



BARNET

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

TOWN MEETING REPLACED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

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Town of Barnet, Vermont

Contact Information & Hours of Operation

Town Clerk's Office

Town Clerk: Benjamin Heisholt

Asst. Clerk: Catherine Roy

Telephone: 633-2256

Fax: 633-4315

Email: townclerk@barnetvt.org

Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. – Noon & 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Town Website: www.barnetvt.org

Town Garage

Road Foreman: Mark Chase

Telephone: 633-4477

Animal Control Officer

Vacant

Contact Caledonia County Sheriff
or local Constables

Barnet Public Library

Librarian: Dylan Ford

Telephone: 633-4436

Email: barnetpl@hotmail.com

Hours: Monday: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday: 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Thursday: 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Board of Listers

Telephone: 633-2256

Email: listers@barnetvt.org

Meetings: Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – Noon at the
Town Clerk's Office. Please call for an appointment.

Transfer Station & Recycling Center

Supervisor: Bruce Marston

Hours: Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

During summer from the first Wednesday after Memorial Day
until the last Wednesday before Labor Day open 3-7 p.m. on
Wednesdays.

Barnet School

Principal Luisa Millington

Telephone: 633-4978

Website: www.kidrow.net

Vermont State Game Warden

Will Seegers Cell: 802 498 5351

Dispatcher: 802 748 3111

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union

Telephone: 684-3801

Meetings

Selectboard

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

Caledonia Cooperative School District Board of Directors

Visit website for times and locations:

www.ccsuonline.org/ccsd

Planning Commission/Zoning Board

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

Municipal Calendar

Mar.2, 2021 – Town Meeting Day (Office* closed)

Apr. 1, 2021 – Dog Licenses due

May 30, 2021 – Memorial Day Services

May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day (Office closed)

June 2, 2021 – Transfer Station summer hours begin

Jul.5, 2021 – Independence Day (Office closed)

Early August 2021 – Property Tax bills mailed

Sep 1, 2021 – Transfer Station summer hours end

Sep.6, 2021 – Labor Day (Office closed)

Mid-Oct. 2021 – Property Taxes due (see bill for date)

Oct. 31, 2021 – Library Trunk or Treat Event

Nov. 25, 2021 – Thanksgiving Day (Office closed)

Nov. 26, 2021 – Office closed

Dec. 25, 2021 – Christmas Day (Office closed)

Jan.1, 2022 – New Year's Day (Office closed)

*"Office" = Town Clerk's Office

Other

Dog Licenses

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

Fees for license on or before April 1:

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

Fees for license after April 1:

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

NEK Broadband Contact- Kathleen Monroe 802- 633- 3052

Cell: 802-384- 5600 email: speakvt@sover.net

*COVID 19 has upended much of this page. Meetings are
remote, and open hours of Town Buildings reduced.

Town of Barnet, Vermont
Annual Report
Year Ending December 31, 2020

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Section 1

2021 Town Meeting Replaced by Australian Ballot Election

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WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MARCH 2, 2021

Informational Hearing

The legal voters of the Town of Barnet, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet *Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in an electronic forum* (to be warned separately) for an informational hearing on the following articles of business.

Australian Ballot Vote

The legal voters of the Town of Barnet, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to vote on the 2nd day of March 2021 by Australian Ballot between the hours of 7:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, at the Barnet Fire & Rescue Station (151 Bimson Drive) upon the following articles of business:

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect a Town Clerk for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 3. To elect a Treasurer for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 4. To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 5. To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 6. To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 7. To elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.
- ARTICLE 8. To elect a First Constable for a term of two years.
- ARTICLE 9. To elect a Second Constable for a term of two years.
- ARTICLE 10. To elect a Trustee of Public Funds for term of three years.
- ARTICLE 11. To elect a Library Trustee for a term of five years.
- ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont?
- ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for maintaining the Goodwillie House?
- ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for conservation and preservation of collections of historical materials associated with the township of Barnet?
- ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) to Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice?
- ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Catamount Arts?
- ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) to Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium?
- ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Habitat for Humanity in the Northeast Kingdom?

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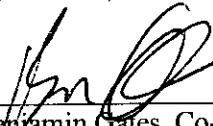
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- ARTICLE 27. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to the West Barnet Senior Meal Site?
- ARTICLE 28. Shall the voters authorize property taxes to become due and payable in hand to the town Treasurer during business hours on or before October 16, 2021 with said taxes to be actually received by the said treasurer on or before the due date without regard to postmark; and thereafter said taxes shall be payable to the Collector of Delinquent Tax with interest at the rate of 1% per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months and thereafter at the rate of 1.5% per month or fraction thereof, plus the collector's fee of 8% as provided by law?
- ARTICLE 29. Shall the Town of Barnet raise the sum of \$1,607,574.21 to pay for the general fund for the Town of Barnet during the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2021?

Dated this 29th day of January, 2021.

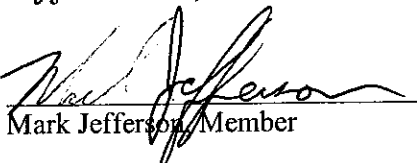
By the Selectboard members of the Town of Barnet:



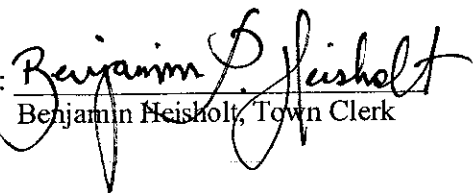
Dylan Ford, Co-Chair



Benjamin Gates, Co-Chair



Mark Jefferson, Member

Attest: 
Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk

Candidates on Ballot for 2021 Town of Barnet Australian Ballot Election of Officers (Town Meeting)

Below each warning article is listed the candidate(s) who will appear on the ballot for the 2021 Australian Ballot Annual Town Meeting:

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.
- DENNIS MCLAM
- ARTICLE 2. To elect a Town Clerk for a term of three years.
- BENJAMIN HEISHOLT
- ARTICLE 3. To elect a Treasurer for a term of three years.
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- ARTICLE 4. To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.
- BENJAMIN GATES
- ARTICLE 5. To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- JOHN C FAIRCHILD
- ARTICLE 6. To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- DENNIS KAUPPILA
- ARTICLE 7. To elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.
- LISA J BOWDEN
- ARTICLE 8. To elect a First Constable for a term of two years.
- STEVE A MOSHER
- ARTICLE 9. To elect a Second Constable for a term of two years.
- DAVID OTIS STEVENSON
- ARTICLE 10. To elect a Trustee of Public Funds for term of three years.
- (no candidates on ballot)
- ARTICLE 11. To elect a Library Trustee for a term of five years.
- ASHLEY WRIGHT

TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT REMOTE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING NOTICE and AGENDA

The Selectboard for the Town of Barnet, Vermont will hold a public informational hearing by electronic means on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Australian ballot articles on the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warning.

Information on how to access the remote hearing:

Please join meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/434153469>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States (Toll Free): 1 877 309 2073

United States: +1 (646) 749-3129

Access Code: 434-153-469

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/434153469>

*If dialing in using your phone and prompted to enter an Audio PIN, just dial #

*Please mute your phone while not speaking

*Please state your name prior to speaking

*** email townclerk@barnetvt.org if you are having difficulties connecting**

***Note: This meeting will be recorded via GoToMeeting**

Please review our "Informational Handout for Remote Public Hearings" to understand how the electronic hearing will be managed. If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please email your comment(s) to Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt at townclerk@barnetvt.org.

To ensure smooth access, we recommend that you test your remote hearing software in advance of the meeting. **If you have difficulty accessing the hearing, please call (802) 633-2252 or email townclerk@barnetvt.org.**

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Additions or deletions to the agenda
 - Public comment
- C. Review, discuss, and accept public comment on each of the following Australian ballot articles on the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warning:

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D. Discussion of other non-binding business (if applicable)

E. Entertain motion to adjourn hearing.

INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT FOR REMOTE HEARINGS

Remote Public Informational Hearing

The public informational hearing will be conducted remotely via electronic means. The public will also be able to access and participate in the remote hearing by dialing in through telephone.

Accessing the Hearing

Please refer to the hearing notice and agenda for information on how to access the remote hearing. Please note that whether you join by telephone, computer, or device, you may be put on hold or in a waiting “room” until granted access to the hearing. You also may be muted or restricted from using any chat function until the public comment portion of the hearing.

Participation

The Selectboard will open the meeting, then turn the meeting over to the Moderator, who will follow the agenda and allow public attendees to participate through voice (audio) means where feasible or alternatively using any chat function during the designated public comment periods on the agenda and at other applicable times as needed.

Initially, the hearing host/organizer will mute all participants. This is necessary to control background noise. The host/organizer will then unmute participants or allow participants to unmute themselves when invited to speak by the Moderator.

Please review the following guidelines:

- The Moderator will invite comment:
 - during the time designated on the agenda for public comment;
 - during any open public comment period, if applicable; and
 - other times as determined by the Moderator.
- When a participant/attendee is unmuted, they must state their name before commenting.

When the Selectboard adjourns the hearing, the host/organizer will end the electronic hearing by turning off/closing the remote hearing software. Attendees will be automatically disconnected.

Minutes and other public records that were part of the hearing will be made available in accordance with VT's Open Meeting and Public Records Laws.

To learn more about Remote Public Hearings and the Open Meeting Law, please visit the Secretary of State's Municipal Assistance webpage at <https://sos.vermont.gov/municipal-division/laws-resources/covid-19-response/>.

NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by January 31, 2021. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 20, 2021.

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

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us. The latest you can request ballots for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Australian Ballot Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 1, 2021. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

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

ON ELECTION DAY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

NO PERSON SHALL:

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

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

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

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

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Vote Tabulator Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

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

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

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

CHECK OUT:

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

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

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

Section 2

General Town Information

Town Elected Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator	Dennis McLam	March 2021
Town Clerk & Treasurer	Benjamin Heisholt	March 2021
Selectboard	Benjamin Gates	March 2021
	Mark Jefferson	March 2022
	Dylan Ford	March 2023
Listers	John Fairchild	March 2021
	John Cook	March 2022
	Sarah Cook	March 2023
Caledonia Cooperative School District School Directors (representing Barnet on three- town, nine-member board)	Susan Roberts	2021
	Jessica Lynn Roy	2022
	David Warden	2023
Auditors	Dennis Kauppila	March 2021
	Jeffrey Riley	March 2022
	Joseph Breidenstein	March 2023
Delinquent Tax Collector	Lisa Bowden	March 2021
1st Constable	Steve Mosher	March 2021
2nd Constable	David Stevenson	March 2021
Grand Juror	David Willis	March 2021
Town Agent	Steven Adler	March 2021
Trustee of Public Funds	Diane Thompson	March 2021
	William Graves	March 2022
	Merle Fitzgerald	March 2023
Library Trustees	Ashley Wright	March 2021
	Susan Wood	March 2022
	Julie Roos	March 2023
	Rebecca Boardman	March 2024
	Laura Goldberg	March 2025
Justice of the Peace	Rebecca Boardman	February 2023
	Salvatore DeMaio	February 2023
	William Graves	February 2023
	Susan Jensen	February 2023
	Dennis Kauppila	February 2023
	Maurice Roberts	February 2023
	Shellie Samuels	February 2023

Town Appointed Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Beach Committee	Jennifer Kierstead Christen Emerson Philo Marcotte Daniel Pearl Christopher Yancey	
Dam Committee	Dylan Ford George Coppenrath Susan Coppenrath Donald Easter Joseph Mangiapane David Price	
Emergency Management Coordinator	Ronald Morse	
Fire Chief	Ronald Morse	December 2021
Fire Warden	Christopher Bunnell	June 2023
Health Officer	Dylan Ford	
Health Officer, Deputy	Emil Pollak	
Library Director	Dylan Ford	
Assistant Library Director	Jacquelyn Verley	
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Representative	William Douglas	
Road Foreman	Mark Chase	
Town Clerk & Treasurer, Assistant	Catherine Roy	March 2021
Transportation Advisory Committee Representative	Benjamin Gates	
Tree Warden	Stanley Robinson	March 2021
Zoning Administrative Officer	Shirley Warden	March 2022
Zoning Board/ Planning Commission	Karen Stark William Biddle, Chair Dennis McLam Dakota Butterfield Benjamin Adams Trent Roy Bruce Denio Mark Bowen Zachary Mangione	July 2021 July 2021 July 2022 July 2022 July 2023 July 2023 July 2023 July 2024 July 2024

**MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
*Floor Meeting Portion***

**TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MARCH 3, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Barnet Elementary School gymnasium by Moderator Dennis McLam. Mr. McLam led the salute to the flag.

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

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.

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

The Moderator allowed a brief intermission in the meeting for Vermont legislator Marcia Martel to speak regarding various recent actions and potential future actions of the legislature. With the voters' approval, non-voter Ms. Martel was allowed to speak.

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

Selectboard

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

Lister

- Moderator stated that the three-year term of Sarah Cook is expiring.
- Sarah Cook nominated by Shirley Warden
- John Fairchild nominated by Charles McAlpine.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- A paper ballot is required for the office of Lister. Paper ballots were distributed, voted, and counted by the Board of Civil Authority.
- Moderator announced that 131 total votes were cast. 66 votes were required for election. 76 votes were cast for Sarah Cook, 55 votes were cast for John Fairchild.
- Moderator stated that Sarah Cook was elected.

Lister

- Moderator stated that this office has one year remaining of a three-year term. Michael Walsh resigned, and a replacement was not appointed.

- John Fairchild nominated by Sarah Cook.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot John Fairchild.

Auditor

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

Collector of Delinquent Tax

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

Grand Juror

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

Town Agent

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

Trustee of Public Funds

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

Library Trustee

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

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

- Caroline Demaio moved to accept the report of the Town Auditors as it appears on page twenty-eight of the Town Report. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

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

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

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for maintaining the Goodwillie House?

- Merle Fitzgerald moved the article as warned. Seconded.
- Sarah Cook spoke, asking how the 2019 appropriation was used.
 - Historical Society member Roseann Leute spoke, indicating that the funds were used at the Goodwillie House for shades, maintenance of the security system, some exterior painting, and for conservation of records and genealogical research.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

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

- David Warden moved the article as warned. Seconded.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

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

- Celina Wright moved the article as warned. Seconded by Rebecca Boardman.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

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

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

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

- Rachel Kittredge moved the article as warned. Seconded by Merle Fitzgerald.
- Voter and Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium employee Robert Farlice-Rubio spoke about new exhibits and displays at the museum, and reminded voters that this appropriation entitles voters to free access to the museum.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

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

- Caroline Demaio moved the article as warned. Seconded by Reeve Tripp.
- Hez Somers asked what benefits the Town receives from the Kingdom Animal Shelter.
 - Brynn Evans, who indicated that she does not have any association with Kingdom Animal Shelter, stated that she believes the shelter provides shelter to stray cats.
 - Hez Somers stated that in his many years of experience as a farmer he has found it to be true

that, “there is a time to live, and a time to die.”

- Motion was passed by voice vote.

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

- William Marshall moved the article as warned. Seconded.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town of Barnet, Vermont enter into a communications union district (CUD) to be known as NEK Community Broadband, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Chapter 82?

- Mona Marceau moved the article as warned. Seconded.

- Kathleen Monroe, who represented Barnet in this initiative, spoke about the proposed CUD, as described in the report appearing on pages 86 and 87 of the Town Report. Ms. Monroe also answered several questions from the voters.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation the property owned by the Barnet Historical Society located at Barnet Center, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, pursuant to 32 VSA § 3840?

- David Warden moved the article as warned. Seconded by Roseann Leute.
- Sarah Cook moved to amend the motion to exempt from taxation for one year rather than five years, pending the outcome of the Australian ballot portion of 2020 Town Meeting. Seconded.
- Roseann Leute spoke regarding the exemption, answering several questions from voters.
- Sarah Cook's motion to amend the original motion failed by voice vote.
- David Warden's original motion was passed by voice vote.

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

- Jonathan Carpenter moved that taxes become due and payable in hand to the town Treasurer during business hours on or before October 17, 2020, with said taxes to be actually received by the said Treasurer on or before the due date without regard to postmark; and thereafter said taxes shall be payable to the Collector of Delinquent Tax with interest at the rate of 1% per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months, and thereafter at the rate of 1 ½ % per month or fraction thereof, plus the collector's fee of 8% as provided by law. Seconded by Dennis Kauppila.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

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

- Selectboard member Benjamin Gates moved to raise the sum of \$1,642,288.62 for the General Fund budget. Seconded by Mark Bowen.
- Celina Wright asked about the tax delinquency of Great River Hydro, as reported on page 34 of the Town Report.
 - Moderator Dennis McLam reported that the tax was delinquent, but has been paid.
- Benjamin Gates's motion to raise the sum of \$1,642,288.62 for the General Fund budget was passed by voice vote.

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

- Jay Sprout spoke about a proposed 2021 appropriation request for Habitat for Humanity, for which he would be circulating a petition.
- Transfer Station employee Shirley Warden spoke about the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District budget vote being held by Australian ballot the day of this meeting.
- Dana Young asked about tax delinquencies on page 34 of the Town Report, asking why there are some that are as many as seven or eight years old.
 - Town Agent Steven Adler spoke about the tax collection policies of the town and options available in extreme cases.
 - Sarah Cook spoke, indicating that a bankruptcy may be delaying collection of some of the older delinquencies.

- a. **Non-binding discussion of items to be voted on by Australian ballot.**
- Mark Bowen asked about the composition of the Building Committee.
 - Building Committee Chair William Graves spoke about the formation and composition of the Building Committee. He suggested that those interested in joining the committee should speak to the Selectboard.
- Gail Warnaar spoke about the condition and status of existing Town properties, and suggested that the Selectboard have more assistance in the oversight and care of properties.
- Merle Fitzgerald moved to adjourn. Seconded by David Warden.
 - Motion was passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned 11:21 a.m.

Barnet Transfer Station & Recycling Center (2020)

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

Thank you for your cooperation,
Bruce Marston

Current fees for disposal: (as of July 13th, 2020)




- **Transfer Station:**
 - Mixed solid waste (MSW):
 - 13 gallon (kitchen) bag: \$1.00
 - 30 gallon bag: \$2.00
 - 42 gallon bag: \$3.00
 - 55 gallon bag: \$5.00
 - Or per cubic yard: \$15.00
 - Construction & demolition debris (C &D):
 - \$15.00 per cubic yard
 - Bulkies: \$15.00 each
 - Metal items: No charge
 - Tires:
 - Without rims, less than 16.5": \$ 3.00 each
 - With rims, less than 16.5": \$5.00 each
 - Without rims, larger than 16.5": \$8.00 each
 - With rims, larger than 16.5": \$15.00 each
- **Recycling Center:** All acceptable items can be recycled at no charge. See the [Recycling List](#), which contains most of these items. Other acceptable items include:
 - Electronic items, limited to the below list:
 - Amplifiers, answering machines, boom boxes, cable converter boxes, CD players, clock radios, computer systems and components, digital converter boxes, DVD players, electronic games consoles, etc., fax machines, MP3 players, power cords and chargers, scanners, smart phones, etc, stereo equipment, telephones, televisions, and VCRs.

If you have any questions regarding waste management, please call NEKWMD at (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602

or on the web at www.nekwmd.org

Barnet Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

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

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

ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

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

SPECIAL WASTES: Scrap metal, Electronics (TVs, computers, radio/stereos, gaming systems, telephones), automotive batteries, household batteries (all primary & rechargeable), metal aerosols cans, hard cover books, fluorescent bulbs. Tires (fees apply).

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

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

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

Updated 1/2021



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.nekwmd.org, e-mail outreach@nekwmd.org

Unacceptable Plastics Include:

Any **black** plastic containers

Motor oil, gas containers

Pesticide containers

Styrofoam of any kind

Planting pots and trays

Plastic furniture

Plastic Toys

Coffee Makers

Coat hangers

Vinyl Siding

Maple Tubing

CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases

Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size

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

Unacceptable Plastic Bags and Films

Woven plastic bags

Nylon Bags

Ziploc Bags

Unacceptable Cardboard

Pringles containers

Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind

Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes

Cardboard with metallic interior

Single-use coffee cups

Soiled Cardboard

Waxy Cardboard

Unacceptable Paper

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)

White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)

Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers

Paper plates, cups, bowls

Single-use cups

Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

Unacceptable Glass

Crystal

Incandescent light bulbs

Automotive lights

Pyrex

Porcelain

Unacceptable Aluminum

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers

Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)

Coffee Bags

Unacceptable Tin

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans

Large Pieces of Metal

Nails, Screws, Fasteners

Any tin that is a non-food container

Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)

“Biodegradable” bags, cutlery, bowls, plates

Food utensils

Plates, bowls, cups

Plastic bags

Styrofoam

Keurig cups

2021 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

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

****HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS****

The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection event if storage capacity is reached.

Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 30 gallons.

HHW Collection events are limited to District Households.

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

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from ***May 4, 2021 to October 5, 2021***. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

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

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

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

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

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

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

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

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

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

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

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

The NEKWMD hazardous waste collection program is made possible in part by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. This year's grant totaled \$74,074.31

Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

GARDEN SUPPLIES

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

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

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

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

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

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ACTUAL TAXES AND TAX RATES

2020 ACTUAL Taxes and Tax Rates							
Caledonia							
Town Name	Education Homestead Taxes	Education Nonhomestead Taxes	Municipal Taxes	Education Homestead Tax Rate	Education Nonhomestead Tax Rate	Municipal Tax Rate	Local Agreement Tax Rate
Barnet	1,676,594	2,237,357	1,660,983	1.6042	1.6036	0.6819	0.0033
<i>Barnet FD #1</i>	0	0	4,347	0	0	0.0575	0
<i>Barnet FD #2</i>	0	0	12,317	0	0	0.0853	0
<i>Barnet FD #3</i>	0	0	7,756	0	0	0.0500	0
<i>Barnet FD #5</i>	0	0	3,554	0	0	0.0200	0
Burke	1,306,123	2,885,114	1,737,197	1.3946	1.6546	0.6332	0.0010
Danville	2,635,818	2,259,131	1,718,226	1.6103	1.6180	0.5675	0
Groton	863,389	1,164,811	663,995	1.5394	1.6002	0.5147	0.0028
Hardwick	1,973,171	1,359,381	2,414,459	1.8112	1.7078	1.2854	0.0107
Kirby	424,065	368,366	371,955	1.2232	1.5871	0.6432	0.0007
Lyndon	2,627,487	2,887,153	1,641,590	1.3544	1.6235	0.4412	0.0038
<i>Lyndonville Village</i>	0	0	579,531	0	0	0.8324	0
<i>Lyndon Highway</i>	0	0	981,538	0	0	0.3245	0
Newark	458,695	914,255	618,196	1.3613	1.5891	0.6792	0.0032
Peacham	1,252,026	1,186,843	858,663	1.9483	1.6308	0.6275	0
Ryegate	1,048,362	1,067,227	757,847	1.5623	1.6239	0.5698	0.0033
<i>East Ryegate Lightin</i>	0	0	49	0	0	0.0700	0
<i>South Ryegate Lighti</i>	0	0	43	0	0	0.0300	0
Sheffield	428,884	496,822	716,458	1.5156	1.7288	0.7123	0
St. Johnsbury	3,264,722	4,658,474	4,749,392	1.4562	1.6728	0.9456	0.0028
<i>St. J Spec Serv Dist</i>	0	0	1,199,992	0	0	0.5548	0
Stannard	151,569	171,215	149,196	1.7910	1.7788	0.8262	0
Sutton	818,364	644,688	714,712	1.3992	1.5120	0.7096	0.0057
Walden	736,628	693,539	546,411	1.4600	1.5518	0.5761	0.0046
Waterford	1,536,777	1,532,835	976,068	1.6407	1.6401	0.5030	0.0028
Wheelock	532,425	422,447	403,383	1.4345	1.6363	0.6447	0
County Totals	21,735,102	24,949,659	23,487,861				

Section 3

Reports of Town Officers, Boards, Committees & Departments

Select Board Report 2020

Looking back on the year always brings perspective. This year in particular has been both rewarding and frustrating for us as a Selectboard, and we are sure, you as a community. One thing we can say is that we are grateful to live here, in the Northeast Kingdom, where we have space and quiet. We welcome those who have chosen to join us here in Barnet because of the solace that space offers.

There is so much, in a normal year, that goes on behind the scenes to keep a town running smoothly. This year was especially challenging. We would like a big “thank you” to go out to Ben Heisholt and Catherine Roy. Despite having to move the office into his home in the early spring, Ben continued to provide town services above and beyond his normal duties. Ben often worked late into the night and on the weekends, clerked our meetings remotely from his home and eloquently rephrased our not-so-eloquent motions and discussions. Catherine took on a much larger role than usual this year. She took on many new office tasks and spent a lot of time couriering documents around Barnet. Steve Wright and the Barnet Post Office also deserve gratitude for their patience with our scattered mail deliveries and endless elections mail. Many thanks. We couldn’t have done it without you all.

Last March brought the vote on the future Barnet Town Offices. We thank the community for joining us in not only the discussion that brought us to the vote, but in giving the Selectboard some direction in which to move on this project. This spring we will move forward with the care and consideration this project deserves. Gathering specialists and those necessary to begin working on the design and construction of Municipal Offices has been a challenge to say the least during this pandemic.

One of the larger, more visible tasks we undertook was the addition to the Recycling Center at the Transfer Station. We are grateful to Ben Adams and his team to their commitment to this project even through this pandemic. We know it was a difficult year to coordinate the project and to get the building materials needed. Thank you also to Bruce, Donald, Rusty and Shirley for being patient and flexible with this year’s challenges at the Transfer Station. We couldn’t have done it without your hard work and insight.

Many thanks to Mark, Jason, Glenn, Barry, and Steve who worked hard year round to keep us on the road. Even during the shutdown, our crew worked for as many hours as we deemed safe and necessary. This year we paved sections of West Barnet Rd., Barnet Center, Town Forest and Meeting House Rd. We stripped, paved and resealed Bridge St. bridge in Passumpsic and spent lots of time on ditch cleaning and mowing. We were limited somewhat by the lack of State grant funding for road projects this year. Within the next couple of years we are planning on tackling a long overdue large project on Roy Mountain Rd.

One of the major challenges this year was the various votes we had to coordinate. On top of the Municipal Building vote, we had the school budget vote in July and, of course the national election. The detailed, lengthy, legal discussions and organization going into these days to make them successful was grueling. Thanks so much to all the Barnet voters who came, masked, patient and respectful. It made our job much easier. We will miss seeing you all at Town Meeting.

Respectfully,

Dylan Ford, Benjamin Gates, and Mark Jefferson

Town Auditor's Report

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

To the best of our knowledge the financial statements in the Town Report represent the financial position of the Town of Barnet as of December 31, 2020.

January 25, 2021

Jeffery Riley

Joseph Breidenstein

Dennis Kauppila

Barnet Listers Report

The two-year full town reappraisal was successfully completed by the end of 2020. The end result was a Common Level of Appraisal of 99.59 %, which is about as perfect and you can get, and a Coefficient of Dispersion of 5.63%. We want to thank everyone for their support and cooperation!

The Vermont Department of Tax, Property Valuation and Review Division's evaluation of the reappraisal was judged **Satisfactory** in all three equity measures, passing the three-pronged test, according to a letter sent to the town on January 13, 2021 and signed by Director Jill Remick.

Nearly 100% of properties on the grand List saw their listed values change due to the reappraisal, approximately equal percentage changes were in listed value for both sold and unsold. In addition, there was equal treatment of homestead and non-residential properties, based on the sales validated for the current year's sales sample.

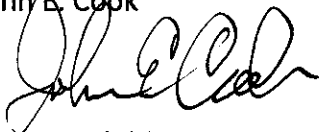
There are 1,106 taxable properties in the town of Barnet. The equalized education Grand List is \$245,033,507, the state mandated estimate of the fair market value. Further details may be found on the Vermont Tax department web site, as well as definitions of the CLA and COD.

The reappraisal by 7 or 8 state certified appraisers was paid for by the state set aside in a reserve account over a period of years since the last appraisal in 2008.

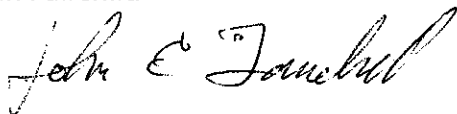
Due to the Covid-19 virus restrictions Listers have worked from home and now at the office on Monday and Thursday afternoons.

Listers:

John E. Cook



John Fairchild



Sarah L. Cook



Report of the Trustees for Public Funds, 2020

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

Our investment plan has been to protect the original, restricted principal while the funds have opportunity to grow both by unrealized gain or accumulated value, and by reinvestment of earned dividends and interest. This plan has served well—the Town's share of Esden Funds has an accumulated value of \$211,601.37 on December 31, 2020, and has gained value equaling \$30,838.24 since December 31, 2019, at a positive 17.06% rate of total return. Investment income (such as dividends and interest) for 2020 is \$17,596.29.

The beginning values over thirteen years ago were \$53,168 for the Town, and \$53,168 for the School District. The Town's share of funds has increased by 3.97 times in these years.

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

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

The Trustees' original mission remains to hold sound investments for income and growth, while the original principal is always protected.

Merle Fitzgerald
William Graves
Diane Thompson

**Town of Barnet
Esden Fund
2020 Financial Reports**

Activity Summary

Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2019	180,763.13
Income:	17,596.29
Gain (loss) in value of investments:	13,241.95
2019 Net Earnings or (Loss)	30,838.24
Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2020	211,601.37

Balance Sheet

Assets:	Dec. 31, 2019	Dec. 31, 2020
Cash	10,452.10	34,519.33
Corporate Bonds	11,034.65	0.00
Government Securities	0.00	0.00
Unit Trusts	33,931.80	23,927.40
Mutual Funds	125,344.58	153,154.64
Total Assets	180,763.13	211,601.37
Fund Equity:		
Fund Balance - Non-spendable	53,168.58	53,168.58
Fund Balance - Unassigned	127,594.55	158,432.79
Total Fund Equity	180,763.13	211,601.37

2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BARNET PLANNING/ZONING BOARD

The Board consists of nine Members, appointed by the Select Board to four year staggered terms, expiring on July first each year. Election of Officers is held the first meeting after July first.

The current Board Members are Benjamin Adams, William Biddle, Mark Bowen, Dakota Butterfield, Bruce Denio, Zachary Mangione, Dennis McLam, Trent Roy & Karen Stark. Trent Roy was appointed to fill the vacancy created July 1, 2019 and Zachary Mangione was appointed to replace George Pierce. The Board and I wish to give George a big thank you for his many years of service on the Board.

At the August 5, 2020 meeting Benjamin Adams replaced William Biddle as Chairman and Dennis McLam replaced Benjamin Adams as Vice Chairman. Shirley Warden was reappointed for a one year term as the Board's Secretary.

The Board meets the second Tuesday of the month, as needed, at 7p.m. in the conference room of the Barnet Fire Station at 151 Bimson Drive. This change was made because of restrictions of COVID-19 after the April public hearing had to be canceled.

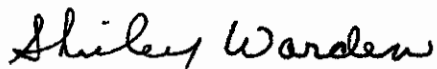
Public hearings are warned, as required by State Statute in THE CALEDONIAN RECORD and post at the Town Clerk's office, the Barnet and Passumpsic Post offices and on the Town's website "www.barnetvt.org". Agendas are also on the website.

Draft minutes of all meetings are on the website as required by State Statute, within 5 days of each meeting. Approved minutes are recorded in the Barnet public records at the Town Clerk's office. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.. Because of COVID-19 restrictions please call 633-2256 to check for any changes.

The Board met nine times in 2020 and held nine public hearings. The April meeting and hearing was canceled because of COVID-19. By June we had received 5 more applications that needed Board hearings, so it was decided to hold on-site public hearings at each location, with masks and distancing.

The public hearings were for: three setbacks from Harvey's Lake, one was denied and two were approved; three were for building on less than a class three road, all approved; 2 conditional uses were approved ; and one setback from property lines waiver was issued.

In October a partial virtual meeting was held with Alison Low from NVDA doing a workshop updating the Board and the Zoning Administrative officer on new State laws for rules and procedures for administering the Zoning Bylaws. Than her for that.



Shirley Warden, Secretary
Barnet Planning/Zoning Board

2020 Annual Report of the Barnet Zoning Administrative Officer

All structures over 50 square feet (5'X10') with a few exceptions require a zoning permit. A structure is defined as "an assembly of materials; for use or occupancy".

Application forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or on line at www.barnetvt.org. Please read the instructions and use a form dated September 2019 or newer.

A permit fee is \$20.00 plus \$15.00 for recording. Public hearing applications, for conditional use, back lots, variance/waiver, site plan review or appeal fees are \$30.00 plus \$15.00 for recording. There is an additional \$15.00 fee for recording extra pages.

There is a late fee for building without a permit; it is two times the regular fee or \$40.00 & \$60.00.

The Administrative officer has 30 days to act on a completed application, and the permit is not buildable for fifteen days after is is signed by the Administrative officer or thirty days after Zoning Board approval.

The Barnet Zoning Bylaw adopted August 14, 2018 requires that qualifying agricultural & silvacultural structures, which are exempt from zoning permits, MUST file an intent to build form with Administrative officer. The form is on line or at the Town Clerk's office. The fee for recording this form is \$15.00. The website is "www.barnetvt.org".

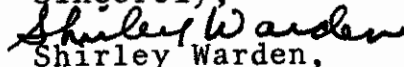
I may be reached at 802-633-4993. Please leave a message if I'm out, and repeat your phone number twice. My address is 521 Warden Road, Barnet, VT 05821. I donot recommend leaving applications at the the Town Clerk's office as I'm not in the office very often.

In 2020 there were 35 completed applications received and approved. Nine applications were referred to the Barnet Planning/Zoning Board for action.

Permits were issued for 13 decks; 9 sheds; 8 porches; 5 dwelling additions; 3 mobile homes; 2 each of the following: dwellings, pole barns; tent gazabos; barn additions; 1 each of the following: pool; residential garage; garage addition; fence; green house; change a roof line and a 2 lot subdivision; and two conditional use permits. There was also 4 dwelling units added to existing structures.

Four new 911 locatable address numbers were issued in 2020.

Sincerely,



Shirley Warden,
Barnet Zoning Administrative Officer

Town of Barnet ~ 2020 Annual Report

Report of the Collector of Delinquent Tax
Lisa J. Bowden, Collector
December 31, 2020

<u>Year</u>	<u>Taxes Charged to Collector</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Uncollected Tax as of 12/31/20</u>
2012	\$ 6,478.48	\$ -0-	-0-	\$ 6,478.48
2013	14,648.31	-0-	-0-	14,648.31
2014	15,625.00	123.11	-0-	15,501.89
2015	17,443.88	2,431.99	-0-	15,011.89
2016	14,905.04	6,806.57	-0-	8,098.47
2017	8,669.08	2,679.22	-0-	5,989.86
2018	35,532.66	9,704.95	-0-	25,827.71
2019	153,083.11	123,470.58	-0-	29,612.53
2020	<u>194,351.85</u>	<u>113,217.63</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>81,134.22</u>
	\$460,737.41	\$258,434.05	-0-	202,303.36

Unpaid Tax Balances by Taxpayer:

2012

Kendall, James \$6,478.48

2013

Kendall, James \$8,297.50

Kendall, James/Jere 6,350.81

2014

Kendall, James \$8,907.14

Kendall, James/Jere 6,594.75

2015

Kendall, James \$8,255.21

Kendall, James/Jere 6,756.68

2016

Kendall, James \$ 4,182.27

Kendall, James/Jere 835.62

Merchant, Donald Life Estate 2,261.99

Noyes, Billy 818.59

2017

Alongi, Vito \$ 26.62

Kendall, James 1,183.69

Labounty, David 1,721.41

Merchant, Donald Life Estate 2,237.22

Somers, Gilmore Estate 820.92

2018

Alongi, Vito \$1,511.45

Bradley, John & Sharon 3,100.92

Kendall, James 10,650.56

Kendall, James/Jere 5,874.55

Labounty, David 1,737.66

Merchant, Donald Life Estate 2,258.34

Noyes, Billy 694.23

2019

Alongi, Vito \$ 1,616.02

Boardman, Brendan 760.34

Bradley, John & Sharon 1,584.92

Broughton, Marc 809.29

2019 (continued)

Kendall, James \$ 13,110.05

Kendall, James/Jere 6,162.24

Labounty, David 1,822.76

Merchant, Linwood 2,368.95

Verrill, James/Lyczko, Thomas 1,377.96

2020

492 Rte 5 LLC \$ 1,551.81

Alongi, Vito 2,812.93

Boardman, Brendan 1,959.21

Bogie, Calvin & Darlene 1,769.24

Bradley, John & Sharon 3,771.94

Broughton, Marc 3,705.57

Campbell, Kathleen 1,679.13

Craven, Jasper 4.58

Hahr, Christopher 2,561.17

Hamilton, M 44.03

Hilliker, Shawn 1,057.42

Jones, James 11,984.16

Kendall, James 8,409.06

Kendall, James/Jere 4,060.33

Kendall, Jere 932.37

Kendall, Marvin 1,858.50

Labounty, David 1,549.52

Lacourse, Dennis 2,638.22

Lamothe, Norman 1,233.67

Larabee Morrisette Trust 4,399.07

McGrath, Dorothy 3,114.19

Merchant, Linwood Estate 2,586.35

(Merrill, D.) Labounty, Elphage & Keith 3,448.20

Mitchel, Stephanie 4,085.45

Noyes, Billy 796.50

Ouellette, William & Melanie 70.07

Patneau, Robert 1,926.02

Rivard, Martha 1,064.67

Root, Jonathan & Leigh Ann 460.89

Solar Communities/SunCommon 71.80

Seiler, Farrell Trust 123.91

Starosciak, Keith 421.14

Verrill, James/Lyczko, Thomas 2,875.02

Walsh, Diane 755.40

Young, Raymond 1,352.68

2020 REPORT OF BARNET FIRE & RESCUE

Barnet Fire & Rescue responded to 145 fire and medical incidents in 2020 compared to 161 for the previous year. We are currently operating with a roster of 19 members of which 13 are active and routinely respond to calls and attend meetings and training. Of those 13 members 3 are certified EMS providers, 5 members are Fire/EMS trained and 5 are Fire trained.

Coverage continues to be an issue both day and night and we are continuing to rely on mutual aid coverage for routine incidents more than we have in the past. Other departments in our area that have normally maintained a healthy number of volunteers are also having coverage issues and are having to resort to more requests for mutual aid for routine calls. The fire regionalization study that was started last year is about to be finalized and presented to participating communities this spring by Municipal Resources Inc. As I have mentioned in past reports, we are always looking for new members who would be willing to serve the community and be part of a great brotherhood. If you are that person or know of someone contact any member or stop by the firehouse on the first or third Tuesday evenings for more information. Barnet Fire and Rescue provides all the training and equipment at no cost to members, we provide an hourly stipend for time spent on calls. Members also have access to the weight room, cardio room and pool in the field house at St Johnsbury Academy. In addition we also provide an Accident & Sickness policy that provides coverage in addition to Workers Compensation.

Barnet Fire Department was the recipient of a federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant in 2020 in the amount of \$58000.00. The grant requires a 5% match and will be used to replace 8 of our breathing apparatus unit. The units which will meet the most current National Fire Protection Standard will replace units that are over 15 years old and have been showing fatigue in several areas for a couple of years. We currently have two proposals and are in the process of evaluating them.

What are the signs and symptoms of CO poisoning?

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning can be confused with “flu-like” symptoms—such as headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach and vomiting. It can also cause sleepiness, blurred vision, ringing in the ears, breathing problems, and confusion. **Because CO poisoning is more common in the colder months when colds and flu are common, you might mistake CO poisoning for a cold or flu.**

If you breathe in a lot of CO, it can make you pass out or kill you. People who are sleeping or under the influence of drugs or alcohol can die from CO poisoning before they have symptoms.

Breathing low levels of CO over a few hours can be just as harmful as breathing high levels for a few minutes. If symptoms go away when you leave your home, but come back when you return, there may be a CO problem in your home. Pets will also suffer these symptoms and can serve as a warning.

Go outside immediately to get fresh air, then dial 9-1-1 if:

- The CO alarm goes off.
- You suspect CO poisoning and you or someone else is experiencing these symptoms.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald L Morse, Chief

**Barnet Fire Rescue
2020 Treasurer's Report**

Balance on hand January 1, 2019 \$ 8,832.70

Income

Donations	\$ 1,000.00
Interest	\$ 4.76
BBQ receipts	\$ 2,817.00
911 Sign Sales	\$ 240.00
Total Income	\$ 4,061.76

January 1st balance plus income \$ 12,894.46

Expenses

Department Patch (100)	\$ 560.00
Building Maint. Equip	\$ 199.89
Fire Equipment	\$ 150.00
911 Sign Supplies	\$ 233.36
BBQ expenses	\$ 678.62
Postage & Box Rent	\$ 75.00
Donations	\$ 200.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,096.87

\$ 2,096.87

Balance on hand December 31,2019 \$ 10,797.59

Christopher Bunnell, Treasurer

Harvey's Lake Beach Committee- Town Report 2021

Summary of beach happenings for the year 2020

Due to COVID 19, the beach was unable to “open” for the 2020 season. We placed porta potties and had staff that came daily to sanitize them and clean up any debris left at the beach. The beach rules were still in place, despite that there were some who took advantage of the situation, dogs were being brought in, trash was being left behind, some juveniles being disrespectful, etc. We cannot stress enough the importance of following the beach rules, for the safety and courtesy of all beach goers and staff.

We have our hopes high that this year we will be able to open with regular hours and staffing. The beach rules will remain the same and will be enforced. We will be looking for gate attendants and lifeguards for the upcoming season, applications can be obtained from and submitted to the Town Clerk.

As you all know at the end of the 2019 season we had to remove the playground due to insurance concerns. We have begun looking into a new playground. We have a quote from Pettinelli and Associates out of Burlington for a new playground, the quote, for just the equipment, is \$12,464 and is subject to change. This quote does not include the impact material (sand or wood chips) that must be under the equipment or the installation of the equipment. A more accurate quote for a completed playground is closer to \$20,000. Throughout the years we have done several fund raisers and have put the money in a separate account, “Reserve Fund”, to date the reserve fund has a balance of \$7788.01. We plan to apply for some grants to help cover some of the remaining costs. Any donations toward the playground fund would be greatly appreciated!

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

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

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

Committee Members: Christen Emerson, Philo Marcotte, Jennifer Kierstead, Chris Yancey,
Danny Pearl

Beach Email: harveyslakebeach@gmail.com

Librarian's Report 2020

The Barnet Public Library is very grateful to our community for supporting our efforts this year. Despite our actual doors to the library being closed to the public from April to June, we had more circulation and patron visits in 2020 than in the past few years. Thank you for trusting us to do all we could to keep you safe while providing library access. Your support gave us the opportunity to be successful in all our experiments that made our year so brilliant.

In January and February we continued with our Art at the Library programs and Valentines for Seniors. We also began a free Ukulele class for kids that was full for the week before we had to shut down. Don't worry, we'll be back with all these programs!

In April we made the hard decision to provide only porcheside service. We placed requests on our porch table. We spoke to our patrons through the window or came outside to connect with people and make sure everyone felt welcome. We continued this service through May. June 1st began our fun summer model; the Library on the Lawn. Library on the Lawn consisted of 4 tables full of books; new, old, fiction, non-fiction, books for kids and for adults. We had hand sanitizer on all tables and ran in and out of the library retrieving any requested items for people. The great success of this model was due to patron flexibility and a summer of no rain. We had only 5 days of books on the porch due to weather.

Another program we offered this summer was our Bookmobile. We gathered boxes of as many books as would fit in the car (about 200), 3 tables and loads of hand sanitizer and drove to Passumpsic, West Barnet and McIndoe Falls. For many, this was their only company all week. We are keeping this tradition!

Summer readers were not disappointed as, along with a summer of Bingo Sheets and Storywalks, we also were able to provide a delightful Punch and Judy Show from traveling puppeteers Rose and Justin of Modern Times Theater. We had delicious food from the Spice Box and about 40 people enjoyed the show.

October was warm and with low enough Covid numbers to allow for a safe Trunk or Treat with over 300 visitors, masked for safety and Trick or Treating. Thank you to all of our trunk decorators for using their best judgement and holiday spirit to make Halloween so fun.

Bookmobile and Library on the Lawn continued into November until the cold and snow made us rethink our model for continued success in 2020. We finally opened our doors in mid-November with all the recommended safety measures in place including a Hepa Air Purifier. Everyone has been so respectful of our policies and it has been such a joyful winter for us finally having folks inside.

In December we teamed up with Dawn Holtz from the Milarepa Center to have a Day of Cheer on the library lawn. We ate amazing gourmet donuts from the Local Donut, drank cocoa and coffee, and saw friends old and new. It was just what we all needed. One Barnet couple said "we just came because we need a little cheer!" It was a wonderful thing to be able to offer.

We have started another program this winter called Library CSA where patrons can sign up to get a Book Bushel delivered to their doorstep on Fridays. Seeing people peer out of their windows in anticipation of their Bushel is one of the great joys of the winter for us here at the Library. Art at the Library is back...on Zoom! We have had a successful Happy Cafe and an origami class. Check in with us to sign up for future classes.

We are so grateful to have had such a year. We know how lucky we are to have been able to offer services throughout this year.

Dylan Ford & Jackie Verley

802-633-3831, barnetpl@hotmail.com, Facebook or www.barnetpubliclibrary.com

Barnet Public Library
Annual Report
for the year ending 12/31/2020

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
Income			
Town Tax Appropriation	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Donations	1,500.00	3,319.00	1,500.00
Grants	200.00	200.00	1,700.00
Book Sale	-	-	-
Fundraisers	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Annual Appeal	-	150.00	-
Interest on Bank Accts	-	20.90	-
	<hr/> 32,700.00	<hr/> 33,689.90	<hr/> 34,200.00
Expenses			
SALARIES			
Gross Wages	23,860.00	19,702.37	24,575.00
FICA Taxes (Soc. Sec.)	1,700.00	1,507.22	1,700.00
Workshops	200.00	-	200.00
FACILITIES EXPENSES			
Telephone	490.00	457.10	490.00
Internet Service	490.00	247.68	490.00
Maintenance & Renovation	400.00	354.40	400.00
LIBRARY OPERATIONS			
Audio/Video	300.00	59.05	150.00
Adult Books	2,000.00	1,709.80	2,000.00
Kid Books	1,000.00	1,212.63	1,000.00
Magazines/Newspaper	400.00	265.00	300.00
Membership Pass	50.00	-	
Ebooks/Digital Audiobooks	400.00	375.00	450.00
Website	300.00	151.24	300.00
ResourceMate		329.26	177.00
SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT			
Mileage	50.00	-	300.00
Office Supplies	650.00	599.73	650.00
Computer	500.00	-	500.00
Postage	200.00	95.94	200.00
SPECIAL PROGRAMS			
Special Events	900.00	488.83	350.00
	<hr/> 33,890.00	<hr/> 27,555.25	<hr/> 34,232.00
 Net Income	 <hr/> (1,190.00)	 <hr/> 6,134.65	 <hr/> (32.00)

Barnet Transfer Station Report 2020

2020 was a very busy year at the transfer station in all three of our categories: Construction debris, Trash and Recycling. We had the same great employees this year. Donald Nelson, Rusty Ehlers, Ernest Bourtelle and Shirley Warden all worked at our facility with Dixie Burns (Call 2-1-1) again providing us with needed information to help the Good Neighbor Fund operate. They all do an exemplary job! Also we would like to thank Ben Adams and his crew for doing such a beautiful job putting up our sorely needed new addition.

After seeing how much the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Drive, (Claudia Heisholt, Jennifer Crown, Sue Thompson, Tina Morrison, Kathy Roosa, Deb King, Tammy Carpenter, Dylan Ford, Roxanne and Jeremy Roberts) was doing to help our neighbors, Joyce Evans (my wife), Lisa Bowden, Shelly Darrell, Jennifer Hall, Wendy Stein, Heather Lindstrom, Bonnie Easter, Jan Sherman, David and Ruth Anderson, Kate Abrams, Annette Dauscher and Tammi Davis helped organize the **First Annual Barnet Good Neighbor Fund Winter Clothing Drive** held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving at the First Church on Church Street. They completely filled the pews of the church with clothing from size newborn to 6X. Over 105 families took advantage of this opportunity and we are extremely thankful for all of the generous donations that allowed our neighbors to be warm this winter. Leftover clothing was donated to Salvation Army, Umbrella, The Thrift Shop on Eastern Avenue and other local non-profit agencies.

This year we collected over 154 tons MSW materials (trash), over 25 tons of scrap metal and over 147 tons of C+D (construction debris)! Trash and construction debris are both up from last year's figures, but scrap metal went down to 25 tons this year as compared to 32 tons in 2019.

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

Shirley Warden again went above and beyond the call of duty helping with absolutely everything and the folks at Casella, All Metals and The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are always ready to help solve any problems that arise. They all have wonderful employees.

Our little dog pals are still looking ahead to Saturday so they can enjoy a snack when they stop in for a visit. We are always sorry to hear about the loss of any of our four-legged friends and this year was no exception. We seem to lose a few dogs each year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Marston

Memorial Flags

Due to Covid 19 the Barnet School 6 grade students were unable to take part placing the flags on the Veterans graves in 2020. We were able to get the following volunteers to help. Caroline Adams & her children, Elliot, and Olive Julie Roos, David Hyde, Mark Gilleland, Judy Butson, Tony & Mary Faris, Dennis & Jeanne McLam.

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

The following volunteers helped collect the flags this fall. Caroline Adams & children Elliott & Olive, Sarah Daniels & children Titus, Selah, Trinity and Ezra. Judy Butson, Tony & Mary Faris, Dennis & Jeanne McLam.

We want to thank all of the volunteers that helped this year. We couldn't have managed without your wonderful help.

Patricia McLam

Lisa Bowden

Judy Butson

Memorial Day 2020

The 2020 Memorial Day services were held Sunday, May 24th. The Passumpsic Village service was held at 8:30am at the Monument in Passumpsic. The Barnet Village service was conducted at 9am at the Monument on the village circle. The ceremonies began with a welcome by the Selectboard and a prayer led by Ben Gates, an elder at the West Barnet Presbyterian Church.

This year, in an effort to reduce attendees due to restrictions on gathering, we did not have a speaker at the event. Instead we chose to honor the day with participation from VFW Post 793 and the Auxiliary led by Commander Roland Bigelow and his wife, Denise. Debbie Smith played taps at both locations.

Respectfully,

Dylan Ford, Benjamin Gates, and Mark Jefferson

2020 Lake Harvey Boat Monitor Report - Kathy Wirthwein

We began monitoring boats on May 23, 2020 and continued full time (7 am to 7 pm) every day through September 7th, then one more weekend. 2020 pre-season monitor training was done online and was mandatory. Vermont should be congratulated for updating useful resources for boaters this year - view at <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/aquatic-invasives/spread-prevention/greeters>. Especially informative: the Public Access Greeter Overview Presentation, the list of Vermont infested water bodies, the Vermont aquatic plant key, and the current Vermont Fish and Wildlife Fishing Guide. Many other links within are excellent as well.

We monitored 787 visitors with boats this year. Among them 111 brought 1 kayak, 141 brought 2 kayaks and 23 brought 3 kayaks or more, for a total of 474 kayaks. Only 11 other cars brought 2 or more boats. Other totals were 87 pontoons, 194 boats with outboard motors, 109 boats with inboard motors, 20 jet skis, 26 canoes, 5 sailboats, 62 paddle-boards, and 11 sail paddle-boards. Less than one half of the boats were motorized (410 motorized vs. 552 non-motorized).

Among the motorized boats almost 90 were noted as last in Harvey's in 2019 or returning to docks on the lake. The 787 visitor total was higher than in both 2019 and 2018. The 2019 visitor total was 598, and the 2018 visitor total was 509. Our 2020 kayak total of 474 kayaks vastly exceeded 297 kayaks in 2019. Math suggests that most of the 2020 boat increase was due to the kayak increase (and also quite a few paddle boards). The pandemic may have stimulated single occupant boating.

Boats came from about 75 different water bodies grouping the Connecticut River entries together (counted once). 10 boats came from Lake Champlain (which has zebra mussels and all of the other invasive species), 8 from Lake Fairlee, 6 from Lake Halls, 6 from Lake Morey, 14 from nearby Ticklenaked Pond, 5 from Lake Memphremagog, 13 from Crystal Lake, and 3 from Echo Lake. All of these locations have Eurasian watermilfoil. Quite a few boaters (32) last launched into various Connecticut River and connected reservoir locations. The locations close to us are not on invasive species lists, but any water bodies that connect have unknown or future risks.

I obtained my numbers by sorting a spreadsheet by lake locations and noting that (for example) lines 51 to 57 were a particular lake, so 7 boats were last in this lake. I also sorted by boat types.

Many of the boats last in contaminated lakes (about half) did not need to be washed because they were out of water more than 14 days which should dry up plant contamination, or because already diligently cleaned. About a third of the boats using the contaminated lakes were the kayaks or paddle boards. Zebra mussels can be invisible and require hot water pressure treatment.

We are fortunate our Greeter Station is equipped with the very best such washer, and staffed with knowledgeable Greeters dedicated to making sure our so far pure Lake Harvey waters remain so.....

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

Section 4

Town Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report

Unlike many things in 2020, the Town's finances were fairly predictable and free of drama and trauma. Actual revenues and expenditures were generally on target with regard to the budget, and planned long-term goals steadily progressed. Several small over-expenditures and under-expenditures were the primary drivers of variance in the General Fund. The Town remains fiscally strong thanks to years of sound management; there remains a healthy accumulated surplus and no long-term notes payable. Both of these elements of Town finance result from the design of the Selectboard and the trust of the taxpayers.

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

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

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

The Treasurer's office greatly appreciates the understanding and cooperation uniformly displayed by residents and taxpayers while the office has been closed during much of the year due to COVID-19 related restrictions and precautions. Services were offered through sometimes extraordinary means and property tax season came and went smoothly.

Assistant Treasurer Catherine Roy deserves extra appreciation this year for her efforts above and beyond the call of duty to keep the office running smoothly while the Treasurer and other officers were working remotely.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin P. Heisholt, Treasurer

Town of Barnet, Vermont

2021 General Fund Budget

Selectboard: Dylan Ford, Benjamin Gates & Mark Jefferson

(See pages following this report for schedules and notes)

<u>Section & Note</u>	<u>Former Section/ New Section</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>
Revenues						
		<u>Selectboard Income</u>				
1		Taxes				
a		Selectboard Budget Tax Appropriation	1,580,635.89	1,642,288.62	1,663,085.22	1,607,574.21
b		Change in Deferred Property Tax Revenue	(26,900.66)		51,982.20	
		Total Taxes	1,553,735.23	1,642,288.62	1,715,067.42	1,607,574.21
2		Town Clerk's Office Fees				
		Recording Fees	12,759.00	14,000.00	20,442.00	14,000.00
a		General Office Fees	3,120.70	3,500.00	2,535.10	3,500.00
		Dog Licenses	1,393.00	1,500.00	1,444.00	1,500.00
		Dog Ordinance Violation Fees	100.00	0.00	125.00	0.00
b		Liquor Licenses	140.00	70.00	70.00	70.00
		Other Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Town Clerk's Fees	17,512.70	19,070.00	24,616.10	19,070.00
3		Planning Commission & Zoning Board				
6		Zoning Permit Fees	870.00	1,200.00	885.00	1,200.00
4		Transfer Station				
6		Transfer Station Collections	48,940.30	40,000.00	52,981.43	45,000.00
5		6 Harvey's Lake Beach				
		Admission Charges	8,631.50	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
		Pavilion Rental	1,412.50	1,000.00	(335.00)	1,000.00
		Total Harvey's Lake Beach	10,044.00	11,000.00	(335.00)	11,000.00
6		General Selectboard Income				
a		Late Filing Fees - HS-122 forms		0.00		0.00
		Interest - Delinquent Taxes	55,446.36	10,000.00	19,592.14	10,000.00
b		Interest - Savings & Checking	5,574.52	6,600.00	20,120.43	7,900.00
		Highway Access Permits	30.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
c		State of VT - Current Use Payment (Selectboard's share)	43,762.50	35,000.00	46,132.00	40,000.00
		State of VT - Current Use Change Tax	2,763.00		0.00	
d		State of VT - Fish & Game Land	7,409.40	7,900.00	7,409.40	7,900.00
e		State of VT - Reimburse Legal Fees		0.00		0.00
f		State of VT - Aquatic Nuisance Grant	7,283.00	8,340.00	6,930.00	7,000.00
		State of VT - Digitization Grant			10,958.79	
g		Electronics Recycling Credit		200.00		200.00
h		Rent - Barnet Public Library Building (formerly known as Village Partnership)	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
i		Tax Retainage Fee - Prior Year		7,000.00		7,000.00
		District Court of VT - Local Fines	1,681.00	100.00	2,505.50	100.00
		Forest Fire Expense Reimbursement		0.00		0.00
		Town Forest Logging		0.00	38,450.63	0.00
		Office Equipment Sales		0.00		0.00

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		Insurance Claim - Fire & Rescue Dept	148.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Various Other Income	64.67	800.00	(0.78)	800.00
		Total General Selectboard Income	131,363.15	83,140.00	159,308.11	88,100.00
7 a		Use of Prior Surplus	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00
		Total Selectboard Income	1,762,465.38	1,796,698.62	1,952,523.06	1,971,944.21
		<u>Highway Income</u>				
9		State Aid				
a		State Aid to Roads	186,973.99	185,000.00	192,491.22	185,000.00
		NVDA Grant			13,030.31	
		Total State Aid	186,973.99	185,000.00	205,521.53	185,000.00
10		Reserve Fund Proceeds				
a		Proceeds from Highway Construction Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Reserve Fund Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11		Flood Repair Proceeds				
		July 1, 2017 Flooding Event - FEMA Projects - Federal Funds	78,351.93	0.00	0.00	0.00
		July 1, 2017 Flooding Event - FEMA Projects - State of VT Funds	7,835.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
		July 1, 2017 Flooding Event - FHWA Projects - Federal Funds	(71,981.64)	0.00	0.00	0.00
		July 1, 2017 Flooding Event - FHWA Projects - State of VT Funds	(6,069.78)	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Flood Repair Proceeds	8,135.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
12		Other Highway Income				
		State of VT - Current Use Payment (Highway share)	43,762.50	35,000.00	46,132.00	40,000.00
a		Insurance Claim	0.00	0.00	331.82	0.00
		Scrap Metal Sales	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
		Gravel Sales	300.00		0.00	
		Various other receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Other Highway Income	44,062.50	35,500.00	46,463.82	40,000.00
13 a		Use of Prior Surplus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Highway Income	239,172.19	220,500.00	251,985.35	225,000.00
		Total General Fund Income	2,001,637.57	2,017,198.62	2,204,508.41	2,196,944.21

Expenditures

		<u>Selectboard Expenditures</u>				
15		Payroll Benefits & Taxes:				
		FICA Taxes (Social Security)	16,258.88	17,000.00	11,483.37	17,000.00
		Health Insurance	40,496.52	27,317.40	27,418.15	28,600.00
a		Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	1,250.00	300.00	1,950.00	2,000.00
		Reserve Fund Appropriation				

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b		Retirement	5,559.99	6,000.00	4,033.36	6,000.00
		Unemployment Compensation	220.00	255.00	250.00	255.00
c		Dental Insurance	404.43	500.00	409.31	500.00
		Total Payroll Benefits & Taxes	64,189.82	51,372.40	45,544.19	54,355.00
16		Town Clerk's Office (formerly "Office Supplies"):				
		<u>Salaries (See Schedule A):</u>				
14		Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk & Treas.	61,423.98	61,283.06	63,018.17	64,347.21
14		Assistant Town Clerk & Treas.	19,199.81	25,000.00	23,352.76	25,000.00
14		Substitute Town Clerk	217.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Salaries	80,840.79	86,283.06	86,370.93	89,347.21
		Land Record Books & Supplies	541.21	700.00	196.09	700.00
		Copier Expenses	716.85	1,500.00	2,978.15	1,500.00
		Tax Bills	272.55	250.00	302.55	250.00
a		Software Service Agreement	734.27	6,000.00	6,756.30	6,000.00
b		Computer Maintenance, Supplies	1,547.73	5,000.00	4,104.08	5,000.00
28		Postage	2,465.26	2,500.00	2,955.22	2,500.00
		Postage Meter Rental	408.46	200.00	298.90	200.00
28		Advertising	735.00	800.00	655.00	800.00
		Digitization Grant Expense			11,016.77	0.00
		Various Office Supplies	1,558.52	1,500.00	1,851.12	1,500.00
		Total Town Clerk's Office	89,820.64	104,733.06	117,485.11	107,797.21
17		Listers' Office:				
14		Salaries (See Schedule B)	7,562.17	12,500.00	9,631.27	12,500.00
16		Computer Maintenance & Supplies	909.55	1,500.00	1,685.95	1,500.00
16		Software Service Agreement	0.00	250.00		250.00
42		Mileage	326.01	1,000.00		1,000.00
42		Training		300.00	553.81	300.00
a		16 Tax Map Maintenance	3,225.00	3,500.00	2,737.50	3,500.00
		Total Listers' Office	12,022.73	19,050.00	14,608.53	19,050.00
18		Planning Commission/Zoning Board:				
a		Administrative Officer Salary	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
b		Wages - Secretary	957.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
		Administrative Officer Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,274.63	1,000.00
		Advertising	530.00	600.00	280.00	600.00
		E911 Administrative Expenses		50.00		50.00
		Other		300.00		300.00
		Total Planning Commission/Zoning Board	5,987.00	6,450.00	6,054.63	6,450.00
19		Auditors:				
14		Salaries	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00
16		Printing Town Reports	1,757.10	2,500.00	1,644.85	2,500.00
		Total Auditors	1,757.10	3,300.00	1,644.85	3,300.00
20		Landfill/Transfer Station:				
a		Salaries-Transfer Station (See Schedule C)	1,156.25	5,000.00	7,484.38	5,000.00
b		Environmental Compliance/ Post-Closure Testing	896.00	1,500.00	4,886.17	1,500.00
c	21	Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Annual Appropriation/Surcharge	9,106.89	7,000.00	8,839.18	7,000.00

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		Supplies - Transfer Station	54.50	100.00	72.28	100.00
		Dumping Fee	24,652.11	23,000.00	25,495.87	23,000.00
		Hauling Fee	20,405.00	16,000.00	23,632.83	21,000.00
		Advertising - Transfer Station	60.00	150.00	100.00	150.00
d		Hired Equipment	360.00	250.00	360.00	250.00
		Total Landfill/Transfer Station	56,690.75	53,000.00	70,870.71	58,000.00
21		Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District:				
	20	Annual Appropriation/Surcharge Fee				
22		Barnet Recycling:				
		Salaries (See Schedule D)	12,498.51	8,000.00	8,273.50	8,000.00
		Disposal Fees	1,922.50	1,000.00	2,790.00	1,000.00
		Compost Tote Fees	648.00	400.00	904.50	400.00
		Equipment & Supplies			18.41	0.00
		Total Recycling	15,069.01	9,400.00	11,986.41	9,400.00
23		Fire & Rescue:				
		Volunteers' Reimbursement	3,826.94	5,000.00	4,671.70	5,000.00
		Equipment & Supplies	1,188.94	12,100.00	6,372.92	12,100.00
		Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	1,021.79	2,000.00	3,684.03	2,000.00
a		Mutual Aid Dues & Dispatching Service	4,118.50	4,000.00	4,031.00	4,000.00
		Rescue Squad Expenses	2,773.52	3,200.00	2,033.26	3,200.00
		Insurance Claim Expense	6,537.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Regionalization				1,100.00
		Other	132.75	600.00	105.54	600.00
		Total Fire & Rescue	19,600.20	26,900.00	20,898.45	28,000.00
24		Harvey's Lake Beach:				
		Salaries - Lifeguards & Gate Attendants (See Schedule E)	11,415.97	17,300.00	1,482.00	17,300.00
		Salaries - Groundskeepers			840.00	
		Salaries - Location Health Officer			1,830.00	
a		Swimming Lessons		1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00
		Employee Training	130.00	850.00	0.00	850.00
		Employee Background Checks		200.00	0.00	200.00
		Operating Supplies	97.94	400.00	143.65	400.00
		Rubbish Removal	1,005.50	700.00	0.00	700.00
32		General Maintenance	1,352.25		0.00	
		Advertising	313.12	300.00	327.61	300.00
		Total Harveys Lake Beach	14,314.78	20,850.00	4,623.26	20,850.00
25		Police Services:				
		Constable Charges - Dogs	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
		Constable Charges - Other	0.00	500.00	159.01	500.00
		Sheriff's Patrol	5,676.25	7,500.00	3,675.45	7,500.00
		Other	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
		Total Police Services	5,676.25	8,600.00	3,834.46	8,600.00
26		Selectboard:				
a	14	Salaries	1,021.56	1,500.00	1,010.96	1,500.00
b		Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
		Total Selectboard	2,521.56	3,000.00	2,510.96	3,000.00

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27		Elections Expenses:				
		Ballot Clerks	504.00	1,000.00	1,106.06	500.00
a		Moderator		100.00	100.00	100.00
		Advertising	400.00	400.00	660.00	400.00
b		Supplies/Equipment	37.00	50.00	164.28	50.00
c		Ballot Tabulator Expense		1,500.00	386.00	2,000.00
		Total Election Expenses	941.00	3,050.00	2,416.34	3,050.00
32 a		Buildings/Grounds Utilities & Maintenance				
		<u>Town Clerk's Office</u>				
a	29	Fuel Oil	1,259.36	3,000.00	1,623.97	2,000.00
	29	Electricity	1,305.52	900.00	1,260.40	1,200.00
	31	Water		400.00		400.00
	30	Telephone	1,083.48	1,000.00	944.38	1,000.00
	16	Internet	794.73	800.00	839.88	800.00
	31	Maintenance	3,245.57	3,000.00	3,754.15	3,000.00
		Cleaning	520.00	2,100.00	2,040.00	2,100.00
		Total Town Clerk's Office	8,208.66	11,200.00	10,462.78	10,500.00
		<u>Barnet Public Library Building:</u>				
a		Fuel Oil	5,948.61	8,500.00	5,610.81	8,500.00
		Electricity	778.55	900.00	742.63	900.00
		Water		1,400.00		1,400.00
		Heating & Plumbing	2,144.03	0.00	2,708.66	0.00
		Other Various	1,464.41	1,300.00	2,268.84	1,300.00
		Total Barnet Public Library Building	10,335.60	12,100.00	11,330.94	12,100.00
		<u>Town Hall</u>				
	29	Electricity	270.74	300.00	254.28	300.00
	31	Water	410.52	450.00	684.20	450.00
	31	Maintenance	887.25	1,000.00	1,124.65	1,000.00
		Total Town Hall	1,568.51	1,750.00	2,063.13	1,750.00
		<u>Transfer Station</u>				
	20	Electricity	1,715.71	1,700.00	1,822.41	1,700.00
	20	Telephone		650.00		0.00
	20	Maintenance	749.94	0.00		0.00
	20	Portable Toilet		55.00		55.00
		Total Transfer Station	2,465.65	2,405.00	1,822.41	1,755.00
		<u>Recycling Center</u>				
a	22	Fuel Oil	129.54	400.00	107.11	400.00
	22	Maintenance		0.00		0.00
		Total Recycling Center	129.54	400.00	107.11	400.00
		<u>Fire & Rescue Station</u>				
a	23	Fuel Oil	4,565.54	5,000.00	3,473.98	5,000.00
	23	Electricity	1,458.96	1,800.00	1,441.72	1,800.00
	23	Telephone	1,621.78	1,800.00	1,348.11	1,800.00
	23	Internet		550.00		550.00
	23	Maintenance	1,130.02	1,900.00	1,293.25	1,900.00
		Total Fire & Rescue Station	8,776.30	11,050.00	7,557.06	11,050.00
		<u>West Barnet Fire Station</u>				
	23	Fuel Oil		900.00		0.00

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23		Electricity	265.71	400.00	329.02	400.00
		Total West Barnet Fire Station	265.71	1,300.00	329.02	400.00
		Harvey's Lake Beach				
24		Electricity	1,265.32	200.00	1,486.09	200.00
24		Telephone		500.00		500.00
24		Portable Toilet		500.00		500.00
24		Maintenance		1,700.00	780.00	1,700.00
		Total Harvey's Lake Beach	1,265.32	2,900.00	2,266.09	2,900.00
		Total Buildings/Grounds Utilities & Maintenance	33,015.29	43,105.00	35,938.54	40,855.00
33		Insurance & Bonds:				
		Vehicles, Buildings & Town Officer Bonds	24,063.21	26,315.20	18,038.08	11,752.00
		Workers' Compensation	5,785.82	6,600.00	7,429.94	3,148.00
		Insurance Claim Settlement	738.15	0.00	1,543.00	0.00
		Fire & Rescue Insurance	1,172.00	1,250.00	3,027.00	1,250.00
		Total Insurance & Bonds	31,759.18	34,165.20	30,038.02	16,150.00
34		Legal Expenses:				
a		Tax Appeals		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
		Tax Collectors Items	105.00	500.00	600.00	500.00
		General	6,207.47	5,000.00	1,425.00	5,000.00
b		Zoning		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
		Fire & Rescue		0.00	0.00	0.00
		Animal Control	1,039.10	1,500.00	317.63	1,500.00
		Legal Settlements		0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Legal Expenses	7,351.57	9,000.00	2,342.63	9,000.00
35		Interest on Loans:				
a		Tax Anticipation Borrowing	6,404.14	5,400.00	8,877.61	5,400.00
		Line of Credit	2,977.85			
		Total Interest on Loans	9,381.99	5,400.00	8,877.61	5,400.00
36		Professional Services:				
a		Auditing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
38		Tax Abatements:	1,385.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
39		Annual Appropriations:				
		American Red Cross	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
		Area Office on Aging	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
		Barnet Historical Society	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
		Caledonia Home Health Care	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00
		Catamount Arts	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
		County Tax	26,516.00	26,618.00	26,618.00	26,618.00
		Fairbanks Museum	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00
		Kingdom Animal Shelter	500.00	500.00		0.00
a		Memorial Day	864.00	500.00	1,823.48	1,500.00
		Northeast Kingdom Human Services	1,775.00	1,775.00	1,775.00	0.00
		Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
		Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
		Northeastern Vermont Development Association	1,281.00	1,281.00	1,281.00	1,281.00

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		Rural Community Transportation	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
		Umbrella Inc.	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
		Vermont Center for Independent Living	280.00	300.00	280.00	0.00
		Vermont League of Cities & Towns	3,070.00	3,070.00	3,195.00	3,195.00
		West Barnet Senior Meal Site (formerly known as Volunteer Senior Meal Site)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
		Total Annual Appropriations	49,136.00	48,894.00	49,822.48	32,594.00
40 a		Cemeteries:				
		Stevens Cemetery - Misc. Mowing	480.25	400.00	757.35	2,000.00
		Palmer Cemetery	480.25	400.00	757.35	2,000.00
		Pleasant View Cemetery Association	4,750.00	4,750.00	4,750.00	4,750.00
		McIndoe Falls Cemetery	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
		Total Cemeteries	9,310.50	9,150.00	9,864.70	12,350.00
41		Appropriations to Other Funds:				
		Fire Department Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
		Municipal Buildings Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	225,000.00
		Harvey's Lake Dam Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
39		Library Fund	28,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
		Fire District Grant Fund	50,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
		Total Appropriations to Other Funds	143,000.00	105,000.00	105,000.00	280,000.00
42		Miscellaneous Selectboard Expenses:				
28		Advertising		500.00		500.00
		Fire Warden Charges		800.00		800.00
		Town Officers Meetings	150.00	1,000.00	68.00	1,000.00
		Health Officer Expense		200.00		200.00
a		Harvey's Lake Dam Maintenance	250.00	3,500.00		3,500.00
		Harvey's Lake Dam Registration Fee	350.00	1,000.00	350.00	1,000.00
39		Harvey's Lake Boat Wash/Monitoring (See Schedule F)	22,383.27	20,000.00	20,601.19	20,000.00
b		Ambulance Service	30,690.00	30,690.00	34,100.00	34,100.00
		Fire Districts		0.00		0.00
		Economic Development		2,000.00	1,375.00	2,000.00
		Other Various	100.00	2,000.00	201.01	2,000.00
		Total Miscellaneous Expenses	53,923.27	61,690.00	56,695.20	65,100.00
43 a		Contingency:	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
44		Total Selectboard Expenditures:	626,853.64	631,109.66	601,057.08	788,301.21
		<u>Highway Expenditures</u>				
45		Salaries - General Maintenance (See Schedule G)	267,299.57	250,000.00	259,446.86	265,000.00
46		Parts & Supplies:				
a		Blades & Chains	3,641.17	6,000.00	3,933.94	6,000.00
b		Tools	1,755.12	5,100.00	1,421.78	5,100.00
		Safety Supplies	442.32	1,000.00	462.72	1,000.00
		Shop Supplies	4,353.13	2,500.00	3,376.07	2,500.00
		Total Parts & Supplies	10,191.74	14,600.00	9,194.51	14,600.00
47		Payroll Benefits & Taxes:				

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	15	FICA Taxes (Social Security)	21,137.11	20,000.00	20,596.40	21,000.00
	15	Health Insurance	42,193.62	64,356.36	64,593.74	67,300.00
		Health Insurance Declination Stipend	10,300.00	10,400.00	10,400.00	10,400.00
a	15	Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	3,750.00	3,000.00	3,750.00	6,000.00
		Reserve Fund Appropriation				
	15	Uniforms	3,845.55	3,000.00	3,456.66	3,500.00
b	15	Retirement	11,737.98	12,000.00	16,475.24	16,000.00
	15	Unemployment Compensation	220.00	255.00	188.00	255.00
c	15	Dental Insurance	1,686.54	2,100.00	1,673.55	2,100.00
		Total Payroll Benefits & Taxes	94,870.80	115,111.36	121,133.59	126,555.00
48 a		Town Garage				
d	29	Fuel	1,655.86	5,000.00	337.74	3,500.00
	29	Electricity	3,849.87	2,500.00	3,910.70	3,500.00
b	30	Telephone	1,166.31	1,100.00	954.38	1,100.00
c	30	Cellular Phone	585.00	550.00	495.00	550.00
		Internet Service	985.53	650.00	1,019.88	1,000.00
		Computer Maintenance & Supplies	431.18	500.00	1,086.10	500.00
	31	Building Maintenance	12,472.90	3,000.00	4,449.12	5,000.00
		Advertising	155.25	200.00	40.00	200.00
		Total Town Garage	21,301.90	13,500.00	12,292.92	15,350.00
49 a	33	Insurance				
b		Vehicles & Buildings	15,070.57	17,693.72	11,333.92	11,512.00
c		Workers' Compensation	23,362.90	18,233.88	18,234.31	17,676.00
		Claim Settlement		0.00	1,000.00	0.00
		Total Insurance	38,433.47	35,927.60	30,568.23	29,188.00
50		Equipment Maintenance:				
		Dump Trucks	51,893.31	45,000.00	70,602.17	45,000.00
		Grader	4,894.01	10,000.00	7,905.04	10,000.00
		Loader (1991)	3,969.88	3,000.00	6,308.39	3,000.00
		Loader (2010)	11,330.14	3,000.00	7,764.45	3,000.00
		Backhoe	162.05	4,500.00	359.45	4,500.00
		Backhoe (2019)	1,658.98		2,190.64	
		Roadside Mower Tractor	243.98	2,000.00	1,768.15	2,000.00
		Pickup (2015)	5,378.62	1,500.00	2,804.69	2,500.00
		Chainsaws	240.57	500.00	144.45	500.00
		Other Equipment	575.60	1,000.00	2,234.09	1,000.00
		Welding Supplies	594.33	1,200.00	480.25	1,200.00
a		Tires	10,470.81	10,000.00	10,194.56	10,000.00
		Stock Items	60.56	0.00	747.89	0.00
		Total Equipment Maintenance	91,472.84	81,700.00	113,504.22	82,700.00
51		Gas & Oil:				
a		Gasoline	151.72	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
b		Diesel fuel	69,589.57	75,000.00	46,142.04	75,000.00
		Oil	3,632.17	4,000.00	3,111.85	4,000.00
		Other Petroleum Products	2,620.11	2,000.00	1,900.56	2,000.00
		Total Gas & Oil	75,993.57	82,000.00	51,154.45	82,000.00
52		Contracted Services:				
a		Hired Equipment & Equipment Rental	8,122.50	10,500.00	6,650.00	10,500.00
b		Screening Winter Sand	15,162.00	16,000.00	10,768.00	16,000.00
c		Overburden Removal - Sand		10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00

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d		Crushing	64,329.72	75,000.00	74,785.56	75,000.00
e		Overburden Removal - Gravel	21,231.00	10,000.00	21,689.00	10,000.00
		Permitting		2,500.00	1,350.00	2,500.00
		Highway Department Education	450.00	750.00	250.00	750.00
		Total Contracted Services	109,295.22	124,750.00	115,492.56	124,750.00
53		Operating Supplies:				
a		Salt	83,101.99	70,000.00	54,815.93	70,000.00
		Cold Patch/Hot Mix	2,520.00	2,500.00	2,174.55	2,500.00
		Specialty Aggregate		1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
		Other		0.00	0.00	0.00
		Culverts	16,429.22	10,000.00	7,013.00	10,000.00
		Chloride	17,845.83	24,000.00	24,636.42	24,000.00
		Guardrails	9,074.00	10,000.00	5,247.00	10,000.00
		Erosion Control	276.99	500.00	162.49	500.00
		Sign Maintenance Program (formerly in Selectboard Expenditures budget)	8,735.32	8,000.00	4,556.25	8,000.00
		Total Operating Supplies	137,983.35	126,500.00	98,605.64	126,500.00
54		Bridge Repairs:				
a		Bridge Fund Appropriation	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
		Total Bridge Repairs	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
55		Highway Construction Projects:				
		TH #1 - West Barnet Road/West Main St	20,912.45		30,485.00	
		TH #9 - Barnet Center Road	68,680.16		153,844.06	
		TH #9 - Meeting House Hill			5,884.61	
		TH #10 - Harvey Mountain Road	91,316.73			
		TH #10 - River Road			1,238.48	
		TH #11 - Bridge Street	48,336.51			
		TH #14 - Town Forest Road			43,165.42	
		TH #57 - Anderson Street	7,762.50			
		TH # 99 - Bridge Street	12,301.06			
		TH #119 - Kid Row	25,074.34			
		NVDA Grant			2,291.00	
a		Paving/Construction Projects	183,067.02	242,000.00	236,908.57	242,000.00
		Construction Fund Appropriation	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
		Total Highway Construction Projects	243,067.02	302,000.00	296,908.57	302,000.00
56		Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts:				
a	41	Equipment Account	20,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
b	41	Truck Account	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
		Highway Maintenance Account		25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
		Total Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts	110,000.00	190,000.00	190,000.00	190,000.00
58		Total Highway Department Expenditures	1,249,909.48	1,386,088.96	1,348,301.55	1,408,643.00
		Total General Fund Expenditures	1,876,763.12	2,017,198.62	1,949,358.63	2,196,944.21
		General Fund Surplus of (Deficit) (total general fund revenues less total general fund expenditures)	124,874.45	0.00	255,149.78	0.00

Town of Barnet
Schedules for General Fund Budget

Schedule A - Town Clerk's Office Salaries

Heisholt, Benjamin - Town Clerk & Treasurer	63,018.17
Roy, Catherine - Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	23,352.76
Total	86,370.93

Schedule B - Listers' Office Salaries

Cook, John	4,856.26
Cook, Sarah	3,418.76
Fairchild, John	1,356.25
Total	9,631.27

Schedule C - Transfer Station Salaries

Nelson, Donald	6,625.00
Warden, Shirley	859.38
Total	7,484.38

Schedule D - Recycling Center Salaries

Bourtelle, Ernest	100.00
Ehlers, Daniel	5,918.75
Marston, Bruce - Supervisor	2,154.75
Warden, Shirley	100.00
Total	8,273.50

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

Farlice, Indigo	840.00
Lapete, Kylee	1,830.00
Silver, Kaelynn	1,482.00
Total	4,152.00

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

Cowan, Katherine	5,570.50
Easter, Donald	7,360.00
Langham, Emily	5,317.00
Wirthwein, Kathy	607.50
Total	18,855.00

Schedule G - Highway Salaries

Bourtelle, Ernest	108.00
Chase, Mark - Road Foreman	66,942.90
Fearon, Glenn	49,419.41
Fuller, Mark	1,025.50
Gibson, Paul	7,043.51
LeClair, Jason	50,202.83
Moore, Donald Jr	511.00
Mosher, Steve	38,208.71
Snow, Barry II	45,985.00
Total	259,446.86

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2021 General Fund Budget Notes

Revenues

1. Taxes

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

2. Town Clerk's Office Fees

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

3. Planning Commission & Zoning Board

4. Transfer Station

5. Harvey's Lake Beach

6. General Selectboard Income

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

7. Use of Prior Surplus

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

8. Taxes (*inactive section*)

9. State Aid

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

10. Reserve Fund Proceeds (*inactive section*)

11. Flood Repair Proceeds (*inactive section*)

12. Other Highway Income

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

13. Use of Prior Surplus

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

Expenditures

14. Salaries – Town Officers (*inactive section*)

15. Payroll Benefits & Taxes

- a. Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Reserve Fund Appropriation: To offset the above-referenced increased out-of-pocket exposure an appropriation is made to a reserve fund equaling \$2,500 for each full-time employee. These funds can be used by employees to cover out-of-pocket health care expenses.
- b. Mandatory for full time employees. Fund managed by State of Vermont and similar to state employees and state teachers' retirement systems.
 - Town rate increased to 6.000% as of July 1, 2020.
 - Town rate increased to 6.250% as of July 1, 2021.
- c. Dental plan through Delta Dental. Town pays employee cost, employee pays for rest of family if they wish.

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

- a. Contract with New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) for service on municipal software (grand list, land records, accounting, etc.), offsite backup plan, and disaster recovery.

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

17. Listers' Office

- a. Contract with CAI Inc. for maintenance of digital mapping (tax maps, planning & zoning maps).

18. Planning Commission/Zoning Board

- a. Wages are annual salary for Shirley Warden.
- b. Secretary wages for Shirley Warden.

19. Auditors

20. Landfill/Transfer Station

- a. Gate attendant. Works 7 hours per week regularly, 11 hours per week during summer. Rates:
- b. Post-closure monitoring required as part of closure plan. This work done by Endyne Inc. of Montpelier.
- c. Fee paid to Waste District to run program.
- d. Mowing of former landfill to keep brush from growing.

21. Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District

22. Barnet Recycling

23. Fire & Rescue

- a. Dues paid to Twin State Mutual Aid System and Grafton County Sheriff's Department for dispatching services.

24. Harvey's Lake Beach

25. Police Services

26. Selectboard

- a. Selectboard each paid \$500 annually.
- b. Each Selectboard member reimbursed \$500 for expenses.

27. Election Expenses

- a. Annual moderator salary for Dennis McLam.
- b. LHS Associates - miscellaneous supplies for tabulator and other elections items.
- c. Fee for maintaining vote tabulator for two elections during even-numbered years. Fee for each election is based on number of offices and the number of candidates. Also includes service contract on tabulator.
 - 2020 Actual: Primary Election funded by State of Vermont; 386.00 for General Election.

28. Advertising & Postage

29. Heat & Lights

30. Telephones

31. Building Maintenance

32. Buildings Utilities & Maintenance

- a. Prices, December 31, 2020: Fuel oil: 1.5528 per gallon, Propane: 1.6536 per gallon.

Town Clerk's Office

- a. Town Clerk's Office fuel usage: 711.6 gallons in 2020.

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

- a. Library Building fuel usage: 2,397.7 gallons in 2020.

Town Hall

Transfer Station

Recycling Center

- a. Recycling Center usage: 64 gallons in 2020.

Fire & Rescue Station

- a. Bimson Road Fire Station usage: 1,648.2 gallons in 2020.

West Barnet Fire Station

33. Insurance & Bonds

34. Legal Expenses

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

35. Interest on Loans

- a. Tax anticipation borrowing. See revenues for offsetting income amount.
 - 2020: borrowed \$417,958 from Union Bank at a rate of 2.30%.
 - 2021: to borrow \$721,209 from Union Bank at a rate of 0.75%

36. Professional Services

37. Capital Expenditures (inactive section)

38. Tax Abatements

39. Annual Appropriations & Charges

- a. Appropriation paid through expenditures associated with Town Memorial Day observance. Includes flags and flagstaffs for cemetery markers and advertising for Memorial Day services in Passumpsic Village and Barnet Village.

40. Cemetery Appropriations

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

41. Appropriations to Reserve Accounts

42. Miscellaneous Expenses

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

43. Contingency

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

44. Total Selectboard Expenditures

45. Salaries – General Maintenance

46. Parts & Supplies

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

47. Payroll Benefits & Taxes

- a. An appropriation is made to a reserve fund equaling \$2,500 for each full-time employee. These funds can be used by employees to cover out-of-pocket health care expenses.
- b. Mandatory for full time employees. Fund managed by State of Vermont and similar to state employees and state teachers' retirement systems.
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- c. Dental plan through Delta Dental. Town pays employee cost, employee pays for rest of family if they wish.

48. Town Garage

- a. Town Garage propane usage. 201.8 gallons in 2020.

49. Insurance

50. Equipment Maintenance

51. Gas & Oil

- a. Gasoline usage: None in 2020.
- b. Diesel Fuel: 22,564.6 gallons in 2020. Price as of December 31 at 1.6247 per gallon.

52. Contracted Services

- a. Various equipment and contractors used for brief periods in non-employee role.
- b. Screening of winter sand at Town pit. 2020 Actual: Chief Crushing & Excavation (5,384 cubic yards at \$2.00)
- c. Expenses incurred to remove overburden to access sand at Town pit.
- d. Crushing of gravel at Town pit. 2020 Actual: Chief Crushing & Excavation – 1" minus crushed gravel (12,462 cubic yards), 3" crushed gravel (1,185 cubic yards); all products at \$5.48 per cubic yard.
- e. Expenses incurred to remove overburden to access gravel at Town pit.

53. Operating Supplies

- a. Salt purchased from Cargill Salt Co. and American Rock Salt Company. \$72.11 per ton for the 2020-2021 season.

54. Bridge Repairs

55. Highway Construction Projects

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

56. Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts

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

57. Other Projects (*inactive section*)

58. Totals

**Town of Barnet
General Fund Balance Sheet**

Assets:	<u>Dec. 31, 2019</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2020</u>
Checking Account	(118,689.33)	(211,940.24)
Checking Account ICS	231,585.19	472,854.98
Union Bank TAN Deposit Accounts	0.00	609,756.43
Passumpsic Savings Bank TAN Deposit	372,373.90	0.00
Delinquent Tax Collector Checking Account	2.80	2.80
Petty Cash	382.88	382.88
Undeposited Funds	5,982.76	12,780.03
Uncollected Delinquent Taxes	266,385.56	198,175.08
Current Taxes Receivable	0.00	44,132.11
Due from State for Aquatic Nuisance Grant	7,283.00	6,930.00
Due from NVDA	0.00	13,030.31
Various Accounts Receivable	17,723.23	18,005.13
Due to/from Other Funds	96,791.73	7,540.33
Total Assets	879,821.72	1,171,649.84
Liabilities:		
Tax Appropriation Due to School District	(40,224.27)	59,054.00
Union Bank Line of Credit	0.00	0.00
Payroll Withholdings Payable	(898.70)	(2,229.57)
Various Accounts Payable	29,536.32	40,101.96
Fees due to Delinquent Tax Collector	921.74	1,260.81
Due to Resident/Taxpayer	0.00	0.99
Sales Tax Payable	130.96	0.00
Due to/from Other Funds	41,221.76	21,160.16
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	246,785.56	194,803.36
Total Liabilities	277,473.37	314,151.71
Fund Equity:		
Fund Balance - Unassigned (Accum. Surplus)	477,473.90	602,348.35
Current Operating Surplus or (Deficit)	124,874.45	255,149.78
Total Fund Equity	602,348.35	857,498.13
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	879,821.72	1,171,649.84

**Town of Barnet
Statement of Taxes Raised
Year Ended December 31, 2020**

Grand List Computation:

Real Estate	257,617,800.00
Add:	
Personal Property*	80,500.00
Less:	
Veterans Exemptions	(520,000.00)
Land Use	(12,954,800.00)
Voted Exemptions	(655,500.00)

Net Real Estate & Personal Property **243,568,000.00**

Net Grand List (1% of Net Real Estate & Personal Property) **2,435,680.00**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Homestead Rate</u>	<u>Non-Residential Rate</u>	<u>Taxes Raised</u>
Town:				
Town General	2,435,680.00	0.6819	0.6819	1,660,848.19
Total Town		0.6819	0.6819	1,660,848.19
School:				
Homestead	1,041,985.00	1.6042	0.0000	1,671,552.32
Non-Homestead	1,393,231.00	0.0000	1.6036	2,234,185.30
Local Agreement	2,435,680.00	0.0033	0.0033	8,037.76
Total Schools		1.6075	1.6069	3,913,775.38
Grand Total		2.2894	2.2888	5,574,623.57

Penalty added for late filing of Homestead Declarations: 2,237.03

*Personal property taxed at non-residential rate.

Town of Barnet
Estimation of 2021 Town Tax Rate

The following estimation of 2021 Town tax rate is based on the 2020 Grand List valuations and proposed budget. School District tax rates are excluded because they were unavailable at the time of printing.

	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
2020 Actual	2,435,680.00	1,660,848.19	0.6819
2021 Projected	2,435,680.00	1,607,574.21	0.6600

Town of Barnet
General Fund - Statement of Loan Transactions
Year Ended December 31, 2020

Tax Anticipation Loans:

Borrowed during 2020:

Union Bank tax anticipation note (2.30%)	417,958.00
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Repaid during 2020:	417,958.00
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Balance as of December 31, 2020	0.00
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General Fund - Surplus or (Deficit)
Year Ended December 31, 2020

2020 Surplus or (Deficit):

Income	2,204,508.41
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Expenditures	1,949,358.63
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General Fund Budget Surplus or (Deficit)	255,149.78
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Statement of Changes - Accumulated Surplus Account (total of years prior to 2020)

Total Accumulated Surplus as of December 31, 2019	477,473.90
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Add: 2019 Operating Surplus	124,874.45
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Total Accumulated Surplus as of December 31, 2018	602,348.35
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Reserve Fund Reports

Town of Barnet
2020 Reserve Fund Activities
(See following pages for Income and Expense Schedules)

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Add</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Add Other</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Add Interest</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31,</u> <u>2020</u>
● Truck Account	(378.37)	90,000.00		(5.33)		89,616.30
● Highway Construction	373,169.05	60,000.00	49,915.28	5,205.11		488,289.44
● Act 60/Reappraisal Funds	77,722.32		11,048.50	1,126.09	29,628.36	60,268.55
● Town Clerk's Office	1,620.97			23.47		1,644.44
● Land Record Restoration	3,337.02		6,798.00	48.19		10,183.21
● Municipal Buildings Fund	443,925.29	50,000.00	1,000.00	6,511.35	42,459.45	458,977.19
● Bridge Fund	286,150.70	50,000.00		4,168.52	17,297.60	323,021.62
● Equipment Account	47,540.72	75,000.00		688.82		123,229.54
● Harvey's Lake Dam	36,464.15	5,000.00		528.33		41,992.48
● Fire Department Account	101,463.20	10,000.00		1,470.09		112,933.29
● Lister Education Funds	2,390.61			34.62		2,425.23
● Harvey's Lake Beach Fund	6,448.08		1,546.50	93.43		8,088.01
● 92 Surplus	81,455.42			1,180.19		82,635.61
● Highway Maintenance	15,391.93	25,000.00		222.98		40,614.91
● Homeland Security	196.97			2.82		199.79
● Health Reimb. Acct. Fund	(1,011.26)	5,700.00	1,526.17	0.05	7,749.79	(1,534.83)
● Municipal Planning Grant Fund	(19,805.27)		19,724.00	(286.99)	6,476.79	(6,845.05)
● Fire District Grant Acct.	5,045.69	10,000.00		73.13		15,118.82
Totals	1,461,127.22	380,700.00	91,558.45	21,084.87	103,611.99	1,850,858.55

Town of Barnet
Schedules for Reserve Accounts

Schedule A - Other Income

Act 60/Reappraisal Funds

State of Vermont - Reappraisal funds & Grand List Study (EEGL)	11,048.50
Total	11,048.50

Harvey's Lake Beach Fund

Proceeds from Beach Committee fund-raisers & donations	1,546.50
Total	1,546.50

Health Reimbursement Account Fund

Funds remaining from 2019 plan	1,526.17
Total	1,526.17

Highway Construction Account

State of Vermont - Supplemental Highway Grant	49,915.28
Funding in lieu of 2020 grants	
Total	49,915.28

Land Record Restoration Fees

Recording fee surcharge	6,798.00
Total	6,798.00

Municipal Buildings Fund

State of Vermont - Funding for installation of external drop box at Town Clerk's Office	1,000.00
Total	1,000.00

Municipal Planning Grant Fund

State of Vermont - Municipal Planning Grant funds for municipal building project	19,724.00
Total	19,724.00

Total Other Income	91,558.45
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Town of Barnet
Schedules for Reserve Accounts

Schedule B - Expenditures

Act 60/Reappraisal Funds

Listers payroll	2,668.75
NEMRC - reappraisal services	25,200.00
Mailings	509.61
Repro Digital - printing & mailing reappraisal notice	1,250.00
Total	29,628.36

Bridge Fund

Roy Mountain Road culvert replacement project	4,000.00
Bridge Street bridge resurfacing project	13,297.60
Total Bridge Fund	17,297.60

Health Reimbursement Account Fund

Employee qualified health care expenses paid through HRAs	7,749.79
Total	7,749.79

Municipal Buildings Fund

Town Hall property - property line research and negotiations; asbestos abatement work	2,140.00
Recycling Center - addition	32,777.78
Town Clerk's Office:	
Drop box installation (grant project)	1,321.31
New customer counter	1,218.86
Air conditioner de-installation	121.50
New Town Office development:	
Town Garage property site exploration	980.00
Town Garage - 40' cargo container	3,900.00
Total	42,459.45

Municipal Planning Grant Fund

Stuart Consulting - consultant on municipal building project	6,476.79
Total	6,476.79

Total Expenditures	103,611.99
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Town of Barnet
Statement of Reserve Fund Loan Transactions
For Year Ended December 31, 2020

No Reserve Fund loans or loan transactions in 2020

Town of Barnet Reserve Fund Balance Sheet

<u>Assets:</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2019</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2020</u>
Money Market Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	27,859.54	48,742.80
ICS Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	1,139,640.94	1,420,452.67
Passumpsic Financial Advisors - Cash	17,581.28	19,635.92
Passumpsic Financial Advisors - Investments	270,164.04	286,236.15
HRA Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	198.21	29.43
Due from Other Funds	41,321.94	22,260.00
Due from State of Vermont - Class 2 Roadway Grant	63,921.71	63,921.71
Due from State of Vermont - Structures Grants	(1,554.09)	(1,554.09)
Total Assets	1,559,133.57	1,859,724.59
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Loan Payable - Union Bank (dump truck)	0.00	0.00
Due to Other Funds	96,791.73	7,651.42
Accounts Payable	1,214.62	1,214.62
Total Liabilities	98,006.35	8,866.04
<u>Fund Equity:</u>		
<u>Restricted Fund Balances:</u>		
Act 60/Reappraisal Funds	77,722.32	60,268.55
Harvey's Lake Dam Renovations	36,464.15	41,992.48
Homeland Security Grants	196.97	199.79
Land Record Restoration	3,337.02	10,183.21
Lister Education Funds	2,390.61	2,425.23
Municipal Planning Grant Fund	(19,805.27)	(6,845.05)
Total Restricted Fund Balance	100,305.80	108,224.21
<u>Committed Fund Balances</u>		
92 Surplus	81,455.42	82,635.61
Highway Maintenance Fund	15,391.93	40,614.91
Municipal Buildings Fund	443,925.29	458,977.19
Fire District Grant Fund	5,045.69	15,118.82
Total Committed Fund Balance	545,818.33	597,346.53
<u>Assigned Fund Balances</u>		
Bridge Fund	286,150.70	323,021.62
Equipment Account	47,540.72	123,229.54
Fire Department Account	101,463.20	112,933.29
Harvey's Lake Beach Account	6,448.08	8,088.01
Health Reimbursement Account Fund	(1,011.26)	(1,534.83)
Highway Construction Account	373,169.05	488,289.44
Town Clerk's Office Paving Account	1,620.97	1,644.44
Truck Account	(378.37)	89,616.30
Total Assigned Fund Balance	815,003.09	1,145,287.81
Total Fund Equity	1,461,127.22	1,850,858.55
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,559,133.57	1,859,724.59

Trust Fund Reports

**Town of Barnet
Trust Funds**

Transactions Detail

Esden Fund

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

Steven's Cemetery Fund

Balance in account Dec. 31, 2019	1,265.13
Add: Interest on savings account	6.36
Balance in Acct. Dec. 31, 2020	1,271.49

Palmer Cemetery Fund

Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2019	752.43
Add: Interest on savings account	0.72
Balance in Acct. Dec. 31, 2020	753.15

Balance Sheet

	<u>Dec. 31, 2019</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2020</u>
Assets:		
Esden Fund Investments (Edward Jones)	170,311.03	177,082.04
Esden Fund Cash (Edward Jones)	10,452.10	34,519.33
Stevens Cemetery Fund - Savings	1,265.13	1,271.49
Palmer Cemetery Fund - Savings	752.43	753.15
Total Assets	182,780.69	213,626.01
Fund Equity:		
<u>Non-spendable Fund Balances</u>		
Esden Fund	53,168.58	53,168.58
Stevens Cemetery Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Palmer Cemetery Fund	350.00	350.00
Total Non-spendable Fund Balance	54,518.58	54,518.58
<u>Unassigned Fund Balances</u>		
Esden Fund	127,594.55	158,432.79
Stevens Cemetery Fund	265.13	271.49
Palmer Cemetery Fund	402.43	403.15
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	128,262.11	159,107.43
Total Fund Equity	182,780.69	213,626.01

Section 5

Reports for Articles Appearing on Town Meeting Warning



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

October 14, 2020

Town of Barnet
Attn: Board of Selectmen
PO Box 15
Barnet, VT 5821

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well during these uncertain times. As you know, our mission at the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Established in 1881, the American Red Cross serves under the core principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality. These principles ground us and inspire us as we carry out our mission across the country, and right here at home.

Over the past year, the American Red Cross of Northern New England has succeeded in providing the following throughout the region:

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, **once every 17 hours**, helping nearly **2,000 individuals**.
- We installed more than **4,500** smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **31,400** people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected **135,000** units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,200** service members and veterans received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

As we carry on through the pandemic, the American Red Cross remains committed to safely providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Barnet. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$250.00.* These funds will be used right here in our region so that we can continue to serve your friends and neighbors during these unprecedented times.

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

While we know the world may feel uncertain at present, rest assured that the American Red Cross will always be there to help and support local communities.

Warmly,

Rachel Zellem
Development Specialist

**Barnet Township Citizens,
Barnet, VT**

January 2021

Barnet Historical Society, has had a very low-key year. It has been very much a year of holding on to what we have.

Goodwillie House

Normal maintenance has been maintained: The lawn was mowed, weeding done, gutters cleaned, along with regular inspections and ensuring the alarm system continues to protect the property. The exterior basement door has received an extra barrier against the elements which also serves as a deterrent to animal invasions.

Costs have been kept as low as possible. We must maintain electrical and phone service to the house in order to keep a security system active. We maintain insurance coverage. We have added new fire extinguishers.

Collections

So many of our residents have used this time to clean out closets and attics that we have had a number of items donated which need to be cataloged, conserved and displays planned. We have had donations related to the West Barnet Creamery, McIndoes Academy, sugaring and other Barnet or Vermont artifacts.

Plans for 2021

On the Goodwillie House, we need to re-putty almost every glass pane and scrap and paint all the window frames.

We hope by fall to be able to open the Goodwillie house for tours.

We are also considering developing a short outdoor program, by appointment only, focused on the exterior, describing the architectural elements, the location of the barn, the original road past the house, the old water system, the orchard location. We will offer the tours using a single tour guide, maintaining social distancing and to one family pod at a time. In addition to others, we hope to attract is those families with children fully- or partially home schooled.

We will be assisting and cooperating with Ben's Mill celebration of their anniversary next year. This is certainly a noteworthy event in Barnet's History.

We thank the Town of Barnet for supporting and helping the Barnet Historical Society in our endeavors to preserve and promote the history of Barnet by continuing to make appropriations for maintenance of the Goodwillie House and conservation of our collections.

Sincerely,
Dave Warden, President BHS

Caledonia Home Health & Hospice
Visit Statistics for 2021 Town Appropriations

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

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

In the last year, Caledonia Home Health and Hospice was honored to provide 1,195 visits to the town residents of Barnet, VT. Our staff visited 35 homes of community members living in the Barnet area.

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

2021 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics Barnet, VT

- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW) = **724 visits**
- Maternal Child Health= **35 visits**
- Hospice (Nursing, Therapy, Personal Care, Respite) = **56 visits**
- Long Term Care (Case Management, Personal Care, Respite) = **380 visits**

Total Visits in Barnet, VT = 1,195 visits

Testimonials

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

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

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

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

Catamount Arts 2020

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

In a typical year, Catamount invites and encourages the residents of Barnet to participate in many of its community offerings, including the Tap Into Film 48 Hour Student Film Slam, Community Film Series, monthly free Bluegrass Night, and gallery exhibits and receptions. In the summertime, we invite thousands of residents to the top of Dog Mountain each Sunday where Catamount Arts offers a free 10-concert music series -- 2020 would have been our fourth year. These free events are funded in large measure through appropriations from communities in our area.

Also in a typical year, Catamount Arts offers a wide range of classes, workshops and camps for people of all ages. Learning opportunities at Catamount range from Claymation, and bookbinding, to mask making, French lessons, and filmmaking through mediums such as stop motion animation. Catamount Arts partners with local elementary, middle and high schools to provide in-school and out-of-school creative learning activities. In addition, more than 4,500 students and teachers typically enjoy shows by professional performers in our School-Time Performance series. Catamount Arts also generally presents more than 200 films and 100 live performances a year, also in large measure due to the generosity of the voters of Barnet. Your appropriations help to underwrite the costs of these presentations as well as helping Catamount pay for such general operating expenses as heating and electricity.

However, we all know 2020 was anything but a typical year. For the majority of 2020, we had to close the doors to our building, but the Catamount staff brainstormed night and day via Zoom, email, and text message to keep art in the lives of our community. Kingdom COVID Chronicles, SOCAPA's 72-hour international Family Film Slam, and the NEK What's Your Art Creativity Showcase engaged people of all ages from the comfort of their homes. The Drive-In to Stay Safe Music and Movie Series, #GetDownTown, and Vermont's first vertical concert starring Kat Wright at Burke Mountain brought live performance safely back to the Kingdom.

By the time you read this request, we will have successfully brought to you eight hours of comedy, magic, storytelling, and music direct to your living room via our First Night North virtual celebration of the arts.

Our mission is to promote lifelong community engagement in the arts, and thanks to your patience, engagement and encouragement, and continued support, we are reimagining our creative economy with adaptive programming to support recovery in all sectors. We look forward to continuing to grow with you, and hope to see you back for more events in 2021!

December 22, 2020

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



Dear Mr. Heisholt:

The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2021 warning for Barnet Town Meeting:

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

The Fairbanks Museum invites St. Johnsbury 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 2020, we pivoted quickly to meet the community's needs and reach our audiences in new ways due to the pandemic. We have created online access to exhibits, expanded our digital programming, and created new outdoor opportunities for learning and discovery. We installed a new outdoor classroom for safe learning, and reopened our doors in July with safety protocols to protect the community. With community support, the Museum is fully engaged in community economic, educational, and cultural development initiatives and contributes significantly to the attraction of visitors to our region.

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

Sincerely yours,

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

Adam Kane, Executive Director



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

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

We provide many services to the area, including accepting stray and unwanted cats to our shelter, rescues from abusive and hoarding situations, and trap/neuter/release (TNR) of feral and barn cats, a serious and ongoing problem in the communities we serve. We take in cats from Barnet, St. Johnsbury, Lyndon, Danville, Passumpsic, Peacham, Groton, Waterford, Concord, Kirby, Cabot, Walden, Hardwick, Sheffield, Sutton, Wheelock, Burke and Ryegate. From November 2019 through October 2020, we took in 130 cats and adopted out 127 cats. We work with the community to raise awareness of the importance of spay/neuter programs and the responsibilities of pet ownership. **Each cat that comes to the shelter costs roughly \$300-\$500 for vaccinations, testing, spay/neuter, other medical treatment, food, and lodging.**

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

Our volunteers work tirelessly to raise the funds necessary to meet our annual operating expenses of approximately \$88,000 (excluding depreciation) which pays for veterinary bills, food, rent, utilities, and supplies. In 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we weren't able to have as many fundraisers nor participate in as many community events as we typically do. However, we did have a spaghetti dinner and yard sale in February 2020, had socially distanced yard sales with masks in the summer and fall, sold many calendars online and at local businesses as a part of our calendar fundraiser in the fall, and had our Memorial Tree and Giving Tuesday fundraiser in the winter.

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

Kingdom Animal Shelter Board of Directors:
Helen Morrison--President, Nancy Rivet, Rod Lauman, Jennifer Smith,
Deb Moore, Kathy Bouffard, Caleb Stone, Julia Persch

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



Dear Town of Barnet Select Board,

On behalf of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, we are writing to ask for an appropriation from the town of Barnet to support our work with older Vermonters living in your community. Your support is vitally important as we continue to face challenges due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasing need to protect and feed our elder Vermonters as they stay home and stay safe.

The NEK Council on Aging serves as a central guide for older Vermonters to gain services and assistance in their communities. We remain a critical resource for the COVID-19 emergency response. In FY 2020, the Council aided **over 4,486 residents of the Northeast Kingdom** and with our home-delivered meals program, **delivered 207,546 meals—an annual increase of 79,462 meals**. We also offer a Helpline, Medicare counseling and Bootcamp, exercise and mobility programs, specially-trained staff who help people develop long-range planning as they age, family and caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support with aging in place, as well as support to apply 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 for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. Our work is supplemented by over 370 volunteers who serve as home-delivered meals drivers, wellness program leaders, and home-based caregivers.

As a private, 501c (3) non-profit corporation, we have been serving older Vermonters for over 41 years. This year, we are requesting the amount of \$1000.00 from the residents of the town of Barnet. We have enclosed a brief letter in support of this request for inclusion in your town report and a copy of our 2020 Annual Report.

Suggested wording for the warning article for town meeting follows: *"Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to older Vermonters in the ensuing year."*

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or need additional information.

Warm regards on behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the NEK Council on Aging,

Meg Burmeister
Executive Director

www.nekcouncil.org

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

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November 10, 2020

Town of Barnet
Town Clerk, Select Board, and Community Members
P. O. BOX 15
BARNET, VT 05821

Dear Select Board and Community Members,

Your financial support to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. (NKHS) goes directly to care for your community members in need of mental health, addictions, emergency crisis, and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities services. The appropriation request for the 2021 Town Meeting is the same as was voted at the 2020 Town Meeting. This represents 1.84% of appropriation requests from 48 towns.

Article: Shall the **Town of Barnet** vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1775** for the support of **Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.**, a not for profit 501(c)(3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities?

This agency met the challenge this past year for accessible supports during the COVID-19 pandemic. As an essential business, NKHS adhered to Vermont's State of Emergency executive order and remained in compliance with Vermont's Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention safety guidelines. NKHS was able to adjust by implementing a wider range of telehealth options to keep clients engaged in services. These adjustments included added costs for technology. Not only did NKHS continue providing services and supports to current clients, but the agency also developed additional services for those who experienced the effects of the prolonged and unintended consequences of social isolation, loss of work, or decline in health. Examples were the warm lines made available for free to contact a mental health professional for support.

We know we don't live in a perfect world, and we are doing our best to help people live as best they can, given the realities of their individual circumstances. A summary of how NKHS helped the Northeast Kingdom and the Town of Barnet's community members is included with this letter.

If you need more information, please contact Ruth Marquette at RMarquette@nkhs.net. Thank you very much for your support at Town Meeting!

Sincerely,

Tomasz Jankowski, President and CEO

We're all about being human.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES, INC. (NKHS) Requesting \$1775 in 2021

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

NKHS Parent Support Line 802-749-1111, a free community service

www.nkhs.org

Thank you **Town of Barnet** voters, for your appropriation support last year. Annual appropriations are a vital funding source supporting community members who otherwise cannot afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency/Crisis Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities. Our mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

Summary data for July 2019 through July 2020:

- **3,663** = Total number of individuals of all ages in our service area that utilized support services in the past year.
- **67** = Number of individuals **from the Town of Barnet** who accessed supportive care at Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.
- **Over 100 hours** = Employees provided community consultation, education, and outreach in community meetings, events, and trainings in Northeast Kingdom Human Services offices, area schools, and businesses. Training examples include QPR Gatekeeper and Youth Mental Health First Aid.
- **512 total, 13 from the Town of Barnet** = Dedicated professional employees who support community members in the Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, the satellite office in Hardwick, telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic, in homes, in schools, and throughout Northeast Kingdom communities.
- **18%** = There was an increase of 18% in unanticipated expenses not reimbursed by the state or other grants for technology, cleaning supplies, and personal protective equipment needed to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Good mental health is important for everyone. As a Designated Agency serving the Vermont's system of care, NKHS has a responsibility for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. A sliding fee scale is available for those in financial need. Northeast Kingdom Human Services is asking the Town of Barnet voters to consider helping neighbors, family members, and friends receive the supports they need to live a happy, fulfilling life and be an active and contributing member in your community. The 2021 appropriation request of \$1775 is the same amount voted on at the 2020 Town Meeting. This represents 1.84% of appropriation requests from 48 towns.

Thank you so much for your support!

Respectfully submitted,

Tomasz Jankowski, DPT, MHA, MBA

President and CEO

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Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.

NEKLS began with one woman, Eva Warner, teaching area residents to read at their kitchen table.
It is *so much more* almost 50 years later.

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

- **The High School Completion Program (HSCP)** collaborates with local schools to provide a path to a high school diploma for anyone 16 or older. Program participants may have left school or may still be enrolled in their partnering high school. **In FY20 35 HSCP students earned their high school diploma**
- **The General Educational Development Program (GED)** leads to a high school diploma equivalency. In 2020 18 students earned their GED through the NEKLS GED Testing Centers.
- **Adult Education and Literacy Programs** served **163 students for more than 6,336 hours in FY 2020 in the tri-county region.** In addition to HSCP and GED services, our teachers provided math, reading and writing skill development, job skills development, computer literacy and support in students' transition to work or college. Since March, many of our services are now also being offered remotely.
- NEKLS teaches English as a second or other language (**English For Speakers of Other Languages**) to students from around the world who have come to settle in our beautiful Northeast Kingdom. **In FY 2020, NEKLS served 5 ESOL students in the tri-county region.**
- NEKLS Community Learning Centers offer **group and individual digital literacy training.** In addition to computer instruction classes, an average of **106 community members a month** access email, search the web, perform job searches, complete online job applications, or apply for unemployment benefits at the **five Community Learning Centers in the tri-county region.**
- **Children's Integrated Services (CIS)** is Vermont's comprehensive approach to provide child development and family support services. In FY 2020, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services **Early Intervention and Family Support Specialists** received over 300 referrals to **EI and Family Support** services.
- **The Tutorial Program** provides one-on-one and group instruction to K-12 students at any number of locations including area libraries and town halls. **In FY 2020, NEKLS served 31 K-12 students in the tri-county region.**
- In FY20 NEKLS **trained over 50 community members in Mental Health First Aid** and has a staff member that was named one of the top 100 MHFA trainers in the USA. NEKLS transitioned their foundational prevention work to Umbrella's Social Change Program at the end of the four year Regional Prevention Partnership Grant.
- In September of 2019, **Ready, Set, Grow Childcare** opened its doors to children and NEKCA Head Start opened their Head Start Program. The COVID19 Pandemic has greatly impacted families, child cares and schools. While both programs had to shut down for a period of time, Head Start was able to provide remote services to their children and Ready, Set, Grow Childcare was able to reopen to children in June. **At that time, 42 children were enrolled.** Ready, Set, Grow is actively working towards full staffing and full enrollment for 2021.

NEKLS has a staff of 61 dedicated professionals committed to serving the needs of the Northeast Kingdom. Please contact us at 1-844-GO NEKLS (466-3557) if you or someone you know has need of our services or at info@neklsvt.org. Thank you for your generous support!

Town Report Summary

2020 NEKYS Served 17 in Barnet

*NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975
In 2020 NEKYS served 470 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.



Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

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"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"

Town of Barnet
Barnet Town Office
PO Box 15
Barnet, VT 05821

December 1, 2020

Re: Request for town appropriation

Dear Barnet Voters,

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2021 warning for Town Meeting:

Article: Shall the **Town of Barnet** vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,100.00** for the support of **Rural Community Transportation, Inc.** to provide services to residents of the **Town of Barnet**.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In Fiscal Year 2020, RCT provided 545 trips to 19 residents of Barnet, travelling 18,104 miles at a total cost of \$10,473.

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

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

Sincerely,

Lila Bennett
Community Relations Manager



Activity Report for Barnet
Fiscal Year 2020 * July 2019 – June 2020
Town Appropriation Request: \$1200

Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression. Umbrella operates 4 multi-faceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

Social Change

Social Change focuses on a variety of initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, substance misuse and tobacco use while creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. In FY20: 1717 Youth were served through 73 sessions, 258 adults were trained in 24 workshops. Umbrella also has 15 school partners throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

Advocacy

The Advocacy Program serves survivors and children of survivors who have experienced domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, human trafficking as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation. In FY20: 519 people served; 60 households including 41 children (101 people housed in emergency shelter). New to our advocacy program this year, Umbrella added 12 new beds for emergency shelter for families fleeing domestic violence. Also new this year, 6 households including 8 children (14 people) were housed in transitional housing. \$64,974 was given out to support clients, which includes help with security deposits, food, personal belongings, moving expenses, transportation, and rent.

Family- Based Services

Family Based Services focuses on connecting families to child-care and strengthening family relationships. Kingdom Child Care Connection assists families in Caledonia and southern Essex counties 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. Families are connected to needed support including child care through our Kingdom Childcare Connection. In FY20 560 households received Umbrella support to access child care, 120 families connected to children's integrated services and there were 60 new referrals to child care. Children participate in supervised visitation with support of the Family Room. FY20 saw 93 children served with supervised visitation.

Economic Empowerment

Economic Empowerment supports women with significant barriers to employment to work on their challenges with wrap-around, no-judgment support. Participants gain experience through culinary service and transition to employment on the pathway to meet their financial goals.

Women package and prepare food for homebound seniors via Cornucopia's Meals on Wheels program and food service at the Ready, Set, Grow Center in Newport. In FY20 the Cornucopia program had 8 graduates, of which 100% gained employment post-graduation. 12 former graduates received follow-up support. Cornucopia produced 37,276 meals (717 weekly average). We have 5 clients in the extended Cornucopia program and 2 new jobs were created.

Women and youth expand marketable skills while earning money towards our mission through our social enterprise, Dolcetti Gelato. \$3,000 earned with 8 pop up events in the summer of 2019.

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 15 households in Barnet were served by Umbrella in FY20 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

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

Respectfully,



Amanda Cochrane
Executive Director

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

Request Amount: \$280.00

For the past 41 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'20 (10/2019-9/2020) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **236** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **5** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **124** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **89** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **61** individuals with information on assistive technology; **36** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **573** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **41** people and provided **30** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served **12** people in its first few months. The Rise Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

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

During FY'20, **2** residents of **Barnet** received services from the following program:

- Information, Referral and Assistance Program (IR&A)

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

October 12, 2020

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

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

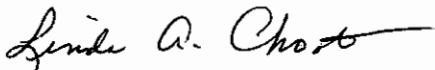
Dear Friends:

The West Barnet Senior Meal site would gratefully appreciate the town's continued financial support through appropriation at Town Meeting in March.

In 2020, the site has continued to provide meals throughout the COVID19 pandemic, with a group of dedicated volunteers who prepare, pack and deliver the meals. By the end of the year, we will have provided over 12,000 meals, with many being delivered to the homebound, but the majority furnished as take-out. This increase speaks to the important role we play in our community as an important option for healthy meals when it is more difficult to many seniors to get them. Our hope is to return to being able to offer sit down meals in the next year, but in any event, we plan to continue to be there for those who need us.

We greatly appreciate your support again this year for our non-profit organization and thank you in advance for that support.

Respectfully,



Linda A. Choate
Secretary
West Barnet Senior Meal Site

Section 6

Reports of Other Extra-Municipal Organizations & Representatives

To the Town of Barnet:

As we are unable to meet this year for Town Meeting, I just wanted to take the time to say hi to everyone and let you know your concerns are important to me. My goal to you is “commonsense legislation that helps Vermonters, today and every day. This goal gets harder every year as so many in Montpelier have their own agendas as to what commonsense and for the entire state of Vermont means. We are expecting 600 or more bills to be introduced for the first year of this session.

Listed below are just a few of the bills that have been introduced:

H5 Wearing hearing protection while hunting.

H9 Definition of agricultural land for the purpose of use value appraisals.

H37 Excise tax on candy.

H43 Allowing individuals who have attained 16 years of age to consent to the administration of vaccinations.

H68 Requiring bicycle helmets.

H69 An act to the intentional release of a balloon.

H85 Requiring employment breaks.

As this note has to be sent to town clerks to get into your town report by January 25, you can only imagine what is in store for the next 500 plus bills for 2021.

The committee I serve on is Corrections and Institutions. There is still a lot of talk of how to deal with the women’s prison in Chittenden, as it needs lots of work and is in very poor condition. Woodside for juveniles has closed and they will be going to a facility in Newbury, later on. Woodside is going to be used to replace Therapeutic Residential being housed in Middlesex.

The Capitol Fund, which is bonded dollars, has taken another hit in available funds, with greater demands. We haven’t started trying to figure out how these funds will be spent as we will not be hearing the Governor’s Budget address until January 26, which is after this note to you all.

We are trying to figure out a way to get back to work in Montpelier---not zooming from home. On a personal note, I feel the state of Vermont isn’t being represented fairly while using zoom, as many of you know if you are working from home or have school age children on zoom every day, there is a lot being missed. Hands on is way more effective than looking at a camera.

I will continue to be there for you, and if you have any comments or concerns feel free to contact me, I am always here to listen.

Thank you for your continued support,

Rep. Marcia R. Martel 802-748-9134 mmartel@leg.state.vt.us

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ANNUAL REPORT

For 2020

Good bye 2020 is all I have to say about that year. We completed another audit for our office in 2020 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, replacing cars that have served us well. We have ten 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 14 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 12 years, that expense will go away and the county will own the building.

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

Please check out our facebook page. Thank You.

Sincerely,
Sheriff Dean Shatney



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

2020 was not at all what anyone expected especially in the world of providing Emergency Medical Services and being frontline healthcare providers. In my 27 year career, I have never seen so much change happening daily sometimes even hourly, new policies/procedures, new protocols, response changes, new guidance, daily/weekly virtual meetings all in response to this historic year with the coronavirus pandemic. Our agency stepped 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 a pandemic, our agency worked alongside the Vermont Department of Health providing COVID pop up testing clinics in Saint Johnsbury from the beginning. Weekly our crews helped staff VDH pop up sites with two to three EMT/Paramedics to provide additional support and resources to provide PCR testing. Our staff tested hundreds of local residents and visitors traveling into the region. Donned in personnel protective gear -N95 masks, gloves, gowns, faceshields inside a tent in the midst of the summer heat for hours, our staff was there. In addition, our team was available to be called upon to do home PCR tests for those who did not have transportation to a test site. We also were called up for additional resources for potential outbreaks or scheduled facility testing in the region. Lastly, we will be providing assistance to VHD for vaccine clinics once they have these up and running for the community as well.

Even though this was a stressful year and many additional responsibilities and changes added upon our staff, they adapted and overcame with a tremendous level of professionalism. This was new to all of us in many ways, and we had to learn new ways to protect ourselves and treat our patients with new equipment in order to keep us safe in our transport environment. This meant a great deal of training and familiarizing with new equipment and updated protocols. 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 has protected our staff very well during this period, with only a few isolated sick days as expected during this time of year. We have not had any staff COVID-19 positives to date and our staff has begun receiving their vaccinations.

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 1,366 911 responses and the remainder 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 2,815 requests for service. CALEX provided 478 inter-facility transports throughout the year in VT and an additional 282 in NH for a total of 761 inter-facility/medical transports. These transports are a critical point of our service, reducing any delays of getting our patients to definitive care whether it be trauma services, cardiac care or other specialty services at a higher-level care facility such as DHMC or UVMHC and other hospitals across the New England. CALEX 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 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 plan to remount our 2011 Dodge Ambulance, and replace 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 lightning, new flooring, reinspects all the electrical systems, and completely sandblast the box and repaint/letter. This remount process has been successful for us while saving thousands versus purchasing new for a minimum of two remounts. We maintain a fleet of 5 Ambulances, one Paramedic intercept vehicle, one off-road UTV.

As we end 2020, 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



**NEK Broadband Communications Union District
Annual Report to Member Towns**

Activities through December 7, 2020

NEK Broadband Communications Union District (NEK CUD/ CUD) was formed through affirmative Town Meeting votes on March 3, 2020 by 27 NEK towns: Albany, Barnet, Barton, Brighton, Burke, Concord, Coventry, Craftsbury, Danville, East Haven, Glover, Greensboro, Groton, Hardwick, Kirby, Lowell, Lyndon, Newark, Peacham, Ryegate, Sheffield, St. Johnsbury, Stannard, Sutton, Waterford, Westfield and Wheelock. Within two weeks, Vermont and much of the country, and world, entered a state of emergency related to the novel coronavirus.

The safety measures instituted to protect public health exacerbated and laid bare existing deficiencies in our region's broadband infrastructure. Since then, additional attention and funding has been made available to begin to tackle the problem. In addition, all our meetings have been conducted via the online video conferencing application Zoom, following emergency open meeting rules provided by the Vermont Secretary of State.

On April 30, 2020, NEK CUD held its organizational meeting with Governing Board members and alternates appointed by each member town. We adopted bylaws and established an Executive Committee and elected seven members to serve. The CUD was officially recognized by the Vermont Secretary of State on May 6, 2020. By our June meeting, we established a regular meeting time, the second Thursday of each month between 5:30 and 7 p.m. as well as a website where we post agendas and minutes: nekbroadband.org

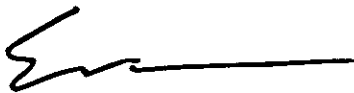
Highlights of the past year include:

- (May) Created standing Finance and Technology Committees with appointed members. These two committees are open to both Governing Board members and members of the public.
- (June) Adopted a Statement of Mission, Service Goals, Operating Principles and Immediate Priorities. Approved a Hybrid Public-Private Operator as a preferred operating model, which means the CUD would not be an Internet Service Provider (ISP), but would strive to own assets that would be leased to one or more private operators.
- (July) Recommended Tilson Technology Management, Inc. as the communications consultant to conduct our feasibility study and business plan. Partnered with Tilson Technology Management, Inc., VELCO (Vermont Electric Power Company), Green Mountain Power and the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) to prepare for the FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) reverse auction. Joined an Interlocal Agreement with other Vermont Communication Union Districts to explore collaboration.

- (August) Approved a 2020 Budget which included contract positions: a part-time Project Manager, Bookkeeper/Clerk and Administrator/Treasurer. Hired Christine Hallquist of Hyde Park as part-time Project Manager for the months of August and September.
- (September) Approved COVID-Response Connected Community Resilience Program grant-funded broadband project with Kingdom Fiber, which will fund the customer portion of fiber connections for up to 100 underserved addresses in Albany, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Hardwick and Irasburg by the end of the year. Hired Jami Jones of Hardwick as part-time Bookkeeper/Clerk.
- (October) Hired Christine Hallquist as Administrator/Treasurer. Adopted draft 2021 budget and annual report. Approved applying for a second COVID-Response Connected Community broadband project with Tilson Technology Management, Inc. in Concord, VT. This project is conditional upon Tilson moving forward with their Lunenburg, VT project and funding may be reallocated to other projects elsewhere in the CUD.
- (November) Tilson completed the feasibility study highlighting 8 strategic projects that would cash flow positive in three years. Study also presented multiple sources for financing the initial projects including Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) loans, grants and private equity.
- (December) FCC announced RDOF awards for Vermont. Significant awards were given to 3 ISP's who will be required to provide service speeds of at least 100mbps.

In 2020 thus far, membership has grown to 31 towns. Wolcott and Irasburg joined on May 29. Westmore joined on July 9. Brownington joined on November 12, 2020. Walden joined December 10th.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Evan Carlson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Evan Carlson, Chair

Town of Barnet ~ 2020 Annual Report

NEK Community Broadband Community Union District 2021 Budget			
	Organizational	Notes	
Income			
2020 Transfer	68,700		
Additional Operational Fundraising	25,000		
TOTAL	93,700		
Expenses			
Personnel			
Administrator/ Treasurer	\$7,000	Contribution to NVDA contract	Jan-July
Administrator/ Treasurer	\$22,500	CUD position - 25 hrs/week	August-December
Bookkeeper/ Clerk	\$9,600	CUD position - 10 hrs/week	
Grantwriting/ Communications	\$4,000		
Legal	\$15,000		
Project	\$30,000	Remaining Kingdom Fiber Connections	
Operational	\$1,250		
Board Expenses	\$1,000		
TOTAL	\$90,350		
Projected Capital Investment (a)			
VEDA matching funds	\$400,000	VT matching funds grant	
VEDA loan	\$4,000,000	Maximum amount	
	\$460,000	VT Connected Community Resilience Program Grant	
	\$500,000	Minimum target for additional grant-funded project	
	\$5,360,000		
Footnotes			
(a) NEK Broadband anticipates engaging in construction of portions of its fiber network in 2021. How much we will be able to fund will be based on the federal and state grants available, as well as our ability to secure low-interest loans. At minimum, we expect to apply for a loan program available for broadband development through the Vermont Economic Development Authority. Success will be dependent on favorable results from our CUD feasibility study due in mid-November.			

**Northeast Kingdom Communication Union District
Communication Committee Report**

Twenty-seven towns voted at March 2020 Kingdom Town Meetings to approve the formation of a unified district with a cooperative goal of building fiber internet infrastructure in the Northeast Kingdom. The entity, commonly referred to as Northeast Kingdom Broadband, now includes 32 towns. Barnet is one of them.

Each member town has Governing Board representatives appointed by its selectboard. Barnet's representative and member of the Communication Committee is Kathleen Monroe (802-633-3052; speakvt@sover.net). Barnet's alternate is Charlie McAlpine (802)-633-3014; cmcalpine3@gmail.com).

Commercial internet providers have not stepped up to serve Vermont's most rural underserved areas. Similar to the electric co-ops set up when rural electrification was underway, Communication Union Districts (CUD) around Vermont are working successfully to fill the internet needs of 21st century Vermonters and beyond. Our goal is to ensure that every E-911 address in the Kingdom can access speedy, robust, reliable internet service. This endeavor will take years to fully realize.

Funding will come from state and federal grants, subsidized loans, and fees from internet subscribers for services provided. NEK Community Broadband is legally prohibited from using tax dollars directly, and this prohibition includes debts. Member towns will not be taxed to fund NEK Community Broadband.

In our first year, NEK Broadband raised \$743,000 in grant funding. A study was completed that determined the feasibility of our becoming cash-flow positive in three years.

Taking advantage of COVID Relief Funds, we partnered with Kingdom Fiber to provide fiber infrastructure to one hundred previously unserved residences. As of January, forty-two homes in Albany, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Hardwick, and Irasburg were connected.

Recent federal funding to Consolidated Communications and National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative will improve internet service in many areas of the Northeast Kingdom. As NEK Community Broadband develops, in 2021, its five-year plan will target areas that will not be served by those two companies. The five-year plan will provide a clearer picture of when specific addresses might be served. NEK Community Broadband will focus on fiber optic infrastructure. Fiber optics provides the fastest, most reliable internet service for the long term. In 2021, we will begin with a \$4-5 million dollar build out of our fiber optic network. Additional federal and state support for rural infrastructure will help more homes get served faster—so talk to your elected representatives about how important this is for your household or business.

"When will there be fast internet at my home?" The five-year plan we create in 2021 will include a much clearer picture of when specific addresses might be served. We are committed to finding a just balance between fiscal responsibility and prioritizing service

to the most rural areas that are underserved—or unserved—by the national, for-profit internet companies in our area.

To learn more about our work and find updates regarding future plans go to our website: nekbroadband.org or go to NEK Community Broadband on Facebook. Updates on progress will be shared in local newspapers and through other non-electronic methods.

Respectfully submitted,

Communication Committee, NEK Broadband

Where are Barnet's publicly accessible internet hotspots?

Hotspots are located at Barnet Library, public WIFI, no password; Barnet Presbyterian Church, VTel public WIFI, no password; and Barnet Elementary School, guest WIFI, password: Caledonia; McIndoe Academy, front of building, Charter Communications public WIFI, no password; Town Clerk's office, parking lot; booster is pending; no password.

What can I do to help move things along?

Connect with your town's Governing Board member and our local legislative representatives, Joe Benning and Marcia Martel. Stay alert for announcements that might provide you with short-term solutions, especially COVID-funded options. For example, in 2020 there was a Line Extension Program (LECAP) funded by the state. A subsidy of up to \$3K per house for extension of existing cable/broadband lines was offered. Two-hundred seven subsidies were awarded in Vermont, none in Barnet. In West Barnet, Spectrum-Charter completed a project potentially serving 137 addresses. A number of data-gathering efforts were announced with links provided by your CUD representative on social media (Barnet Community site on Facebook, and Front Porch Forum; *The Caledonian-Record*) including a feasibility study to which over 50 Barnet residents responded. In addition, a Department of Public Service link was provided to Barnet citizens for the state's temporary broadband subsidy program. Application for the subsidy closed in mid-December, but our hope is that the state will offer the subsidy again in 2021.

What about Starlink and 5G?

Elon Musk's SpaceX satellite-based, low-latency broadband service, was awarded federal Rural Digital Opportunity Funds (RDOF) in 2020. Starlink offers some potential for Vermonters. SpaceX is currently beta testing in the American Northwest and will roll-out further testing in other parts of the US during 2021. The CUD is keeping an eye on Starlink and will assess the technology when and if it becomes available in our area. Maine's Wireless Partners, awarded COVID funds to connect 668 5G-serviced locations in five Essex County towns, did complete that project.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Monroe

Executive Committee Report

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

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

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2020. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The NEKWMD is entering 2021 with a proposed budget of \$809,527 – an increase of 1.85% compared to 2020. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the District's 2021 budget will be acted upon by the District Board of Supervisors at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 9, 2021. The District sought and received a one-time legislative remedy in order to act on the budget internally. There will be 2 additional public hearings to receive input on the 2021 proposed budget. These meetings will be held via ZOOM on February 18 and 25, 2021 at 6pm.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and three part-time employees in 2020. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

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

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

NEKWMD Executive Committee



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January 14, 2021

NEKWMD

Member Towns

RE: NEKWMD PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

Dear Member:

Due to the impacts of the COVID19 pandemic on Town Meeting Day. The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) has petitioned the legislature to allow the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed 2021 budget. This was a difficult decision on our part, but is considered necessary for two reasons.

- (1) House Bill H48, once signed by the Governor, will allow towns to move the date of their Town Meeting. This is problematic for the District because it could potentially delay our budget vote until the end of May. We have already been notified by a couple of towns that they are moving their town meeting to the end of May 2021. If Towns move the date of Town Meeting, they risk disenfranchising their voters by holding our budget vote when the outcome may already be predetermined.
- (2) The same bill will also allow towns the ability to mail ballots directly to all of their registered voters. While we support this idea, the District is in no position to be able to mail ballots and/or receive them. We have always relied on our member towns to include the ballots as part of their Australian Ballot process. Coordinating mailed ballots with 49 members towns would be a daunting task. We understand that most towns will probably not do this, but even if we miss one town, we run the risk of disenfranchising the electorate in that one town.

H48 contains a provision that allows the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors to approve the 2021 budget. This provision would only apply to the budget for 2021. The legislature considered this proposal because all of the other Waste Districts in Vermont allow their Board of Supervisors to approve their budgets. The NEKWMD Board approved this action at their January 12, 2021 meeting.

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Once H48 becomes law this week, you should make any necessary adjustments to your tabulator for the Australian Ballot process. There will be no need for your Town to include our Budget Article on your Ballots or Warning and/or to have us send you ballots if you do not use a tabulator. Towns will not be responsible for legally posting the any warning or ballot for the NEKWMD 2021 budget.

In order to allow greater public participation in the NEKWMD budget approval process for 2021, the NEKWMD Board has initiated the following procedures for 2021:

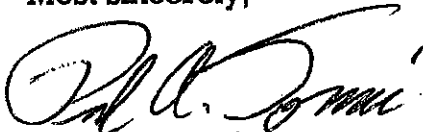
- (1) There will be 2 additional public hearings regarding the 2021 proposed budget. Those hearings will be held via ZOOM on Thursday, February 18, 2021 and Thursday, February 25, 2021. Both meetings will begin at 6pm.
- (2) The NEKWMD Board has moved our Annual Meeting to Tuesday, March 9th, 2021. That date is the regularly scheduled meeting of the NEKWMD Board for the month of March. At this meeting, the NEKWMD will take action on the 2021 budget.

This allows towns more time to consider the District's 2021 proposed budget. This also allows the NEKWMD Board additional time to make changes to the proposed budget. I will be reviewing the proposed budget and informing the Board of any potential changes that could be made in an effort to lower the impact on our member towns. The Board will be presented with an updated budget at their February 9, 2021 meeting. We will notify members immediately following the meeting if there are any changes to the budget. Any changes to the 2021 budget would be to lower the budget – not increase it.

We hope our member towns understand the reasons for this action. I would like to emphasize that this action is only for 2021. We will resume the budget process outlined in our charter for subsequent years.

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

Most sincerely,



Paul A. Tomasi
Executive Director

2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2020	2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$200.00	\$216.25	\$200.00
Audit -- Financial	\$7,595.00	\$7,595.00	\$6,595.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$600.00	\$1,084.90	\$900.00
Bank Charges	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Cleaning	\$1,920.00	\$2,080.00	\$1,920.00
Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,382.92	\$1,500.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$4,600.00	\$6,081.58	\$4,700.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,500.00	\$596.06	\$1,000.00
Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$13,000.00	\$13,743.40	\$13,000.00
Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$8,559.92	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$2,573.00	\$2,000.00
Office Supplies	\$3,600.00	\$5,090.29	\$3,200.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,000.00	\$3,231.81	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$2,712.05	\$1,000.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,100.00	\$828.98	\$900.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$41,765.00	\$55,776.16	\$42,015.00
Gross Wages	\$387,800.00	\$386,859.41	\$402,925.00
OT Wages--Warehouse	\$5,000.00	\$2,660.60	\$3,500.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$24,000.00	\$24,150.31	\$25,300.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,625.00	\$5,648.12	\$5,900.00
Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$2,212.00	\$4,466.89	\$3,500.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$21,000.00	\$20,845.09	\$21,000.00
Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$55,000.00	\$54,561.60	\$53,000.00
Mileage - Employee	\$7,000.00	\$4,041.28	\$4,000.00
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Personnel Equipment	\$250.00	\$674.17	\$500.00
Training	\$500.00	\$310.32	\$500.00
Travel	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$512,137.00	\$504,217.79	\$520,675.00
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
Baler Loan Payment	\$40,537.00	\$17,074.46	\$40,537.00
Baler Repairs	\$1,944.00	\$487.50	\$5,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$7,918.48	\$7,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$2,500.00	\$1,822.74	\$1,800.00
Forklift Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$1,144.52	\$2,000.00
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$294.69	\$500.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$27.10	\$4,000.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,958.43	\$2,000.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$22,000.00	\$17,983.11	\$17,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$12,000.00	\$26,451.87	\$10,000.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$97,481.00	\$75,162.90	\$89,837.00

2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2020	2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
BUILDING EXPENSES			
Improvements	\$500.00	\$276.50	\$500.00
Electricity	\$7,300.00	\$6,832.23	\$6,500.00
Maintenance	\$500.00	\$885.04	\$700.00
Trash Removal	\$3,000.00	\$3,420.82	\$3,000.00
TOTAL BUILDING	\$11,300.00	\$11,414.59	\$10,700.00
PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$500.00	\$450.63	\$500.00
Permits & Fees	\$500.00	\$110.00	\$250.00
Composting	\$20,000.00	\$28,229.50	\$24,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$1,500.00	\$11,946.44	\$5,000.00
Consulting Services-Grant Funded	\$0.00	\$5,015.01	\$4,000.00
Education Outreach	\$11,000.00	\$6,995.00	\$6,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$23,000.00	\$39,916.96	\$33,000.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$7,744.38	\$4,000.00
Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$22,000.00	\$38,603.15	\$30,000.00
Special Collections	\$40.00	\$127.77	\$250.00
Supplies	\$600.00	\$66.50	\$300.00
Tire Disposal	\$14,000.00	\$20,716.80	\$15,000.00
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$96,140.00	\$159,922.14	\$122,300.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$758,823.00	\$806,493.58	\$785,527.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$36,000.00	\$36,423.86	\$24,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$36,000.00	\$36,423.86	\$24,000.00
TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$794,823.00	\$842,917.44	\$809,527.00
Grants--St of VT	\$82,000.00	\$82,860.97	\$92,000.00
Covid-19 Grant	\$0.00	\$20,830.17	\$0.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$48,000.00	\$52,485.00	\$54,630.00
Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$5,400.00	\$13,573.38	\$6,000.00
Interest Income	\$10.00	\$6.66	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,200.00	\$830.38	\$500.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,600.00	\$9,935.00	\$4,000.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$88,000.00	\$74,962.68	\$85,000.00
Compost Income	\$19,225.00	\$22,568.60	\$22,000.00
Electronics Income	\$21,200.00	\$23,684.38	\$20,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$18,000.00	\$8,276.36	\$15,000.00
Battery Income	\$6,500.00	\$4,338.00	\$6,000.00
Tire Income	\$16,000.00	\$20,861.80	\$15,000.00
Per Capita Assessment	\$42,538.00	\$42,834.60	\$44,800.00
USDA-NVCP Grant	\$0.00	\$6,686.72	\$0.00
Insurance Refund	\$0.00	\$2,331.00	\$0.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$445,000.00	\$447,438.52	\$444,447.00
TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$794,823.00	\$834,579.22	\$809,527.00



To the Voters of Barnet:

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

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

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

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

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

- Prepared an enhanced energy plan.
- Did a training on due process for the Development Review Board.
- Grants-in-Aid Assistance for local roads.
- Provided information regarding the Local Emergency Management Plan and offered to assist with updating the plan.
- Provided daily COVID-19 information such as grant assistance and health information.
- Provided information to Fire Department on grants that were available for Fire Departments

NVDA's municipal dues remain at a very affordable \$0.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$250.

We take great pride in providing cost-effective professional services to the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom. We take pride in keeping communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at tgonyaw@nvda.net to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director

Section 7

Real Estate Transactions & Vital Records Reports

Real Estate Transactions

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Description
1/6/2020	Famolare, Rosalie M Estate	Detra, Helen B	Dwl & land Gadley Hill Rd
1/17/2020	Chamberlin, Keith & Florence	Stoiber, Laura M	Dwl & land Kitchel Hill Rd
2/6/2020	Community National Bank	Simpson, Mark & Walters, Katherine	Dwl & land Inwood Lane
2/11/2020	Mangiapane, Barbara,	Mangiapane, Joseph & Rosemary	Camp & land Pavilion Lane 1/2 Interest
2/11/2020	Demers, Guy & Rachel	Lang, Steven & Susana	MHU Hillside Lane
2/21/2020	Holaday, Duncan A Revoc Trust	Lawton, Michael & Jane	Dwl & land Keyser Hill Rd
2/24/2020	Hale, Daniel & Lea	Vear, James	Dwl & land Gunnar Lane
3/31/2020	Spring-Burak, Cynthia I Trust	Korsh, Jeremy & Brittany	Dwl & land Kitchel Hill Rd
3/31/2020	Kenney, Sarah & Shore, Jacob	Tetreault, Levi N	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
4/1/2020	Merrill, Dennis & Alice	Labounty, Elphege Jr & Keith Charles	Dwl & land Bridge St
4/6/2020	Shields, Daniel & Dale	Shields, David & Karen	Dwl & land Kitchel Hill Rd
4/9/2020	Yattaw, Sherman & Shirley	Yattaw, Paul & Brigitte	Dwl & land Valley View Rd
4/29/2020	Anderson, Ronald & Suzette	Wolfel, Walter & Gail	Dwl & land Groton Rd
5/13/2020	Blue Sky Builders, Inc	Gelinas, Charles & Lorna Family Trust	Unlanded Condo Campers Lane
5/27/2020	Valentine, George & Sandra	Palmer, James & Laureen	Unlanded Camp Shoreline Dr
5/27/2020	Keenan, Antoinette	Wright, Adam Montgomery	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
6/15/2020	Davis, Nicholas	Palmer, Dustan & Brooks, Andrea	MHL Symms Pond Rd
6/17/2020	Holderby, William & Linda	Burke, Josh & Rebeckah	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
6/20/2020	Low, David	Davidson, Andrew & Michelle	Land only Barnet Center Rd
6/25/2020	Morrison, Leslie	Hatley, John	Building & land US Rte 5 North
6/26/2020	Dupere, Roger & Janice	Carbonneau, Peter & Tuesdie	MHU Dyke Lane
6/29/2020	Kendall, William & Sandra	Pollock Family Trust	MHU Meadow Lane

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Description
7/3/2020	Mosedale, Andrew & Cindy	Lindstrom, Heather	Dwl & land Carter St
7/11/2020	Mikolich, Andrew & Lewis, Christian	Silva, Cynthia Pudan & Benacia, Anthony & Irma	MHL Ferguson Rd
7/14/2020	Roos, Robert W Jr Trust	Roos, Julie & Hyde, David	Dwl & land Barnet Center RD
7/16/2020	Nutter, Raymond G Jr	Heaney, Jeb A	Land only McLaren Hill
7/18/2020	Lavigne, Jill	Partridge, Philip Jr & Alicia	Unlanded Condo Campers Lane
7/20/2020	Ford, Spencer	Boyden, Douglas & Katherine	Dwl & land Strobbridge Hill
7/22/2020	Burke, Timothy & Rossana	Leger, Valerie	Dwl & land Garland Hill
7/27/2020	Hyman, Carol Stubbe	Dillon, James & Julia	Dwl & land Brook Hill Rd
7/29/2020	Blue Sky Builders, Inc	McGraw, Kristen M	Unlanded Condo Campers Lane
8/10/2020	Blue Sky Builders, Inc	Braley, Kelli & Gabriel	Unlanded Condo Campers Lane
8/12/2020	Jourdan, Jill & Lemieux, Leon	Bellavance, Kyle & Lozier, Kailey	Dwl & land Bailey Farm Lane
8/21/2020	Renfrew, Scott & Kathleen	Stacey, Justin & Tiffany	Dwl & land McKinley Drive
8/21/2020	Trudeau, Anne Marie & Fentiman, Travis	Thompson, Katelyn	Dwl & land Brook Circle
8/27/2020	Lowell, Sandra	Brodeur, Mark & Gilfillan, Sandra	Dwl & land Roy Mountain Rd
8/31/2020	Burke, Pamela	Cross, Steven	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
9/2/2020	Mittenthal, Peter	Moore, Morgan & Albert, Ryan	Dwl & land McKinley Dr
9/3/2020	Slayton, Nancy	Trapani, Jeffrey & Lewis, Clover	Dwl & land Slayton Lane
9/8/2020	Norris, Kenneth & Barbara	Annis, Chad & Stacey	Dwls & land Groton Rd
9/8/2020	Blue Sky Builders, Inc	Gelinas, Charles & Lorna Family Trust	Unlanded Condo Campers Lane
9/9/2020	Arnold, Arthur C Revoc Trust	Sprague, Sherman & Jacqueline	Land only Arnold Circle
9/10/2020	Powers, Seth & Anna	Arant, Francis & Amanda	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
9/10/2020	Blue Sky Builders	Stinchfield, Charles & Mary	Unlanded Condo Option Campers Lane
9/16/2020	Hartong, Kathleen	Nolker, Stephen & Zehner, Mark	Land only Peacham Groton Rd
9/23/2020	Murphy, Matthew & Mary Lisa	Bushey, Wayne & Rebecca	Camp & land Harvey Mountain Rd

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10/2/2020	Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	Fares, Joseph & Erin	Dwl & land Roy Mountain Rd
10/2/2020	Arnold, Arthur C Revoc Living Trust	Scranton, Richard & Carol	Dwl & land Arnold Circle
10/5/2020	Warren, Robert & Melinda	Dumais, Stephen & Hilliard-Dumais, Judith	Dwl & land River Rd
10/5/2020	Slayton, Stoddard	Dugrenier Family Revoc Trust	MHL Comerford Dam Rd
10/5/2020	Haase-Dubosc, Gerard & Wallace, Nancy Helen	Baptista, Tony & Shaffer, Darrin	Dwl & land Harvey Mountain Rd
10/5/2020	Schrade, Richard & Carini, Michelle Nolin	Guilmette, Emily	Dwl & land Kitchel Hill Rd
10/13/2020	Stevenson, Shane	Masure, Michael	Dwl & land West Main St
10/19/2020	Bunnell, Calvin & Cherryll	Grime, Paul & Bridget	Gravel Pit US Rte 5 NO
10/26/2020	Denio, Bruce & Carolyn	Hale, Melvin, Lana, Ryan & Julie	Land only Tower Rd
10/28/2020	Trotter, Gary & Patricia	Haff, Charles Jr & Keaty, Nicole	Dwl & land Meeting House Hill
10/30/2020	Conant Family Trust	Kinsella, Michael & Cathleen	Land only Keyser Hill
11/16/2020	Clark, Susan Elizabeth Rev Trust	Courtot, Bruce & Vogini, Debra	Dwl & land West Main St
11/25/2020	Lamothe, Douglas R Trust	Ball, James & Lisa	Land only Tower Rd
12/2/2020	Conlon, Paul	Perron, Jean	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
12/2/2020	Dejesus, Hiram & Majil	Matte, Brandon	Dwl & land Old Silo Rd
12/7/2020	Wallace, Richard M Estate	Beaulieu, Benjamin & Brown, Alicia	Dwl & land Church St
12/12/2020	Letourneau, Thomas & Ramona	Letourneau, Timothy & Cobb, Erica	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
12/14/2020	Robinson, Dorothy & Carol & Turman, Sandra	Skovsted, Eric & Mary	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
12/16/2020	Bauman, John F Trust	Bogie, Clark & Stewart, Betty Sue	Dwl & land Darling Lane
12/16/2020	Bauman, John F Trust	Bogie, Jeff & David & LeClair, Jason	Dwl & land Garland Hill
12/16/2020	Bauman, John F Trust	Bogie, Jeff & Clark & LeClair, Jason	Dwl & land Bogie Lane
12/26/2020	Cornelius, Karla Revoc Trust	Johnson, Joyce H Pourover Trust	Camp & land Harvey Mountain Rd
12/26/2020	Pollak, Elaine, & Nester, Kathryn & Leslie	Sherman, Crosby & Helen	Camp & land Wheelock Lane
12/30/2020	DeRosia, Carolyn E Revoc Trust	Demers, Joseph & Christene	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South

BIRTHS

Morrison, Adeline Iris to Morrison, Robyn Lillian & Greg Anthony
Ferrante, Gabriella Elizabeth to Lepardo, Sarah Elizabeth & Ferrante, Damien
Korsh, Redding Ridge to Korsh, Brittany Virginia & Jeremy Mathew
Wallace, Ulysses Moritz to Moritz, Kathryn Alexa & Wallace, Brian Michael
Johnson, Ella Dee to Brown, Sandra Michelle & Johnson, Benjamin Gunnar
Burke, Everly Cadence to Burke, Rebecckah Constance & Josh Daniel

MARRIAGES

West, Meagan Alyssa & Cochran, Uriah Scott
McCarty, Bryna Louise & Fox, Joseph Patrick
Cobb, Erica Irene & Letourneau, Timothy Chad
Hazard, Susan Patricia & Wright, Travis
Leirer, Michelle & Boye, Andrew Michael
Dolgin, Alyssa Stefanie & Green, Taylor H.

DEATHS

Clark, Susan Elizabeth	Age 64
Thrall, Leesbeth Katherine Kain	Age 70
Wallace, Richard Michael	Age 77
Bailey, Marvin Ora	Age 90
Hale, Eugene Russell	Age 67
Berry, Michael Lawrence	Age 26
Paddleford, Richard Morris	Age 82
Bauman, John Frederick	Age 99
Pearl, Paul E	Age 61
Gauthier, Florence May	Age 92
John, Richard Robert Sr.	Age 67
Cheney, Margaret Olive	Age 101
Strobridge, Margaret E	Age 100