

**Annual Reports  
of the  
Officers in the Town of  
NORTON**

**Vermont  
fiscal year ending  
June 30, 2022**



*International Bridge Grand Trunk Railroad  
Norton, VT September 11, 1965*

**Annual Report**  
**Of the Town Officers of the Town of**  
**Norton, Vermont**



**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**For the fiscal year ending  
June 30, 2022**

**Including report of the School Directors & Auditors**

**The Town of Norton**

**Would like to Thank**

**The Colebrook Copy Center**

**For doing such a great job on our**

**Town Reports.**

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## TOWN OFFICERS

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Moderator	Stephane Thibault	2023
Select Board	Christopher Fletcher	2023
	Daniel Keenan**	2024
	Stephane Thibault*	2023
	Cheryl Shepherd	2025
Town Clerk	Gina Vigneault	2024
Town Treasurer	Gina Vigneault	2024
Auditors	Sandra Rhodes	2023
	Julie Lavallee	2024
	Jody Gordon	2025
Listers	Gina Vigneault	2023
	Christina Duffy	2024
	David Rhodes	2025
1 <sup>st</sup> Constable	Roland Vigneault	2023
2 <sup>nd</sup> Constable	Steven Duffy	2023
Delinquent Tax Collector	Gina Vigneault	2023
Road Commissioner	Steven Duffy	2023
Justices of the Peace	Betsy Fontaine	2026
	Jody Gordon	2026
	Julie Lavallee	2026
	Rosario Poulin	2026
	Kenn Stransky**	

**APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD**

Development Review Board	Gina Vigneault		2023
	Jody Gordon		2023
	Tonilyn Fletcher		2024
	Cheryl Shepherd		2024
	Daniel Keenan		2025
Planning Commission	Jody Gordon		2023
	Tonilyn Fletcher		2024
	Suzanne Isabelle		2024
	Cheryl Shepherd		2025
	Gina Vigneault		2025
Emergency Management Officer	Gina Vigneault	802- 822-5205	2023
Town Health Officer	Carolyn Royce	802-673-0910	
Notary Public	Betsy Fontaine	802-822-5562	
	Gina Vigneault	802-822-5205	
State Fire Warden	Roland Vigneault	802-822-5205	
Zoning Administrator	Christina Duffy	802-734-7789	
E911 Coordinator	Albert Anderson	802-822-9912	
Animal Control Officer	Wayne Washburn	603-331-1688	

\*Appointed

\*\* Resigned

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Town Clerk**

Gina Vigneault

Betsy Fontaine, Assistant Town Clerk

Telephone: 802-822-9935

Fax: 802-822-9965

Email: [townofnorton@myfairpoint.net](mailto:townofnorton@myfairpoint.net) or [townofnorton@gmail.com](mailto:townofnorton@gmail.com)

### **Office Hours**

Tuesday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Thursday 10:00 AM – Noon

Friday 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Last Saturday of each month 10:00 AM – Noon

Or by appointment

### **Town Treasurer**

Gina Vigneault

Betsy Fontaine, Assistant Town Treasurer

Telephone: 802-822-9935

Fax: 802-822-9965

### **Office Hours**

Same as above

### **Scheduled Meetings**

Select Board: Date and time of regular meetings will be determined at the organizational meeting which will be held after Town Meeting.

Development Review Board: No scheduled meeting, only as posted.

Planning Commission: No scheduled meeting, only as posted.

# NOTICE

## TOWN OF NORTON DOG LICENSE

**Licenses for all dogs 3 months old and over, are due on or before April 1, 2023.**

**Rabies Certificates must be presented and also certificates for spayed females and altered males must be presented. THIS IS THE LAW!**

**After April 1, 2023 an increase will be added for late fees.**

**Vermont Statute 20 Section 4003 states that, "A person may not obtain a dog license for a dog three months of age or older, unless he delivers to the Town Clerk a certificate or a certified copy thereof signed by a duly licensed veterinarian stating that the dog has within thirty months been vaccinated against rabies with a vaccine approved by the Department of Agriculture, and unless the person certifies that the dog described in the certificate or copy is the dog to be licensed..."**

### FEEES

<b>Females/Males</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>	<b>After April 1st</b>	<b>\$17.00</b>
<b>Spayed Females</b>	<b>9.00</b>		<b>13.00</b>
<b>Altered Males</b>	<b>9.00</b>		<b>13.00</b>

**If your dog is not licensed, your dog may be destroyed and you may be fined up to \$500.00.**

## **TOWN MEETING WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Norton, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Norton Town Hall on Monday, the 6th day of March 2023 at 7 p.m., to transact the following business from the floor.

### **Town Business**

**ARTICLE 1:**

To elect a moderator.

**ARTICLE 2:**

To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

- a) A Selectperson for a three year term;
- b) A Selectperson for a one year term;
- c) An Auditor for a three year term;
- d) A Lister for a three year term;
- e) A Road Commissioner for a one year term;
- f) A First Constable for a one year term;
- g) A Second Constable for a one year term;
- h) A Delinquent Tax Collector for a three year term

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the Town collect its real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being September 30, 2023 and **December 15, 2023?**

**ARTICLE 4:**

Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$ 2,538.00 to the following social services agencies?

Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$ 300.00
Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, Inc	\$1,500.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc	\$ 338.00
Rural Community Transportation	\$ 300.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$ 100.00

**ARTICLE 5:**

To vote if the Town will adopt the following budgets:

Subtotal Town Administration:	\$ 26,805.00
Subtotal General Government:	\$ 63,977.40
Subtotal Waste Mgmt Operation Only	\$ 9,170.00
Subtotal Waste Haul/Disposal Only	<u>\$ 7,287.50</u>
<b>Total General Fund:</b>	<b>\$107,239.90</b>
Total Highway Fund:	<u>\$ 8,941.00</u>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$116,180.90</b>

**ARTICLE 6:**

**To transact any other business not of a binding nature.**

**ARTICLE 7:**

**To adjourn.**

**Dated at Norton, Vermont this 24th day of January 2023.**



**Christopher Fletcher, Select Board Chair**



**Cheryl Shepherd**



**Stéphane Thibault  
Select Board of Norton, VT**

## **Auditor's Report**

**We have examined the reports of the Town Officers for the Town of Norton, to include:**

- **General Fund: page 11**
- **Highway Fund: page 14**
- **Treasurers Report: page 15**
- **Account Funds and Grants: page 17, 18, 19, 20**
- **Savings and CD's: page 21**
- **Statement of Taxes Raised: page 22**
- **Tax Collectors Report – Delinquent Taxes: page 23**

**To the best of our knowledge the reports are accurate.**

**During the year, we performed monthly reconciliations of all bank accounts, the Grand List, taxes, tax penalties, interest (billed & collected) and ledgers.**

**A separate copy of this report has been issued to the Treasurer and Select Board. This report is available during regular business hours at the town office.**

**We would like to thank all the Town Officers for their time and dedication for the past year.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Rhodes  
Jody Gordon  
Julie Lavallee**

**Norton Taxpayers,**

**As town meeting is fast approaching, we would like to remind everyone that this year's budget is a 6 month budget to finish 2023. We are switching to the calendar year per last year's town meeting. We would like the taxpayer's opinion whether we should hold a special meeting in the fall for the approval of a new budget or wait until town meeting to get approval on that year's budget.**

**NEK Broadband has been working in the nearby towns getting internet upgraded. We are currently looking for a person to represent the town of Norton in the monthly meetings. There is also another new internet provider from Trailrunner Broadband Internet. They are already operational in our area and operate off the cell phone towers.**

**We would like to thank all town officers for a job well done. There are a few town job openings that need to be filled if anyone is interested. We need an assistant zoning administrator, NEK Broadband representative, Justice of the peace and a few more. Please, if you are interested let Gina at the town office know.**

**We look forward to seeing everyone at the Town meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.**

**Christopher Fletcher**

**Steve Thibault**

**Cheryl Shepherd**

## **TYPICAL PROCEDURE USING ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**

- a. The Moderator reads the article: **"Shall the Town give \$2,000 to the ice rink for their youth hockey program?"**
- b. A voter raises his or her hand to be **recognized** (called on). The Moderator recognizes the voter and the voter stands up and makes a motion to adopt the article: **"I move the article."**
- c. The Moderator asks if there is a "second to the motion" (another voter who wants to discuss and vote on the article): **"Do we have a second to the motion?"**
- d. A second voter "seconds" the motion: **"I second the motion."** If there is no second, the article is "passed over" (not discussed or voted on.)
- e. After the "second" the Moderator says, "It has been moved and seconded that we...." and restates the motion in order to place it before the assembly. The Moderator then asks for any discussion on the motion: **"Would anyone like to begin discussion on the motion?"**
- f. Voters raise their hands to be recognized by the Moderator. When a person is called on, he or she speaks to the Moderator. Voters may make statements in support of or against the proposal. This discussion is called **debating the motion**. At any time, a voter can move to close the debate. A motion to cut off debate needs a three-fourths majority to pass. The Moderator ensures that everyone who wants to speak has a turn before anyone is allowed to speak a second time. This prevents the debate from getting personal, and makes sure everyone has an equal opportunity to participate.
- g. A voter may move to amend the article: **"I move to amend the article by reducing the proposed amount to \$1,500."** An amendment can be rejected by the Moderator (ruled **out of order**) if it is not **germane** (relevant) or if it is **hostile to** (against) the article. For example, an amendment that proposes to take the \$2,000 for the ice rink and use it instead for repairs on the town pool would be rejected as hostile.
- h. After an amendment is made, the Moderator asks for a second, and if there is one, the Moderator will see if people want to discuss the amendment. At the end of discussion there will be a vote, first on the amendment, and then, if discussion is complete, there will be a vote on the original motion, as amended.

- i. Each article on the warning can only have one amendment at a time, and each amendment to the article can only have one amendment to the amendment at a time. The votes go in reverse order.
- j. There are three ways for the town meeting to vote on an article:
  1. For a **Voice vote** the Moderator will say, "**All in favor indicate by saying Yea,**" followed by, "**All against signify by saying Nay.**"
  2. If the Moderator cannot tell the outcome of the voice vote he or she can ask for a "**hand count**" (**All in favor of the motion, please raise your hand.**)
  3. If seven voters move to **divide the assembly**, the motion is voted by **paper ballot**: "**I move to divide the assembly.**" The Moderator asks "**Are there six more voters who 'second' this motion?**" If so, paper is passed out to all voters and they indicate their vote by writing yes or no. The votes are usually counted by the clerk and **board of civil authority** (local officials who help run the election) and are then reported to the Moderator.

No matter which voting method is used, a voter must be present to vote at town meeting. A person cannot go home early and ask a friend or family member to cast his vote for him.

- k. After the vote is announced, the Moderator moves to the next article on the agenda by reading it to the assembly. If a voter interrupts this reading by moving to reconsider the prior vote, the Moderator must stop his reading and ask if there is a second to the motion to reconsider. The meeting may only reconsider a vote once before going to the next item on the agenda.

TOWN OF NORTON GENERAL FUND  
2021-2022 EXPENSES AND 2022-2023 BUDGET  
2023 - 2023 PROPOSED 6 MONTH BUDGET

	<u>2021/22</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2021/22Actual</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>2022/23</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2023 Proposed</u> <u>6 Month Budget</u>
<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Town Treasurer	8,000.00	6,032.15	10,000.00	5,000.00
Town Clerk	10,000.00	7,749.02	10,000.00	5,000.00
Assistant Town Clerk/Asst. Treasurer	10,000.00	8,978.38	11,000.00	5,500.00
Select Board	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,200.00
Listers	2,500.00	1,368.25	2,500.00	1,400.00
Reappraisal	1,100.00	4,322.50	1,100.00	550.00
Lister Education	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00
Auditors	3,000.00	1,973.56	3,000.00	1,750.00
Auditors Education	250.00	0.00	250.00	125.00
Health Officer	100.00	50.00	100.00	50.00
Zoning Administrator	1,200.00	1,207.50	3,000.00	1,500.00
Election Workers	1,000.00	469.25	2,400.00	1,400.00
Janitor	850.00	1,074.50	1,000.00	550.00
Animal Control Officer	150.00	260.00	150.00	75.00
Planning Commission	50.00	0.00	500.00	250.00
Development Review Board	50.00	0.00	500.00	250.00
Emergency Management Officer	50.00	0.00	50.00	25.00
Forest Fire Warden	50.00	50.00	50.00	25.00
Tax Collector's Fees	500.00	2,714.57	500.00	250.00
FICA/MEDI Expenses	3,500.00	2,956.64	3,800.00	1,905.00
<b>Total Town Administration</b>	<b>\$45,500.00</b>	<b>\$41,606.32</b>	<b>\$53,050.00</b>	<b>\$26,805.00</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
Insurance	4,450.00	3,698.09	4,450.00	2,099.00
Workmen's Comp.	225.00	196.16	225.00	129.00
Voted Contributions	3,638.00	3,138.00	3,138.00	2,538.00
UCVH Emergency Services	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
45th Parallel	13,407.15	17,231.70	20,000.00	10,900.00
Northern Borders Dispatch	5,945.41	5,945.41	6,000.00	7,088.90
Beecher Falls Fire Dept.	5,775.00	5,775.00	5,775.00	5,775.00
Police Protection	300.00	0.00	300.00	150.00
County Tax	10,100.00	10,693.76	11,000.00	11,856.00
VLCT Dues & VMCTA Dues	1,326.00	1,326.00	1,919.00	1,000.00
Town Officer's Conferences	600.00	150.00	600.00	300.00
Town Officer's Mileage	500.00	198.45	500.00	250.00
NVDA	500.00	500.00	500.00	250.00
Town Reports	700.00	565.00	700.00	0.00
Street Lights	2,781.00	2,647.11	2,600.00	1,400.00
Telephone	1,500.00	1,727.76	1,750.00	927.50
Postage	1,000.00	991.61	1,100.00	600.00
Office Supplies, Repairs Equipment	3,000.00	3,585.57	1,000.00	500.00
Auditors Expense	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00
Land Record Supplies	200.00	2.50	200.00	100.00
Land Records Microfilm	250.00	0.00	250.00	125.00
Legal Notices & Fees	150.00	75.00	150.00	75.00
Lister's Expenses & Education	850.00	766.04	150.00	75.00
Dog Licenses	275.00	324.12	300.00	150.00
Animal Control	100.00	0.00	100.00	50.00
Marriage Licenses	100.00	0.00	100.00	50.00
Town Office Heat	3,000.00	3,417.64	3,000.00	4,350.00
Town Office Electricity	800.00	645.08	800.00	412.00

TOWN OF NORTON GENERAL FUND  
2021-2022 EXPENSES AND 2022-2023 BUDGET  
2023 - 2023 PROPOSED 6 MONTH BUDGET

	<u>2021/22</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2021/22Actual</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>2022/23</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2023 Proposed</u> <u>6 Month Budget</u>
Grounds Maintenance & Supplies	6,500.00	16,245.06	6,500.00	3,250.00
Snow Removal	1,500.00	815.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Certified Public Audit	250.00	0.00	250.00	125.00
Lawyer/Attorney	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	500.00
NEMRC	5,250.00	5,000.00	5,250.00	2,700.00
Reappraisal	0.00	29,423.67	0.00	0.00
Lister Map Updates	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	500.00
Overpayment of Taxes	0.00	2,692.51	0.00	0.00
Building Maintenance	10,000.00	709.50	20,000.00	500.00
Town Garage	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	500.00
Town Garage Electricity	400.00	500.53	400.00	327.00
Generator	350.00	29.23	350.00	175.00
Misc.	100.00	692.50	100.00	50.00
Flags & Banners, etc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cemetery Restoration	0.00	180.00	0.00	0.00
Rainy Day Fund	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,500.00
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>\$93,622.56</b>	<b>\$120,488.00</b>	<b>\$109,757.00</b>	<b>\$63,977.40</b>
<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT</b>				
Recycling Labor	7,800.00	6,840.00	8,000.00	4,000.00
Building Maintenance Labor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grounds Maintenance Labor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FICA / Medi Expenses	596.70	523.26	650.00	325.00
Insurance & Workmen's Comp	1,248.00	1,055.75	1,300.00	650.00
Bulky Items Removal	2,010.00	3,055.87	2,010.00	1,005.00
Building Repair Maintenance	150.00	0.00	150.00	75.00
Grounds Maintenance	100.00	0.00	100.00	50.00
Recycling Supplies	200.00	72.96	200.00	100.00
Electricity	1,000.00	908.50	1,000.00	515.00
Snow Removal	1,300.00	760.00	1,300.00	1,000.00
Dump Closure Escrow	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Equipment & Supplies	450.00	0.00	450.00	500.00
Container Rental (Porta Potty)	1,140.00	1,176.57	1,140.00	800.00
NEKWMD Per Capita	152.10	158.86	143.82	100.00
<b>Total Waste Management</b>	<b>\$16,196.80</b>	<b>\$14,601.77</b>	<b>\$16,493.82</b>	<b>\$9,170.00</b>
Rubbish Removal	3,480.00	6,191.02	3,480.00	2,800.00
Tipping Fees	2,500.00	2,838.35	2,500.00	1,419.50
Franchise Tax	500.00	364.74	500.00	250.00
NEKWMD Surcharge	1369.00	1,506.60	1369.00	825.00
NEKWMD Surcharge-E waste, Haz, etc	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
Trash Bags	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coos County Dues	1450.00	1,738.00	1819.00	1993.00
<b>Total Hauling Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,499.00</b>	<b>\$12,638.71</b>	<b>\$9,868.00</b>	<b>\$7,287.50</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$164,818.36</b>	<b>\$189,334.80</b>	<b>\$189,168.82</b>	<b>\$107,239.90</b>

TOWN OF NORTON GENERAL FUND  
 2021-2022 EXPENSES AND 2022-2023 BUDGET  
 2023 - 2023 PROPOSED 6 MONTH BUDGET

	<u>2021/22</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2021/22Actual</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>2022/23</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2023 Proposed</u> <u>6 Month Budget</u>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice	1500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1500.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	338.00	338.00	338.00	338.00
Island Pond Public Library	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Rural Community Transportation	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	200.00	200.00	250.00	0.00
Northwoods Stewardship Center	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
North Country Chamber of Commerce	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Orleans County Fair Association	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vermont Family Network	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$3,638.00</b>	<b>\$3,138.00</b>	<b>\$3,488.00</b>	<b>\$2,638.00</b>

**NON BUDGET ITEMS**

School Allocation	\$216,413.32
State of VT Treasurer-School	\$298,217.16
<b>Total Non Budget Items</b>	<u><b>\$514,630.48</b></u>

**GRAND TOTAL 2021/2022 EXPENSES**

Gina M. Vigneault  
 Town of Norton, Treasurer



TOWN OF NORTON  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
GENERAL FUND 2021/22  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Cash Balance 07/01/21 \$ 436,353.18

**RECEIPTS**

Property Tax	619,555.92
Delinquent Taxes	49,351.43
Delinquent Tax Interest	2,822.94
Delinquent Tax Fees	2,740.07
Copies	767.00
Public Record Fees	5,344.00
Land Record Fees	1,916.00
Bank Interest	548.44
Building Permits	1,130.00
Dog Licenses	473.00
Liquor Licenses	185.00
Railroad Tax	2,104.55
Pilot Program	28,779.00
Current Use	14,659.00
Grant Money (COVID)	23,771.10
Reappraisal Monies	2,688.50
UTG Recycling Rent	5,400.00
Trash Bags	8,940.00
Refunds (MCT, Snow Blasters, Amazon, Antivirus)	270.45
Highway Funds	1,818.09
Historical Society	180.00
Misc.	<u>0.00</u>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** \$ 773,444.49

**TOTAL FUNDS** \$ 1,209,797.67

**EXPENSES**

General Fund Orders	703,965.28
Highway Fund Orders	<u>10,611.35</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>714,576.63</b>

**Ending Cash Balance 06/30/2022** \$ 495,221.04

**TOTAL**

\*This balance includes monies for:

Audit Fund	\$ 6,000.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 12,575.70
General Fund	\$ 20,095.59
Lister Education Fund	\$ 3,138.45
Historical Society Funds	\$ 981.20
Highway Emergency Repairs	\$ 13,676.00
Highway Fund	\$ 22,471.43
Old Town Cemetery Fund	\$ 2,911.41
Preservation Grant	\$ 1,993.38
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 30,000.00
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 16,832.35
Land Records Microfilm	\$ 652.70
Land Records Supply	\$ 6,249.68
MRGP Road Permit Fund	\$ 1,900.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 139,477.89</b>
Tax Credits	\$ 866.04
Highway Fund Balance 06/30/22	\$ 48,093.12
Waste Management Fund Balance 6/30/22	\$ 20,422.39
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 69,381.55</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 208,859.44</b>

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE**

*Gina M. Vigneault, Treasurer*

## **LISTER'S REPORT**

The Lister's are continually updating and verifying the town parcel records. Annually, we check on the progress of all building permits that were issued during that year. We revisit the properties that have permits where construction had not been completed the previous year. This is an ongoing process of data collection and verification.

We also have been working with property owners who have collapsed/dilapidated buildings on their property, unfortunately this is zoning violation. As a reminder property owners have one year to clean-up and remove debris.

We strive to have accurate data in our files, as we may need to contact you regarding your property. We ask for your continued assistance in providing us with your current contact information. Please get in touch with us if any of the following has changed:

- Mailing Address
- Phone Number(s)
- Email Address
- Preferred method of contact

Although the listers do not have regular office hours, the listers are still available to the public and to property owners. Please send us an email at [nortonlisters@gmail.com](mailto:nortonlisters@gmail.com) or call the Town Office at 802-822-9935 to leave a message, and we will get back to you to discuss your concerns or answer questions. For zoning issues, you can contact the zoning administrator directly.

Lastly, we want to thank you for working with us, and appreciate you electing us and giving us the opportunity to serve our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Vigneault  
David Rhodes  
Christina Duffy

**ACCOUNT FUNDS 2021/2022**

**AUDIT FUND**

Starting Balance 07/01/2021	\$5,750.00
Approved at Town Meeting March 2022	250.00
Account Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/2022</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND**

Starting Balance 07/01/2021	\$3,285.20
Approved at Town Meeting March 2022	10,000.00
Account Expenditures	<u>709.50</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/2022</b>	<b>\$ 12,575.70</b>

**GENERAL FUND**

Account Balance as of 07/01/2021	\$ 30,095.59
Account Expenditures (grounds maintenance)	<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/2022</b>	<b>\$ 20,095.59</b>

**HIGHWAY EMERGENCY REPAIRS**

Account Balance as of 07/01/2021	\$ 11,676.00
Approved at Town Meeting March 2022	2,000.00
Account Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/2022</b>	<b>\$ 13,676.00</b>

**HIGHWAY FUND**

Account Balance as of 07/01/2021	\$ 22,471.43
Account Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/2022</b>	<b>\$ 22,471.43</b>

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUND**

Starting Balance 07/01/2021	\$ 801.20
Revenue from 2021/2022	<u>180.00</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/2022</b>	<b>\$ 981.20</b>

**LAND RECORDS MICROFILM**

Account Balance as of 07/01/2021	\$ 402.70
Approved at Town Meeting March 2022	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/2022</b>	<b>\$ 652.70</b>

**LAND RECORDS SUPPLY**

Account Balance as of 07/01/21	\$ 4,133.68
Approved at Town Meeting March 2022	\$ 200.00
Revenue from 2021/20212	<u>\$ 1,916.00</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/22</b>	<b>\$ 6,249.68</b>

**LISTER EDUCATION FUND**

Account Balance as of 07/01/2021	\$ 3,138.45
Account Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/2022</b>	<b>\$ 3,138.45</b>

**MRGP ROAD PERMIT FUND**

Account Balance as of 07/01/2021	\$ 1,740.00
Deposited from 2021/22 Budget	560.00
Deposited from 2021/22 Budget	100.00
Account Expenditures	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/2022</b>	<b>\$ 1,900.00</b>

**OLD TOWN CEMETERY FUND**

Account Balance as of 07/01/2021	\$ 3,091.41
Account Expenditures	<u>180.00</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/22</b>	<b>\$ 2,911.41</b>

**RAINY DAY FUND**

Account Balance as of 07/01/21	\$25,000.00
Deposits from 2021/2022 Budget	<u>5,000.00</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/22</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>

**REAPPRAISAL FUND**

Account Balance as of 07/01/2021	\$ 47,890.02
State Payments	2,688.50
Account Expenditures	<u>33,746.17</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/2022</b>	<b>\$ 16,832.35</b>

**GRANT ACCOUNTS**

**PRESERVATION TRUST GRANT**

Preservation Trust Grant as of 07/01/21	\$ 1,993.38
Account Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Account Balance as of 06/30/22</b>	<b>\$ 1,993.38</b>

**SAVINGS AND CD'S 2021/2022**

**DUMP CLOSURE SAVINGS**  
**CD# 3107000502**

Starting Balance: 07/11/2021	\$770.59
Interest	<u>11.97</u>
<b>Ending Balance: 06/30/2022</b>	<b>\$782.56</b>

**DUMP CLOSURE SAVINGS**  
**Savings # 1107601156**

Starting Balance: 07/01/2021	\$1,105.68
Deposits	50.00
Interest	<u>0.93</u>
<b>Ending Balance: 06/30/2022</b>	<b>\$1,156.61</b>

**TOWN OF NORTON  
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED  
From the 2021 Grand List**

**Tax Rate:**

Non-Homestead	1.7832
Homestead	1.6947

Non-Homestead Education	246,940.00 x 1.7832	440,343.39
Homestead Education	63,077.96 x 1.6947	106,898.23
Recycling	310,017.96 x 0.0400	12,400.72
Municipal Highway	310,017.96 x 0.0600	18,601.08
Municipal General	310,017.96 x 0.4000	124,006.18
Late Homestead Penalty		256.54

Note: The Non-Homestead figure is different by -.02 due to miscalculation within the NEMRC System.  
The Homestead figure is different by +.01 due to miscalculation within the NEMRC System  
The Municipal figure is off by - \$1.00 due to a miscalculation within the NEMRC System.

**TOTAL TAX BILL** **\$ 702,506.14**

**Taxes Assessed and Billed**

**COLLECTIONS**

Property Tax	626,813.40
HS-122 State Payments	35,276.86
Delinquent Taxes to Collector	37,046.55
Refunds-Overpayment of Taxes	2,692.51
Credits	676.82

**Total Taxes Accounted For:** **\$ 702,506.14**



## Vital Statistics

2021-2022

Traditionally, Vital Statistics (Births, Deaths, Burials, Marriages, and Civil Unions) were printed in our Town Report each year. New Federal regulations (Intelligence Reform Law and the Real ID Act) are expected to be issued this year and one of the areas that will be particularly affected is accessibility of vital records. These regulations will result in a centralized vital records system, more stringent protocols for obtaining certified copies and a tracking system for those who request certified copies. States will also be required to implement new security standards regarding accessibility to birth and death certificates.

The Vermont Department of Health began phasing in new regulations for acquisition of birth and death certificates beginning in 2007. However, with fraud and identity theft on the increase and for the protection of the public, we have changed our traditional report this year. We are including statistical information only. This information will only be marriages, births, deaths, and burials that actually took place in Norton.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to call the Town Office.

Gina Vigneault, Town Clerk

### Norton Vital Statistics

2021-2022

Marriages	0
Births	0
Deaths	1
Burials	2

**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
**OF THE**  
**NEK CHOICE SCHOOL**  
**and**  
**Essex North Supervisory Union**  
**Canaan, VT**  
**2022**



**INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTICE**

**Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6pm**  
**Guildhall Town Hall**  
**13 Courthouse Dr. Guildhall, Vermont**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87695783018?pwd=WGI2VGYxRm8wTGhuSFg4aVIROXZFQT09>**

**Meeting ID: 876 9578 3018**

**Passcode: 7mx3t**

**Or Call In**

**+1 646 558 8656**

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

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

## NEK Choice School District Warning

The legal voters of NEK Choice School District are hereby duly notified and warned to meet at their respective individual voting locations below, to vote for the Articles (1) through (5) by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 with the polls open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 3.** Shall the voters of the NEK Choice School district approve the Board of Directors to expend \$6,856,029 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 \$23,076.24 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 15.5% higher than for the current year. (Australian Ballot)

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

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

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

NEK Choice School District Warning

Given unto our hands this 25th day of January, 2023.

*Miles Etter*

Miles Etters, Chair

*Patricia Brown*

Patricia Brown, Vice Chair

*Carla Curtis*

Carla Curtis

*Sharon Ellingwood*

Sharon Ellingwood

Betsy Fontaine

Melanie Jacques-Staats

Donna Loynd

*Sonia Peters*

Sonia Peters

*Lyn Schmucker*

Lyn Schmucker

*Tim Thompson*

Tim Thompson

## Northeast Kingdom Choice Unified School District Annual Report

It is hard to believe we are presenting our seventh budget. The challenge of providing education for our children along with fiscal responsibility has increased greatly this year. Despite students having returned to their schools and a more “normal” setting, it has not been easy for schools to provide a pre-covid environment. Many state wide problems affect us all: housing difficulties, economic demands of increased health care, rising living costs, and job staffing shortages. These are vastly different challenges than prior to Covid and we will contend with these for a time.

NEK Choice has the added hurdle of a nearly new office. New lead positions, Superintendent Nathan Freeman and Business Administrator Jacob Wood, began this summer along with new assistants who support them, so there is much learning and familiarizing in our SU office this year. The other major effect on our towns is the reduced CLA's for property values. This greatly impacts property tax rates which, combined with increased educational rates, will result in tax increases for all. We are aware of this and work to minimize the impact on you when possible. The Budget process was the most difficult this year.

Hopefully the proposal to help tax payers with property tax relief will occur during the legislative session now in progress.

We continue to support the education of over 300 students who attend 35 different schools. Many challenges exist in the process of administering and assuring our students and parents/guardians are able to be successful in their pursuits. Many challenges are present and your continued participation and communication with our office is vital to our ability to support you. Your efforts to be aware and advocate for choice education are also very necessary to continue a successful district. We welcome your concerns, questions and trust you will contact us for support. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully on Behalf of the Board,



Miles Etter  
NEK Choice Board Chair

## Report of the Superintendent

Dear Families and Community Members,

Upon my arrival at ENSU last July I set a goal to visit every town clerk by the end of the year. I've met a few so far and I will be on the road making visits this spring. I've also been visiting some of our receiving schools and would like to continue making these rounds as the year progresses. I feel it's very important to maintain a sense of how our tuition dollars are being spent and what student outcomes we get in return.

Turning to the budget, you will immediately notice a large increase this year. The key reason: Last year's approved budget accounted for fewer students than the number who are currently enrolled. Specifically, we are paying tuition for 31 more students than we had budgeted for. This may have been a result of students re-enrolling into schools after pandemic homeschooling.

Obviously, enrollment numbers are the driving force behind the budget. While we can never know the future, we can look at our current student population to foresee declining enrollment over time. The chart below excludes Pre-K enrollment because there are various reasons why this number would skew the trend even lower. But there seems to be a clear trend of fewer students as time progresses.



This year's unanticipated enrollment may have caught us off guard, but I believe we will see our numbers settle over the next few years.

Also coming in the next few years is Act 127, which will adjust the school funding formula and provide education quality oversight. FY24 will be a data-gathering year, with per-pupil weighting to be adjusted for factors such as low income and low population density. One tool to gather this data will be the new Universal Income Declaration (UID) form. We are hoping that NEK Choice taxpayers may benefit from Act 127 and realize benefits in FY25.

Finally, we're continuing to invest in systems to help us become more efficient. We are now using DocuSign for Tuition Agreements to save a lot of time and paper. Our next step is to move from a WordPress website to an online publishing and communication platform designed for education. It's a system I've used in other districts, and it makes announcements, news, and information updates incredibly easy.

I want to thank all our School Board members for their leadership, patience, and hard work. Your feedback is essential to our success. I look forward to traveling around our communities and getting to know our wonderful communities. Feel free to call me anytime at 802-266-3330 x202.

– Nate Freeman, Superintendent

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

*Jennifer Lawcewicz*

This year has been as busy as ever with the new Act 173 special education rule changes and new funding structure. We are thankful for the efforts of the entire special education team as we all work to meet the growing needs of our community. Coming out of the pandemic, we are seeing a significant increase in referrals for both intervention level services and special education evaluations. The greatest impact is with our youngest students in the areas of speech and early literacy.

I am proud of the improvements we have made as a department. We continue to contract with in-person related service providers including Speech & Language, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Sign Language, Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Teacher of the Deaf, a behavior consultant, a school psychologist, and the UVM I-Team. Irene Simons from Northeast Kingdom Human Services and Tina Tarryk from Mobile Counseling have brought in-person therapy to many students in need. Unlike many other districts, ENSU does not employ a full-time school psychologist but relies on the expertise of Beth Lemah and I to process most of the evaluations across the district, while contracting with a school psychologist for the more complex evaluations. This is a significant cost savings for the district when considering how much a full time school psychologist would cost each year.

In the Northeast Kingdom Choice District, the associate director, Beth Lemnah and I have worked hard to ensure that the needs of all students throughout the district are being met. We currently oversee 50 students on IEPs and 27 students on 504s or educational support plans as well as ensuring the evaluations of any new referrals or 3-year re-evaluations are completed. Beth and I work closely with schools throughout the Northeast Kingdom and New Hampshire to ensure that each student is receiving the services and supports that they need. We are currently working to process 9 new evaluations throughout the NEK Choice district.

I would like to thank the staff, administration, school boards, and community members for their continued support as we work to creatively meet increasing student needs. I feel very fortunate to live and work in a community that is so dedicated to its children.



January 26, 2023

Board of Directors  
NEK Choice School District  
Canaan, Vermont

We were engaged by the NEK Choice School District and have audited the financial statements of the NEK Choice School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2022 financial statements:

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

*RHR Smith & Company*

RHR Smith & Company, CPAs

**NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1</b>	<b>\$ 1,096,344</b>	<b>\$ 1,096,344</b>	<b>\$ 1,096,344</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Resources (Inflows):</b>				
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>				
State support	5,033,696	5,033,696	5,033,163	(533)
Other	-	-	2,001	2,001
Interest income	1,000	1,000	1,785	785
<b>Amounts Available for Appropriation</b>	<b><u>6,131,040</u></b>	<b><u>6,131,040</u></b>	<b><u>6,133,293</u></b>	<b><u>2,253</u></b>
<b>Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):</b>				
Regular instruction	4,917,727	4,917,727	4,947,926	(30,199)
Special education	258,450	258,450	320,237	(61,787)
Administrative and support services	251,555	251,555	247,121	4,434
<b>Total Charges to Appropriations</b>	<b><u>5,427,732</u></b>	<b><u>5,427,732</u></b>	<b><u>5,515,284</u></b>	<b><u>(87,552)</u></b>
<b>Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30</b>	<b><u>\$ 703,308</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 703,308</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 618,009</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (85,299)</u></b>
<b>Utilization of unassigned fund balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 393,036</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 393,036</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (393,036)</u></b>

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

## NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 866,815
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 866,815</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 248,806
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>248,806</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>	
Nonspendable	-
Restricted	-
Committed	637,596
Assigned	65,712
Unassigned	(85,299)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>618,009</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 866,815</u>

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## NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 5,035,164
Interest income	1,785
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>5,036,949</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Current:	
Regular instruction	4,947,926
Special education	320,237
Administrative and support services	247,121
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>5,515,284</u>
 <b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	 (478,335)
 <b>FUND BALANCES - JULY 1</b>	 <u>1,096,344</u>
 <b>FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30</b>	 <u>\$ 618,009</u>

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## NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Regular instruction -</b>				
Tuition:				
Pre-k	\$ 24,752	\$ 24,752	\$ 38,290	\$ (13,538)
Elementary	2,187,180	2,187,180	2,156,532	30,648
Secondary	2,647,373	2,647,373	2,706,167	(58,794)
Contractual services	58,422	58,422	46,937	11,485
	<u>4,917,727</u>	<u>4,917,727</u>	<u>4,947,926</u>	<u>(30,199)</u>
<b>Special education -</b>				
Assessment	258,450	258,450	320,237	(61,787)
	<u>258,450</u>	<u>258,450</u>	<u>320,237</u>	<u>(61,787)</u>
<b>Administrative and support services -</b>				
Supervisory union assessment	219,175	219,175	219,175	-
School board	19,988	19,988	16,272	3,716
Fiscal services	12,392	12,392	9,600	
Prior year expenses	-	-	2,074	(2,074)
	<u>251,555</u>	<u>251,555</u>	<u>247,121</u>	<u>1,642</u>
<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS</b>	<u>\$ 5,427,732</u>	<u>\$ 5,427,732</u>	<u>\$ 5,515,284</u>	<u>\$ (90,344)</u>

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

**NEK Choice School District**

**2023-2024 (FY24) Budget Approved by School Board**

<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY23)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY24)</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Supervisory Union Assessment	231,699	285,971	54,272
<b>Total Superintendent's Office:</b>	<b>231,699</b>	<b>285,971</b>	<b>54,272</b>

<b>SCHOOL BOARD</b>			
Board Members Stipend	10,700	10,700	-
NEK Choice Clerk	50	50	-
NEK Choice Moderator	50	50	-
Audit Services	11,025	13,500	2,475
Legal Services	3,500	3,500	-
Advertising	1,000	1,000	-
Postage, Printing & Publishing	750	750	-
Dues & Fees-VSBA Data/Dues/New Member Trainings	3,400	3,400	-
<b>Total School Board:</b>	<b>30,475</b>	<b>32,950</b>	<b>2,475</b>

<b>TREASURER</b>			
Treasurer Stipend	1,260	1,311	51
<b>Total Treasurer:</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>51</b>

<b>REGULAR EDUCATION: PreK Tuition</b>			
Tuition-Location TBD PreK \$3656 FY 23 (7)	25,592	26,360	768
<b>Total PreK Tuition (7 students):</b>	<b>25,592</b>	<b>26,360</b>	<b>768</b>

<b>REGULAR EDUCATION: Elementary Tuition</b>			
Tuition-Location TBD New Kindergarteners (4)	63,912	65,828	1,916
Tuition-Barnet K-6 (2)	19,313	40,686	21,373
Tuition-Burke Town K-6 (3)	53,571	55,932	2,361
Tuition-Canaan K-6 (8)	176,130	164,000	(12,130)
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary K-6 (2)	-	41,554	41,554
Tuition-Concord K-6 (7)	89,286	130,508	41,222
Tuition-Good Shepherd K-6 (5)	15,861	26,435	10,574
Tuition-Groveton Elementary K-6 (4)	32,974	82,068	49,094
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary K-6 (10)	233,321	237,150	3,829
Tuition-Lupine Montessori K-6 (2)	23,198	15,466	(7,732)
Tuition-Lyndon Town K-6 (9)	125,000	193,068	68,068
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North K-6 (5)	25,039	79,890	54,851
Tuition-Newark K-6 (4)	71,428	74,576	3,148
Tuition-Peacham K-6 (0)	19,313	-	(19,313)
Tuition-Riverside K-6 (45)	687,071	742,545	55,474
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School K-6 (6)	68,079	102,000	33,921
Tuition-Stratford K-6 (10)	141,629	206,620	64,991
Tuition-Sunnybrook Montessori K-6 (1)	4,877	4,898	21
Tuition-Sutton K-6 (2)	35,714	37,288	1,574
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens K-6 (4)	79,892	66,004	(13,888)
Tuition-Waterford K-6 (8)	96,563	162,744	66,181
Tuition-Woodland Community K-6 (5)	53,045	54,075	1,030
<b>Total Elementary Tuition (146 students):</b>	<b>2,115,216</b>	<b>2,583,335</b>	<b>468,119</b>

**NEK Choice School District**  
**2023-2024 (FY24) Approved Budget**

<b>REGULAR EDUCATION: Secondary Tuition (7-8/9-12)</b>	<b>Approved Budget (FY23)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget (FY24)</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Tuition-Barnet 7-8 (1)	19,313	20,343	1,030
Tuition-Burke Town 7-8 (1)	35,714	18,101	(17,613)
Tuition-Canaan 7-8 (6)	144,200	132,000	(12,200)
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary 7-8 (1)	19,014	20,500	1,486
Tuition-Concord 7-8 (1)	71,428	18,644	(52,784)
Tuition-Danville 7-8 (1)	18,849	18,540	(309)
Tuition-Groveton Middle 7-8 (2)	16,487	41,033	24,546
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary 7-8 (1)	35,896	23,715	(12,181)
Tuition-Lyndon Town 7-8 (1)	35,714	18,644	(17,070)
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North 7-8 (3)	5,008	47,935	42,927
Tuition-Newark 7-8 (1)	17,857	18,644	787
Tuition-Riverside 7-8 (12)	277,556	177,963	(99,593)
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School 7-8 (3)	22,693	51,000	28,307
Tuition-Stratford Public 7-8 (1)	17,704	20,662	2,958
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens 7-8 (1)	34,695	16,501	(18,194)
Tuition-Waterford 7-8 (1)	19,313	20,343	1,030
Tuition-Blue Mountain Union High School 9-12 (0)	17,347	-	(17,347)
Tuition-Burke Mountain Academy 9-12 (3)	34,695	53,389	18,694
Tuition-Canaan 9-12 (14)	267,800	308,000	40,200
Tuition-Colebrook Academy 9-12 (5)	23,292	112,555	89,263
Tuition-Groveton High 9-12 (7)	104,003	133,565	29,562
Tuition-Holderness 9-12 (1)	17,347	17,796	449
Tuition-Killington Mountain School 9-12 (0)	34,695	-	(34,695)
Tuition-Lyndon Institute 9-12 (40)	735,482	858,072	122,590
Tuition-North Country Charter Academy 9-12 (2)	-	33,959	33,959
Tuition-North Country Union High School 9-12 (1)	19,055	17,510	(1,545)
Tuition-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 (31)	512,838	665,900	153,062
Tuition-White Mountain School 9-12 (3)	34,695	53,389	18,694
Tuition-White Mountain Regional 9-12 (11)	298,061	283,244	(14,817)
Extra Cost-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 Guided Studies (1)	9,337	9,500	163
<b>Total Secondary Tuition (155 students):</b>	<b>2,900,088</b>	<b>3,211,447</b>	<b>311,359</b>
<b>Total Pre K, Elementary &amp; Secondary Tuition (308 students):</b>	<b>5,040,896</b>	<b>5,821,142</b>	<b>780,246</b>
<b>Total Non Special Education Services:</b>	<b>53,400</b>	<b>58,462</b>	<b>5,062</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION: Services</b>			
<b>Total Special Education Services:</b>	<b>456,793</b>	<b>656,193</b>	<b>199,400</b>
<b>Grand Total of NEK Choice School District Expenditures:</b>	<b>5,814,523</b>	<b>6,856,029</b>	<b>1,041,506</b>

<b>Revenue Statement NEK Choice School District</b>	<b>Approved Revenue (FY23)</b>	<b>Est. Revenue (FY24)</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Prior Year Surplus	-	-	-
Education Fund	5,813,523	6,855,029	1,041,506
Interest	1,000	1,000	-
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>5,814,523</b>	<b>6,856,029</b>	<b>1,041,506</b>

District: <b>Northeast Kingdom Choice USD</b>		<b>U065</b>		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$15,479 of spending per equalized pupil
SU: <b>Essex North</b>		Essex County		<b>15,479</b>	<b>1.00</b>
				<b>17,600</b>	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>FY2021</b>	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>
1.	Adopted or warned union district budget (including special programs and full technical center expenditures)	\$4,903,958	\$5,427,732	\$5,814,523	\$6,856,029
2. plus	Sum of separately warned articles passed at union district meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	<b>Adopted or warned union district budget plus articles</b>	<b>\$4,903,958</b>	<b>\$5,427,732</b>	<b>\$5,814,523</b>	<b>\$6,856,029</b>
4. plus	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
5. plus	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
6.	<b>Total Union Budget</b>	<b>\$4,903,958</b>	<b>\$5,427,732</b>	<b>\$5,814,523</b>	<b>\$6,856,029</b>
7.	S.U. assessment (included in union budget) - Informational data	-	-	-	-
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in union expenditure budget) - Informational data	-	-	-	-

<b>Revenues</b>					
9.	Union revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, federal, etc.)	\$696,090	\$394,036	\$1,000	\$1,000
10.	<b>Total offsetting union revenues</b>	<b>\$696,090</b>	<b>\$394,036</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

<b>Education Spending</b>		<b>\$4,207,868</b>	<b>\$5,033,696</b>	<b>\$5,813,523</b>	<b>\$6,855,029</b>
12.	Northeast Kingdom Choice USD equalized pupils	296.50	296.50	292.44	287.06

<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>		<b>\$14,239.82</b>	<b>\$17,564.10</b>	<b>\$19,879.37</b>	<b>\$23,076.24</b>
14. minus	Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$72.97	\$72.09	-	-
15. minus	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equp)	-	-	-	-
16. minus	Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equp)	-	-	-	-
17. minus	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equp)	-	-	-	-
18. minus	Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equp)	-	-	-	-
19. minus	Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equp)	-	-	-	-
20. minus	Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equp)	-	-	-	-
21. minus	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equp)	-	-	-	-
22.	Excess spending threshold	Threshold = \$15,168	Threshold = \$16,188	Threshold = \$16,977	Threshold = \$16,977
23. plus	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$18,766.00	\$18,788.00	\$19,977.00	\$19,977.00
24.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$17,564	\$16,879	\$19,879	\$23,076.24
25.	Union spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	159.703%	175.669%	149.312%	149.081%

26.	Anticipated equalized union homestead tax rate to be prorated [\$23,076.24 + (\$15,479 / \$1.00)]	\$1,2049	\$1,5320	\$1,4931	\$1,4906
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**Prorated homestead union tax rates for members of Northeast Kingdom Choice USD**

	FY 23 Eq Tax Rate	Equalized Rate FY 2024	CLA FY 2024	Net Tax Rate FY 2024
T021 Bloomfield	1.4090	1.4908	80.98%	1.8478
T035 Brunswick	1.8988	1.4908	85.39%	1.7459
T064 East Haven	1.5804	1.4908	92.18%	1.6173
T083 Granby	1.5322	1.4908	91.38%	1.6314
T088 Guildhall	1.5639	1.4908	90.02%	1.6630
T108 Kirby	1.5812	1.4908	78.72%	1.9432
T111 Lemington	1.4980	1.4908	93.08%	1.6016
T118 Maldstone	1.7180	1.4908	78.30%	1.9539
T144 Norton	1.7424	1.4908	96.90%	1.5385
T216 Victory	1.5589	1.4908	84.55%	1.7832

27.	Anticipated Income cap percent to be prorated from Northeast Kingdom Choice USD [(23,076.24 + \$17,600) x 2.00%]	2.72%	2.04%	2.55%	2.62%
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**Prorated union income cap percentage for members of Northeast Kingdom Choice USD**

	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
T021 Bloomfield	2.72%	2.04%	2.55%	2.62%
T035 Brunswick	2.72%	2.04%	2.55%	2.62%
T064 East Haven	2.72%	2.04%	2.55%	2.62%
T083 Granby	2.72%	2.04%	2.55%	2.62%
T088 Guildhall	2.72%	2.04%	2.55%	2.62%
T108 Kirby	2.72%	2.04%	2.55%	2.62%
T111 Lemington	2.72%	2.04%	2.55%	2.62%
T118 Maldstone	2.72%	2.04%	2.55%	2.62%
T144 Norton	2.72%	2.04%	2.55%	2.62%
T216 Victory	2.72%	2.04%	2.55%	2.62%

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$15,479 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$17,600 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of 1.388. These figures use the estimated \$64,000,000 surplus from the Education Fund. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

## NEK CHOICE *ESTIMATED* TAX RATES FY24

<i>ESTIMATED Tax Rates for FY24 with Variance to FY23 Tax Rates</i>	FY23	Estimated FY24	Variance
Total Budget	\$5,814,523	\$6,856,029	\$1,041,506
Local Revenues	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Education Spending	\$5,813,523	\$6,855,029	\$1,041,506
Equalized Pupils	292.44	297.06	\$5
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$19,879	\$23,076	\$3,197
Dollar Equivalent Yield (Tax Commissioner's Recommendation)	\$13,314	\$15,479	\$2,165
NEK Choice Towns Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.4931	\$1.4908	-\$0.0023

NEK Choice Towns	FY23 Tax Rate	FY24 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	FY24 Estimated Tax Rate	Variance
Bloomfield	1.4090	80.68%	1.8478	0.4388
Brunswick	1.6988	85.39%	1.7459	0.0471
East Haven	1.5904	92.18%	1.6173	0.0269
Granby	1.5322	91.38%	1.6314	0.0992
Gulldhall	1.5639	80.02%	1.8630	0.2991
Kirby	1.5812	76.72%	1.9432	0.3620
Lemington	1.4980	93.08%	1.6016	0.1036
Maidstone	1.7160	76.30%	1.9539	0.2379
Norton	1.7424	96.90%	1.5385	-0.2039
Victory	1.5589	84.55%	1.7632	0.2043

## Current FY23 NEK Student Population by Town & Grade

NEK Choice Town	Pre-K	K-6	7-12	Total
Bloomfield	0	9	9	18
Brunswick	0	7	4	11
East Haven	0	18	25	43
Granby	0	0	7	7
Gulldhall	0	22	15	37
Kirby	11	72	66	149
Lemington	0	6	12	18
Maidstone	0	9	9	18
Norton	0	6	7	13
Victory	0	1	7	8
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>322</b>

Annual Reports  
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Canaan, VT



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**FY 22-23**  
**Annual Public Notice of Non-discrimination**

[As required by the 1979 Guidelines for Eliminating Discrimination In Vocational Education Programs (34 CFR part 100, App. B, IV-O)]

ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION  
99 School Street  
Canaan, Vermont 05903

CANAAN SCHOOLS is pleased to announce that it is offering, among other programs, the following Career and Technical Education Programs of Study for the school year 2022-2023:

- Business Administration & Technology
- Building Construction & Restoration Carpentry
- Diversified Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Fire and Emergency Services
- Advanced Integrated Manufacturing

*Anyone interested in more information about these programs should call the school at (802) 266-8910 or go to Canaan School's website at [www.canaanschools.org](http://www.canaanschools.org) and look under Career & Technical Center.*

THE ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, and marital status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. The ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

THE ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION offers additional services to students with limited English language skills or with disabilities so that they may benefit from these programs. Individuals wishing to obtain information about the existence and location of accessible services, activities, and facilities should contact the 504 Coordinator (information below).

The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

**Nathan Freeman**, Title IX Coordinator  
**Jennifer Lawcewicz**, 504 Coordinator

99 School Street  
Canaan, VT 05903

(802) 266-3330 x202

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Canaan, VT 05903

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**\*\*The Essex North Supervisory Union includes Canaan Schools and all of its programs, preK-12. This notice addresses all regions of Canaan Schools, as well as the vocational programs.**



January 20, 2023

Board of Directors  
Essex North Supervisory Union  
Canaan, Vermont 05903

We were engaged by the Essex North Supervisory Union and have audited the financial statements of the Essex North Supervisory Union as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2022 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Superintendent's Office.

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*RHR Smith & Company*

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Certified Public Accountants

STATEMENT C

ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Special Education Fund	Other Grants Fund	EPSDT/ Medicaid Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 63,059	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,059
Accounts receivable (net of uncollectibles)	59,385	-	-	1,817	15,423	76,625
Due from other governments	25,503	428,905	139,746	-	-	594,154
Prepaid items	12,173	-	-	-	-	12,173
Due from other funds	-	-	357,420	151,664	2,073	511,157
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 160,120</b>	<b>\$ 428,905</b>	<b>\$ 497,166</b>	<b>\$ 153,481</b>	<b>\$ 17,496</b>	<b>\$ 1,257,168</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable	\$ 18,598	\$ 239,568	\$ 481,547	\$ 8,246	\$ 15,506	\$ 763,465
Accrued expenses	9,222	6,967	23,058	484	-	39,731
Due to other governments	-	-	-	-	93	93
Due to other funds	84,689	426,468	-	-	-	511,157
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>112,509</b>	<b>673,003</b>	<b>504,605</b>	<b>8,730</b>	<b>15,599</b>	<b>1,314,446</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Deferred revenues	-	-	36,947	144,866	-	181,813
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,947</b>	<b>144,866</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>181,813</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>						
Nonspendable	12,173	-	-	-	-	12,173
Restricted	-	-	-	-	1,897	1,897
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	35,438	-	-	-	-	35,438
Unassigned (deficit)	-	(244,098)	(44,386)	(115)	-	(288,599)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>	<b>47,611</b>	<b>(244,098)</b>	<b>(44,386)</b>	<b>(115)</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>(239,091)</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>	<b>\$ 160,120</b>	<b>\$ 428,905</b>	<b>\$ 497,166</b>	<b>\$ 153,481</b>	<b>\$ 17,496</b>	<b>\$ 1,257,168</b>

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

STATEMENT E

ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Special Education Fund	Other Grants Fund	EPSDT/ Medicaid Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 674,081	\$ 1,805,818	\$ 1,864,852	\$ 38,507	\$ 12,890	\$ 4,396,148
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	104,965	104,965
Interest income	335	-	-	-	-	335
Miscellaneous revenues	211,606	425	-	-	-	212,031
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>886,022</b>	<b>1,806,243</b>	<b>1,864,852</b>	<b>38,507</b>	<b>117,855</b>	<b>4,713,479</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Current:						
Superintendent's office	320,297	-	-	-	-	320,297
Treasurer's expenses	1,680	-	-	-	-	1,680
Transportation	243,347	-	-	-	-	243,347
Special services	229,778	-	-	-	-	229,778
Business administrator	109,350	-	-	-	-	109,350
Program expenditures	-	2,050,341	1,909,238	38,622	115,958	4,114,159
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>904,452</b>	<b>2,050,341</b>	<b>1,909,238</b>	<b>38,622</b>	<b>115,958</b>	<b>5,018,611</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)</b>	<b>(18,430)</b>	<b>(244,098)</b>	<b>(44,386)</b>	<b>(115)</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>(305,132)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JULY 1</b>	<b>66,041</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,041</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JUNE 30</b>	<b>\$ 47,611</b>	<b>\$ (244,098)</b>	<b>\$ (44,386)</b>	<b>\$ (115)</b>	<b>\$ 1,897</b>	<b>\$ (239,091)</b>

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## ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 66,041	\$ 66,041	\$ 66,041	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Intergovernmental:				
Local assessmentst	661,835	661,835	548,797	(113,038)
State transportation aid	71,000	71,000	125,284	54,284
Interest income	1,000	1,000	335	(665)
Miscellaneous				
Special services	169,710	169,710	218,860	49,150
Prior year adjustment	-	-	(7,254)	(7,254)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>969,586</u>	<u>969,586</u>	<u>952,063</u>	<u>(17,523)</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Current:				
Superintendent's office	358,470	358,470	320,297	38,173
Treasurer's expenses	2,809	2,809	1,680	1,129
Transportation	297,205	297,205	243,347	53,858
Special services	169,710	169,710	229,778	(60,068)
Business administrator	96,954	96,954	109,350	(12,396)
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>925,148</u>	<u>925,148</u>	<u>904,452</u>	<u>20,696</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 44,438</u>	<u>\$ 44,438</u>	<u>\$ 47,611</u>	<u>\$ 3,173</u>
Utilization of assigned fund balance	<u>\$ 21,603</u>	<u>\$ 21,603</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (21,603)</u>

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ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2022

	Food Service Fund	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Accounts receivable (net of uncollectibles)	\$ 15,423	\$ 15,423
Due from other funds	2,073	2,073
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 17,496</b>	<b>\$ 17,496</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 15,506	\$ 15,506
Due to other governments	93	93
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>15,599</b>	<b>15,599</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Nonspendable	-	-
Restricted	1,897	1,897
Committed	-	-
Assigned	-	-
Unassigned	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>1,897</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 17,496</b>	<b>\$ 17,496</b>

ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
 FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Food Service Fund	Total
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Intergovernmental	\$ 12,890	\$ 12,890
Charges for services	104,965	104,965
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>117,855</u>	<u>117,855</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Other	115,958	115,958
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>115,958</u>	<u>115,958</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	1,897	1,897
<b>FUND BALANCES - JULY 1</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30</b>	<u>\$ 1,897</u>	<u>\$ 1,897</u>



**Essex North Supervisory Union  
2023-2024 (FY24) Proposed Budget**

Expenditures SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Approved Budget (FY23)	Proposed Budget (FY24)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
<b>GENERAL COSTS</b>					
<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:</b>					
Superintendent Salary	\$116,000	\$120,000	\$4,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Treasurer Stipend	\$1,747	\$1,817	\$70	\$909	\$909
Business Administrator Salary	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000
AP Clerk/ Choice Student Coordinator Salary (1 FTE to 2 FTE)	\$37,440	\$89,784	\$52,344	\$44,892	\$44,892
Payroll & HR Benefits Coordinator Salary	\$43,680	\$50,112	\$6,432	\$25,056	\$25,056
Benefits	\$116,464	\$139,080	\$22,616	\$69,540	\$69,540
Advertising	\$1,700	\$1,750	\$50	\$875	\$875
Audit Services	\$14,175	\$21,500	\$7,325	\$10,750	\$10,750
Contracted Services	\$11,820	\$14,000	\$2,180	\$7,000	\$7,000
Dues & Fees-Registrations / Memberships	\$6,500	\$7,000	\$500	\$3,500	\$3,500
General Supplies / Books / Misc	\$4,800	\$5,000	\$200	\$2,500	\$2,500
Lease-NEK Expense Only	\$8,374	\$8,374	\$0	\$8,374	\$0
Legal Services	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$1,500	\$3,250	\$3,250
Postage	\$1,900	\$2,000	\$100	\$1,000	\$1,000
Prof/OLT Liab. Ins-Errors & Omissions / Liability Ins.	\$9,450	\$10,500	\$1,050	\$5,250	\$5,250
Repairs / Maintenance	\$2,364	\$0	(\$2,364)	\$0	\$0
Software	\$18,750	\$21,000	\$2,250	\$10,500	\$10,500
Telephone / Internet	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$1,000	\$4,500	\$4,500
Travel Expenses	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$3,100	\$1,100	\$1,550	\$1,550
<b>Total Supervisory Union Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$486,164</b>	<b>\$586,517</b>	<b>\$100,353</b>	<b>\$297,446</b>	<b>\$289,072</b>

Expenditures TRANSPORTATION	Approved Budget (FY23)	Proposed Budget (FY24)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Owned Bus-Salary	\$8,000	\$10,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$10,500
Owned Bus-Benefits	\$612	\$805	\$193	\$0	\$805
Owned Bus-Repairs, Inspections, Fuel, Fees, Insurance, Supplies	\$19,550	\$19,800	\$250	\$0	\$19,800
Owned Bus-Lease Year -3 out of 3	\$13,829	\$17,500	\$3,671	\$0	\$17,500
Bus Service-Contracted Reg Student Transportation	\$205,000	\$210,115	\$5,115	\$0	\$210,115
Bus Service-Athletic Transportation, Contracted	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
Bus Service-Music / Field Trips Transportation, Contracted	\$18,500	\$18,500	\$0	\$0	\$18,500
Bus Service-CTE Transportation, Contracted	\$17,000	\$22,500	\$5,500	\$0	\$22,500
<b>Total Transportation Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$312,491</b>	<b>\$329,720</b>	<b>\$17,229</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$329,720</b>

Expenditures NON SPECIAL ED	Approved Budget (FY23)	Proposed Budget (FY24)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Salaries-Director / Asst Director / Teacher / Paras / PK Para	\$159,587	\$163,720	\$4,133	\$42,607	\$121,113
Benefits-Director / Asst Director / Teacher / Paras / PK Para	\$51,842	\$88,585	\$36,743	\$15,826	\$72,759
Contracted Services-504 Only BMH,LI,Deaf,PT,OT,SLP,Blind, Subs	\$43,948	\$25,700	(\$18,248)	\$0	\$25,700
Equipment-504 Students	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Supplies / Dues & Fees-504 Students	\$129	\$2,029	\$1,900	\$29	\$2,000
Transportation / Tuition-504 Out of District	\$21,220	\$20,065	(\$1,155)	\$0	\$20,065
<b>Total Non Special Ed Services:</b>	<b>\$276,726</b>	<b>\$300,099</b>	<b>\$23,373</b>	<b>\$58,462</b>	<b>\$241,637</b>

Expenditures SPECIAL EDUCATION / SERVICES	Approved Budget (FY23)	Proposed Budget (FY24)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Salaries-Director / Asst Director / Teachers / Paras / Subs	\$633,746	\$667,745	\$33,999	\$203,375	\$403,810	\$0	\$60,560
Salaries-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$4,636	\$4,821	\$185	\$1,591	\$3,230		
Benefits-Director / Asst / Teachers / Paras	\$319,273	\$301,697	(\$17,576)	\$91,316	\$196,309	\$0	\$14,073
Benefits-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$1,674	\$1,741	\$67	\$575	\$1,166		
Advertising	\$645	\$0	(\$645)	\$0	\$0		
Contracted Services-(IDEA-B & IDEA PreK Grant)	\$122,690	\$127,638	\$4,948	\$41,943	\$85,694		
Contracted Services-PT / OT / Speech / Visions / Deaf / Prof Dev	\$529,559	\$603,272	\$73,713	\$544,204	\$42,978	\$16,090	\$0
Dues & Registrations	\$7,924	\$8,206	\$282	\$5,196	\$3,010		
Equipment	\$4,900	\$4,900	\$0	\$2,507	\$2,393		
Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0				
General Supplies-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$2,000	\$2,080	\$80	\$686	\$1,394		
General Supplies / Books / Software-Special Ed	\$11,326	\$13,139	\$1,813	\$5,068	\$8,071		
Postage	\$2,000	\$1,750	(\$250)	\$1,208	\$543		
Telephone	\$1,500	\$1,750	\$250	\$1,208	\$543		
Transportation-Out of District Placements	\$125,612	\$309,997	\$184,385	\$142,797	\$167,200		
Travel-Director / Asst Director	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$805	\$695		
Tuition-Out of District Placements / Other Spec Ed Tuitions	\$910,754	\$905,279	(\$5,475)	\$542,218	\$363,061		
<b>Totals for Special Education Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$2,679,739</b>	<b>\$2,955,515</b>	<b>\$275,776</b>	<b>\$1,584,695</b>	<b>\$1,280,097</b>	<b>\$16,090</b>	<b>\$74,633</b>

Expenditures GRANTS/Medicaid Funds	Approved Budget (FY23)	Proposed Budget (FY24)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Salaries	\$195,215	\$407,693	\$212,478	\$36,396	\$371,297
Benefits	\$106,189	\$227,410	\$121,221	\$33,703	\$193,707
Contracted Services	\$80,532	\$96,177	\$15,645	\$22,373	\$73,804
Dues & Fees	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	\$595	\$2,905
Supplies	\$16,660	\$16,660	\$0	\$2,832	\$13,828
Transportation	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$1,020	\$4,980
<b>Totals for Grant/Medicaid Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$408,096</b>	<b>\$757,440</b>	<b>\$349,344</b>	<b>\$96,920</b>	<b>\$660,520</b>

<b>Grand Total of All Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$4,163,216</b>	<b>\$4,929,291</b>	<b>\$766,075</b>	<b>\$2,037,523</b>	<b>\$2,801,045</b>
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Revenue Statement SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE/TRANSPORTATION	Revenue (FY23)	Estimated (FY24)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Transportation Aid Revenue from State	\$116,034	\$116,034	\$0	\$0	\$116,034
Interest	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$125	\$125
SU Assessments	\$455,024	\$563,567	\$108,543	\$285,971	\$277,597
Transportation Assessment	\$196,457	\$213,686	\$17,229		\$213,686
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$0	\$1,350	\$1,350
Prior Year Surplus	\$28,190	\$20,000	(\$8,190)	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Total Superintendents Office/Transportation Revenue:</b>	<b>\$798,655</b>	<b>\$916,237</b>	<b>\$117,582</b>	<b>\$297,446</b>	<b>\$618,792</b>

Revenue Statement NON SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revenue (FY23)	Estimated (FY24)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Contracted Services-PD to ENSU	\$276,726	\$300,099	\$23,373	\$58,462	\$241,637
<b>Total Non Special Ed Revenue:</b>	<b>\$276,726</b>	<b>\$300,099</b>	<b>\$23,373</b>	<b>\$58,462</b>	<b>\$241,637</b>

Revenue Statement SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revenue (FY23)	Estimated (FY24)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
EBE Assessment from District	\$10,793	\$11,276	\$483	\$5,091	\$6,185		
EBE Grant from State	\$25,000	\$33,622	\$8,622	\$10,841	\$22,781		
Special Ed Reimbursement from District	\$912,526	\$1,305,428	\$392,902	\$656,193	\$558,512	\$16,090	\$74,633
Mainstream Block Grant	\$926,081	\$0	(\$926,081)	\$0	\$0		
Census Block Grant	\$0	\$940,292	\$940,292	\$488,952	\$451,340		
Intensive Reimbursement from State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Special Ed Extraordinary Reimbursement from State	\$674,339	\$528,617	(\$145,722)	\$333,916	\$194,702		
IDEA-B Grant Ages 3-21	\$127,000	\$132,080	\$5,080	\$88,494	\$43,586		
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	\$4,000	\$4,200	\$200	\$1,209	\$2,991		
<b>Total Special Ed Revenue:</b>	<b>\$2,679,739</b>	<b>\$2,955,515</b>	<b>\$275,776</b>	<b>\$1,584,695</b>	<b>\$1,280,097</b>	<b>\$16,090</b>	<b>\$74,633</b>

Revenue Statement Grants/Medicaid	Revenue (FY23)	Estimated (FY24)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	Stewartstown
ARP ESSER	\$0.00	\$320,452	\$320,452	\$14,929	\$305,523		
CFP Grants	\$358,073	\$366,956	\$8,883	\$62,382	\$304,574		
Medicaid Grant	\$50,023	\$70,032	\$20,009	\$19,609	\$50,423		
<b>Total Grants/Medicaid Revenue:</b>	<b>\$408,096</b>	<b>\$757,440</b>	<b>\$349,344</b>	<b>\$96,920</b>	<b>\$660,520</b>		

<b>Grand Total All Revenues:</b>	<b>\$4,163,216</b>	<b>\$4,929,291</b>	<b>\$766,075</b>	<b>\$2,037,523</b>	<b>\$2,801,045</b>	<b>\$16,090</b>	<b>\$74,633</b>
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## Norton Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

249 VT Route 114 South

Wednesday, 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Sunday, 2:00pm-5:00pm

**NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES & OFFICE PAPER (JUNK MAIL):** Mix together - Includes catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored paper, white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper can be in this category **except** brown Kraft bags and boxboard.

**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD & BROWN KRAFT BAGS & BOXBOARD:** Mix together. **NO** wax-coated cardboard, egg cartons, cardboard soiled with food waste, or Styrofoam. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK. Please no strings, handles, or bags with plastic layers.

**TIN CANS:** Please rinse. Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans (Aluminum is not magnetic).

**ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS:** Labels OK. Flattening not required, please rinse. Snack bags and candy wrappers are not aluminum foil

**GLASS:** Any color bottles and jars .Please rinse. Dishes, window, mirror, ceramic, Pyrex and drinking glasses are acceptable. **NO** crystal, lids, metal or wood. **NO** light bulbs.

**#1—#2 PLASTIC CONTAINERS:** Type of plastic stamped on container. Includes all labeled rigid plastic containers, 2-gal capacity or less. Labels OK, please rinse, crush larger containers. **NO BLACK PLASTICS, PESTICIDE CONTAINERS, AUTOMOBILE OIL CONTAINERS.** No vinyl siding, Styrofoam, syringes or medical devices.

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

**PLASTIC BAGS:** Any plastic bag that is labeled #2,4, or 5. Call for the current list of acceptable bags.

### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:**

**SPECIAL WASTES:** Oil, Oil filters, Aerosols, Hard and Soft covered Books, fluorescent bulbs, Electronics., scrap metals

**HOUSEHOLD TRASH:** Bags can be purchased at Norton Town Office and Lake View Store. Rolls of 10, \$10 for small bags, \$20.00 for large bags.

**CLOTHING AND TEXTILES:** Drop and Swaps held annually, contact the waste district for more information..

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

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS – CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AT (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602 On the web at [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org), e-mail [outreach@nekwmd.org](mailto:outreach@nekwmd.org)

# Acceptable HHW Materials

## HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

## GARDEN SUPPLIES

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

## GARAGE

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

\* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

### **PLEASE DO NOT BRING:**

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

**CONTACT THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY**

**802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org)**

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

## 2023 NEKWMD PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2022	2023 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>			
Advertising	\$1,100.00	\$180.00	\$300.00
Audit – Financial	\$6,845.00	\$7,000.00	\$6,845.00
Audit – Waste Haulers	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Surplus	\$7,198.00	\$7,198.00	\$0.00
Cleaning	\$1,920.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,920.00
Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,309.50	\$1,500.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$6,500.00	\$5,541.74	\$5,500.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$1,175.59	\$1,300.00
Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$14,000.00	\$19,235.99	\$15,000.00
Legal Fees	\$4,000.00	\$636.00	\$3,000.00
Postage	\$2,500.00	\$2,120.67	\$2,000.00
Office Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$5,309.15	\$4,000.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,300.00	\$3,431.85	\$10,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$462.40	\$500.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,000.00	\$1,051.34	\$1,200.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$56,363.00</b>	<b>\$56,452.23</b>	<b>\$55,565.00</b>
Gross Wages	\$417,500.00	\$394,706.39	\$445,164.00
OT Wages–Warehouse	\$3,000.00	\$9,720.45	\$5,000.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$25,900.00	\$25,074.48	\$27,942.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$6,100.00	\$5,864.15	\$6,534.00
Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$5,122.64	\$6,000.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$23,500.00	\$24,089.41	\$25,725.00
Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$53,000.00	\$35,957.01	\$27,500.00
Mileage - Employee	\$3,000.00	\$3,882.47	\$4,000.00
Life & Disability	\$5,605.38	\$6,307.10	\$5,700.00
Personnel Equipment	\$500.00	\$180.97	\$500.00
Training	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Travel	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$543,655.38</b>	<b>\$510,905.07</b>	<b>\$614,565.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSES</b>			
Baler Loan Payment	\$39,056.17	\$37,306.97	\$0.00
Baler Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$145.74	\$2,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$6,538.50	\$6,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$2,000.00	\$2,862.93	\$3,000.00
Forklift Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$9,993.77	\$4,000.00
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$500.00	\$798.99	\$500.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$9,062.38	\$3,000.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$2,350.61	\$2,500.00
Mack Truck Loan Payment	\$13,694.33	\$13,694.33	\$0.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$17,000.00	\$33,869.70	\$27,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$15,000.00	\$32,506.77	\$15,000.00
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$102,750.50</b>	<b>\$149,130.69</b>	<b>\$63,000.00</b>

## 2023 NEKWMD PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2022	2023 PROPOSED BUDGET
<b>BUILDING EXPENSES</b>			
Electricity	\$5,000.00	\$5,343.58	\$5,400.00
Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$4,020.52	\$2,000.00
Trash Removal	\$3,500.00	\$4,326.89	\$3,600.00
<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,690.99</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>
<b>PROGRAMS EXPENSES</b>			
Composting	\$29,000.00	\$23,501.00	\$26,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
Organics VT Grant	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Education Outreach	\$7,000.00	\$7,927.04	\$7,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$35,000.00	\$41,046.61	\$35,500.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$8,880.92	\$5,500.00
Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$25,000.00	\$28,562.41	\$24,000.00
Special Collections	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Supplies	\$400.00	\$1,259.09	\$400.00
Tire Disposal	\$18,000.00	\$17,660.00	\$15,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$122,650.00</b>	<b>\$148,837.07</b>	<b>\$117,150.00</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$835,418.88</b>	<b>\$879,016.05</b>	<b>\$861,280.00</b>
Capital Improvement Fund	\$24,000.00	\$31,800.00	\$24,000.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>	<b>\$31,800.00</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NEK EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$859,418.88</b>	<b>\$910,816.05</b>	<b>\$885,280.00</b>
Grants-St of VT	\$92,000.00	\$79,385.42	\$80,000.00
Grants-Organics	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Surplus Funds	\$12,803.38	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$54,000.00	\$61,018.68	\$59,000.00
Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$5,000.00	\$7,891.88	\$5,000.00
Interest Income	\$20.00	\$41.07	\$30.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,500.00	\$2,787.00	\$1,500.00
Program Sales-Composter/Bins	\$2,000.00	\$998.00	\$2,000.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$121,888.50	\$122,197.74	\$122,000.00
Compost Income	\$29,000.00	\$24,002.80	\$26,000.00
Electronics Income	\$18,000.00	\$18,408.39	\$14,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$17,500.00	\$20,713.61	\$18,000.00
Battery Income	\$4,000.00	\$5,672.25	\$5,000.00
Tire Income	\$18,000.00	\$14,850.20	\$15,000.00
Per Capita Assessment	\$39,057.00	\$39,435.48	\$50,000.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$444,500.00	\$498,893.06	\$487,600.00
<b>TOTAL NEK REVENUES</b>	<b>\$859,418.88</b>	<b>\$916,420.58</b>	<b>\$885,280.00</b>

## **Executive Committee Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***NEKWMD Executive Committee***

March 2023



For over 44 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 14 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 320 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, all Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties. During this past year, 64 residents of Troy 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, our e-learning portals Trualta and GetSetUp, fuel assistance, and transportation, among other services. Our website [www.nekcouncil.org](http://www.nekcouncil.org) provides information on many of our programs and services.

We sincerely thank the residents of Troy 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 or (802) 748-5182.

In gratitude,

Meg Burmeister  
Executive Director

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The staff at the NEK Council on Aging wish to extend a special note of thanks to all the residents of the towns that supported us with an appropriation or donation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Requests for our services increased substantially and we remain grateful for the support of our friends in the Northeast Kingdom as we continue to help elder Vermonters to age positively.

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**November 16, 2022**

**Town of Norton Select Board  
PO BOX 33  
NORTON, VT 05907  
townofnorton@gmail.com**

**RE: 2023 Town Meeting Appropriation Request**

**Dear Town of Norton Select Board and Community Members:**

The professional employees at Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. follow their mission to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support. We ask you to financially support our mission and agency by including the following article in your 2023 Town Meeting Warning.

**ARTICLE:** Shall the Town of Norton vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$338 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)(3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care?

This request is the same amount as voted at the 2022 Town Meeting.

A Fiscal Year 2022 Summary Activity Report of how Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS) supported your town and the Northeast Kingdom is included with this letter.

For more information about our agency and services, please visit our website at <https://www.nkhs.org>, or call our offices in Derby (802-334-6744) or St. Johnsbury (802-748-3181). Emergency Services are available 24/7.

We strive to respond to community needs with quality care.

Respectfully,

**Kelsey Stavseth, Executive Director  
Northeast Kingdom Human Services Board of Directors and Leadership Team**

Contact Ruth Marquette at [RMarquette@nkhs.net](mailto:RMarquette@nkhs.net) regarding appropriation questions.

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## SERVICE REPORT FY 2022 ORLEANS ESSEX V.N.A. and HOSPICE, INC.

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

### SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

Total Agency Visits FY 2022.....	41,113
Total Visits FY 2021 - Town of Norton.....	151

During Fiscal Year 2022, home based services were provided to 8 individuals in Norton for a total of 151 multi-disciplinary visits. 1 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2023.....\$1,500.00

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

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



# Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

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*"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"*

December 7, 2022

Town of Norton  
Norton Town Office  
P.O. Box 33  
Norton, VT 05907

Re: Request for town appropriation

Dear Norton Voters,

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2023 warning for the Town Meeting:

**Article:** Shall the Town of Norton vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$300.00** for the support of **Rural Community Transportation, Inc.** to provide services to residents of the Town of Norton.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2022, RCT provided 70 rides to 4 residents of Norton, traveling 1,991 miles at a total cost of \$1,147.91. RCT continued to provide safety-focused, demand-based rides in COVID-19 pandemic conditions without interruption in service.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match, and are therefore vital to RCT's operation.

We hope you will vote to fund this request, and RCT looks forward to continued service to the residents of Norton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessy M Pelow".

Jessy M Pelow  
Office Administrator



## Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
170 Lower Sumner Hill Road, Sumner, ME 04292  
(802) 828-4582 | [dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com](mailto:dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com) | [www.vacd.org](http://www.vacd.org)

December 21, 2022

Re: **Request for Town Appropriation - Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program**

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, designs installations, and finds financial resources to support the costs of construction. During the **25+ years** of the program, almost **1200 grants** totaling over **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development, are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2022 was **\$285,901**, of which **\$165,422** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **27 rural fire protection projects** throughout Vermont. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Division of Fire Safety of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these

grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2022, we received over \$9,000 in town appropriations from over 90 towns. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

216 Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Enclosed please find a summary report for the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice and W-9 from VACD in case they are required. VACD's tax form 990 is also available upon request. Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you would like to receive this appropriation request by mail instead of by email, please contact Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tom Maclay, Chair  
Rural Fire Protection Task Force  
(802) 426-3265 | [83creameryst@fairpoint.net](mailto:83creameryst@fairpoint.net)

Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person for Town Appropriation business  
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program  
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Jill Arace, Executive Director  
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(802) 496-5162 | [jill.arace@vacd.org](mailto:jill.arace@vacd.org)

**Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:**

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department  
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone  
Walter Bothfeld, Jr., Cabot Volunteer Fire Department  
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1  
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety, Department of Public Safety  
Christine Kaiser, Stowe, VT  
Lars Lund, VT Department of Forest Parks & Recreation  
Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders Office

**BEECHER FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.  
REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 2022**

**Current members**

Wilman Allen	Bernard Charest		John Charest
Steve Young	Brian Bissonnette	Paul Cote	Steve Noyes
Norman Flanagan	Alan Leigh	Dan Lepine	Trinity Johnson
Bob Couture	Robert Brousseau	Harland Crawford	Roland Roy
Doug Burns	Vernon Crawford	Chris Tanerillo	Todd Nichols
Chris Bissonnette	Phillip Pariseau	Chris Ricker	Jamie Fogg
Dillon Begin	Christian Anderson	Hunter Roy	Thomas Halligan
Phillip Rondeau	Nick Goudreau	Ken Knapper	
Nathaniel Rougeau	Tucker McMann	Raymond Higgins	

We were able to add two new members in 2022 and we lost three due to assorted reasons. The new members were Trinity Johnson and Thomas Halligan. This is a trend that continues to reduce our membership. We have lost 8 members in the past two years and added only 5. With some of these new members being college students so they are not always available.

The Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire department answered a total of 101 emergency calls in the fiscal year December 1, 2021, to November 30, 2022. Our call volume was up by 12 calls over 2021. The fire department has not gone back to answering medical calls unless we are special requested by the 45<sup>th</sup> ambulance. We still responded as usual to any type of rescue or motor vehicle accident which will continue. Going forward we are not sure currently what the future holds for the department pertaining to medical emergencies. There are only a very few members who are certified in EMS. Most of our EMS responders have been doing this for a very long time and some are ready to step down. There is a lot of time involved in keeping up with the training and recertification. When we were responding to everything, we were going out 4-5 times a week. The department has tried to get more of the membership involved with EMS and tried membership drives to increase the number of EMS responders, but this has been unsuccessful. The Fire Department does not expect this practice to change unless our membership grows, and people are willing to take the proper training.

Unfortunately, in the coming years, the fire side of the department will also be affected. It seems that the communities that we protect always expect us to be there when called. This is getting much harder to do because of our membership and lack of new members. The Beecher Falls Fire Department is not the only department experiencing this problem, it is happening all over the country.

The officers of the department would like to thank the membership for all their hard work over the past year. Every Wednesday evening there is always a few at the station either training, cleaning and maintaining equipment, or doing whatever may need to be done to keep things ready to go.

As always, we are looking for new members. Just reach out to any member or stop by the station on any Wednesday evening.

We want to thank everyone who has reached out to us in different ways for your continued support it is greatly appreciated.

Chief Steve Young,  
Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

# 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel Emergency Medical Services 2022 Annual Report



Proudly serving the Communities of:  
Canaan, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dixville, Lemington,  
Norton, Pittsburg, Stewartstown, and the United Towns and  
Gores

January 2023

### **A Note from the Chief**

2022 presented some difficult challenges for EMS, and for the healthcare community as a whole. From 2020 to 2022, it is estimated that up to 35% of the healthcare workforce left the field due to the Covid-19 pandemic. EMS is no exception to this statistic. Workforce shortages have affected hospitals and ambulances nationwide. As a direct result, bed availability at tertiary and specialty care centers has become much more limited. Patients that require transport to other hospitals for treatments and procedures are waiting longer periods of time in our local Emergency Departments. Furthermore, patients are often times being transferred much greater distances to these facilities, only adding to the strain on EMS departments like the 45th Parallel EMS.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS partnered with Life Safety Institute, LLC from Concord, NH, to assist with EMS education. This program operates an online classroom platform accompanied by Lab Days held at our station. The first of these classes was run in the Spring of 2022. Through the Life Safety Institute, the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS is now hosting an additional EMT class with 10 students in attendance, and an Advanced EMT class with an additional 8 students in attendance. It is our hope that these classes and our training partnership will add much needed staffing to the area.

On September 18, 2022, two of the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS staff members were recognized by the New Hampshire Fire and EMS Committee of Merit for their actions and contributions to EMS.

- Michelle Hyde (Colebrook, NH) received the award for EMS Educator of the Year for her dedication to providing EMS and community education since the foundation of the company. Over her tenure, Michelle has provided EMS, CPR and First Aid education to thousands of community members and EMS providers in the North Country.
- Michael Chappell (Clarksville, NH) was awarded the Lawrence A. Volz Memorial Emergency Medical Services Heroism Award for his life-saving actions of a near-drowning patient in May 2021.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS would like to thank Michelle and Michael, and all of our dedicated staff for their efforts to ensure the health and safety of our community.

Thank you for your continued support. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve this community for another year. For more information on our CPR, First Aid and Stop the Bleed classes, Public Access Defibrillator Program, 911 sign campaign, or to learn how you can get involved, please contact us at (603) 237-5593, or feel free to stop by our station at 46 Ramsey Road, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathan J. Borland, FP-C, NRP, CICP  
Chief Executive Officer  
45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS

## Introduction

The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS is a 501-C-3 nonprofit corporation that was founded in 2008 to provide emergency medical services to Beecher Falls, Canaan, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dixville, Lemington, Norton, Pittsburg, Stewartstown, and the United Towns and Gores. The agency started as a mix of volunteer and paid staff and has steadily grown over the years. The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS is now a full-time paramedic level service, offering the highest available Advanced Life Support services to the member towns, and critical care transport services between local hospitals and larger specialty care and trauma centers.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS has a Medical Resource Hospital Agreement (MHRA) with Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, NH, and a transport contract with North Country Hospital in Newport, VT. The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS also provides interfacility transport services to Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Cottage Hospital, Littleton Regional Hospital, Memorial Hospital, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Spears Memorial Hospital and Weeks Medical Center.

## Ambulance Activity

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
911 Emergency Response - BLS Transport	101	128	141	166	219
911 Emergency Response - ALS transport	361	303	326	280	295
911 - Cancellation or no transport	212	181	225	255	325
911 - Mutual Aid Response	10	7	5	3	6
ALS Intercept	12	6	6	3	10
Standby (Fire or Other)	9	2	14	16	21
<b>Total 911</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>876</b>

IFT - BLS	93	84	125	163	169
IFT - ALS	292	360	292	394	312
IFT - With Hospital Staff	4	5	5	3	8
IFT - no transport	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Total IFT</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>490</b>

<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>1094</b>	<b>1076</b>	<b>1139</b>	<b>1284</b>	<b>1366</b>
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## Equipment

The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS currently owns and operates a fleet of 4 ambulances:

- **45A1** – 2012 AEV type III Ford E450
- **45A2** – 2017 AEV Type 1 F-550 4x4
- **45A4** – 2016 AEV Type 1 F-550 4x4
- **45A5** – 2020 Demers Type II Ford Transit

In April 2022, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of a new ambulance to replace 45A1, the oldest truck in the fleet. With the help of Christine Charman of UCVH, the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS has applied for a FEMA grant to offset the cost of this ambulance. Delivery of the truck is anticipated to be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023.

## Personnel

The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS strives to provide the highest quality of patient care possible. Maintaining a highly educated, skilled and competent staff are critical to our mission. We currently employ:

- 10 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)
- 3 Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT)
- 7 Nationally Registered Paramedics (NRP).
  - All paramedics have completed either the Certified Intensive Care Provider (CICP) program, or the CCEMT-P Critical Care Paramedic class.

The members of the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS would like to extend the invitation to any community members that may be interested in learning about EMS and helping the community.

## Community Education and Involvement

The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS offers CPR and First Aid training through the American Heart Association. Classes are available for healthcare workers, daycare providers, and community members. In addition to Basic Life Support (BLS) classes, the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS now has instructors trained to teach Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and International Trauma Life Support (ITLS). For more information on these classes, please contact or visit our station.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS continues to work with area schools and law enforcement agencies to provide "Stop the Bleed" classes to healthcare professionals and community members. Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

## Public Access Defibrillator Program

The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS maintains Public Access Defibrillators in local businesses, schools, public buildings and churches. As part of an Emergency Response Plan, the importance of Public Access Defibrillators cannot be stressed enough.

- Defibrillation within three minutes of sudden cardiac arrest increases the chances of survival to 70 percent. Shock within one minute of collapse raises the survival rate to 90 percent.
- Calling 911 is necessary, but the wait for first responders can take too long. The national average call-to-shock time is nine minutes.
- OSHA now recommends AEDs in the workplace, and recent legislation requires many workplaces to provide them.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS would like to extend our thanks to **Bangor Savings Bank and the Tillotson Foundation** for providing grants to help maintain this program.

## 911 Signs

Being able to easily identify the address of the incident is of vital importance in an emergency. Having a reflective 911 sign that is clearly visible from the road helps improve our ability to respond. The 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS can provide you with a 6" x 18" reflective sign to mark your address. These signs are sold by donation, and readily available at our station. **Please help us find you when you need us!**

### **Board of Directors**

As a non-profit organization, the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel EMS is governed by a Board of Directors. Members are appointed from every town, fire department and Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital. The Board of Directors meets 6 times a year to oversee the business operation of the company. The board currently has openings for two "at large members". These positions are perfect for community members that are interested in getting involved.

Edward Laverty, Chairman  
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**Essex County Sheriff's Department Report for the period of**

**January 01, 2022 to December 31, 2022**

During 2022, we responded to over 350 incidents throughout the county. We had over 900 traffic stops resulting in over 400 tickets and more than 500 warnings. The figures below represent our department's response and the contract percentage is based upon funding provided to the department by the town. The amount of hours in each town drives the amount of services. I used 68 hours weekly of funded contract time as the total funded by contracts or donations from the communities we serve. I anticipate next year the town requests will be over 100 hours a week. These numbers do not include grants or contracts with other entities which exceeds another 140 hours per week.

This year in May we took on new contracts in Brighton and Canaan. Both towns opted to close their police departments with the resignation of their Chief. The new contracts in the north together totaled over 50 hours a week. These contracts were for more hours than we had been contracted in the south, and without additional staff, stretched us very thin. In many cases we returned grant funds that were unexpended. This year will be a building year as we assess how many hours are wanted by each town and I begin building the department to meet those needs. In the stats below, Lunenburg and Concord both fund the same number of contract hours. Where Lunenburg has a higher number of incidents, the traffic stops are lower because the time was spent on casework. In Concord, those numbers are flipped. In Brighton they contracted for more hours, but those statistics are based on 8 months instead of 12.

Court hours are a large percentage of our time between security and prisoner transports. Our Department continues to conduct Special Investigations Unit Services for the Essex county cases of sexual assault and child abuse. We are continuing to assist in patrolling V.A.S.T. and V.A.S.A trails, but did not have as much trail time in 2022. We will continue conducting Occupant Safety Checks, distracted driving patrols, and DUI patrols under grants from Governor's Highway Safety. We are also assisting in border security under a federal grant.

<u>Town</u>	<u>Land value%</u>	<u>Population%</u>	<u>Incident%</u>	<u>Traffic</u>	<u>Contract%</u>
Bloomfield	4	4	2	1	0
Brighton	18	19	22	27	32
Brunswick	1	1	1	1	.6
Canaan	11	15	9	15	25
Concord	15	19	17	31	16
East Haven	3	5	1	1	0
Granby	2	1	1	0	0
Guildhall	5	4	4	5	4
Lemington	2	2	1	3	.4
Lunenburg	14	22	35	13	16
Maidstone	9	3	2	1	3
Norton	5	2	1	1	0
UTG	8	1	3	1	1
Victory	2	1	1	1	2



**“THE GREATEST THREAT TO OUR PLANET IS THE BELIEF THAT SOMEONE ELSE WILL SAVE IT”**

Robert Swan, Explorer

**Town of Norton  
Gina  
P.O. Box 33  
Norton, VT 05907**

**Thank You Norton  
for helping keep Vermont a  
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### **Appropriation Request Letter**

Dear Residents of Norton

**Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had a great turnout with nearly 20,000 volunteers picking up 500 TONS of trash and 14,315 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe and healthy places to live.**

**Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to care about their communities. Your annual contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact.**

**As Green Up rolls into our 53rd year, we are again requesting your support for the usual \$50.00 appropriation.**

**The amount requested is based on town population and funds go directly back into your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.**

<i>Population</i>	<i>\$ Request</i>
• 0- 1,000	\$50
• 1001 - 2000	\$100
• 2001 - 3000	\$150
• 3001 - 4,000	\$200
• 4,001 up	\$300

**This past Green Up Day we saw the resurgence of gatherings which really gave an amazing boost to communities. Let's keep building strong communities by working together for our beautiful way of life.**

**Mark your calendar for Green Up Day 2023, May 6th and help us celebrate 53 years of keeping Vermont green! Please contact me anytime with any questions or comments. I am honored to serve your community and look forward to working with you again. Thank you so very much!**

**Kate Alberghini, Executive Director  
802-522-7245 • [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)**

*Green Up's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment.*

Green Up Vermont is a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit corporation.



**GREEN UP VERMONT**  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

**Green Up Day**  
**May 6, 2023**



**Green Up Day on May 7, 2022 was a wonderful success thanks to 19,141 volunteers statewide who participated on Green Up Day. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is crucial and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play, a truly special place. As one of Vermont's favorite unofficial holidays, it is imperative for today and future generations to build pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment, as well as keep residents civically engaged.**

**Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding again for Green Up Day 2023.**

**Green Up Vermont initiatives are year-round for further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.**

**Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. Thank you for your support of this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.**

**Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).**

**Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org) 802-522-7245**

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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

## PREPARING FOR CONSTRUCTION

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

## BUDGET SUMMARY

2022 Budget to Actual (Projected)			2023 Proposed Budget	
NEK BROADBAND	BUDGET	ACTUAL (Projected)		
Administrative Grant Revenue	\$494,760	\$762,986	Projected Surplus from 2022	\$145,016
Operations Revenue	\$707,000	\$48,138	Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,252,718
Capital Grant Revenue	\$26,005,250	\$5,585,444	Operations Revenue	\$747,767
<b>Total Cash In</b>	<b>\$28,703,000</b>	<b>\$6,377,567</b>	Capital Grant Revenue	\$28,785,268
Administrative Cost	\$494,750	\$817,969	<b>Total Cash In</b>	<b>\$31,830,789</b>
Operational Cost	\$215,900	\$97,353	Administrative Cost	\$1,847,183
Construction Cost	\$25,705,000	\$5,585,444	Operational Cost	\$686,601
<b>Total Cash Out</b>	<b>\$28,415,650</b>	<b>\$6,280,766</b>	Construction Cost	\$26,785,268
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$403,134	\$96,801	<b>Total Cash Out</b>	<b>\$31,216,081</b>
Increase in Capital Assets	\$25,705,000	\$5,585,444	Annual Net Cash Flow	\$711,707
			Increase in Capital Assets	\$28,785,268



## GRANTS & FINANCING

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

## BUILDING CAPACITY

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



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

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

## ABOUT NEK BROADBAND

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

## SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

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



**To the Voters of Norton:**

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

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

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

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

**How have we served your community? In 2022, NVDA staff assisted the Town with emergency planning preparation, which included the update of the Norton Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

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

**Sincerely,  
David Snedeker  
Executive Director**



November 30, 2022

Town of Norton, Vermont  
Town Clerk  
PO Box 148  
Norton, VT 05907

Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital (UCVH) continues to provide critical services to the residents of Norton, Vermont.

- The community counts on us to share public health information about ongoing COVID-19 and variant strain concerns through advertising in local newspapers and necessary Facebook posts.
- We continue to provide COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters regularly. Between January 1 and November 8, 2022, we administered 848 vaccinations (710 were boosters).

Within the past 12 months we have established programs addressing serious public health issues prevalent in this region:

- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT). We are part of a collaborative partnership that created a NEMT service for patients' medical and dental appointments among all providers in our service area – including our two local pharmacies. The partnership continues to meet to refine the service and plan for future growth.
- In partnership with the Foundation for Healthy Communities we started a program addressing the challenges related to treating patients with substance use disorder. The first step of the program is to provide SUD Stigma training to all UCVH employees and to community members.

We continue to pursue projects that support the delivery of high-quality care locally, including an upgrade to our in-patient HVAC system to allow for positive and negative room-by-room pressure capabilities, and an expansion of our PACU.

Thank you.

A blue ink signature of Scott C. Colby.

Scott C. Colby  
President & CEO

Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital

## Newport Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!**

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

**Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.**

### **Licensing a dog:**

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

For an Application for VSNI

P and a List of Participating Offices, send a S.A.S.E. (a 9" Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope) to: VSNI

P, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Or, to download and print, go to: [VSNI.P.VERMONT.GOV](http://VSNI.P.VERMONT.GOV) Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. Once *fully* completed, you will mail it back. If approved, you will receive your Voucher and instructions.

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

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNI

P offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they've made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let's keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator 1-800-HI VSNI

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VSNIIP is funded by \$4.00 added to the licensing of dogs. Dogs are required by law to be licensed in the town in which you live by six months of age. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required to be able to license a dog. Puppies and kittens can have a rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Tractor Supply stores offer monthly rabies clinics as do some humane society shelters.

Below is a list of places that offer low cost spay & neuter clinic options to VSNIIP. Animals usually come home the day of surgery. If you must travel, enjoy the day in the area! You may want to call your local humane society to see if they've added a spay day to their schedule.

**LOW COST SPAY NEUTER OPTIONS: LOOK UP THEIR WEB SITES** 

Cat Crusaders of Franklin CTY: Franklin CTY residents considered first. 802-782-9968

Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden CTY, 3 clinics a week! 802-923-9023

Feline & Friends Foundation: 802-323-4793 Cats ONLY in Caledonia, Orleans & Essex Counties considered first. Outside area will be considered as space allows AND Barn & Feral (frightened) Cats in the Northeast Kingdom are welcome. If possible: [Schedule on FFFVT.org](http://Schedule.on.FFFVT.org)

Franklin County Humane Society, St. Albans 802-524-9650 X 707

Frontier Animal Society, Orleans, VT 754-2228 Cats ONLY

Homeward Bound: Addison CTY Humane Society, VT "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100

Humane Society of Chittenden County's Community Pet Clinic, So. Burlington 802-923-9028

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: 802-484-5829 West Windsor, VT

Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter: 802-754-2228 Orleans, VT Cats ONLY

Riverside Rescue: 802-892-5300 Lunenburg, VT 524-9650 X

Rutland County Humane Society: 802-483-6700 Rutland, VT

Second Chance Animal Center: 802-375-2898 Shaftsbury, VT

Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc.: 603-259-3244 Littleton, NH

Springfield Humane Society: 802-885-3997 Springfield, VT

Sullivan CTY Humane Society: 603-542-3277 Claremont, NH

The Feline Connection: Rutland County: [thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com](mailto:thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com)

Upper Valley Humane Society: 603-448-6888 Enfield, NH

Windham County Humane Society: 802-254-2232 Brattleboro, VT

VT- CAN: 802-223-0034: Middlesex, VT

N.E. Kingdom Spay-Neuter Program: 802-334-7393 Orleans, Essex County

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