



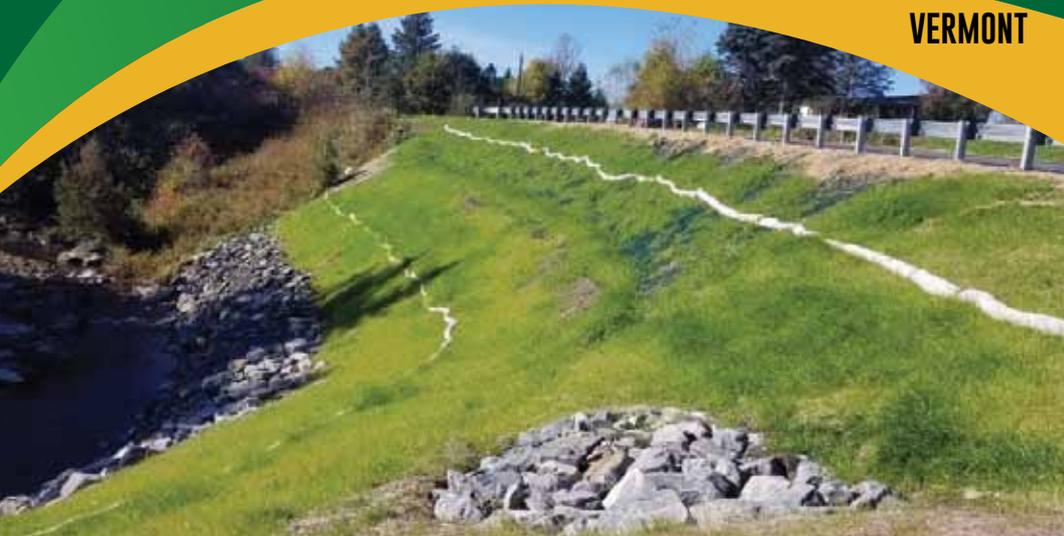
ANNUAL REPORT 2022

TOWN REPORT
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31

TOWN OF

BROWNINGTON

VERMONT



Cover Photos:
North and South Site
Center Road Slope Stabilization Project
2022

Annual Report

Town of

Brownington, Vermont



OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

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

For the year ending December 31,

2022



**BROWNINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
EIGHTH GRADE CLASS**

Will be hosting a

POT LUCK LUNCHEON

COST \$5.00 per person.

**All proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the
BCS Eighth Grade Class!!!**

Thank you for your support.



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Town Officers

<p>Town Clerk: Valerie Faust..... 2025 <i>Records, preserves, and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, Marriage & Civil Union licenses. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the board of civil authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Eileen Baker 2023 <i>Runs the annual and special town meetings. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Robert's Rules of Order.</i></p> <p>Selectboard: William Falconer..... 2023 Chris Myott (resigned) Michael Glodgett (appointed) 2023 Beverly White 2025 <i>General supervision and control over the town; enacts ordinances, regulations, and policies for town; oversees town property and personnel; prepares, presents and manages budget; and oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing, and reclassifying roads. Sits as local board of health, and liquor control commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin.</i></p> <p>Delinquent Tax Collector: Valerie Faust..... 2023</p> <p>Listers: Christy Glodgett 2023 Larry Chase..... 2024 Roger Patenaude 2025 <i>Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm, and not be overly sensitive to criticism.</i></p> <p>Cemetery Commissioners: Scott Nichols 2023 Jason Gonyaw 2024 Wayne Libby 2025 <i>Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. If no Cemetery commissioners are elected, the selectboard fulfills the roll.</i></p> <p>* Road Foreman: Geoff Falconer 2023</p> <p>Treasurer: Valerie Faust..... 2024 <i>Keeps the town's accounts, invests money (with approval of the legislative body), keeps record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him/her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.</i></p> <p>* Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer: Jeannette Poirier..... 2023</p> <p>Town First Constable: Cameron Falconer 2023 <i>In some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all the powers of search and seizure and arrest within the town. In Brownington, the constable only has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his/her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and to collect taxes if there is no tax collector elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts. Must complete necessary training to perform required duties.</i></p>	<p>Town Second Constable: Renee Falconer 2023 <i>Serves as the Animal Control Officer.</i></p> <p>Auditors: Jacqueline Meyer (resigned) 2023 Barbara Thompson 2024 Kim Hastings 2025 <i>Review and audit all the town accounts and prepare the annual report. Should be very detail oriented. Good writing skills are a plus.</i></p> <p>* Town Grand Jurors: Cecile Curtis 2023 Angie Falconer 2023 <i>Helps prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the town by giving information to state and local law enforcement.</i></p> <p>* Pound Keepers: Renee Falconer 2023 Pauline Mackey 2023 <i>Cares for animals that are impounded within the town.</i></p> <p>* Fence Viewers: William Falconer 2023 Chris Myott 2023 Clayton Faust 2023 <i>Three viewers are appointed by the selectboard each year. When called upon, they examine fences and other boundaries within the town.</i></p> <p>* Tree Warden & Inspector of Wood, Lumber & Shingles: Larry Faust 2023 <i>Plans and implements a shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public places. Removes diseased, dying or dead trees; which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease and/or insect control programs.</i></p> <p>* Health Officer: Brandy Robillard 2023 <i>Enforces the rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.</i></p> <p>* Cemetery Sextons: Wayne Libby 2023</p> <p>Town Planning Commissioners: William Davis 2023 Michael Glodgett 2023 Jacob Wolf 2023 Elizabeth Butterfield 2024 Mark Hastings 2024 Valerie Faust 2024 Jeannette Poirier 2025 Larry Faust 2025 Laurence Thompson 2025 <i>Duties include preparing a municipal plan; making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation; and participating in a regional planning program. Should have good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.</i></p>
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Justices of the Peace:

Armand Brunelle
Larry Chase
Michael Glodgett

Andrew Swett
Larry Faust

Elected by the town, but are actually county officers. Duties fall into five categories.

Elections: members of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) and serve as election officials at town elections.

Tax Abatement and Appeal: Sit as members of the board of abatement.

As member of the BCA, JP's hear and decide appeals when citizens do not agree with the final decision of the listers.

Marriages & Civil Unions: JP's may solemnize marriages and certify civil unions.

Oaths & Notary: JP's may administer oaths and is a notary ex officio.

Magistrates: JP's may serve as a magistrate when so commissioned by the supreme court.

* **Forest Fire Warden:** Clayton R. Butler 2023

Prevents forest fires within the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires.

* **Town Service Officer:** Laurence Thompson 2023

Assists individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel, or shelter assistance when the Vermont Department of Social Welfare is not available.

* **E-911 Contact Person:** Larry Chase 2023

* **NVDA RPC Representatives:**

Laurence Thompson 2023

William Davis 2023

Waste Management Committee:

Lila Stevens..... 2023

Charles Batchelder..... 2024

* **NEK Broadband:**

Amber Hastings..... 2023

William Davis..... 2023

* *Appointed to Office*

The *Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District* assists the Brownington Community by providing recycling services to your town.

Your local transfer station is located at the Brownington Town Garage, 614 Schoolhouse Rd., and is open year-round on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – noon.

Accepted materials include: plastic containers #1-4 & #5 food-grade containers (no black plastic containers accepted), all colors of glass bottles & jars, tin, aluminum, paper, cardboard, books, batteries, CFL bulbs, certain electronics (computers and TV Monitors included), aerosols, and waste oil all free of charge. Ask the transfer station attendant for more details or call the NEKWMD at 802-626-3232.

Dates to Remember

TOWN OF BROWNINGTON

Green-Up Day

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, 2023

Brownington Town Garage

Call the Town Office for more information as the date approaches!

Let's make it a family affair!

NEK Waste Management District

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2022. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only the Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

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

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

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

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

NEKWMD Executive Committee

Select Board Message

2022 has not only been an interesting and challenging year, but a very successful one. Town Meeting was once again conducted by Australian ballot on March 22, 2022, due to last minute concerns with the transmission of COVID 19 at large gatherings. Even with all the adjustments we were able to conduct business and get things accomplished.

The Select Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters for their support with both the budget and the work we are trying to achieve. Without your support, we wouldn't be able to keep the town functioning successfully and keep our roads safe.

The Board would like to thank Geoff Falconer, (the road foreman) and Sam Robb (full time road crew), as well as our part time road crew, for their hard work and dedication, keeping up with the many challenges that come with keeping our roads safe.

A special thank you to Valerie Faust for her dedication and superb job and accuracy as Treasurer and Town Clerk. In addition to her completing all the clerical work, paying bills, making deposits, collecting taxes, serving as Clerk to the Select Board, and keeping up with all the changing demands from the State of Vermont, she is always available to assist the Select Board. The Town Office is open Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

We would also like to thank Jeannette Poirier, (Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Treasurer), for all her work to assist Val and help keep things moving smoothly and efficiently.

The Board would like to thank everyone who works in the town government, the auditors, listers, recycling agent, planning commission, and other officials, whose dedication makes this town's government work efficiently.

The Center Road Stabilization Project is all but finished with only a few things to be completed in the Spring. The project was put out to bid in April and awarded in the beginning of May. The lowest acceptable bid, which was from JP Sicard, Inc. from Barton, came in at \$1,149,023 which was 46% higher than the engineer construction estimate of \$786,235 due to the cost of fuel, materials, labor and overall inflation. The Town had previously been awarded \$972,896 in federal funds and with our 20% match of \$243,224.00, we had a total of \$1,216,120 to complete the project. With the total expected cost being \$1,405,956 because of the increase in construction cost, we are left with a shortfall of \$189,836. The Board was left with a very difficult decision, to move forward with the shortfall, or return the Federal funds that had already been spent on project management, design, and general preparation for the project. With nearly \$140,000 in federal funds already spent, we chose to award the construction bid and move forward. The Center Road was closed because of the depth of construction to keep it safe for our community and the workers on site.

The Board applied for another V-Trans Municipal Highway Stormwater Mitigation Grant for \$311,264 in October but we were not awarded the grant. There were twenty applications and they only had funds to award six of them. We were ranked number nine. It was very disappointing to not receive the grant, but we had received three other grants previously from them. We have also applied for another grant

for \$189,836 through VTrans Fall 2022 Transportation Alternatives, but we will not know if the Town will be awarded that grant until late March.

For the fiscal year 2023, the general budget will increase \$19,074.31, which includes a financial audit and a single audit that is required due to the amount of federal funds that were spent on the Center Road Slope Stabilization Project in 2022 as well as \$5,000.00 toward replacing the roof on the Town Office. The highway budget has increased about \$27,779.50 which is due to road maintenance supplies and the increase in fuel, stone, salt, culverts.

The Select Board would appreciate any volunteers for Green Up Day, which will be held on Saturday, May 6th, 2023. There is a lot of work that needs to be done, picking up trash and tires on the roadsides, and unloading tires at the garage. Please try to donate some time to help keep our community clean.

We, as taxpayers ourselves, work diligently to keep the budgets within reason and we will continue to look for ways to cut expenses where we can and make long-term purchases that will be more fiscally responsible in the long run. We will continue to work in the best interest of the taxpayers while ensuring the town has everything it needs to run in a safe and productive manner. Money has been set aside in the current budget for future purchase of replacing equipment, and the paving fund for when the town is offered grant money for paving class two roads, so we will have adequate funds available for our portion of the cost.

The Select Board meets twice a month, typically on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. at the Town Clerk's Office. Meetings are open to the public. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact one of the Board Members or Val at the office to express any concerns and it will be addressed at the next Board Meeting. All Board minutes are posted in the Town Clerk's Office, at the Town Office and Brownington Village on the Town bulletin board, at the school when in session, and at the Evansville Trading Post. Agendas and minutes are posted on our website! Visit www.browningtonvt.com

If you would like the minutes emailed to you, please contact Val at the office and she will happily add you to the email list.

At this time, we are planning a regular, in-person Town Meeting, to be held at the Brownington Central School at 10:00 a.m.

If you are a taxpayer and you have moved, please leave your new address at the town office with Val.

As a reminder: Each year residents need to file an HS-122 with the Vermont Department of Taxes to receive Homestead Education tax rate and property tax adjustment. This should be filed by April 15th or when you file your income taxes.

Beverly White, Board Chair	802-754-8449
Bill Falconer	802-673-6020
Mike Glodgett	802-673-9284

Warning

TOWN OF BROWNINGTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Brownington, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Brownington Central School in Brownington Center in the Town of Brownington, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business, viz:

1. To elect a moderator.
2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.
3. To elect the remaining Town Officers as provided by statute:
 - a. A Selectman for the remaining one year of a three-year term.
 - b. A Selectman for a term of three years.
 - c. A Delinquent Tax Collector.
 - d. One Lister for a term of three years.
 - e. One Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years.
 - f. A First Constable.
 - g. A Second Constable.
 - h. One Auditor for a term of three years.
 - i. One Planning Commissioner for a term of three years.
 - j. One Planning Commissioner for a term of three years.
 - k. One Planning Commissioner for a term of three years.
 - l. One Waste Management Committee member for a term of two years.
4. To see if the voters will let the Cemetery Commissioners appoint the Cemetery Sextons.
5. To see if the voters will give the Selectmen the authority to appoint the remaining officers, namely: two (2) Town Grand Jurors, One Town Agent, Pound Keepers, Fence Viewers, and Tree Warden and Inspector of Wood, Lumber & Shingles.
6. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 171,476.53 to defray the general expenses of the Town?
7. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 468,032.59 for highway purposes?
8. To see if the voters will authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.
9. To see if the Town will vote to pay the necessary premiums on bonds for its officers who are required by law to furnish bonds.
10. Shall the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791, to collect real and personal property taxes with a due date of November 15th, 2023, to be delivered in person or by mail to the Town Clerk's Office by the close of office on said day? If town votes to do so, shall overdue taxes bear interest at a rate of (1%) one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter (1 ½%) one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5136, and penalty charged by the collector of delinquent taxes for payments made after the due date at (8%) eight percent of the tax collected pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1674(3)(A)?

Summary of 2022 Annual Town Meeting Minutes

The legal voters of the Town of Brownington met at the Brownington Town Clerk's Office on March 22nd, 2022, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and transacted the following business by Australian Ballot:

11. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$18,096.00 to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services and to direct the select board to assess a tax over and above the budget sufficient to meet the same? This will be used for routine patrols, answering complaints, and investigating incidents. It will also cover administrative expenses including salaries, vehicles, benefits, liability insurance, maintenance, and fuel.
12. Shall the Town of Brownington vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$1,750.00 for the support of Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) to provide services to residents of the Town, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
13. Shall the Town of Brownington vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$900.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging to provide services to residents of the Town, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
14. Shall the Town of Brownington vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$1976.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)(3), to provide needed services to residents who cannot otherwise afford care, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
15. Shall the Town of Brownington vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$700.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to provide service to residents of the town, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
16. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00 (one thousand two hundred fifty dollars) to the Jones Memorial Library, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to the Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the home care services of the Agency and Hospice program, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
18. Shall the Town of Brownington appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. to support the Brownington School Garden and Farm-to-School Program, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same?
19. To act upon any nonbinding business that may legally come before said meeting.
20. To adjourn.

Dated at Brownington, Vermont this 25th day of January 2023.

Beverly White, Chairman
Bill Falconer
Michael Glodgett
Brownington Selectboard

I hereby certify that the above warning was duly recorded in the records of the Town of Brownington previous to the posting and publication thereof.

Attest: Valerie L Faust

Brownington Town Clerk

Register to vote by visiting olvr.vermont.gov or **contact the Town Clerk**. Same day Voter Registration is also available.

1. Eileen Baker was elected to serve as moderator
2. The following officers were elected:
Selectman (3 years) – Beverly White
Town Clerk (3 years) – Valerie Faust
Delinquent Tax Collector – Valerie Faust
Lister (3 years) – Roger Patenaude
Cemetery Commissioner (3 years) – Wayne Libby
First Constable – Tie - See Run Off Election Results
Second Constable – Renee Falconer
Auditor (3 year) – Kim Hastings
Planning Commissioner (3 years) – Larry Faust
Planning Commissioner (3 years) – Jeannette Poirier
Planning Commissioner (3 years) – Laurence Thompson
Planning Commission (Remaining 2 years of 3-year term) – Valerie Faust
Planning Commission (Remaining 1 year of 3-year term) – Jacob “Jake” Wolf
Waste Management Committee (2 years) – Charles Bachelder
3. It was voted to appropriate \$152,906.22 to defray the general expenses of the Town.
4. It was voted to appropriate \$442,297.08 for highway purposes.
5. It was voted to pay the necessary premiums and bonds for its officers who are required by law to furnish bonds.
6. It was voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791, to collect current taxes.
7. It was voted to authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on November 15th, 2022, to be delivered in person or by mail to the Town Clerk's Office by the close of office on said day.
8. It was voted that overdue taxes will bear interest at a rate of (1%) one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter (1 ½%) one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5136?
9. It was voted to have the penalty charged by the collector of delinquent taxes for payments made after the due date at (8%) eight percent of the tax collected pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1674(3)(A).
10. It was voted to appropriate \$35,000.00 to the Center Road Slope Stabilization Project account to help defray the Towns 20% match.

11. It was voted to appropriate \$5,500.00 to update the Town Plan that is set to expire in September 2023.
12. It was voted to appropriate \$17,197.44 to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department.
13. It was voted to appropriate a total of \$6,489.98 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691:
 - \$1,413.98 to Rural Community Transit.
 - \$900.00 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging.
 - \$1,000.00 to the Jones Memorial Library.
 - \$1,976.00 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services.
 - \$700.00 to Umbrella, Inc.
 - \$500.00 to NorthWoods Stewardship Center.

There were 697 registered voters and 135 were checked off the checklist as having voted during Town Meeting.

Dated at Brownington, Vermont this 19th day of January 2023.

Valerie Faust
Brownington Town Clerk

2022 First Constable Run-off Election Australian Ballot Vote

The legal voters of the Town of Brownington met at the Brownington Town Clerk's Office on April 11, 2022, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and transacted the following business by Australian Ballot:

1. First Constable (1 year) – Cameron Falconer

There were 698 registered voters and 66 were checked off the checklist as having voted.

Dated at Brownington, Vermont this 19th day of January 2023.

Valerie Faust
Brownington Town Clerk

Auditors' Report

We, the auditors of the Town of Brownington, have reviewed the financial records of the Town for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2022. The local audit includes, but is not limited to: checking accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts, petty cash, payroll records and reports, Select Board Meeting reports, Town Treasurer & Town Clerk reports, recording of fees, licenses, general ledgers, property tax statements, and a review of this Town Report.

To the best of our knowledge, the above-mentioned statements and reports are a true representation of the financial condition of the Town of Brownington, Vermont. We anticipate a professional audit of the town's financial records in 2023.

We appreciate the cooperation, diligence, and dedication of Valerie Faust in the performance of her duties as our Treasurer/Town Clerk. We also extend a thank you to Jacqueline Meyer who worked with us as our third auditor throughout most of the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Thompson
Kim Hastings

Independent Audit

An audit for year ending December 31, 2016 was conducted by Gene A. Besaw & Associates and was completed in June 2017.

Copies of the Management Letter, Full Financial Statements & Single Audit Report may be viewed at the

Brownington Town Clerk's Office
622 Schoolhouse Rd., Brownington, VT 05860

Statement of Property Taxes

2022 Grand List:	Municipal	School Homestead	School Non Homestead
Real Estate Total	86,101,996	52,925,800	33,176,196
1% of Grand List.....	861,019.96	529,258.00	331,761.96
Tax Rate7724	1.0770	1.4954
Taxes Raised	<u>\$665,051.84</u>	<u>\$570,011.06</u>	<u>\$476,211.18</u>
2022 Homestead Tax Rate	1.8494		
2022 Non Residential Tax Rate.....	2.2078		
2022 Taxes Billed:			\$1,711,274.08
Late Homestead Penalties			1,173.12
Net Taxes Billed.....			<u>\$1,712,447.20</u>
2022 Taxes Collected:			
2022 Tax Collected in 2022			\$1,617,223.96
2022 Collected as Delinquent.....			46,803.39
2022 Tax Delinquent December 31, 2022			48,319.71
2022 Adjustments and errors.....			99.35
2022 Taxes Abated			0.79
			<u>\$1,712,447.20</u>
2021 Delinquent Taxes:			
Balance January 1, 2022.....			\$ 70,132.14
2021 Taxes Abated			159.83
2021 Tax Collected in 2022			68,137.59
Balance December 31, 2022			\$ 1,834.72
2020 Delinquent Taxes:			
Balance January 1, 2022.....			\$ 304.72
2020 Taxes Abated in 2022			304.72
Balance December 31, 2022			\$ -
2019 Delinquent Taxes:			
Balance January 1, 2022.....			\$ 291.53
2019 Taxes Abated in 2022			291.53
Balance December 31, 2022			\$ -
2018 Delinquent Taxes:			
Balance January 1, 2022.....			\$ 288.97
2018 Taxes Abated in 2022			288.97
Balance December 31, 2022			\$ -

Financial Statement

Assets:		
PSB General Checking/ Sweep.....	\$234,336.83	
ARPA Funds	241,226.36	
MM Account - Reappraisal Fund	63,703.28	
Petty Cash	50.00	
MM Account- Paving Fund	69,426.07	
MM Account- Equipment Fund	110,607.94	
MM Account - Center Road Project Fund.....	-	\$ 719,350.48
Accounts Receivable:		
2022 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 48,319.71	
2021 Delinquent Taxes	1,834.72	\$ 50,154.43
		<u>\$769,504.91</u>
Liabilities:		
PS Bank - Garage Loan	\$331,045.03	
		<u>\$331,045.03</u>
Total Assets Over Liabilities		<u>\$438,459.88</u>
Reappraisal Account:		
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ 57,819.93	
Interest Income.....	43.85	
State of VT Act 68.....	5,839.50	
Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 63,703.28
Paving Account:		
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ 49,396.26	
Interest Income.....	29.75	
Transfer from Budget.....	20,000.00	
Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 69,426.01
Equipment Account:		
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ 95,501.23	
Interest Income.....	106.71	
Transfer from Budget.....	15,000.00	
Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 110,607.94
Center Road Project Fund:		
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ 160,030.90	
Interest Income.....	229.42	
Annual Meeting Appropriation.....	35,000.00	
Transfer to Budget to cover Match	(195,260.32)	
Balance December 31, 2022		\$ -

Revenue Report

General Budget

TAX REVENUES

Property Taxes.....	\$ 113,345.29
Prior Year Taxes	68,550.25
Tax Interest.....	6,265.96
Del. Collector Fees.....	9,219.43

OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Current Use	19,421.50
Motor Vehicle Fines	253.41
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)-Old Stone House.....	3,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)-State of Vermont.....	1,547.31
State Reimbursements.....	18,590.36

LOCAL REVENUES

Clerk Fees.....	10,579.00
Dog Licenses.....	1,024.00
Liquor Licenses	140.00
Interest on Statements	650.73
Miscellaneous.....	6,157.77
FirstNet (AT&T).....	5,012.41

Total General..... **263,757.42**

Highway Budget

TAX REVENUE

Property Taxes (Highway Budget).....	442,297.08
Property Taxes (Center Road Project).....	35,000.00

OTHER GOVERNMENTS

State Aid to Highways.....	99,180.04
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LOCAL REVENUES

Overload Permits.....	285.00
Interest on Statements	29.75
Miscellaneous.....	2,710.50

Total Highway..... **579,502.37**

OTHER FUNDS

Municipal Planning Grant	6,096.00
Interest on Statements	336.15
Center Road Project.....	842,582.62
Grants-in-Aid-FY2021.....	5,572.88
Grants-in-Aid-FY2022.....	9,400.00
Better Roads Grant.....	20,000.00
Restoration Fees	3,036.00
Computer Fund.....	28.00
Planning Funds.....	5,500.00
Brownington Connects-Events	3,000.00
Brownington Connects-Business.....	5,000.00
Town Office Roof	4,315.87
ARPA Funds	144,299.82
St of Vt Act 68 payment.....	5,839.50

Total Other Funds..... **1,055,006.84**

TOTAL REVENUE ALL FUNDS **\$1,898,266.63**

Expenditure Report

GENERAL BUDGET

PAYROLL & BENEFITS

Assistant Town Clerk.....	\$ 4,480.00
Assistant Treasurer.....	4,208.00
Fire Warden.....	500.00
Health Officer.....	365.00
Election- worker.....	858.00
Town Clerk.....	18,740.00
Town Treasurer.....	16,500.00
Listers.....	6,607.50
Select Board.....	5,800.00
Auditors	405.01
Clerk Fees	10,579.00
Animal Control Officer.....	1,400.00
Recycle Attendant.....	2,145.00
Board Clerk	1,400.00
Health Insurance	4,000.00
Social Security -Employer	5,966.43

OFFICE EXPENSES

Training.....	149.00
Rubbish	102.00
Computer/ Internet.....	1,151.95
Nemrc.....	6,375.65
Phone	739.45
Office/ Advertising.....	808.33
Member Dues.....	2,393.00
Mileage.....	577.12
Paper, postage etc.....	3,030.07
Maintenance.....	6,878.33
Electric.....	1,264.76
Heat.....	1,761.85
FirstNet (AT&T).....	5,011.40

GENERAL EXPENSES

Cemetery Comm	6,700.00
Animal Control.....	287.56
Fire Protection.....	20,000.00
Ambulance Service.....	30,710.22
Audit Fees	-
NVDA.....	741.00
Legal Fees.....	143.00
Parcel Mapping.....	-
NEKWMD	2,247.28
Street Lights	1,527.28
SW- Green Up.....	2,484.00
SW- Barton LF.....	-
Insurance- VLCT Pacif	5,574.50
Town Report- Printing.....	2,124.00
Town Report- Mailing.....	893.97
County Tax.....	11,984.53
Miscellaneous.....	4,382.21

APPROPRIATIONS

Orleans Sheriff's Dept	17,197.44
RCT	1,413.98
NEK Council on Aging	900.00
Jones Memorial Library	1,000.00
Human Services	1,976.00
Umbrella, Inc	700.00
NorthWoods.....	500.00
Total General Budget.....	\$ 227,683.82

HIGHWAY BUDGET**PAYROLL & BENEFITS**

Full Time Road Crew	46,511.78
Part Time Road Crew	11,543.00
Mechanic	5,109.25
Road Foreman.....	60,287.08
Health Ins- Town Share	2,083.30
Health Ins- Management	120.00
Social Security- empl sha	9,603.45
Retirement.....	8,619.50
Unemployment	674.72
Uniforms	1,136.96

GARAGE OFFICE

Training.....	225.00
Phone/Internet.....	2,279.01
Mileage	240.11
Supplies.....	209.17
Maintenance	3,300.66
Electric.....	2,033.46
Heat	4,875.25

GENERAL EXPENSES

CDL Expense	130.00
Insurance- VLCT Pacif	15,000.00
Shop Supplies	4,504.55
Road Signs.....	1,347.21
Tools	300.59
General Permit	1,350.00
Equipment Transfer	15,000.00
Paving Transfer	20,000.00
Center Road Project Transfer.....	35,000.00

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Roadside Mowing.....	7,280.00
Equipment Hire.....	2,520.00
Sand	12,308.55
Salt	8,062.79
Chloride	20,063.99
Hot/ Cold Patch	684.48
Bridges/ Guardrails.....	-
Culverts	8,464.65
Road Surface-Gravel.....	55,643.75
Stone-Muddy Roads.....	21,342.69

Road Maintenance cont.

Ditching/Seeding	2,226.18
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EQUIPMENT MAINTENENCE

Loader	890.26
Grader	3,583.00
Backhoe.....	353.64
General Maintenance	6,765.66
Truck 1	14,278.92
Truck 2.....	8,615.65
Truck 3.....	3,813.49
Trailer	581.55
Truck 4.....	778.70
Excavator	498.09
Fuel-Diesel	43,427.92
Fuel-Welding	458.71
Gasoline	4,886.39

DEBT SERVICE

Garage Loan-Principal.....	23,522.78
Grader Lease Payment	24,589.68
Loader Lease Payment	21,745.39
Excavator Lease Payment.....	12,638.81
Garage Loan- Interest	9,760.42

Total Highway..... \$ 571,270.19

Municipal Plan	4,637.71
Better Roads	5,625.60
Center Road Bank Stabilization.....	1,208,489.76
Grants In Aid FY 2023	3,628.49
ARPA Funds	30,341.33
Restoration Expense	676.96

Total Other Projects..... \$1,253,399.85**TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS..... \$2,052,353.86**

Proposed
Comparative Budget Report
GENERAL FUND

	Budget FY-2022	Actual FY-2022	Budget FY-2023
PAYROLL & BENEFITS			
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 4,480.00	\$ 5,700.00
Assistant Treasurer	5,700.00	4,208.00	5,700.00
Fire Warden	500.00	500.00	500.00
Health Officer	365.00	365.00	365.00
Election- worker	1,200.00	858.00	500.00
Town Clerk	18,740.00	18,740.00	19,114.00
Town Treasurer	16,500.00	16,500.00	16,830.00
Listers	8,500.00	6,607.50	9,000.00
Select Board	5,800.00	5,800.00	5,800.00
Auditors	1,000.00	405.01	1,000.00
Clerk Fees*	-	10,579.00	-
Del. Collector Fees	-	-	-
Animal Control Officer	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Recycle Attendant	2,400.00	2,145.00	2,400.00
Board Clerk	1,500.00	1,400.00	1,500.00
Health Insurance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,500.00
Social Security -Employer	6,000.00	5,966.43	6,500.00
Total Payroll & Benefits.....	79,305.00	83,953.94	80,809.00

OFFICE EXPENSES

Training	500.00	149.00	500.00
Rubbish	500.00	102.00	500.00
Computer/ Internet	1,000.00	1,151.95	1,000.00
Nemrc	6,500.00	6,375.65	6,500.00
Phone	1,000.00	739.45	1,000.00
Office/ Advertising	1,500.00	808.33	1,500.00
Member Dues	2,400.00	2,393.00	2,400.00
Mileage	700.00	577.12	700.00
Paper, postage etc	4,500.00	3,030.07	4,000.00
Maintenance	5,000.00	6,878.33	8,000.00
Electric	1,400.00	1,264.76	1,400.00
Heat	1,200.00	1,761.85	2,000.00
FirstNet (AT&T)*	-	5,011.40	-
Total Office Expense	26,200.00	30,242.91	29,500.00

GENERAL EXPENSES

Cemetery Comm	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,700.00
Animal Control	200.00	287.56	200.00
Fire Protection	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Ambulance Service	30,710.22	30,710.22	31,631.53
Audit Fees	-	-	13,000.00
NVDA	741.00	741.00	886.00
Legal Fees	1,500.00	143.00	1,500.00

	Budget FY-2022	Actual FY-2022	Budget FY-2023
General Expenses con't.			
Parcel Mapping	-	-	-
NEKWMD	3,000.00	2,247.28	3,000.00
Street Lights	1,850.00	1,527.28	1,850.00
SW- Green Up	3,000.00	2,484.00	3,000.00
Insurance- VLCT Pacif	-	5,574.50	-
Town Report- Printing	2,200.00	2,124.00	2,400.00
Town Report- Mailing	500.00	893.97	500.00
County Tax	12,500.00	11,984.53	12,500.00
Miscellaneous	-	4,382.21	-
Total General Expenses	82,901.22	89,799.55	97,167.53
Total Selectman's Budget	\$188,406.22	\$203,996.40	\$207,476.53

APPROPRIATIONS

Orleans Sheriff's Dept	\$ 17,197.44	\$ 17,197.44
RCT	1,413.98	1,413.98
NEK Council on Aging	900.00	900.00
Jones Memorial Library	1,000.00	1,000.00
Human Services	1,976.00	1,976.00
Umbrella	700.00	700.00
NorthWoods	500.00	500.00
Total Appropriations	23,687.42	23,687.42

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$212,093.64** **\$227,683.82**

Anticipated Income:

Current Use	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
PILOT-Old Stone House	3,000.00	3,000.00
PILOT- State of Vermont	1,500.00	1,500.00
Delinquent Collector Fees	6,500.00	6,500.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	7,500.00	7,000.00
Tax Revenue	152,906.22	171,476.53
Total	\$188,406.22	\$207,476.53

*These expenses are not budgeted for because they are only as much as the revenue that comes in for them.

Proposed
Comparative Budget Report
HIGHWAY FUND

	Budget FY-2022	Actual FY-2022	Budget FY-2023
PAYROLL & BENEFITS			
Full Time	\$ 54,782.00	\$ 46,511.78	\$ 57,304.00
Part Time	15,000.00	11,543.00	15,000.00
Mechanic	5,000.00	5,109.25	5,000.00
Road Foreman.....	64,974.00	60,287.08	66,248.00
Health Ins	5,000.00	2,083.30	-
Heath Ins. Management.....	240.00	120.00	-
Social Security.....	10,000.00	9,603.45	12,000.00
Retirement.....	10,000.00	8,619.50	11,000.00
Unemployment	1,000.00	674.72	1,000.00
Uniforms	1,200.00	1,136.96	1,200.00
Total Payroll & Benefits.....	167,196.00	145,689.04	168,752.00
GARAGE OFFICE			
Training.....	500.00	225.00	500.00
Phone/ Internet.....	2,500.00	2,279.01	2,500.00
Mileage	500.00	240.11	500.00
Supplies.....	1,000.00	209.17	1,000.00
Maintenance.....	1,500.00	3,300.66	2,500.00
Electric.....	2,500.00	2,033.46	2,500.00
Heat.....	5,000.00	4,875.25	5,500.00
Total Garage Office.....	13,500.00	13,162.66	15,000.00
GENERAL EXPENSES			
CDL Expense	300.00	130.00	300.00
Insurance- VLCT Pacif	17,000.00	15,000.00	16,723.50
Shop Supplies	1,500.00	4,504.55	2,000.00
Road Signs.....	2,000.00	1,347.21	2,000.00
Tools	2,000.00	300.59	2,000.00
General Permit	1,800.00	1,350.00	1,800.00
Equipment Transfer	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Paving Transfer	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Center Road Project Transfer.....		35,000.00	-
Total General Expenses	59,600.00	92,632.35	59,823.50
ROAD MAINTENANCE			
Roadside Mowing.....	7,500.00	7,280.00	7,500.00
Equipment Hire.....	6,000.00	2,520.00	6,000.00
Sand	18,000.00	12,308.55	18,000.00
Salt	12,000.00	8,062.79	15,000.00
Chloride	20,000.00	20,063.99	20,000.00
Hot/ Cold Patch	1,500.00	684.48	1,500.00
Bridges/ Guardrails.....	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Culverts	3,500.00	8,464.65	4,500.00

	Budget FY-2022	Actual FY-2022	Budget FY-2023
Road Maintenance cont.			
Road Surface-Gravel.....	55,000.00	55,643.75	55,000.00
Stone-Muddy Roads.....	5,000.00	21,342.69	8,000.00
Ditching/Seeding	3,000.00	2,226.18	3,000.00
Total Road Maintenance.....	134,500.00	138,597.08	141,500.00
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE			
Loader- Maint	2,500.00	890.26	2,500.00
Grader- Maint	5,000.00	3,583.00	5,000.00
Backhoe- Maint.....	1,000.00	353.64	1,000.00
General Maint.....	10,000.00	6,765.66	10,000.00
Truck 1 Maint.....	6,000.00	14,278.92	6,000.00
Truck 2 Maint.....	3,000.00	8,615.65	5,000.00
Truck 3 Maint.....	2,000.00	3,813.49	2,500.00
Trailer	500.00	581.55	2,500.00
Truck 4 Maint.....	3,000.00	778.70	2,000.00
Excavator.....	1,000.00	498.09	1,000.00
Fuel- Diesel	30,000.00	43,427.92	43,000.00
Fuel- Welding	500.00	458.71	500.00
Gasoline	4,000.00	4,886.39	5,000.00
Total Equipment Maintenance	68,500.00	88,931.98	86,000.00
DEBT SERVICE			
Garage Loan- Principal.....	23,522.78	23,522.78	24,187.52
Grader Lease Payment	24,589.68	24,589.68	24,589.68
Loader Lease Payment	21,745.39	21,745.39	21,745.39
Excavator Lease Payment.....	12,638.81	12,638.81	12,638.81
Garage Loan - Interest	9,760.42	9,760.42	9,095.68
Total Debt Service.....	92,257.08	92,257.08	92,257.08
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:.....	\$535,553.08	\$571,270.19	\$563,332.58
Anticipated Income:			
State Aid for Highway	\$ 93,256.00		\$ 95,300.00
Tax Revenue.....	442,297.08		468,032.58
	\$535,553.08		\$563,332.58

ACT 68 FUNDS

Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ -	
State of VT Act 68 Payment	\$ 5,839.50	
		\$ 5,839.50
Expended:		
Transfer to Reappraisal MM	\$ 5,839.50	
		\$ 5,839.50
		\$ -

RESTORATION FUND

Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ 11,400.91	
Restoration Fees	3,036.00	
		\$ 14,436.91
Expended:		
Goodway	\$ 70.00	
Kofile.....	606.96	
		\$ 676.96
		\$ 13,759.95

COMPUTER FUND

Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ 232.50	
Computer Fees.....	28.00	
		\$ 260.50
Expended:		
	\$ -	
		\$ -
		\$ 260.50

BETTER ROADS - PARKER/HINMAN SETTLER RD. BR0953

Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ -	
Transportation Agency.....	20,000.00	
Local Share	6,280.82	
		\$26,280.82
Expended:		
Labor	\$ 3,240.00	
Materials.....	5,230.82	
Town Owned Equipment.....	12,790.00	
Hired Equipment.....	5,020.00	
		\$26,280.82
		\$ -

CENTER ROAD SLOPE STABILIZATION CA0558

Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ -	
Transportation Agency.....	842,582.62	
Local Match	365,907.14	
		\$1,208,489.76
Expended:		
Dubois & King (MPM).....	\$ 21,157.79	
VHB (Design).....	19,850.84	
GPI (Const. Inspection)	58,912.29	
Thomas Cooper.....	3,000.00	
Caledonia Record.....	360.00	
JP Sicard, Inc (Construction).....	1,103,822.78	
Pick N Shovel	179.97	
J.B. Coltons	45.19	
Attorney William Davies.....	988.00	
The Chronicle	172.90	
		\$1,208,489.76
		\$ -

MUNICIPAL ROADS - GRANT IN AID - GLODGETT LANE

Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ (5,572.88)	
Regional Planning Commission.....	5,572.88	
		\$ -

* Expended in FY2021 \$6,966.10

MUNICIPAL ROADS - GRANTS IN AID - CHILAFoux RD. GA0043

Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$(9,400.00)	
Transportation Agency.....	9,400.00	
		\$ -

*Expended in FY 2021 \$24,102.35

MUNICIPAL ROADS GRANTS IN AID - CENTER RD. GA0275

Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ -	
Local Match	3,221.89	
		\$ 3,221.89
Expended:		
Labor	\$ 1,607.50	
Materials.....	8,241.94	
Equipment-Town Owned	3,080.00	
Equipment-Hired.....	3,180.00	
		\$ 16,109.44
		\$(12,887.55)

Cemetery Financial Report

MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT	
Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ -
Housing and Community Development.....	6,096.00
Local Match	-
	\$ 6,096.00
Expended:	
Memphremagog Press	\$ 1,350.00
USPS.....	1,118.95
Envelopes.....	307.93
Catered Brunch	1,860.83
	\$4,637.71
	\$1,458.29

TOWN OFFICE ROOF	
Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ -
Moved from Office Maintenance Budget	4,315.87
	4,315.87
Expended:	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$4,315.87

BROWNINGTON CONNECTS THIRD THURSDAY EVENT FUND	
Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ -
Vermont Community Foundations	3,000.00
	3,000.00
Expended:	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$3,000.00

BROWNINGTON CONNECTS HARVEST MARKET FUNDS	
Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ -
Vermont Community Foundations	5,000.00
	5,000.00
Expended:	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$5,000.00

TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION FUNDS	
Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$ -
Funds voted on at Town Meeting 2022.....	5,500.00
	5,500.00
Expended:	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$5,500.00

Account Balance as of December 31, 2022:	
Savings Account.....	\$ 1,795.13
Checking Account.....	8,872.03
Total	\$10,667.16

Statement of Income & Expenses 2022:	
Balance January 1, 2022.....	\$17,063.63

RECEIPTS:	
Interest on Savings.....	\$.53
Appropriation at Town Meeting	6,700.00
Perpetual Care	1,400.00
Total Receipts	8,100.53
	\$25,117.16

DISBURSEMENTS:	
<i>All Cemeteries:</i>	
Cemetery Care-Wayne Libby (Mowing)	\$ 6,700.00
Julie Chase (Office Supplies)	100.00
Bianchi Memorials (Clean/Restore).....	7,500.00
Wayne Libby (Topsoil/delivery)	150.00
Total Disbursements	14,450.00
Ending Balance December 31, 2022	\$10,667.16

Town Clerk's Report

Check out our website!!! browningtonvt.com
 Town Clerk's Office Telephone: 802-754-8401
 Email: browningtontc@comcast.net

Town Clerk's Office Hours: Mon- Thurs 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Feel free to use the locking drop box located by the front door. It gets checked several times a day!

Office will be closed: Jan. 02; Jan 16; Feb. 20; March 7; May 29; June 19; July 4; Aug. 16; Sept. 4; Oct. 9; Nov. 23; Dec 25; Jan 01, 2024; Jan 15, 2024 & Feb. 19, 2024.

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed June 26 - July 4, 2023 and the week of August 14, 2023

Number of Births.....	9
Number of Marriages.....	7
Number of Deaths.....	13

Birth Report – 2022

Name of Child	Date	Where Born	Father/Mother (Maiden)
Butler, Adelina Rose	June 16, 2022	Newport City, VT	Clayton Ray Butler Brittany Lynn Tarbox
Dubois, Ryker Auguste James	January 7, 2022	Newport City, VT	Harley Victoria Lynn Dubois
Humphrey, Jackson Lee	November 3, 2022	Newport City, VT	Casey Lee Humphrey Mckaila Rose Godfrey
Miller, Benjamin S.	April 26, 2022	Brownington, VT	Steven L. Miller Anna A. Shetler
Pohlman, Vincent Charles	August 5, 2022	Newport City, VT	Mark Charles Pohlman Stephanie Ann Silvestri
Shetler, Eli M.	January 19, 2022	Brownington, VT	Menno A. Shetler Amanda L. Miller
Sturgeon, Paxton Lee	November 30, 2022	Newport City, VT	Christopher Allen Sturgeon Katie Lynn Pekey
Tellstone, Emily Rose Sharon	January 14, 2022	Newport City, VT	Zachary Howe Tellstone Lisa Ann Dame
Vanasse, Atticus Denis	July 18, 2022	Newport City, VT	Nicholas Denis Vanasse Sabrina Jane Brown

Death Report – 2022

Name	Age	Date of Death	Residence	Place of Death
Benjamin, Mark Paul	42	September 21, 2022	Brownington, VT	Eden, VT
Frost-Degreenia, Peggy	39	July 11, 2022	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Gonyaw, Bruce Dale	71	September 26, 2022	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Hackett, Shirley	79	August 6, 2022	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Kelley, Tammy	59	October 17, 2022	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Kubian, Dorothy	85	August 24, 2022	Brownington, VT	Colchester, VT
Lamarre, Robert	71	March 7, 2022	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT
Parker, Donniele Jason	40	September 1, 2022	Hartford, CT	Brownington, VT
Pratt, Marlene	70	February 27, 2022	Brownington, VT	Newport City, VT
Precourt, Susan W.	63	July 3, 2022	Brownington, VT	Newport City, VT
Sokolis, Thomas Anthony Sr.	59	January 23, 2022	Brownington, VT	Burlington, VT
Tatro, Reginald	60	April 9, 2022	Brownington, VT	Newport City, VT
Verge, Leo P.	70	August 7, 2022	Brownington, VT	Brownington, VT

Marriage Report – 2022

Names	Residence	Date/Place of Marriage
Aldrich, Carter James Craig Mead, Riley Helen	Brownington, VT Brownington, VT	March 19, 2022 Brownington, VT
Ames, Abraham Sagarin Hansen, Maia Lily	Brownington, VT Brownington, VT	May 6, 2022 Westmore, VT
Butler, Clayton Earl Blais, Nancy	Brownington, VT Brownington, VT	August 20, 2022 Derby, VT
Miller, Noah L. Shetler, Barbara A.	Brownington, VT Brownington, VT	March 10, 2022 Brownington, VT
Shetler, Levi A. Kauffman, Lydia R.	Brownington, VT Brownington, VT	November 3, 2022 Brownington, VT
Templeman, David Lee Teuber, Elizabeth Jeanne	Brownington, VT Brownington, VT	September 3, 2022 Brownington, VT
Weingarten, Richard Alan Wallace, Rebecca Jayne	Brownington, VT Brownington, VT	September 2, 2022 Brownington, VT

Dog Licenses

Dogs Licensed (244).....	\$ 1,324.00
Late Fees Collected.....	158.00
Farm Dog Fees Collected.....	30.00
*Collected for State of Vermont.....	\$ 1,220.00
Grand Total.....	\$ 2,732.00

Vermont State Law states that Dog licenses are due on or before **April 1, 2023**.

2023 dog licenses are now available. Saturday, April 1, 2023, will be the last day to license without penalty. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We will no longer be hosting Rabies Vaccination Clinics. Please watch for ads for other local clinics if you are in need.

- Fees for dogs licensed on or before April 1, 2023:
 - \$9.00 for neutered or spayed
 - \$13.00 for intact male or female
- Fees for dogs licensed after April 1, 2023 will be:
 - \$11.00 for neutered or spayed
 - \$17.00 for intact male or female

- A valid rabies certificate must be presented, if not already on file with the Town Clerk.
- Rabies certificates are valid for 3 years.
- Neuter or spaying certificates must be presented.
- All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed.
- If you licensed a dog last year and no longer have the dog, please notify the Town Clerk.
- To license by mail, enclose rabies certificate (if needed), and required fee.
- For more information, call (802) 754-8401.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a Drop Box by the front door for your convenience

*\$5.00 from each regular license is sent to the State of Vermont. \$1.00 goes to the Rabies Program. \$4.00 goes to the VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP). For more information on VSNIP, call the Town Clerk's Office, 802-672-5302 or visit vsnip.vt.gov.

TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (**VSNIP**), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law by six months of age. Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics as well as humane societies during the month of March. Call for their schedules. After the vaccination, contact your town clerk and provide proof of the rabies vaccination to license your dog.

Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

Licensing a dog:

- 1) Helps identify your dog if lost.
- 2) Provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

For an Application for VSNIP and a List of Participating Offices, send a S.A.S.E.

(a 9" Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope) to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Or, to download and print, go to: VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. Once fully completed, you will mail it back. If approved, you will receive your Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pay the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog registration. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free before the visit. Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they've made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let's keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator 1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)



**Orleans Emergency Unit
December 31, 2022
General Fund**

Account	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Budget 2023
Revenues	516,000.00	988,701.47	880,000.00
Donations	0.00	900.00	389.00
Memorials	0.00	1,020.00	300.00
Barton Town Appropriation	92,130.66	92,130.64	94,894.58
Albany Town Appropriation	23,646.86	23,646.87	24,356.27
Brownington Town App	30,710.22	30,710.22	31,631.53
Irasburg Town App.	36,852.26	27,639.21	37,957.83
Other Income	0.00	2,350.00	1,000.00
Covid Vacc Grant	0.00	117,341.00	0.00
Contract Services	0.00	30,352.22	0.00
Insurance Revenue	0.00	10,381.78	0.00
Community Facility Grant	0.00	55,870.00	0.00
Interest Income	0.00	592.11	200.79
Realized loss Investment	0.00	-40,429.93	0.00
Total Revenues	699,340.00	1,341,205.59	1,070,730.00
Postage	400.00	428.05	500.00
Administration	7,500.00	7,500.00	9,500.00
Advertising	300.00	0.00	300.00
Assessment Fee SOV	12,000.00	16,323.76	22,000.00
Auto Fuel	12,000.00	59,717.35	45,000.00
Auto Service	6,000.00	17,236.07	10,000.00
Auto Ins Claim	0.00	6,126.11	0.00
Billing Service	28,000.00	59,161.06	52,680.00
Depreciation	0.00	85,982.73	0.00
Dispatching	12,000.00	10,600.00	30,000.00
Dues	0.00	35.00	0.00
Education	1,000.00	3,024.77	2,000.00
Equip Maint Contracts	7,500.00	8,520.25	8,000.00
Tolls Transports	0.00	358.92	0.00
Heating Fuel	4,500.00	5,325.61	6,000.00
Insurance	24,000.00	33,748.00	29,000.00
Workers Comp Ins	31,000.00	34,260.30	37,000.00
Interest Expense	0.00	1,890.30	0.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	1,115.99	1,000.00
Office Supplies	4,000.00	5,874.74	5,500.00
Payroll	458,000.00	728,665.76	673,000.00
FICA/MEDI Expense	33,000.00	55,742.93	52,000.00
Unemployment Tax	3,500.00	2,210.36	3,500.00
Health Care Fee SOV	4,000.00	4,269.40	5,000.00
Printing Publish Post	0.00	25.39	0.00
Medic Fees	8,000.00	5,168.60	7,000.00
Registrations	500.00	0.00	500.00
Repairs and Maintenance	3,500.00	6,985.82	8,000.00
Supplies	30,000.00	33,793.48	31,000.00
Telephone	3,500.00	6,460.60	6,500.00
Trash Removal	1,000.00	850.00	1,000.00
Uniforms	1,000.00	1,924.14	1,500.00
Utilities Electric	2,000.00	2,445.14	2,500.00
Utilities Water & Sewer	750.00	712.00	750.00
Equipment Purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Fund	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
Total Expenditures	699,450.00	1,206,482.63	1,070,730.00
Total General Fund	-110.00	134,722.96	0.00
Depreciation added Back in		85,982.73	
Total All Funds	-110.00	220,705.69	0.00

**Orleans Emergency Unit
December 31, 2022
Balance Sheet**

Community Checking	166,676.06
Emergency Unit Debit	1,436.46
CNB Equipment MM	25,000.82
CNB - GL Scholarship	20,119.66
CNB - GLSF Interest	181.14
Petty Cash	30.00
Edward Jones Investment	263,646.65
Building & Land	640,865.08
Fixed Asset	689,928.19
Accumulated Depreciation	-644,047.91
Total Assets	1,163,836.15
LIABILITY	
Total Liability	0.00
FUND BALANCE	
Fund Balance	1,029,113.19
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	1,029,113.19
Fund Balance Current Year	134,722.96
Total Fund Balance	1,163,836.15
Total Liability,Reserves,Fund Balance	1,163,836.15



109 Old Stone House Rd.
Brownington, VT 05860

Dear Brownington Neighbors:

The mission of the Orleans County Historical Society, Inc. (doing business as the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village) is to tell the unique stories of Orleans County through preservation, education and inspiration. We are proud to have loyally served our shared community for over 100 years.

Preservation: Since 1915, the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village has worked to preserve the rich history of your county and region. The Historic Village cares for eight historically-significant buildings, a remarkable collection of artifacts that illustrate aspects of the region's past. We celebrate the life and legacy of African American Alexander Lucius Twilight each year and especially each September on the day designated 'Alexander Twilight Day' by the Vermont legislature.

Education: Over thirty educational programs are offered to local youth and families throughout the year. Programs highlight the heritage arts, crafts, themes and skills common in 19th century Orleans County and which remain relevant today. We are thrilled to announce that our educational programs will expand into local schools in 2023! We also provide guided tours to over one thousand guests of the museum each season. People come away from tours with a deep understanding of important local history and the way Orleans County helped shape the early years of our state and country.

Inspiration: Our organization offers more than ten seasonal events on the museum's property. Each season's events inspire the community to engage with local history through a whole host of fun and accessible opportunities. Many of the events offered are totally FREE to the public! From the 100-year-old Old Stone House Day to the popular and fun Twilight Stars Party; from exhibit openings to the Historic Village Halloween Walk, the public comes out in droves to enjoy the historic spaces, stories and fun celebrated each year.

We make all our spaces, events and programs as accessible to the whole community as possible. Brownington residents are automatically members. This allows you to receive free or discounted tours, programs, events, space rentals and purchases from our gift shop as well as a front seat to local history happenings right in your town! Without your support, we couldn't do this important work. **A Brownington without the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village would be a town without its own history** and without all the opportunities the organization provides to share, celebrate, preserve and cherish the stories and spaces that make Brownington home. Thank you for helping us keep local history alive.

Sincerely,
Molly Veysey, Executive Director

Orleans County Sheriff's Department

2022 REPORT – TOWN OF BROWNINGTON

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has been honored to provide the **Town of Brownington** with patrol services this past year. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town from January 1st, 2022 through December 30th, 2022.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has had the opportunity to work this past year with the United States Marshal's, ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms), DEA (Department of Drug Enforcement Agency), United States Border Protection/ Customs, Homeland Security Investigations, Vermont Drug Task Force, Newport Police Department and Vermont State Police in an effort to make our community a safer place to live and a pleasurable place to come and visit. We will continue to work with our Federal and Local partners to continue with the effort to fight back against violence occurring within our community.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department continues to be supplemented by the Newport Police Department for dispatching services for nights and weekends. We all continue to be very pleased with the level of service that has been afforded to this department and the towns we serve.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department participates in the Governor Highway Safety Program and look forward to providing the added coverage to our community in 2023.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department currently has a Deputy assigned to Lake Region Union High School as their School Resource Officer. Deputy Morrill has done extremely well in the position and has built wonderful relationships with students, staff and families.

We continue to work in partnership with the Newport Restorative Justice Board to maintain a "Drug Take-back" box in our lobby at the Sheriff's Department. The Department has collected approximately 220 lbs of prescriptions in 2022. We also participate with Wal-Mart and Kinney Drugs in Derby on National Drug Take Back Day. Each year this program, in cooperation with the DEA, is responsible for getting hundreds of pounds of drugs out of medicine cabinets and off the street and properly disposed of by incineration.

In December the Sheriff's Department celebrated the 15th anniversary of "Operation Santa". We received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and community members. **Thank you!** The program helped bring a happy holiday season to over 311 children in our community. We want to once again thank our own Tammy Lacourse who works tirelessly all year to make this a success. If you know of a family or child (children) in need throughout the year with clothing or other needs, please contact your school to let them know, if not please contact the Orleans County Sheriff's Department to see if we can help.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

TOWN OF BROWNINGTON
Total Law Incident Report – 2022

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Accident.....	5
Agency Assist.....	6
Animal Problem.....	2
Assault.....	1
Citizen Assist.....	8
Citizen Dispute.....	2
Civil Process.....	21
Directed Patrol.....	3
Found/Lost Property.....	1
Larceny-other.....	1
Lewd and Lascivious.....	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint.....	3
Sex Offender Registry Check.....	8
Sex Offense.....	1
Suspicious.....	3
Threats/Harassment.....	1
Traffic Stop.....	52
TRO/TFO Service.....	5
VIN Verification.....	5
Violation of Conditions of Release.....	4
Welfare Check.....	1
Total Incidents for Town of Brownington	134

Total Arrest Report - 2022

Statute Description	Total
Domestic Assault.....	1
Driving with a Criminally Suspended License.....	2
Excessive Speed.....	1
Violation of Conditions of Release.....	4
Total Arrests (by count) for Town of Brownington	8
Total Arrests (by person) for Town of Brownington	8

Total Traffic Violation Report - 2022

Total Traffic Tickets.....	25
Total Warnings.....	38

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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

PREPARING FOR CONSTRUCTION

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

BUDGET SUMMARY

2022 Budget to Actual (Projected)			2023 Proposed Budget	
NEK BROADBAND	BUDGET	ACTUAL (Projected)	Projected Surplus from 2022	\$145,018
Administrative Grant Revenue	\$494,750	\$762,985	Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,252,718
Operations Revenue	\$203,000	\$49,138	Operations Revenue	\$747,767
Capital Grant Revenue	\$26,006,250	\$5,565,444	Capital Grant Revenue	\$28,785,288
Total Cash In	\$26,703,000	\$6,377,567	Total Cash In	\$31,900,789
Administrative Cost	\$494,750	\$617,969	Administrative Cost	\$1,847,193
Operational Cost	\$215,900	\$97,353	Operational Cost	\$508,801
Construction Cost	\$25,705,000	\$5,565,444	Construction Cost	\$28,785,288
Total Cash Out	\$26,415,650	\$6,280,766	Total Cash Out	\$31,219,081
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$403,134	\$96,801	Annual Net Cash Flow	\$711,707
Increase in Capital Assets	\$25,705,000	\$5,565,444	Increase in Capital Assets	\$28,785,288



GRANTS & FINANCING

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

BUILDING CAPACITY

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

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE PROJECTED GROWTH BY YEAR



432 

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

36 

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

ABOUT NEK BROADBAND

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

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

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

Delinquent Taxes

DECEMBER 31, 2022

2021 Delinquent Tax:

Joseph Labounty
Vincent Martin

Total \$1,834.72

2022 Delinquent Tax:

Marlene Baird
Doug Bandy
Christopher Borgatti
David Broome
Goldie M. Buffie
Alexander Burns
Linda Rice Child
Dave Clark
Jason Clark
Kathleen Dardis
Terry Degreenia
Terrance Glodgett
Jennifer Glodgett
Jackie Griggs
Jeffrey Jeannette
Wayne Karlin
Tammy Kelley
Romuald Kuczek
Joseph LaBounty
Adam Lane
Clorinda Margolis
Robert Mednis
Jason Messier
Bill Miller
Robert M. Moore
Adam R. Moulton

Ralph Newland II
Glenn Newton
Tabatha Parish
Richard Patenaude
Joan Patterson
Tillie Phillips Pierce
David Powers
Terry Provencher
Jeff Racine
Michael Riendeau
Jacque Robillard
Jeffrey Sanborne
Andrew Sylvester
Andrew Simpson
Amanda Stevens
Fred E. Stevens
Holly Tremblay
Robert Turgeon
Gaston Vanasse
Gerry Voehl
Brenda Vreeland
Doris Wilcox

Total \$48,319.71

Total Delinquent Taxes. \$50,154.43

2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

- Toxic-** poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin
- Corrosive-** can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin
- Reactive-** creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water
- Explosive-** can explode with exposure to heat or pressure
- Flammable/Ignitable-** can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words: **Danger** indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

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

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

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

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

Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

GARDEN SUPPLIES

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

GARAGE

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

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

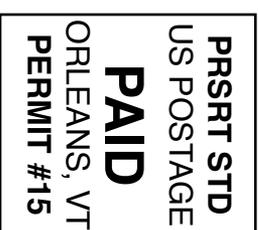
- ASBESTOS
- EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING GUN POWDER, AMMUNITION
- FLARES
- INFECTIOUS WASTE
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
- RADIOACTIVE WASTE, INCLUDING SMOKE DETECTORS
- UNKNOWN GAS CYLINDERS
- EMPTY CONTAINERS

Notes

Town of Brownington

622 Schoolhouse Road

Brownington, VT 05860



Please bring your report with you to the Annual Meeting at the School at 10:00 a.m. on March 7, 2023.