



Poet Rajnii Eddins performs at the St Johnsbury Welcome Center on September 26 at the #GETDOWNTOWN event sponsored by the Levitt Foundation, Catamount Arts, Discover St Johnsbury, St Johnsbury Academy and the Town of St Johnsbury. (Photo by Derek Campbell)

Town of St. Johnsbury

2020 Annual Town Report



Town Manager



Town Clerk &
Treasurer



Selectboard



Assessor's
Office



Planning and
Zoning



Police
Department



Fire
Department



Department of
Public Works

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2021

March 16: Final installment of 2020 taxes due, 4:00 PM, Town Treasurers Office.
April 1: Last Day to license dogs without a late fee.
April 5: Town Meeting Informational meeting, 7:30 PM at the St. Johnsbury Town School.
April 6: Town Meeting, Australian ballot, 8 AM to 7 PM at the St. Johnsbury Town Office Building.
March 18: Final installment of taxes due, 4:30 PM, Town Treasurers Office.
April 15: Last Day to file your Homestead Declaration without a penalty.
October 15: First installment of 2020 taxes due, 4:30 PM, Town Treasurers Office.

TIMES OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS

Selectboard meetings are held on the **second** and **fourth** Mondays of the month at 6:00 PM in the Pomerleau building. The Development Review Board monthly meeting is held on the **fourth Thursday** of the month at 7:00 PM in the Pomerleau building. The Planning Commission monthly meeting is held on the **third Tuesday** of the month at 7:00 PM in the Pomerleau building.

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM THE TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE

Vital Statistics: 194 Births, 131 Deaths, 37 Civil Marriages
Land Records: There were 4243 pages recorded in 2020 which filled 12 compressed books, we have back scanned images to November 1998.
Dogs: In 2020 we licensed 588 dogs.
Motor Vehicles: In 2020 we renewed 80 registrations.
Elections:

	REGISTERED	VOTED POLLS	VOTED ABSENTEE	TOTAL VOTES
MARCH 3, 2020 TOWN MEETING	4306	1524	315	1839
AUGUST 11, 2020 STATE PRIMARY	4354	393	1136	1529
NOVEMBER 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL	4584	798	2612	3411

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>
Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

DO YOU NIXLE?

www.nixle.com is a website where you can sign up to get emergency notifications for the town of St. Johnsbury – like water breaks, highways closed, or any other emergency/community information that could affect you and your family.
Just go to www.nixle.com, enter in St. Johnsbury, Vermont (spelled out just the way this is) and click on “Sign Up”. After you enter the required information to sign up, you will receive messages in the future via email or cell phone (or both, depending upon what you enter). It’s simple to do, and many people in the area are already signed up and receive this valuable information.

TOWN OFFICIALS

School & Town Moderator: David Reynolds 2021

Selectboard:
Timothy Angell, Chair 2021
Kevin Oddy, Vice Chair 2022
Brendan Hughes 2021
Dennis Smith 2023
Daniel Kimball 2021

School Directors:
Mark Avery, Chair 2021
Deane Rankin, Vice Chair 2022
Thomas Huntington 2021
Ilene Dickinson 2022
Abigail Campbell 2023

School Treasurer: Linda Hartwell 2021

Town Clerk & Treasurer: Stacy Jewell 2022

Collector of Current Taxes: Stacy Jewell 2021

First Constable: Robert Holmes 2021

Cemetery Commissioners: Tim Clouatre 2026, Lauren Jarvi 2021, Bryan LeBlanc 2026

Justices of the Peace: 2019-2021 Pierre H Berube, Mark Bickford, David Brown, Stephanie Churchill, Anne Cosgrove, Albert Dunn, Durward Ellis, John Goodrich, Gretchen Hammer, Diane Holmes, Kevin Oddy, Jennifer Pinsonneault, Abbey Pollender, Lisa Rivers, Milton Rivers

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager: Chad Whitehead
Assistant Town Manager: Joe Kasprzak
Finance Officer: Lesley Russ
Administrative Assistant: Rachel Waterhouse
Fire Chief: Jon Bouffard
Police Chief: Timothy Page
Director of Public Works: Steven Beauregard
Assessor: New England Municipal Consultants
Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer: Diane Perkins

Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer: Kelly Willey
Zoning Administrator: Paul Berlejung
Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Chad Whitehead
Fire Warden: Jon Bouffard
Homeland Security: Jon Bouffard
Health Officer: Jon Bouffard
Deputy Health Officer: Andrew Buckley
Fire Marshal: Andrew Buckley
Agent to Convey Real Estate: Mathew Ghafoori

Planning Commission: Jim Brown, Chair 2023, Ben Copans, Vice Chair 2021, Ed Behr 2021, Lawrence Dolan 2021, Vacancy
Development Review Board: Richard Lyon, Chair 2023, Elizabeth Emmons 2021, Tony Higgs 2023, Willie Nickerson 2019, Kyle Sipples 2023, Barry Waldner 2022, Keith Chamberlin 2021
Board of Assessment: Robert Swartz, Chair, Paul Laramie, Donald Smith
Design Advisory Committee: Kim Behr, Chair 2021, Mary Hughes 2023, Kelly Doyle 2022, Robert Swartz 2023, Diane Cummings 2021, Ashley Moriarty 2021, Lorna Higgs 2021
Industrial Park Board: Jim Impey 2021, Brendan Hughes 2021
Energy Coordinators: Scott Campbell, Brandon Fowler, John Unger-Murphy, Pam Parker, Steve Isham, Lynn Wurzburg, John Ajamie, Elmore Dickstein, Keith Whitmore, David Zajko
Beautification Committee: Gena Glidden, Jim Brown, Tara Holt, Lorrie Brown, Heather Alger
Tax Stabilization Committee: Jim Impey, Edwin Magnus, Ron Steen, Jamie Murphy
St. Johnsbury Development Fund: Daniel Kimbell, Jamie Murphy
Calex EMS Board: Diane Norris, Kim Darby
NVDA Board: Lawrence R. Donna, Jim Brown
Housing Board of Review: Buddy Chapman, Brooke Demers, Iris Gilbert, Robert Holmes, Katherine Rossell, Bernie Timson
Rental Housing Grant Review Committee: Patricia Jansen, Ron Steen, Alice Kitchel, Patrick Shattuck, Irene Nagle

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER OFFICE SCHEDULE OF DAYS CLOSED 2020

January 1- Friday	New Year's Day
January 20 (3 rd Monday in January)	Martin Luther King Day
February 17 (3 rd Monday in February)	Presidents Day
April 6 & 7 - Tuesday & Wednesday	Town Meeting & Day After
May 31 (Last Monday in May)	Memorial Day
July 2- Friday	Administrative Leave Day
August 16 - Monday	Battle of Bennington Day
September 3- Friday	Administrative Leave Day
September 6 (1 st Monday in September)	Labor Day
November 11 - Thursday	Veterans Day Observed
November 25 (4th Thursday in November)	Thanksgiving
November 26 - Friday	Administrative Leave Day
December 24- Friday	Christmas Eve
December 31 - Friday	Office Closed at Noon

*Town Clerk/Treasurer Office will be closed to the Public the day after any Election.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

A year ago today, we would never imagine the challenges that 2020 would bring to communities around the world. We had to redefine the way we did business seemingly overnight. We worked diligently to develop strategies to comply with health and safety orders and to safely open businesses whenever possible. Even in uncertain times St. Johnsbury was able to maintain forward progress on initiatives and investments in town in both the public and private sector.

Residents and businesses of St. Johnsbury have demonstrated incredible adaptability and fortitude over the course of the last 12 months. Somehow during a worldwide pandemic, new restaurants and businesses opened up in St. Johnsbury's downtown. Construction projects in the works kept moving forward. Businesses coordinated with the Town to find ways to open up our sidewalks and outside spaces for dining, retail use and entertainment in a safe manner. Outside exercise classes were coordinated in our parks under social distancing guidelines to allow safe participation.

Partnerships with essential service providers including NVRH, CALEX, St. Johnsbury Academy, and St. Johnsbury Town School were strengthened through the opening and management of the Town's Emergency Operations Center. We worked closely with these partners as well as others to ensure the needs of our residents and businesses were represented at all levels.

It is going to take significant efforts to re-open following the pandemic, but I am optimistic that residents, businesses, boards and committees are committed to doing the work, as they realize that a vibrant community is vital to our economic and overall health.

Throughout this pandemic the Town has remained operational. Early on there were adjustments made to operations to remain in compliance with the Governor's orders, but also to ensure that emergency response staff was available should they be called upon. Public Works, Police, Fire and Dispatch remained in operations thanks to the efforts by those employees to keep themselves safe and able to come to work and serve our residents.

As I have reported in the past, the Town continues to receive positive reports from our annual audit and we remain in a great position to take full advantage of programs offered by funding partners such as the Vermont Department of Transportation, USDA Rural Development, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, thanks to financial management by our Finance Director, Lesley Russ and support provided by the Town Clerk and Treasurer, Stacy Jewell and her office.

Assistant Town Manager Joe Kasprzak worked diligently with the Housing Committee to implement the rental housing improvement grant program, which utilized a portion of the proceeds from the long-term rental housing registration program to reinvest in our housing stock. Joe also continues to provide support to businesses within Town and maintains close contact with agencies such as the Vermont Department of Housing, Agency of Commerce and Community Development and Council on Rural Development in the interest of the Town of St. Johnsbury. The Main Street Revitalization project is progressing and is currently focused on renovation of the Armory as a Town Police and Dispatch facility. This project will turn a blighted and vacant building, which is a town liability, into an asset to complement the downtown and meet the needs of our emergency services. It is critical for the Town to remain focused on economic development efforts and opportunities available to St. Johnsbury businesses.

As police reform is discussed at a nationwide level, Chief Page has become the President of the Vermont Association of the Chiefs of Police to remain involved at the State level with police chiefs from around Vermont. He continues to build relationships with surrounding law enforcement agencies, and continues to provide mentorship and support for the officers that serve our community.

Operations Manager Anthony Skelton continues to prove to be an exceptional choice to oversee our Dispatch Center. His dedication to Emergency Dispatching Services is evident as our dispatch center continues to improve their operations.

Our Fire Department, under the leadership of Chief Jon Bouffard, played a leading role in our COVID response. Officers and firefighters reviewed and wrote policy, inventoried PPE and remained vigilant so the department could provide response when called upon. With the Regional Fire Evaluation, including partnership with six neighboring towns, coming to completion in the next few months, Chief Bouffard and the staff at the Fire Department will be essential in defining how the Town continues to provide the level of high-quality fire protection we currently enjoy.

Department of Public Works Director, Steven Beauregard has completed his first year and managed the department well during the pandemic. He quickly identified the town's need to invest in our road and bridge systems and has recommended a budget and program to begin to make those necessary improvements.

I would like to thank the department heads, administrative staff and the Select Board for their participation throughout the budget development process. In August of this last year, at the recommendation of the Town Manager, the Select Board made a budget adjustment that utilized reserves to fund operational expenses for a one-time effort to soften the blow of both the uncertain economic impacts of COVID-19 and impacts of the town wide reappraisal. This reduced the amount of taxes to be collected from property owners from what was approved at town meeting, and property owners saw a reduction of 3% -3.5% in their municipal tax liability this last year. We are not currently recommending further use of reserve funds in this proposed budget to offset expenses. This proposed budget includes the continuation of full-time police coverage within the special services district and full-time fire services throughout town, and an increase in the highway budget to address concern of residents.

Our office doors are open, and I always look forward to hearing from residents, business owners and visitors.

Thank you,
Chad L. Whitehead
Town Manager

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Even with the challenges imposed by COVID-19 since mid-March, 2020, the operations of the zoning administrator's office were conducted smoothly. There was a slight increase in activity over calendar year 2019 as residents took on home improvement projects. During these restrictions the part-time office is staffed remotely by email and phone Monday through Friday 8:00 – 10:30 and 2:30 – 5:00 and other times by in-person appointment or on Zoom.

The primary task of the zoning administrator (ZA) is to work with individuals who are considering a variety of changes to their property, exterior changes to their structures, changes in use of their property, home occupations or other changes to their property to determine whether the proposed change is in compliance with the town's current zoning bylaws.

The ZA either issues a permit for the requested change, or when required by the bylaws, forwards the application to the Development Review Board (DRB), or the Design Advisory Committee (DAC) before a permit is issued.

In 2020 there were 95 permit applications submitted (92 in 2019); 33 were forwarded to the DRB for review, consideration and approval before a permit was issued (23 in 2019); 23 of these were first sent to the DAC for consideration before forwarding to the DRB for final consideration (17 in 2019). 42 certificates of zoning compliance were issued (32 in 2019).

The office received 27 zoning, housing and health violation complaints (eight in 2019); 10 were forwarded to the police department or fire marshal/code compliance officer for action; eight have been closed; and nine remain open, working toward resolution. Event permits remained at 18 and E911 requests increased by one to eight.

The office also administers the vacant structures registration program and coordinates activities within the flood hazard areas with the State of Vermont to ensure state and federal requirements are met for activities within those areas.

The ZA attends meetings of the Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Design Advisory Committee, Landlord Information Exchange and other governmental and non-governmental organizations involved in land use, housing and similarly related matters.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Paul Berlejung, Zoning Administrator

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

2020 has indeed been about COVID-19, its impact on our way of life, and the extreme pressures this pandemic has put on local organizations, institutions, and businesses. As Town officials, it is our priority to provide our residents, institutions, and businesses with the infrastructure and services required to provide for a healthy, safe environment to work, live, and play.

In response to COVID-19, the Town Manager's Office worked with local businesses to institute new policies that provided businesses with the flexibility they needed to develop safe, sustainable business practices during these historically challenging times. The Town provided downtown businesses with outdoor

market space on public sidewalks by creating pedestrian by-passes into the streets. The Town also provided businesses with a fast-track permit application process that allowed access to public spaces to conduct business. These efforts proved to be helpful as businesses worked to redefine how they do business.

We are very proud of our business's resiliency and innovation on display within our downtown. Along with the pain and suffering that COVID-19 has brought, we have also seen opportunity. Rural communities are experiencing some positive impacts, most notably, within the real estate market as people look to escape from densely populated areas struggling with COVID-19. Town officials continue to work with local, state, and regional partners to develop infrastructure, most notably broadband connectivity. Improved connectivity will provide viable remote work options and support telehealth and tele-education infrastructure that we now know are vital to our community's future. By working to solve these short-comings, we position ourselves as a destination for the "new" remote working-class looking to relocate to desirable rural communities.

The momentum St. Johnsbury gained pre-COVID-19 continues as investments in downtown properties continue. New Avenue LLC is under construction, the recent openings of the St. Johnsbury Distillery, Whirligig Brewing, Northern Express Health Care, and the soon-to-open St. Johnsbury Animal Hospital are all positive! The completion of the Trailhead Center on Bay Street this fall, combined with the state's commitment to complete the 94-mile trail connecting St. Johnsbury to Swanton by 2022, will provide many opportunities for St. Johnsbury businesses.

The Town is also taking the lead on downtown revitalization by working on a Main Street Revitalization Planning project with expectations of the redevelopment of the Armory into a new police and dispatch facility, the redevelopment of the current Public Safety Building, and hopes of the redevelopment of the Main St. Fire Site.

Town Officials will continue to leverage town resources to provide the capacity for growth. We will continue to work with residents, partners, and stakeholders to ensure that St. Johnsbury is a safe, healthy, vibrant community!

Best Regards,
Joe Kasprzak

ST. JOHNSBURY DISPATCH REPORT

Operating a Dispatch Center during a pandemic provides several challenges. Providing adequate communication to our region's emergency responders to keep them safe from all hazards is the Dispatch Center's primary goal.

Our dispatchers have adapted to the changes made for emergency responders with relative ease. Some changes included asking screening questions for emergency and non-emergency calls and keeping up-to-date on modified response plans and governmental orders and recommendations. We continue to provide our core services to both the Town of St. Johnsbury and the regional response partners in fire and medical services.

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MUNICIPAL REPORTS

The number of incidents handled last year (10,440) was down over 13% from 2019 (12,026). This reduction is a result of modified law enforcement and other emergency services response protocol due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The St. Johnsbury Fire Department had a 24% reduction in incident responses, while the other 10 area fire departments were down a 5.7%. Collectively, EMS services had a reduction in responses by 5.4%.

The State of Vermont has been changing many of the court processes. Since we are a regional holding station of warrants and restraining orders, we have closely followed these developments. We also have renewed our contract with the Vermont Department of Corrections for after-hours paperwork handling, including Commissioner's Warrants and Return on Mittimus requests.

The Dispatch Center has been working diligently to replace aging equipment and to plan for future capital expenses. This year, the police department repeater was replaced, aided by a US Department of Agriculture grant. This repeater has analog and digital transmission capabilities to adapt to technical requirements in the future.

Dispatchers are the foundation of our service, and there are many dedicated employees of the Dispatch Center to recognize:

Adam Colburn - 22 years of service
Karen Montgomery - 20 years of service
Lisa Young - 9 years of service
Felicia Mallett - 6 years of service
Timothy delaBruere - 2 years of service
Jennifer Mielewski - 1 year of service

Looking to the future, we will continue to explore methods to keep the Dispatch Center sustainable and beneficial for this region. We will strive to ensure that dispatch services remain affordable without sacrificing our professionalism. When our residents find themselves in an emergency situation, they can find comfort that a qualified dispatcher is here to get them the help they need.

Respectfully,
Anthony Skelton - Dispatch Operations Manager

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The Town of St Johnsbury DPW has had another very busy year that was further complicated with COVID 19 and a June rainstorm resulting in significant road damage.

Snow came early this year and we had a typical Vermont Winter. Salt and Sand use was right on our budgeted usage amounts. We have started to add tool to our toolbox to reduce the amount of salt we use annually, but are in the early stage of this and it will take 3-4 years before we see measurable results.

Spring started with our crew split into two crews in response to COVID-19 for the first couple month to protect our employees and ensure that, should there be an exposure and requirements to quarantine we would have a crew available to respond to emergencies. This, combined with interruptions in supply chains negatively impacted our planned summer schedule. Then a June storm resulted in a month of unanticipated labor and approximately \$50,000 of expenses. Our crew worked hard and took advantage of

a late fall and we were able to get all scheduled projects completed.

Some of the projects completed this past year include replacing roadways that were washed away and upgrading them with stone lined ditches, replacing 350 feet of sewer main that was complicated with several obstacles discovered underground, replacing 25+ catch basins, a stone lined bank projects on Undercliffe Road, and a Better Back Roads grant project on Rodd Road.

Now that I have my 1st year of employment with the town under my belt, I have had time to evaluate town infrastructure. Based on my own evaluation and the input from residents some needed changes have become clear. Our gravel roads (47.28 miles) are in need of a quality gravel product. Past practice of inhouse processing of gravel resulted in an inferior material. What may have been a short term savings in the budget has resulted in gravel roads that don't hold up to a reasonable grading cycle. Moving forward we have set a goal to grade and apply chloride to roads on a 6 week cycle. The long-term plan will be to use quality gravel and we will start by installing the 1st mile this year at a cost per mile estimated at \$45,000. This upfront investment will ultimately result in reduced maintenance requirements, improved quality and a long term savings to the Town.

Our second major issue is our class 3 paved roads (34.94 miles). With the exception of project areas, these have been ignored for years and have deteriorated to the point where we are starting to pay the price. The cost of repaving roadways in fair to good condition is estimated to be approximately \$80,000 per mile. Roads in poor condition cost approximately \$100,000 per mile. This year we are asking voters for \$100,000 with plans to pave a mile of fair road and the balance to be used to fix potholes.

It will take years and additional budget to address both these issues and get roads on a reasonable repair schedule. These are tough issues and I understand the need for fiscal prudence in all aspects of what we do with your DPW dollars. Proactive utility and infrastructure planning in the last 10 years has paid off for the Town, and moving forward we intend to use this proactive approach to bring our roads to that same standard we have set for other areas the town has proven to be successful.

I would like to thank the voters for their past support and look forward to working with our community in the future. I'd like to thank all our dedicated team members of our Water, Sewer and Public Works departments. I look forward to a great future with the Town of St Johnsbury.

Sincerely,
Steve Beauregard

CALEDONIA COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

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Good bye 2020 is all I have to say about that year. We completed another audit for our office in 2020 and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind. The

state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We have kept our rates for service the same for the past few years and have a slight increase with construction and traffic. This increase is do to the fuel prices. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, replacing cars that have served us well. We have ten marked cars, a 2014 van for prisoner transports, one unmarked car being used for civil process service. The radar cart is working well and in many towns. That purchase was with the use of Governors Highway Safety Grant funds. We have a large enclosed trailer that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. This trailer may be utilized as a command post at a mass casualty incident as well. We have an ATV and two golf carts. With project (ROAD), Responsible Operators Against Distractions, we want to continue to educate operators about phone use and texting while driving. We continue to do town patrols and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live & drive in because of our presence. The patrols are community based. Which means each town is different, so the patrols may be different. We are taking a proactive response instead of a reactive response. This effort has helped with both fighting crime and communications with the towns. The Sheriff's Department has 14 Law Enforcement Officers to start the new year, with hopes to send a couple new hires to the academy in the spring. Our goal is to have 20 to 25 deputies to cover all details. We have become more active with local schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. We have been involved with drills and evacuation plans and will continue to assist as needed. We continue to look at 24 hour dispatching for the county, but are unable to do that right now. Our new location is wonderful and working as it should. We've had a lot of visitors and people stopping by with question. We are more visible and easier to reach. Plus the savings on the tax payers went from \$62,000, down to \$30,000. In 12 years, that expense will go away and the county will own the building.

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

Please check out our facebook page. Thank You.
Sincerely,
Sheriff Dean Shatney

ST. JOHNSBURY ENERGY COMMITTEE

St. Johnsbury is one of over a hundred Vermont communities that have a town energy committee. Town energy committees work closely with town officials, helping with research, energy inventories, community outreach and education, developing the energy chapter of the municipal plan, and guiding clean and sustainable energy strategies. St. Johnsbury's Town Energy Committee is made up of 10 volunteers who are responsible to the selectboard.

The committee's major activity in 2020 was to draft

an enhanced energy plan with the assistance of NVDA. An enhanced energy plan gives the town more input in the siting of commercial renewable energy projects. We met with educational leaders at St Johnsbury Academy and the St Johnsbury School to learn how climate science is included in their curriculum and how we can help them increase climate science literacy. We coordinated with Button Up Vermont to publicize their weatherization events. We met with institutions such as NVDA, Fairbanks Museum, St. Johnsbury Academy, and St. Johnsbury School to learn what they have done with weatherizing their campuses. We met with Chad Whitehead and Casella to discuss recycling, food waste, and composting. We conducted a shop local wish list program to encourage folks to shop local for Christmas.

The committee collaborated with other town energy committees and attended events with several statewide organizations. We post information regularly on our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as Front Porch Forum.

Due to Covid-19 the committee meets via Zoom. Link for our meetings as well as minutes from our meetings are available on the town's website. If you are interested in learning more about the town energy committee, please email plparkervt@gmail.com.

ST. JOHNSBURY CEMETERY COMMISSION

The St Johnsbury Cemetery Commission was established in 2016 under state statute by action of the Select Board after the town acquired the Grove Cemetery. The Grove Cemetery had previously been owned and managed by a private cemetery association. There are three Cemetery Commissioners who are elected by the voters of the Town. St. Johnsbury's first Commissioner was elected in March 2017. The final of our three Commissioners was not on board until October 2017. Since that time we've been meeting regularly and feel we've both learned and accomplished a lot.

The St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission is responsible for the three town-owned cemeteries: The Grove Cemetery on Rte 2 in East St. Johnsbury, the Center Village Burying Yard (CVBY) on Breezy Hill Road in St. Johnsbury Center, and the Ayer-Hawkins Cemetery on Crepeault Hill Road.

Our third full year as a Commission saw a continuation of our work on town owned cemeteries. We held two separate work days at the Ayer-Hawkins Cemetery. We had the assistance of several members of the local Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. They are particularly interested in that cemetery as there are veterans of the Revolutionary War buried there. We did some repair and resetting of monuments, weeding and general cleanup, followed by substantial brush removal to establish the back-boundary line. Our thanks go to all who helped us, in particular Ken Robinson who brought his tractor. Finally, Bryan painted the fencing along the Crepeault Hill Road.

Our other major project in 2020 was the removal of the two large pine trees in the middle of the Center Village Burying Yard. We had been told multiple times that this needed to be addressed, and hired Calvin Alexander of Cabot. He and his crew did a wonderful job and in less than a week the trees were removed and the area cleaned. We had applied for and received a \$750 grant from the Vermont Old Cemetery Assn (VOCA) to help toward the cost of this project.

Cyan
Magenta
Yellow
Black

As a follow-up to the work Shane Clark of Truline began in 2019 we were able to get the deed transfers competed for the small 'orphan' parcels at CVBY. This allowed Shane to complete his survey work there.

Mowing and maintenance at the Grove Cemetery was done by the Town Department of Public Works this summer after the state Probation and Parole crew became unavailable due to the COVID-19.

We are making progress on the Rules and Regulations that should be in place before the end of this year. Tim has drafted a preliminary version and we're reviewing sections of it each month.

Most of our meetings haw been conducted via Zoom and will continue to for the fore=seeable future. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.

We take pride in our work as Cemetery Commissioners and hope the voters of St J will come to understand, see and appreciate the benefit of our efforts at these valued town-owned properties.

Lauren Järvi, Chair
Bryan Leblanc
Timothy Clouatre

DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT

New England Municipal Consultants has completed the fiscal 2020 year as the Assessor for St. Johnsbury. The Assessor's office is open to the public by appointment only. Any correspondence with the office

can be sent to assessor@stjvt.com or by calling 802-748-4272. We will make every effort to respond in a timely and professional manner. Please remember that all property records can be viewed online through the Town's website under the menu heading Map. Our office updates ownership and sales information on a regular basis.

The Town completed a reappraisal of all property for the 2020 Grand List. Public hearings were held in June and July of 2020 followed by BCA appeal hearings. The process was complicated by the COVID-19 emergency but was successfully completed with tremendous cooperation from the public and the Town's boards.

The Assessor's Office will begin property inspections for the 2021 Grand List soon. These inspections will involve open permits or incomplete construction from prior years. We will likely be continuing to gather only exterior data. You may receive a letter asking for some interior information. We would appreciate your cooperation with this effort. It is our hope that we return to normalcy in the near future.

Thank you all for helping us through a tough year.
Department of Assessment: William J Krajewski, Assessor
Board of Assessment: Robert Swartz, Chair; Paul Laramie; Don Smith
Assessor Contact Information
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER			
Population of:	< 5,000	5,000 & Over	Governing Statute(s)
Assessment Date	April 1	April 1	§3651
Latest Abstract of Individual Lists can be Lodged	June 4	June 24	§§4111(a), 4341
Latest Change of Appraisal Notices Can be Sent	June 4	June 24	§§4111(a), 4341
Latest Date to Commence Grievances	June 19	July 9	§§§4111(c), 4221, 4341
Latest Date to File Grievances	June 19	July 9	§§4111(g), 4341
Grievance Hearings End	July 2	July 22	§§4221, 4341
Result of Grievances Mailed	July 9	July 29	§§4224, 4341
Latest Date Grand List Can be Lodged	July 25	August 14	§§4151, 4341
Deadline for Filing Appeal to BCA	14 days from date of mailing grievance result	14 days from date of mailing grievance result	§§4224, 4404(a)
BCA Hearings Begin	14 days after appeal deadline to BCA	14 days after appeal deadline to BCA	§4404(b)

A word about deadlines
Taxpayer deadlines. The law contemplates "the grievance meeting" to be a one-day affair, 32 V.S.A. §4111(g), while recognizing that grievances often spill over into additional days. The statutes therefore provide that a grievance meeting continues until all grievances are heard 32 V.S.A. §§4121-22. The continuance of the grievance meeting, however, does not change the deadline by which grievances must be lodged. Taxpayers who wish to grieve must get a written notice of an appeal to the Department of Assessment on or before the grievance date stated in the change of appraisal notice. Any grievance notice received after that date- even if received while the lister's are hearing grievances due to continuances - does not meet the requirement of being filed "at or prior to the time fixed for hearing appeals." 32 V.S.A. §4222, is untimely and should not be heard.
Please feel free to visit our website or contact my office with any questions you may have.

CALEX REPORT

2020 CALEX RESPONSES 2,182

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

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

Even though this was a stressful year and many additional responsibilities and changes added upon our staff, they adapted and overcame with a tremendous level of professionalism. This was new to all of us in many ways, and we had to learn new ways to protect ourselves and treat our patients with new equipment in order to keep us safe in our transport environment. This meant a great deal of training and familiarizing with new equipment and updated protocols. Our staff has been here 24/7/365 meeting the medical needs of our communities and a big "thank you" should be given to all the frontline medical staff and responders as well as all the other essentials workers who have been here assuring everyone is safe. If you see a healthcare provider/ medical responder, please thank them! CALEX has protected our staff very well during this period, with only a few isolated sick days as expected during this time of year. We have not had any staff COVID-19 positives to date and our staff has begun receiving their vaccinations.

CALEX continues to provide the highest quality of pre hospital care to all the towns we serve providing 911 coverage at the Paramedic

level 24/7/365. Serving 9 towns – Saint Johnsbury, Waterford, Barnet, Concord, Kirby, Victory, Danville, Walden and Peacham. Our volumes were down this year due to the pandemic. CALEX responded to 1,366 911 responses and the remainder being Interfacility Transfers and Medical transports. Our average response time to the scene for our entire service area 8 minutes 32 secs. Overall our agency responded to 2,815 requests for service. CALEX provided 478 inter-facility transports throughout the year in VT and an additional 282 in NH for a total of 761 inter-facility/medical transports. These transports are a critical point of our service, reducing any delays of getting our patients to definitive care whether it be trauma services, cardiac care or other specialty services at a higher-level care facility such as DHMC or UVMHC and other hospitals across the New England. CALEX also continues to provide Paramedic intercept services to Lyndon Rescue and other services that may be transporting critical ill patients into NVRH. Our Paramedics respond rapidly with our intercept vehicle to meet on scene or enroute to the hospital to provide the highest level of care. Our crews experienced many life-saving emergencies and very successful stories with great outcomes this year. We provided numerous training opportunities with both internal and external training as well as various simulation opportunities to focus on high quality training for our staff.

In 2021, we plan to remount our 2011 Dodge Ambulance, and replace with a 2021 Ford F-450. This remount process which is completed by Osage Ambulance, Linn MO – removes the old box from the chassis, installs new LED lightning, new flooring, reinspects all the electrical systems, and completely sandblast the box and repaint/letter. This remount process has been successful for us while saving thousands versus purchasing new for a minimum of two remounts. We maintain a fleet of 5 Ambulances, one Paramedic intercept vehicle, one off-road UTV.

As we end 2020, I look forward to safe and successful year of providing the very best of pre hospital care to our communities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced team providing care for when it is needed to anyone who may need our service in the communities we serve. We hope you will continue to support us and approve our funding requests so we can continue providing the very best Emergency Medical Care to the region.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our staff, their families, and the CALEX Board of Directors and our dedicated dispatchers for their continued support and dedication to the Agency's mission.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael J. Wright, NRP



Firefighter Michael Pelow of the St. Johnsbury Fire Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Type of Activity	2019	2020
Fire Incidents	236	177
Citizens Assist/Service Calls	212	238
Agency Assist	3	0
Haz-Mat & CO Incidents	94	78
Auto Accidents	60	39
Rescue Calls	9	3
Medical Aids	719	468
Assist with Fire Alarm, testing & restoring	35	48
Inspections	122	132
Conduct Fire Drills	53	18
Banner/Flags & Assist	7	8
Assist with Hazard & Safety Planning	0	0
Building Pre-Plans	27	2
Parade Details	12	5
Other	18	1
Public Relation Details	21	20
Total all Categories	1628	1237
Training classes done by members	226	598
Burn Permits Issued	522	517

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Personnel

Jon R. Bouffard
Chief of Department

CAREER STAFF

Assistant Chief Bradley Reed, Captains Kevin Montminy and Michael Pelow; Fire Marshal Andrew Buckley

Firefighters Troy Darby, Aaron Martin, Phillip Hawthorne, Andrew Ruggles, Ryan Pelow, and Richard Kahan;

CALL STAFF

Ryan Aremburg, Brenden Greaves, Kevin Mitchell, Ruben Serrano, Jon Sylvia, Jennifer Mielewski and Brent Sargent;

Lifetime Member: Albert Dunn

Honorary Member: Dave Eliassen

Apparatus	Type	Purchased	Replace
Engine 1	Pumper	2001	2021
Rescue 2	Rescue/ Pumper	2006	2026
Engine 3	Pumper	2018	2038
Tower 4	Tower/ Ladder	2013	2043

Our Call staff has several open positions and we continue to work to recruit to fill these positions. The opportunities that present themselves in being a member of a Fire Department are unlimited. This is extremely rewarding work that provides opportunity to become a member of the fire service family, obtain technical training in a number of areas, and a way to serve your community. We are authorized 25 members and currently have thirteen openings. If you or someone you know is interested in the fire services, don't hesitate to reach out to me. The call staff is a very important part of our department supplementing the on-duty personnel. We appreciate those businesses who allow our call staff members to leave work during the work week to respond to calls. This is crucial for your department to operate safely and effectively.

2020 brought with it some distinct challenges for the Fire Department and the Community at large. COVID-19 came to our attention in March, and by April we had opened our Emergency Operations Center in town and were virtually running it 24/7. The entire Town Leadership along with management at NVRH and CALEX were involved in managing this center and assuring that we completely documenting our COVID-19 response. To date, we are still open and continue to track the virus' impact on the community.

Within the Fire Department, we had to make some significant adjustments. Our operations have been protected by our outstanding staff assuring they protect themselves properly and assuring that we have enough protective equipment to stay safe. Our staff has done such an outstanding job that we have had ZERO losses of time due to actual COVID-19 illness.

Despite COVID-19, we were able to accomplish a number of things. The Town sponsored planning grant was awarded and six surrounding towns joined St Johnsbury to participate in a study which is underway looking at what regionalization of emergency services in our area would look like and whether it is practical. Our Fire Marshal's office is busy inspecting buildings and developing ways for the community to be safer from fire.

Our public offices have moved from the upstairs of the public safety building to the rear of the building in the old town clerks/managers offices. It is open to the public most week days and by appointment. We moved in an attempt to make the department more available to the public that we so proudly serve.

2020 ACTIVITY

We continue maintain an Insurance Services Office Inc. classification of 4/4x, which provides a savings on your homeowner's insurance. As we move forward evaluating the delivery system and options to increase efficiency and effectiveness, we will continue to work to develop plans that will continue to improve the Town's rating.

As always, we are willing to meet with our citizens and business to improve fire safety in their homes and workplaces. We are always happy to help and encourage ourcommunity to stop by to visit the firehouse.

I would like to thank the Community, Select Board, Town Manager, & municipal agencies for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jon R. Bouffard, MBA, NRP

Police Department Report

PERSONNEL:

Chief Timothy Page, Capt. D. Jason Gray, Sgt Mark Bickford, Sgt Lester Cleary III, Sgt Aaron Rivard Sr. Sr. Ofc George Johnson, Ofc. Steven Hartwell Ofc. Gerald Schartner, Ofc. Robert Gerrish, Ofc. Patric Saad, Ofc Davis Guyer, SIU Det. Daniele Kostruba, Part-time Ofc Craig Watrous Sr., Part-time Ofc Craig Watrous Jr.

2020

This year was challenging like no other in recent memory. The COVID pandemic brought with it changes in the way we had to do business. Crime did not take a break even though portions of the Judicial System were forced to. We had to create new policy on interactions with the public and each other and learn how to function within these restrictive parameters. But always foremost in the minds of the men and women of the department was public safety and determining how we could best provide for the safety of the citizens. We instituted limited face to face contact, but did not diminish our response. Some services were postponed until safer measures could be instituted, in order to protect both the health of those we interacted with and the health of the officers.

It was, and still is imperative that the health of our department members be closely monitored to prevent the spread of the virus and allow the department to remain viable.

Another matter that garnered national attention was the death of George Floyd. It brought forth the frustrations of racism and focused on police reform, and an ensuing demonstration to bring attention to the inequalities brought about by systemic racism made its way onto our streets. On June 3 of 2020, there was an incident on the steps of our police department where participants in the demonstration and officers clashed. Conviction and emotion are powerful motivators, and in the heat of the moment of a series of unfortunate events, respectful discourse may take a backseat unintentionally. The message can be lost in the aftermath. Both demonstrators and officers agreed that the message of demonstratoin was too important to be lost in conflict. In the days following the event, demonstrators and officers stood together with mutual respect for one another. We ask all of our residents and visitors to follow their lead, especially in these times.

As anti-police sentiment continued to spread across the country, the citizens of this community responded with kindness and support. Time after time visitors came to the Police Department thanking us for the service we provide. Bringing with them letters, notes, and all manner of baked goods. The support we received during this time has been enduring and gratifying. The members of the St Johnsbury Police Department will continue to provide professional services to everyone regardless of race, and regardless of any circumstances.

We are grateful for the support of the community and look forward to 2021.

Following is a list of this year's statistics;

Category	Count	Category	Count
Accident	86	Lost / Missing Person	6
Agency Assist	205	Medical / Mental Health	63
Alarm Response	138	Motor Vehicle Complaint	110
Alcohol Offense	4	Noise Disturbance	185
Animal Complaint	69	Parking Problem	18
Arson	0	Phone Problem	3
Assault	45	Property Watch	371
Bad Check	6	Public Speaking	3
Burglary	24	Restraining Order Violation	11
Child Abuse	6	Service of Court Paperwork	54
Citizen Assist	250	Sex Offender Registry Check	37
Citizen Dispute	184	Sex Offense	15
Contempt of Court	50	Suspicious Person/Event	447
Death Investigation	13	Theft	132
Disorderly Conduct	10	Threatening / Stalking	39
Driving License Suspended	43	Training	29
Drugs	30	Unlawful Trespass	28
DUI	18	Unsecure Premise	20
E911 Hang Up	29	Vandalism	46
Escort	9	VIN Verification	83
Fraud	19	Wanted Person	45
Intoxication	16	Other	499
Juvenile Complaint	53		
Law Enforcement Offenses	9	Motor Vehicle Violations	1669
Lockout	100	Grand Total	3660

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SPECIAL APPROPRIATION RECIPIENT REPORTS

FIRST NIGHT NORTH 2020

Over the past 28 years, First Night North in St. Johnsbury has become a community tradition and the largest festival of the arts in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom and the North Country of New Hampshire.

Due to pandemic restrictions, First Night 2020* went virtual with an eight-hour broadcast of New Year's Eve entertainment via Kingdom Access Television, accessible throughout the region, indeed, around the world. Thanks to the Town of St. Johnsbury's support and that of other major sponsors First Night was able to offer this wonderful program free of charge on December 31, 2020 and again on January 1, 2021.

Of course, we hope to return to the live in-person festival on December 31, 2021. We expect to again offer First Night entertainment from the late afternoon to midnight on New Year's Eve. First Night North 2022* will feature scores of performances by hundreds of artists at more than a dozen venues on and near Main Street and Eastern and Western Avenues. The thousands who have been celebrating together every New Year's Eve since First Night North in St. Johnsbury was born in 1993, see dance, circus acrobatics, Vaudeville, magic, hypnotism, comedy, fire artistry, puppetry, and planetarium shows.

But music is the mainstay of First Night entertainment. The region's rich musical scene showcases about as many genres as one can count – folk, pop, rock, jazz, bluegrass, Celtic, Broadway, sacred, silly, contemporary, country, classical, covers, originals, and some that defy one-word description.

The kids especially enjoy crafts and activities at the Family Fun Fair. Memories are stored in the photos taken throughout the evening.

When not enjoying entertainment, revelers buy food and beverage at local restaurants and varied First Night concessions, including a free pancake supper.

Then, at the stroke of midnight, the community comes together to count down to the new year as the giant ball of lights (larger than the one in New York City's Times Square) rises high to touch off the pyrotechnic finale of fireworks over the athletic fields of St. Johnsbury Academy.

The benefits of our celebration are many. First Night North in St. Johnsbury:

- provides a family-friendly, alcohol-free alternative for New Year's Eve revelry
- captures the symbolic significance of the passage from the old year to the new
- unites the community through a shared cultural celebration
- deepens and broadens the public appreciation of the visual and performing arts
- helps revitalize the core of our community
- stimulates the local economy

FAIRBANKS MUSEUM

The Fairbanks Museum dug deep to keep strong connections with St. Johnsbury schools, families, neighbors, and friends throughout a turbulent year. 2020 threw some wild cards in our path, and we did everything possible to prioritize safety, deliver exceptional educational services, and ensure that the spirit of discovery remains constant. Here are just a few examples of how your museum re-imagined programs during a year defined by COVID-19 concerns.

While our doors were closed from March 16 - July 1, the Fairbanks education team was busier than ever reaching students and supporting teachers with interactive, online programming. Before our doors reopened, we established systems to keep visitors and staff safe according to the most recent VT State guidelines. We even had some fun with this and got creative! We created a series of short videos focused on our collections and building "critters" and offered online story-telling.

Summer allowed us to rethink our outdoor space. While our Lyman Spitzer Jr. Planetarium was closed, we opened an "Astronomy Deck" where guests could experience a journey among the stars and planets outside. Our Shippee Family Eye Care Butterfly House came alive once again with native butterflies. We also established a new Delia Griffin Playground for young naturalists to have fun with balance, gravity, textures, sounds, and shapes. As the school year approached, we appealed to donors to support an outdoor classroom and installed a well ventilated structure that



A model of the proposed improvements at the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium in St. Johnsbury

can be used in every season for classes and events.

We continue to serve the needs of schools and homeschool families with flexible and innovative educational options -- in person and online. We've added a new dimension to our teaching services that offers direct support to teachers and schools in addition to delivering science-based content for grades K - 8. We've also gone digital with public program offerings. Science educator Bobby Farlice-Rubio offered a live-stream tour of the cosmos on Dec 21 to view the Great Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. Meanwhile, we continue striving for sustainability; support from the US Department of Agriculture helped us install new solar panels and an EV charging station in our parking lot.

The Fairbanks Museum is dedicated to the communities we serve. We believe science is real, education is empowering, and every student deserves to discover. Your support contributes to ongoing services and public programs that deepen our understanding of the world around us. Thank you for supporting the Fairbanks Museum.

THE KIWANIS CLUB

Please accept this request for an annual appropriation of \$19,900 from the Town of St. Johnsbury to support the operation of the Kiwanis Pool during the summer of 2021.

The appropriation from St. Johnsbury provides approximately one-third of the funds required to operate the Kiwanis Pool over the 8 - 10 week summer season. The remainder is raised by Kiwanis. Our major fundraisers are the annual Kiwanis Auction, the Kiwanis Super Bowl Pool, and operation of the concession stand at the St. Johnsbury Academy home football games.

We normally host over 6,000 visitors per year and provide swimming lessons to over 600 children during the summer, though covid prevented the lessons during 2020, we were able to have a pool season. The Kiwanis Pool has not charged an admission fee in the past, and we are committed to providing summer entertainment opportunities and water safety instruc-



The Kiwanis Pool

tion free of charge.

The membership of the St Johnsbury Kiwanis joins me in thanking the Selectboard of St. Johnsbury and the citizens of the Town for their continuing support of the Kiwanis Pool.

Sincerely,
Dianne M Gingue
Treasurer
St Johnsbury Kiwanis Foundation
802-274-3658
diannegingue@hotmail.com

NORTHEAST KINGDOM YOUTH SERVICES

NEKYS Served 165 in St. Johnsbury
NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975

In 2020 NEKYS served 470 individuals throughout Caledonia and Essex Counties

NEKYS Family Programs Provide:

•Staff is available 24 hours/7days a week to support youth, families, and individuals.

•Supportive counseling for youth and families, case management, support for youth and families within their schools, and family mediation.

•Outdoor adventure opportunities that include kayaking, canoeing, hiking, swimming, and mountain climbing. The group works on learning coping skills and self-care strategies.

•Summer Central Scholarship program offering scholarships for children to attend summer activities they otherwise could not afford.

NEKYS Youth Program Include:

•Staff is available 24 hours/7days a week to support youth, families, and individuals.

•Support to local young people ages 15-22 that are homeless or at risk of homelessness; have current or past involvement with foster care; are pregnant and/or parenting; experiencing mental health issues; struggling with substance abuse; have current or past involvement with the criminal justice system.

•Programs that utilize a positive youth development, trauma-informed approach that is tailored to meet the needs of young people. Encouragement for each young person is to identify their strengths and achieve goals related to housing, education, employment, and life skills.

•Access to short-term and long-term housing support that addresses the complex needs of young adults who are 18-22 years old. Young adults receive support which include in-home case management, rental assistance, landlord mediation, job skill development, and educational advancement support.

NEKYS Restorative Justice Programs Include:

•A voluntary and confidential alternative to court proceedings for individuals ages 10 through adult.

•Programs based on restorative justice practices that give the person who violates the law the opportunity to identify and repair the harm done to the victim, the community, and themselves.

•Opportunity for the individual who completes the requirements of the program to have his or her case closed in the legal system.

•Help for individuals to regain their driver's license while they pay off their fines and fees.

•Support for 16 to 21 year old youth who are referred to the program after receiving a notice to report from a police officer for possession and/or consumption of alcohol or marijuana.

•Assistance for youth ages 10 through 22 who have been adjudicated in Family Court, are on probation and require additional support by the Department for Children and Families.

•Pretrial Services – a new program involving risk assessment and needs screening.

•Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) – works with adjudicated youth to reduce/eliminate repeat offenses; works with at-risk youth using prevention techniques to keep them out of the juvenile justice system; truancy work with school systems.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services is a private, non-profit agency gov-

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erned by a community-based, volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts, and appropriations from the towns we serve to continue our mission. Thank you for supporting families in our community. Please call our office at 748-8732 if you have any questions or concerns.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

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

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

-We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, once every 17 hours, helping nearly 2,000 individuals.

-We installed more than 4,500 smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.

-Trained 31,400 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.

-We collected 135,000 units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.

-In our region, over 3,200 service members and veterans received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

As we carry on through the pandemic, the American Red Cross remains committed to safely providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Saint Johnsbury. This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$1800.00. These funds will be used right here in our region so that we can continue to serve your friends and neighbors during these unprecedented times.

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

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

Warmly,
Rachel Zellem
Development Specialist

ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2020 Fiscal Year was an exciting one. In September, we held a successful fund-raising and awareness event, Dancing With The Stars of Burlington, and have sustained our outreach efforts throughout the state to ensure that all Vermonters are aware of our services. The number of clients we serve has continued to increase annually. A new referral system was also developed in the fall, which is intended to increase the number of referrals we receive from eye care providers, thus connecting more clients with life-changing vision rehabilitation therapy.

As with many nonprofits, VABVI had to make several adjustments in light of COVID-19. We quickly adjusted from providing services in client homes and schools, to providing remote services via telephone and video conferencing. We are continuing to accept new clients and are currently providing remote services. We will be resuming in-person services as soon as it is safe to do so, and are continuously developing protocols to keep staff and clients safe when we are able to meet face-to-face.

It's clear to us at VABVI that our mission and services will continue to play a critical role in the lives of many Vermonters well into the future. In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have adapted our services and are working nonstop to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

SMART Device Training Program (formerly known as the iOS Training Program): The program has served 239 clients across Vermont since



Catamount Arts plans to utilize this open space at the Green Mountain Mall to hold events.

it was established in 2018. Now, due to COVID-19, the SMART Device Training Program is more important than ever. Current social distancing protocols have led to our blind and visually impaired clients to become increasingly at risk for feelings of isolation and loneliness. In addition, with many healthcare providers now only seeing patients via "telehealth," it is critical that our clients know how to utilize technology. Our Vision Rehabilitation Therapists (VRTs) are providing remote services to program clients who are in need of assistance. Clients who received technology training prior to COVID-19 have reported that the skills learned in this program have been invaluable throughout the pandemic.

PALS (Peer Assisted Learning and Support) Groups: PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and to discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. Now, due to social distancing requirements, PALS groups are operating remotely via Zoom and telephone.

HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence): The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills. This program is currently being conducted remotely.

IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience): IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, meet adult mentors, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This year's IRLE Camp, which was going to take place throughout Southern New England with activities at the Mystic Aquarium and Roger Williams Zoo, has been postponed until 2021.

During Fiscal Year 2020, we served 1,804 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 17 adults and 3 students in St. Johnsbury, and 48 adults and 17 students in Caledonia County.

For more information about VABVI's services or to volunteer, please contact Shannon Turgeon at (802) 863-1358 ext. 217, or at sturgeon@vabvi.org. Visit us our website at www.vabvi.org and feel free to "like" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/vabvi802/>.

CATAMOUNT ARTS

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

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

Also in a typical year, Catamount Arts offers a wide range of classes, workshops and camps for people of all ages. Learning opportunities at

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

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

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

Catamount is very proud of the fact that a sizable portion of its almost 1000 members are residents of St. Johnsbury. These members form the core of Catamount's patrons, and serve as cultural and artistic ambassadors to their own community.

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

UMBRELLA

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

Social Change

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

Advocacy

The Advocacy Program serves survivors and children of survivors who have experienced domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, human trafficking as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation. In FY20: 519 people served; 60 households including 41 children (101 people housed in emergency shelter).

New to our advocacy program this year, Umbrella added 12 new beds for emergency shelter for families fleeing domestic violence. Also new this year, 6 households including 8 children (14 people) were housed in transitional housing. \$64,974 was given out to support clients, which includes help with security deposits, food, personal belongings, moving expenses, transportation, and rent.

Family- Based Services

Family Based Services focuses on connecting families to child-care and strengthening family relationships. Kingdom Child Care Connection assists families in Caledonia and southern Essex counties to receive subsidized childcare, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. The Family Room offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. Families are connected to needed support including child care through our Kingdom Childcare Connection.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION RECIPIENT REPORTS

In FY20 560 households received Umbrella support to access child care, 120 families connected to children's integrated services and there were 60 new referrals to child care.

Children participate in supervised visitation with support of the Family Room. FY20 saw 93 children served with supervised visitation.

Economic Empowerment

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

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

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

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 362 households in Saint Johnsbury were served by Umbrella in FY20 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

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

Respectfully,
Amanda Cochrane Executive Director

NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES

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

Summary data for July 2019 through July 2020:

•3,663 = Total number of individuals of all ages in our service area that utilized support services in the past year.

•812 = Number of individuals from the Town of St. Johnsbury who accessed supportive care at Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.

•Over 100 hours = Employees provided community consultation, education, and outreach in community meetings, events, and trainings in Northeast Kingdom Human Services offices, area schools, and businesses. Training examples include QPR Gatekeeper and Youth Mental Health First Aid.

•512 total, 84 from the Town of St. Johnsbury = Dedicated professional employees who support community members in the Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, the satellite office in Hardwick, telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic, in homes, in schools, and throughout Northeast Kingdom communities.

•18% = There was an increase of 18% in unanticipated expenses not reimbursed by the state or other grants for technology, cleaning supplies, and personal protective equipment needed to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Good mental health is important for everyone. As a Designated Agency serving the Vermont's system of care, NKHS has a responsibility for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. A sliding fee scale is available for those in financial need. Northeast Kingdom Human Services is asking the Town of St. Johnsbury voters to consider helping neighbors, family members, and friends receive the supports they need to live a happy, fulfilling life and be an active and contributing member in your community. The 2021 appropriation request of \$7983 is the same amount voted on at the 2020 Town



St. Johnsbury Athenaeum Executive Director Bob Joly Gives a tour of the art gallery.

Meeting. This represents 8.28% of appropriation requests from 48 towns.

Thank you so much for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Directors
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.

ST. JOHNSBURY ATHENAEUM

Dear Voters of St. Johnsbury,

First, thank you for supporting the Athenaeum. Since 1922 voters in St. Johnsbury have seen fit to support the activities of your town library and gallery. I ask for your support again on Tuesday, April 6.

I also want to thank the Trustees of the Athenaeum who supported the staff back in March, 2020 when we faced financially uncertain times. Not one employee was let go.

2020 was some year! Turns out, showing up is half the battle.

Since mid-June the Athenaeum has been fully open to the public. Of the 183 public libraries in Vermont only 38 are fully open. The Athenaeum was the second library in the state of Vermont to reopen. And like every other business and non-profit organization we have struggled with Covid conditions and restrictions. We put in sneeze guards, air filters, alcohol and mask stations, wiped surfaces daily, quarantined materials for safely, limited occupancy. We even took out the chairs for a while. On and on.

Has it been easy? No. Expenses are higher, income is lower. We tightened our belts. We wrote grants. We worked from home when we had to. And we reopened, carefully and safely, because we are a destination and we are proud to be of service to the community. This is an anniversary year for the Athenaeum: we celebrate 150 years of commitment and service to St. Johnsbury.

Six days per week friends come through the door. Families come for one-on-one story time, people pick up items in the lobby, patrons are in the building to read the papers, check out materials, visit the gallery, use the computers, and have a place to go. We can help sign folks up for a vaccination or make a video call to relatives. We print tax forms. Students have started coming back in after school. We have online programs for adults and children. We are visiting daycares, again, following all the safety precautions, to drop off literacy materials and wonderful dvds of songs and stories prepared by our own staff. Our circulation numbers are actually greater than the past two years!

We have increased and standardized our hours, and we have a new video streaming service. Check the website, www.stathenaeum.org, or call, 748-8291. Showing up has certainly been worth it.

Please come visit.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Joly
Athenaeum Director
BJoly@stjathenaeum.org
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RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) engages, inspires, and recognizes volunteers who serve Older Vermonters in Central Vermont and the Northeast Kingdom. Our program focuses on the healthy future of Vermont's seniors with measurable outcomes in companionship, wellness programs and home delivered meals.

There are 526 RSVP volunteers in our service area that includes the counties of Orange, Lamoille, Washington, Essex, Caledonia and Orleans that collectively they served 45,031 hours.

The funding requested from St. Johnsbury is used to help offset the cost of supporting those volunteers. These costs are: training, recognition, travel, insurance, and coordination time.

RSVP volunteers serve their community by leading evidence based wellness programs. These programs are designed to improve balance, increase strength and provide social connections. RSVP volunteers also serve at meal sites, visit people in their homes, and deliver Meals on Wheels all with the goal of improving the healthy futures of older Vermonters.

There is more to volunteering than the outcomes achieved in service to others. A study by the Corporation for National and Community Service indicates that volunteering provides individual health benefits in addition to social advantages. This research has established a strong relationship between volunteering and health: those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer.

For more information, or to volunteer in your community, please contact us at 802-751-0431, e-mail kbuddle@nekouncil.org or visit www.cvcoa.org/rsvp. RSVP is your invitation to serve. Sponsored by the Central Vermont Council on Aging, it is a national program designed to provide opportunities to individuals 55 and older who continue to remain actively involved in the life of their community. Offices are located in Morrisville, Barre, and St. Johnsbury.

ST. JOHNSBURY TOWN BAND

The St. Johnsbury Band started rehearsals in January for its 190th season and worked on new music that had just been purchased. The band ceased operations due to COVID-19 on March 16, 2020. The 2020 Memorial Day Observance was the first one in over 100 years that the band could not participate in.

The band researched and presented a list of safety protocols to the State of Vermont and requested the use of the Courthouse again for rehearsals. The safety protocols were approved and limited rehearsals resumed June 8, 2020. Rehearsal attendance was between 8 and 16 participants, all of whom followed the safety protocols. The balance of the band considered themselves or family members to be at high risk and supported the band in other ways.

The Building and Services Department of the State of Vermont is to be commended for their willingness to review the proposed safety protocols because it would have been easier to simply say "no" which would have ended all the rehearsals and forced the cancellation of the season. Instead they worked with us to keep everyone safe and allow us to try to put a season together.

Band members, officers and Board members all volunteer. Our expenses after the COVID shutdown were limited to the essentials like liability insurance and our P.O. Box. Our concert series was limited due to State mandates on assembly. All out of town performances were cancelled due to COVID.

Our first concert was Monday August 3rd from the parking lot behind the Courthouse. The concert was not advertised, just an announcement on the band's Facebook page and KATV's community bulletin board. People were encouraged to listen from their cars. All the people who came to the parking lot to see the concert were compliant with our requests to wear masks and social distance. Both Gary Aubin, Music Director and Kirsten Harter, Assistant Music Director conducted the concert. Some band members who did not feel comfortable with inside rehearsals participated in these outside concerts.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION RECIPIENT REPORTS

Emboldened by the public’s compliance with mask wearing at our August 3rd concert we planned another for August 17 from the Courthouse steps on Main Street. (The bandstand could not be used because of social distancing requirements.) This concert was advertised in the Caledonian Record along with an article Susan Gallagher submitted about our August 3rd concert and the first concert of the season in 1920 while the area was still dealing with the Spanish Flu.

Band member Nola Forbes did some research in the Caledonian Record archives and found that R.B. Hall’s march “S.I.B.A.” was performed at this concert in 1920 so we performed it for 2020. To thank our front line medical workers of today the band performed the “American Red Cross” march by Louis Panella/Ralph C. Jarrett written in 1918 honoring the front line medical workers of the day.

This concluded our 190th season. Many thanks to our Music Directors, band members and the citizens of St. Johnsbury who have supported the band over the years and the State of Vermont which allowed us the use of its facilities in very difficult times. We look forward to a more active season next year and hope to resume rehearsals in 2021 when permitted.

For more information or to join the band please visit our website or contact us.

David Hare, Manager
manager@stjohnsburyband.org



Kingdom All Star Jazmine Bogie performs in what the band called the “Jazz Room” during the recording of the band’s songs for First Night North 2021.

of rescued, abandoned, abused or neglected animals in safe, life-long homes. We respect the inherent value of every animal in our care and we strive to prevent overpopulation and cruelty to animals.

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

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

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

We operate with no federal or state funding, which means we depend on the generosity of towns and individuals to meet our operating expenses. We’re asking for an appropriation of \$2000 (unchanged from last year’s request) to assist us in our mission of finding homes for unwanted or abandoned cats, and providing quality care and a safe, clean shelter for our cats until they are adopted. We welcome any assistance given to help our animals in need. We greatly appreciate your interest and support.

Kingdom Animal Shelter Board of Directors:
Helen Morrison—President, Nancy Rivet, Rod Lauman, Jennifer Smith, Deb Moore, Kathy Bouffard, Caleb Stone, Julia Persch
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St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 802-473-3377
email:info@kingdomanimalshelter.com
www.kingdomanimalshelter.com

NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING

For over 41 years, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging has been a valued and trusted resource for older Vermonters to age independently, their way. Our mission is to deliver the person-centered support necessary for our older Vermonters to sustain their independence and live well in their communities.

Our valuable services include a Helpline, Medicare counseling and

Bootcamp, specially-trained staff who help people develop long-range planning as they age, exercise and mobility programs, family and caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support with aging in place, as well as assistance in applying for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs.

Our nutrition programs partially fund meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide solutions for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. In addition, our work is supplemented by over 370 volunteers who serve as home-delivered meal drivers, wellness program leaders, friends who make neighborly check-in phone calls, and home-based caregivers.

Our service area extends across the entire Northeast Kingdom. During this past year 618 residents of St. Johnsbury used the services of our organization to meet their needs. People called our Helpline for assistance with caregiving and programs such as 3SquaresVT, Medicaid and Medicare, fuel assistance, and transportation, among other services. Our website www.nekcouncil.org provides information on many of our programs and services.

We sincerely thank the residents of St. Johnsbury for your continued support to make a difference in the lives of your residents who are often the most vulnerable. As a private non-profit, we are able to remain independent and put the focus on our clients who need unbiased assistance.

If you have a friend or family member who may benefit from our services, please contact us. We’re just a phone call away at the Helpline: 800-642-5119.

In gratitude,
In gratitude,
Meg Burneister
Executive Director

ST. JOHNSBURY MEALS ON WHEELS

In 2020 the St. Johnsbury Meals on Wheels and Senior Meal Site Program, staffed by Director, Diane Coburn, two paid staff members and numerous community volunteers, served and delivered 42,000 meals.

Funding for the 2021 budget of approximately \$204,943 will come from several sources. We receive funding through the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, the Vermont Centers for Independent Living and an appropriation from the Town of St. Johnsbury. Historically there have been years where there have been cuts to the funding. Nevertheless, we have continued to provide meals to the people with disabilities and seniors. We also receive donations from local civic organizations as well as area businesses and minimal contributions from the people we serve. In addition our own annual fundraising constitutes 22% of our annual budget.

We are asking for \$10,000 in our town appropriation this year.

Sincerely,
Diane Coburn, Director
Jerri Ryan, President, Board of Trustees

RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION

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

Article: Shall the Town of St. Johnsbury vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$13,050 for the support of Rural Community Transportation, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town of St. Johnsbury.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In Fiscal Year 2020, RCT provided 18,610 trips to 408 residents of St. Johnsbury, travelling 384,642 miles at a total cost of \$443,361.

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

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

Sincerely,
Lila Bennett, Community Relations Manager

RURAL EDGE

Thank you for your support of the SASH program in 2020. Gilman House Trust, Inc., dba Rura1Edge, wishes to again seek an appropriation of \$2,000 at the 2021 Town Meeting for our Support and Services at Home (SASH) program. Our request this year is the same amount as last year, thus it is our understanding that we can submit this request without a petition.

The SASH program is offered throughout the State of Vermont and is designed to provide personalized coordinated care to help participants stay at home safely regardless of age or residential setting. It uses state Medicaid funds in a targeted way, knowing that it is both cost-effective and preferential for people to stay in their homes rather than move to higher care facilities before it is really needed. While Medicaid funds are provided, they do not cover the full costs of the program or its administration. To that end, there is no cost for an individual to participate in SASH.

Each SASH participant has an assigned coordinator and community wellness nurse. Together, they provide individualized care including meal assistance, assistance with housing and application assistance for fuel and food benefits. They also provide regular blood pressure checks, medication reconciliations and home visits to help alleviate isolation. While COVID-19 has interrupted regular programming, SASH regularly offers wellness programming such as exercise and balance training. As opportunities for assistance become available, SASH staff are always there to assist participants in any way they can. For 2021, we will make I-pads available to participants to encourage telehealth and continued communication.

In St. Johnsbury, we provide SASH services to around 70 people at any given time. Participants are within Rura1Edge properties like Passumpsic View Apartments, Mountain View Housing and Moose River Housing, along with non Rura1Edge properties such as the St. Johnsbury House, as well as individuals living in their own homes. When New Avenue Apartments begins occupancy in late 2021, SASH services will be available to all residents there.

It takes many dedicated people, and a lot of funding, to make these services available, and town appropriations go a long way to meeting our funding needs. Thank you for your assistance in this request.

-Patrick Shattuck, Executive Director

KINGDOM ANIMAL SHELTER

Shall the Town of St. Johnsbury vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2000. 00 for the support of Kingdom Animal Shelter to provide services to residents of the Town?

KINGDOM ANIMAL SHELTER MISSION STATEMENT: Kingdom Animal Shelter is a limited access, all volunteer, non-profit certified 501(c)(3), animal rescue organization. Our mission is to facilitate the placement

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION LIST

DIRECTOR	ORGANIZATION	STREET	TOWN	AMOUNT REQUESTED 2018	AMOUNT APPROVED 2018	AMOUNT REQUESTED 2019	AMOUNT APPROVED 2019	AMOUNT REQUESTED 2020	AMOUNT APPROVED 2020	AMOUNT REQUESTED 2021
Rachel Zelle	American Red Cross	32 North Prospect Street	Burlington, VT 05401	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Laurie Bellizzi	Caledonia Home Health Care	161 Sherman Dr.	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819	\$18,382.00	\$18,382.00	\$18,382.00	\$18,382.00	\$18,382.00	\$18,382.00	\$18,382.00
Ashley Van Zandt	Catamount Arts	PO Box 324	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Adam Kane	Fairbanks Museum	1302 Main Street	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00
Ashley Van Zandt	First Night North	PO Box 634	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819			\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Vanna Guldenschuh	Good Living Senior Center	1207 Main Street	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Helen Morrison	Kingdom Animal Shelter	Memorial Drive	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Meg Burmeister	N. E. Kingdom Council on Aging	481 Summer St, Ste. 101	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00
Tomasz Jankowski	NEK Human Services	PO Box 724	Newport, VT 05855	\$7,983.00	\$7,983.00	\$7,983.00	\$7,983.00	\$7,983.00	\$7,983.00	\$7,983.00
Constance Sandahl	NEK Youth Services	24 Bagley Street	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Patrick Shattuck	Rural Edge/SASH	PO Box 259	Lyndonville, VT 05851					\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Daniel Noyes	RSVP	PO Box 1194	Lyndonville, VT 05851	\$810.00	\$810.00	\$810.00	\$810.00	\$810.00	\$810.00	\$810.00
Nick D'Agostino	RCT	1677 Industrial Parkway	Lyndonville, VT 05851	\$13,050.00	\$13,050.00	\$13,050.00	\$13,050.00	\$13,050.00	\$13,050.00	\$13,050.00
Bob Joly	St. Johnsbury Athenaeum	1171 Main Street	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00
President	St. Johnsbury Kiwanis Pool	PO Box 204	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00
David Hare	St. Johnsbury Town Band	10 Coolidge Circle	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819	\$770.00	\$770.00	\$770.00	\$770.00	\$770.00	\$770.00	\$770.00
Diane Colburn	St.J. Nutrition Center - Meals on Wheels	PO Box 21	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Amanda Cochrane	Umbrella	1222 Main St., Ste. 301	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
Shannon Turgeon	VABVI	60 Kimball Ave.	So. Burlington, VT 05403	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00
	TOTAL			\$289,320.00	\$289,320.00	\$295,570.00	\$295,570.00	\$305,570.00	\$305,570.00	\$305,570.00

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS (As of 2/22/2021)

ALEXANDER BRADLEY	2019	MULLER ERIC D	2019
AUSTIN DELMER & GRACE	2017	PARRISH KARENA	2019
AVERY JAMES P JR	2019	PERKINS BRENDA JEAN	2019
BABCOCK BARBARA - LE	2019	PERSONS TIMOTHY J	'18, 2019
BERRY DAVID	2019	POGINY ANDREA L	'18, 2019
BILLINGS-GREGORY LISA A	'17, '18, 2019	QUATRINI FRANCIS G	2019
BRESNAHAN PATRICK T	'18, 2019	QUATRINI FRANCIS G & ANNA K	2018
BUXTON FRED	2019	RCJ ENTERPRISES LLC	2019
CHAMPNEY VIOLA L	2019	ROY CHAD	2019
CLARK JAMES W TRUSTEE	2019	ROY CHADWICK	2019
CONANT JUDY M	2019	ROY CHADWICK	'18, 2019
D S & C ENTERPRISES LLC	2019	ROY CHADWICK & KRISTINA	2018
DUMONT AMBER	2019	ROY CHADWICK R	2019
FERRY SHANON	2019	SABENS IRENE	2019
FLEURIE JANET THERSA	'18, 2019	SAVICKAS JOHN P	2019
GAGNON-MEBINE NATALIE	2019	SCHWAG FREDERICK	'17, '18, 2019
KENDALL HAZEL L & JAMES S	2018	RENE M & TIMOTHY H - LE	'17, '18, 2019
KENDALL HAZEL L TRUST	'18, 2019	SHONIA TIMOTHY H	'17, 2019
KENDALL HAZEL L TRUSTEE	2019	STONE JOHN	2019
KENDALL JAMES S	'15, '16, '17, '18, 2019	TANNER JUSTIN A	2019
KENDALL MARVIN R	'17, '18, 2019	TILDEN NANCY	2018
KUHN RICHARD E & SHIRLEY W	2018	VEILLETTE VIOLET	2019
LAFOND TIMOTHY THOMAS	2019	VICTORIAN AT 109 ELM LLC	2019
LOPEZ DIANA	2019	YOUNG DONALD RAY III	2019
LUANGRATH KHAMPAHN	2019	YOUNG LINDA	'17, 2018
LYNAUGH SANDRA	2019	YOUNG LINDA	2019
MACKENZIE STEPHEN J	2019	YOUNG ROBIN	2019
MORRIS ROBERT C - LE	2019	YOUNG SCOTT	2019

AUDITOR STATEMENT

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January 13, 2021

Board of Selectmen
Town of St. Johnsbury, Vermont
51 Depot Square
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of St. Johnsbury, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020 and have issued our report thereon dated September 17, 2020.

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Office, (or on the Town's website @www.stjvt.com).

Sullivan, Powers & Co.

Company

Delinquent Tax Summary Report			12/31/2020			
Tax Year	Payment	Interest	Penalty	Total		
2015	\$ 2,924.40	\$ 1,164.71	\$ 162.50	\$ 4,251.61		
2016	\$ 4,095.71	\$ 1,950.16	\$ 327.66	\$ 6,373.53		
2017	\$ 9,138.42	\$ 3,011.55	\$ 597.10	\$ 12,747.07		
2018	\$ 60,971.25	\$ 13,582.18	\$ 4,331.05	\$ 78,884.48		
2019	\$ 134,771.62	\$ 15,122.27	\$ 9,833.75	\$ 159,727.64		
2020	\$ 129,227.29	\$ 3,694.00	\$ -	\$ 132,921.29	1st installment	
Totals	\$ 341,128.69	\$ 38,524.87	\$ 15,252.06	\$ 394,905.62		

FINANCIALS: BALANCE SHEET

TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Services Fund	Grant Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Cash	\$ 4,391,300	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 18,293	\$ 4,409,593
Investments	0	0	0	0	176,575	176,575
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	458,708	0	1,628	142,297	0	602,633
Due from Other Funds	0	1,073,156	213,260	0	56	1,286,472
Prepaid Expenses	<u>4,231</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,236</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,467</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>4,854,239</u>	\$ <u>1,073,156</u>	\$ <u>218,124</u>	\$ <u>142,297</u>	\$ <u>194,924</u>	\$ <u>6,482,740</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 45,258	\$ 17,262	\$ 4,703	\$ 4,595	\$ 0	\$ 71,818
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	62,029	20,761	22,057	0	0	104,847
Due to Other Funds	3,349,364	0	0	132,480	136	3,481,980
Tax Sale Overpayments	<u>918</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>918</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>3,457,569</u>	<u>38,023</u>	<u>26,760</u>	<u>137,075</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>3,659,563</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>						
Prepaid Property Taxes	17,621	0	0	0	0	17,621
Unavailable Property Taxes, Penalties and Interest	347,636	0	0	0	0	347,636
Unavailable Grants	0	0	0	4,837	0	4,837
Unavailable Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>8,333</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,333</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>373,590</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,837</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>378,427</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>						
Nonspendable	4,231	0	3,236	0	5,161	12,628
Restricted	0	1,035,133	188,128	385	189,627	1,413,273
Assigned	594,598	0	0	0	0	594,598
Unassigned	<u>424,251</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>424,251</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,023,080</u>	<u>1,035,133</u>	<u>191,364</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>194,788</u>	<u>2,444,750</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ <u>4,854,239</u>	\$ <u>1,073,156</u>	\$ <u>218,124</u>	\$ <u>142,297</u>	\$ <u>194,924</u>	
Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are Different Because:						
Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities are not Financial Resources and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.						30,142,105
Other Assets are not Available to Pay for Current-Period Expenditures and, Therefore, are Deferred in the Funds.						360,806
Long-term and Accrued Liabilities, Including Bonds Payable and the Net Pension Liability, are not Due or Payable in the Current Period and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.						(9,476,733)
Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Pension Plan and it's Participation in VMERS are Applicable to Future Periods and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.						<u>366,755</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities						\$ <u>23,837,683</u>

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FINANCIALS: NET POSITION

TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2020

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 4,409,593	\$ 606,305	\$ 5,015,898
Investments	176,575	0	176,575
Receivables	602,633	751,386	1,354,019
Internal Balances	(2,195,508)	2,195,508	0
Prepaid Expenses	7,467	0	7,467
Capital Assets:			
Land	358,197	185,592	543,789
Construction in Progress	576,623	6,193,247	6,769,870
Other Capital Assets, (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	29,207,285	16,347,331	45,554,616
Total Assets	33,142,865	26,279,369	59,422,234
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	393,005	0	393,005
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Pension Plan	959,781	63,331	1,023,112
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,352,786	63,331	1,416,117
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	71,818	296,093	367,911
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	104,847	2,589	107,436
Unearned Revenue	0	20,797	20,797
Tax Sale Overpayments	918	0	918
Accrued Interest Payable	8,513	34,365	42,878
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	478,825	604,295	1,083,120
Due in More than One Year	8,989,395	11,864,706	20,854,101
Total Liabilities	9,654,316	12,822,845	22,477,161
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Prepaid Property Taxes	17,621	0	17,621
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	10,115	0	10,115
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Pension Plan	975,916	64,395	1,040,311
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,003,652	64,395	1,068,047
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	23,884,405	10,395,709	34,280,114
Restricted For:			
Public Safety	191,364	0	191,364
Public Works	1,035,133	0	1,035,133
Cemetery	194,788	0	194,788
Other	5,222	0	5,222
Unrestricted/(Deficit)	(1,473,229)	3,059,751	1,586,522
Total Net Position	\$ 23,837,683	\$ 13,455,460	\$ 37,293,143

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FINANCIALS: REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES

TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Services Fund	Grant Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ 2,641,649	\$ 2,292,117	\$ 1,161,421	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,095,187
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	75,642	0	0	0	0	75,642
Intergovernmental	230,983	419,524	64,012	497,418	0	1,211,937
Charges for Services	423,923	162,901	24,951	0	2,850	614,625
Permits, Licenses and Fees	171,250	0	0	0	0	171,250
Fines and Forfeits	7,855	0	4,218	0	0	12,073
Investment Income/(Loss)	28,916	0	0	0	(1,929)	26,987
Donations	0	0	105	0	0	105
Other	690	0	0	0	0	690
Total Revenues	3,580,908	2,874,542	1,254,707	497,418	921	8,208,496
Expenditures:						
General Government	1,244,413	0	0	79,734	0	1,324,147
Public Safety	1,792,289	0	1,136,899	12,669	0	2,941,857
Public Works	0	2,150,403	0	0	0	2,150,403
Culture and Recreation	216,670	0	0	0	0	216,670
Community Development	101,560	0	0	0	0	101,560
Cemetery	12,505	0	0	0	1,289	13,794
Capital Outlay:						
General Government	11,407	0	0	0	0	11,407
Public Safety	48,905	0	11,989	21,198	0	82,092
Public Works	0	359,342	0	405,627	0	764,969
Debt Service:						
Principal	70,000	361,699	0	0	0	431,699
Interest	37,765	64,920	0	0	0	102,685
Total Expenditures	3,535,514	2,936,364	1,148,888	519,228	1,289	8,141,283
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	45,394	(61,822)	105,819	(21,810)	(368)	67,213
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):						
Proceeds from Long-term Debt	0	346,507	0	0	0	346,507
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	0	4,400	0	0	0	4,400
Insurance Proceeds	0	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
Transfers In	147,898	0	20,000	113,075	0	280,973
Transfers Out	(42,562)	(90,513)	(147,898)	0	0	(280,973)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	105,336	260,394	(126,898)	113,075	0	351,907
Net Change in Fund Balances	150,730	198,572	(21,079)	91,265	(368)	419,120
Fund Balances/(Deficit) - July 1, 2019	872,350	836,561	212,443	(90,880)	195,156	2,025,630
Fund Balances - June 30, 2020	\$ 1,023,080	\$ 1,035,133	\$ 191,364	\$ 385	\$ 194,788	\$ 2,444,750

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FINANCIALS: ACTIVITIES

TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Functions/Programs:							
Primary Government:							
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ 1,328,672	\$ 246,528	\$ 97,647	\$ 0	\$ (984,497)	\$ 0	\$ (984,497)
Public Safety	3,443,753	322,669	48,327	8,004	(3,064,753)	0	(3,064,753)
Public Works	3,069,660	3,916	306,606	321,313	(2,437,825)	0	(2,437,825)
Culture and Recreation	216,670	0	0	0	(216,670)	0	(216,670)
Community Development	101,560	0	0	0	(101,560)	0	(101,560)
Cemetery	13,794	2,850	0	0	(10,944)	0	(10,944)
Interest on Long-term Debt	104,707	0	0	0	(104,707)	0	(104,707)
Total Governmental Activities	8,278,816	575,963	452,580	329,317	(6,920,956)	0	(6,920,956)
Business-type Activities:							
Water	1,324,205	1,255,487	0	115,755	0	47,037	47,037
Sewer	1,732,153	1,510,609	0	418,553	0	197,009	197,009
Total Business-type Activities	3,056,358	2,766,096	0	534,308	0	244,046	244,046
Total Primary Government	\$ 11,335,174	\$ 3,342,059	\$ 452,580	\$ 863,625	(6,920,956)	244,046	(6,676,910)
General Revenues:							
Property Taxes					6,093,477	0	6,093,477
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes					75,642	0	75,642
General State Grants					260,056	0	260,056
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					26,987	608	27,595
Gain on Sale of Equipment					4,400	0	4,400
Insurance Proceeds					1,000	0	1,000
Other Revenues					690	0	690
Total General Revenues					6,462,252	608	6,462,860
Change in Net Position					(458,704)	244,654	(214,050)
Net Position - July 1, 2019					24,296,387	13,210,806	37,507,193
Net Position - June 30, 2020					\$ 23,837,683	\$ 13,455,460	\$ 37,293,143

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FINANCIALS: PENSION TRUST FUND

TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
PENSION TRUST FUND
JUNE 30, 2020

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Pension Liability:						
Normal Cost	\$ 79,645	\$ 100,951	\$ 115,097	\$ 123,154	\$ 115,139	\$ 168,300
Interest	846,547	830,076	804,914	770,068	766,804	862,671
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	310,902	190,276	120,265	(220,202)	154,539	0
Change in Benefit Terms	(474,858)	0	0	0	0	0
Changes in Assumptions	646,005	(133,641)	(62,871)	277,567	0	0
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Member Contributions	<u>(761,862)</u>	<u>(677,771)</u>	<u>(573,298)</u>	<u>(562,465)</u>	<u>(554,653)</u>	<u>(542,551)</u>
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	646,379	309,891	404,107	388,122	481,829	488,420
Total Pension Liability, January 1	<u>12,384,325</u>	<u>12,074,434</u>	<u>11,670,327</u>	<u>11,282,205</u>	<u>10,800,376</u>	<u>10,311,956</u>
Total Pension Liability, December 31	<u>13,030,704</u>	<u>12,384,325</u>	<u>12,074,434</u>	<u>11,670,327</u>	<u>11,282,205</u>	<u>10,800,376</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position:						
Contributions - Employer	272,713	183,928	249,761	255,115	307,593	171,300
Contributions - Members	47,686	56,442	58,955	47,723	35,703	20,023
Net Investment Income/(Loss)	1,681,968	(395,618)	1,153,615	878,054	64,102	606,957
Administrative Expenses	(19,550)	(17,900)	(15,800)	(67,848)	(97,821)	(110,411)
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Member Contributions	<u>(761,862)</u>	<u>(677,771)</u>	<u>(573,298)</u>	<u>(562,465)</u>	<u>(554,653)</u>	<u>(542,551)</u>
Net Change in Fiduciary Net Position	1,220,955	(850,919)	873,233	550,579	(245,076)	145,318
Plan Fiduciary Net Position, January 1	<u>9,690,615</u>	<u>10,541,534</u>	<u>9,668,301</u>	<u>9,117,722</u>	<u>9,362,798</u>	<u>9,217,480</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position, December 31	<u>10,911,570</u>	<u>9,690,615</u>	<u>10,541,534</u>	<u>9,668,301</u>	<u>9,117,722</u>	<u>9,362,798</u>
Net Pension Liability, December 31	<u>\$ 2,119,134</u>	<u>\$ 2,693,710</u>	<u>\$ 1,532,900</u>	<u>\$ 2,002,026</u>	<u>\$ 2,164,483</u>	<u>\$ 1,437,578</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	83.74%	78.25%	87.30%	82.85%	80.82%	86.69%
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 1,013,837	\$ 1,103,148	\$ 1,314,736	\$ 1,408,393	\$ 1,474,283	\$ 1,525,618
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	209.02%	244.18%	116.59%	142.15%	146.82%	94.23%

Notes to Schedule

Benefit Changes: None

Change in Benefit Terms: The most recent collective bargaining agreement requires all DPW employees to transition to VMERS by July 1, 2023.

Changes in Assumptions: The following changes were effective for the January 1, 2020 valuation date:

- The discount rate used to measure the net pension liability was lowered from 7.0% to 6.5%, due to the adoption by the Retirement Plan Committee of a 6.5% expected future rate of return on assets for funding purposes.
- The mortality table changed from the RP-2014 Total Dataset Generational Mortality adjusted to 2006, projected with MP-2018 to the Pre-2012 Total Dataset Generational Mortality, projected with MP-2019.

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FINANCIALS: GENERAL FUND BUDGET



GENERAL FUND
REVENUE
FY 2022 BUDGET

Description	Schedule 3-B		
	7/20-6/21 Budget	7/20-6/21 Projected	7/21-6/22 Budget
Beverage Licenses	4,000	3,900	4,000
Vendor Permits	200	100	100
Dog Licenses	4,000	3,500	3,200
Zoning Permits	2,500	3,000	3,000
Housing Fees	42,000	41,000	42,000
Fines for blighted property	-	-	10,000
Transfer Station Reimbursements	1,400	1,800	1,600
Overweight Permits	500	500	500
Dumpster Reimbursement St. J. Anthen.	800	800	800
Property Taxes	2,399,672	2,399,672	2,361,091
Delinquent Tax Penalties	35,000	35,000	35,000
VT Pilot Payments	95,000	102,766	98,000
Hold Harmless VT Payments	40,000	46,032	42,000
Education Billing Fee Retained	15,000	15,500	15,000
State Parcel Payment	26,000	26,000	26,000
Dispatch Services	242,803	240,000	290,800
Fire Department Services	50,000	50,000	50,000
Listers' Services	3,000	3,000	3,000
Town Clerk's Fees	65,000	75,000	75,000
Records Restoration	15,000	17,000	17,000
Interest and Dividends	25,000	27,000	27,000
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	31,000	30,000	35,000
From Econ. Dev. Reserves for Armory	-	-	75,000
Pomerleau Bldg. 2nd Floor Rent	50,175	50,175	37,631
Pomerleau Bldg. 3rd Floor Rent	-	-	7,200
Transfer from unassigned reserves	-	-	-
Transfer to Town Manager	45,609	45,609	45,609
Transfer to Town Clerk	4,243	4,243	4,243
Transfer to Treasurer	78,000	78,000	78,000
Transfer to Dispatch	153,585	153,585	176,206
General Fund Revenue Total	3,429,487	3,453,182	3,563,980
Special Appropriation Tax	305,570	305,570	305,570
Total	3,735,057	3,758,752	3,869,550

GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES
FY 2022 BUDGET

Description	Schedule 3-C		
	7/20-6/21 Budget	7/20-6/21 Projected	7/21-6/22 Budget
TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE			
Regular Salaries	280,174	280,174	292,211
Social Security	21,433	21,433	22,354
Group Insurance	70,812	70,812	63,070
HBA Expense	10,000	12,000	10,000
Workman's Compensation	860	860	293
Vmers	16,810	16,810	18,263
Unemployment Compensation	100	100	928
Office Supplies	3,500	3,500	3,500
Training	1,300	-	600
Postage	100	100	100
Advertising	100	-	100
Printing	2,000	2,000	2,000
New Equipment	-	5,500	1,000
Gas, Oil, Mileage	800	800	800
Telephone	3,000	2,800	3,000
Contracted Services	2,000	3,400	3,000
Covid 19 expense	-	2,000	-
Dues	400	500	500
	413,389	422,789	421,719

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

	7/20-6/21 Budget	7/20-6/21 Projected	7/21-6/22 Budget
Regular Salaries	78,497	71,000	70,936
Overtime Pay	900	900	900
Social Security	6,074	5,432	5,495
Group Insurance	14,204	8,348	6,658
HBA Expense	3,000	1,500	2,000
Workman's Compensation	430	430	146
Retirement Contributions	2,383	2,304	2,438
Vmers	4,096	3,360	3,762
Unemployment Compensation	-	232	463
Recording Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,000
Training	400	300	400
Office Supplies	2,500	2,500	2,500
Postage	2,500	2,000	2,500
Advertising	100	-	100
New Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000
Records Restoration	7,500	8,000	8,500
Gas, Oil & Mileage	300	100	300
Telephone	1,800	1,700	1,800
Contracted Services	20,000	18,000	20,000
Repair & Maintenance Services	400	200	400
Covid 19 expense	-	500	-
Dues	50	48	50
	147,134	128,854	131,348



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FINANCIALS: GENERAL FUND BUDGET

POMERLEAU BUILDING

	7/20-6/21	7/20-6/21	7/21-6/22
	Budget	Projected	Budget
New Equipment/Construction	-	-	-
Pomerleau Building Reserve	-	-	-
Heating Fuel	10,000	10,000	10,000
Public Utility Services	14,500	14,000	14,000
Waste Disposal Services	2,000	2,000	2,000
Contracted Services	35,000	35,000	35,000
Bond Principal	70,000	70,000	70,000
Bond Interest	33,267	33,267	30,875
Repair and Maintenance. Supplies	2,000	4,000	3,500
Building Taxes	18,000	25,198	26,000
Welcome Center Expense	-	-	-
	184,767	193,465	191,375

DISPATCH CENTER

	7/20-6/21	7/20-6/21	7/21-6/22
	Budget	Projected	Budget
Regular Salaries	295,323	302,000	308,247
Overtime Pay	40,000	40,000	40,000
Social Security	25,652	26,163	26,641
Group Insurance	100,110	80,000	94,631
HBA Expense	6,750	7,000	8,000
Workman's Compensation	1,290	1,200	511
Retirement Contributions	20,943	20,243	21,253
Vmers	14,243	15,600	14,435
Unemployment Compensation	-	800	1,625
Office Supplies	2,000	2,200	2,000
Training Supplies	1,000	250	1,000
Postage	100	100	100
New Equipment	10,000	10,000	10,000
Mileage	250	200	250
Uniforms	800	500	800
Telephone	7,700	7,800	7,700
Contracted Services	11,000	11,000	11,000
Repair & Maintenance Services	6,000	5,000	6,000
Covid 19 expense	-	300	-
Equipment Reserve	5,000	5,000	5,000
	548,161	535,356	559,193

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	7/20-6/21	7/20-6/21	7/21-6/22
	Budget	Projected	Budget
Regular Salaries	653,761	625,000	650,345
Overtime Pay	50,160	35,000	35,000
Social Security	53,850	50,490	52,429
Group Insurance	170,923	168,000	180,578
HBA Expense	18,000	17,000	18,000
Workman's Compensation	82,584	83,000	75,647
Retirement Contributions	69,766	67,434	68,607
Vmers	25,658	24,000	25,333
Unemployment Compensation	-	1,114	2,228
Office Supplies	1,500	1,500	2,180
Training Supplies	8,000	8,000	13,100
Postage	100	50	250
New Equipment	30,000	30,000	30,000
Gas, Oil & Mileage	9,700	6,000	9,450
Uniforms	7,500	8,000	11,136
Telephone	2,800	2,200	2,650
Heating Fuel	2,000	1,500	2,500
Public Utility Services	658	600	820
Contracted Services	4,400	6,000	31,338
Supplies	12,000	12,000	11,000
Repair & Maintenance Services	19,000	18,000	11,150
Motor Vehicle Supplies	2,000	1,000	4,000
Alarm System Supplies	5,000	2,000	2,500
Enhanced Call Dept.	3,500	3,500	3,500
Equipment Fund	110,000	110,000	-
Covid 19 expense	-	3,500	-
	1,342,860	1,284,888	1,243,741

GENERAL FUND EXPENSE

	7/20-6/21	7/20-6/21	7/21-6/22
	Budget	Projected	Budget
Office Supplies			
Public Utility Services	2,000	1,800	1,800
Internet expense	24,000	28,000	29,026
Web Site expense	6,000	6,500	6,500
IT Upgrades	10,000	10,000	34,960
Contracted Services	5,500	5,500	5,500
Audit	5,780	5,780	6,280
Legal Services	25,000	25,000	25,000
Judgments & Losses	-	100	-
VLCT Dues	10,564	10,564	11,000
Community Justice Center	5,000	5,000	5,000
Prop & Liability Insurance	53,376	54,324	51,826
Health Insurance Account Expense	2,800	3,000	3,000
County Taxes	57,906	57,906	58,357
Ambulance Service Contract	152,060	152,060	152,060
Cemetery expenses	20,850	30,000	28,650
Transfer to Recreation Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000
	390,836	405,534	428,959

General Fund Totals

	3,529,486	3,453,291	3,563,980
American Red Cross	1,800	1,800	1,800
Area Agency on Aging for the NEK	7,200	7,200	7,200
Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	18,382	18,382	18,382
Catamount Arts	5,000	5,000	5,000
First Night	3,000	3,000	3,000
Fairbanks Museum	63,000	63,000	63,000
Good Living Senior Center	20,000	20,000	20,000
Kingdom Animal Shelter	2,000	2,000	2,000
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	7,983	7,983	7,983
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	5,500	5,500	5,500
RSVP	810	810	810
Rural Community Transportation,INC (RCT)	13,050	13,050	13,050
Sash program	2,000	2,000	2,000
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum	115,000	115,000	115,000
St. Johnsbury Band	770	770	770
St. Johnsbury Kiwanis Club Pool	19,900	19,900	19,900
St.Johnsbury Nutritional Center	10,000	10,000	10,000
Umbrella	9,500	9,500	9,500
Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Vis. Imp.	675	675	675
Special Appropriations Expense	305,570	305,570	305,570
Total	3,835,056	3,758,861	3,869,550



FINANCIALS: HIGHWAY, RECREATION, PARKING, CAPITAL FUND

HIGHWAY FUND
EXPENDITURES
FY 2022 BUDGET

Schedule 3-G

Description	7/20-7/21 Budget	7/20-7/21 Projected	7/21-7/22 Budget
HIGHWAY GARAGE & EQUIPMENT			
Regular Salaries	53,219	57,248	58,238
Overtime Pay	7,000	5,000	5,000
Social Security	4,607	4,762	4,838
Group Insurance	21,451	20,500	23,586
HBA Expense	5,000	5,000	5,000
Workman's Compensation	2,867	2,867	2,423
Retirement Contributions	12,358	11,944	13,169
Unemployment Compensation	-	125	249
Office Supplies	2,000	2,000	2,000
Training	3,000	1,500	3,000
New Equipment	10,000	11,944	10,000
New Tools	5,000	5,000	5,000
Gas & Oil for Equipment	75,000	65,000	75,000
Uniforms	6,500	6,000	6,500
Telephone	2,500	2,200	2,500
Heating Fuel	7,500	7,000	7,500
Public Utility Services	8,200	8,500	8,500
Waste Disposal Services	4,600	5,000	5,500
Contracted Services	6,000	4,000	6,500
Equipment Rentals	13,000	13,000	13,000
Repairs to Equipment	65,000	65,000	74,000
Maintenance Supplies	35,000	35,000	35,000
Safety Supplies	-	3,000	3,500
DPW Supplies	-	2,000	2,500
Outside Repairs	17,000	17,000	17,000
Repairs to Garage	10,000	10,000	10,000
Covid 19 Expense	-	800	-
Equipment Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000
	386,802	381,390	409,503

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

	7/20-7/21 Budget	7/20-7/21 Projected	7/21-7/22 Budget
Regular Salaries	328,049	340,000	353,017
Overtime Pay	20,000	17,000	20,000
Social Security	26,626	27,311	28,536
Group Insurance	100,751	92,000	107,540
HBA Expense	18,000	18,000	18,000
Workman's Compensation	20,073	20,073	16,961
Retirement Contributions	28,837	27,874	28,705
Vmrs	10,678	9,000	11,933
Unemployment Compensation	-	870	1,744
Contracted Services	90,000	90,000	60,000
Stormwater Permit Fee ANR	5,000	5,000	5,000
Materials & Supplies	146,000	146,000	199,000
Paving (grant)	175,000	-	-
Maintenance (Paving)	35,000	37,000	100,000
	1,004,014	830,128	950,436

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Regular Salaries	328,049	340,000	319,737
Overtime Pay	75,000	75,000	75,000
Social Security	30,833	31,748	30,197
Group Insurance	100,751	92,000	107,540
HBA Expense	15,000	18,000	18,000
Workman's Compensation	20,073	20,073	16,961
Retirement Contributions	28,837	27,874	28,705
Vmrs	10,678	9,000	11,933
Unemployment Compensation	-	870	1,744
Contracted Services	3,000	4,000	-
Materials & Supplies	185,000	185,000	186,500
	797,221	803,565	796,317

STREET SAFETY & TRAFFIC

Public Utility Services	90,000	90,000	90,000
Railroad St. Parking L	771	771	771
Salaries	-	-	31,200
Social Security	-	-	2,387
Contracted Services	3,000	2,500	3,000
Repair & Maintenance Services	1,000	1,000	1,000
Materials & Supplies	12,000	10,000	12,000
	106,771	104,271	140,358

HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSE

Advertising	200	-	200
Audit	5,780	5,780	6,280
Legal Services	-	-	-
Health Insurance Account Expense	2,000	1,600	1,800
Contracted Services	1,500	1,500	1,500
Engineering Services	-	-	15,000
State stormwater operating fee	2,000	1,920	2,000
Storm damage expense	-	41,188	-
Undercllyffe project	-	35,259	-
Rodd Road	-	4,904	-
Sidewalk Reserve Fund	20,000	20,000	20,000
Construction Fund	20,000	20,000	5,000
Property & Liability Insurance	22,457	22,452	25,094
Industrial Park taxes	55,074	51,816	52,000
Interest - Westside USDA 93/15	49,026	49,026	47,204
Principal - Westside USDA 93/15	80,542	80,542	82,364
CSO payment	131,857	131,857	131,857
New Equipment 20-21	-	225,722	-
New equipment 2018-19 lease payment	129,943	129,943	129,943
New equipment 2020-21 lease payment	65,000	-	-
New equipment 2019-20 lease payment	85,000	73,728	73,728
Equipment purchase 21-22	-	-	60,000
Local Share - RR & S. Main bike access	-	-	38,340
Local Share - Portland Street Bridge	4,000	4,000	-
Internet expense	2,200	2,200	2,200
IT upgrades	-	-	-
	676,579	903,437	694,510

Highway Fund Total

7/20-7/21 Budget	7/20-7/21 Projected	7/21-7/22 Budget
328,049	340,000	319,737
75,000	75,000	75,000
30,833	31,748	30,197
100,751	92,000	107,540
15,000	18,000	18,000
20,073	20,073	16,961
28,837	27,874	28,705
10,678	9,000	11,933
-	870	1,744
3,000	4,000	-
185,000	185,000	186,500
797,221	803,565	796,317

7/20-7/21 Budget	7/20-7/21 Projected	7/21-7/22 Budget
90,000	90,000	90,000
771	771	771
-	-	31,200
-	-	2,387
3,000	2,500	3,000
1,000	1,000	1,000
12,000	10,000	12,000
106,771	104,271	140,358

7/20-7/21 Budget	7/20-7/21 Projected	7/21-7/22 Budget
200	-	200
5,780	5,780	6,280
-	-	-
2,000	1,600	1,800
1,500	1,500	1,500
-	-	15,000
2,000	1,920	2,000
-	41,188	-
-	35,259	-
-	4,904	-
20,000	20,000	20,000
20,000	20,000	5,000
22,457	22,452	25,094
55,074	51,816	52,000
49,026	49,026	47,204
80,542	80,542	82,364
131,857	131,857	131,857
-	225,722	-
129,943	129,943	129,943
65,000	-	-
85,000	73,728	73,728
-	-	60,000
-	-	38,340
4,000	4,000	-
2,200	2,200	2,200
-	-	-
676,579	903,437	694,510

2,971,387	3,022,791	2,991,124
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RECREATION DEPT FUND
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FY 2022 BUDGET

Schedule 4-C

Description	7/20-6/21 Budget	7/20-6/21 Projected	7/21-6/22 Budget
RECREATION REVENUE			
Transfer from General Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000
	10,000	10,000	10,000
RECREATION EXPENSE			
Professional Services	10,000	10,000	10,000
	10,000	10,000	10,000

PARKING METER FUND
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FY 2022 BUDGET

Schedule 4-B

Description	7/20-6/21 Budget	7/20-6/21 Projected	7/21-6/22 Budget
PARKING METER REVENUES			
Parking Tickets	19,985	10,000	10,000
Parking Meter Coin	47,488	2,000	2,000
Parking Permit Fees all lots	47,281	30,000	40,000
Impound Fees	250	100	250
	115,004	42,100	52,250
PARKING METER EXPENSES			
Salaries	21,703	16,948	22,356
Social Security	1,660	1,297	1,710
Unemployment	-	116	232
Office Supplies & Advertising	800	400	800
Gas, Oil & mileage	-	1,000	1,000
Postage	300	250	300
Printing	1,500	-	1,500
New Equipment	13,587	-	-
Contracted Services	11,780	2,625	2,800
Repair & Maint Supplies	500	200	500
Operating Supplies	295	600	200
Clerk's Office Expense	4,243	4,243	4,243
Town Manager's Expense	10,609	10,609	10,609
Police Dept Expense	20,000	20,000	20,000
Equipment Fund	4,000	-	-
Reserves	24,027	-	-
	115,004	58,288	66,250

CAPITAL PROJECT (GRANT) FUND
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
fiscal year ending June 30

Schedule 5-B

Description	Actuals 06/30/20	Projected 06/30/21
GRANT REVENUES		
Transfer from Highway Fund	90,514	4,361
Transfer from General Fund	22,561	25,000
Transfer from Special Services	-	-
Municipal planning grant	6,012	13,746
Brownfield grant revenue	35,000	-
Brownfield municipal planning grant	-	20,000
Regional Fire Station Study	12,400	26,100
RBDG Coop planning	16,925	50,300
Rurual Edge Project	-	550,000
Haz. Waste Grant Revenue	5,584	5,290
Vtrans structures grant	94,395	-
Three Rivers NBRC grant	274,613	148,615
USDA Police Equipment	8,338	0
Vtrans Portland Street Scoping	21,206	22,734
Public Safety Feasability Study	22,945	0
	610,493	866,146
GRANT EXPENSES		
Municipal planning grant	6,012	13,739
RBDG Coop planning	20,766	58,834
Vtrans Portland Street Scoping	26,897	7,077
Haz. Waste Grant Exp.	11,756	12,000
Brownfields 195 Bay Stree	41,200	-
Brownfield planning grant	-	20,000
Rural Edge Project	-	550,000
Three Rivers NBRC grant	352,646	56,599
Housing Assessment grant	-	20,000
Public Safety Feasability Study	19	-
USDA Police Equipment	21,198	-
Clarks Avenue retaining wall	26,084	-
Regional Fire Station Study	12,650	26,100
	519,228	764,349

HIGHWAY FUND
REVENUE
FY 2022 BUDGET

Schedule 3-F

Description	7/20-6/21 Budget	7/20-6/21 Projected	7/21-6/22 Budget
State Aid Class I Highways	53,000	53,000	53,000
State Aid Class II Highways	46,000	46,000	46,000
State Aid Class III Highways	125,000	125,000	125,000
State Aid Lane Mileage	250	250	250
Property Taxes	2,048,636	2,048,636	2,377,774
VT Pilot Payment	60,000	65,703	60,000
Hold Harmless VT Payment	26,000	26,000	26,000
Transfers from Water	139,750	139,750	139,750
Transfers from Sewer	97,750	97,750	97,750
Transfers from GF cemetery exp	-	-	15,600
Better Back Roads Grant	50,000	50,000	50,000
Special grant programs	175,000	-	-
	2,821,386	2,652,089	2,991,124

FINANCIALS: WATER & SEWER EXPENSES

WATER FUND		
EXPENSES		
June 30, 2021 projected		
		Schedule 7-B
	7/20-6/21	7/20-6/21
Description	Budget	Projected
WATER ADMINISTRATION		
Property Taxes	41,000	41,642
Manager's Office Expense	17,500	17,500
Clerk's Office Expense	39,000	39,000
Water Administration Total	97,500	98,142
	7/20-6/21	7/20-6/21
	Budget	Projected
WATER DISTRIBUTION		
Transfer to Highway Fund	139,750	139,750
Office Supplies	250	225
Postage	2,000	2,000
Advertising	200	200
New Equipment	4,000	9,000
Small Tools	1,000	800
Gas, Oil & Mileage	1,400	1,200
Telephone	700	700
Heating Fuel	-	-
Public Utility Services	28,000	28,000
Contracted Service Water Mains	55,000	50,000
Water Contracted Services	10,000	9,600
Repairs & Maint Water Meters	35,000	30,000
Water Repair & Maint.	50,975	45,000
Paving	4,000	16,500
Water Operating Supplies	2,000	1,800
Water Distribution Total	334,275	334,775
	7/20-6/21	7/20-6/21
	Budget	Projected
WATER/FILTER PLANT		
Regular Salaries	64,572	65,832
Overtime Pay	21,000	22,000
Social Security	6,546	6,719
Group Insurance	15,115	15,115
HBA Expense	5,000	5,000
Workers Compensation	3,441	3,500
Retirement Contributions	14,934	14,435
Unemployment Compensation	-	110
Office Supplies	300	250
Training	400	250
Postage	250	100
New Equipment	15,000	15,000
Small Tools	10,000	9,000
Transportation Services	3,360	3,000
Uniforms	200	200
Telephone	1,050	1,750
Heating Fuel	6,000	5,800
Public Utility Services	49,668	50,000
Waste Disposal Services	900	900
Contracted Services	20,000	18,000
Water Backup	27,000	27,000
Repair & Maint. Supplies	15,000	15,000
Material & Supplies	90,000	100,000
Water/Filter Plant Total	369,736	378,961
	7/20-6/21	7/20-6/21
	Budget	Projected
WATER FUND		
Audit	7,000	7,000
Legal Services	500	450
Contracted Services	-	15,145
VT Operations Fee	15,600	15,400
VT Dam Fee	1,000	1,000
Prop & Liability Expense	12,000	12,000
STAT Reserve	-	-
Interest Westside 93/15	17,898	17,898
Interest USDA 91/07	66,977	66,977
Interest USDA 91/09	15,775	15,775
Interest USDA 91/12	15,887	15,887
Interest VT Municipal Bond	13,995	13,995
Interest USDA 91/24	6,012	6,012
Interest Westside N. LOC	-	-
Principal Westside 93/15	29,404	29,404
Principal USDA 91/07	27,698	27,698
Principal USDA 91/09	6,523	6,523
Principal USDA 91/12	14,881	14,881
Principal VT Municipal Bond	127,500	127,500
Principal RF3-300	43,124	43,124
Principal Moose River	3,516	3,516
Principal Oak Street	13,146	13,146
Water Fund Total	438,436	453,331
Water Expenses Total	1,239,947	1,265,209

SEWER FUND		
EXPENSES		
June 30, 2021 projected		
		Schedule 8-B
	7/20-6/21	7/20-6/21
	Budget	Projected
SEWER ADMINISTRATION		
Manager's Office Expense	17,500	17,500
Clerk's Office Expense	39,000	39,000
Sewer Administration Total	56,500	56,500
	7/20-6/21	7/20-6/21
	Budget	Projected
SEWER COLLECTION		
Transfer to Highway Fund	97,750	97,750
Office Supplies	200	200
Postage	2,000	2,000
Advertising	100	100
Gas Oil and mileage	750	
New Equipment	4,000	4,000
Small Tools	1,000	1,500
Public Utility Services	20,000	21,000
Sewer Contracted Services	25,000	25,000
Repair & Maint Sewer Parts	15,200	12,000
Repair & Maint. Services	5,000	4,000
Paving	4,000	4,000
Sewer Operating Supplies	400	5,500
Sewer Collection Total	175,400	177,050
	7/20-6/21	7/20-6/21
	Budget	Projected
SEWER PLANT		
New Equipment	97,000	95,000
Small Tools	6,800	6,500
Land application consulting	-	5,000
Public Utility Services	95,000	95,000
Waste Disposal Services	13,000	13,000
Contracted Services	635,000	635,000
CSO Monitoring Expense	20,000	15,000
Operations Fee	7,600	7,600
Repair, Maint. & Supplies	12,000	11,000
Cares grant pass thru	-	31,200
Operating Supplies	5,000	5,000
Sewer Plant Total	891,400	919,300
	7/20-6/21	7/20-6/21
	Budget	Projected
SEWER FUND		
Audit	7,000	7,000
Contracted Services	-	200
Legal Services	300	200
STAT Reserve	-	-
Prop. & Liability Insurance	23,000	23,000
Interest RD Screw Pumps	19,039	19,039
Interest Westside 93/15	10,895	10,895
Interest VT Municipal Bond	13,446	13,446
Interest USDA 92/25	73,833	73,833
Principal Westside 93/15	17,898	17,898
Principal RF1016	56,676	56,676
Principal VT Municipal Bond	122,500	122,500
Principal RD Screw Pumps	17,699	17,699
Principal RF1-168	69,051	69,051
Principal USDA 92/25	67,825	67,825
Sewer Fund Total	499,162	499,262
Sewer Expenses Total	1,622,462	1,652,112

FINANCIALS: WATER & SEWER REVENUES

WATER & SEWER FUND SEWER REVENUES PROJECTED AT JUNE 30, 2021		
Schedule 8-A		
	7/20-6/21 Budget	7/20-6/21 Projected
SEWER REVENUES		
Sewage Disposal Charges Metered	1,540,000	1,700,000
Grant Income	-	218,619
Cares Act grant	-	31,200
Misc Income	-	200
Interest & Dividends	400	400
Interest Penalties	4,000	3,500
Sewer Revenue Total	1,544,400	1,953,919

WATER & SEWER FUND WATER REVENUES PROJECTED AT JUNE 30, 2021		
Schedule 7-A		
Description	7/20-6/21 Budget	7/20-6/21 Projected
WATER REVENUES		
Water Metered Service	1,275,000	1,275,000
Water Dept Services	-	1,000
Interest & Dividends	250	250
Interest Penalties	3,500	3,500
Grant Income		200,278
Misc. Income	-	200
Water Revenue Total	1,278,750	1,480,228

SPECIAL SERVICE FUND REVENUE

SPECIAL SERVICE FUND REVENUE FY 2022 BUDGET			
Schedule 3-D			
Description	7/20-6/21 Budget	7/20-6/21 Projected	7/21-6/22 Budget
District Court Fines	4,000	4,000	4,000
Report Revenue	1,600	1,650	1,500
Property Taxes	1,199,891	1,199,891	1,302,368
VT Pilot Payments	19,500	21,698	20,000
Hold Harmless VT Payments	100	75	100
Police Dept Services	2,000	1,800	1,800
Fingerprinting Services	30,000	22,000	25,000
SIU Revenue	30,000	30,000	30,000
Gov. Hghwy. Sfty Grant-EQ		-	
Gov. Hghwy. Sfty Grant-SAL	5,000	5,000	5,000
Beautification Committee Donations	-	-	-
Transfer from Parking Meter Fund	20,000	20,000	20,000
Transfer from Special Services Fund	40,000	40,000	40,000
Special Services Fund Total	1,352,091	1,346,114	1,449,768

SPECIAL SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES

SPECIAL SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES FY 2022 BUDGET			
Schedule 3-E			
Description	7/20-6/21 Budget	7/20-6/21 Projected	7/21-6/22 Budget
POLICE DEPARTMENT			
Regular Salaries	644,211	638,000	693,373
Overtime Pay	68,000	120,000	80,000
Social Security	54,484	57,987	59,163
Group Insurance	132,802	136,000	153,463
HBA Expense	16,000	16,000	16,000
Workman's Compensation	39,572	39,572	37,447
Retirement Contributions	28,513	27,560	28,719
Vmers	35,782	40,000	36,862
Unemployment Compensation	-	1,445	2,896
Office Supplies	4,200	3,500	4,200
Training	5,000	5,000	7,000
Postage	400	300	400
Advertising	300	200	300
New Equipment	4,500	4,500	5,000
Gas, Oil & Mileage	17,000	16,000	17,000
Uniforms	12,000	10,000	5,000
Telephone	3,700	3,500	3,500
Heating Fuel	3,000	2,500	3,000
Public Utility Services	3,750	3,400	3,750
Waste Disposal Services	1,200	1,000	1,200
Contracted Services	5,089	12,000	6,450
Ammunition	4,000	4,000	4,000
Repairs to Equipment	1,500	1,000	1,500
Dues	1,500	1,000	2,000
Repairs to Cruisers	13,000	13,000	13,000
Investigation Supplies	2,300	2,200	2,300
Gov Highway Safety Grant	5,000	5,000	5,000
Equipment Fund Reserves	30,500	30,500	20,000
	1,137,303	1,195,164	1,212,523
	7/20-6/21 Budget	7/20-6/21 Actual	7/21-6/22 Budget
PARKS & TREES			
Repair & Maintenance Services	3,000	3,000	3,000
Portland Street Rink	200	100	100
	3,200	3,100	3,100
	7/20-6/21 Budget	7/20-6/21 Actual	7/21-6/22 Budget
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE			
Operating Supplies	19,500	19,500	15,000
Repair & Maintenance Services	1,000	1,000	1,000
	20,500	20,500	16,000
	7/20-6/21 Budget	7/20-6/21 Actual	7/21-6/22 Budget
SPECIAL SERVICE FUND EXPENSE			
Audit	5,780	5,780	6,280
Health Insurance Account Expense	1,000	900	1,000
Contracted Services	1,500	1,500	1,500
Property & Liability Insurance	24,023	24,023	26,932
Internet Expense	5,200	5,300	6,227
IT Upgrades			-
Transfer to Dispatch Services	153,585	153,585	176,206
	191,088	191,088	218,145
Special Service Fund Total	1,352,091	1,409,852	1,449,768

TAX RATE ANNUAL COMPARISONS

TAX RATES COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS						
	1/1/15-6/30/16	7/1/16 -6/30/17	7/1/17-6/30/18	7/1/18-6/3/19	7/1/19-6/30/20	7/1/20-6/31/21
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
GENERAL FUND	0.5323	0.3834	0.3803	0.3954	0.4337	0.4773
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	0.0648	0.0651	0.0724	0.0737	0.0540	0.0608
HIGHWAY FUND	0.5393	0.3689	0.3787	0.4017	0.4187	0.4075
LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX	0.0013	0.0017	0.0018	0.0017	0.0019	0.0608
SPECIAL SERVICE DIST.	0.6426	0.4464	0.4524	0.4628	0.4844	0.5548
SCHOOL Nonresidential	1.4131	1.4465	1.4226	1.4518	1.4737	1.6728
Homestead	1.1718	1.2182	1.2067	1.2093	1.3053	1.4562

Cyan
Magenta
Yellow
Black

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED				
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021				
				12/31/2020
GRAND LIST before Contracts/Exemptions				\$ 514,659,161
Listed value of taxable real property				
Grand List(1% of taxable property)			\$ 5,022,814	
TAXES VOTED				
General Fund Budget			\$ 2,397,371	
Appropriations			\$ 305,387	
Highway Fund Budget			\$ 2,046,801	
Local Agreement			\$ 14,064	
School tax(Nonresd and Homestead)			\$ 7,909,857	
Special Service tax			\$ 1,198,249	
Total taxes voted			\$ 13,871,729	
TAXES ASSESSED				
	Grand List	Tax Rate	Amount	
General tax	\$ 5,022,814	0.4773	\$ 2,397,389	
Appropriations	\$ 5,022,814	0.0608	\$ 305,387	
Highway tax	\$ 5,022,814	0.4075	\$ 2,046,797	
Local Agreement	\$ 5,022,814	0.0028	\$ 14,064	
School tax Non-residential	\$ 2,784,205	1.6728	\$ 4,657,418	
School tax Homestead	\$ 2,233,510	1.4562	\$ 3,252,437	
Special Service tax	\$ 2,159,785	0.5548	\$ 1,198,249	
HS 131 Penalty			\$ 1,487	
Total taxes billed			\$ 13,873,228	
TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:				
Received by Treasurer		\$ 8,738,838		
Delinquent taxes charged to Collector		\$ 129,227		
Due on 2nd installment		\$ 5,005,149		
Total taxes accounted for			\$ 13,873,214	

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THE ST. JOHNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET

The St. Johnsbury School District Proposed 2021-22 Budget

We are incredibly proud of our FY22 Budget. In the face of a global health pandemic, we listened to the needs of our community and we maintained our commitment to high-quality public education. This year, we planned for increases in only four areas of our budget: 1) Salaries, 2) Benefits (negotiated at the state level), 3) Special Education, and 4) High School Tuition. In addition, according to data received from the Vermont Agency of Education, of all the districts reporting their spending per equalized pupil in fiscal year 2020, there were only 17 in the entire state that ranked lower than St. Johnsbury. The impact of this proposed budget is a decrease in education taxes for all community members. Especially this year, we are proud of our students and their families. We are proud of our faculty, staff, and leadership team. We are grateful to our Board of School Directors, and in particular, the Finance Committee. We are still focused on teaching and learning for all students. Thank you for thoughtfully considering our budget for next year.

The St. Johnsbury School Continuous Improvement Plan Goals 2021-2022

1. Students will successfully engage with high quality rigorous instruction.
2. Students will receive differentiated instruction to meet their academic and social emotional needs.

Please feel welcome to call the St. Johnsbury School District at 802-745-2789 if you need more information or would like a copy of the complete line-item budget.

REVENUE SUMMARY COMPARISON

Description	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 Estimated
Local Revenue	130,460	123,696	190,174
State Revenue	17,469,605	18,111,174	18,215,192
Mainstream Block Grant	438,838	436,028	439,798
Intensive Reimbursement	2,771,978	3,507,130	3,930,204
Extraordinary Reimbursement	505,794	489,209	714,417
TOTAL	21,316,675	22,667,237	23,489,785

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY COMPARISON

Description	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY22 Proposed
WAGES	6,464,706.00	6,759,661.00	7,104,649.00
ADDITIONAL NURSE	-	-	55,000.00
HEALTH	851,256.00	966,645.00	1,061,376.21
BENEFITS-OTHER	1,561,741.00	1,566,968.00	1,616,968.00
CONTRACT SERVICES	1,140,770.00	1,020,660.00	1,020,660.00
REPAIRS / LEASES / PLANT OPERATIONS	426,044.00	602,838.00	602,838.00
TRANSPORTATION	609,546.00	655,541.00	655,541.00
INSURANCE / TELEPHONE / POSTAGE / ADVERTISING	100,889.00	106,670.00	106,670.00
TUITIONS	9,341,250.00	9,617,100.00	9,970,355.00
MILEAGE / TRAVEL	16,475.00	9,325.00	9,325.00
SUPPLIES / INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS	419,005.00	404,168.00	369,168.00
EQUIPMENT / HARDWARE	239,031.00	140,560.00	140,560.00
DUES / FEES	-	13,775.00	13,775.00
SHORT TERM / LONG TERM DEBT	145,962.00	195,842.00	143,250.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION	-	607,482.00	619,650.00
Total General Fund Expenditures	21,316,675.00	22,667,235.00	23,489,785.21

ESTIMATED EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET ON THE ST. JOHNSBURY TAX RATE

Proposed	FY 2021	Est. FY 2022	Decrease of
Actual Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.42	\$1.39	\$0.03
Tax on \$125,000 Home	\$1,775	\$1,737	\$38.00
Tax on \$150,000 Home	\$2,130	\$2,085	\$45.00
Tax on \$200,00 Home	\$2,840	\$2,780	\$60.00

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DIRECT INSTRUCTION PK-8	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	2,737,436	2,849,220	2,999,265
Benefits	796,395	979,981	1,068,179
Contracts	36,200	40,870	40,870
Supplies	64,721	63,336	63,336
Total Direct Instruction	3,634,752	3,892,945	4,136,428
STUDENT SERVICES	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	1,801,500	1,953,778	2,032,514
Benefits	632,485	763,528	832,245
Contracts	671,913	923,789	923,789
Tuition	1,546,171	2,034,203	2,118,691
Transportation	127,292	145,000	145,000
Staff Mileage	607	475	475
Equipment	3,024	650	650
Supplies	6,925	14,110	14,110
Dues & Fees	1,825	1,500	1,500
TOTAL STUDENT SERVICES	4,791,742	5,840,033	6,068,974
TUITIONS	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Pk-8 Tuition	270,587	296,000	307,840
Reg Ed Tuition 9-12	6,566,731	7,011,047	7,543,824
Spec Ed Tuition K-12	1,543,622	2,034,203	2,118,691
TOTAL TUITIONS	8,380,940	9,341,250	9,970,355
DISTRICT WIDE SERVICES	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	127,889	127,889	131,725
Benefits	16,476	9,785	10,665
Contracts	1,270	1,270	1,270
Supplies	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total District Wide Services	160,635	153,944	161,213
UARTS	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	542,170	547,050	557,991
Benefits	180,560	192,731	210,076
Repairs/Supplies/Equipment	18,900	58,200	23,200
Total UARTS	741,630	797,981	791,267

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INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	16,000	16,000	16,800
Benefits	2,000	1,224	1334
Supplies	637	637	637
Total Instructional Support	18,637	17,861	18,931

STUDENT ACTIVITIES	FY2020	FY2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	29,000	29,618	30,210
Benefits	5,564	1,801	1,963
Contracts	5,000	5,000	5,000
Supplies/Equipment/Theatre	9,000	9,000	9,000
Total Student Activities	48,564	45,419	47,359

GUIDANCE SERVICES	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	213,819	224,905	231,652
Benefits	65,822	71,247	77,659
Supplies/Books	1,200	1,200	1,200
Dues & Fees	175	700	700
Total Guidance Services	281,016	298,052	311,211

HEALTH SERVICES	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	109,154	87,481	145,105
Benefits	33,688	47,604	47,704
Supplies	2,200	2,200	2,200
Total Health Services	145,042	137,285	195,009

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
	87,000	99,575	162,333

LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	76,430	80,546	82,962
Benefits	34,460	36,759	40,067
Supplies/Books/Software	15,600	20,100	20,100
Total Library/Media Services	126,490	137,405	145,545

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	96,111	110,027	113,327
Benefits	33,385	42,239	46,040
Contracts	83,611	83,972	83,972
Supplies/Repairs	20,202	20,389	20,389
Software/ Equipment	65,881	65,810	65,810

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Total Technology Services	299,190	322,437	332,839
SCHOOL BOARD	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Stipends	12,574	12,811	12,811
Contracts/Supplies/Dues	6,150	0	0
Total School Board	18,724	12,811	12,811
SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE	FY2020	FY2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	144,053	147,073	150,146
Benefits	50,729	64,650	71,558
Contracts	3,000	3,000	3,000
Supplies	4,000	4,000	4,000
Travel	5000	5,000	5,000
Dues & Fees	0	5,000	5,000
Total Superintendent’s Office	206,782	228,723	238,704
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING DESIGN	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	87,437	90,061	92,762
Benefits	18,923	18,209	19,847
Supplies	3,100	3,000	3,000
Dues & Fees	0	1,650	1,650
Total Director of Learn Design	109,460	112,920	117,259
PRINCIPALS’ OFFICE	FY2020	FY2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	288,790	298,412	302,294
Benefits	130,158	156,701	170,804
Supplies/Books/Periodicals	24,801	42,000	42,000
Dues & Fees	1,500	1,500	1,500
Contract Services	750	750	750
Total Principals’ Office	445,999	499,363	517,348
FISCAL SERVICES	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	174,132	184,371	191,827
Benefits	58,996	72,955	79,520
Contracts	3,000	3,000	3,000
Supplies	1,700	1,700	1,700
Dues & Fees	500	750	750
Total Fiscal Services	283,615	262,776	276,797
SHORT TERM/LONG TERM DEBT	FY2020	FY2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Short Term Interest Expense	45,287	45,700	45,700

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FY21 EDUCATION SPENDING

Long Term Interest/Principal	97,000	97,550	97,550
Total Debt	142,287	143,250	143,250

PLANT OPERATIONS	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	113,652	122,550	126,175
Benefits	43,098	52,616	57,351
Repairs/Building Projects	435,737	613,632	613,632
Supplies/Dues & Fees	26,000	29,200	29,200
Electricity	120,000	100,000	100,000
Fuel Oil	120,000	120,000	120,000
Equipment	5,000	5,000	5,000
Building Projects	140,500	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	20,000	20,000	20,000
Total Plant Operations	769,494	980,299	1,071,358

CENTRAL SERVICES	FY 2020	FY2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Lease	19,200	19,600	19,600
Legal & Audit	20,000	20,000	20,000
Copier Lease & Repairs	52,000	60,000	60,000
Insurance	55,670	55,670	55,670
Postage & Telephone	40,219	46,000	46,000
Advertising	5,000	5,000	5,000
Travel	2,500	2,500	2,500
Supplies	13,950	66,963	66,963
Total Central Services	208,539	275,733	275,733

STUDENT ACTIVITIES	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	29,000	29,618	30,506
Benefits	5,564	1,801	1,963
Contracts	5,000	5,000	5,000
Supplies	4,000	4,000	4,000
TOTAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES	43,564	40,419	41,469

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	144,122	103,128	106,221
Benefits	76,383	66,724	72,729
Contracts	0	82,572	82,572
Supplies	100	1,200	1,200
TOTAL STUDENT SUPPORT	220,605	253,624	262,722

TRANSPORTATION	FY 2020	FY2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Regular Transportation	595,536	642,291	642,291
Field Trips	140,101	13,250	13,250
Total Transportation Services	609,546	655,541	655,541

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FY21 EDUCATION SPENDING

CATCH AFERSCHOOL PROGRAM/ THE FAMILY PLACE	FY2020	FY2021	FY 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
Salaries	103,663	87,541	90,167
Benefits	26,708	28,416	30,973
Contracts/Supplies		200	200
TOTAL PROGRAM SUPPORT	130,371	116,157	121,340

- ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury School District approve the School Board to expend \$23,489,785 in general funds, \$995,000 in grant funds, for a total of \$24,484,785, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,746.46 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.6% higher than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 2:** Shall the Town School District vote to hereafter collect its Town School District taxes by the Town Treasurer?
- ARTICLE 3:** Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury School District authorize the School Board to fund a capital improvement reserve fund 100% from surplus funds, if any, at June 30, 2022?
- ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters of the St. Johnsbury School District authorize the School Board to secure a Tax Anticipation Note to cover cash flow needs for the FY22 fiscal year?

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR BUDGET AND ABOUT THE BUDGET PROCESS

- What is the difference between the general fund, grant funds and the total budget?** The general fund is our local budget, which is used for all of the major operating expenses of the school, including salaries and tuitions (the major drivers of our budget). We receive grant funds from a variety of sources (see below); they are all targeted funds that can only be used for specific purposes. They are expected to supplement our general fund budget, but not to pay for basic operations. Our total budget is our general fund plus our grant funds.
- What is education spending?** Education spending is the amount of money we ask for from the Education Fund (and hence from taxpayers). We obtain this amount by subtracting all other revenues from our general fund budget—these include tuition for students attending the St. Johnsbury School from other districts, interest income, and our special education reimbursements. These amounts are shown in the revenue table.
- What is an equalized pupil?** The state weighs some categories of students at different rates (including high school students, low-income students, English language learners, and PreK students) and then scales this to make adjustments in the allocations to districts.
- What grants does the School District have and what are they used for?** There are two major grants the School District receives from the federal government: 1. Our Consolidated Federal Programs Grant, which is used to support our direct instruction, professional development and intervention programs for students and 2. Our IDEA-B grant, which funds our special education program.
- Why does the School District carefully monitor residency?** We are required by law to pay tuition for high school resident students of St. Johnsbury only. The legal definition of residency (see below) ensures that we are fair to new families and taxpayers.

TITLE 16 Vermont Statutes Annotated, Chapter 25 § 1075: Legal Residence Defined: For the purposes of this title, "resident" of the state and of a school district means a natural person who is domiciled in the school district and who, if temporarily absent, demonstrates an intent to maintain a principal dwelling place in the school district indefinitely and to return there, coupled with an act or acts consistent with that intent. The term "temporarily absent" includes those special cases listed in 17 V.S.A. § 2122(a). The term "residence" is synonymous with the term "domicile." A married person may have a domicile independent of the domicile of his or her spouse. If a person removes to another town with the intention of remaining there indefinitely, that person shall be considered to have lost residence in the town in which the person originally resided even though the person intends to return at some future time. A person may have only one residence at a given time.

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