

# BLOOMFIELD, VT.



**2023  
ANNUAL  
REPORT**  
BY THE  
TOWN  
OFFICERS  
FOR THE  
YEAR  
ENDING  
12/31/2023

**Bloomfield Methodist Church located on VT RTE 102.  
Built 1859 Photo taken 2015**



**In 2016 Larry and Betty Williams Purchased and have been restoring,  
to preserve, one of Bloomfield's Historical Buildings.  
Photo taken 2023**



**Larry and Betty welcome all to visit the Bloomfield church,  
View inside and learn more about its history**

## SUMMARY LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS

**2023 Town Meeting Highlights:** 14 residents which included the Board of Selectmen attended the Annual Town Meeting held at the Bloomfield Meeting Hall on Tuesday, March 7th.

All articles (floor vote) passed, except for a measure that would have instructed town auditors to employ the services of an accountant to audit the accounts of the town. Larry Williams was elected as Moderator for 2023 Town Meeting. Following persons were elected to 3-year terms: Selectboard Member-Eric Brault; Town Clerk- Vickie Lucius; Town Treasurer-Sharon Belknap; Delinquent Tax Collector-Sharon Belknap; Lister-Michael Belknap; Auditor-Bruce Prosper, Jr.

With grant monies from the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) the Town of Bloomfield was able to pave Marshall and Patnaude Roads during the summer of 2023. We also benefited from VT road grants. These areas are broken down, with costs and grant amounts, in the Orders/ Highway/Roads section of this report.

Another grant being pursued by the Town is MERP (Municipal Energy Resilience Program). We received a free building energy resilience assessment for the Town Office Building. NVDA then assisted us with prioritizing the projects. The next step will be the grant writing portion and then the actual improvements. The Grant writing costs will be included in the grant funds.

The Town also implemented a project to develop a Town Plan for Bloomfield. This is a very basic plan that with the assistance of Nicole Gratton from NVDA (Northeastern Vermont Development Association) will be completed and is hoped to have in place by spring of 2024. The primary purpose for having a Town Plan is to assist in meeting requirements for other grant funds that may be available to Bloomfield in the future.

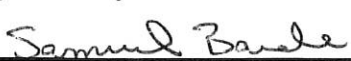
NVDA is supported by an annual appropriation from member towns, a share of the state's property transfer tax fund, and by private, state and federal grants:

### 2024 Planned Projects

The Listers, as required by State Law, have contracted to have a Town Wide Reappraisal done. This will begin in June/July of 2024. Residents will receive further information from the contracted company. It is hoped All of our residents will be as cooperative as possible to help the work go smoothly and completion done in a reasonable amount of time.

In closing we would like to welcome the new residents and thank all of our residents for continued support of our Town.

Respectfully Submitted – Bloomfield, Vermont Selectboard



Chairman Samuel Boudle



Selectman Denault Routhier



Selectman Eric Brault

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# TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

## EMERGENCY CONTACT FOR POLICE, FIRE AND AMBULANCE **DIAL 911**

**VT State Police in Derby** 802-334-8881

**Fire: Colebrook** 603-237-5798

**Ambulance: Groveton EMS** 603-636-1057

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Population** (as of 2020 census) 217 **Altitude** at highest point-NE boundary 2,470 feet;  
Average Populated Elevation 912 feet **Miles** 40.54 Square **Size** 25,771 Acres

**Chartered** June 29, 1762 (NH grant by Governor Benning Wentworth)

Named Minehead which came from town in England where many families of the land originated.

**Renamed** 1830 by the Vermont Legislature per residents' request. One belief is that the name Bloomfield was to honor Revolutionary War Major Joseph Bloomfield.

## MEETING SCHEDULE & CONTACT

**Selectboard meetings** are held once a month on a Monday.

Meetings are held at the Bloomfield Town Office, 27 Schoolhouse Road.

Meetings start at 6:00 PM with all residents welcome to attend.

For those wishing to address the Board on a specific topic please request addition to the agenda by contacting the Town Clerk before the second Thursday of the month. 802-962-5191

**To Contact** Selectboard members, Listers and Treasurer you can make an appointment or request a return phone call. This is done at the Town Office during office hours.

## TOWN OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT

**Open:** 9:00 AM-3:00PM Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Physical Address:** 27 Schoolhouse Road, Bloomfield, VT

**Phone:** 802-962-5191

**Email:** [townofbloomfieldvt@gmail.com](mailto:townofbloomfieldvt@gmail.com)

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 336, North Stratford, NH 03590

## NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Notary Public Service is available for Bloomfield Residents at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours. There is no charge for having documents notarized at the Town Office.

Please be prepared to show valid photo identification, such as your current Driver's License or State ID.

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Please do not sign your document(s) until you are in the presence of the Notary. This includes witness signing that needs notarizing.

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## TRASH & RECYCLING

**Collection and Disposal of Trash and Recycling** is done by D4 Rubbish Removal Co. located in Groveton, NH. They have been contracted to pick up on Thursday mornings. Please have your trash/recyclables curbside by 7:00 AM when pickup begins. If a holiday falls on Thursday the pickup will be done on the Wednesday before. If you have an issue, please call the Bloomfield Town Office. Rubbish must be in Town purchased bags.

**2024 Bulky (Dumpster) Days** Will be held on Saturday, May 25th and Saturday, September 14th from 8:00 AM until 12 Noon in the parking area of the Town Office. Materials other than regular rubbish and recycling (No Hazardous Waste) are acceptable.

**Hazardous Waste Day** Is schedule for *Brunswick Town Office* on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 12 Noon. **This Event is open to Bloomfield residents.**

### **Recycling Guidelines**

Your cardboard must be broken down flat. Papers need to be bundled for recycling.

ALL Aluminum/Tin, Plastic, and Glass containers need to be empty and clean.

### **Currently the recycling center accept**

#1 and #2 plastics only. Steel, Tin, and Aluminum Cans. Cardboard that is clean, dry, broken down flat. {No plastic windows or tape}. All glass, porcelain, ceramics. Newspapers and Magazines – bundled. Office Paper – bundled. Hardcover books with cover removed.

### **Items NOT Recyclable**

Motor Oil Containers, Spray cans, Styrofoam, Propane Cylinders, Any plastic with numbers above 2, Coat Hangers, Cardboard Milk/Juice Containers, Dirty/Wet Cardboard, Loose Paper, Junk Mail, ALL Plastic Toys, Flip Flops, Any and ALL Plastic Bags, Plastic Bottles containing Liquid of Any Kind, Aluminum Foil/Aluminum Pie Tins.

### **Other**

Please call D4 Rubbish Removal 603-237-2056 with any questions or for price to pickup of any materials not listed as recyclable or not able to go in a Town Bag (household trash) for curbside pickup.

OR ..You can hold onto/store these Larger items for Bloomfield's Dumpster Days. Or contact NEK Waste Management to bring items to the center in Lyndonville, VT

## **RECYCLING BINS**

Blue recycling bins are available to residents for \$5.00 each. Purchase at the Town Office. Size: approximately 18 ½ x 14 ½ x 13.

### **Bags**

*The "Covid" purchased bags, by the printing of this report, (green) should have been sold out. The Town has purchased Blue Bags with a B stamped on them. They have been tested and should hold 15-20 pounds of **Everyday Household Trash.***

**Purchase cost and Locations:** \$1 per bag.

**Claudette & Dean's Place**, Route 3, North Stratford, NH;

**DeBanville's General Store and Café**, 47 VT Route 105, Bloomfield;

**Enlightening View Metaphysical Center**, 163 Enlightening View Lane, Bloomfield

**Town office** on Tuesday and Thursday, 27 Schoolhouse Rd., Bloomfield

## DOG LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND MISC. INFORMATION

*Pursuant to: 20 V.S.A. §3581 of the Vermont Statutes Title 20: Internal Security and Public Safety, Chapter 193: Domestic Pet or Wolf-hybrid Control. Subchapter 002:*

### **Licenses**

Any dog or wolf/hybrid that is more than six (6) months old **Must** be registered and licensed annually on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>, by the Town Clerk.

To obtain a license the dog's owner must pay a fee to the Town Clerk with proof that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies (a licensed veterinarian will certify the vaccination on the form). In the case of a spayed female or neutered male dog, provide certificate of sterilization from a licensed veterinarian.

A dog or wolf/hybrid of less than one (1) year of age must have been vaccinated to be licensed.

A dog or wolf/hybrid two (2) or more years old must have been vaccinated in the preceding twenty-four (24) months.

Dog and wolf/hybrids kept for breeding purposes must be licensed with a special license annually by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Current License Fees on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> - To be paid at the Bloomfield Town Office**

**Intact** male or female dog or wolf/hybrid: \$13.00 + \$5.00 State of VT .. **Total \$17.00**

**Spayed/Neutered** dog or wolf/hybrid: \$9.00 + \$2.00 State of VT .. **Total \$11.00**

**After April 1<sup>st</sup> A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed.**

### **Following Are Words From VSNIP (Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program)**

Licensing identifies your dog and is proof the dog is protected in the event bitten by an animal, but would still need immediate medical attention. Vaccinations and licensing protect if they bite another animal or person, which could result in the quarantine of the animal or euthanized. If not proven by being licensed to be currently vaccinated, testing for rabies requires the brain to be examined.

VSNIP helps eligible Vermonters afford to have their dogs and cats spayed or neutered.

Special Note: VSNIP is funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the cost of getting a dog license in Vermont.

### **IT IS the program's Only source of funding.**

To receive an application and list of participating offices, send a #10 Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. If approved you will receive a Voucher and Instructions. The cost to you is only \$27.00 providing there are no complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with the \$4 fee.

**FACTS:** Female cats as young as 4 months can become pregnant. The "mom" cat can/will become pregnant when the nursing is finished. Males travel for miles to find a female in heat, often not returning.

Cats and Dogs (naturally) mark their territory if not neutered.

70% of cats and 15% of dogs using VSNIP are reported as strays or abandoned, which is cruel and illegal.

Repeat litters can cause uterine infections, mammary tumors, kidney failure, etc. leading to death.

Be wary of any seller of animals that won't allow you to see how they are kept before acquiring.

### **Thank you for promoting this time proven program.**

Thanks to now retired Lynn Murrell, DVM, who first agreed to extend reduced rates for animals in need, and all the Veterinarians and Clinics that served for the last forty years plus. A sincere thank you to Bernard "Snook" Downing for helping support many animals in need over the years with his hard work, contributions, and the donors we are unable to thank in print.

### **Together We Truly Do Make a Difference!**

For further information or assistance call 800HI VSNIP (1-800-448-7647)

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator

## 2023 ELECTED OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, AND OTHER POSITIONS

### ***Board of Selectmen***

2024 Samuel Boudle  
2025 Denault Routhier  
2026 Eric Brault

### ***Town Clerk***

2026 Vickie Lucius

### ***Town Treasurer***

2026 Sharon Belknap

### ***Delinquent Tax Collector***

2026 Sharon Belknap

### ***Listers***

2024 Shawn Covill  
2025 Christopher McGuire  
2026 Michael Belknap

### ***Auditors***

2024 Mary Boudle  
2025 Steven Bunnell  
2026 Bruce Prosper, Jr.

### ***Justice of the Peace***

2024 Sharon Belknap  
2024 Steven Bunnell  
2024 Suzanne Routhier  
2024 Betty Williams  
2024 Nicole Briere

Note: JP's are voted by Australian ballot during the November Election.

### ***Assistant Town Clerk***

Paulette Routhier

### ***Cemetery Commissioner***

Lance Walling

### ***Emergency Management Director***

Eric Brault

### ***Fire Warden***

George Nugent

### ***Health Officer***

Selectboard Chairman

### ***Deputy Health Officer***

Vickie Lucius

### ***NEKWMD Supervisor***

Paulette Routhier

### ***Road Foreman***

Michael Belknap

### ***Water Commissioner***

Chester Smart

**TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD, STATE OF VERMONT**  
**2024 TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

To the legal residents of Bloomfield Town in the County of Essex qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bloomfield Town Meeting Hall, located at 27 Schoolhouse Road, on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:45 O'clock in the evening to transact, using floor vote method, the following articles.

**Article 1:** To choose A Moderator who will preside over the meeting.

**Article 2:** To Elect a Selectboard Member for a Term of Three Years.

**Article 3:** To Elect a Lister for a Term of Three Years.

**Article 4:** To Elect an Auditor for a Term of Three Years.

**Article 5:** To See if the Town will instruct the Auditors of the Town to employ the services of an Accountant from the Office of the Auditor of Account Section 1693-1697 of the State to conduct an audit of the account so the Town of Bloomfield.

**Article 6:** To See if the Town will appropriate the sum of five thousand, six hundred, and eighty-two dollars, \$5,682.00 for the following contributions:

(this article may be discussed line by line)

American Red Cross	\$250.00
Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District	\$1,000.00
Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00
NEK Council on Aging	\$300.00
NEK Human Services	\$442.00
NEK Learning Services	\$150.00
Northeastern Vermont Development Association	\$565.00
Orleans/Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) & Hospice	\$750.00
Rural Community Transportation (RCT) Fund	\$650.00
Stratford Public Library	\$200.00
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	\$700.00
Umbrella	\$200.00
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$100.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 75.00
Vermont Family Network	\$250.00

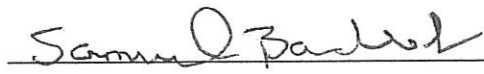
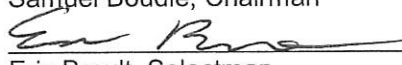
**Article 7:** To see what sum of money the town will vote for current and incidental Expenses.

**Article 8:** To see what sum of money the town will vote for highways and bridges.

**Article 9:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Attested and Signed: Bloomfield Selectboard

  
Denault Routhier, Selectman

  
Samuel Boudle, Chairman  
  
Eric Brault, Selectman

# TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD BUDGET 2024

EXPENSES - TOWN	2021	2022	2022	2023	2023	2024
SALARIES	SPENT	BUDGET	SPENT	BUDGET	SPENT	BUDGET
1. TOWN CLERK	9,849.82	10,300.00	8,683.64	10,300.00	9,898.71	10,300.00
TRAINING - NEW ASST CLERK	206.25	-	1,994.49	-	-	-
2. TREASURER (1% CURRENT TAX COLLECTED)	4,979.00	5,205.23	5,205.23	4,973.99	4,987.18	5,813.28
2A. TREASURER	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	4,750.00	5,000.00
3. SELECTMEN (3)	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
4. LISTERS (3)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
5. AUDITORS (3)	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
6. FIRE WARDEN	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
7. NEKWM SUPERVISOR	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
8. BALLOT CLERKS	274.17	1,017.00	1,016.55	355.86	316.32	1,107.27
9. DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR FEES	2,110.65	-	2,467.99	-	4,720.21	-
10. TOWN CLERK FEES	-	(2,214.00)	-	(2,322.00)	-	(2,691.50)
11. WATER COMMISSIONER (REIMB BY WATER DEPT)	1,096.51	-	3,620.81	-	2,933.46	-
12. WATER BOOKKEEPER (REIMB BY WATER DEPT)	322.95	-	538.25	-	538.25	-
TOWN SHARE OF WITHHOLDING	2,227.69	2,303.28	2,376.69	2,462.79	2,476.49	2,656.08
A TOTAL SALARIES	-	32,767.04	28,311.51	37,603.65	28,470.64	38,320.62
B ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	248.66	1,000.00	98.49	1,000.00	265.50	1,000.00
WORKSHOP/MILEAGE/SUPPLIES - LISTERS	472.17	-	-	-	-	-
C CEMETERY CARE (MOWING, ETC)	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	4,800.00
D COLEBROOK DISPATCH (NORTHERN BORDERS or NBD)	5,595.26	5,550.42	5,550.42	6,583.22	6,583.28	6,428.42
E CONTINGENCY/REQUIRED SERVICES	1,696.01	2,000.00	2,381.32	2,400.00	2,335.85	2,400.00
MOWING TOWN OFFICE	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,680.00
F CONTRIBUTIONS	4,366.00	4,517.00	4,517.00	5,432.00	5,432.00	5,682.00
G COUNTY TAX	8,995.89	8,900.00	8,873.44	9,900.00	11,262.87	13,321.59
H EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	4,420.00	5,525.00	5,525.00	6,225.00	6,225.00	8,450.00
I FIRE PROTECTION ANNUAL RETAINER FEE	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
FIRE PROTECTION LIABILITY	673.80	2,000.00	1,174.30	2,000.00	2,300.50	2,000.00
J INSURANCE	499.75	1,600.00	1,775.00	2,003.00	2,213.00	2,400.00
K LEGAL EXPENSES	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
L MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES/FEES	1,609.02	2,000.00	1,989.48	2,000.00	2,182.53	2,000.00
M OIL FOR TOWN BUILDING	2,416.08	2,750.00	3,812.44	4,500.00	3,941.92	4,500.00
N PLANNING - (PROPERTY MAPS)	700.00	800.00	800.00	875.00	850.00	1,000.00
O PRINTING SERVICES - ANNUAL TOWN REPORT	259.66	260.00	310.97	324.00	370.42	439.00
P REAPPRAISAL FUND	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Q UTILITIES (ELECTRIC/PHONE)	3,432.26	3,600.00	3,698.85	3,900.00	3,907.25	3,950.00
R VERMONT LEAGUES OF CITIES & TOWNS- DUES	1,336.00	1,346.00	1,346.00	1,381.00	1,381.00	1,425.00
W WASTE MANAGEMENT	23,041.19	23,500.00	20,879.80	22,500.00	24,866.93	23,100.00
T WATER FOR TOWN HALL	425.00	425.00	425.00	425.00	425.00	540.00
WATER DEPT TO THE TOWN	(1096.51)	-	(4482.01)	-	(3471.71)	-
PAID PENALTIES COLLECTED	(2142.94)	-	(2304.59)	-	(4731.16)	-
TOTAL EXPENSES - TOWN	-	99,714.34	107,084.93	103,774.56	112,718.86	114,460.80

LESS REVENUE - TOWN						
RAILROAD TAX	-	1,327.18	-	1,990.77	-	1,327.18
LAND USE (CURRENT USE)	-	31,097.00	-	31,729.00	-	36,350.00
FEDERAL LAND PILOT MONEY	-	1,917.00	-	1,901.00	-	2,127.00
VT PILOT	-	1,148.80	-	1,318.81	-	1,266.81
TOTAL REVENUE - TOWN		35,489.98		36,939.58		41,070.99

TOTAL EXPENSES TO BE COLLECTED FROM TAXES		71,594.95		75,779.28		82,930.15
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EXPENSES - ROADS	2021	2022	2022	2023	2023	2024
	SPENT	BUDGET	SPENT	BUDGET	SPENT	BUDGET
A GENERAL MAINTENANCE	50,922.00	40,000.00	74,973.35	40,000.00	65,931.85	40,000.00
VT MUNICIPAL ROADS GENERAL PERMIT/OP FEE	740.00	740.00	500.00	640.00	1,056.67	1,060.00
BETTER BACK ROADS GRANT(S)	(20,000.00)	-	(20,000.00)	-	(20,000.00)	-
HIGHWAY SUPPLIMENT	(751.18)	-	(751.18)	-	-	-
GRANTS IN AID	-	-	(10,500.00) *	-	(12,500.00) *	-
B WINTER MAINTENANCE	38,400.00	38,400.00	38,400.00	38,400.00	38,400.00	38,400.00
WINTER SALT - STATE OF VERMONT	-	1,300.00	-	1,300.00	-	1,300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES - HIGHWAY/ROADS	69,310.82	80,440.00	82,622.17	80,340.00	72,888.52	80,760.00
STATE AID FOR TRANSPORTATION	-	(13,574.94)	-	(13,757.81)	-	(13,757.81)
AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED FROM TAXES		66,865.06	* outstanding	66,582.19		67,002.19



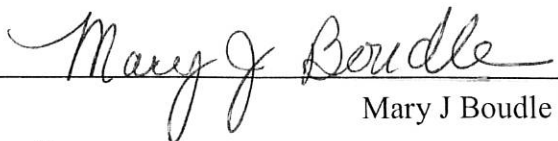
# AUDITOR'S REPORT


We the undersigned duly elected Auditors of Bloomfield, Vermont do hereby certify that we have examined the books of the Town Treasurer, Current/Delinquent Tax Collector, Sharon Belknap. The books include the Town, Water Department, Cemetery and Old Town Hall.

We further certify that we have examined the Miscellaneous, Highway, Water, Cemetery and Old Town Hall accounts receipts and expenditures.

In our opinion, all receipts have been accounted for and all disbursements supported by Selectmen's orders and checks and we believe them to be correct.

AUDITORS OF BLOOMFIELD on January 20, 2024

  
Mary J Boudle

  
Steven Bunnell

  
Bruce Prosper

TREASURER'S REPORT  
JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

12/31/2022

BALANCE IN TOWN CHECKING	\$ 380,753.82	
BALANCE IN TOWN SAVINGS	\$ 15,378.30	
BALANCE IN TOWN CEMETERY ACCT		\$ 396,132.12
	\$ 59,934.12	
		\$ 59,934.12
		<u>\$ 456,066.24</u>

CASH RECEIPTS

BLOOMFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT - PAYROLL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,477.50	
CEMETERY ACCT INTEREST	\$ 7.69	
CHECK RETURN INCOME	\$ 80.00	
CHECKING ACCT INTEREST	\$ 41.22	
COPIES	\$ 418.65	
DOG LICENSE	\$ 158.00	
FEDERAL LAND PILOT MONEY	\$ 2,127.00	
GARBAGE BAGS	\$ 5,605.00	
HIGHWAY/ROADS - BETTER BACK ROADS GRANT	\$ 20,000.00	
HIGHWAY/ROADS - STATE AID FOR TRANSPORTATION (CLASS 3)	\$ 21,324.00	
HIGHWAY/ROADS - GRANTS IN AID PILOT PROJECT	\$ 18,500.00	
HIGHWAY/ROADS - GRANTS IN AID PILOT PROJECT: GA0031	\$ 4,500.00	
INTEREST COLLECTED ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 3,054.22	
CIVIL MARRIAGE LICENSE	\$ 80.00	
PROPERTY TAX PENALTIES COLLECTED	\$ 4,731.16	
RAILROAD TAX	\$ 1,327.18	
RESTORATION & PRESERVATION RESERVE FUND (DIGITIZING RECORDS)	\$ 856.00	
SAVINGS ACCT. INTEREST	\$ 6.00	
ST OF VT FOR REAPPRAISAL & GRANT	\$ 2,641.00	
ST OF VT LAND USE (Current Use)	\$ 36,350.00	
ST OF VT PILOT	\$ 1,266.81	
TOWN FEES COLLECTED	\$ 2,696.50	
WEIGHT PERMITS	\$ 100.00	
		<u>\$ 129,347.93</u>

PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED

2021	\$ 3,041.63	
2022	\$ 18,367.74	
2023	\$ 611,569.86	
2023 MUNICIPAL PORTION FROM ST OF VT	\$ 805.00	
2024 PREPAY	\$ 39.63	
OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES 2022 & 2023	\$ 4,132.80	
		<u>\$ 637,956.66</u>
		<u>\$ 1,223,370.83</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS	\$ 174,311.71	
CEMETERY ORDERS	\$ -	
HIGHWAY / ROAD ORDERS	\$ 117,773.52	
SCHOOL TAX	\$ 453,332.37	
		<u>\$ 745,417.60</u>

12/31/2023

CHECKBOOK BALANCE	\$ 402,627.12	
BLOOMFIELD CEMETERY FUND	\$ 15,385.99	
SAVINGS	\$ 59,940.12	
		<u>\$ 477,953.23</u>
		<u>\$ 1,223,370.83</u>

PROPERTY TAX PENALTIES

COLLECTED 2023	\$ 4,731.16
OWED 2022	\$ 50.06
TOTAL PENALTIES DUE	\$ 4,781.22
PAID 2023	\$ (4,720.21)
BALANCE OWED 2023	\$ 61.01

Pd Jan 2024

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DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AS OF 12/31/23

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2022

* POST LOIS ESTATE	PD IN FULL 1/14/24
SCOSKIE JOHN	
* SCOTT, DEAN SR ESTATE C/O BJ PROSPER	PD IN FULL 1/26/24
SLEZSAK, THOMAS	

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\$ 2,868.03

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2023

BOWEN RAY WHEELER BRYANT	PD IN FULL 1/16/24
BROWN, TAMMY STONE BRIAN	
CARON MARCEL	PD IN FULL 1/15/24
COTTER CHRISTOPHER ASHTON	
COVEY MIKE	PD IN FULL 1/2/24
COVILL SHAWN WENDY	
DAME RALPH	
* ELLIOT ROY JR & GREIG ELLIOT	
FINKS HARRIET	
HOCHSTIN WILLIAM	PD IN FULL 1/2/24
* KINIRY WANDA	
PERREAULT JOHN	
PICHE SUZANNE	PD IN FULL 1/25/24
POST LOIS ESTATE	
SCOSKIE JOHN	
SCOTT, DEAN SR ESTATE C/O BJ PROSPER	
SLEZSAK THOMAS	
TRADERTIM LLC	
* WALLING BERNARD	
WHEELER PAUL	

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\$ 27,658.69

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\* partially paid as of 12/31/23

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\$ 30,526.72

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1	AUTO	1/6/2023	Consolidated Communications	12/12/22 bill	117.67
2	6062	1/18/2023	Chester Smart	Water Commissioner Wages	133.91
3	6063	1/18/2023	Raymond E Bowen, Jr.	Town Clerk Wages	627.44
4	6064	1/18/2023	Sharon Belknap	Town Treasurer Salary	923.50
5	6065	1/18/2023	C N Brown	163.8 gals oil	717.28
6	6066	1/18/2023	D4 Rubbish Removal	Invoice 1435	1,744.64
7	6067	1/18/2023	CAI Technologies	Invoice 15875	200.00
8	6068	1/18/2023	NEKWMD	Invoice 20868	122.95
9	6069	1/18/2023	Carrot-Top Industries	Flags	289.18
10	AUTO	1/26/2023	VT Electric Cooperative, Inc.	1/12/23 bill	216.09
11	AUTO	2/6/2023	Consolidated Communications	Jan 12, 2023 bill	118.20
12	6072	1/23/2023	Vermont Department of Taxes	Q4 WHT-436	78.00
13	6073	1/23/2023	United States Treasury	Q4 941 2022 Oct/Nov/Dec	2,365.70
14	AUTO	1/9/2023	Amazon.com	W2 & 1099 Tax Forms	40.59
15	AUTO	1/19/2023	Amazon.com	2 - Smoke & CO Alarm Detector Combo	37.00
16	6074	2/22/2023	Chester Smart	Water Commissioner Wages	83.11
17	6075	2/22/2023	Raymond E Bowen, Jr.	Town Clerk Wages	649.25
18	6079	2/22/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Town Clerk Assistant Wages	177.20
19	6080	2/22/2023	Sharon Belknap	2022/2023 DTC Penalties Collected	309.41
20	6081	2/22/2023	Sharon Belknap	1% Current Taxes Collected by 10/17/22	4,605.66
21	VOID	2/22/2023	VT Agency of Natural Resources	MRGP Permit Fee	-
22	6083	2/22/2023	VLCT	DTC Webinar 12/14/22 - DTC Handbook	28.00
23	6084	2/22/2023	D4 Rubbish Removal	Invoice 1444	1,477.18
24	6085	2/22/2023	NEKWMD	Invoice 20720 Nov 22/Jan23 Surcharge	172.45
25	6086	2/22/2023	Taylor- Moore Agency	Invoice 3089 - Public Official Bond	100.00
26	6087	2/22/2023	C N Brown	152.0 gals oil	635.21
27	6088	2/22/2023	Bloomfield Water Department	2023 Water Rent	425.00
28	AUTO	2/27/2023	VT Electric Cooperative, Inc.	2/13/23 bill	229.77
29	AUTO	3/9/2023	Consolidated Communications	Feb 12, 2023 bill	118.41
30	6076	2/22/2023	Bruce T Prosper	Auditor	92.35
31	6077	2/22/2023	Mary J Boudle	Auditor	92.35
32	6078	2/22/2023	Steven A Bunnell	Auditor	92.35
33	6091	3/24/2023	Lorraine Washburn	Ballot Clerk	97.37
34	6092	3/24/2023	Paulette Routhier	Ballot Clerk	85.20
35	6094	3/24/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Ballot Clerk	109.55
36	6090	3/24/2023	Chester Smart	Water Commissioner Wages	78.50
37	6093	3/24/2023	Raymond E Bowen, Jr.	Town Clerk Wages	417.08

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38	6095	3/24/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Town Clerk Wages	269.34
39	6096	3/24/2023	Impact Fire Services LLC	Annual Inspection/Service	190.50
40	6097	3/24/2023	R C Brayshaw & Company, Inc	Inv L110169 Town Reports	370.42
41	6098	3/24/2023	D4 Rubbish Removal	Inv 1455	1,457.75
42	6099	3/24/2023	NEKWMD	Inv 21010 - Feb 2023	84.46
43	6100	3/24/2023	VLCT Property & Casualty	Inv REN230050-02 1/1/23-1/1/24	475.75
44	6101	3/24/2023	Groveton Ambulance Corps	2023 Contract	6,225.00
45	6102	3/24/2023	C N Brown	158.4 gals oil	614.43
46	AUTO	3/27/2023	Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc	3/12/23 bill	229.58
47	AUTO	4/6/2023	Consolidated Communications	Mar 12, 2023 bill	118.41
48	AUTO	4/11/2023	USPS	Postage - mail final tax notices before tax sale	22.50
49	6104	4/21/2023	Chester Smart	Water Commissioner Wages	281.22
50	6105	4/21/2023	Paulette Routhier	Town Clerk Assistant Wages	85.06
51	6106	4/21/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Town Clerk Wages	599.55
52	6107	4/21/2023	Sharon Belknap	Town Treasurer Salary - 1/1 - 3/31/23	1,154.37
53	6108	4/21/2023	Vermont Department of Taxes	Q1 WHT-436 Jan-Mar 2023	40.00
54	6109	4/21/2023	United States Treasury	Q1 - Federal Tax Return	1,646.58
55	6110	4/21/2023	State of VT, Vermont State Treasurer	Animal License Return - Jan-Aug 2022	45.00
56	6111	4/21/2023	C N Brown	141.2 gals oil	533.60
57	6112	4/21/2023	CAI Technologies	Invoice 16459	200.00
58	6113	4/21/2023	D4 Rubbish Removal	Invoice 1472 - March 2023	1,842.12
59	6114	4/21/2023	NEKWMD	Invoice 21104 - March 2023 surcharge	113.31
60	AUTO	4/23/2023	Intuit QuickBooks Payroll	Annual premium	650.00
61	6115	4/21/2023	Tardif Heating & Mechanical	Invoice 7990	144.18
62	6116	4/21/2023	Adkins Printing Company	Invoice 7325 - VT index cards	52.24
63	6117	4/21/2023	Smith & Town Printers	Invoice 41277 - 11ea General Fund Order Books	99.40
64	AUTO	4/26/2023	Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc	4/12/23 bill	217.02
65	AUTO	5/7/2023	Consolidated Communications	Apr 12, 2023 bill	87.90
66	AUTO	4/24/2023	Staples.com	Ink for HP printer	174.78
67	AUTO	4/26/2024	Staples.com	Copy paper	55.08
68	AUTO	5/15/2023	Intuit QuickBooks	Intuit QuickBooks Plus - Annual Subscription	799.00
69	6118	5/26/2023	Chester Smart	Water Commissioner Wages	143.14
70	6119	5/26/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Town Clerk Wages	880.10
71	6120	5/26/2023	Sharon Belknap	Delinquent Tax Penalties Collected 2/22 - 5/22/23	475.85
72	6121	5/26/2023	Shawn R Covill	Lister Salary - NEMRC/CAMA computer operator	923.50
73	6122	5/26/2023	D4 Rubbish Removal	Invoice 1482 - April 2023	1,493.26
74	6123	5/26/2023	NEKWMD	Invoice 21204 - April 2023 surcharge	97.98

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75	6124	5/26/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Reimbursement - two 6ft flag poles	35.93
76	VOID	5/22/2023	Wastezero	B-bags Inv 51233-HEM	-
77	AUTO	5/26/2023	Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc	5/12/23 bill	208.65
78	6125	5/26/2023	State of VT, Vermont State Treasurer	Animal License Return - Jan-April 2023	60.00
79	AUTO	6/6/2023	Consolidated Communications	May 12, 2023 bill	114.41
80	6126	5/26/2023	NEK Choice School District	FY 2023 Final payment	16,877.86
81	6127	6/22/2023	Chester Smart	Water Commissioner Wages	180.08
82	6128	6/22/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Town Clerk Wages	698.78
83	6129	6/22/2023	Sharon Belknap	Delinquent Tax Penalties Collected 5/23 - 6/19/23	384.83
84	6133	6/22/2023	Shawn Covill	Mowing Contract - June payment	950.00
85	6134	6/22/2023	Paul W Hannan, L.S.	Ancient Roads Research (ARPA Funds)	1,641.65
86	6135	6/22/2023	D4 Rubbish Removal	Invoice 1492 - May 2023	2,412.88
87	6136	6/22/2023	NEKWMD	Invoice 21313 - May 2023 surcharge	97.98
88	6137	6/22/2023	VLCT Property & Casualty	Insurance -WC/P&C - Invoice REN230050-Q3	475.75
89	6138	6/22/2023	Town of Colebrook	Invoice 2613 - Dispatch payment 1 of 2	3,291.64
90	6139	6/22/2023	Essex County Treasurer	County Tax Payment 1 of 2	5,631.44
91	AUTO	6/26/2023	Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc	6/12/23 bill	206.56
92	AUTO	7/7/2023	Consolidated Communications	Jun 12, 2023 bill	117.48
93	6141	7/21/2023	Chester Smart	Water Commissioner Wages	325.72
94	6142	7/21/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Town Clerk Wages	670.43
95	6143	7/21/2023	Sharon Belknap	Town Treasurer Salary - 4/1/23 - 6/30/23	1,154.37
96	AUTO	7/21/2023	Quill.com	Electric stapler	39.99
97	6140	7/21/2023	Vermont Department of Taxes	Q2 WHT-436 Apr-Jun 2023	33.00
98	6144	7/21/2023	United States Treasury	Q2 - Federal Tax Return	967.52
99	6145	7/29/2023	Shawn Covill	Mowing Contract - July payment	950.00
100	6146	7/29/2023	VLCT Property & Casualty	Inv INT202336941 WC adjustment 1/1/22-1/1/23	135.00
101	6147	7/29/2023	D4 Rubbish Removal	Invoice 1516 - June 2023	1,886.24
102	6148	7/29/2023	NEKWMD	Invoice 21502 - June 2023 surcharge	121.37
103	6149	7/29/2023	Wastezero	Invoice 51233-HEM	1,500.00
104	6150	7/29/2023	Paul W Hannan, L.S.	Ancient Roads Research (ARPA Funds)	712.50
105	AUTO	7/26/2023	Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc	7/12/23 bills	207.51
106	6151	7/29/2023	VLCT	Annual Dues 7/1/23 - 6/30/24	1,381.00
107	AUTO	8/6/2023	Consolidated Communications	Jul 12, 2023 bill	117.49
108	6155	8/25/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Town Clerk Wages	886.93
109	6156	8/25/2023	Shawn Covill	Mowing Contract - August 2023	950.00
110	AUTO	8/28/2023	USPS.com	500 Pre-addressed stamped envelopes	408.75
111	6154	8/25/2023	Chester Smart	Water Commissioner Wages	129.29



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112	6157	8/25/2023	D4 Rubbish Removal	Invoice 1530	1,507.84
113	6158	8/25/2023	NEKWMD	Invoice 21689 July 2023 surcharge	96.68
114	6159	8/25/2023	Town of Brunswick	Property tax parcel 0609703	8.30
115	6160	8/25/2023	Blaktop Inc	Invoice 31697 (ARPA Funds)	49,293.89
116	6161	8/25/2023	NEMRC	Marshall Swift Residential "Right-to-use" tables	98.79
117	VOID	8/25/2023	NEMRC	Assessment services July 2023 Inv-52958	-
118	6163	8/25/2023	NEMRC	Invoice 52975 Annual Support Agreement	378.00
119	6164	8/25/2023	Colebrook Fire Department	MVA 23-49	545.00
120	AUTO	8/28/2023	Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc	8/12/23 bill	203.32
121	AUTO	9/6/2023	Consolidated Communications	Aug 12, 2023 bill	117.49
122	6165	9/21/2023	Chester Smart	Water Commissioner Wages	73.88
123	6166	9/21/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Town Clerk Wages	650.44
124	6167	9/21/2023	Shawn Covill	Mowing Contract - September 2023	950.00
125	6168	9/21/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Postage reimbursement	1.59
126	6169	9/21/2023	D4 Rubbish Removal	Invoice 1548 - August 2023	1,904.96
127	6170	9/21/2023	NEKWMD	Invoice 21405 - Annual Per Capita Assessment	230.02
128	6171	9/21/2023	NEKWMD	Invoice 21815 - August 2023 surcharge	128.13
129	6172	9/21/2023	CAI Technologies	Invoice 17353	225.00
130	6173	9/21/2023	W.B. Mason Co., Inc	Invoice 240570600 - Copier Service Contract	325.00
131	6174	9/21/2023	VLCT Property & Casualty	Invoice REN230050-Q4	475.75
132	6175	9/21/2023	State of Vermont	Animal License Return May 1- August 31,2023	5.00
133	6176	9/21/2023	U.S. Postal Service	PO BOX 336 (Fee)	98.00
134	AUTO	9/25/2023	Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc	9/12/23 bill	200.28
135	AUTO	10/7/2023	Consolidated Communications	Sep 12, 2023 bill	117.49
136	6178	10/17/2023	Chester Smart	Water Commissioner Wages	527.77
137	6179	10/17/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Town Clerk Wages	664.60
138	6180	10/17/2023	Sharon Belknap	Town Treasurer Salary - July 1 - Sep 30, 2023	1,154.38
139	AUTO	10/10/2023	USPO	roll of 100 forever stamps	66.00
140	6181	10/17/2023	D4 Rubbish Removal	Invoice 1565 - September 2023	2,420.08
141	6182	10/17/2023	NEKWMD	Invoice 21918 - September 2023 surcharge	395.70
142	6183	10/17/2023	State of Vermont	Civil License Quarterly Return Jul 1 - Sep 30,2023	65.00
143	6184	10/17/2023	CAI Technologies	Invoice 18113	225.00
144	6185	10/17/2023	Vermont Department of Taxes	Q3 WHT-436 Jul - Sep 2023	35.00
145	6186	10/17/2023	United States Treasury	Q3 - Federal Tax Return	673.82
146	6187	10/17/2023	NEK Choice School District	FY 24 Payment 1 of 4	200,000.00
147	6188	10/17/2023	Essex County Treasurer	County Tax Payment 2 of 2	5,631.43
148	AUTO	10/26/2023	Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc	10/12/23 bill	202.56

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149A	AUTO	10/26/2023	Staples.com	Copy paper	85.30
149B	AUTO	11/6/2023	Consolidated Communications	Oct 12, 2023 bill	115.05
150	6194	11/28/2023	Chester Smart	Water Commissioner Wages	193.94
151	6195	11/28/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Town Clerk Wages	819.11
152	6196	11/30/2023	Christopher J McGuire	Lister Salary	923.50
153	6200	11/30/2023	Michael Belknap	Lister Salary	923.50
154	6203	11/30/2023	Shawn R Covill	Lister Salary	923.50
155	6197	11/30/2023	Denault N Routhier	Selectman Salary	923.50
156	6198	11/30/2023	Eric Brault	Selectman Salary	923.50
157	6201	11/30/2023	Samuel J Boudle	Selectman Salary	923.50
158	6199	11/30/2023	George Nugent	Fire Warden	92.35
159	6204	11/28/2023	Paulette Routhier	NEKWMD Supervisor Salary	276.77
160	6202	11/30/2023	Sharon Belknap	Bookkeeper Water Department Salary	461.75
161	6205	11/28/2023	Town of Colebrook	Invoice 2613 - Dispatch payment 2 of 2	3,291.64
162	6206	11/28/2023	D4 Rubbish Removal	Invoice 1578 - October 2023	1,512.88
163	6207	11/28/2023	NEKWMD	Invoice 21976 - October 2023 surcharge	98.50
164	6208	11/28/2023	NEK Choice School District	FY24 - Payment 2 of 4	100,000.00
165	6209	11/28/2023	Green Up Vermont	Contribution 2023	50.00
166	6210	11/28/2023	NEK Council on Aging	Contribution 2023	300.00
167	6211	11/28/2023	NEK Human Services Inc	Contribution 2023	442.00
168	6212	11/28/2023	NEK Learning Services, Inc.	Contribution 2023	150.00
169	6213	11/28/2023	NVDA	Contribution 2023	565.00
170	6214	11/28/2023	Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice	Contribution 2023	750.00
171	6215	11/28/2023	Rural Community Transportation, Inc.	Contribution 2023	650.00
172	6216	11/28/2023	Stratford Public Library	Contribution 2023	200.00
173	6217	11/28/2023	Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	Contribution 2023	700.00
174	6218	11/28/2023	UMBRELLA	Contribution 2023	200.00
175	6219	11/28/2023	VT Assoc for Blind & Visually Impaired	Contribution 2023	100.00
176	6220	11/28/2023	VT Center for Independent Living	Contribution 2023	75.00
177	6221	11/28/2023	American Red Cross	Contribution 2023	250.00
178	6222	11/28/2023	ECNRCD	Contribution 2023	1,000.00
179	6223	11/28/2022	State of Vermont	FY2024 State Education Property Tax Liability	36,381.00
180	6224	11/28/2022	The News and Sentinel Inc.	10/25/23 Grounds Maintenance Bid Ad (Mowing)	62.50
181	6225	11/28/2022	C N Brown	198.2 gals oil	788.64
182	AUTO	11/27/2023	Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc	11/12/23 bill	207.51
183	AUTO	12/7/2023	Consolidated Communications	Nov 12, 2023 bill	115.37
184	6226	12/20/2023	Chester Smart	Water Commissioner Wages	334.62

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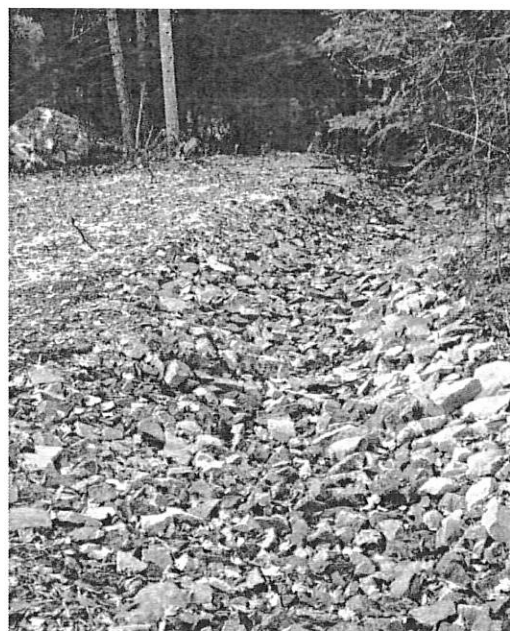
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185	6227	12/20/2023	Vickie J Lucius	Town Clerk Wages	678.78
186	6228	12/20/2023	Sharon Belknap	Delinquent Tax Penalties Collected 6/23 - 12/18/23	3,189.03
187	6229	12/20/2023	D4 Rubbish Removal	Invoice 1603 - November 2023	1,842.32
188	6230	12/20/2023	NEKWMD	Invoice 22098 - November 2023 surcharge	105.25
189	6231	12/20/2023	Tardif Heating & Mechanical	Invoice 9457 - Annual Boiler & Furnace Service	299.00
190	6232	12/20/2023	VLCT Property & Casualty	Invoice REN230050-Q1 1/1/24 - 3/31/24	550.75
191	6233	12/20/2023	NEK Choice School District	FY24 - Payment 3 of 4	100,000.00
192	6234	12/20/2023	Colebrook Village Fire District	Fire protection liability MVA Inv No 23-89 S Jameson	428.00
193	6235	12/20/2023	Colebrook Village Fire District	Fire protection liability Fire Inv No 23-83 R Bowen	1,327.50
194	6236	12/20/2023	Colebrook Fire Department	Annual Retainer for 2024	2,000.00
195	6239	12/27/2023	Joshua Avery	2023 Property tax overpayment refund	1,665.20
196	6240	12/27/2023	Jeff Noyes	2023 Property tax overpayment refund	924.00
197	6241	12/27/2023	Bangor Savings Bank	2023 Property tax overpayment refund	1,117.00
198	6242	12/27/2023	Desmond Willey	2023 Property tax overpayment refund	395.76
199	AUTO	12/28/2023	USPS	Postage to mail 2023 Initial Delinquent Tax Notices	10.83
200	AUTO	12/26/2023	Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc	12/12/23 bill	215.31
201	6237	12/20/2023	C N Brown	165.3 gals oil	652.76
					<u>627,570.57</u>
AUTO - DEBIT FROM CHECKING ACCOUNT					
* OUTSTANDING ORDERS 2023					
Less NEK Choice School District					(416,877.86)
Less State of Vermont - Education tax payment					(36,381.00)
Total orders for the Town of Bloomfield					<u>174,311.71</u>
Less ARPA Funds Used					(51,648.04)
Total expenses for the Town of Bloomfield					<u>122,663.67</u>

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115	6160	8/25/2023	Blaktop Inc	Invoice 31697 (ARPA Funds)	49,293.89
85	6134	6/22/2023	Paul W Hannan, L.S.	Ancient Roads Research (ARPA Funds)	1,641.65
104	6150	7/29/2023	Paul W Hannan, L.S.	Ancient Roads Research (ARPA Funds)	712.50
R11	6152	07/29/2023	Michael Belknap	Patnade Hill/Marshall Rd paving prep (ARPA FUNDS)	12,385.00
					<u>64,033.04</u>
2021 ARPA FUNDS					35,355.75
2022 ARPA FUNDS					<u>35,372.31</u>
Less Expenses 1/1/23 - 12/31/23					(64,033.04)
BALANCE ARPA FUNDS					<u>6,695.02</u>

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ORD#	CHK #	CHK DATE	PERSON / FIRM	Account	NET AMT
R1	6070	01/18/2023	Michael Belknap	Winter Maintenance pymt #4	6,400.00
R2	6071	01/18/2023	Michael Belknap	Clear trees/debris from heavy winds/all roads	250.00
R3	6089	02/22/2023	Michael Belknap	Winter Maintenance pymt #5	6,400.00
R4	6082	02/22/2023	State of Vermont WMD	MRGP Permit# 8279-9040.AR Fee	640.00
R5	6103	03/24/2023	Michael Belknap	Winter Maintenance pymt #6	6,400.00
R6	AUTO	04/03/2023	State of Vermont WMD	Stormwater Operating Fee	416.67
R7	6130	06/22/2023	Michael Belknap	Marshall Road - culvert/gravel	9,573.85
R8	6132	06/22/2023	Michael Belknap	Grading roads/road maintenance	3,600.00
R9	6131	06/22/2023	Michael Belknap	Replace culvert at town office	1,994.00
R10	6153	07/29/2023	Michael Belknap	Grade Fuller Road/cut & remove blowdowns	595.00
R11	6152	07/29/2023	Michael Belknap	Patnaude Hill/Marshall Rd paving prep (ARPA FUNDS)	12,385.00
R12	6177	09/21/2023	David White	Roadside Mowing	3,478.00
R13	6189	10/17/2023	Michael Belknap	Gravel & Grade all town roads	6,716.00
R14	6190	10/17/2023	Michael Belknap	Upper part Mill Brook Rd Grants in Aid Project GA0498	11,809.00
R15	6191	10/17/2023	Michael Belknap	Better Back Roads Project BR1048	27,916.00
R16	6192	10/17/2023	Michael Belknap	Winter Maintenance pymt #1	6,400.00
R17	6193	11/28/2023	Michael Belknap	Winter Maintenance pymt #2	6,400.00
R18	6238	12/20/2023	Michael Belknap	Winter Maintenance pymt #3	6,400.00
* OUTSTANDING ORDERS 2023					<u>117,773.52</u>
Less Better Back Roads Grant					(20,000.00)
Less Grants in Aid Grant					(12,500.00)
Less ARPA Funds					<u>(12,385.00)</u>
Total Highway Expenses					<u>72,888.52</u>



Better Back Roads BR1048 - Mill Brook Road Project

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

	END BAL 12/31/22	INTEREST	IN / (OUT)	END BAL 12/31/23
PASSUMPSIC SAVINGS BANK ST. JOHNSBURY, VT ALMA HARVEY & MARY BOWKER	\$ 262.49	\$ 0.24		\$ 262.73
BANGOR BANK COLEBROOK, NH WILLIAM B & CORDELIA SPENCER	\$ 479.92	\$ 0.24		\$ 480.16
BANGOR BANK COLEBROOK, NH GERALD BRAINARD	\$ 238.41	\$ 0.12		\$ 238.53
BANGOR BANK COLEBROOK, NH NORMA & WALLACE SANBORN	\$ 474.65	\$ 0.24		\$ 474.89
BANGOR BANK COLEBROOK, NH HEAMON A AND BESSIE M NASON	\$ 466.41	\$ 0.24		\$ 466.65
BANGOR BANK COLEBROOK, NH IN MYRON C AND ALFRED M FULLER	\$ 304.83	\$ 0.16		\$ 304.99
BANGOR BANK COLEBROOK, NH LUCY BARTLETT	\$ 422.66	\$ 0.21		\$ 422.87

BLOOMFIELD CEMETERY FUND

BANGOR BANK TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD CEMETERY ACCOUNT	\$ 5,972.29	\$ 7.69		
ALLOCATION FROM TOWN			\$ 2,100.00	
PAID FOR CEMETERY CARE			\$ (2,100.00)	\$ 5,979.98
INS BAL FROM DEC 2012 PAYMENT	\$ 9,406.01			9,406.01
CEMETERY ACCOUNT BALANCE	<u>\$ 15,378.30</u>	<u>\$ 7.69</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,385.99</u>

## 2023 APPROPRIATIONS

APPROVED BUDGET MARCH 7, 2023*	TAX RATE	2023 GRAND LIST VALUE	TAX \$ TO COLLECT
TOWN GENERAL FUND 75,779.28 *	0.2497	303,489.0	75,781.20
HIGHWAY 66,582.19 *	0.2194	303,489.0	66,585.49
LOCAL AGREEMENT (VET EXEMPTION OVER \$10M)	0.0055	303,489.0	1,669.19
NON-HOMESTEAD ED	1.7241	200,275.0	345,294.13
HOMESTEAD ED	1.8576	104,114.0	193,402.18
LATE HOMESTEAD PENALTY			-
TOTAL TO BE COLLECTED FROM TAXES			682,732.19

## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	12/31/21	12/31/22	12/31/23
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	343,927.59 *	380,753.82 **	402,627.12 ***
DELINQUENT TAXES	16,405.95	24,277.40	30,526.72
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	59,928.13	59,934.12	59,940.12
	<u>420,261.67</u>	<u>464,965.34</u>	<u>493,093.96</u>

\* Includes ARPA State/Local/County funding \$35,355.75

\*\*\*ARPA Bal \$6,695.02

\*\*Includes ARPA State/Local/County funding \$35,372.31

OLD TOWN HALL  
SHARON BELKNAP, TREASURER  
JANUARY 1, 2022 - DECEMBER 31, 2023

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

### CASH RECEIPTS

12/31/22	BALANCE IN CHECKBOOK	1,689.85
	INTEREST	0.12
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1,689.97</u>

### CASH DISBURSEMENTS

12/31/23	BALANCE IN CHECKBOOK	1,689.97
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1,689.97</u>



WATER DEPARTMENT  
SHARON BELKNAP, TREASURER  
JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

CASH RECEIPTS

12/31/22	CHECKING BALANCE	\$ 8,716.29	
	SAVINGS BALANCE	\$ 413.10	
			\$ 9,129.39
	WATER RENT 2022	\$ 188.75	
	WATER RENT 2023	\$ 7,240.00	
	WATER RENT 2024 PREPAY	\$ 37.62	
	WATER SERVICE ON/OFF-APPLICATION FEE	\$ 170.00	
	WATER RENT INVOICE - LATE PAYMENT FEE	\$ 70.00	
			\$ 7,706.37
	INTEREST INCOME 2023 CHECKING/SAVINGS	\$ 5.69	
			\$ 5.69
	<b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 16,841.45</b>	<b>\$ 16,841.45</b>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

	LOAN PAYMENT TO M&T BANK	\$ 873.64	
	MEMBERSHIP FEE - VT RURAL WATER ASSOC	\$ 250.00	
	MILEAGE	\$ 450.00	
	OPERATING FEE ST OF VT	\$ 18.70	
	PAYROLL EXPENSES	\$ 3,471.71	
	CELL PHONE	\$ 353.10	
	POSTAGE	\$ 10.95	
	UTILITIES - VT ELECTRIC COOP	\$ 304.57	
	WATER RESEVOIR MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,226.00	
	WATER OPERATOR RENEWAL FEE	\$ 80.00	
	WATER SECURITY SERVICE- LUFKIN	\$ 320.00	
	WATER / MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	\$ 1,692.01	
	WATER TESTS - EASTERN ANALYTICAL	\$ 430.00	
			\$ 10,480.68
12/31/23	CHECKING BALANCE	\$ 5,947.46	
	SAVINGS BALANCE	\$ 413.31	
			\$ 6,360.77
	<b>TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 16,841.45</b>	<b>\$ 16,841.45</b>

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 12/31/23

DEBRA LAVERTY	WATER RENT LATE FEE DEC 2023	35.00	
GEORGE NUGENT	INVOICE FOR WATER LINE REPAIR 2020	312.50	
ALARICE SCOTT	WATER RENT LATE FEES JUN/SEP/DEC 2023	105.00	
DEBRA LAVERTY	WATER RENT 12/31/2023	106.25	
ALARICE SCOTT	WATER RENT '6/30/2023 / 9/30/2023 / 12/31/2023	318.75	
	<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 12/31/23</b>		<b>877.50</b>

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS - BLOOMFIELD WATER SYSTEM  
BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>ORD#</u>	<u>CHK#</u>	<u>CHK DATE</u>	<u>PERSON/FIRM</u>	<u>MEMO</u>	<u>NET CHK</u>
1	1060	01/18/2023	Chester Smart	Mileage 34.0 mi @ .655/mi	22.27
2	1061	01/18/2023	Treasurer State of VT	Invoice 67607 Operating fee 7/1-9/30/22	18.70
3	1062	01/18/2023	Eastern Analytical Inc	Invoice 254492 Water Test	20.00
4	AUTO	01/26/2023	VT Electric Coop	1/12/23 bill	29.74
5	1063	02/22/2023	Chester Smart	Mileage 40.0 @ .655/mi + Clorox bleach	34.19
6	1064	02/22/2023	Eastern Analytical Inc	Invoice 256270 Water Test	20.00
7	AUTO	02/27/2023	VT Electric Coop	2/12/23 bill	33.16
8	1065	03/24/2023	Chester Smart	Mileage 24.0 mi @ .655/mi + Cell phone 8/4/22 - 2/3/23	224.19
9	1066	03/24/2023	Eastern Analytical Inc	Invoice 257088 Water Test	20.00
10	AUTO	03/27/2023	VT Electric Coop	3/12/23 bill	29.75
11	1067	04/21/2023	Chester Smart	Mileage 75.0 @ .655/mi + Grass seed/hay	73.63
12	1068	04/21/2023	Town of Bloomfield	Q1 2023 Payroll Expenses	344.48
13	1070	05/26/2023	Eastern Analytical Inc	Invoice 259284 Water Test	35.00
14	AUTO	04/26/2023	VT Electric Coop	4/12/23 bill	25.36
15	1069	04/21/2023	State of Vermont	Operator Certification Renewal	80.00
16	1071	05/26/2023	Chester Smart	Mileage 74.0 mi @ .655/mi + postage	49.97
17	1072	05/26/2023	Eastern Analytical Inc	Invoice 259621 Water Test	20.00
18	AUTO	05/26/2023	VT Electric Coop	5/12/23 bill	22.90
19	1073	06/22/2023	Chester Smart	Mileage 58.0 mi @ .655/mi	37.99
20	1074	06/22/2023	Eastern Analytical Inc	Invoice 260837 Water Test (Radium)	195.00
21	1075	06/22/2023	P.A. Hicks & Sons, Inc	Invoice H57476 - Supplies	16.18
22	1076	06/22/2023	Water Industries, LLC	Invoice 141502	507.26
23	AUTO	06/26/2023	VT Electric Coop	6/12/23 bill	22.32
24	1077	07/21/2023	VT Rural Water Association	7/27/23 - 7/26/24 Membership Renewal	250.00
25	1078	07/21/2023	Chester Smart	Mileage 58.0 mi @ .655/mi + Postage/supplies	53.14
26	1079	07/21/2023	Town of Bloomfield	Q2 2023 Payroll Expenses	705.11
27	1080	07/21/2023	Lufkin Security Systems	Invoice 3497 - Annual alarm monitoring fee exp July '24	320.00
28	AUTO	07/26/2023	VT Electric Coop	7/12/23 bill	21.37
29	1081	07/29/2023	Eastern Analytical Inc	Invoices 262324 + 263275 Water Tests	40.00
30	1082	08/25/2023	Chester Smart	Mileage 46.0 mi @ .655/mi	30.13
31	1083	08/25/2023	Eastern Analytical Inc	Invoice 265265 Water Test	20.00
32	AUTO	08/28/2023	VT Electric Coop	8/12/23 bill	21.56
33	1084	09/21/2023	Chester Smart	Mileage 20.0 mi @ .655/mi	13.10
34	1085	09/21/2023	Eastern Analytical Inc	Invoice 266551 Water Test	20.00
35	AUTO	09/25/2023	VT Electric Coop	9/12/23 bill	21.56

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS - BLOOMFIELD WATER SYSTEM  
BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>ORD#</u>	<u>CHK#</u>	<u>CHK DATE</u>	<u>PERSON/FIRM</u>	<u>MEMO</u>	<u>NET CHK</u>
36	1086	10/17/2023	Chester Smart	Mileage 73.0 mi @ .655/mi, Supplies, Phone 2/4-9/4/23	220.45
37	1087	10/17/2023	Michael Belknap	Invoice 290954 - Town reservoir (excavation/gravel)	2,226.00
38	1088	10/17/2023	P.A. Hicks & Sons, Inc	Supplies for Town reservoir	200.02
39A	1089	10/17/2023	Eastern Analytical Inc	Invoice 268053 Water Test	20.00
39B	AUTO	10/26/2023	VT Electric Coop	10/12/23 bill	22.32
40	1090	11/28/2023	Chester Smart	Mileage 54.0 mi @ .655/mi	35.37
41	1091	11/28/2023	Eastern Analytical Inc	Invoice 269953 Water Test	20.00
42	1092	11/28/2023	Town of Bloomfield	Q3 2023 Payroll Expenses	618.99
43	AUTO	11/27/2023	VT Electric Coop	11/12/23 bill	21.37
44	1093	12/20/2023	Chester Smart	Mileage 131.0 mi @ .655/mi	85.81
45	1094	12/20/2023	Everett J Prescott Inc	Invoice 6265781 - Blue tubing	311.29
46A	1095	12/20/2023	Water Industries, LLC	Inv 143305 - Water Installation/Repair Supplies	447.07
46B	1096	12/20/2023	Water Industries, LLC	Inv 143393 - Water Installation/Repair Supplies	144.00
47	1097	12/20/2023	Town of Bloomfield	Q4 2023 Payroll Expenses	1,803.13
48	1098	12/20/2023	M & T Bank/Wilmington Trust	RF3-264 Loan Payment	873.64
49	AUTO	12/26/2023	VT Electric Coop	12/12/23 bill	33.16
AUTO - DEBIT FROM CHECKING ACCOUNT					<u>\$ 10,480.68</u>

\*Outstanding 12/31/23 - NONE

## NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of NEK Choice School District are hereby duly notified and warned to meet at their respective individual voting locations below, to vote for Articles One (1) through Four (4) by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, with the polls open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall the voters of the NEK Choice School District approve the Board of Directors to expend \$6,532,757.00 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,555.28 per weighted pupil. This projected spending per weighted pupil is 45.59% lower than for the current year. (Australian Ballot)

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

**ARTICLE 5.** Shall the Northeast Kingdom Choice Unified School District voters advise the School Board, the General Assembly, and the Governor that:

- For generations, students throughout our district have benefited from the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of public and independent school options.
- The ability for families to choose a school that meets the unique needs of each student is an important feature of our system that has led to greater opportunity and increased equity among our students.
- The Electorate does not support the funding of any school that discriminates against students or staff on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
- The Electorate opposes any effort to curtail choice and the educational opportunities that have been available in our communities for generations and strongly supports the continued autonomy of independent schools. (Australian Ballot)

Given unto our hands this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

*Miles Etter*

Miles Etter, Chair

*Patricia Brown*

Patty Brown

*Rita Laferriere*

Rita Laferriere

*Tim Thompson*

Tim Thompson

*Melanie Jacques-Staats*

Melanie Jacques-Staats

*Sharon Ellingwood-White*

Sharon Ellingwood-White

*Carla Curtis*

Carla Curtis

*Sonia Peters*

Sonia Peters

*Lyn Schmucker*

Lyn Schmucker

*Rachel Cliche*

Rachel Cliche

**ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
For the year ending December 31, 2023**



**INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTICE**

**Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Maidstone Town Hall**

**Call in remotely with phone number 312-626-6799**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 827 4171 5908 Passcode: 653833**

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

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



## Northeast Kingdom Choice Unified School District Annual Report

As we prepare our budget and compile our Annual Reports, there is great opportunity to review and reflect on our past years work, and to look at our future and prepare for the challenges of helping our children receive a solid education that will contribute to their health and growth. We are a unique district in a rural corner of Vermont that encounters challenges that we are committed to successfully meeting. This past year has presented our toughest challenges as a district thus far.

We are all faced with economic challenges in most aspects of our lives; health care, food, heating, transportation to name several. The one that has greatly impacted us is our town taxes and, most significantly, the cost of education. This is our board's major focus and it has been an enormous task to recover from a tumultuous year. Last year we had a new Business Administrator and a new Superintendent leave the district between town meeting and the end of school. Many shortcomings were discovered and the Board worked to solidify the SU office. Fortunately we have come a long way in addressing the problems. The board has worked hard with our SU Administrators, new Superintendent Jenn Lawcewicz, and Business Administrator Beth Drew to resolve issues contributing to our financial difficulties. We have also received support from the Agency Of Education and local legislatures to help us recapture revenue tied to our past year's work. This fiscal year, 24 -25, includes a new funding formula - a weighted pupil count that better addresses the fiscal needs of our district. The Common Level of Appraisal is also a significant contributor to our increased taxes. This dilemma, below current value, is a result of recent property transactions impacted by several factors. A major task to address, but one which town selectmen are working on. We have pushed strongly to keep taxes down and there are some good positives in this budget. SU budget reductions and the weighted pupil count have supported reduced costs. We will continue to do our best to work on fiscal responsibility and offer our children the best opportunities for their growth and development.

Your board is working hard and values your input. Please visit our website to find out about meetings. Let us know of noteworthy accomplishments of your children. We are looking to gather successes from our students and include them on our website. Hope your school year goes well.

Respectfully on Behalf of the NEK Choice Board,



Miles Etter NEK Choice Board Chair

## **Northeast Kingdom Choice School District**

### **Report of the Superintendent**

As the superintendent of schools, I am honored to serve the NEK Choice School District and I greatly appreciate the unique strengths and challenges we have. We are fortunate to have such a wide array of schools to choose from for our children who truly value excellence in education. I am proud of our students and their achievements and grateful for the many opportunities available to them in our rural area.

Our focus this year has been on advocacy and improving fiscal responsibility across the supervisory union. We have worked diligently to improve data management and reporting practices to ensure that NEK Choice District is receiving all available state funding under the new Act 127 pupil weighting formula. NEK Choice has benefited from the new weighting for sparsity and poverty which counts our 306 actual students as 519 weighted students for tax rate calculations.

I have enjoyed meeting with state legislators to advocate for the needs of our students and families. Sustainable resources for mental health support for students, expanding the small schools weighting to include non-operating school districts, and validating the need for school choice are some of the main topics being discussed.

Enrollment in the NEK Choice district has increased 13% since 2020. To date we have 324 students attending 38 schools across Vermont and New Hampshire. Our central office works directly with families to ensure that all necessary documents are completed for tuition and residency and collaborates with schools for data collection and reporting. We have excellent working relationships with all 38 schools and look forward to our continued partnerships.

I am pleased to report an overall reduction in the NEK Choice budget of over \$300,000 primarily due to students graduating and a decrease in the ENSU budget. We have been working closely with board members to create a budget that is fiscally responsible and ensures that all our students' educational needs are supported.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve the NEK Choice School District. I look forward to seeing you at our Informational Meeting on February 29, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Maidstone Town Hall.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lawcewicz

Superintendent

Essex North Supervisory Union

## **Report of the Director of Student Support**

*Erika Proulx*

### **Introduction**

As the Director of Student Services for Essex North Supervisory Union, I am pleased to present this comprehensive report detailing the efforts and achievements of our department over the past year. Our commitment to providing quality education to all students, including those with special needs, remains unwavering. This report aims to highlight the various initiatives, programs, and outcomes that define our dedication to inclusive education.

### **Program Developments**

Over the past year, our department has experienced some changes as our previous Director of Student Services became the Superintendent and I stepped into some big shoes. Since I came on board, our department has focused on enhancing and expanding special education programs to better meet the diverse needs of our students. We have introduced new intervention strategies, collaborated with general education teachers, and implemented individualized education plans (IEPs) to address specific learning challenges. We have increased our learning space to include an opportunity for on-site life skills development. Additionally, our team has worked tirelessly to address the social and emotional needs of students through the expansion of our counseling opportunities.

### **Professional Development**

Continuous improvement is at the core of our growth and development. Our dedicated staff has participated in professional development opportunities that have allowed them to work collaboratively with regular education teachers to align our curriculum standards. We are also investigating participation in multi-modal reading instruction to help benefit the needs of students in their reading development. These opportunities provide the skills necessary to create inclusive and supportive learning environments. This commitment to professional growth ensures that our students receive the highest quality education tailored to their individual needs.

### **Future Directions**

Looking ahead, the ENSU Special Education Department is excited to continue its development and collaboration. We are committed to refining our programs, expanding

community outreach, and ensuring that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. By fostering a culture of inclusivity, embracing innovation, and upholding high standards, we strive to create an educational environment that nurtures the growth and success of all students, regardless of their unique learning needs.

In conclusion, I am grateful for the experiences I have had thus far in my position and look forward to growing and sharing in the passion, dedication, and collaborative spirit that exemplify the ENSU Special Education Department. Together, with the support of our community, we will continue to make strides towards an inclusive and equitable educational experience for every student.



*Proven Expertise & Integrity*

January 19, 2024

Board of Directors  
NEK Choice School District  
Canaan, Vermont

We were engaged by the NEK Choice School District and have audited the financial statements of the NEK Choice School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2023 financial statements:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule B

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NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 618,009	\$ 618,009	\$ 618,009	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Intergovernmental:				
State support	5,813,523	5,813,523	5,811,077	(2,446)
Other	-	-	1,149	1,149
Interest income	1,000	1,000	10,961	9,961
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>6,432,532</u>	<u>6,432,532</u>	<u>6,441,196</u>	<u>8,664</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Regular instruction	5,094,296	5,094,296	5,542,234	(447,938)
Special education	456,793	456,793	473,865	(17,072)
Administrative and support services	263,434	263,434	242,959	20,475
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>5,814,523</u>	<u>5,814,523</u>	<u>6,259,058</u>	<u>(444,535)</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 618,009</u>	<u>\$ 618,009</u>	<u>\$ 182,138</u>	<u>\$ (435,871)</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

## NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund
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ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 269,329
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 269,329</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 87,191
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>87,191</u>
FUND BALANCES	
Nonspendable	-
Restricted	-
Committed	637,596
Assigned	65,712
Unassigned (deficit)	(521,170)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>182,138</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 269,329</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

## NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund
REVENUES	
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 5,812,226
Interest income	10,961
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>5,823,187</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
Regular instruction	5,542,234
Special education	473,865
Administrative and support services	242,959
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>6,259,058</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(435,871)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>618,009</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u><u>\$ 182,138</u></u>

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## NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Regular instruction -				
Tuition:				
Pre-k	\$ 25,592	\$ 25,592	\$ 46,796	\$ (21,204)
Elementary	2,115,216	2,115,216	2,671,349	(556,133)
Secondary	2,900,088	2,900,088	2,814,703	85,385
Contractual services	53,400	53,400	9,386	44,014
	<u>5,094,296</u>	<u>5,094,296</u>	<u>5,542,234</u>	<u>(447,938)</u>
Special education -				
Assessment	456,793	456,793	473,865	(17,072)
	<u>456,793</u>	<u>456,793</u>	<u>473,865</u>	<u>(17,072)</u>
Administrative and support services -				
Supervisory union assessment	231,699	231,699	231,699	-
School board	19,450	19,450	10,000	9,450
Fiscal services	12,285	12,285	1,260	11,025
	<u>263,434</u>	<u>263,434</u>	<u>242,959</u>	<u>20,475</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 5,814,523</u>	<u>\$ 5,814,523</u>	<u>\$ 6,259,058</u>	<u>\$ (444,535)</u>

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# NEK Choice School District

2024-2025 (FY25) Preliminary

<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY24)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY25)</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Supervisory Union Assessment	285,971	282,592	(3,379)
<b>Total Superintendent's Office:</b>	<b>285,971</b>	<b>282,592</b>	<b>(3,379)</b>

<b>SCHOOL BOARD</b>			
Board Members Stipend	10,700	10,700	-
NEK Choice Clerk	50	50	-
NEK Choice Moderator	50	50	-
Treasurers Stipend	1,311	1,365	54
Payroll Taxes	-	1,015	1,015
Audit Services	13,500	15,000	1,500
Legal Services	3,500	3,500	-
Advertising	1,000	1,000	-
Postage, Printing & Publishing	750	750	-
Dues & Fees-VSBA Data/Dues/New Member Trainings	3,400	3,400	-
Supplies	-	-	-
<b>Total School Board:</b>	<b>34,261</b>	<b>36,830</b>	<b>2,569</b>

<b>REGULAR EDUCATION: PreK Tuition</b>			
Tuition-Location TBD PreK \$3656 FY 23 (15)	26,360	54,840	28,480
<b>Total PreK Tuition (15 students):</b>	<b>26,360</b>	<b>54,840</b>	<b>28,480</b>

<b>REGULAR EDUCATION: Elementary Tuition</b>			
Tuition-Location TBD New Kindergarteners (16)	65,828	80,000	14,172
Tuition-Barnet K-6 (1)	40,686	21,000	(19,686)
Tuition-Burke Town K-6 (0)	55,932	-	(55,932)
Tuition-Canaan K-6 (8)	164,000	172,000	8,000
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary K-6 (2)	41,554	47,320	5,766
Tuition-Concord K-6 (5)	130,508	93,675	(36,833)
Tuition-Good Shepherd K-6 (4)	26,435	12,060	(14,375)
Tuition-Groveton Elementary K-6 (2)	82,068	41,840	(40,228)
Tuition - Heartwood Public Charter School K-6 (5)	-	68,250	68,250
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary K-6 (5)	237,150	111,625	(125,525)
Tuition - Lunenburg School K-6 (4)	-	74,940	74,940
Tuition-Lupine Montessori K-6 (3)	15,466	25,530	10,064
Tuition-Lyndon Town K-6 (12)	193,068	225,000	31,932
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North K-6 (7)	79,890	114,030	34,140
Tuition-Newark K-6 (5)	74,576	93,675	19,099
Tuition-Riverside K-6 (43)	742,545	789,480	46,935
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School K-6 (3)	102,000	53,550	(48,450)
Tuition-Stratford K-6 (4)	206,620	72,200	(134,420)
Tuition-Sunnybrook Montessori K-6 (0)	4,898	-	(4,898)
Tuition-Sutton K-6 (1)	37,288	18,740	(18,548)
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens K-6 (4)	66,004	70,380	4,376
Tuition-Waterford K-6 (8)	162,744	176,400	13,656
Tuition-Woodland Community K-6 (2)	54,075	23,630	(30,445)
<b>Total Elementary Tuition (144 students):</b>	<b>2,583,335</b>	<b>2,385,325</b>	<b>(198,010)</b>

**NEK Choice School District**

**2024-2025 (FY25) Preliminary**

<b>REGULAR EDUCATION: Secondary Tuition (7-8/9-12)</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY24)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY25)</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Tuition-Barnet 7-8 (1)	20,343	22,050	1,707
Tuition-Burke Town School 7-8 (2)	18,101	37,500	19,399
Tuition-Canaan 7-8 (5)	132,000	117,500	(14,500)
Tuition - Charleston Elementary School 7-8 (1)	-	17,850	17,850
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary 7-8 (1)	20,500	23,660	3,160
Tuition-Concord 7-8 (3)	18,644	56,205	37,561
Tuition-Danville 7-8 (2)	18,540	44,100	25,560
Tuition - Good Shepherd School 7-8 (1)	-	3,015	3,015
Tuition-Groveton Middle 7-8 (2)	41,033	40,060	(973)
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary 7-8 (3)	23,715	69,285	45,570
Tuition-Lyndon Town 7-8 (4)	18,644	74,940	56,296
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North 7-8 (2)	47,935	32,580	(15,355)
Tuition-Newark 7-8 (2)	18,644	37,500	18,856
Tuition-Riverside 7-8 (14)	177,963	268,520	90,557
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School 7-8 (4)	51,000	71,400	20,400
Tuition-Stratford Public 7-8 (4)	20,662	72,200	51,538
Tuition-Sutton 7-8 (1)	-	18,740	18,740
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens 7-8 (1)	16,501	-	(16,501)
Tuition-Waterford 7-8 (2)	20,343	44,100	23,758
Tuition-Woodland Community 7-8 (1)	-	11,815	11,815
Tuition - Arlington School 9-12 (1)	-	19,950	19,950
Tuition-Barnet 9-12 (1)	-	22,050	22,050
Tuition - Bellows Falls Union High School 9-12 (1)	-	23,625	23,625
Tuition-Burke Mountain Academy 9-12 (2)	53,389	38,400	(14,989)
Tuition-Burke Town School 9-12 (2)	-	37,500	37,500
Tuition-Canaan 9-12 (8)	308,000	184,800	(123,200)
Tuition-Colebrook Academy 9-12 (8)	112,555	190,120	77,565
Tuition - East Burke School 9-12 (2)	-	38,400	38,400
Tuition-Groveton High 9-12 (5)	133,565	100,150	(33,415)
Tuition-Holderness 9-12 (1)	17,796	-	(17,796)
Tuition-Lyndon Institute 9-12 (26)	858,072	611,260	(246,812)
Tuition - Lyndon Town School 9-12 (1)	-	18,750	18,750
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North 9-12 (1)	-	16,290	16,290
Tuition-North Country Charter Academy 9-12 (0)	33,959	-	(33,959)
Tuition-North Country Union High School 9-12 (0)	17,510	-	(17,510)
Tuition-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 (36)	665,900	827,820	161,920
Tuition-Waterford 9-12 (3)	-	66,150	66,150
Tuition - Waterville Valley Academy 9-12 (1)	-	19,215	19,215
Tuition-White Mountain School 9-12 (1)	53,389	19,200	(34,189)
Tuition-White Mountain Regional 9-12 (14)	283,244	323,330	40,086
Extra Cost-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 Guided Studies	9,500	-	(9,500)
<b>Total Secondary Tuition (171 students):</b>	<b>3,211,448</b>	<b>3,620,030</b>	<b>408,582</b>
<b>Total Pre K, Elementary &amp; Secondary Tuition (330 students):</b>	<b>5,821,143</b>	<b>6,060,195</b>	<b>239,052</b>

<b>NEK Choice School District</b> <b>2024-2025 (FY25) Preliminary</b>
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<b>Non Special Education Services</b>			
Total Non Special Education Services:	58,462	56,275	(2,187)

<b>Special Education Services</b>			
Total Special Education Services:	656,193	96,865	(559,328)

<b>Grand Total of NEK Choice School District Expenditures:</b>	<b>6,856,030</b>	<b>6,532,757</b>	<b>(323,273)</b>
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Revenue Statement NEK Choice School District	Approved Revenue	Est. Revenue (FY25)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Prior Year Surplus	-	-	-
Education Fund	6,855,030	6,531,757	(323,273)
US Forest Grant	-	-	
Misc. Refund	-	-	
Interest	1,000	1,000	-
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>6,856,030</b>	<b>6,532,757</b>	<b>(323,273)</b>

District: **Northeast Kingdom Choice USD**

SU: **Essex North**

FY25 is the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY22 - FY24. LTVADM is required to be used for FY25.

## NEK CHOICE ESTIMATED TAX RATES FY25

<b>ESTIMATED Tax Rates for FY25 with Variance to FY24 Tax Rates</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>Estimated FY25</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Total Budget	\$6,856,029	\$6,532,757	\$323,272
Local Revenues	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Education Spending	\$6,855,029	\$6,532,757	\$322,272
Equalized Pupils	297.06	520.24	223.18
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$23,076	\$12,555	-\$10,521
Dollar Equivalent Yield (Tax Commissioner's Recommendation)	\$15,479	\$9,171	-\$6,308
NEK Choice Towns Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.4908	\$1.3690	-\$0.1218

<b>NEK Choice Towns</b>	<b>FY24 Tax Rate</b>	<b>FY25 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	<b>FY25 Estimated Tax Rate</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Bloomfield	1.8576	76.34%	1.7933	-0.0643
Brunswick	1.7551	84.79%	1.6146	-0.1405
East Haven	1.6258	81.04%	1.6883	0.0625
Granby	1.6401	78.05%	1.7540	0.1139
Guildhall	1.4461	101.50%	1.3488	-0.0973
Kirby	1.9535	70.81%	1.9333	-0.0202
Lemington	1.6101	83.53%	1.6389	0.0288
Maidstone	1.9642	67.84%	2.0180	0.0538
Norton	1.5466	95.41%	1.4349	-0.1117
Victory	1.7726	80.62%	1.6981	-0.0745

### Current FY23 NEK Student Population by Town & Grade

<b>NEK Choice Town</b>	<b>Pre-K</b>	<b>K-6</b>	<b>7-12</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bloomfield	1	12	9	22
Brunswick	0	4	4	8
East Haven	3	19	21	43
Granby	0	1	4	5
Guildhall	1	21	16	38
Kirby	11	77	66	154
Lemington	0	4	8	12
Maidstone	1	9	12	22
Norton	0	5	5	10
Victory	3	0	7	10
<b>Total for District</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>324</b>



**Essex North Supervisory Union  
2024-2025 (FY25) Proposed Budget**

<b>Expenditures</b> <b>SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY24)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY25)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>NEK Choice</b>	<b>Canaan</b>
<b>GENERAL COSTS</b>					
Superintendent Salary	\$120,000	\$120,640	\$640	\$60,320	\$60,320
Treasurer Stipend	\$1,817	\$1,890	\$73	\$945	\$945
Business Administrator Salary	\$70,000	\$73,500	\$3,500	\$36,750	\$36,750
Salaries: AP/Admin Assist/PR/HR (2 FTE)	\$89,784	\$93,704	\$3,920	\$46,852	\$46,852
Payroll & HR Benefits Coordinator Salary	\$50,112	\$0	(\$50,112)	\$0	\$0
Benefits	\$139,080	\$150,138	\$11,058	\$75,069	\$75,069
Advertising	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$0	\$875	\$875
Audit Services	\$21,500	\$22,000	\$500	\$11,000	\$11,000
Contracted Services	\$14,000	\$20,463	\$6,463	\$11,481	\$8,982
Dues & Fees-Registrations/Memberships	\$7,000	\$13,500	\$6,500	\$6,750	\$6,750
General Supplies/Books/Misc	\$5,000	\$5,100	\$100	\$2,550	\$2,550
Legal Services	\$6,500	\$5,000	(\$1,500)	\$2,500	\$2,500
Postage	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Prof/OLT Liab. Insurance	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$0	\$5,250	\$5,250
Repairs/Maintenance	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$1,750	\$1,750
Software	\$21,000	\$22,000	\$1,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
Telephone/Internet	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
Travel Expenses	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Tuition Reimbursement	\$3,100	\$2,000	(\$1,100)	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Total Supervisory Union Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$578,143</b>	<b>\$562,685</b>	<b>(\$15,458)</b>	<b>\$282,592</b>	<b>\$280,093</b>

<b>Expenditures</b> <b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY24)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY25)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>NEK Choice</b>	<b>Canaan</b>
Owned Bus-Salary	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$0	\$0	\$10,500
Owned Bus-Benefits	\$805	\$855	\$50	\$0	\$855
Owned Bus-Repairs, Inspections, Fuel, Fees, Insurance, Supplies	\$19,800	\$20,135	\$335	\$0	\$20,135
Owned Bus-Lease Year -3 out of 3	\$17,500	\$26,200	\$8,700	\$0	\$26,200
Bus Service-Cont. Reg Student Transportation	\$210,115	\$227,880	\$17,765	\$0	\$227,880
Bus Service-Athletic Transportation, Cont.	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$35,000
Bus Service-Music/Field Trips Trans., Cont.	\$18,500	\$19,000	\$500	\$0	\$19,000
Bus Service-CTE Transportation, Contracted	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$0	\$0	\$22,500
<b>Total Transportation Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$329,720</b>	<b>\$362,070</b>	<b>\$32,350</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$362,070</b>

<b>Expenditures</b> <b>NON SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY24)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY25)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>NEK Choice</b>	<b>Canaan</b>
Salaries-Dir./Asst Dir./Teacher/Paras/PK Para	\$163,720	\$87,335	(\$76,385)	\$45,800	\$41,535
Benefits-Dir./Asst Dir./Teacher/Paras/PK Para	\$88,585	\$14,175	(\$74,410)	\$9,485	\$4,690
BMH,LL,Deaf,PT,OT,SLP,Blind, Subs	\$25,700	\$20,000	(\$5,700)		\$20,000
Equipment-504 Students	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Supplies/Dues & Fees-504 Students	\$2,029	\$2,000	(\$29)	\$990	\$1,010
Transportation/Tuition-504 Out of District	\$20,065	\$0	(\$20,065)	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Non Special Ed Services:</b>	<b>\$300,099</b>	<b>\$123,510</b>	<b>(\$176,589)</b>	<b>\$56,275</b>	<b>\$67,235</b>

<b>Expenditures</b> <b>SPECIAL EDUCATION /SERVICES</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY24)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY25)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>NEK Choice</b>	<b>Canaan</b>	<b>Ferdinand</b>	<b>SAU 7</b>
Salaries-Dir./Asst Dir./Teachers/Ad. Asst./Paras	\$667,745	\$697,776	\$30,031	\$277,200	\$390,462	\$4,430	\$25,684
Salaries-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$4,821	\$5,850	\$1,029	\$705	\$5,145		
Benefits-Director/Asst/Teachers/Paras	\$301,697	\$310,400	\$8,703	\$101,010	\$196,968	\$1,286	\$11,136
Benefits-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$1,741	\$2,200	\$459	\$265	\$1,935		
Advertising	\$0	\$700	\$700	\$0	\$700		
Contracted Ser.-(IDEA-B & IDEA PreK Grant)	\$127,638	\$126,650	(\$988)	\$15,200	\$111,450		
Contracted Services-PT/OT/SP/Vis./Deaf/PD	\$603,272	\$390,039	(\$213,233)	\$243,430	\$115,520	\$16,100	\$14,989
Dues & Registrations	\$8,206	\$5,280	(\$2,926)	\$2,030	\$3,250		

Equipment	\$4,900	\$4,900	\$0	\$1,960	\$2,940		
Contracted Services - Learning Center	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000		
General Supplies-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$2,080	\$2,080	\$0	\$250	\$1,830		
General Supplies/Books/Software-Special Ed	\$13,139	\$15,450	\$2,311	\$4,100	\$11,350		
Postage	\$1,750	\$1,300	(\$450)	\$520	\$780		
Telephone	\$1,750	\$1,000	(\$750)	\$400	\$600		
Transportation-Out of District Placements	\$309,997	\$139,200	(\$170,797)	\$60,000	\$38,200	\$41,000	
Travel-Director/Asst Director	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$600	\$900		
Tuition-Out of Dist. Place./Other Spec Ed Tuit.	\$905,279	\$685,100	(\$220,179)	\$424,100	\$126,000	\$135,000	
Tuition (IDEA Grant)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Transportation (IDEA Grant)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
<b>Totals for Special Education Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$2,955,515</b>	<b>\$2,394,425</b>	<b>(\$561,090)</b>	<b>\$1,131,770</b>	<b>\$1,013,030</b>	<b>\$197,816</b>	<b>\$51,809</b>

<b>Expenditures</b> <b>GRANTS/Medicaid Funds</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY24)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY25)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>NEK Choice</b>	<b>Canaan</b>	<b>Ferdinand</b>	<b>SAU 7</b>
Salaries	\$407,693	\$242,975	(\$164,718)	\$47,635	\$195,340		
Benefits	\$227,410	\$163,480	(\$63,930)	\$32,460	\$131,020		
Contracted Services	\$96,177	\$0	(\$96,177)	\$0	\$0		
Dues & Fees	\$3,500	\$0	(\$3,500)	\$0	\$0		
Supplies, Equipment	\$16,660	\$5,405	(\$11,255)	\$920	\$4,485		
Transportation	\$6,000	\$0	(\$6,000)	\$0	\$0		
<b>Totals for Grant/Medicaid Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$757,440</b>	<b>\$411,860</b>	<b>(\$345,580)</b>	<b>\$81,015</b>	<b>\$330,845</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Grand Total of All Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$4,920,917</b>	<b>\$3,854,550</b>	<b>-\$1,066,367</b>	<b>\$1,551,652</b>	<b>\$2,053,273</b>	<b>\$197,816</b>	<b>\$51,809</b>
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<b>Revenue Statement</b> <b>SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE/TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>Revenue (FY24)</b>	<b>Estimated (FY25)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>NEK Choice</b>	<b>Canaan</b>	<b>Ferdinand</b>	<b>SAU 7</b>
Transportation Aid Revenue from State	\$116,034	\$124,000	\$7,966	\$0	\$124,000		
Interest	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$125	\$125		
SU Assessments	\$555,193	\$559,435	\$4,242	\$280,967	\$278,468		
Transportation Assessment	\$213,686	\$238,070	\$24,384	\$0	\$238,070		
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$2,700	\$3,000	\$300	\$1,500	\$1,500		
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Prior Year Surplus	\$20,000	\$0	(\$20,000)	\$0	\$0		
<b>Total Superintendents Office/Trans. Rev.:</b>	<b>\$907,863</b>	<b>\$924,755</b>	<b>\$16,892</b>	<b>\$282,592</b>	<b>\$642,163</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>Revenue Statement</b> <b>NON SPECIAL ED SERVICES</b>	<b>Revenue (FY24)</b>	<b>Estimated (FY25)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>NEK Choice</b>	<b>Canaan</b>	<b>Ferdinand</b>	<b>SAU 7</b>
Contracted Services-PD to ENSU	\$300,099	\$123,510	(\$176,589)	\$56,275	\$67,235		
<b>Total Non Special Ed Revenue:</b>	<b>\$300,099</b>	<b>\$123,510</b>	<b>(\$176,589)</b>	<b>\$56,275</b>	<b>\$67,235</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>Revenue Statement</b> <b>SPECIAL ED SERVICES</b>	<b>Revenue (FY24)</b>	<b>Estimated (FY25)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>NEK Choice</b>	<b>Canaan</b>	<b>Ferdinand</b>	<b>SAU 7</b>
EEE Assessment from District	\$11,276	\$1,537	(\$9,739)	\$1,230	\$307		
EEE Grant from State	\$33,622	\$45,626	\$12,004	\$36,500	\$9,126		
Special Ed Reimbursement from District	\$1,305,428	\$590,847	(\$714,581)	\$96,865	\$412,098	\$30,075	\$51,809
Census Block Grant	\$940,292	\$988,635	\$48,343	\$632,725	\$346,024	\$9,886	
Special Ed Extraordinary Reimb. from State	\$528,617	\$631,000	\$102,383	\$348,030	\$125,115	\$157,855	
IDEA-B Grant Ages 3-21	\$132,080	\$132,570	\$490	\$15,910	\$116,660		
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	\$4,200	\$4,210	\$10	\$510	\$3,700		
<b>Total Special Ed Revenue:</b>	<b>\$2,955,515</b>	<b>\$2,394,425</b>	<b>(\$561,090)</b>	<b>\$1,131,770</b>	<b>\$1,013,030</b>	<b>\$197,816</b>	<b>\$51,809</b>

<b>Revenue Statement</b> <b>Grants/Medicaid</b>	<b>Revenue (FY24)</b>	<b>Estimated (FY25)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>NEK Choice</b>	<b>Canaan</b>	<b>Ferdinand</b>	<b>SAU 7</b>
ARP ESSER	\$320,452	\$60,374	(\$260,078)	\$5,574	\$54,800		
CFP Grants	\$366,956	\$292,872	(\$74,084)	\$49,820	\$243,052		
Medicaid Grant	\$70,032	\$58,614	(\$11,418)	\$25,621	\$32,993		
<b>Total Grants/Medicaid Revenue:</b>	<b>\$757,440</b>	<b>\$411,860</b>	<b>(\$345,580)</b>	<b>\$81,015</b>	<b>\$330,845</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>Grand Total All Revenues:</b>	<b>\$4,920,917</b>	<b>\$3,854,550</b>	<b>(\$1,066,367)</b>	<b>\$1,551,652</b>	<b>\$2,053,273</b>	<b>\$197,816</b>	<b>\$51,809</b>
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<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ENROLLMENT</u>
ABC AND LOL CHILDCARE CENTER	2
ARLINGTON SCHOOL	3
BARNET SCHOOL	3
BELLOWS FALLS UNION HIGH SCHOOL	1
BURKE MOUNTAIN ACADEMY	2
BURKE TOWN	6
CANAAN SCHOOLS	22
CHARLESTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1
COLEBROOK SCHOOLS	10
COMPASS SCHOOL	1
CONCORD SCHOOL	8
DANVILLE SCHOOL	2
EAST BURKE	1
GOOD SHEPHARD SCHOOL	7
GROVETON SCHOOLS	10
HEARTWOOD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL	5
LANCASTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	8
LITTLE DIPPER DOODLE CHILDRENS CTR	1
LUNENBURG SCHOOL	4
LUPINE MONTESSORI	3
LYNDON INSTITUTE	24
LYNDON TOWN SCHOOL	14
MT. ROYAL ACADEMY NORTH	7
NEWARK SCHOOL	7
NORTH COUNTRY CHARTER ACADEMY	1

RIVERSIDE	72
ST JOHNSBURY ACADEMY	40
ST JOHNSBURY SCHOOL	8
SEVEN HILLS AT CROTCHED MOUNTAIN	1
STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL	10
SUTTON SCHOOL	2
THADDEUS STEVENS	5
THE WHITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL	2
WATERFORD	12
WATERVILLE VALLEY ACADEMY	1
WMRHS	15
WOODLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL	3
TOTAL # OF SCHOOLS: 38	TOTAL # OF STUDENTS: 324

## NEK Choice School District 2023-2024 Student Count

<b>Town</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>Elementary K-6</b>	<b>Highschool 7-12</b>	<b>Total of Students by Town</b>
Bloomfield	1	12	9	22
Brunswick	0	4	4	8
East Haven	3	19	21	43
Granby	0	1	4	5
Guildhall	1	21	16	38
Kirby	11	77	66	154
Lemington	0	4	8	12
Maidstone	1	9	12	22
Norton	0	5	5	10
Victory	3	0	7	10
<b>Total for District</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>324</b>

# WARNING — VERMONT PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY — MARCH 5, 2024

A statewide Presidential Primary will be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 to vote for candidates for the following offices:

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The polls will open at 10 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. The polling place(s) is/are located at:

27 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD

BLOOMFIELD, VERMONT

VICKIE LUCIUS

Town (or City) Clerk

## VERMONT NOTICE TO VOTERS AND VERMONT VOTER RIGHTS

EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You can request early/absentee ballots at any time during the election year. The latest a ballot can be requested in BLOOMFIELD is FEB. 29, 2024 AT 3:00 PM  
(Town) (date and time office closes prior to election)

You or a family member can request early ballots in person, in writing, by telephone, or on your My Voter Page at [mvp.vermont.gov](http://mvp.vermont.gov). An authorized person can request ballots for you in person or in writing.

CHECKLIST: posted at town clerk's office by Sunday, February 4, 2024. If your name is not on it, then you must register to vote.  
SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

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. **Please register early** by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to [olvr.vermont.gov](http://olvr.vermont.gov).

Methods of voting early/absentee in the 45 days before the election (ballots available by January 19, 2024):

1. Vote in the town clerk's office prior to the election.
2. Voter may take the ballots out of the clerk's office and return in the same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
3. Have ballot mailed to you and return it to clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7 p.m. on Election Day.
4. If you are in the military, live overseas, or are ill or disabled you may receive your ballot electronically and utilize our accessible online ballot marking tool, but you must print your ballot and return it by mail.
5. If you are ill or disabled, you may ask the town clerk, on or before the deadline to request an absentee ballot, to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home on any day preceding the day of the election (once ballots are prepared) or the day of election.

**Identification Required for First Time Registrants by Mail:** If you are registering individually for the first time by mail or online, you must provide a copy of identification along with your registration: current valid photo I.D., or a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing your name and current address. If you do not provide I.D. or other documentation with your registration and do not have it when you come to the polls, you will be offered a provisional ballot.

**CASTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT:** If you accept the offer to vote a provisional ballot, you must complete a sworn affidavit on the provisional ballot envelope swearing that you are qualified to vote in Vermont and in the polling place where you are, and that you submitted an application to register to vote before the deadline. You will be given a card explaining how you can find out if your ballot was counted one week after the election by calling the Vermont Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-8683.

**If your name was dropped from the checklist in error or has not been added even though you submitted an application:** Explain the situation to your town clerk or presiding officer and ask that your name be added to the checklist. The town clerk or presiding officer will investigate the situation and then either have you complete a registration form and then add your name to the checklist or explain why you cannot be added.

If the town clerk or presiding officer and BCA members present cannot determine that you are entitled to be added to the checklist on Election Day, you may appeal to a superior court judge, who will give you a decision on Election Day OR you may vote a provisional ballot.

**Any voter who wants assistance for any reason** may bring the person of their choice into the voting booth to help or may ask for assistance from two election officials.

Voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place may have a ballot brought to a car outside the polls by two election officials.

**Any U. S. citizen and resident of a Vermont town or city who submitted an application to register to vote on or before election day is entitled to vote regardless of race or physical ability.**

## THE LAW PROHIBITS THE FOLLOWING--DO NOT:

- 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 eligibility to vote.
- Socialize in a manner that will disturb other voters.
- Offer a bribe, threaten, or intimidate a person to vote for a candidate.
- Hinder or interfere with the progress of a voter going into or out of a polling place. Vermont law provides that a person cannot campaign within a polling place but does NOT specify any number of feet that campaigners need to be away from the polls outside. The presiding officer will set reasonable rules for where campaigners can stand.

**The Election Officials at the polling place are here to serve you.**

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

If you do not understand something, or you believe a mistake has been made that has not been corrected, or you have a question that cannot be answered to your satisfaction at the polling place:

**Call the Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of State  
1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683)  
(Accessible by TDD)**

**If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated**, you may call the Elections Division at 800-439-8683 or (802) 828-2363. You may also file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-1101.

**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, the County State's Attorney or the Vermont Attorney General.

**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.

## VOTING PROCESS--INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

- Go to the entrance checklist table, give your name, and if asked, your street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- If you want to use the **accessible voting system** tell the entrance checklist official at this time. An election official will take you to the accessible ballot marking device, enter a security code, and then leave you to mark and print your ballot privately. More details about our new accessible ballot marking device are available on our website at <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/accessible-voting/>.
- You must ask for a major party ballot (Democratic or Republican). This is required by Vermont law for the Presidential Primary. (17 V.S.A. §2704.)
- Take the ballot from the election official and enter a voting booth. Once inside the voting booth, mark your ballot for each race.
- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate. **Do not vote for more candidates than the "Vote for not more than #" for each office. If you vote for more than the "Vote for not more than #," your vote will not count for that race.**
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" line on the ballot and either write in the name or paste on a sticker, then fill in the oval.
- **If you make a mistake or change your mind, DO NOT try to erase. Return your ballot and ASK an election official for a new ballot.** If you make a mistake again, you may ask for another ballot. Each voter may have up to 3 ballots.
- To cast your voted ballot: either insert your voted ballot into the tabulator machine, or in a hand count town, insert it into the ballot box.
- Go to the exit checklist table, if any, and state your name. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- Leave the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail. All voters who are in line at the polling place at 7p.m. will be permitted to vote. No voter can enter the polling place to vote after 7p.m.

REPUBLICAN PARTY  
OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT  
MARCH 5, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. DO NOT USE PENCIL.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Vote for not more than ONE

RYAN L. BINKLEY of Texas

CHRIS CHRISTIE of New Jersey

RON DESANTIS of Florida

NIKKI HALEY of South Carolina

VIVEK RAMASWAMY of Ohio

DONALD J. TRUMP of Florida

(Write-in)

SAMPLE

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT  
MARCH 5, 2024**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

**FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

Vote for not more than ONE

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR of Delaware ☐

MARK STEWART GREENSTEIN of Connecticut ☐

JASON MICHAEL PALMER of Maryland ☐

DEAN PHILLIPS of Minnesota ☐

CENK UYGUR of California ☐

MARIANNE WILLIAMSON of Washington, DC ☐

(Write-in) ☐

# Headwaters Local River Subcommittee Of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

New Hampshire – Pittsburg, Clarksville, Stewartstown, Colebrook, Columbia, Stratford, Northumberland  
Vermont – Canaan (Beecher Falls), Lemington, Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone

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## Connecticut River – Headwaters Local River Subcommittee – Annual Report 2023

The Headwaters Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets quarterly and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by riverfront municipalities, with allowance for alternates. Throughout 2023, the Subcommittee has maintained a hybrid meeting format where a quorum of participating municipalities is required to be present in person. Current members of Vermont are Tom Caron from Canaan, *with openings in Lemington, Bloomfield, Brunswick and Maidstone*. Current members of New Hampshire are Kevin McKinnon from Colebrook, Ed Mellett and Dale Covey from Northumberland, Jennifer Caron from Stratford, and *openings in Pittsburg, Clarksville, Columbia, and Stewartstown*. Those with only one representative have an opening for a second volunteer. During 2023 Ed Mellett served as chair. **Meetings and events are open to the public.**

Headwaters is one of the five subcommittees a part of the CRJC since 1989. The Subcommittees provide a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality, wildlife habitat, and appropriate development. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback on proposed permits and plans to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. In addition, CRJC is responsible for maintaining a bi-state watershed plan.

During 2023, Headwaters engaged on several issues. Permits reviewed include herbicide use, town water supply well replacement location, camp sewage disposal, and water and sewer line replacement. Headwaters is also following conditions at Murphy Dam, The Twin States Clean Energy Link, and wild and scenic designation for Paul Stream and Nulhegan River.

Headwaters supported outreach efforts in service of the Connecticut River, including the Making Room series: Planning for those who are here and those on their way; as well as the Connecticut River Watershed Partnership meeting in coordination with Friends of Conte. Further, Headwaters supported water quality monitoring efforts along the Connecticut River.

In 2024, Headwaters will continue their activities in management, outreach, and learning for the Connecticut River. Headwaters welcomes local participation in permit reviews, educational events, watershed planning, and water quality monitoring.

**If you are interested to learn more, please contact us at [info@crjc.org](mailto:info@crjc.org).**

Connecticut River Joint Commissions <https://www.crjc.org>



## **2023 NEK BROADBAND ANNUAL REPORT**

### **ABOUT NEK BROADBAND**

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

### **DELIVERING OUR PROMISE**

In 2023, NEK Broadband put in place the additional staff, funding and infrastructure needed to continue delivering on its promise to bring high-speed, reliable internet to unserved and underserved communities in the NEK. We've made significant progress in building the "backbone" of our network throughout the region. This "backbone" of interlocking fiber optic cable will provide extra reliability to our internet service. We received a USDA ReConnect grant of 17.5 million to cover most of Essex County, thus freeing up more funds to expand our network build in the rest of the NEK. This year, we also increased our construction capacity and our ability to purchase and store more materials so that we can increase the speed of our buildout.

### **GRANTS & FINANCING**

- We were awarded a USDA ReConnect grant of \$17,474,000 that will cover most of the addresses in Essex county and Eastern Orleans and Caledonia counties.
- The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved an additional 17.94 million in construction funding, bringing the total investment in NEK Broadband to \$38.9 million to date.
- Our 2022 financials were given an unqualified "clean" opinion (evaluation) by our auditors.

### **BUILDING CAPACITY**

- We are up to 6 full-time staff.
- We now have active warehouses in Danville, St. Johnsbury and Brighton for the storage of construction materials.
- We are working with state and vocational partners to train and increase the workforce in the NEK to help build our network.

### **BUDGET SUMMARY**

Over \$15,876.591 Has Been Invested in NEK Community-Owned Broadband.

### **SIGN UP FOR UPDATES**

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, fill out the form at [\*\*get.nekbroadband.org\*\*](https://get.nekbroadband.org)



# Vermont Center for Independent Living [VCIL]

## 2023 Report

The Vermont Center for Independent Living is a statewide, Non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities.

VCIL receives annual support from 140 cities and towns across the State which helps assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Bloomfield in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes or other locations; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people with disabilities under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth.

During FY'23 Two (2) residents of Bloomfield received services from the Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A) program.

For over 44 years the 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.

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](http://www.vcil.org)**.

## **VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – LOCAL HEALTH OFFICE**

### **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

Newport Local Health Office, 100 Main Street, Suite 220, Newport, Vermont  
802-334-6707      [AHS.VDHNewport@Vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHNewport@Vermont.gov)

The Newport Local Health Office, which is one of twelve local offices around the state, provides essential service and resources to towns in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties. Some Highlights of our work in 2023 follow. For more information, visit [HealthVermont.gov/local/newport](https://HealthVermont.gov/local/newport).

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

We work with residents, community partners, local officials, first responders and local health care partners on topics that are meaningful to our community.

- We set up a Comfort Station at the Barton Fair. Families could care for their babies, get bottled water or healthy snacks, cool down and learn about community resources.
- We teamed up with Salvation Farms to distribute excess produce twice a month. This helps the community get fresh food and reduces waste.
- This summer our office helped with the flood response by giving out water test kits.

#### **WIC SERVICES AND RESOURCES**

Our Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) team provides nutrition education and support service to our community families.

- We held 2,429 appointments between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.
- WIC helps families get healthy food, support for breast/chest feeding and referrals for other health services.
- Our WIC team partners with Newport's dental hygienist. They offer advice for good oral health and can help families find a dental practice.

#### **IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES**

Our office works to protect our community against vaccine-preventable diseases

- We participated in 13 community clinics this year, including a clinic at Newport's first Pride Event this past summer.
- Our staff organized a Tdap clinic for those affected by floods this past spring.
- We work with our community partners to help ensure everyone has access to vaccines.

## **VNA & HOSPICE, ORLEANS / ESSEX**

### **2023 SERVICE REPORT**

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of 24 communities in Orleans and Northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As the only not-for-profit agency serving the area, our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We are locally controlled by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the towns we serve. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

#### **SUMMARY OF SERVICES:**

Total Agency Visits FY 2023.....	36,449
<b>Total Visits FY 2023 – Town of Bloomfield.....</b>	<b>211</b>

During Fiscal Year 2023, home based services were provided to 13 individuals in Bloomfield for a total of 211 multi-disciplinary visits. 1 (one) resident received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted, Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

Contact Information: Phone (802) 334-5213

Fax (802) 334-8822

Location – 46 Lakemont Road, Newport, Vermont 05855



## **Representative Terri Lynn Williams**

**Essex/Caledonia: Granby, Victory, East Haven, Burke, Lunenburg, Guildhall, Maidstone, Brunswick, Bloomfield, Ferdinand**

**Education Committee**

**1171 Shores Hill Road  
Granby, VT 05840  
802-535-4704**

**[TWilliams@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:TWilliams@leg.state.vt.us)**

Dear Residents,

I'm not going to lie. It has been a major struggle for me this legislative session. I try so hard to work toward two major goals; less government control and getting the state to live within their means. I vote no on so many bills that contained money; much of the time because they aren't fiscally responsible bills. Here we are today, wondering why our state budget is over 8 billion dollars and wondering why the school portion of our property taxes are so high. Please believe me when I say I am not surprised at all. The question is, what are we legislators going to do about it. Time will tell, but in the meantime, we (you and I) are all losing sleep at night wondering how we can continue to afford to stay in this beautiful state.

Us native Vermonters (and those who move here with the understanding of how we live) appreciate the simple ways of life. We are natural born homesteaders. Some of us hunt and fish and trap for our food. Others raise animals on their property. We raise vegetables and berries in our gardens. We forge for fiddleheads and mushrooms to add to our variety of food sources. We hang our clothes on the line to dry. We are not a wasteful bunch. Some call us hoarders. I like to think we save things because we will find a use for them somewhere down the road instead of adding to the burdens of our landfills. Our inherent common sense gives us the ability to figure ways to make what we have work for us without huge financial investments. We appreciate our environment and take good care of it. We have simple pleasures; hiking, snow shoeing, bike riding, touring our back roads, swimming, horseback riding, and so much more all right in our back yards.

I tell the folks in Montpelier – all we want are to be left alone and don't tax us out of our homes. We can and will make do.

I hear from many of you throughout the session about specific concerns and personal struggles. I appreciate that very much. I am here to help you find answers and resources. You let me know when bills are harmful or beneficial to you and you let me know how you'd like me to vote. I am here to represent you. Always let me know how I can help.

I am not speaking of specific bills here. There are so many. More bills have been written this term than ever in the history of the legislature. If you want to know more specifics about different topics, please reach out. My contact information is at the start of this letter.