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Auditor's Report Year Ending 2022

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Albany for the year ending December 31, 2022. These financial statements are the responsibility of those Town Officers authorized by law to draw orders and keep accounts. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We reviewed all transactions in Town Bank Accounts, Select Boards Orders, Taxes Collected, Delinquent Taxes, Accounts Receivable, Journals, Ledgers, Fire Department Transactions, Town Allotted Funds and all other accounts held by the Town of Albany.

We reviewed all bills presented to the Select Board for payment and accuracy to insure they were properly signed and paid and we found that all financial accounts to be in order.

The following shows an overall financial report for the year ending December 31, 2022:

Total Receipts	\$3,816,390.11
Total expenditures	\$3,305,530.23
Plus Fire Dept. Funds	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>
Total ending cash on hand	\$ 540,859.88
Checking Account Balance	\$ 540,831.89

Detailed information included in following Town Report.

Respectfully submitted: January 20, 2023.

Jane Rayner

Frank Jarvis

Ruth Cross

Auditors, Town of Albany

Treasurer's Report

Liabilities:

Orleans County Sheriff's Dept.	\$ 3,596.58
Bond Principal & Interest Payment	32,273.19
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Dept.	34,830.57
Albany Town Library	12,217.74
Cemetery Stone Repair	199.30
Memorial Day 2022	225.69
Building Maintenance Money	20,000.00
Trash Fund	8,805.54
Recycling Fund	506.05
Cemetery Fund	5,935.65
Road Fund	46,819.61
General Fund	<u>7,301.64</u>

Total Liabilities \$172,711.56

Assets:

Delinquent Taxes -2021	\$ 3,539.40
Delinquent Taxes -2022	39,580.78
Cash on Hand	<u>540,831.89</u>

Total Assets \$583,952.07

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2022 \$360,997.54

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2022 \$411,240.51

Increase in Assets \$ 50,242.97

Town Officers

Moderator	Gary Heath Mason
Town Clerk / Treasurer	Debra Ann Geoffroy
Assistant Clerk / Treasurer / Selectboard Minutes	Justin Mason
Shadowing Town Clerk / Treasurer / Selectboard Minutes	Tonya Coderre
Select Board	Brian Goodridge, 2023
	Normand Inkel, 2024
	Phillip Beaudry, 2025
	Select Board
Road Commissioner	Neil Urie & Daniel Rook
LR Union Elementary–Middle School District Board Members:	Michele Reed, 2023
Listers	Cathy Wilder, 2024
	Susan Richardson, 2025
	H. Jane Rayner, 2023
	Ruth Cross, 2024
	Frank Jarvis, 2025
	Select Board
Constable	Debra Ann Geoffroy
Delinquent Tax Collector	Richard Carbonetti
Director of Lake Region Union High School	Chad Tollman, Cathy Wilder
Justices of the Peace	Cheryl Dewees, Anthony Daniels, Kathleen Sullivan

Appointees

Select Board Chair	Brian Goodridge
Select Board Clerk	Justin Mason, Resigned / Tonya Coderre, Appointed
Select Board Administrative Assistant	Terri Campbell
Sexton – Town Cemeteries	Richard Geoffroy
Town Fire Warden – Term Expires 6/30/2023	Gary Heath Mason
Emergency Management Coordinator	Gary Heath Mason
Tree Warden	Christopher Daniels
Animal Control Officer and Pound Keeper	Kelly Carpenter
Town Health Officer – Term Expires 1/31/2025	Pamela Krupa
911 Coordinator	Cathy Wilder
Vermont town Forest Fire Warden – Term Expires 6/30/2023	Gary Heath Mason
Planning Commission	Neil Urie, 2023
	S. Christopher Jacobs, Hannah Dreissigacker, 2024
	Rob Dewees, Ed O’Leery, 2025
	S. Christopher Jacobs, 2023
NVDA Representative	Vacant
NVDA Alternate	Nicholas Rivers
NEKWMD board of Supervisors Representative	Vacant
NEKWMD Board of Supervision Alternate	Vacant
Orleans Ambulance / Emergency Unit Rep	Laurie Perron

**WARNING
TOWN MEETING 2023**

The legal voters of the Town of Albany are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Albany Town Hall, Tuesday, March 7, A.D. 2023 at 9:00 A.M. E.S.T. to act on the following articles to wit:

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

Art. 2. To hear and dispose of the Auditor's Report.

Art. 3. Shall the Town of Albany assess a tax in the amount of \$15,138.00 for the Orleans County Sheriff's Department.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$30,793.77 for Ambulance Service to the Town. \$24,356.27 for Orleans Emergency Unit and \$ 6,437.50 for Glover Ambulance Squad.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to have its taxes collected by the Town Treasurer with the Due Date being the second Wednesday in November 2023.

Art. 6. To elect a Road Commissioner for a term of 1 year.

Art. 7. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year.

Art. 8. To elect all other officers required to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting.

SELECT PERSON: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

LISTER: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

AUDITOR: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

1ST CONSTABLE: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$158,000.00 to defray all other expenses Of the Town not otherwise provided for. (General Fund)

Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$280,000.00 for the maintenance of Class 2 & 3 Town Highways within the Town.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of Blacktop.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for the summer maintenance of Class 4 roads within the Town.

- Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for a Maintenance and Repair Fund for Town Buildings.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$35,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department Operating Budget.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$16,000.00 for the maintenance of the Town Cemeteries & compensation for a Town Sexton.
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of repairing or cleaning of Cemetery Headstones pursuant to V.S.A. Title 18, Section 5362 (a). With voter approval each year the process of repair and cleaning will be ongoing.
- Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$400.00 for the Emergency Management Coordinator to attend trainings.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
- Art. 20. To see if the Town raise the sum of \$6,500.00 to finance Recycling.
- Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for upgrades to the Recycling Building as needed.
- Art. 22. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.
- Art. 23. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$16,000.00 for the Albany Town Library.
- Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$2,500.00 for the support of The Albany Food Share site of the Hardwick Area Food Pantry, to provide services To residents of the Town through the satellite food pantry located at the Albany Town Hall.
- Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$14,835.00 for appropriations as requested, And direct the Select Board to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.

PLACE	2023 Request	2022 Amount
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
VT Center for Independent Living	150.00	150.00
Northeastern VT Development Association	803.00	706.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	1,882.00	1,882.00
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	3,000.00	3,000.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	250.00	200.00
Umbrella	700.00	700.00
VT Green Up, Inc.	50.00	50.00
American Red Cross, VT & NH Upper Valley Region	250.00	250.00
North Country Animal League	400.00	400.00
Orleans County Historical Society	700.00	700.00
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.	500.00	500.00
Rural Community Transport	600.00	600.00
VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	100.00	100.00
Albany Historical Society	1,000.00	1,000.00
Craftsbury Community Care Center	3,500.00	3,250.00
Orleans County Court Diversion		.00
Craftsbury Saplings	500.00	500.00
	\$ 14,835.00	\$ 14,438.00

Art. 26. Will the Town vote to exempt from taxation any land and buildings outside the Village Limits that are owned by the Albany Village Water Supply Company pursuant to Title 32, Section 3820 of V.S.A. This vote is good for 5 years.

Art. 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Art. 28. To Adjourn.

Dated at Albany, Vermont, January 25, 2023.

The image shows three handwritten signatures, each written over a horizontal line. The top signature is the most legible and appears to be 'Morgan York'. The middle signature is more stylized and less legible. The bottom signature is also stylized and less legible.

Select Board, Town of Albany

RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING 2022

- Art. 1. NEKWMD Budget – Voted and passed by Board of Supervisors
- Art. 2. Moderator – Gary Heath Mason – 1 year term
- Art. 3. Auditor Report – Accepted
- Art. 4. Sheriff’s Department Budget – Passed - \$14,386.32
- Art. 5. Ambulance Service – Passed – Orleans \$23,646.87 / Glover \$6,250.00
- Art. 6. Taxes Collected by Town Treasurer / Due Date – Passed / 2nd Wednesday of November
- Art. 7. Appointment of Town Clerk by Select Board – Passed
- Art. 8. Appointment of Town Treasurer by Select Board – Passed
- Art. 9. Road Commissioner – Select Board – 1 year term
- Art. 10. Delinquent Tax Collector – Debra Ann Geoffroy – 1 year term
- Art. 11. Select Person – Phillip Beaudry – 3 year term
 - Lister – Susan Richardson – 3 year term
 - Lister – Michele Reed – 1 year term
 - Auditor – Frank Jarvis – 3 year term
 - Auditor – Ruth Cross – 2 year term
 - 1st Constable – Select Board – 1 year term
- Art. 12. General Fund – Passed - \$158,000.00
- Art. 13. Class 2 and 3 Town Highways – Passed - \$250,000.00
- Art. 14. Blacktop – Passed - \$20,000.00
- Art. 15. Class 4 Town Highways - \$15,000.00
- Art. 16. Town Building Maintenance Fund – Passed - \$10,000.00
- Art. 17. Fire Department Budget – Passed - \$30,000.00
- Art. 18. Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund – Passed - \$5000.00
- Art. 19. Cemetery Maintenance – Passed – \$16,000.00
- Art. 20. Cemetery Headstone Maintenance – Passed - \$5,000.00
- Art. 21. Authorize Select Board to borrow money – Passed
- Art. 22. Recycling – Passed - \$5000.00
- Art. 23. Memorial Day – Passed - \$200.00
- Art. 24. Albany Town Library – Passed - \$14,000.00
- Art. 25. Albany Food Share Site – Passed - \$2500.00
- Art. 26. Appropriations – Passed - \$14,438.00

If you would like to see information on the various agencies listed in Article 26, please go to The Town Clerk’s Office to request them.

Albany Selectboard Message & Highlights for 2022

Roads: The year provided quite a busy summer with a very large project being wrapped up and also two smaller grant projects. The smaller projects on Daniels Road and Pitkin Road addressed potential water quality issues. The large project completed was a new box culvert that replaced a smaller culvert on Larabee Hill Road due to it being damaged in the Halloween storm of 2019. We continue to have high fuel prices, parts shortages, and equipment issues that have been constant headaches for the road crew to deal with. A newly purchased 10-wheeler truck is currently being retrofitted and will be introduced into service by early 2023.

Recycling/Trash: Recycling and trash collection continues to be busy at the Transfer Center. We have had a change in days and hours, and we understand it may not be convenient for everyone. However, we felt the need to have hours that we knew could be staffed in order for the center to be open. We will be reviewing the operating hours from time to time to see how things are working and what adjustments can be made, if any. We will be having only one Bulky Day this year, instead of the normal two, in order to try and keep costs down. The date for this event is planned for May 6th, same as Green Up Day Vermont! Lastly keep in mind the costs to run the recycling program and Bulky Day is split 50/50 with Irasburg.

Cemeteries: Our Town Sexton, Richard Geoffroy, has been doing an excellent job of managing and updating our cemeteries into the respectful shape they so deserve. We have had numerous headstones cleaned this past year, plus some removal of older trees that could damage headstones if they were to fall into the cemetery.

ARPA Funds: No ARPA funds were spent in 2022 within Albany. The Selectboard continues to evaluate options for the best use of these funds that were provided to every town from the federal government after the Covid pandemic. We are working off the responses that we received back from a survey that was sent out last spring with the Lister's annual questionnaire.

Town Land: The large Town land parcel on Hartwell Pond is still sitting in the court systems for a final ruling. The other small .71 acre parcel has been discussed as an access point to the pond, but we will be evaluating any options and costs for this property at future meetings.

Budget Requests for 2023

General Fund: Last year the Town raised \$158,000. We will again be requesting \$158,000 for level funding.

Roads: Last year the Town raised \$250,000. This year we will be asking for \$280,000. The increase is due mainly to the cost of parts which are doubling in some cases, fuel prices, and also increased costs for our gravel/stone that we use on Albany's roads. In 2020 our diesel fuel bill for the year was \$20,574. In 2022 our diesel bill was \$46,220. Many items like this example our really out of our control, but essential in keeping our roads the best that they can be.

Blacktop: Last year we raised \$20,000. We will again be requesting \$20,000 for level funding. I believe 2024 will be our turn to receive state money to help with our paving costs. The \$20,000 that we raise every year goes toward the percentage of the cost of paving that the state doesn't pay. When we do

pave, Water Street will receive the pavement that year. Depending upon the amount of remaining funds, we will then evaluate what other areas could benefit.

Class 4: Last year we raised \$15,000. This year we have reduced the requested amount back to \$10,000.

Cemeteries: Last year we raised \$16,000. We will again be requesting \$16,000 for level funding. Headstone repair and maintenance will also be level funded at \$5,000.

Recycling: Last year we raised \$5,000. This year we will be asking for \$6,500. Everything in general has increased including the cost of pickup for the recycled materials. We will also be asking for \$10,000 to upgrade the Transfer Station building. The roof structure is in very poor condition and needs attention very soon. We also plan on using the \$10,000 (if passed) and combine it with some of the ARPA funds and/or grants to accomplish this upgrade.

We encourage everyone to read through their Town Reports and look at all the other Appropriations and Articles that are being presented. We hope everyone has had a good winter, and we look forward to seeing you at the Albany Town Hall on March 7th.

Sincerely,

Your Albany Selectboard - Brian Goodridge, Phil Beaudry, Normand Inkel

SELECT BOARD'S REPORT

General Orders

School Tax	\$ 1,013,386.23
Salaries, Social Security & Medicare (Town Share)	121,341.43
Appropriations, Dues & Taxes	117,617.42
ARPA Money to New Account – County Share	108,411.77
Bond Loan – principal & interest to Bond Bank	33,349.21
Trash Expense	19,921.31
Insurance	18,232.00
Administration Expense	14,562.15
Cemetery Mowing (6 Town Cemeteries)	11,880.00
Overpayment of Property Taxes	6,495.22
Re-Appraisal Fund – Grand List Maintenance/Fair Market Value Study	6,317.50
Recycling	5,786.69
Town Hall & Library	5,717.90
Cemetery Stone Maintenance	4,840.00
Cemetery Tree Removal	4,500.00
Utilities – Town Office	2,857.70
Restoration and Preservation Reserve Fun (Land Records)	2,784.00
Retirement – Town Share for Clerk/Treasurer	2,592.00
Legal Services –	2,505.07
State of Vermont – Dog License Surcharge	1,501.00
Village Cemetery Stone Maintenance	1,000.00
Ball Park Mowing	880.00
Community Bulletin Board	800.00
Soil Testing Behind Fire Station	668.40
Town Office Septic Pumping	525.00
Emergency Management Coordinator Training	416.66
Legal Services (Hartwell Pond Land)	385.50
Vermont State Treasurer - Marriage Licenses	300.00
Bushhogging (Behind Town Office)	200.00
Bushhogging (Rear of Village Cemetery)	175.00
Town Hall Rental Refund	150.00
Legal Services (Cemetery Mowing Contract)	112.50
Historical Society Flag	95.00
Mileage Reimbursement – Assistant Clerk	90.21
Mileage Reimbursement – Lister	88.05
Village Cemetery Sign	65.21
Cemetery Grass Seed	<u>19.99</u>
Total	\$ 1,510,570.12

Road Orders

Larabee Hill Culvert Replacement	\$ 769,499.00
Line of Credit Payment	454,844.28
Labor	115,158.25
Fuel & Lubricant	57,859.12
Equipment Rental	50,460.50
Truck Repairs & Maintenance	48,961.20
Gravel – Town Pit	38,544.00
Grader & Loader	31,831.95
Chloride	22,612.30
Insurance	20,467.00
Black Top	20,000.00
Culverts	11,956.23
Stone & Ledge	11,842.81
Engineering – Larabee Hill Culvert	10,000.00
Plant Mix – J. Hutchins	8,046.21
Winter Sand	8,016.00
Guard Rails & Install	7,500.00
Retirement, Town Share – Road Crew Personnel	7,451.34
Line of Credit Interest	6,678.95
Wings, Sanders, Plows & Chains	6,449.66
Chloride Trailer	6,048.70
Salt for Winter Sand	5,286.70
Mileage Reimbursement	5,222.33
Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Renewal	4,800.00
Legal Fees – Gravel Pit	4,298.37
Roadside Mowing	4,194.00
Roadside Bush Hogging	4,000.00
Garage Tools & Supplies	2,993.88
Uniform Service	2,511.44
Utilities – Phone & Electric	1,947.43
Legal Services – Katzenbach Pit	1,500.00
Municipal Roads General Permit	1,350.00
Road Signs	1,179.04
Testing – Gravel Pit	1,074.79
Water Tank & Trailer – Frame Purchase	1,000.00
Legal Services	922.82
Septic Tank Pumping	870.00
Storm Water Permit – Gravel Pit	800.00
Sand Shed	738.35
Johnson Road – Maintenance	700.00
Bridge Lumber Supplies	670.53
Mulch Hay	568.00
Tree Removal	500.00

Cylinder Lease, Welding Tanks	396.50
Security Monitor & Install	372.50
Tire Recycling	339.00
Electrical Repair	306.00
Radios	290.00
Ladder	289.99
Grass Seed	277.87
Trip Reimbursement for Truck Purchase	264.15
Furnace Repair – Town Garage	215.62
Chainsaws	163.88
Garden Shed Lumber	160.20
Property Pins – Town Garage	150.00
Fire Extinguishers Annual Maintenance	140.75
Garage Door Service	135.00
Mulcher Rental	100.00
Time Cards	91.00
Pressure Washer	82.90
Fuel Pump	33.62
Advertising	26.60
Certified Mail	24.00
Mulcher	19.99
CDL Queries	5.00
Total	\$ 1,765,239.75

ROAD SUMMARY

Available Road Funds:

Town of Albany -Line of Credit	\$ 773,999.00
FEMA – Partial Payment on Larabee Hill Culvert Replacement	454,844.28
Town Highway Tax (includes Class 2, 3, 4 and Blacktop)	285,000.00
State of Vermont – Highway Aid	118,649.12
Road Surplus Carry Forward	66,867.57
Larabee Hill Culvert Replacement Tax (Town Share & Internet)	28,000.00
State of Vermont – Better Roads Grant	19,889.40
Northwest Regional Planning Commission – Grants-In-Aid Project	17,240.00
FEMA – 2019 Halloween Flooding Additional 15% on Completed Projects	16,641.00
State of Vermont – Highway Aid Supplement	6,478.14
Good Neighbor account – 2004 truck Upgrade	5,940.75
Auger Heights Excavating, LLC – 2012 Truck Purchase	5,000.00
D. Pion Transport – Crane Purchase off of 2004 Truck	5,000.00
Town Of Lowell – Plowing and Sanding 2021-2022 Season	4,840.00

Katzenbach Sand & Gravel – Legal fees reimbursement	1,500.00
State of Vermont – Civil Fines Reimbursement	885.00
VMERS – Overpayment of Retirement – Town Share	454.50
Raymond & Jean Lafont – ½ cost of Culvert	371.60
Over Weight Permits	330.00
VLCT PACIF – Workers Comp Audit Refund	115.50
Community National Bank – Grader Loan Overpayment	<u>13.50</u>

Total Available Road Funds for 2021 **\$ 1,812,059.36**

Total Road Expenses for 2021 **\$ 1,765,239.75**

Road Surplus **\$ 46,819.61**

Of the Road Surplus, please note that \$21,321.05 is for the remainder of the \$28,000.00 that was raised for the Line of Credit Interest & Conventional Loan Payment for 2023. Therefore, leaving a true Road Surplus carry forward amount of \$25,498.56.

2021 – 2022 Comparisons

	2021	2022
Loader & Grader	\$ 28,598.48	\$ 31,831.95
Fuels & Lubricants	34,011.94	57,859.12
Winter Sand & Salt	4,248.79	13,302.70
Plows, Sander, Wings & Chains	1,631.11	6,449.66
Blacktop	20,000.00	20,000.00
Culverts	10,996.85	11,956.23
Gravel & Stone	44,071.47	58,433.02
Chloride	18,811.16	22,612.30
Road Signs	3,118.80	1,179.04
Garage Tools & Supplies	4,314.13	2,993.88
Radios	277.50	290.00
Truck Repairs & Maintenance	70,225.58	48,961.20
Chain Saws & Trimmer	907.29	163.88
Grass Seed	179.98	277.87
Uniform Service	2,201.08	2,511.44
Welder	369.15	396.00
Chloride Pump, Tank & Trailer	2,016.33	6,048.70
Mulch Hay	436.50	568.00
Advertising	113.05	26.60
Overhead Door Repair/Replacement	5,265.00	135.00

	2021	2022
Pressure Washer	431.68	82.90
Sand Shed	10,448.75	738.35
Water Tank Trailer Frame	4,428.26	1,000.00
Guard Rails & Install	.00	7,500.00
Bridge Supplies	.00	670.53
Security Monitor Install	.00	372.50
Ladder	.00	289.99
Grader Shed Lumber	.00	160.20
Time Cards	.00	91.00
Fuel Pump	.00	33.62

BLACKTOP MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2022	\$ 48,149.69
Income: Town of Albany – 2022 Tax Raised	20,000.00
Community National Bank – 2022 Interest	<u>53.73</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 68,203.42
Expenses – None	<u>.00</u>
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2022	\$ 68,203.42

CLASS 4 ROAD WORK – 2022 BREAKDOWN

Equipment Rental	\$ 11,728.00
Erosion Stone	1,377.36
Crushed Gravel	672.00
Bridge Lumber Supplies	670.53
Town Trucks	581.25
Dense Grade Material	360.00
Labor	339.00
Town Loader	228.82
Mileage Reimbursement	<u>5.93</u>
Total	\$ 15,962.89
Total Funds Raised in 2022	\$ 15,000.00
2022 Carry Forward	<u>2,706.85</u>
Total Class 4 Road Funds	\$ 17,706.85
Less Total Expense	<u>\$ 15,962.89</u>
Total 2022 Carry Forward	\$ 1,743.96

The Class 4 Road work was done on Town Farm Rd, Griggs Rd, Dyer Rd, Burbank Rd, and Goddard Lot Rd.

BREAKDOWN OF YEARLY INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Total Paid	\$ 37,389.00
Road Fund Share	\$ 19,157.00
General Fund Share	\$ 18,232.00
Town Share of General Fund Share	\$ 10,268.00
Fire Department Share of General Fund Share (Both Shares paid for by Town, not Fire Department)	\$ 7,964.00

RECYCLING REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$ 1,398.59
Income: 2022 Tax Raised for Recycling	\$ 5,000.00
Town of Irasburg – ½ Share of Cost	5,630.34
Gates Salvage – Metal Dumpster at Center	974.81
Tire Recycling	<u>16.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 13,019.74
Expenses: Attendant	\$ 6,727.00
Recycling Pick-Up Fee	2,107.00
Composting Pick-Up Fee	1,560.00
Plowing & Sanding	945.00
Porta Potty Rental	710.00
Electric at Recycling Building	231.69
Tire Recycling	218.00
Misc. Supplies	<u>15.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 12,513.69
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2022	\$ 506.05

TRASH REPORT

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$ 9,957.91
Income: Trash Collection	\$ 17,175.45
Town of Irasburg – ½ Share of Bulky Days	<u>1,964.49</u>

Total Available Funds	\$ 29,097.85
Expenses: Myers Container Service Corp. – Trash Dumpster	\$ 15,404.47
All Metals Recycling, Inc. – Bulky Day Dumpsters	3,036.15
NEK Waste Mgmt. District – Per Capita Assessment	819.84
NEK Waste Mgmt. District – Surcharge on Bulky Day Dumpster	404.08
The Chronicle, Inc. – Bulky Day Ads	143.77
The Chronicle, Inc. – Price Increase Ad	57.00
The Chronicle, Inc. – Attendant Ad	56.00
Christopher Dunn – Warming Shelter Fuel Ad	26.00
Bulky Day Loader Operator	<u>345.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 20,292.31
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2022	\$ 8,805.54

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

The Town raised \$158,000.00 in tax dollars for the General Fund in 2022.

Breakdown of General Fund Expenditures:

Salaries	\$ 82,151.11
Insurance	18,232.00
Social Security & Medicare – Town Share	16,806.56
Administrative Expense	14,562.15
Retirement – Town Share, Town Clerk/Treasurer	2,592.00
Legal Services	2,505.07
Appropriations & Dues	2,434.85
Town Hall/Library - Fuel	2,418.86
Town Office - Fuel	1,841.63
Andre Lamarche – Mowing Ballfield	880.00
Community Bulletin board @ Post Office	800.00
Soil Testing – Behind Fire Station	668.40
Septic Tank Pumping – Town Office Site	525.00
Town Office – Water Rent	520.00
Town Hall Building Assessment	500.00
Town Hall/Library – Plowing & Sanding	400.00
Town Hall – Furnace Maintenance	394.92
Legal Fees – Sanville vs. Town of Albany	385.50
Town Hall & Library Electric	373.06
Town Office – Electric	265.86
Solar Meter Electric	230.21
Town Library Furnace Maintenance	200.30
Bush Hogging – Behind Town Office	200.00

Town Hall/Library – Water Rent	130.00
Flags – Historical Society	95.00
Mileage Reimbursement – Assistant Town Clerk	90.21
Mileage Reimbursement – Listers	88.05
Town Hall/Library - Annual Fire Extinguisher Service	52.50
Town Hall Sensors Renewal	45.00
Town Hall Handicap Parking Sign	35.54
Town Hall Snow Shovel	31.79
Town Hall/Library – Bathroom Supplies	<u>24.79</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 150,698.36
Total Under Budget	\$ 7,301.64

TOWN'S FIXED ASSETS & TOWN'S VALUE OF BUILDINGS & LAND

Town Hall Building & Land – Main Street	\$ 248,900.00
Town Office, Fire Station & Land – Main Street	\$ 841,500.00
Town Gravel Pit, Land & Building – Delano Road	\$ 117,600.00
Town Garage, Sand Shed & Land – Center Hill Road	\$ 205,000.00
Recycling Center Building & Land – Main Street	\$ 46,000.00
Land at Hartwell Pond– Hartwell Pond Rd.	\$ 116,500.00
Ball Park – Main Street	\$ 35,700.00
Town Cemeteries – various locations	\$ 125,600.00

Plus: Town Trucks, Grader, Loader, Culvert Thawer, Plows, Sanders, Wings, Chloride Trailer & Tank, Water Trailer & Tank, Fire Trucks & Equipment

RE-APPRAISAL ACCOUNT REPORT

Balance as of January 4, 2022	\$ 70,301.19
Income: State of Vermont – Grand List Maintenance	\$ 6,317.50
Town of Albany – Tax Raised	5,000.00
Community National Bank – Interest	<u>37.52</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 81,656.21
Expenses: NEMRC, LTD – Annual CAMA Disaster Recovery Agreement	\$ 734.27
NEMRC, LTD – Marshall & Swift Cost Tables	230.01

Apex Software – Sketching Software Renewal	215.00
Community National Bank – Deposit Ticket Order	<u>67.69</u>
Total Expenses for 2022	\$ 1,246.97

Balance of Funds as of January 4, 2023 **\$ 80,409.24**

GOOD NEIGHBOR ACCOUNT

This is the payments from Green Mountain Power for the Wind Towers.

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$ 100,504.49
Income: Green Mountain Power – 2022 Payment	\$ 55,209.96
Community National Bank – 2022 Interest	<u>1,066.59</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 156,781.04

Expenses: Town of Albany Road Fund – 2004 Truck	\$ <u>49,940.75</u>
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2022	\$ 106,840.29

This is the 10th year of a Ten-year payment. This money was voted to be used as an equipment replacement fund.

RESTORATION & PRESERVATION RESERVE FUND

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$ 9,204.90
Income: Per page recording fees for 2022	\$ 2,784.00
Community National Bank – 2022 Interest	<u>\$ 5.31</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 11,994.21
Expenses: None	
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2022	\$ 11,994.21

LIBRARY REPORT - FOR THE YEAR 2022

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$ 10,591.72
Income: Town of Albany – 2022 Tax Raised	\$ <u>14,000.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 24,591.72
Expenses: Librarian pay	\$ 8,785.00
Assistant Librarian pay	2,617.50
Town’s Share of SS & Medicare on wages	872.28
Town’s Share of Workman’s Comp. on wages	<u>99.20</u>

Total Expenses	\$ 12,373.98
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2022	\$ 12,217.24

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

Cash on Hand as of January 1, 2022	\$ 150.54
Income: Town of Albany – 2022 Appropriation	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 350.54
Expenses: Flag Order	<u>\$ 124.85</u>
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2022	\$ 225.69

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$ 10,000.00
Income: Town of Albany – 2022 Tax Raised	<u>10,000.00</u>
Expenses: None	
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2022	\$ 20,000.00

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUND

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$ 108,499.84
Income: State of Vermont – Town & County	\$ 108,411.77
Community National Bank – Interest	<u>183.58</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 217,045.19
Expenses: None	
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2022	\$ 217,045.19

CEMETERY REPORT

Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2022	\$ 8,688.35
Income: Town of Albany – 2022 Tax Raised	<u>\$ 16,000.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 24,688.35
Expenses: Andre Lamarche – Mowing (6) Town Cemeteries	\$ 11,880.00
Labounty & Son Tree Service – Tree Removal	4,500.00
Richard Geoffroy – Sexton Stipend	2,000.00
Mike Montgomery – Bushhogging Rear of Village Cemetery	175.00
James W. Barlow, PLC. – Cemetery Mowing Contract	112.50
VCI – Village Cemetery Sign	65.21
E.M. Brown – Grass Seed	<u>19.99</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 18,752.70

Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2022 **\$ 5,935.65**

The funds of the previous *Albany Cemetery Association* remain in a separate account. **The balance of this fund is \$15,341.57 as of December 31, 2022.** Money from the sale of lots is deposited into this fund.

CEMETERY HEADSTONE MAINTENANCE

Balance of Funds as of January 1, 2022	\$ 1,039.30
Income: Town of Albany – 2022 Tax Raised	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 6,039.30
Expenses: Bianchi Memorials, Inc. – Stone Repairs	\$ 4,840.00
Heritage Memorials, Inc. – Stone Repairs	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 5,840.00
Balance of Funds as of December 31, 2022	\$ 199.30

Work was done at the Hovey Cemetery, Village Cemetery and Chamberlin Hill Cemetery. With continuation of funding, work will continue in 2023.

TOWN RECEIPTS

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

Beginning Cash on Hand 1/1/22	\$ 526,148.05
Received from:	
STATE OF VERMONT	
FEMA Money- Partial Reimbursement on Larabee Hill Culvert	\$ 454,844.28
Highway Aid	118,649.12
ARPA Money	108,411.77
2022 Hold Harmless Payment – Current Use	43,957.00
Municipal Tax Adjustment	24,322.00
Better Roads Grant	19,889.40
FEMA – Extra 15% on Completed Projects – 2019 Flooding	16,641.00
Current Use Withdrawal Change Tax	8,301.50
Highway Aid Supplement	6,478.14
Grand List Maintenance	6,317.50
Civil Fines Reimbursement	885.00
Retirement Overpayment – Town Share	454.50
Recording Fees & Land Records Maintenance Fee - \$283.00/\$92.00	375.00
PILOT Payment	365.86
Library Grant	300.00
	<u>300.00</u>
	\$ 810,192.07
TOWN TREASURER	
2022 Property Taxes	\$ 1,538,551.64
Town Clerk Fees	9,561.00
Overpayment of 2022 Property Taxes	6,495.22
Land Records Maintenance Fee	2,692.00
State Surcharge on Dog Licenses	1,501.00
Dog License Money	1,057.00
State Marriage License Fee	300.00
EV Charging Station Use	92.00
	<u>92.00</u>
	\$ 1,560,249.86
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	
2021 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 30,775.33
2021 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	2,402.06
2021 Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,798.69
2022 Delinquent Taxes	20,551.28
2022 Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	1,713.54
2022 Interest on Delinquent Taxes	308.48
	<u>308.48</u>
	\$ 57,549.38
MISCELLANEOUS	
Town Of Albany Line of Credit – Transfer to Road Funds	\$ 773,999.00
Northwest Regional Planning Commission – Grants-In-Aid Grant	17,240.00
Transfer Station Attendant – Trash Collection	17,175.45
Lake Region Elementary - Middle School District – True-Up Refund	12,118.44
Good Neighbor Fund Transfer to Road Funds	5,940.75
Town of Irasburg – ½ Share of Recycling	5,630.34
Auger Heights Excavating, LLC – Purchase of 2012 Truck	5,000.00
D. Pion Transport – Purchase of Crane From 2004 Truck	5,000.00

Town of Lowell – Plowing & Sanding 2021-2022 Season	4,840.00
Lake Region Union High School – True-Up Refund	4,317.80
Town of Irasburg – ½ Cost of Bulky Day	1,964.49
Community National Bank – Interest on Checking	1,697.52
Katzenbach Sand & Gravel – Reimbursement of Legal Fees	1,500.00
Gates Salvage Yard – Metal Dumpster at Recycling	974.81
Voided Check	899.90
Town Hall Rental	860.00
Phillip Beaudry – Purchase of KME Fire Truck	800.00
David Rowell – Post Office Lot Rent	600.00
Hardwick Area Food Pantry – Electric Use at Town Hall	543.14
Raymond & Jean Lafont – Culvert	371.60
Overweight Permits	330.00
VLCT PACIF – WC Audit Refund	233.00
Three Ladies, LLC – Liquor License	185.00
Tire Recycling	16.00
Community National Bank – Grader Loan Overpayment	13.50
Misc. Overpayment	.01
	<u>\$ 862,250.75</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 3,290,242.06
Total Receipts plus Cash on Hand - 1/1/22	\$ 3,816,390.11
Disbursements:	
Select Board's General Orders	\$ 1,510,570.12
Select Board's Road Orders	\$ 1,765,239.75
Select Board's Fire Department Orders	<u>\$ 29,720.36</u>
Total Orders Paid	\$ 3,305,530.23
Ending Cash on Hand - 12/31/2022	\$ 510,859.88
Plus, Fire Department Funds – SM -11 General Order*	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total Ending Cash on Hand as of 12/31/2022	\$ 540,859.88
To Balance with Checking Account	<u>–27.99</u>
	\$ 540,831.89

*2022 Budget - No check issued as funds are left in Town Checking per vote at 2010 Town Meeting

TREASURERS TAX ACCOUNT

Collected by Treasurer:

Real Estate Taxes	\$ 1,538,551.64
Pre-bate Credits	<u>255,318.38</u>

Total Tax Collected by Treasurer	\$ 1,793,870.02
Delinquent Tax	<u>63,730.23</u>
Total Tax to be accounted for:	\$ 1,857,600.25

Taxes Collected by Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 24,149.45
Taxes Collected by Treasurer	<u>1,793,870.00</u>
Total 2022 Taxes Collected	\$ 1,818,019.47

Total Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/22	<u>\$ 39,580.78</u>
Total 2022 Taxes to be accounted for:	\$ 1,857,600.25

2022 Tax Rates	Homestead Tax Rate	1.6556
	Non-Residential Tax Rate	2.0112

TREASURERS SUMMARY

SALARIES & SOCIAL SECURITY – General & Road Orders

Paige Horner – Road Foreman/Truck Driver	\$ 61,530.00
Jonathon Rowell – Road Laborer/Truck Driver	48,389.25
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Town Clerk & Treasurer	43,200.00
Tonya Coderre – Shadowing Town Clerk & Treasurer	9,255.75
Kristin Urie – Librarian	8,793.75
Justin Mason – Asst. Clerk & Treasurer	7,081.89
Christopher Dunn – Transfer Station Attendant	5,264.00
Gary Mason – Truck & Rented Equipment Driver	5,239.00
Therese Campbell – Select Board Administrative Assistant	2,946.00
Cathy Wilder – Lister/911 Coordinator	2,812.00
Krista Mayer – Assistant Librarian	2,617.50
Susan Richardson – Lister	2,455.50
Michele Reed – Lister	2,108.63
Richard Geoffroy – Cemetery Sexton	2,000.00
Debra Ann Geoffroy – Delinquent Tax Collector	1,900.51
Brian Goodridge – Select Board	1,750.00
Phillip Beaudry – Select Board	1,750.00
Normand Inkel – Select Board	1,750.00
Phillip Beaudry – Transfer Station Attendant	1,463.00
Gloria Chicoine – Office Cleaning	1,222.69
H. Jane Rayner – Auditor	1,200.00
Francis Jarvis – Auditor	1,200.00
Ellen St. Marie – Mowing & Trimming Town Buildings and Signs	980.00
Justin Mason – Select Board Meeting Minutes	973.65
Kelly Carpenter – Animal Control Officer	840.00
Justin Mason – Town Hall Shoveling	325.00
Susan Richardson – Ballot Clerk	300.00
Paige Horner – Loader Operator for Bulky Days	120.00
Ellen St. Marie – Traffic Control & Helper for Bulky Days	120.00
Jonathon Rowell – Loader Operator for Bulky Days	105.00

EFPTS – Social Security & Medicare – Town Share 16,806.56

APPROPRIATIONS, DUES & TAXES – General Orders

Lake Region Elementary-Middle School District	\$ 736,731.79
Lake Region Union High School District	276,654.44
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department -Budget	30,000.00
Orleans Emergency Unit	23,646.87
Orleans County Sheriff's Department	14,386.32
Orleans County Treasurer	13,961.38
Glover Ambulance Squad, Inc.	6,250.00
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department – Vehicle Replacement Fund	5,000.00
Town of Albany Re-Appraisal Account	5,000.00
Craftsbury Community Care Center	3,250.00
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	3,000.00
Hardwick Area Food Pantry	2,500.00
Vermont League of Cities and Towns	2,310.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	1,882.00
Albany Historical Society	1,000.00
Northern Vermont Development Association	706.00
Umbrella, Inc.	700.00
Orleans County Historical Society	700.00
Rural Community Transport	600.00
Craftsbury Saplings	500.00
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.	500.00
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	450.00
North County Animal League	400.00
American Red Cross	250.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	200.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	150.00
Albany Memorial Day	124.85
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	100.00
Vermont Green-Up, Inc.	50.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE & UTILITIES – General Orders

The Memphremagog Press – Town Report Printing	\$ 1,995.49
Consolidated Communications – Town Office Phone & Internet	1,829.61
Fred's Energy – Town Office Fuel	1,841.63
US Postal Service – Town Envelopes	1,817.05
Staples Direct – Town Office Supplies	1,210.39
Andre Lamarche – Town Office Plowing & Sanding	1,115.00
US Postal Service – Town Report Postage	820.08
UniFirst Corp. – Town Office Floor Mats	803.11
US Postal Service – Town Lister Envelopes	723.25
Kofile Technologies – Land Records Volume & Index	662.21
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent at Town Office	520.00
The Chronicle, Inc. – Advertising	516.78
Canon Financial Services –Copier Lease	454.50
Community National Bank – Check Order	273.63
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Town Office	265.86
IDS, Inc. – 2022 Dog Tags & License Forms	263.07
Fillion Network Solutions, LLC – Computer IT Service	244.00
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Solar Meter	230.21
Canon Solutions America – Copier Maintenance	198.43

US Postal Service – Overweight, Absentee & Dog Tag Postage	141.60
Norton – Computer Security Renewal	111.29
US Postal Service – Town P.O. Box Rent	70.00
Community National Bank – Deposit Tickets	61.53
US Postal Service – Certificate of Mailing for Listing Purposes	48.23
VLCT – Moderator Training	48.00
St. Jay Fire Extinguisher Service – Yearly Service for Town Office	47.50
Newport Daily Express – Advertising	39.00
VMCTA – Yearly Membership	35.00
J.B. Colton – Town Office Floor Mat Container	32.99
U.S. Postal Service – Money Order for Background Check	31.65
VMCTA – Lister Workshops	30.00
Hardwick Journalism, Inc. – Advertising	27.80
Therese Campbell – Postage Refund	7.38
Pick and Shovel – Office Supplies	3.68

TOWN HALL & LIBRARY – General Orders

Fred’s Energy – Heating Fuel	\$ 2,418.86
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Electric usage	916.20
R. Edwards & Company, PLC. – Building Assessment	500.00
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	400.00
Fred’s Energy – Yearly Furnace Service	394.92
VT Department of Libraries – Grant	300.00
J & S Electric – Exit Light @ Library	218.00
Fred’s Energy – Furnace Repair	200.30
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent	130.00
St. Jay Fire Extinguisher Service – Yearly Service	52.50
Town Hall – Rental Deposit Reimbursement	50.00
Staples Direct – Bathroom Supplies	23.59
Imonnit – Sensor Renewal	45.00
My Security Sign – Handicap Parking Sign	35.54
Justin Mason – Snow Shoveling Reimbursement	31.79
Staples Direct – Bathroom Supplies	15.99
Staples Direct – Supplies	8.80

RECYCLING – General Orders

NEK Waste Management District – Recycling Pick-up	\$ 2,107.00
Keep it Green Compost – Compost Pick-up	1,560.00
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	945.00
Taplin Septic Pumping & Portable Toilet, LLC. – Porta Potty Rental	710.00
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Electric usage	231.69
K-N-S Tire Recycling	218.00
Phillip Beaudry – Fuel Reimbursement	15.00

TRASH COLLECTION – General Orders

Myers Container Service, Inc. – Trash Dumpsters	\$ 15,404.47
All Metal’s Recycling, Inc. – Bulky Day Dumpsters	3,036.15
NEK Waste Management District – Per Capita Assessment	819.84
NEK Waste Management District – Bulky Days Surcharge	404.08
The Chronicle, Inc. – Advertising for Bulky Days & Price Increase	200.77
The Chronicle, Inc. – Attendant Ad	56.00
Christopher Dunn – Fuel Reimbursement	26.00

MISCELLANEOUS – General Orders

ARPA Account – County & Town Funds from Federal Government	\$ 108,411.77
US Bank – Bond Principal & Interest	33,349.21
VLCT Insurance Premiums	18,232.00
Andre Lamarche – Cemetery Mowing (6 Cemeteries)	11,880.00
Overpayment of Taxes	6,495.22
Re-Appraisal Account – Yearly Grand List Maintenance	6,317.50
Bianchi Memorials – Cemetery stone Maintenance (Hovey)	4,840.00
Labounty and Sons Tree Service – Cemetery Tree Removal (Center)	4,500.00
Restoration & Preservation Reserve Fund – Recording Fees per Statute	2,784.00
Lord Abbott – Retirement, Town Share – Clerk & Treasurer	2,592.00
James W. Barlow, PLC – Legal Fees	2,505.07
Vermont State Treasurer - Dog License Surcharge	1,501.00
Heritage Memorials, Inc. – Cemetery Stone Maintenance (Village)	1,000.00
Andre Lamarche – Mowing Ballfield	880.00
Arland Fisher – Community Bulletin Board	800.00
Ross Environmental – Soil Testing	668.40
Juddy’s Septic Service – Pumping Septic at Town Office	525.00
Gary Mason – EMC Training/Lodging Reimbursement	416.66
Monaghan, Safar, Ducham PLLC – Legal Services	385.50
Vermont State Treasurer – Marriage Licenses	300.00
Mike Montgomery – Bush Hogging Field Behind Office	200.00
Mike Montgomery – Back of Village Cemetery	175.00
Christine Whitesides – Townhall Rental and Deposit Refund	150.00
James W. Barlow, PLC. – Cemetery Mowing Contract	112.50
Colin Carter – Historical Society Flags	95.00
Justin Mason -Mileage Reimbursement	90.21
Lister Mileage Reimbursement	88.05
Vermont Correctional Industries – Village Cemetery Sign	65.21
E.M. Brown – Cemetery Grass Seed	19.99

**2022 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES
AS OF 12/31/2022**

Baker, Renee & Chester***	\$ 4,185.00
Breault, Bruce & Ellen	1,588.85
Digiovanni, Stephen & Rosemary	794.43
Flomen, Michael & Crowley, Kristen***	5,424.21
Fox Muller Family 2020 Trust***	4,955.59
Gordon, Lynn	2,984.62
Hornbacher, Mark	430.65
Judkins, Clarence, Jr. & Danielle	1,950.27
Kelley, Dawn	156.87
Kusmit, Jeffrey & Amy	1,677.34
Mason, Carol (New Street)	597.33
Mason, Christi	403.79
Mason, Robert (MH)	221.23
Mason, Shawn***	1,150.40
Masse, Ian & Tollman, Erika	188.82
Mulligan, Jessica Jade	2,664.84
Nelson Farms, Inc. (56.57 A)	402.24
Nelson Farms, Inc. (269.4 A)	4,730.34
Plosinski, Victor	1,673.01
Rowell, Cory	913.99
Schauer, Deborah	3,032.89
Seguin, Brittany	188.74
Silva, amaro & Jean***	484.70
Smith, Randy	832.64
West, Greg***	149.17
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAX AS OF 12/31/2022	\$ 39,580.78

* **indicates all or part payment made after 12/31/2022

Hello All,

As another year has come and gone here at the Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Department, I would like to thank all of you for your support and funding to keep the fire department up and running and in good standing. I would also like to thank the very dedicated members of this department. Their commitment and willingness to train and work as a team to help others in need is commendable and very much appreciated.

Our biggest obstacle of the year has been the need to replace our tanker. After several breakdowns this year it is now out of service due to tank decay. We have purchased a 2006 Freightliner cab and chassis, in very good condition, for \$45,000.00. It was purchased with \$34,331.57 from the fire department's truck replacement fund and \$10,668.43 from the department's truck replacement/major repair account. We will be purchasing a tank, having it mounted and the truck outfitted with the equipment needed to put it in service. The estimated cost for that is \$35,000.00 and it has been approved by the Albany Select Board that ARPA funds would be used for those expenses.

We are always looking for more volunteers to join the department! If you can attend two trainings a month, a monthly business meeting, pass a background check and want to serve your community please give me a call.

Our annual chicken BBQ will be held on Labor Day, September 4th this year. We hope to see you there!

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at: (802) 793-2340 or via email at joshuawpilbin@gmail.com .

Josh Pilbin

Department Roster

Josh Pilbin, Chief

Robert Hoyt, Assistant Chief

Jeanne Peters, Captain

Gary Mason, President, Treasurer, EMT, Firefighter

Tony Schneider, Firefighter

Casey Butler, Firefighter, First Responder

Patty Cote, Firefighter, First Responder

Reggie Shatney Jr., Firefighter

Steve Richardson, Firefighter

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 - Report of Select Board Controlled Funds

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/22	\$ 33,750.93
Income: Town of Albany – 2022 Taxes Raised	\$ 30,000.00
Phillip Beaudry – Purchase of KME Fire Truck	800.00
Total Available Funds for 2022	\$ 64,550.93

Expenses:

Reynolds & Son, Inc. – Turn-Out Gear, Flashlights, Air Compressor CO2 Sensor Repair	\$ 8,782.46
Collinsville Repair LLC – Tanker, Rescue and Engine Repair	6,048.89
Newport Police Department – Dispatch Service	2,800.86
Fred’s Energy – Station Fuel	2,470.44
Consolidated Communications – Station Phone & Alarm	1,271.02
Fred’s Energy – Diesel for Trucks	1,203.39
NE International Mutual Aid – Dues & Fire School	870.00
Andre Lamarche – Plowing & Sanding	725.00
Jay Whitcomb – Truck Service	627.00
The Pick and Shovel – Station Supplies	622.76
Pete’s Equipment Sales & Rentals – Rental of Tree Planting Machine	580.00
Pepin Truck Repair – Tanker Repair	537.00
Albany Village Water Supply Company – Water Rent	520.00
Card Services Center / V-Tel – Station Internet	413.55
Gates Electric – Generator Yearly Service	400.00
VT Electric Co-op, Inc. – Station Electric Usage	380.87
Josh Pilbin – Reimbursement for Plantings @ S. Albany Dry Hydrant	353.72
St. Jay Fire Extinguisher Sales & Service LLC. – Yearly Fire Extinguisher Service	312.50
Round Hill Fence & Security – Annual Alarm Monitoring Fee	252.00
Harrison Shvader Enterprises – Name Tags	187.85
Fred’s Energy – Generator Tank Rental Fee	125.00
Department of Public Safety – Fire Academy	100.00
Albany Municipal Volunteer Fire Dept. – Fire Prevention @ School	71.50
J.B. Colton – Grass Seed for Dry Hydrant	52.97
O’Reilly – Oil	11.58
Total Expenses	\$ 29,720.36

Balance of Funds as of 12/31 /2022	\$ 34,830.57
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ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Vehicle Replacement Fund

Balance of Funds as of 1/1/22	\$ 31,268.41
Income: Town of Albany – 2022 Tax Raised	5,000.00
Community National Bank – 2022 Interest	29.93
Total Available Funds:	\$ 36,298.34
Expenses: Truck Purchase to Replace Tanker	34,331.57
Total Available Funds as of 12/31/2022	\$ 1,966.77

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOL. FIRE DEPT.
TREASURER REPORT NON-TAXPAYER FUNDS
JANUARY 1, 2022 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2022

Beginning Balance January 1, 2022: 5413.10

INCOME:

Coin Drops 5-28 and 9-5-22	2165.59
Transfers from Equipment Fund	5,832.70
Albany Day	3170.68
Lost/Void Checks	219.90
Town of Albany- reimbursement on fire prevention supplies	71.50
Holiday Raffle	680.00
Donations	620.00
Bottle Return Funds	705.45
Interest Earned on Bank Account	5.07
Total Income	13,470.89

EXPENSES:

Penguin Management Inc.- edispatches subscription	960.00
Jeanne Peters- parade candy	20.37
Josh Pilbin- cleaning supplies, snatch block, water hose, and exercise equip.	385.02
Kasey Butler- wash/wax and trash bags	23.18
Fire Department Clothing- t-shirts and sweatshirts	1056.34
Thibaults Market	204.88
Majestic Trophy- winter hats and ballcaps	532.00
Taylor Schneider- donation to go fund me	200.00
Tony Schneider- Albany Day supplies and fire prevention pencils	296.07
All Around Rental	150.00
Craftsbury Fire Department	50.00
Albany Genny	371.28
J.B. Colton	175.92
Walmart	180.52
Kyle Lemieux- chain, shackle, snatch block	65.67
Change Fund for Albany Day	300.00
C&C Supermarket- chicken for Albany Day	1326.52
Albany Methodist Church- donation for church use on Albany Day	150.00
The Chronicle	20.31
Alert All Corp.- fire prevention supplies	651.50
Reynolds and Son Inc.- fittings, CO meter, auto plates, sawzall, tower light	5,947.59
Albany PTC- 25% of Holiday Raffle Income	170.00

Hardwick Area Food Pantry- 25% of Holiday Raffle Income to Albany Food Share.	170.00
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Total Expenses	13,407.17
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Ending Balance December 31, 2022	5476.82
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Note: Ending balance includes a petty cash fund of \$122.00

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOL. FIRE DEPT.
NON-TAXPAYER MAJOR REPAIR/TRUCK REPLACEMENT FUND:

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2022:	10,663.52
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INCOME:

Interest earned on account	4.91
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EXPENSES:

Withdrawal for Tanker Truck Purchase from Normand Inkel	10,668.43
Ending balance/Account Closed December 21, 2022	0.00

ALBANY MUNICIPAL VOL. FIRE DEPT.
NON-TAXPAYER EQUIPMENT FUND:

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2022	29,187.76
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INCOME:

Interest earned on account	12.05
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EXPENSES:

Transferred to Checking Account- fittings, CO meter, and tower light	5,832.70
Ending Balance December 31, 2022	23,367.11

Thank you for your support and for supporting our fund raisers!

CALLS DISPATCHED AND RESPONDED TO:

4-mutual aid to another town	1-structure fire
1-chimney fire	3-investigate possible fire
2-fire alarms(no fire found)	3-assist ambulance
3-motor vehicle fires	5-motor vehicle accidents
	Total calls for 2022: 22

Gary H. Mason
Treasurer

Joshua W. Pilbin
Chief

LISTER'S MESSAGE

We recently received our state report from Albany's property sales and are pleased to see we are still within their acceptable guidelines. We have contacted reappraisal firms to get on the list to have a town wide reappraisal done in the near future. It has been 15 years since our last one.

The real estate market has been robust over the past few years. Many properties have sold for more than their listed values; unfortunately that is reflected in the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) going from 105% in 2021 to 90% in 2022. This means that our properties in town are listed for less than fair market value causing a possible increase in the education portion of property taxes. The majority of towns in Vermont are in the same position

Resources for understanding education tax rates and the Common Level of Appraisal are available on the department's website at: <http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/understanding-property-taxes/education-tax-rates>. Also from the Vermont school boards association at: <http://www.vtvsba.org>.

Once again, we will be mailing our Property Information Letter, which you should receive prior to Town Meeting. Your responses are **critical** to ensure your property information is accurate.

PLEASE FILE YOUR HOMESTEAD DECLARATION (FORM HS-122) BY THE APRIL 18TH DEADLINE TO AVOID A PENALTY WHICH THE SELECTBOARD HAS APPROVED. THIS CAN BE DONE EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO FILE AN EXTENSION FOR YOUR TAXES.

Contact the Town Clerk's Office at 802-755-6100 with any questions or concerns. Our email address is albanylisters@gmail.com.

Thank you! Sue Richardson, Cathy Wilder, Michele Reed, Town of Albany Listers

Albany Planning Commission Report

In August, the Planning Commission arranged for a site visit to the Town Hall and Library by Efficiency Vermont which identified a number of measures that would improve the energy efficiency of the buildings. In 2021, at the suggestion of the Preservation Trust of Vermont, the Commission scheduled an assessment of the Town Hall and Library buildings by R. Edwards Co., Architects/Designers. The resulting Conditions Assessment was funded by a \$500 grant from the PTV, and a report to the Town on the buildings was submitted in January 2022.

Although not an official activity of the Planning Commission, in October, members of the Commission helped organize Albany's first Window Dressers program that constructed and installed energy saving insulating window inserts for Albany residents. We installed approximately 65 inserts in 10 residences. A number of Albany residents helped with the construction of the inserts. Thanks to a grant from the Pleasants Fund, the inserts were offered to Albany residents at no charge.

Albany Public Library Report, 2022

2022 was a year of growth for the Albany Library, with increased circulation, new library cards and services, new staff, and new collaborations to improve access to resources and library programs.

In May, Krista Mayer joined the team as our library assistant. With her skills and creativity, Krista has brought new life to the Albany Library and expanded programs to include weekly storytimes, a monthly board game group, and a writing group that meets twice a month. She has made it possible for the library to be open for four hours on Saturday afternoons, expanding access to the library for people who are not able to visit during the week.

In June, we introduced new library cards, streamlining and expanding our online services and collaboration with the Craftsbury Public Library and the Simpson Library in East Craftsbury. With a library card you can now access ebooks and audiobooks, movie streaming, digital periodicals and online classes all with one number and password, in addition to checking out materials. If you don't already have a library card, stop by the library during open hours to pick one up.

We worked with the summer program at the Albany Community School to offer programs at the Albany Town Hall; students and staff walked down from the school to join the audience for a puppet show with Modern Times Theater in June where there were 70 people in attendance, and a clowning show by Peter Gould in July that had an audience of 60. We offered a theater improvisation class in June that had eight participants, and July saw the return of Poetry and Pie, with 10 poets in attendance. Over the summer we also offered a First Aid and CPR class, enabling 16 people to become certified in these skills at no cost.

This fall we partnered with the Northeast Kingdom Medical Reserve Corps to offer workshops in Cold Weather Preparedness, Advance Directives, and Aging Well. We plan to build on this partnership in 2023, and will be offering workshops to support health and wellness in the coming months.

1012 items circulated this year, compared to 509 items in 2021. Circulation of online audio and ebooks went up by 30%. We saw a total of 768 people visiting the library and participating in library programs in 2022.

The library supports the community in a variety of ways outside of the Library and Town Hall building. In the spring, we worked with the Childrens' Literacy Foundation to bring author Marv Klassen-Landis to the Albany Preschool, where he delighted children and families with his stories. His presentation was followed by a book giveaway, where each child chose two new books to bring home. At the end of the summer we put up a storywalk on the community trails at the school, where community members as well as teachers and students could walk the trail and read a book, page by page, along the way. The little free libraries continue to be an active part of our town, with books going in and out at all four locations: Albany Village, South Albany, Albany Center and East Albany. Thank you to Cheryl and Rob Dewees for their continued care and upkeep of the little free libraries.

Thanks to all for your ongoing support: for volunteering your time, sharing your skills, supporting and participating in the library in 2022. We want to hear from you! Please reach out with your questions and ideas anytime. You can call 755-6107, email albanypubliclibraryvt@gmail.com, or reach out to one of the library trustees: Cathy Wilder, Cheryl Dewees, Emily Carbonetti, Nadine Richardson, Karen Hennig, Leslie Rowell, and Sara McGlinchy. We look forward to seeing you at the library in 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Urie, Librarian

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR/FIRE WARDEN

Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$1098.09
No additional money was requested in 2022	
Vermont Emergency Management Day of Training, May 26, 2022, Fairlee, VT CK#24969 June 14, 2022	\$104.64
Vermont Emergency Management Conference, Sept. 20 and 21, 2022, Killington, VT CK#25281 October 11, 2022	\$312.02
Ending Balance December 31, 2022	\$681.43

The mileage to Fairlee, VT from Albany, VT was 79 miles one way. The mileage to Killington, VT from Albany, VT was 103 miles one way. I did not request, and I was not paid for mileage. I am only indicating the mileage to report how far away these conferences were located.

Emergencies:

In accordance with dispatch reports, an ambulance responded to Albany for 48 incidents(Orleans-42 and Glover-6). The Albany Fire Dept. was dispatched and responded to 22 incidents.

Emergencies are dealt with at the local level. I continue to encourage everyone to safely check on your family, friends, and neighbors, especially the disabled, elderly, and those with medical conditions during significant weather events and/or power outages. Also, as a reminder, please do not use generators inside homes, basements, crawlspaces, or attached garages due to the possibility of you, your family, or pets being exposed to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Fire Warden:

There were no out of control grass/brush fires reported in Albany during 2022. I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation. As a reminder, please contact me for a burn permit before doing any open burning when there is no significant snow on the ground. Only the burning of NATURAL VEGETATION is permitted. Household trash, tires, paint, oil, or plastic are a few examples of what is not permitted.

Gary Heath Mason, EMC/Fire Warden
albanysix@yahoo.com , cell 802-673-7185

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

NAME	PARENTS
Paisley Elizabeth Pothier	Cheyenne Ray Pothier & Edward Joseph Pothier
Aldin Vaughn Sicely	Jasna Cajic & Garrett Alexander Sicely
Alina Rose Sicely	Jasna Cajic & Garrett Alexander Sicely
Molly Mae Pinard	Sandra Carol Pinard & Michael Lucien Pinard
Elijah Bleu Lyman	Kylie Mykenna Lyman & Milton Forrest Lyman
Octavia Loretta Rae Prue	Megan Rae Lamarche & Brandon Michael Prue

IN MEMORIAM

NAME	AGE
Waldo Potter	86
Dorothy Mabel Mason	94
John Edward Squier	85
Jacqueline Marie Walton	79
Ronald Niles	70
James Huntington Mills, Jr.	79
Robert Ernest Sanville, Jr.	70
Lawrence Pothier	66

MARRIAGES

Sonya Lee Roberts & Joshua Roger Burns

Christine Charliss Whitesides & Donald Wayne Jenness

Carlie Eliza Boudreau & Anothony Agisilaos Cusanello

Emma Larissa Perkins & Nathaniel Lawrence Mason

Kara Ann Lemieux & Daniel Joseph Orzolek

Rebecca Agnes Allison & Galen Paul Baptie

TOWN INFORMATION

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL: 911

FIRE STATION NUMBER: 802-755-9240

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2023

March 6 (Lake Region High School Location)	School Meeting
March 7	Town Meeting
March 25 (2:00pm-3:00pm @ Town Clerk Parking Lot)	Rabies Clinic
April 1	Listing Begins
April 1	Dog License Due
May 6	Bulky Day & Green Up VT Day
May 29	Memorial Day
November 8	Taxes Due

This year the Rabies Clinic will be March 25th from 2:00pm to 3:00 P.M. It will be a drive-thru only clinic at the Town Office parking lot. The Stowe Vet Clinic will only go to cars per their request. Please remember to stay in your car and respect their request. Thank you.

To license this year, you can mail the proper amount with current rabies certificates and spay or neuter certificate if applicable, deposit in the drop box at the Town Office. The Town Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday April 1st from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon to license dogs.

Dog License Fees are: Spayed or Neutered - \$9.00 /// Male or Female - \$13.00 (If done by April 1st.)

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS / OFFICE PHONE 802-755-6100

Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Wednesday - 9:00AM to 7:00PM and Saturday - When Required

**Regular Selectboard Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month;
7:00PM at the Town Clerk's Office or Town Hall depending on current Health
Situations**

RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday - 4:00PM to 7:00PM and Friday - 12:00 P.M. to 4:00PM

Trash Disposal is during the same hours as Recycling:

\$2.00 / 13 gallon bag \$4.00 / 30 gallon bag \$6.00 / 64 gallon bag

HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY PLEASE

TOWN GARAGE PHONE: 755-6300

Albany/Irasburg Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

1030 Main St. Albany, VT .

Wednesdays, 4:00pm-7:00pm & Fridays, 12:00pm-4:00pm



SORT ITEMS



RECYCLING MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY

MIXED PAPER

Newspapers, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored & white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper.
NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, & BROWN KRAFT BAGS

FLATTEN BOXES. All Cardboard and Boxboard food packaging. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK.
NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam.

TIN CANS

Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic.
MUST BE RINSED

ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS

Labels OK. Flattening not required.
NO snack bags, candy wrappers, coffee bags.
MUST BE RINSED

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

*Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin) *
NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids, metal or wood.

BATTERIES

All types including primary and rechargeable batteries. Please bag similar types together and bag damaged batteries separately.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 & #5 Food Containers

REMOVE CAPS / MAX. SIZE- 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*

Includes food containers, health/beauty product, and cleaner containers. #5 included *if it's a food container.*
NO plastic bags or films, black plastic, screw-top caps, motor oil bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes, or medical devices.

ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS at the ALBANY RECYCLING CENTER:

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

SCRAP METAL: Metal appliances (stoves, washer/dryer, dishwasher), grills, water tanks, microwaves, metal roofing, pots and pans, bicycles. Any item that is mostly metal included. No fridges, freezers, A/Cs, dehumidifiers.

ELECTRONICS: TVs, computers (incl. mouse/keyboard/speakers), computer printers, radio/stereos, gaming systems, telephones, fax machines.

SPECIAL WASTES: Waste oil & filters, metal aerosols cans, hard cover books, fluorescent light bulbs.

HOUSEHOLD TRASH: \$3.00/30 gallon bag. Check our Calendar or contact Town Clerk's office for Bulky Waste Event information. Fees subject to change, call Town Office for latest pricing. Residents can contract with local haulers for curbside collection services. Find our Licensed Hauler List at www.nekwmd.org

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

In addition to services provided at this location, district residents have access to disposal services at the Lyndonville Recycling Center, 224 Church St, Lyndonville:

Recycling, Food Scraps, Scrap Metal, E-waste, Waste Oil, Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs, Freon-Containing Appliances (Refrigerators, Freezers, A/C units, Dehumidifiers), Stump Dump all free of charge, and Tire Disposal, fees apply.

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

Updated: 1/2023



List of Common Items **NOT ACCEPTED** for Recycling

Please dispose of the following items in the trash unless otherwise stated.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFELY AND PROPERLY DISPOSING OF A
MATERIAL— CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

(802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. www.nekwmd.org, e-mail outreach@nekwmd.org

Unacceptable Plastics Include:

Any **black** plastic containers

Motor oil, gas containers

Pesticide containers

Styrofoam of any kind

Planting pots and trays

Plastic furniture

Plastic Toys

Coffee Makers

Coat hangers

Vinyl Siding

Maple Tubing

CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases

Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size

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

Unacceptable Plastic Bags and Films

Any type

Unacceptable Aluminum

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers

Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)

Coffee Bags

Unacceptable Tin

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans

Large Pieces of Metal

Nails, Screws, Fasteners

Any tin that is a non-food container

Unacceptable Cardboard

Pringles containers

Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind

Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes

Cardboard with metallic interior

Single-use coffee cups

Soiled Cardboard

Waxy Cardboard

Unacceptable Paper

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)

White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)

Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers

Paper plates, cups, bowls

Single-use cups

Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

Unacceptable Glass

Crystal

Incandescent light bulbs

Automotive lights

Pyrex

Porcelain

Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)

“Biodegradable” Bags

“Biodegradable” bags, cutlery, bowls, plates

Food utensils

Plates, bowls, cups

Plastic bags

Styrofoam

Keurig cups

2023 NEKWMD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2	Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection by appointment in Lyndonville begins
MAY 6	Danville Bulky Day, Danville Stump Dump 8am-3pm
MAY 6	Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30am-1pm
MAY 13	Corinth HHW Collection, Corinth Transfer Station, 8am-1pm
MAY 20	Waterford HHW Collection, Waterford Transfer Station 8am-1pm
MAY 20	Guildhall HHW Collection & Bulky Day, 5635 VT Route 102 (HWY Salt Shed) 8am-12pm
MAY 24	Glover HHW Collection, Glover Transfer Station 12pm-3pm
MAY 27	Bloomfield Bulky Day, VT Route 102 Bloomfield, 8am-12pm
MAY 25 -27	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD facility Lyndonville, Appointment required
JUNE 3	Derby HHW Collection, Derby Recycling Center, 9am-1pm
JUNE 10	Brunswick Bulky Day, Brunswick Town Offices, 8am-12pm
JUNE 17	Jay/Troy HHW Collection, Jay Transfer Station, 8am-12pm
JULY 1	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Hatchery Brook Rd., Averill, 8am-1pm
JULY 15	Maidstone HHW Collection and Bulky Day, 1342 Rte. 102 Maidstone 8am-12pm
AUGUST 5	Cabot HHW Collection, Cabot Recycling Center 8am-12pm
AUGUST 12	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Rte. 105 UTG Building, Ferdinand, 8am-1pm
AUGUST 19	Westmore HHW Collection, Westmore Transfer Station 8am-1pm
AUG 31, SEPT. 1 & 2	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD Facility, Lyndonville, Appointment required
SEPTEMBER 9	Bloomfield Bulky Day, VT Route 102 Bloomfield, 8am-12pm
SEPTEMBER 16	HHW Collection, NEKWMD Office, No appointment necessary, 8am-3pm
SEPTEMBER 23	Danville Bulky Day, Danville Stump Dump, 8am-3pm
SEPTEMBER 23	Cabot Bulky Day, Cabot Recycling Center, 8am-3pm
OCTOBER 5	HHW Collection by appointment in Lyndonville ends

For information on these events and others, contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District at (802) 626-3532, 800-734-4602, by e-mail at progmgr@nekwmd.org or check the updated calendar of events at www.nekwmd.org

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

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

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

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 lead 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



Jennifer L. Harlow
Sheriff

ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has been honored to provide the Town of **Albany** 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,

Jennifer L. Harlow

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

Town of Albany - Total Law Incident Report

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Agency Assist	2
Alarm	1
Citizen Assist	6
Citizen Dispute	3
Civil Process	13
Directed Patrol	2
Juvenile Problem	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	5
Parade Detail	1
Sex Offender Registry Check	4
Sex Offense	3
Subpoena Service	2
Suspicious	2
Threats/Harassment	3
Traffic Stop	38
TRO/FRO Service	2
Vandalism	1
Vin Verification	1
Violation of Conditions of Release	1
Welfare Check	2
Total Incidents for Town of Albany	93

Town of Albany - Total Traffic Violation Report

Total Traffic Tickets	17
Total Warnings	22

Town of Albany - Total Arrest Report

Town of Albany - Total Arrest Report	
Domestic Assault	2
Excessive Speed	2
Grossly Negligent Operation	2
Lewd and Lasvicious Conduct	1
Total Arrest (by person) for Town of Albany	8
Total Arrests (by count) for Town of Albany	8



To the Voters of Albany:

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

This year, we are again requesting annual dues from our member communities. These funds are critical, as they allow us to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage additional state and federal funds that benefit our region.

While local governance becomes more complex, our talented staff remains available to assist your community. Throughout 2022, we continued helping local government and businesses navigate the ongoing challenges resulting from the pandemic, including pursuing new opportunities to aid in regional recovery. We continued assisting communities and businesses with ARPA funding and other state and federal recovery resources. Our regular services continued as well, including:

- Land use planning & regulation;
- Transportation studies and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS services;
- Grant writing and administration;
- Direct business support, referrals, and lending to employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning to help communities meet evolving statutory requirements;
- Planning for natural hazards and local emergency response;
- Brownfield assessments and remediation assistance;
- Economic development activities to grow and strengthen businesses in our region;
- Training for local officials.

How have we served your community? In 2022, NVDA helped Albany Village with their American Rescue Plan Act funds. We also assisted the Town with a solar project map, grant funds for a bicycle pump track at Albany School, traffic counts, and emergency planning and preparation. Finally, we assisted with Albany's participation in the Grants in Aid program to promote the use of erosion control and water quality practices in road maintenance.

Municipal contributions to NVDA have remained the same since 2016. This year, however, the NVDA Board has approved the first of three small adjustments that will occur over a five-year period to lessen the impact on municipal budgets. In 2023, dues will increase to \$0.85 per capita (from \$0.75), with a maximum of \$3,965 and a minimum of \$565. We take great pride in serving the communities and businesses of the NEK. This additional contribution allows us to continue providing a high level of professional service. We take pride in keeping communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at tgonyaw@nvda.net to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director

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

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

Member Benefits - All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 142 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, staff responded to thousands of member questions and published guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2022, VLCT began offering additional government finance training and consulting services and launched the new Federal Funding Assistance Program (FFAP). FFAP offers communities advice on complying with federal rules surrounding pandemic funding, provides direction and insight on accessing billions of dollars in federal infrastructure funding, and provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law. The League provided training via webinars, onsite classes, and during the hallmark annual event, Town Fair, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. VLCT's Equity Committee also published an online equity toolkit that assists municipalities in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in their decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Specific success in 2022 includes securing \$45 million in funding to help municipalities make energy improvements in their buildings, securing \$250,000 for VLCT's Federal Funding Assistance Program, increasing Municipal Planning Grants to \$870,000, securing \$250,000 for the Vermont Office of Racial Equity to launch the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Program, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to insurance programs**. The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also provides members with the option to purchase life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products at a competitive price. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.

Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions and to access resources to help them carry out the important work of local government. **To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org.** Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/AuditReports.

Newport Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns in Essex and Orleans Counties in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, the Newport Local Health Office:

Protected communities from COVID-19: Since the pandemic began three years ago our doors have remained open, and we've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. We provided vaccine, testing, and information, along with other key public health services.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In collaboration with community partners, since COVID-19 response efforts began, we hosted over 70 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 7,370 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies: We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members.

Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved: We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools without access, shelters, meal, and food distribution sites, farms, and more.

Collaborated with Town Health Officers around environmental health: To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about environmental health including lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at www.healthvermont.gov/environment.

Provided WIC services and resources to families and children: Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,068 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at www.healthvermont.gov/wic.

Supported student health and youth empowerment: According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 59% percent of students in Essex County and 45% in Orleans County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." The state average is 58%. Regionally, efforts like mentoring and after-school enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

Promoted health in all policies: Health is not just individual behaviors and access to care, it's also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We worked with towns, schools, worksites, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.

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)		
Administrative Grant Revenue	\$494,750	\$762,985	Projected Surplus from 2022	\$145,016
Operations Revenue	\$203,000	\$49,138	Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,252,718
Capital Grant Revenue	\$26,005,250	\$5,565,444	Operations Revenue	\$747,767
Total Cash In	\$28,703,000	\$6,377,567	Capital Grant Revenue	\$28,785,288
Administrative Cost	\$494,750	\$617,969	Total Cash In	\$31,830,794
Operational Cost	\$215,900	\$97,353	Administrative Cost	\$1,847,193
Construction Cost	\$25,705,000	\$5,565,444	Operational Cost	\$586,601
Total Cash Out	\$26,415,650	\$6,280,766	Construction Cost	\$28,785,288
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$403,134	\$96,801	Total Cash Out	\$31,219,081
Increase in Capital Assets	\$25,705,000	\$5,565,444	Annual Net Cash Flow	\$711,707
			Increase in Capital Assets	\$28,785,288



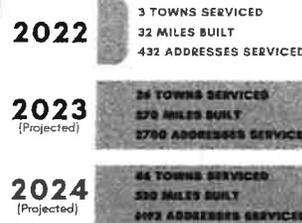
GRANTS & FINANCING

- 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.