

Town of Newark Vermont



In memory of Laura "Tommie" Rodger

2020 Annual Report

GENERAL INFORMATION

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jean@nemrc.com

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SELECTBOARD

Meetings are held at the Town Clerk's Office every other

Wednesday; beginning January 13th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meetings are held at the Town Clerk's Office on the 3rd Thursday

of each month at 6:30 pm.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meetings are held at the Town Clerk's Office on the 3rd Monday

of each month at 6:00 pm.

*NOTE-Due to COVID restrictions some

meetings are being postponed or held via Zoom.

Please contact the Town Clerks Office for updates on meetings

TRANSFER STATION

Hours: Sunday 9:00am–4:00pm

DOGS

Dogs must be licensed by April 1, 2021

License Fees:

Spayed or Neutered dogs \$ 9.00

Male or Female dogs \$13.00

Late Spayed or Neutered \$11.00

Late Male or Female \$17.00

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Fritz Gerhardt	2021
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER	Amber Holden	2021
TAX COLLECTOR	Amber Holden	2021
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS	Amber Holden	2021
SELECTBOARD	Mark Ellingwood	2021
	John Lewandowski	2022
	Nancy McDermott	2023
AUDITORS	Mary Ann Riggie	2021
	Michelle Coperanis	2022
	Allison Cassavechia	2023
CONSTABLES	John Talbot #1	2021
	Kevin Aucoin #2	2021

APPOINTMENTS / STAFF

ROAD FOREMAN	Thomas Girard
ASSISTANT ROAD FOREMAN	Timothy Girard
ASSISTANT CLERKS	Kasey Talbot Joan Bicknell
CEMETERY SEXTON	Timothy Girard
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	Candace Dane
TREE WARDEN	Luke O'Brien
FENCE VIEWERS	John Findlay Janice Halpin Bruce Carlson
ENERGY COORDINATOR	Noreen Hession
HEALTH OFFICER	Patrick Anderson
FIRE WARDEN	Lilly Young
WEIGHER OF COAL	Trish Turner
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES & WOOD	Mike Middleton
REP. TO WASTE DISTRICT	Jan Clausing
REP. TO LYNDON RESCUE	Jan Clausing
REP. TO NVDA	Kim Fried Mark Whitworth

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Fritz Gerhardt(Chair)
D. Steen
Jean-Paul Calderone
Mark Armstrong

Janice Halpin
Bart Hauser
Allen Grout

PLANNING COMMISSION

Luke O'Brien(Chair)
Kim Fried
Lisa Grout

Joe Seguin
Mark Whitworth

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

John Findlay
Lisa Grout
Linda Barksdale

Mary Ann Riggie
Sarah Newell

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Paul Lefebvre

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Certainly 2020 was an abnormal year. The challenges of the Covid 19 Pandemic made it much more difficult for the Selectboard to carry out it's responsibilities of handling the Town's business, however, in spite of this, the following are some of the highlights from 2020.

As you know, the effects of the pandemic weren't felt until late in March and at that time the Board began holding it's meetings remotely via Zoom and looking into ways to control spending for fear of reduced tax revenues. We continued watching our spending closely throughout the year and as outlined in Article #6 of last years Town Warning, we used the entire \$50,000.00 voted from surplus funds to reduce the 2020 taxes.

In early April we lost longtime public servant Laura "Tommie" Rodger.

Tommie, over many years, served the town in many capacities most recently as a Selectman and member of the Board of Civil Authority. She will be sorely missed.

The townwide property reappraisal which was started in 2018 was completed in June.

Our road crew of Tom and Tim Girard and George Wilder were busy. There was a focus on Beck Pond Road where two new culverts were placed, stumps were removed, a new plow turn around was constructed and a new gravel surface was placed. Also Rivers Farm Road and Hall Farm Road saw new gravel surfacing. There was work performed at the intersection of Hollow and Maple Ridge Roads to include a cross culvert and replacement and installation of a retaining wall next to Bean Brook where the roadside was caving in. Other culverts in town saw extensions and end treatments and much ditchwork was performed in multiple locations around town. Roadside tree trimming was started to get tree growth from encroaching on the traveled portion of our roads. The amount of gravel that was placed townwide was reduced in 2020 to cut down on expenses due to Covid-19 concerns.

The study on remodeling/replacing the Town Garage and Fire Station was put on hold due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and we expect to begin working on it again sometime in mid 2021.

In October we were able to get the "dry hydrant" installed in the center of town on Schoolhouse Road. This has been in the planning stages for a number of years since former Fire Chief Tom D'Ambra started expressing the need for a water source in the center of town to protect the Church, Town Clerk's Office and the School. Many thanks to the the Newark Fire Department and Chief Lilly Young and to Ralph and Ellen Chase who graciously allowed the installation of the pond on their property

We worked on two cemetery projects in 2020. The first was the continuation of the expansion of the Pleasant View Cemetery. This was started in the spring of 2019 and in 2020 a GIS plot map was established showing the exact location and ownership of each plot in the existing cemetery. Also, as part of this process, a plot grid and road locations were established for the new section which will allow us to begin selling lots again in the spring of 2021. Also, we would like to thank Gerald Leonard, Lyndon Institute and Creative Counters for the new sign.

Newark has another cemetery which most people are unaware of. It is the Howard Cemetery on private property on Rte 114 above East Haven and across the highway from Moose Lane. Two teenage girls and a toddler were buried there as the result of the diphtheria epidemic in 1917. Because moving the bodies across town lines to get to the Pleasant View Cemetery was forbidden, they were buried on what was then called the Howard Farm. Over the years this cemetery had fallen into a state of disrepair to the point it was hard to distinguish from the underbrush growing over and around it. The following group of volunteers cut and reclaimed the area, built a new fence and installed a proper headstone. Many thanks to the Newark Selectboard, Rena Ellingwood, Joe Seguin, John Findlay, Ron and Norma Bromley (Ron cut and donated the cedar posts and lumber), Jim Emmons and Earl Reed who donated his time and post hole digger.

The Newark Selectboard meets every other Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM. Visitors are always welcome. If you have a specific item you would like to bring to the board, please call the Town Clerk at 802-467-3336 so you can be placed on the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Newark Selectboard

John Lewandowski Mark Ellingwood Nancy McDermott

The Howard Cemetery



AUDITORS STATEMENT

We have examined the accounts and records of the Town Officers, and found the financial statements of the municipality as of Dec. 31, 2020 to be correct.

MaryAnn Riggie
Michele Coparanis
Allison Cassavechia

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

2020 was no ordinary year, as residents in Newark and around the world grappled with the changes brought by the covid-19 pandemic. The Newark Planning Commission took an extended hiatus for much of the year- suspending its monthly meetings between March and September and only resumed meeting via Zoom starting in October.

In addition to keeping up with covid impacts, in Newark and around the state, the planning commission spent most of its time responding to recent legislation passed out of the Vermont Statehouse. Several pieces of legislation passed during the last biennium that affect local planning, primarily regarding natural resources, energy, and climate change. By monitoring how the Northeast Vermont Development Association (NVDA- our regional planning commission) and other Northeast Kingdom communities- such as Sutton, Irasburg, Brighton, and Westmore- have responded, we are better able to develop language and guidance that best suits the Town of Newark.

Some of the items we are obligated to address include:

Act 174, Vermont's energy planning law, outlines how communities will address energy consumption, savings, and efficiency. Energy touches on nearly all sections of our Town Plan, including transportation, land use, infrastructure (school and town buildings), preservation, economic development, and regional planning.

Act 171, addresses forest fragmentation by supporting the local forest products industry consistent with protecting large forest blocks and wildlife habitat and travel corridors. While our current Town Plan touches on these issues, much of the language could be clarified to more explicitly address the importance of the forest economy, forest health, and wildlife to the Town of Newark.

Act 153, the Global Warming Solutions Act sets stringent targets to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy consumption, and reduce carbon emissions. Again, our current Town Plan addresses these issues but not in the context of the state's current/new benchmarks.

Vermont statute outlines how municipal plans are adopted and updated. Newark's current plan, adopted in 2016, expires in 2024. However, since the process of adopting a plan and updating a plan are the same, the Newark Planning Commission will edit and update all portions of the current plan, in addition to addressing the required topics above. We are still in the

information gathering phase and hope to craft a new draft plan later in 2021 and adopt a final plan no later than 2022.

In other business, the Planning Commission continues to monitor and support the NEK community broadband Communications Union District (CUD) to expand reliable and affordable, high-speed internet to Northeast Kingdom communities. Recent maps show areas in Newark benefitting from this service but upgrades may still be several years out.

Lastly, after four years on the Planning Commission, Lisa Grout is stepping down. Lisa was a great addition, offering excellent input and high-quality editorial skills to the Planning Commission. We appreciate her service to the Town of Newark. Thank you Lisa.

The Newark Planning Commission generally meets at 6:30 PM on the third Thursday of each month. We will continue to meet by Zoom during the pandemic; a link to the meeting group is posted each month at the Town Office. For more information contact any one of your Newark Planning Commission members: Kim Fried, Luke O'Brien, Joe Seguin, and Mark Whitworth.

Kim Fried
Lisa Grout
Luke O'Brien

Joe Seguin
Mark Whitworth

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Newark Conservation Commission held only two meetings in 2020 (meeting minutes are available at the Town Clerk's Office). At our January meeting, we received an update from the Building Committee and continued our discussions of and finalized our review of the proposed ATV ordinance and the environmental impacts of ATVs on soils, water quality, fish, wildlife, and recreation (the review is available at the Town Clerk's Office). At our September meeting, we elected officers, adopted rules of procedure, and reviewed Green-Up Day activities, roadside mowing concerns, and water quality concerns with town roads. On May 30th, we hosted a greatly diminished Green-Up Day, but nevertheless town residents were able to collect 36 bags of trash and assorted scrap metal and old tires. We would like to give special thanks to Commission member Janice Halpin, who single-handedly organized this year's Green-Up Day under challenging circumstances. Based on concerns raised by town residents, the Town agreed

to delay the second round of roadside mowing until early October in order to protect the milkweed plants on which monarch caterpillars depend. Give the ongoing pandemic, the Conservation Commission has suspended regularly-scheduled meetings but looks forward to re-engaging in 2021 when conditions permit. The public is always invited to attend and bring items of discussion to these meetings. For more information, feel free to contact any of the current Commission members:

Fritz Gerhardt, Chair
D Steen, Vice-Chair
Jean-Paul Calderone, Secretary
Mark Armstrong

Allen Grout
Janice Halpin
Bart Hauser

NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Newark Volunteer Fire Department thanks the residents of Newark for your continued support as we continue to provide emergency fire and medical response. Due to COVID19, the department continues to adapt to how we operate to protect our members and the community. In 2020 our volunteers handled 52 incidents in Newark and our mutual aid towns. This includes structure fires, alarm activations, motor vehicle collisions as well as medical emergencies in conjunction with Lyndon Rescue.

Due to current restrictions, we have suspended most in-person gatherings outside emergency responses. In 2021 we hope to resume our training schedule and participate in our usual regional fire schools that were canceled in 2020. We thank all the first responders, healthcare professionals, and essential workers who have continued to work through the pandemic to help others. We encourage you to contact your healthcare provider and expect guidance from the Vermont Health Department regarding the next phases of the vaccination plan.

As you may know there has been funding set aside for several years to install a dry hydrant near the town center. This project was completed this fall thanks to the work of former NVFD chief Tom D'Ambra and a Newark landowner who graciously allowed the hydrant to be built on their land. This new dry hydrant near Newark Street and Schoolhouse Road will provide a water source for us and other fire departments in the event of a fire in this area.

As we did not train and meet as much in 2020, we did not use as much of our budget for fuel or vehicle and equipment maintenance. However, most of our air cylinders for our self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) came to the end of their mandated 15-year lifespan. Unused funds from our 2020 budget, as well as money from our donation and fundraising reserves, were used to

replace these cylinders. Our budget for 2021 will remain the same as it was in 2020. 20% of our budget is allocated to the fixed costs of dispatching from the Town of Saint Johnsbury and our vehicle and workers' compensation insurance.

Since the start of the pandemic, the process of researching and planning for a new facility for the fire and highway departments has not seen any progress. It has been established for many years that the current facility does not meet the needs of either department. The building committee has not met with the town's consultant since June 2019. In early 2020 potential sites for a new building were being investigated. We hope that this process can resume as soon as practical. We look forward to working with the Selectboard again on this project.

We are in the process of applying for federal grant funds to replace our 1977 Maxim tanker, Tanker 51. In rural areas like ours, fire departments rely on tanker trucks to move water from dry hydrants, ponds, or rivers to a fire scene. This is in place of having pressurized hydrants on a village or city water system. If awarded, this grant will save the town and taxpayers over \$300,000. Our current Tanker 51 has increasing mechanical issues and is not in compliance with current firefighting standards. The manufacturer of this truck has been out of business since the 1990s so finding replacement parts when things fail is difficult and expensive. This places the tanker out of service for long periods in some cases.

One of the challenges of our current station is that our vehicle bays are not long enough to fit most modern fire apparatus. Used but serviceable tankers that fit the current facility are hard to find. When listed for sale they also sell very quickly. Ordering a brand new tanker with grant funding appears to be one of the best options without a plan in place for a new facility. However, the projected cost of building a shorter tanker to fit the current station is \$25,000 more than it would be to build a comparable but longer tanker.

We are always looking for more volunteers for firefighting, EMS, as well as helping with our fundraisers. If you would like additional information about volunteering with us please contact us with the information below. Stay safe and thank you again for your support.

Lilly Young, Chief
802-274-3194
newarkvtfire.org
info@newarkvtfire.org

NEK Community Broadband

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

Activities through December 7, 2020

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

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

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

Highlights of the past year include:

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

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

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

Respectfully,



Evan Carlson, Chair

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

WARNING

NEWARK ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 2021

INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

There will be an informational meeting via ZOOM on Monday evening March 1st starting at 6:30 PM **Meeting ID: 896 3648 0694 Passcode: 257897**

The legal voters of the Town of Newark are hereby warned and notified that we will not meet in the Newark Street School as in the past. This year, Australian Ballot Voting will take place at the Newark Town Clerk's office, 1336 Newark Street, on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 10:00am to 7:00pm or by early absentee ballot, to transact the following business:

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Article 2. Election of the following Town Officers as required by law:
 - a. To elect a Town Clerk/Treasurer for the term of 2 years
 - b. To elect a Tax Collector for the term of 2 years
 - c. To elect a Trustee of Public Funds for the term of 1 year
 - d. To elect a Selectboard member for the term of 3 years
 - e. To elect an Auditor for the term of 3 years
 - f. To elect Constable #1 for the term of 1 year
 - g. To elect Constable #2 for the term of 1 year
- Article 3. To see if the voters will authorize all taxes to be paid to the Treasurer as provided by law, with such taxes to be due on or before October 15, 2021.
- Article 4. To see if the voters will approve the total proposed General Fund Operating Budget of \$185,613.25.

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NEWARK ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 2021

- Article 5. To see if the voters will authorize the Selectboard to use up to \$50,000 of unspent General Fund surpluses, as needed, to help offset the Municipal Tax Rate.
- Article 6. To see if the voters will approve the total proposed Reserve Funds budget of \$268,810.06.
- Article 7. To see if the voters will approve the total proposed Highway Fund Operating Budget of \$361,884.00.
- Article 8. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$40,100.00 to the Newark Volunteer Fire Department.
- Article 9. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$25,190.10 to the Lyndon Rescue, Inc.
- Article 10. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$9,043.00 for the following Social Services requests:

\$ 500.00	Caledonia Home Health
\$ 300.00	VT Center for Independent Living
\$ 300.00	Council on Aging
\$ 200.00	Rural Community Transport
\$ 1,162.00	Northeast Kingdom Human Services
\$ 300.00	Burke Senior Meal Site
\$ 400.00	Darling Inn Meal Site
\$ 1,200.00	Cobleigh Library
\$ 581.00	Fairbanks Museum
\$ 500.00	Catamount Arts
\$ 500.00	NVDA
\$ 500.00	Northwoods Stewardship Center
\$ 250.00	American Red Cross
\$ 100.00	Rural Fire Protection
\$ 300.00	Umbrella
\$ 50.00	Northeast Kingdom Learning Services
\$ 100.00	Northeast Kingdom Youth Services

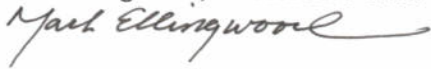
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NEWARK ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 2021

\$ 200.00	Lyndonville Youth Baseball/Softball
\$ 200.00	Powers Park/VIS
\$ 50.00	Green Up Vermont
\$ 500.00	H.O.P.E.
\$ 250.00	Community Restorative Justice Center
\$ 100.00	SymphonyKids
\$ 250.00	Vermont Family Network
\$ 250.00	Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department Green Mountain Conservation Camp

Dated this 21st day of January, 2021;

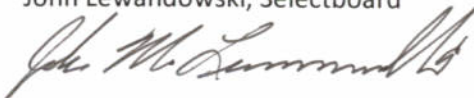
Mark Ellingwood, Selectboard Chair



Nancy McDermott, Selectboard



John Lewandowski, Selectboard



Town of Newark

BUDGET SUMMARY

Town Mtg. 3/2/21

	PROPOSED BUDGET	Less Income (Estimated)	Less Prior Year Fund Balance	2021 Taxes To Raise (to meet budget)
**GENERAL FUND: Operating	185,613.25	99,530.00	0.00	86,083.25
HIGHWAY FUND: Operating	361,884.00	75,000.00	61,651.56	225,232.44
RESERVES FUND:				
Municipal Equipment Fund	1,795.90		1,795.90	0.00
Restoration of Records	8,914.41		7,914.41	1,000.00
Municipal Building Fund	58,864.90		53,864.90	5,000.00
Lister Reappraisal Fund	30,134.21		30,134.21	0.00
Cemetery Maint Fund	5,473.99		2,473.99	3,000.00
Commemorative Fund	1,255.96		1,255.96	0.00
Highway Paving Fund	284,878.61		259,878.61	25,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund	295,465.99		158,554.83	136,911.16
Highway Building Fund	106,505.67		81,505.67	25,000.00
Highway Gravel Fund	114,984.00		42,085.10	72,898.90
FireDept Water Storage	7,163.64		7,163.64	0.00
	915,437.28	0.00	646,627.22	268,810.06
COMMUNITY APPROP:	74,333.10	0.00	0.00	74,333.10
TOTALS:	1,537,267.63	174,530.00	708,278.78	\$654,458.85

GENERAL FUND REVENUE	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
Tax Appropriation-General Fund	34,276.00	121,808.36	-
State-HS Late Filing Fees	-	15.00	-
Interest for FY20 Taxes	-	216.20	-
Penalty for FY20 Taxes	3,750.00	5,517.20	5,000.00
Overpays-Credits to Next Yr	-	2,160.83	-
Tax Revenues for 2020 Taxes:	38,026.00	129,717.59	5,000.00
Prior Year Delinquent Principal	-	64,714.62	-
Prior Year Delinquent Interest	4,000.00	4,181.22	4,000.00
Prior Year Delinquent Penalty	4,600.00	4,945.10	4,500.00
Tax Revenues for Prior Yrs:	8,600.00	73,840.94	8,500.00
Redeemed Property Revenue	-	6,202.86	-
Tax Sale Revenue:		6,202.86	8,500.00
Office Fees	7,500.00	10,851.00	7,500.00
Certified Copy Fees	-	160.00	-
Dog License Fees	1,500.00	1,192.00	1,200.00
Marriage License Fees	-	120.00	-
Land Posting Fees	-	45.00	-
Green Mtn Pass Fees	-	16.00	-
Weight Permit Fees	-	260.00	-
Development Permit Fees	-	150.00	-
Burial Transit Permit Fees	-	-	-
Town Fees Revenue:	9,000.00	12,794.00	8,700.00
Prior Year: State Education Reimb.	-	-	-
Prior Year: Fund Balance	50,000.00	-	-
Bank Interest	1,000.00	2,879.29	1,500.00
Reimbursements-Mowing	130.00	130.00	130.00
Misc. Revenue:	51,130.00	3,009.29	1,630.00
Current Use (Hold Harmless)	68,000.00	75,754.00	65,000.00
PILOT-Land	4,200.00	4,600.20	4,200.00
PILOT-Buildings	5,800.00	6,865.00	6,500.00
Land Use Change Tax	-	-	-
Lister Education Reimb.	-	-	-
Civil Fines	-	-	-
State Revenue:	78,000.00	87,219.20	75,700.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	184,756.00	312,783.88	99,530.00

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
Wages-Town Clerk/Treasurer	27,019.00	24,641.18	28,094.00
Wages-Assistants	12,291.00	11,997.90	12,761.00
Wages-Bookkeeper	2,477.00	948.60	983.00
Wages-Ballot Clerks	606.00	485.19	238.00
FICA/Medi	3,244.00	2,912.49	3,219.00
Health	30,353.00	30,352.44	31,696.00
Dental	2,100.00	2,084.88	2,160.00
Retirement	1,588.00	1,448.12	1,721.00
Training & Support	400.00	175.00	400.00
Postage	1,300.00	1,271.00	1,300.00
Mileage Reimb.	750.00	503.67	750.00
Membership-VMCTA	35.00	35.00	35.00
Supplies-TC	2,500.00	1,829.81	2,000.00
Town Clerk's Office:	84,663.00	78,685.28	85,357.00
Wages-Selectboard	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,900.00
Wages-Consultants	4,400.00	0.00	2,200.00
FICA/Medi	635.00	298.35	467.00
Training & Support	700.00	0.00	500.00
Postage/Printing Town Meeting	0.00	0.00	336.50
Mileage Reimb.	100.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies-SB	0.00	158.89	160.00
Selectboard:	9,735.00	4,357.24	7,563.50
Wages-Auditors	702.00	394.56	717.00
FICA/Medi	54.00	30.16	55.00
Training & Support	150.00	0.00	150.00
Mileage Reimb.	100.00	0.00	100.00
Town Auditors:	1,006.00	424.72	1,022.00
Contracted Services-Assessor	11,000.00	11,005.01	12,000.00
Mapping	0.00	0.00	1,525.00
NEMRC Annual Contract	750.00	712.88	734.27
APEX Annual Contract	220.00	215.00	215.00
Marshal Swift Contract	0.00	196.18	426.98
Postage	200.00	75.50	200.00
Supplies	200.00	134.55	200.00
Assessors:	12,370.00	12,339.12	15,301.25

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	2021		PROPOSED BUDGET
	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	
Wages-Constable	125.00	0.00	250.00
Wages-Animal Control Officer	150.00	0.00	150.00
Wages-Health Officer	75.00	0.00	75.00
FICA/Medi	27.00	0.00	37.00
Contract Services-Sheriff	4,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	150.00	0.00	150.00
Dog Boarding/Adopt Fee	150.00	0.00	150.00
Town Services:	4,677.00	0.00	5,812.00
Wages-Custodial	1,300.00	1,181.25	1,300.00
FICA/Medi	100.00	90.45	100.00
Mowing	2,400.00	2,000.00	2,400.00
Maintenance/Reno	2,000.00	901.73	2,000.00
Telephone	1,260.00	1,219.83	1,260.00
Internet	700.00	624.59	700.00
Electricity	2,200.00	1,913.62	2,200.00
Municipal Building Expenses:	9,960.00	7,931.47	9,960.00
Services-EZ Trash	7,500.00	6,601.00	7,500.00
NEKWMD-Compost Fee	702.00	553.50	702.00
NEKWMD-Recycle Pickup Fee	2,340.00	1,755.00	2,548.00
NEKWMD-Tire Fee	0.00	59.00	0.00
NEKWMD-per capita assess	525.00	522.90	550.00
Maintenance/Reno	2,000.00	43.18	500.00
Supplies	50.00	0.00	50.00
Heating-Propane	150.00	141.00	150.00
Transfer Station:	13,267.00	9,675.58	12,000.00
Insurance-Property & Casualty	13,126.00	13,126.00	12,552.00
Workers Comp	8,799.00	9,356.00	8,330.00
Unemployment	305.00	212.00	470.00
Insurance Expense:	22,230.00	22,694.00	21,352.00
Tax Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Sale Purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prior Year: State Education Owed	0.00	2,379.88	0.00
Miscellaneous Tax Expenses:	0.00	2,379.88	0.00

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
Legal Expenses	4,000.00	1,516.50	4,000.00
NEMRC Annual Support / License	5,000.00	5,734.27	5,756.30
NEMRC Annual Cloud Services	0.00	240.00	247.20
Computer Support	500.00	372.50	500.00
Advertising	500.00	115.00	400.00
Print/Postage-Town Reports	1,600.00	1,742.53	1,608.00
Print/Postage-Town Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Fee-Dog	650.00	606.00	625.00
State Fee-Marriage	100.00	100.00	100.00
State Fee-Roads	2,000.00	1,590.00	1,590.00
Membership-VLCT	1,725.00	1,786.00	1,786.00
Membership-Burke C of C	100.00	110.00	110.00
Dog Tags	100.00	99.35	100.00
Software	100.00	0.00	100.00
Interest Expense-Line of Credit	250.00	0.00	100.00
County Tax	9,973.00	9,973.00	9,973.00
Conservation Comm Expense	250.00	0.00	250.00
Misc. Expense	0.00	200.00	0.00
General Expenses:	26,848.00	24,185.15	27,245.50
Transfers Out-Deficit	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfers Out-Grant Match	0.00	1,245.62	0.00
Transfer of General Funds:	0.00	1,245.62	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	184,756.00	163,918.06	185,613.25

Total Actual Revenues: \$ 312,783.88
Total Actual Expenditures: \$ (163,918.06)
Current Year Fund Balance: \$ 148,865.82

Prior Year Fund Balance: \$ 207,063.00
Transfer of Fund Balance out to Reserves: \$ (50,000.00)

Total General Fund Balance: \$ 305,928.82

HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
Tax Appropriation-HW Operating	265,095.21	265,095.21	-
State of VT-HW Aid Class 2 & 3	74,500.00	77,426.41	75,000.00
Fund Balance Prior Year	26,392.79	-	-
Refunds-Insurance Claims	-	-	-
Misc. Adjustments & Refunds	-	450.00	-
TOTAL REVENUES:	365,988.00	342,971.62	75,000.00
HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES			
Wages-Highway	81,112.00	79,464.08	84,366.00
Wages-Part Time	12,966.00	13,224.46	13,488.00
Overtime	19,262.00	12,585.83	17,709.00
FICA/Medi	8,671.00	8,053.54	8,841.00
Health	34,037.00	34,045.30	35,520.00
Dental	2,724.00	2,703.12	2,820.00
Retirement	5,897.00	5,402.01	6,253.00
Payroll & Benefits:	164,669.00	155,478.34	168,997.00
Training & Support	300.00	0.00	300.00
Maintenance/Reno	1,500.00	2,096.46	4,500.00
Telephone	1,200.00	1,127.20	1,200.00
Mileage Reimb.	1,500.00	409.42	800.00
Shop Supplies	2,000.00	3,038.54	2,200.00
Clothing	500.00	474.23	800.00
Electricity	2,300.00	2,072.97	2,300.00
Heating-Propane	7,500.00	5,573.74	6,240.00
Tools/Small Equipment	2,000.00	154.04	500.00
Town Garage:	18,800.00	14,946.60	18,840.00
Mowing Services	10,000.00	9,750.00	10,000.00
Plowing/Sanding Services	0.00	32.00	0.00
R.O.W. Maintenance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Class 4 Maintenance	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Pavement Marking	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Rental	2,500.00	600.00	2,500.00
Signage	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Road Services:	19,500.00	14,382.00	19,500.00
Guardrail Services	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Guardrails	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Culvert/Ditching Services	6,000.00	5,188.50	9,000.00
Culverts & Materials	6,000.00	3,255.24	3,000.00
Culverts/Guardrails:	19,500.00	8,443.74	19,500.00

HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
Road Materials	5,000.00	1,449.05	3,000.00
Calcium Chloride	15,000.00	21,439.21	15,000.00
Erosion Materials	500.00	297.50	500.00
Road Materials:	20,500.00	23,185.76	18,500.00
Hauling/Handling Services	5,520.00	0.00	4,048.00
StaMatt	12,000.00	3,390.00	12,000.00
StaMatt:	17,520.00	3,390.00	16,048.00
Storage Rental	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Hauling/Handling Services	11,725.00	8,911.00	11,725.00
Sand	12,250.00	10,622.50	12,250.00
Salt	5,174.00	3,588.12	5,174.00
Sand:	30,399.00	24,371.62	30,399.00
General Maint/Parts/Supplies	1,500.00	2,825.74	2,000.00
Storage Rental	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fuel-Diesel	30,000.00	20,721.03	21,000.00
Equip Maintenance-General:	32,000.00	24,046.77	23,500.00
Backhoe-2019 Caterpillar	1,000.00	1,347.34	1,000.00
Loader-2008 Volvo	5,000.00	8,662.05	5,000.00
Grader-2000 Caterpillar	15,000.00	10,070.71	15,000.00
Dump Truck-2013 Western Star	10,000.00	14,736.98	15,000.00
Dump Truck-2018 Western Star	5,000.00	1,560.42	3,500.00
Ton Truck-2018 Chevy	2,000.00	997.22	2,000.00
Trailer Equipment	250.00	313.56	250.00
Attachments: Plows	3,000.00	1,360.55	3,000.00
Attachments: Wings	500.00	169.48	500.00
Chainsaws	100.00	16.49	100.00
Sand Screen	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Chipper	250.00	233.22	250.00
Equip Maintenance-Detail:	43,100.00	39,468.02	46,600.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	365,988.00	307,712.85	361,884.00

Total Actual Revenues:	\$	342,971.62
Total Actual Expenditures:	\$	(307,712.85)
Current Year Fund Balance:	\$	35,258.77
Prior Year Fund Balance:	\$	26,392.79
Transfer of Fund Balance out:	\$	-

Total Highway Fund Balance:	\$	61,651.56
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Municipal Equipment Fund*2021 Appropriation*

Prior Year Balance:	2,117.24	
Appropriation-FY20	0.00	
Income: Interest	8.61	
Expenses: TC Printer	-329.95	
Fund Balance FY20	1,795.90	0.00

Restoration of Records

Prior Year Balance:	5,107.20	
Appropriation-FY20	700.00	
Income: Restoration Fees	2,696.00	
Income: Interest	26.21	
Expenses: Microfilming	-7.50	
Expenses: Land Record Supplies	-607.50	
Fund Balance FY20	7,914.41	1,000.00

Municipal Building Fund

Prior Year Balance:	48,639.78	
Appropriation-FY20	5,000.00	
Income: Interest	225.12	
Expenses: None	0.00	
Fund Balance FY20	53,864.90	5,000.00

Lister Reappraisal Fund

Prior Year Balance:	41,249.89	
Appropriation-FY20	0.00	
Income: State of VT-Reapp/Equal	6,811.50	
Income: Interest	158.37	
Expenses: Contract-Reappraiser	-16,800.00	
Expenses: Supplies-Reappraisal	-1,285.55	
Fund Balance FY20	30,134.21	0.00

Cemetery Maintenance Fund

Prior Year Balance:	4,535.05	
Appropriation-FY20	0.00	
Income: Interest	20.54	
Expenses: Surveying cemetery land	-1,645.00	
Expenses: Excavating new lots	0.00	
Expenses: Flags/Markers	-436.60	
Fund Balance FY20	2,473.99	3,000.00

Commemorative (Bicentennial) Fund

Prior Year Balance:	1,383.56	
Income: Sale of Books/Maps	98.00	
Income: Donations	150.00	
Income: Interest	6.25	
Expenses: Commemorative Items	-179.90	
Expenses: Grounds Care	-200.87	
Expenses: Sales Tax	-1.08	
Fund Balance FY20	1,255.96	0.00

Highway Paving Fund2021 Appropriation

Prior Year Balance:	213,808.90	
Appropriation-FY20	25,000.00	
Income: State of VT	20,078.09	
Income: Interest	991.62	
Expenses:	0.00	
Fund Balance FY20	259,878.61	25,000.00

Highway Equipment Fund

Prior Year Balance:	69,303.98	
Appropriation-FY20	111,911.16	
Transferred from General Fund	25,000.00	
Income: Interest	332.85	
Income: Bank Loans	0.00	
Exp: 2018 WS DumpTrk Princ/Int	-22,472.06	
Exp: 2018 Chevy 1TonTrk Princ/Int	-7,857.33	
Exp: 2019 Backhoe Purch/Princ/Int	-17,663.77	
Fund Balance FY20	158,554.83	136,911.16

Highway Building Fund

Prior Year Balance:	35,399.99	
Appropriation-FY20	25,000.00	
Transferred from General Fund	25,000.00	
Income: Interest	155.68	
Expenses: Prelim Engineering	-4,050.00	
Fund Balance FY20	81,505.67	25,000.00

Highway Gravel Fund

Prior Year Balance:	4,010.98	
Appropriation-FY20	77,189.02	
Transferred from HW Operating	0.00	
Income: Interest	30.85	
Expenses: Gravel	-25,452.00	
Expenses: Handle/Haul/Process	-13,693.75	
Fund Balance FY20	42,085.10	72,898.90

Fire Dept Water Storage Fund

Prior Year Balance:	10,171.14	
Income: Interest	46.44	
Expenses: Dry-hydrant	-3,053.94	
Fund Balance FY20	7,163.64	0.00

Reserves Fund Summary:

Prior Year Balances:	435,727.71
Total Appropriations FY20	294,800.18
Total Income	31,836.13
Total Expenses	-115,736.80
Fund Balances FY20	646,627.22

Reserves Fund Appropriations FY20:	\$268,810.06
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COMMUNITY APPROPRIATIONS	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
<u>Article xx:</u>			
Newark Volunteer Fire Dept.	40,100.00	40,100.00	40,100.00
<u>Article xx:</u>			
Lyndon Rescue Squad	25,182.97	25,182.97	25,190.10
<u>Article xx:</u>			
Caledonia Home Health	500.00	500.00	500.00
VT Ctr for Independent Living	300.00	300.00	300.00
Council on Aging	300.00	300.00	300.00
Rural Community Transport	250.00	250.00	200.00
NEK Human Services	1,162.00	1,162.00	1,162.00
Burke Senior Meal Site	300.00	300.00	300.00
Darling Inn Sr Meal Site	400.00	400.00	400.00
Cobleigh Library	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Fairbanks Museum	581.00	581.00	581.00
Catamount Arts	500.00	500.00	500.00
NVDA	500.00	500.00	500.00
Northwoods Stewardship	500.00	500.00	500.00
Amercian Red Cross	250.00	250.00	250.00
Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00	100.00
Umbrella	300.00	300.00	300.00
NEK Learning Services	50.00	50.00	50.00
NEK Youth Services	100.00	100.00	100.00
L'ville Youth Baseball/Softball	200.00	200.00	200.00
Powers Park/VIS	200.00	200.00	200.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00
H.O.P.E.	500.00	500.00	500.00
Comm. Restorative Justice Ctr	250.00	250.00	250.00
SymphonyKids	100.00	100.00	100.00
Green Mtn Conservation Camp	0.00	0.00	250.00
Vermont Family Network	0.00	0.00	250.00
	8,593.00	8,593.00	9,043.00
TOTAL Community Appropriations:	73,875.97	73,875.97	74,333.10

NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET



	2020 Budget	Spent	2021 BUDGET
Tanker (51)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,553.99	\$ 3,000.00
Engine (52)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Fuel	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00
Building Maintanance	\$ 500.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 500.00
Truck Insurance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,493.00	\$ 5,000.00
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,217.00	\$ 1,200.00
Equipment Repair	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 114.52	\$ 1,000.00
New Equipment	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 33,883.86	\$ 13,000.00
Radio Repairs	\$ 500.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 500.00
Training	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 597.00	\$ 1,000.00
Dispatching	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,106.39	\$ 4,700.00
EMS Training	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
EMS Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 582.44	\$ 1,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,534.52	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 40,100.00	\$ 51,052.72	\$ 40,100.00

Town of Newark
FINAL 2020 BUDGET & TAX CALCULATION

	Final Approved Budget	Less Estimated Income	Less Used GenFund Balance	Less Used Prior Year Balances	Amount Needed from Taxes	Tax Rate by Fund
General Fund	\$ 184,756.00	\$ (100,480.00)	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ -	\$ 34,276.00	\$ 0.0377
Highway Fund	\$ 365,988.00	\$ (74,500.00)	\$ -	\$ (26,392.79)	\$ 265,095.21	\$ 0.2913
Reserves Fund	\$ 730,527.89	\$ -	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ (435,727.71)	\$ 244,800.18	\$ 0.2690
Comm. Approp.	\$ 73,875.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,875.97	\$ 0.0812
	<u>\$ 1,355,147.86</u>	<u>\$ (174,980.00)</u>	<u>\$ (100,000.00)</u>	<u>\$ (462,120.50)</u>	<u>\$ 618,047.36</u>	<u>\$ 0.6792</u>

Municipal Grand List (original As Billed): \$ 910,183.00

Municipal Tax Rate (as shown on tax bills): **\$ 0.6792**

TAX RATE HISTORY

	Town		State Education		Municipal Grand List Final Billed
	Municipal Rate	Local Agreement	Homestead	Non-Homestead	
2020	\$0.6792	\$0.0032	\$1.3613	\$1.5891	\$910,183
2019	\$0.6501	\$0.0031	\$1.3669	\$1.4842	\$947,101
2018	\$0.6089	\$0.0023	\$1.4311	\$1.4631	\$949,506
2017	\$0.5387	\$0.0029	\$1.4927	\$1.4085	\$938,545
2016	\$0.5034	\$0.0000	\$1.5167	\$1.4362	\$932,275
2015	\$0.4697	\$0.0000	\$1.4724	\$1.3922	\$929,419

STATEMENT OF TAXES - 2020

<i>Taxes Originally Calculated:</i>	Tax Rate	x Grand List	= Amount to Raise
Municipal Tax Rate	\$0.6792	\$910,183.00	\$ 618,196.29
Veterans Exemption	\$0.0032	\$910,183.00	\$ 2,912.64
Education Taxes - Homestead	\$1.3613	\$339,774.00	\$ 462,942.71
Education Taxes - Non Residential	\$1.5891	\$570,409.00	\$ 905,960.23
Total Original Taxes Billed in Principal:			\$ 1,990,011.87

Net Adjustments to Original Billings:

Late HS Declarations, Assessments, Current Use..... \$ (1,937.05)

Late Homestead Declarations:

Town's Homestead Late Filing Fee..... \$ 98.22

Less State Payments:

Property Tax Adjustment Claims Paid by State of VT..... \$ (157,536.27)

FINAL TAXES DUE FROM TAXPAYERS IN CASH: \$ 1,830,636.77

RECEIVED in Cash from Taxpayers:

Current Year Cash Deposited..... \$ (1,785,232.72)

Total Credits Used for FY20 Taxes..... \$ (45.56)

TOTAL TAXPAYER REVENUE RECEIVED: \$ (1,785,278.28)

Total Abated Taxes: \$ -

TOTAL Remaining to Collect in Delinquent Taxes - FY20: \$ 45,358.49

Delinquent Principal Taxes of Prior Years:

Prior Yr Delinquent Principal..... \$ 82.69

Abatements for Prior Year Taxes \$ -

TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES in Principal - All Years: \$ 45,441.18

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

MUNICIPAL MAIN CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Treasurer's Beginning Balance on January 1, 2020: \$ 227,067.63

Property Taxes, Interest, Penalties, Late Fees, State municipal pymts:

Current Year	\$ 1,810,389.13
Prior Year Delinquent	\$ 73,840.94
Grant Awards	\$ 5,142.54
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 216,714.63
Interfund Transfers from Reserves/Restricted	\$ 116,190.15
Bank Interest Income	\$ 2,879.29

Total Receipts..... \$ 2,225,156.68

Accounts Payable	\$ (545,403.08)
Net Payroll	\$ (118,622.85)
School Taxes Paid to Kingdom East School Dist.	\$ (956,058.00)
Education Taxes paid to State Treasury	\$ (138,872.88)
Interfund Transfers to Reserves/Restricted	\$ (325,687.12)

Total Selectmens Orders..... \$ (2,084,643.93)

Treasurer's Ending Balance on December 31, 2020: \$ 367,580.38

Bank Reconciliation:

Bank Statement Balance 12/31/20:	\$ 389,184.46
Less Outstanding Checks:	\$ (21,604.08)
Plus Outstanding Deposits:	\$ -
Reconciled Cash Balance:	\$ 367,580.38

Cash by Fund:

Cash held by General Fund:	\$ 305,928.82
Cash held by Highway Fund:	\$ 61,651.56
Reconciled Cash Balance:	\$ 367,580.38

Perpetual Care Cemetery Trust Fund

Revenues:

Prior Year Balance.....	\$	5,905.30
Bank Interest.....	\$	27.69
Sale of Lots.....	\$	600.00
Total Revenues:	\$	6,532.99

Expenses:

Transfer of Interest.....	\$	-
Total Expenses:	\$	-

FY20 Fund Balance..... \$ 6,532.99

Education Tax Fund

Tax Revenue Collected for Education.....	\$	1,092,551.00
Paid to Kingdom East School District.....	\$	(956,058.00)
Paid to Vermont State Treasury.....	\$	(136,493.00)

FY20 Fund Balance..... \$ -

Highway Vermont Better Roads Grant

Category A: Road Erosion Inventory for 231 hydrologically connected segments

Revenue	Project Budget	Actual	Balance
State Grant 80%	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 5,142.54	\$ 1,257.46
Town Match 20%	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,245.62	\$ 354.38
	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,388.16	\$ 1,611.84

Expenditures

Contract Services	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,348.14	\$ 51.86
Wages-Highway	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 40.02	\$ 1,359.98
Mileage	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,388.16	\$ 1,611.84

\$ - **Project Balance**
Finished

Inventory of Town Property

Buildings and Land:

Town Clerks office, Garage, Old Town Hall, and Transfer Station on 14.21 acres:	569,900
Center Pond: 950' x 200' Shorefront on 113 acres	486,800
Center Pond: 50' x 50' Shorefront on .06 acre	59,000
Pleasant View Cemetery	1,600
Packer Cemetery	1,600

Equipment, Tools, Furniture:

Backhoe- 2019 Caterpillar	110,000	Chainsaws	1,000
Grader-2000 Caterpillar	45,000	Digger	500
Loader-2008 Volvo	45,000	Pressure Washer	500
Dump Truck-'13 Western Star	75,000	Radios	3,500
Dump Truck-'18 Western Star	150,000	Rake	500
1 Ton Truck-'18 Chevy	40,000	Road Signs	9,000
Trailer-'18	1,500	Sand Screen	10,000
Wings	6,000	Small Tools	12,000
Plows	7,500	Snow Fence	1,000
Chains	5,000	Office Equip.	9,000
Chipper	4,000	Office Copier	1,000

NOTES PAYABLE ON EQUIPMENT

2018 Western Star Dump Truck:

Purchased 2/01/18, with Note Payable to Community National Bank for \$142,222
with a 7-year note @ 2.75% interest, payable each November 15, matures 11/15/2024

	<u>Paid to Date</u>			<u>Remaining Balance to Pay</u>		
	Principal	Interest	TOTAL	Principal	Interest	TOTAL
2018	19,471.77	3,000.29	22,472.06	-	-	-
2019	19,106.70	3,365.36	22,472.06	-	-	-
2020	19,625.18	2,846.88	22,472.06	-	-	-
2021	-	-	-	20,161.96	2,310.10	22,472.06
2022	-	-	-	20,715.60	1,756.46	22,472.06
2023	-	-	-	21,285.28	1,186.78	22,472.06
2024	-	-	-	21,855.51	601.65	22,457.16
	\$58,203.65	\$9,212.53	\$67,416.18	\$84,018.35	\$ 5,854.99	\$89,873.34

2018 Chevy 1 Ton:

Purchased 8/23/18, with Note Payable to Community National Bank for \$30,000
with a 4-year note @2.75% interest, payable each November 15, matures 11/15/2021

	<u>Paid to Date</u>			<u>Remaining Balance to Pay</u>		
	Principal	Interest	TOTAL	Principal	Interest	TOTAL
2018	7,667.48	189.85	7,857.33	-	-	-
2019	7,247.23	610.10	7,857.33	-	-	-
2020	7,443.97	413.36	7,857.33	-	-	-
2021	-	-	-	7,641.32	210.14	7,851.46
	\$22,358.68	\$1,213.31	\$23,571.99	\$ 7,641.32	\$ 210.14	\$ 7,851.46

2019 Caterpillar Backhoe:

Purchased 8/28/19, with Note Payable to Community National Bank for \$68,000
with a 4-year note @2.50% interest, payable each November 15, matures 11/15/2022

	<u>Paid to Date</u>			<u>Remaining Balance to Pay</u>		
	Principal	Interest	TOTAL	Principal	Interest	TOTAL
2019	17,551.99	111.78	17,663.77	-	-	-
2020	16,405.73	1,258.04	17,663.77	-	-	-
2021	-	-	-	16,812.92	850.85	17,663.77
2022	-	-	-	17,229.36	430.73	17,660.09
	\$33,957.72	\$1,369.82	\$35,327.54	\$34,042.28	\$ 1,281.58	\$35,323.86

Kingdom East School Superintendent Report



Dear Residents of Newark,

Nobody could have foreseen the resilience, ingenuity, creativity, perseverance and dedication needed from our families, children, educators and communities during this past year. The COVID-19 pandemic has turned parts of our world upside down. With each new day we have faced uncertainty and challenge, putting one foot in front of the other and helping our neighbors.

With the closure of in person schooling last spring our families and schools adapted as best as they could. We learned on-line platforms, where WIFI service was strongest and how much screen time is simply too much. When the 2020-21 school year began in September, some students opted to return to in person schools, while others chose our 100% virtual academy or to homeschool.

In our annual report you will see photos of children smiling and learning, with adaptations -- social distancing and facemasks. Despite this different year, we have seen children growing in their reading, writing, computing, science and the arts. We continue to provide opportunities. Our students, in addition to the normal core content areas, have participated in community projects, personalized learning, athletics, world languages, technology and afterschool programming.

Newark Street School is part of the Kingdom East School District. Please take a moment to look through the Kingdom East Annual Report, available at the Town Clerk's office, the Newark Street School, at www.kingdomeast.org, and on our Facebook page. Our District includes eight preK-8 school programs, covering eight towns (Burke, Concord, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton, and Wheelock), a Virtual Academy, and choice for high school. The Annual Report highlights our many programs, data about our schools and the budget for the 2021-22 School Year.

This fall the budgeting process has been challenging with forces impacting our budget beyond our control. Required statewide insurance changes including higher premiums, and a greater number of high school students moving into our district created large increases. The Board worked to make reductions and present a budget that does not compromise the quality education we deliver.

It is a considerable honor to serve as the Superintendent of Schools for Kingdom East School District. Given the uncertainty our communities continue to care deeply about public education and our children. This support is essential in continuing the strength of our schools and community. I look forward to continuing to work with Newark. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if you have any questions. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you!



Sincerely,

Jennifer Botzjorns
Superintendent of Schools



Newark Street School

Timothy Mulligan, Principal



Newark Street School models how a small rural school provides a pathway to exciting experiences, happiness, and lifelong learning. Community members work side-by-side as partners. We explore the world and serve our community through responsible actions.

While the pandemic has created barriers for this endeavor, it has opened our minds to greater creativity. We recently formed the education for sustainability committee with the purpose of bringing students and adults together to make plans for the future. Plans are developed with environmental integrity, social justice, and economic prosperity in mind. Grant Writing and Community Projects with the Vermont Rural Education Collaborative, examples of the communities works includes the winter activity program at Burke Mountain and our school, constructing garden beds, exploring and preserving Newark's cultural and natural heritage, and developing flexible pathways for student learning.

The exceptional programming at Newark is a result of a shared vision among the high quality staff. This year, all professional staff returned. The staff at Newark is committed to learning, utilizing strengths, reaching out to community partners, and modeling professionalism and citizenship. Our staff have taken higher education courses and attended learning opportunities within the district and collaborated with other institutions and organizations via Zoom (the online video conferencing tool).



The highlights of the first half of the school year include a cultural exploration of Newark via a Town Quest, a forest excursion day led by community partners, Friday workshops with the Fairbanks Museum, and a lot of outdoor learning!

Last year, we creatively introduced a schedule in which students received daily small group instruction for intervention and enrichment. The



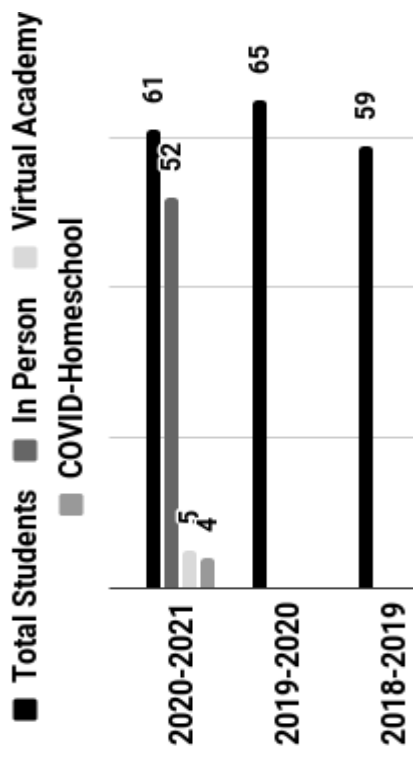
schedule included common planning time for staff. The results of these changes are positive. When the Governor required us to teach remotely with health and safety measures put in place, we creatively adjusted. This year teachers are utilizing meetings at the end of the school day and during school hours to identify and address student needs. Our work is based on data, planning, co-teaching, and effective small group intervention enrichment opportunities to address these needs.

The Afterschool Program has adapted to the current environment by providing virtual opportunities and self-directed kits to engage students. We have recently opened in person programming for students in grades K-2. Newark afterschool has an incredible participation rate!

Newark Street School maintains a collaborative relationship with the residents of Newark. As a community, we will continue our development and maintenance of a sustainable, small, rural school that can be showcased as a model for others to follow.

Grades: K-8
Classroom Teachers : 6.83
Special Educators: .88
Support Staff: .33
Students PreK-8: 52

Enrollment Trends (As of 10/1/2020)



Newark Annual Town Meeting
March 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Fritz Gerhardt. Fritz announced, that there are three Australian Ballot votes taking place from 10:00-7:00, a ballot for the NEKWMD budget, a ballot for the Kingdom East Unified School District and a ballot for the Presidential Primary. He reminded everyone that there cannot be any candidate discussion or campaigning in the building today, given that it is the Polling Place. He shared day care and lunch is being provided in the classrooms and that the meeting was being recorded.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

John Lewandowski, Selectboard Chair, entertained nominations for moderator. John Findlay nominated Fritz Gerhardt, Kim Fried seconded. Jim Newell moved that nominations cease, Ben Bangs seconded, debate ended, assembly voted to end debate. On a voice vote the ayes had it. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Fritz Gerhardt for moderator.

Fritz reviewed Roberts Rules of Order and State Law governing Town Meeting. All who were not registered voters of the town were instructed to please raise their hands; two non-registered individuals were present.

Article 2. To see if the voters will accept the Town Report as printed.

Luke O'Brien moved to accept the article as written, Sally Newell seconded. No discussion. Jean-Paul Calderone moved to end debate, Lila Leonard seconded, debate ended, assembly voted to end debate. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, and Article 2 passed.

Albert Seguin addressed the assembly and requested to suspend the rules to allow the Newark School to give a short presentation. There were no objections and the moderator recessed the meeting at 10:10am. Meeting resumed at 10:25am.

Article 3. Election of the following Town Officers as required by law:

- a. The moderator entertained nominations to elect a Trustee of Public Funds for the term of 1 year. Jill Mathers nominated Amber Holden, John Findlay seconded. Ben Bangs moved nominations cease, Lila Leonard seconded, nominations ended, assembly voted to end nominations. On a voice vote, the ayes had it. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Amber Holden for Trustee of Public Funds.

- b. The moderator entertained nominations to elect a Selectboard member for a 3 year term. John Lewandowski nominated Nancy McDermott, Kim Fried seconded. Ben Bangs moved nominations cease, Lisa Grout seconded, nominations ended, assembly voted to end nominations. On a voice vote, the ayes had it. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Nancy McDermott for Selectboard member. Ben Bangs encouraged community members to consider running in the future, to ensure Newark retains its local control.
- c. The moderator entertained nominations to elect an Auditor for the term of 3 years. John Lewandowski nominated Allison Cassavechia, Sally Newell seconded. Ben Bangs moved nominations cease, Lila Leonard seconded, nominations ended, assembly voted to end nominations. On a voice vote the ayes had it. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Allison Cassavechia for Auditor.
- d. The moderator entertained nominations to elect a Constable #1 for the term of 1 year. John Lewandowski nominated John Talbot, Mark Whitworth seconded. Ben Bangs moved nominations cease, Lila Leonard seconded, nominations ended, assembly voted to end nominations. On a voice vote, the ayes had it. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for John Talbot for Constable #1.
- e. The moderator entertained nominations to elect a Constable #2 for the term of 1 year. Mark Ellingwood nominated Jamey Burbo, Ron Goodwin seconded. Kasey Talbot nominated Kevin Aucoin, Ben Bangs seconded. John Findlay moved nominations cease, Lila Leonard seconded, nominations ended, assembly voted to end nominations. On a voice vote, the ayes had it. On a paper ballot vote 53 votes were cast, 2 spoiled, 1 blank, 5 Jamie Burbo and 45 Kevin Aucoin. Kevin Aucoin was elected Constable #2.
- f. The moderator entertained nominations to elect a Town Agent for the term of 1 year. Kim Fried nominated John Findlay, Mark Whitworth seconded. Ben Bangs moved nominations cease, Lila

Leonard seconded, nominations ended, assembly voted to end nominations. On a voice vote, the ayes had it. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for John Findlay for Town Agent.

Article 4. To see if the voters will authorize all taxes to be paid to the Treasurer as provided by law, with such taxes to be due on or before October 15, 2020.

Linda Barksdale moved to accept the article as written, Luke O'Brien seconded. Jill Mathers inquired if the Delinquent Tax Late fee had to be voted on at town meeting. Joan Bicknell said no, the fee is set by State Statute and the late Homestead Fee is implemented by the Selectboard. Ben Bangs moved to end debate, Lila Leonard seconded, debate ended, assembly voted to end debate. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, and Article 4 was approved.

Article 5. To see if the voters will approve the total proposed General Fund Operating Budget of \$184,756.00.

Mark Whitworth moved to accept the article as written, Luke O'Brien seconded. Jim Newell asked if the Selectboard would care to comment on Articles 5 thru 9. John Lewandowski explained that this is the standard General Fund Operating Budget Article, it's actually 6 thru 9 that are more interconnected. Allison Cassavechia asked the Selectboard to explain what the line item for contracting with the Sherriff's Department would include and why it was necessary? John Lewandowski responded that there has been a significant amount of speeding in town and issues with people abiding by the overweight permit restrictions and in order for the Sherriff's Department to help with these problems the Town needs to have a contract with them. The Selectboard feel it's necessary to pursue these services, especially to address the speeding problem past the school. Bart Hauser asked if this meant residents should call the Sherriff's Department if they have a problem. John Lewandowski said no, this would not be part of the Town's contract; the contract would include patrolling hours. Lila Leonard clarified that if an individual has an issue you should call 911 and they will direct the call. Eric Davis asked what the role of the Town Constable's is in regards to this conversation. John Lewandowski explained that constables have limited authority and are required to have specific training to carry out certain duties. Newark's constables are used for other duties. Joan Bicknell stated that traditionally Newark's constables have addressed dog issues and assisted in resolving neighbor issues before they escalate on a State Police or Sherriff's level. Eric Davis expressed concern about conflict between the two roles and

retaining local control. Kasey Talbot stated that her understanding of statute in regards to the roles and authorities of Newark's Constables consist of: enforcing the Dog Ordinance, dispatching wounded deer, assisting the Health Officer and if given the permission and authority of the Selectboard to enforce Civil Ordinances. Your constables can not sit in their cars and run radar and issue tickets, unless they go through training and would still need to be supervised by a Sheriff. Jill Mathers asked what issues have come up that the Selectboard feel that it's now necessary to include this in the budget. John Lewandowski said realistically we probably could have always used this additional enforcement. Recently the Selectboard have been receiving more and more complaints of speeding throughout Town. They responded by lowering the speed limits in some places in town, specifically past the school, but without enforcement these new speed limit signs are often disregarded. The Selectboard does not want see an accident happen with a child on the school yard. Ben Bangs stated that he feels local control is the way to handle this issue and feels neighbors reminding neighbors to slow down is more effective. He shared personal stories where this method has resolved speeding past his farm and he stated that he does not support hiring Sheriffs. Allison Cassavechia agreed with Ben. Luke O'Brien moved to end debate, Mark Whitworth seconded, debate ended, assembly voted to end debate. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, and Article 5 was approved.

Article 6. To see if the voters will authorize the Selectboard to use up to \$50,000 of unspent General Fund surpluses, as needed, to help offset the Municipal Tax Rate.

Mark Whitworth moved to accept the article as written, Lisa Grout seconded. Jill Mathers asked what does "as needed" mean. Mark Ellingwood clarified that the amount would be determined in late July, early August when the Selectboard sets the tax rate and used to help stabilize the rate. Ben Bangs asked what the surplus is currently. Mark said \$207,000.00. Mark Whitworth asked what will happen if this article isn't approved. Mark Ellingwood explained that then the Selectboard would not have the ability to use any surplus to stabilize the taxes and the surplus would just carry over. Allison Cassavechia asked how does the Selectboard look at the surplus and handle it and not just add extra line items to create revenue. John Lewandowski stated that there has always been a surplus, at least since he has been on the Board and the Selectboard works to balance not having too much surplus and retaining enough surplus for the Town to operate from January through October, when taxes are collected, so they don't have to take out a loan. Mark

Ellingwood noted that one Town Budget line item that contributed to the surplus this year is the Legal Expense line item that was recommended to be budgeted at \$15,000.00 and only expensed at \$3000.00, otherwise the budget has been trending pretty close. Mark added Articles 6-8 are all written to manage this surplus and stabilize taxes. Jill Mathers asked what an optimal surplus would be. Mark Ellingwood said possibly around the \$100,000.00 area, but they are still working with budgeting in this new format and monitoring how it trends. Joan Bicknell asked if the Selectboard can create a Reserve Fund specific for operating the town until the Tax Revenue comes in. John Lewandowski said this is something that the Selectboard has discussed, but still needs to get more information on. John added that Article 6 is intended to give the Selectboard the ability to stabilize taxes if the Education Rates were to change. Nancy Fried moved to end debate, Lisa Grout seconded, debate ended, assembly voted to end debate. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, and Article 6 was approved.

Article 7. To see if the voters will approve moving \$25,000 of unspent General Fund surplus to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to lower the appropriated amount and tax rate.

Mark Whitworth moved to accept the article as written, Luke O'Brien seconded. A request to suspend the rules to discuss Articles 7-9 in this discussion, no objections. John Lewandowski gave details on the Selectboard's new equipment replacement schedule as it pertains to the budget and Article 7. In regards to Article 8 and the Highway Building Fund, John explained the Building Committee is active again and they, along with the Selectboard are working with a consultant to help guide them in planning for a new Highway and possible Fire Department Building. Article 8 would help increase the Highway Building Reserve Fund, therefore decrease the overall amount needed to be borrowed and taxed on when the time comes to build. Jan Clausing questioned how this was actually lowering the tax rate now, did the Selectboard mean it would lower the tax rate in the future when the building took place. John Lewandowski explained that it does effect the 2020 tax rate and is detailed in Article 9. Mark Ellingwood clarified that if Articles 8 and 9 are not approved, the entire Reserve Fund Budget is still being requested to be approved in full. Eric Davis asked for more details in regards to the Building Consultant and how this is going to save money. John Lewandowski explained that the individual that they have hired has worked for multiple towns and is familiar with all the necessary details, including information on available grants. Eric Davis asked who this individual was and how much has been spent so far. John shared that the

consultants name is Duncan Hastings and the Clerk stated that the consultant expense line item is detailed on page 15 of the Town Report and \$1199.00 was spent in 2019. John Lewandowski stated that they feel the consultant will ultimately save the town money because he knows how to put all the “ducks in a row” and it will be a more efficient process. The Selectboard gave further details in regards to current Highway and Fire Department Building needs and obstacles they have faced in the past when addressing the building. Jill Mathers asked if this fund includes the Town Clerks Office. John Lewandowski said no it does not, that is a separate Reserve Fund. Ben Bangs motioned the rules be unsuspended and only Article 7 be considered, Lisa Grout seconded. On a voice vote, the ayes had it. Nancy Fried moved to end debate, Mark Whitworth seconded, debate ended, assembly voted to end debate. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, and Article 7 was approved.

Article 8. To see if the voters will approve moving \$25,000 of unspent General Fund surplus to the Highway Building Reserve Fund to lower the appropriated amount and tax rate.

Luke O’Brien moved to accept the article as written, Mark Whitworth seconded. Jim Bicknell stated that he wants to make sure that the Town Clerks Office needs are considered when discussing new buildings. John Lewandowski said the Clerk’s Office is considered in a separate Reserve Fund. Allison Cassavechia asked what the time line is for this project and when the study will be done. John Lewandowski explained that they are in the preliminary stages at this point and hope to have more specifics soon and he is working to schedule a Building Committee meeting this month. Nancy Fried moved to end debate, Mark Whitworth seconded, debate ended, assembly voted to end debate. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, and Article 8 was approved.

Article 9. To see if the voters will approve the total proposed Reserve Funds budget of \$730,527.89 with the understanding that: If Article 7 and/or Article 8 does not pass, the remaining amount needed to meet this total budget (with adjustments to effected funds) is to be raised in taxes.

Luke O’Brien moved to accept the article as written, Lisa Grout seconded. Jill Mathers made a motion to amend Article 9 to stop after the dollar amount \$730,527.89, since the rest of the article is no longer relevant, Luke seconded it. The amended article was read; *To see if the voters will approve the total proposed Reserve Funds budget of \$730,527.89.* Jean-Paul Calderone moved to amend Article 9, Ben Bangs seconded. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, and Article 9 was amended. Mark Ellingwood clarified the amount from this budget that will be raised in taxes, as detailed on page 21 of the Town Report. Ben

Bangs moved to end debate, Lila Leonard seconded. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, and the amended Articles 9 was approved.

The moderator recessed the meeting at 11:41am to hear an update from Representative Paul Lefebvre and to break for lunch. The meeting was called back to order at 1:03pm.

Article 10. To see if the voters will approve the total proposed Highway Fund Operating Budget of \$365,988.00.

Nancy Fried moved to accept the article as written, Ben Bangs seconded. No discussion. Ben Bangs moved to end debate, Lila Leonard seconded, debate ended, assembly voted to end debate. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, and Articles 10 was approved.

Article 11. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$40,100.00 to the Newark Volunteer Fire Department.

Luke O'Brien moved to accept the article as written, Nancy Fried seconded. Lila Leonard spoke on behalf of the Fire Department, she thanked the town for their continued support. Lila gave a summary of the types of calls they had responded to, the involvement they've had within the school for education purposes and the training the department has done this year. She added that they look forward to working with the Building Committee and as always they welcome volunteers. Nancy Fried moved to end debate, Luke O'Brien seconded, debate ended, assembly voted to end debate. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, and Article 11 was approved.

Article 12. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$25,182.97 to the Lyndon Rescue, Inc.

Luke O'Brien moved to accept the article as written, Mark Whitworth seconded. Jean-Paul Calderone asked if someone could give an overview about Lyndon Rescue. Jan Clausing, Newark's representative to Lyndon Rescue provided details on Lyndon Rescue staff and ambulance numbers. He shared that their services are available 24-7, with 365 day a year coverage. They have paramedics on staff and participate in a lot of training. They are currently financially stable and their appropriation amount is slightly down this year compared to last. He reminded people that Lyndon rescue only gets paid if they actually transport a patient, so there's an awful lot of incidents they respond to and provide service for that they can't bill for. Jill Mathers asked if they bill the town or the person who gets transported. Jan Clausing explained that a patient's insurance gets billed for medical transport, not the town. Nancy Fried moved to end debate, Mark Whitworth seconded, debate ended, assembly voted to end debate. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, and Article 12 was approved.

The moderator announced that Article 13 is detailed on page 22 of the Town Report and requested to suspend the rules and read a modified version of this article, if there are no objections. No objections.

Article 13. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$8593.00 for the following requests:

\$ 500.00	Caledonia Home Health
\$ 300.00	VT Center for Independent Living
\$ 300.00	Council on Aging
\$ 250.00	Rural Community Transport
\$ 1,162.00	Northeast Kingdom Human Services
\$ 300.00	Burke Senior Meal Site
\$ 400.00	Darling Inn Meal Site
\$ 1,200.00	Cobleigh Library
\$ 581.00	Fairbanks Museum
\$ 500.00	Catamount Arts
\$ 500.00	NVDA
\$ 500.00	Northwoods Stewardship Center
\$ 250.00	American Red Cross
\$ 100.00	Rural Fire Protection
\$ 300.00	Umbrella
\$ 50.00	Northeast Kingdom Learning Services
\$ 100.00	Northeast Kingdom Youth Services
\$ 200.00	Lyndonville Youth Baseball/Softball
\$ 200.00	Powers Park/VIS
\$ 50.00	Green Up Vermont
\$ 500.00	H.O.P.E.
\$ 250.00	Community Restorative Justice Center
\$ 100.00	SymphonyKids

Nancy Fried moved to accept the article as written, Mark Whitworth seconded. MaryAnn Riggie inquired as to what SymphonyKids is. Bart Hauser spoke to this question and stated that they were sponsored by Vermont Symphony Orchestra and they put on the Symphony program that takes place here at the school. Lila Leonard moved to end debate, Ben Bangs seconded, debate ended, assembly voted to end debate. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, and Article 13 was approved.

Article 14. Shall the Town of Newark enter into a communication Union District (CUD) to be known as NEK Community Broadband, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch82?

Luke O'Brien moved to accept the article as written, Lisa Grout seconded. Mark Whitworth shared some information in regards to the CUD. Explaining this is an opportunity to join with other small towns in an effort to get decent internet to rural areas. He stated that there is no financial or legal risk to the Town by joining. Jill asked will the district actually be the provider. Mark explained that this could be an option, but the CUD is still just forming so these details are to be determined. He explained that the Towns that join the district will each have a representative to the board that will address questions such as these. Kasey asked if we join into this district will individuals still have their current internet options would they be required to use what the district chooses, and secondly how would it be delivered. Mark shared that this will not displace anything, people could stay with their current provider. How it's to be delivered is still to be determined, the goal would be everyone have access to high speed through fiber optic cable or wireless options. Gail Ruggles inquired if this is a way of having a collective voice to bargain with the big companies. Mark said yes, in a way, it will also be a group that is familiar with writing grants to help it happen. Joan Bicknell asked if the district can bond for money, and is concerned if this could somehow obligate the town financially. She also expressed concern about the internet companies addressing the more densely populated areas first and not getting to the more rural areas. Mark said he can only speak to the CUD's intent, which to help provide access to the rural areas and no, there would not be any financial entanglement between the district and the towns. MaryAnn Riggie asked how the board member would be selected. Mark Whitworth stated the Selectboard would make the appointment to the board as well as an alternate. MaryAnn also inquired if Newark was the northern most town voting to join. Mark responded no, Brighton voted to be part of this district. Jill Mathers asked if there are any organizing documents that can explain what this is. Mark said the recent legislation allowing for the districts to be formed is available, but voting to create the district is the very first step and then articles of incorporation can be drawn up. NVDA has applied for a grant to hire an attorney to write these articles. Sandy Reider asked where these grants were coming from. Mark Whitworth shared he thinks that there are Federal and Private Grants available. Paul Lefebvre asked how many towns needed to join to make this viable. Mark responded two. Allison Cassavechia asked if we had

to join now, or could we join later. Mark responded that the Selectboard could choose to join at any time, but the preferred method is to bring it to Town Meeting. Gail Ruggles. Eric Davis expressed concern that at some point this was going to become a financial obligation and he doesn't feel we have enough information for him to support this. Ben Bangs agreed there are too many unknowns and pointed out the even grant money isn't free, we're ultimately paying for that in some way. Jean-Paul stated that we are voting on being part of a group to make a plan, we are not prescribing to anything, not voting for the town to have to pay for anything, we would be voting to join a bunch of other people in trying to come up with a plan for providing internet to rural areas. If we don't like the plan then we can withdraw later, or if people like the plan it could move forward. It doesn't obligate any individual to anything. Pool the power of all the small towns to try to get something better than what's available now. Nancy Fried moved to end debate, Noreen Hession seconded, debate ended, assembly voted to end debate. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, and Article 14 was approved.

Article 15. To transact any other business to come before said meeting.

Bart Hauser reminded everyone of the annual town Green Up Day event on Sat., May 2nd 2020 and encouraged participation. Bart Hauser read the Planning Commission vision statement.

Mark Ellingwood announced that the Selectboard has been working to expand the cemetery. The back lot has been cleared and surveyed, the next set will be to lay out the new lots. Kasey Talbot shared that there is an input meeting scheduled for Kingdom East School district facility's needs.

Ben Bangs thanked the Newark Afterschool program for all they do for the students and the community. Ben also shared his appreciation for the survival skills the students receive.

Jan Clausing reminded all of the NEKWMD Budget vote happening and gave a summary of the services provided by the Waste Management District. Jan noted that they are getting decent price for the recyclables because they are pre-sorted and thanked all for being such good recyclers. He also reminded everyone that separating food scrapes will become mandatory this summer.

Jim Newell inquired about conversation he had heard in regards to a map for dirt bicycles, which might include Newark roads. Luke O'Brien responded to this, stating that some surrounding towns received a grant to map out curated gravel ride routes on roads. There was a map that he saw that included Newark roads and some community members have expressed concerned about increased travel on the roads. Luke asked if

the Selectboard has been approached about this. Mark Ellingwood responded that the first they had heard of it was at their last meeting when a group of concerned citizens brought it to their attention. Luke recommended the Selectboard reach out to the towns who are initiating this, if in fact they are including Newark on the map. Kasey Talbot shared that she had been told by Cynthia Stewart, who is involved in this gravel ride project, that Newark had been removed from the map. Jill Mathers questioned this topic, because all roads are open for public travel. Allison Cassavechia expressed concern about the speed that race officials travel during some of the single day races, she supports the events, just asks they be reminded to slow down. Mark Ellingwood addressed Jill Mathers comment and stated that yes, all bicycles can be on the roads. The concern is that if some type of framework is being created in may have a stronger impact some areas more than others. Eric Davis commented that he recognized the concerns, but also they are public roads. He appreciates the Selectboard being thoughtful about how bicycle growth will impact the community. Ben Bangs expressed frustration about bicycles not riding single file.

Kevin Aucoin asked for community support in creating a Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance. He read some proposed legislation that he is concerned about and intends to propose and ordinance to the Selectboard. Eric Davis recognized Kevin Aucoin for his efforts and supports the work he is doing.

Luke O'Brien asked the Selectboard they seriously consider doing something to maintain Newark's third cemetery on route 114. Luke reminded all that the Town Plan will need to be renewed in 2024 and they are working diligently to stay in compliance. Luke encourages meeting attendance and involvement.

Article 16. To adjourn said meeting.

Ben Bangs moved the question, John Findlay seconded. On a voice vote, the ayes had it, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Signed by,
Amber Holden, Newark Town Clerk
Fritz Gerhardt, Moderator