of Irene Simons from Northeast Kingdom Human Services and Tina Tarryk from Mobile Counseling have brought in-person therapy and behavioral supports to many students in need. Although we conduct many of our own evaluations in-house, we also contract with a school psychologist to conduct some of the more complex evaluations.

In the Northeast Kingdom Choice District, my Associate Director, Beth Lemnah, has worked hard to ensure that the needs of all students are being met. She currently oversees 40 students on IEPs and 22 students on 504s or educational support plans as well as ensuring the evaluations of any new referrals or 3-year re-evaluations are completed. Beth works closely with 21 schools throughout the Northeast Kingdom to ensure that each student is receiving the services and supports that they need. This has become extraordinarily complex as schools move in and out of remote learning and students move in and out of our district.

We have adjusted our plans for developing a life skills program and shifted to individualized life skills programming focused on the unique needs and interests of the individual student. This has included engaging lessons in gardening, cooking, robotics and STEM, work-based learning, shopping, and menu planning, etc. Through this approach, students are engaged in learning with their peers throughout the day, while additionally participating in authentic learning experiences specific to their individual needs. I would like to thank the staff, administration, school boards, and community members for their continued support as we work to creatively meet student needs in these unprecedented times. I feel very fortunate to work with such amazing people.

**Averill, Avery's Gore, Bloomfield, Brunswick, Canaan, East Haven, Ferdinand, Granby, Guildhall, Kirby, Lemington, Lewis, Maidstone, Norton, Warner's Grant, Warren's Gore, Victory**

*"Serving Children in the Communities of Canaan and NEK Choice School Districts"*



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***ANNUAL REPORT***

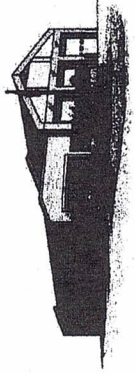
For 2021

Good bye 2021, it looked a lot like 2020. We completed another audit for our office in 2021 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 coming in the spring, replacing cars that have served us well. We have 6 marked cars, a 2014 van for prisoner transports, one unmarked car being used for civil process service. The radar cart is working well and in many towns. That purchase was with the use of Governors Highway Safety Grant funds. We have a large enclosed trailer that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. This trailer may be utilized as a command post at a mass casualty incident as well. We have an ATV and two golf carts. With project (ROAD), Responsible Operators Against Distractions, we want to continue to educate operators about phone use and texting while driving. We continue to do town patrols and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live & drive in because of our presence. The patrols are community based. Which means each town is different, so the patrols may be different. We are taking a proactive response instead of a reactive response. This effort has helped with both fighting crime and communications with the towns. The Sheriff's Department has 11 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 9 years, that expense will go away and the county will own the building.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please call me or stop by the office. My door is always open. I look forward to serving this county as the Sheriff. We will again do snowmobile patrols throughout the county. Doing our best to keep the trails as safe as possible, and we will again answer snowmobile related complaints. Please check out our facebook page. Thank You and stay safe.

Sincerely,  
Sheriff Dean Shatney





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

2021 continues to be very busy, after our 2020 decrease in responses related to the pandemic lockdown, 2021 has proven to bounce back and be very busy. Our team of Emergency Medical Service providers have been crucial frontline healthcare providers continuing to provide pandemic support during this difficult time on top of our day-to-day EMS operations.

Our agency continues to step up in a big way, not only to meet the medical needs of the community with regard to medical response and inter-facility transport in the face of a pandemic, but our agency also continues to work alongside the Vermont Department of Health providing COVID pop up testing clinics, community at-home testing, and community homebound vaccine both first, second and booster doses. Our COVID response team has traveled thousands of miles and delivered thousands of vaccines to the residents of Caledonia-Essex Counties and beyond. I can't express the gratitude I have with our staff stepping up additionally to meet these needs and offer this support to our communities. Our agency has played a tremendous role in providing pandemic support through this challenging time to keep everyone as healthy as possible.

Our 911 responses and inter-facility transfer requests have been higher than normal this year. Our service and providers have transported patients to hospitals that we have never been to within the state and many out of state that we have never experience due to regional bed/staffing availability. We have transported patients this year to VT, NH, Maine, MA and CT, some of these transports by ground over 3-3.5 hours in duration one-way.

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 hope this local adult education program with bring some new interest in the career of EMS. Our staff has been here 24/7/365 meeting the medical needs of our communities and a big "thank you" should be given to all the frontline medical staff and responders as well as all the other essentials workers who have been here assuring everyone is safe. If you see a healthcare provider/medical responder, please thank them!

CALEX continues to provide the highest quality of pre hospital care to all the towns we serve providing 911 coverage at the Paramedic level 24/7/365. Serving 9 towns - Saint Johnsbury, Waterford, Barnet, Concord, Kirby, Victory, Danville, Walden and Peacham. Our volumes were down this year due to the pandemic. CALEX responded to 2,327 911 responses and 593 being Interfacility Transfers and Medical transports. Our average response time to the scene for our entire service area 8 minutes 32 secs. Overall, our agency responded to 2,920 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 UVMMC and other hospitals across the New England. CALEX also continues to provide Paramedic intercept services to Lyndon Rescue and other services that may be transporting critical ill patients into NVRH. Our Paramedics respond rapidly with our intercept vehicle to meet on scene or enroute to the hospital to provide the highest level of care. Our crews experienced many life-saving emergencies and very successful stories with great outcomes again this year. We provided numerous training opportunities with both internal and external training as well as various simulation opportunities to focus on high quality training for our staff.

In 2021, we remounted our 2011 Dodge Ambulance, and replaced with a 2021 Ford F-450. This remount process which is completed by Osage Ambulance, Linn MO - removes the old box from the chassis, installs new LED lighting, new flooring, reinspects all the electrical systems, and completely sandblast the box and repaint/letter. This remount process has been successful for us while saving thousands versus purchasing new for a minimum of two remounts. This year we ended our relationship with NH, to focus on our growing needs locally. We reduced our fleet of 5 Ambulances to 4 Ambulances, one Paramedic intercept vehicle, one off-road UTV.

As we end 2021, I look forward to safe and successful year of providing the very best of pre hospital care to our communities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced team providing care for when it is needed to anyone who may need our service in the communities we serve. We hope you will continue to support us and approve our funding requests so we can continue providing the very best Emergency Medical Care to the region.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Wright, NRP  
Chief Executive Officer

## Caledonia Home Health & Hospice Visit Statistics for 2022 Town Appropriations

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

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

In the last year, Caledonia Home Health and Hospice was honored to provide 20 visits to the town residents of Kirby, VT.

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

### 2022 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics Kirby, VT

- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW) = 20 visits

**Total Visits in Kirby, VT = 20 visits**

### Testimonials

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

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

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

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



December 3, 2021

Wanda Grant, Town Clerk  
Town of Kirby  
346 Town Hall Road  
Lyndonville VT 05851

Dear Ms. Grant:

The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2022 warning for Kirby Town Meeting:

**"Shall the Town vote the sum of \$493 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 Kirby residents?"**

The Fairbanks Museum invites Kirby 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 2021, we welcomed more visitors and campers to the museum than ever before. 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 a brewfest celebrating local flavors, welcomed new eye-opening shows to the planetarium, and reinvented exhibits on North American birds and arctic mammals. With community support, the Museum is fully engaged in community economic, educational, and cultural development initiatives and contributes significantly to the attraction of visitors to our region.

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

Sincerely yours,



Adam Kane, Executive Director



"THE GREATEST THREAT TO OUR PLANET IS  
THE BELIEF THAT SOMEONE ELSE WILL SAVE IT"

Robert Swan, Explorer

Town of Kirby  
Wanda Grant  
346 Town Hall Road  
Lyndonville, VT 05851

**Thank You Kirby**  
**for helping keep Vermont a**  
**beautiful place to live, work & play!**  
**Your contribution makes a difference**  
**#togetherwecan #greenupVT**

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*Green Up's mission is to promote the  
stewardship of our state's natural  
landscape and waterways and the  
livability of our communities by  
involving people in Green Up Day and  
raising public awareness about the  
benefits of a litter-free environment.*

Green Up Vermont is a 501(c)(3)  
private nonprofit corporation.

## Budget Allocation Request Letter

*for next year*

Dear Residents of Kirby

Thank you for your past budget allocation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had a great turnout with 22,000 volunteers picking up 418 TONS of trash and 16,250 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe and healthy places to live. Your commitment to a clean community by adding Green Up to your annual budget is a wonderful testament to how much you love where you live.

**To be sure we stay in your budget we are again requesting your support for the usual \$100.00 budget allocation.** As you know the amount requested is based on town population and goes directly back to your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

• 0 - 1,000	\$50	• 1001 - 2000	\$100	• 2001 - 3000	\$150
• 3001 - 4,000	\$200	• 4,001 up	\$300		

Green Up Vermont is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the health, economic and visual benefits of a litter-free environment year-round. Through this pandemic we learned that Vermonters feel Green Up Day was the one event that shouldn't ever be canceled and found safe ways to continue it. Let's keep building strong communities by working together for our beautiful way of life.

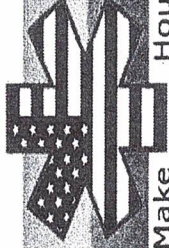
Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day 2022, May 7th** and help us celebrate 52 years of keeping Vermont green! Please contact me anytime with any questions or comments. I am pleased to serve your community and look forward to working with you again. Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director  
802-522-7245 • [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)

*Thank You!*  
*Kate*

Kirby's Green-Up Coordinator is Tracy Sherbrook.  
She can be contacted at [team.sherbrook@gmail.com](mailto:team.sherbrook@gmail.com)



**Lyndon****Rescue**

\* We Still Make House Calls \*

2009 Vermont Ambulance Service of the Year

114 Vail Drive, PO Box 401 Lyndonville, VT 05851

December 22, 2021

Dear Kirby Selectboard;

The Lyndon Rescue Board of Directors has approved the budget for 2022. We updated the town populations using the 2020 census when determining the per capita amount. Within the 9 towns, there was a net decrease in population by 810 people.

This year has been the busiest on record and we should reach 1600 calls for the first time. We ended 2020 with 1,455 calls. The number of interfacility transfers we have been able to do makes up part of that increase. Since 2018 the number of interfacility transfers has increased from 120 to over 200. This is due in large part to the commitment of our staff members to come in off duty to go on interfacility transfers while the scheduled duty crew remains available for 911 coverage.

With the increase in call volume, we were able to increase the income from ambulance transports in our 2022 budget by \$80,000. This helped offset the increase in expenses. The main areas that expenses increased were from wages, insurance rates and dispatch fees. We were able to pay off the loan for our cardiac monitors this year and had paid off the loan for one of our ambulances at the end of last year so those funds in the budget have now been allocated towards paying off our other ambulance loans quicker. The net amount that was split up among towns by population decreased by \$17,874.06, but divided up among less people made the per capita amount for 2022 \$43.86. The amount we requested from your town this year was \$10,549.70 and our request for 2022 is \$10,746.82.

A copy of the budget is attached. The first page has a breakdown of what each town paid in 2021 and the 2022 amount we have budgeted. Please let myself or your representative on our Board of Directors know if you have any questions. I will mail the letter for the town report at the beginning of January so I can include our call statistics though the end of the year. If you would like the town report letter sent by email so that you can have a color copy PDF to insert into the town report please let me know, [jillian@lyndonrescue.net](mailto:jillian@lyndonrescue.net) or (802)626-1101.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jillian McLaughlin, NRP

Lyndon Rescue Director of Operations

A Non-Profit Ambulance Company serving the communities of: Burke, East Haven, Granby, Kirby, Lyndon, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton and Wheelock

Lyndon Youth Baseball/Softball  
PO Box 1146  
Lyndonville, VT 05851-1146

December 31, 2021

Town of Kirby  
346 Town Hall Rd  
Kirby, VT 05851

Dear Town of Kirby:

Lyndon Youth Baseball/Softball (LYBS) is a non-profit organization who generally serves over 400 children ages 4 to 16 every year. This past year we were able to return to pretty normal year although COVID still existed and it was wonderful to see so many kids back on the field and interacting with their peers! **In 2021, LYBS had 7 children from Kirby joining us!** A typical season for LYBS includes Babe Ruth teams, Little League Majors teams, Minor League teams, Coach Pitch teams, and Tee Ball teams. In addition to our regular season, we also host and attend district, state and regional All Star tournaments in all of our major divisions (2021 allowed LYBS to host District Little League Softball and District Little League Baseball and our Babe Ruth Baseball 13U traveled to Massachusetts for Regionals and Babe Ruth Baseball 13-15 were Runner-Ups in their tournament). Our program operates in vast majority by the work of more than 100 selfless individuals who volunteer countless hours. We give thanks to the many devoted parents, families and friends who are actively involved in our program. Without each and every volunteer, we wouldn't be able to operate this great program.

Due to continued COVID restrictions in 2021, LYBS continued to limit fundraising efforts in order to alleviate large gatherings and also held back on seeking support from local businesses who may already be struggling. As we enter 2022, the league will intend for our annual appropriations request to be used toward the operating costs of the league and any upkeep that our fields may need. Last year, we were able to utilize appropriations to support the purchase of new catcher's gear for every team in our league which allowed us to replace worn out and unsafe equipment. We also added safety nets to our softball field to limit spectators from being injured by foul balls and replaced worn out uniforms in the Little League division with income generated from registrations.

To help offset the cost to families in our community, LYBS will continue our fundraising efforts in 2022 (potentially Coin Drop and participating in the Coins for Community again) and our Cookshack (concessions) will also be back to full operations which generates income for our league as well. We are in hopes that Tag Day will resume and we have a fundraising committee in place to establish new ways to increase funds as well.

We have always prided ourselves on the ability to bring the game to players and families at an affordable cost. To continue to do so, **we would greatly appreciate your support in the amount \$200 for the 2022 season.** Kirby has always shown generous support of our program for which we are endlessly grateful and appreciative. Thank you for your careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sarah Sanville*

Sarah Sanville  
LYBS President







## Communications Union District Annual Report for 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

Evan Carlson, Board Chair, Sutton Representative  
NEK Broadband

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

***get.nekbroadband.org***

### Budget Summary

#### 2021 Budget to Actual (Projected)

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

#### 2022 Proposed Budget

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



## Executive Committee Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***NEKWMD Executive Committee***



# Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District

## 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2021	2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>			
Advertising	\$700.00	\$960.63	\$1,100.00
Audit -- Financial	\$6,595.00	\$7,845.00	\$6,845.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$900.00	\$329.40	\$1,000.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cleaning	\$1,920.00	\$1,810.00	\$1,920.00
Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,274.20	\$1,500.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$5,050.00	\$6,516.58	\$6,500.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$1,087.18	\$1,000.00
Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$13,000.00	\$15,971.00	\$14,000.00
Legal Fees	\$2,000.00	\$7,828.26	\$4,000.00
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$2,016.62	\$2,500.00
Office Supplies	\$3,200.00	\$5,457.91	\$4,000.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,000.00	\$3,324.07	\$3,300.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$1,623.01	\$500.00
Water/Sewer	\$900.00	\$1,005.82	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$42,765.00</b>	<b>\$57,049.68</b>	<b>\$49,165.00</b>
Gross Wages	\$402,925.00	\$387,638.16	\$417,500.00
OT Wages--Warehouse	\$3,500.00	\$747.32	\$3,000.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$25,300.00	\$24,079.90	\$25,900.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,900.00	\$5,631.69	\$6,100.00
Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$3,500.00	\$4,618.56	\$5,000.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$21,000.00	\$21,830.36	\$23,500.00
Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$53,000.00	\$30,412.00	\$53,000.00
Mileage - Employee	\$4,000.00	\$2,876.21	\$3,000.00
Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Personnel Equipment	\$500.00	\$406.97	\$500.00
Training	\$500.00	\$73.84	\$500.00
Travel	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$520,675.00</b>	<b>\$478,315.01</b>	<b>\$538,050.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSES</b>			
Baler Loan Payment	\$40,537.00	\$39,056.17	\$39,056.17
Baler Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$1,095.25	\$2,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$7,000.00	\$7,281.45	\$5,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$1,800.00	\$2,403.75	\$2,000.00
Forklift Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$6,411.50	\$4,000.00
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$1,022.15	\$3,000.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,342.44	\$1,500.00
Mack Truck Loan Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,694.33
Truck Down Payment-Grant Funded	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$17,000.00	\$20,412.32	\$17,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$29,115.39	\$15,000.00
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$89,837.00</b>	<b>\$169,140.42</b>	<b>\$102,750.50</b>

# Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District

## 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2021	2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>BUILDING EXPENSES</b>			
Electricity	\$6,500.00	\$4,951.06	\$5,000.00
Maintenance	\$1,200.00	\$1,022.79	\$1,500.00
Trash Removal	\$3,000.00	\$3,517.90	\$3,500.00
<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>\$10,700.00</b>	<b>\$9,491.75</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>PROGRAMS EXPENSES</b>			
Composting	\$24,000.00	\$43,400.50	\$29,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$5,000.00	\$1,756.80	\$4,000.00
Consulting Services-Grant Funded	\$4,000.00	\$21,408.21	\$0.00
Education Outreach	\$6,000.00	\$8,533.86	\$7,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$33,000.00	\$44,149.67	\$35,000.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$3,145.68	\$4,000.00
Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$30,000.00	\$29,314.80	\$25,000.00
Special Collections	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Supplies	\$300.00	\$231.56	\$400.00
Tire Disposal	\$15,000.00	\$21,515.00	\$18,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$121,550.00</b>	<b>\$173,456.08</b>	<b>\$122,650.00</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$785,527.00</b>	<b>\$887,452.94</b>	<b>\$822,615.50</b>
Capital Improvement Fund	\$24,000.00	\$26,500.00	\$24,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>	<b>\$26,500.00</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NEK EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$809,527.00</b>	<b>\$913,952.94</b>	<b>\$846,615.50</b>
Grants--St of VT	\$92,000.00	\$128,673.12	\$92,000.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$54,630.00	\$63,613.00	\$54,000.00
Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$6,000.00	\$5,978.66	\$5,000.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$28.04	\$20.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$3,016.24	\$1,500.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$4,000.00	\$1,329.00	\$2,000.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$85,000.00	\$154,154.51	\$121,888.50
Compost Income	\$22,000.00	\$35,113.61	\$29,000.00
Electronics Income	\$20,000.00	\$22,676.73	\$18,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$15,000.00	\$23,863.00	\$17,500.00
Battery Income	\$6,000.00	\$5,091.25	\$4,000.00
Tire Income	\$15,000.00	\$13,472.84	\$18,000.00
Per Capita Assessment	\$44,800.00	\$44,681.96	\$39,057.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$444,447.00	\$486,516.42	\$444,500.00
<b>TOTAL NEK REVENUES</b>	<b>\$809,527.00</b>	<b>\$988,358.38</b>	<b>\$846,615.50</b>



*NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975  
In 2020 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.
- Outdoor adventure opportunities that include kayaking, canoeing, hiking, swimming, and mountain climbing. The group works on learning coping skills and self-care strategies.
- Summer Central Scholarship program offering scholarships for children to attend summer activities they otherwise could not afford.

**NEKYS Youth Program Include:**

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

**NEKYS Restorative Justice Programs Include:**

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

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

March 2022



For over 42 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 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 370 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. During this past year, 5 residents of Kirby used the services of our organization to meet their needs. People called our Helpline for assistance with caregiving and programs such as 3SquaresVT, Medicaid and Medicare, fuel assistance, and transportation, among other services. Our website [www.nekcouncil.org](http://www.nekcouncil.org) provides information on many of our programs and services.

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

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

In gratitude,

Meg Burmeister  
Executive Director

The 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 all our friends in the Northeast Kingdom as we continue to help our elders to remain healthy and safe.



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## **Town of Kirby Annual Summary Report Fiscal Year 2021 (July 2020 – June 2021)**

Good mental health is important for everyone. The Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. (NKHS) mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support. Your town's \$518 appropriation helped support your neighbors facing challenges who could not otherwise afford care. Thank you for helping 6 neighbors, family members, and friends in your town access the supports they needed to live happy, fulfilling lives and be contributing members in your community. The appropriation was based on 2010 Census data at \$1.05 per person in your town and level funded from the prior year.

NKHS's 464 professional employees worked diligently to maintain service delivery for 2945 individuals of all ages. We offered support to the communities of the NEK while rising to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, a transition to interim leadership, conducting a comprehensive and inclusive search for a new executive director, responding to a corrective action plan from the Department of Mental Health, and acknowledging our staff for their extraordinary efforts, professional skills, and their dedication to providing quality care to those we serve in our offices and in the community. NKHS Emergency Services employees responded 24/7 to mental health crisis. Requests for services were triaged. Our first priority is to serve the vulnerable populations of mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities challenges, where the "worried well" may need to wait for services such as outpatient therapy. NKHS shares the challenge of attracting qualified personnel to the region and offering more competitive wages.

NKHS offered over 219 community consultation hours for parenting and suicide prevention trainings. The agency initiated warm support phone lines to assist those struggling through the pandemic:

Parent Support Line 802-749-1111 (7 days a week/6 AM – midnight)

Recovery Support Line 802-749-1112 (M-F, 8:30 AM – 5 PM)

Emotional Support Line 802-749-1113 (M-F, 8:30 AM – 5 PM)

In June 2021, Northeast Kingdom Human Services worked with Vermont Department of Mental Health to implement the second National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Call Center in the state. Anyone calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) with an 802 area code phone number will first be connected to a Vermont call center.

The volunteer Board of Directors provide oversight and believes human services should be cost effective and responsive to local community needs. Volunteer Program Standing Committee members support the agency and programs. Your vote at the Town of Kirby's Town Meeting means a lot to us and your community.

Thank you!

Northeast Kingdom Human Services Board of Directors and Leadership Team

*We're all about being human.*

**NORTHWOODS**  
**STEWARDSHIP CENTER**  
*Connecting people and place through science, education and action*

December 9, 2021

Town of Kirby  
346 Town Hall Road  
Lyndonville, VT 05851

Dear Members of the Kirby Selectboard,

I am writing to express our sincere thanks for your past support and to respectfully request that the Town of Kirby renew its support for NorthWoods Stewardship Center through an annual appropriation of \$250 at Town Meeting.

NorthWoods offers widespread conservation and educational services throughout the region and is supported through the generosity of private individuals, local communities, charitable grants, and fee-for-service contracts. We provide reduced-cost educational programs (including camps, After School Programs, and natural science activities); summer Conservation Corps jobs for local youth; and a variety of practical workshops for adults throughout the year.

Kirby residents may also take advantage of the Dashney Nordic Center at Burke Mountain; a community outdoor recreation source for snowshoeing and xc skiing.

NorthWoods' Forest Stewardship staff worked with landowners in Kirby to prepare forest management plans and locate property boundaries, while providing recommendations for sustainable forest management practices.

NorthWoods Stewardship Center is a local organization and we invite all Kirby residents to visit NorthWoods to enjoy a ski, paddle, or nature hike or to join us for one of our youth camps or landowner education programs. Support from the Town of Kirby is critical to the success of these programs and we appreciate your support!

Thank you. I am happy to respond to any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Maria Young  
Executive Director

NorthWoods Stewardship Center

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To the Voters of Kirby:

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

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

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

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

How have we served your community? In 2021, NVDA assisted the Town of Kirby with emergency planning and preparation and provided COVID 19 information to local officials. Our transportation planning staff provided technical assistance on the Grants in Aid program to promote the use of erosion control in road maintenance.

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

Sincerely,  
David Snedeker  
Executive Director

# Powers Park

## Village Improvement Society/Powers Park 2021 Report

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In 1915, Powers Park was a place for annual summer meetings. Washington Irving Powers' vision then included the purchase of a 25-acre grove from the Boston and Maine Railroad. Over time, it evolved to have a pond for swimming; we are now on our third swimming pool since 1936. The location of the current Powers Park now encompasses an in-ground swimming pool, playground, basketball court, tennis courts, nature trails, and picnic area. In partnership with Kingdom Trails, we also added a bike pump track and the Rotary Club has continued its sponsorship of Powers Park with annual clean up and maintenance of the Pavilion.

We work to continue the vision of Mr. Powers and his children. We annually serve approximately 400 children from Lyndon and its surrounding towns as well as employ local youth as lifeguards, recreational instructors, and aides. As a community area, we have had many groups and businesses use the pool and picnic area for events such as birthday celebrations, graduations, and family reunions.

Here are some of the activities that took place and ways we were able to utilize the monies received this summer:

**The Pool** – Last year we were not able to offer swim lessons to the community due to the impact of COVID. This summer, we were able to offer swim lessons and open Swim to the community as well as partnering with Kingdom East School District and area child care centers for dedicated swim time to keep them within their own pods. With monies received, we were able to keep costs lower, which allowed more to participate rather than pass the full cost on to families. We were also able to take part in the Summer Matters for All grant which helped to absorb much of this cost. We are still working to raise funds to install a pool lift which we plan to install in the spring of 2022. The cost for this is approximately \$8000.

**Tennis Courts/Basketball Court**– This summer with donations and other fundraising, we were able to resurface both the Tennis court and Basketball court and seal cracks. We currently have a group of Pickleball enthusiasts who took charge of adding lines to the tennis court and graciously helped us and the community with fundraising efforts.

**Pump Track** – Although we did not use any money for the pump track for upkeep, we appreciate our volunteers who help to keep the track open and weeds from taking over.

**The Pavilion** – The Pavilion was once again used to distribute free lunches to area children during the Summer Program season. We also were able to open the pavilion for use for private party rentals.

**The Playground** – The playground is frequently used by many area children. With funds this summer, we were able to add wood chips to the base area. The Playground is high on our list to bring up to ADA Standards compliance. The projected cost of this starts at approximately \$100,000. We will continue to annually host our Power to the Park Fundraiser and continue to raise funds and search out grant opportunities. We currently have just over \$8000 for this project.

The funds from appropriations allowed us to keep our program open and, importantly, re-hire a supervisor and staff to run our program. A large portion of our appropriations goes directly to operating expenses and upkeep.

On behalf of the Board at Powers Park, we again would like to thank the taxpayers and the area businesses for their continued support. We take great pride in our summer program and are excited for the summer of 2022!





## Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

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### 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. A number of our 9,000 riders utilizing 74,000 trips in FY2021 have expressed their gratitude and noted their dependence on our services.

Though the COVID-19 pandemic and RCT's practices of social distancing, mask requirement, and vehicle sanitization have had an impact on its passenger load, we have continued to operate uninterrupted and strive to provide safe, reliable, accessible, and affordable transportation. In FY2019, we provided over 300,000 rides; in FY2021, ridership decreased by about half. RCT continues to be greatly impacted by the pandemic; however, we are now operating at 100% capacity and do our part to keep healthy and safe those who may not have another means of pandemic-sensitive transportation.

RCT gratefully benefits from a robust volunteer program, with fifty-five 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.



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 FY21, we provided 1,780 youth with educational workshops throughout our 15 school partners. We provided 197 adults with educational programs through 18 workshops.
- ☐ **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 FY21, 451 individuals received direct advocacy, 65 people were housed in our emergency shelters as a result of fleeing domestic or sexual violence and 25 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 St. Johnsbury district 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 FY21, KCCC served 620 families and the Family Room worked with 44 families, serving 79 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 FY21 6 of our graduates received ongoing support and we had 1 new graduate from the program who also gained employment post-graduation. In addition, as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged and prepared 35,823 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 1 household in Kirby were served by Umbrella in FY 2021 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 Kirby's support.

Umbrella Inc. was incorporated in 1981 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose mission is:  
To cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression.  
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**HealthVermont.gov**

# 2021 Local Health Annual Report

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

## COVID-19

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

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

## Public Health Programs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at [vlct.org](http://vlct.org).



The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program aka "VSNIP", under the oversight of the VT Economic Services Department, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VWSA). VSNIP helps financially challenged Vermont residents spay/neuter cats and dogs for \$27.00. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters when dogs are licensed by an added \$4.00 fee, the major funding for this important program. Funds are determined by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law when a dog is six months of age. A current rabies vaccination is required to register, and a rabies vaccination can be administered after 12 weeks of age for both cats and dogs.

Prostrate and mammary cancer is more likely to occur in unsterilized cats and dogs. It's not pretty and they're likely to die. Animals live longer and happier when they're spayed and neutered, are less likely to fight for territory, and mark what they claim to be "theirs"!

**Licensing a dog:** 1) helps identify your dog if lost, 2) provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal, but would still need immediate medical attention, 3) if your dog bites an animal or person – which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for infection, and 4) helps pay for VSNIP, addressing the population situation in Vermont.

Farms with cats should especially be aware that one rabid cat or dog can affect an entire population of animals on the premise. The answer is neutering through VSNIP which includes a rabies vaccination and the first of the two part distemper series.

Look for Rabies Clinics in March across the state. You can call your veterinarian and ask the cost of a rabies vaccination only, or call your nearest Tractor Supply Store for their Monthly Rabies Clinic schedule. Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

To receive a VSNIP Application, send a 9" S.A.S.E to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. For more information, call 802-672-5302.

Please visit our website: [www.VWSAHS.org](http://www.VWSAHS.org)

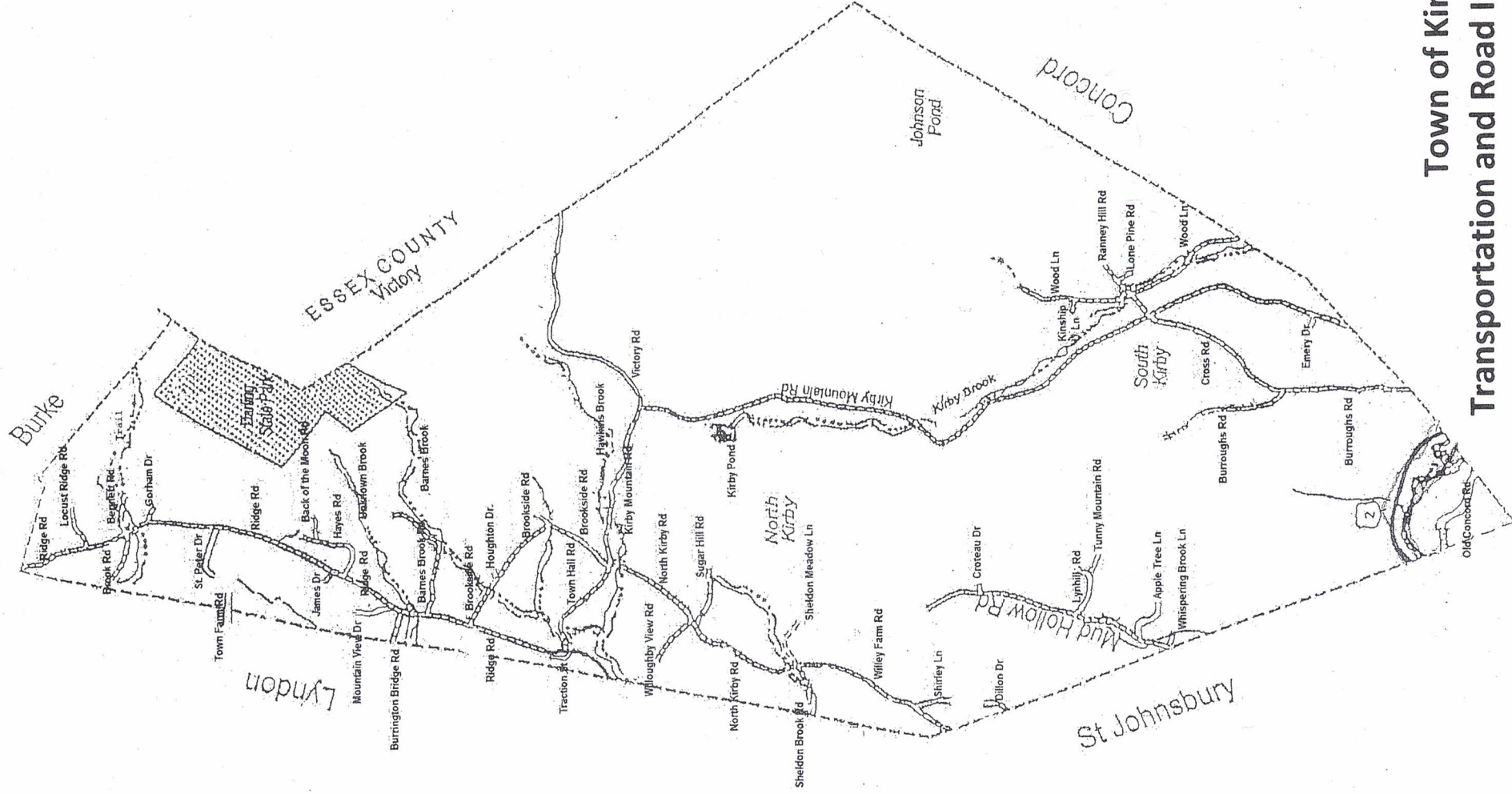
VWSA will be hosting Rabies Clinics in March. Call for dates and locations.

**The animals thank you in advance! Together We Truly Do Make A Difference!!**

Sue Skaskiw, WSA Humane Society Executive Director/VSNIP Administrator

## NOTES





CLASS	ROAD NAMES
3-4	Apple Tree Ln (18)
Private	Back of the Moon Rd
3	Barnes Brook Rd (6)
4/Trail	Bennett Rd (3)
3	Brook Rd (2)
3	Brookside Rd (7)
3	Burrington Bridge Rd (5)
3	Burroughs Rd (23, 24)
3	Cross Rd (24)
3	Croteau Dr (16)
3	Dillon Dr (14)
3	Emery Dr. (34)
3	Gorham Dr (32)
3	Hayes Rd (31)
3	Houghton Dr. (33)
Private	James Dr
3	Kinship Ln (27)
3	Kirby Mtn Rd (25, 29)
3	Locust Ridge Rd (28)
3	Lone Pine Rd (22)
3-4	Lynhill Rd (17)
Private	Mountain View Dr.
3	Mud Hollow Rd (15)
3	North Kirby Rd (10)
4	Old Concord Rd (26)
3	Ranney Hill Rd (21)
2	Ridge Rd (State Aid 1)
3	Sheldon Brook Rd (12)
4	Sheldon Meadow Ln (13)
4	Shirley Ln (14)
Private	St Peter Dr
Private	Sugar Hill Rd
Private	Town Farm Rd
3	Town Hall Rd (29)
3(4)	Traction St (30)
Private	Tunny Mountain Rd
4	Victory Rd (9)
Private	Whispering Brook Ln
3	Willey Farm Rd (10)
3	Willoughby View Rd (11)
3-4	Wood Ln (19, 20, 29)

#### ROAD MILEAGE

Class 2: 4.010  
 Class 3: 20.170  
 Class 4: 3.790  
 State Highway: 0.967  
 Trail: .750  
**Total Miles: 29.687**

## Town of Kirby Transportation and Road Identification Map