

# ***Town of Lowell***



***Annual Town and School Report  
For Year Ending  
December 31, 2024***

# CALVIN ALLEN

## “A DEDICATION”

As we all know, it was a shocker to hear of Calvin’s passing on September 25, 2024. It was totally unexpected and has left a huge void both in his family, and in the town. Calvin was certainly a pillar in Lowell, as he was elected by the Fire Department members as Fire Chief in 2015 and was elected by the town voters as Road Commissioner in 2016. He took both responsibilities to heart and was extremely dedicated to both. Calvin was always out checking roads after every storm and repairing them as quickly as possible. He was always there when someone needed help, whether it be changing tires on someone’s car, or rushing to assist on an ambulance call. As Fire Chief, his quick analysis and direction of any situation at hand always proved to leave the best possible outcome. Calvin is certainly missed by all, and his passing has left his leadership shoes difficult beyond imagination to fill.



*ANNUAL TOWN  
REPORT*



**For Year Ending December 31, 2024  
Town of Lowell, Vermont**

*Lowell Graded School on  
Tuesday  
March 4, 2025.*

***NOTE: Please bring this copy of the Town Report with you to Town Meeting***

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# Town Clerk's Office

## Services offered at the Town Clerk's Office:

- Purchase/update/renew hunting & fishing Licenses
- DMV *Renewals* for auto & snowmobile registration/with a separate \$3 fee for processing
- License your dog
- Obtain certified vital records - Birth/Death/Marriage
- Obtain property tax maps, listers valuation cards or copies of property deeds
- Pick up building permits & zoning by-law information
- Voter registration

The Town is **now** accepting **Credit Card payments** in the **Office** for all transactions and on our **Website [townoflowell.org](http://townoflowell.org)** for Tax Payments **ONLY**. This is no-charge to the Town but will cost the user a convenience fee (*2.65% or \$3 minimum per transaction*). As always cash & check are accepted with no additional fees in the Office. If you have any questions or need assistance with services offered at the Town Office, please don't hesitate to contact us, or stop by during our business hours.

## OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday**

**9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Lowell Town Clerk's Office

2170 VT Rte. 100

Lowell, VT 05847

Tel: (802) 744 6559

Fax: (802) 744 2357

## LIBRARY HOURS:

*With Librarian on Duty...*

**TUESDAY - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

**SATURDAY - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



# LOWELL TOWN OFFICERS 2024

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Alden Warner	2025
<b>SELECTMEN:</b>	Wayne Richardson	2027
	Darren Pion	2026
	Jennifer Blay	2025
<b>SCHOOL DIRECTORS:</b>	Jenna Delva-Appointed	2026
	Shauna Richardson	2027
	Jason Blay	2025
<b>1st CONSTABLE:</b>	Ashley Callahan	2025
<b>2nd CONSTABLE: Resigned</b>	Christopher Pion	2025
<b>AUDITORS:</b>	Arlon Warner	2027
	Dorothy Spoerl	2026
	Gordon Spencer	2025
<b>ROAD COMMISSIONER:</b>	Calvin Allen	2025
<b>LISTERS:</b>	Cheryl Clarke	2026
	Christine Hager	2027
	Mark Higley	2025
<b>LIBRARIAN:</b>	Nancy Allen	Appointed By
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES:</b>	Katherine Pion	Trustees
	Jennifer Higgins	2027
	Brandie Cochran	2026
	Debbie Manning	2025
	Fay Starr	2026
<b>JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:</b>	Jeff Parsons	
	Gordon Spencer	
	William Herrera	
	Richard Pion	

## OFFICERS BY APPOINTMENT

<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>	Christy Pion	
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Rebecca DiZazzo	
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:</b>	Rebecca DiZazzo	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:</b>	Marie Busch	
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:</b>	Ashley Callahan	2025
<b>ASST. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:</b>	Christopher Pion-Resigned	2025
<b>HEALTH OFFICER:</b>	Christina Adams	11/30/2024
<b>DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER:</b>	Troy Adams	11/30/2024
<b>FIRE WARDEN:</b>	Gerard Nick	
<b>ASST. FIRE WARDEN</b>	Marc Sicotte	
<b>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:</b>	Gordon Spencer	
<b>ZONING COMMISSION:</b>	Sam Thurston	
	Jeff Parsons	
	Troy Adams	
	Brenda Wesolow	Joined Nov.
	Wenzday Jane	Joined Nov.

**WARNING**  
**LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF LOWELL, VERMONT ARE**  
**HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN**  
**OF LOWELL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING**  
**ARTICLES, VIZ:**

**TOWN MEETING:**

**ARTICLE 1:** TO ELECT a **TOWN MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 2:** TO HEAR and ACT upon reports of TOWN OFFICERS

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the legal voters of Lowell Choose to have the Select Board to **APPOINT a ROAD COMMISSIONER,** rather than the town voters elect a **ROAD COMMISSIONER** pursuant to 17 V.S.A. & 2651?

**ARTICLE 4:** TO ELECT the following **OFFICERS** required by law:

- |                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| a. <b>SELECT PERSON</b>            | <b>3-year term</b> |
| b. <b>LISTER</b>                   | <b>3-year term</b> |
| c. <b>1<sup>st</sup> CONSTABLE</b> | <b>1-year term</b> |
| d. <b>2<sup>nd</sup> CONSTABLE</b> | <b>1-year term</b> |
| e. <b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b>          | <b>5-year term</b> |
| f. <b>AUDITOR</b>                  | <b>3-year term</b> |
| g. <b>ROAD COMMISIONER</b>         | <b>3-year term</b> |
- (Depending on outcome of Article 3)

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$386,429** for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Select Board's Account)?

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$150,000** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS?**

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$150,000** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS?**

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$35,000** for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT?**

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$7,500.00** for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$3,500.00** to the **ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE, INC.** for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency.

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

2025

- a) \$500 to AMERICAN LEGION JAYPEAK POST # 28, INC.
- b) \$1000 to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC.
- c) \$50 to GREEN UP VERMONT
- d) \$200 to MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOC.
- e) \$300 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
- f) \$1,758 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
- g) \$250 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.
- h) \$843 to NORTHEASTERN VT. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- i) \$200 to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY (ConnectABILITIES)
- j) \$550 to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- k) \$1600 to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- l) \$825 to UMBRELLA
- m) \$200 to VACD – VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
- n) \$200 to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- o) \$250 to VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK
- p) \$100 to VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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**\$ 8,826.00 Totals for above appropriations**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Individual service reports printed towards the end of town report.

**ARTICLE 12:** To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town.

**ARTICLE 13:** TO ADJOURN.

**SELECTBOARD:**

Wayne Richardson- Chairman

Darren Pion

Jennifer Blay

**ATTEST:**

Christy M. Pion - Town Clerk

**Received for posting January 28, 2025**



# TREASURERS REPORT

Hi, my name is Marie Busch. My husband Ron and I moved to Lowell from Massachusetts in November 2014 and never looked back. We love it here. In November of 2023, I was hired as the Ass't Clerk/Ass't Treasurer with the plan to swap roles with Rebecca DiZazzo, Treasurer. Although I worked in the accounting field for many years, this was my first job with a Municipality. I was warmly welcomed by the Selectboard, Becky and Christy. Becky spent the better part of the year training me for the job of Treasurer. I appreciate her very much and she did a great job of training me. On November 1, 2024, I became the Treasurer. I think Christy, Becky and I make a great team and the atmosphere at this job could not be better.

I would like to make a few points regarding items in the budget that you may have questions about. At the beginning of 2024, we had a balance of \$66,972 available to use from the Arpa Grant. There is a breakdown of the category of expenses we paid with those funds on an Arpa document included in the financial section. If you see a line item on the 2025 Proposed Budget that does not have an Actual amount spent in 2024, you may wonder why we are budgeting an amount now. That would be an item that we paid for with the Arpa funds and you can cross reference that with the Arpa breakdown.

The State of Vermont had a system glitch in December as far as reimbursing us 90% on the large Hodgeman Bridge invoices paid by us. We did receive that reimbursement in January and the State appears to be back on track to reimburse us in a timely manner going forward. You will find a breakdown on the Hodgeman Bridge Grant Fund page.

We did propose an increase in the road budget of \$20,000, as necessary for the expenditure projected for 2025. The Road budget has not been raised in 3 years. Over the past several years we have operated in the red on the roads budget, largely due to the delay in receipt of FEMA funds. We are still owed \$75,358 from FEMA and they have indicated we should see those funds by the time Town Meeting occurs. That is not a guarantee as we have constantly been promised this money would be forthcoming for the last 3 years.

Respectfully submitted,

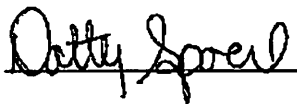
*Marie A. Busch*

Treasurer/Ass't Clerk/Delinquent Tax Collector

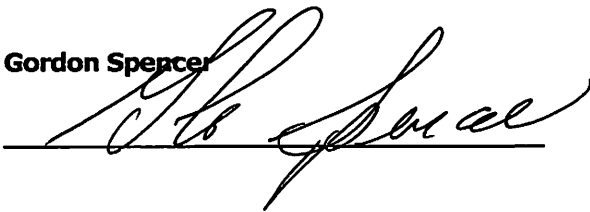
## 2024 Town of Lowell Audit Report

The Town Auditors audited the various town records for 2024 on January 24, 2025. We found the town books in good order and in balance, the records were easy to follow with all the proper back up. A couple of items for reconciliation and a couple of payroll items in the Quick books file were noted and corrected. The records for the Historical Society, Lowell Cemetery Association, Fire Dept Special Equipment Fund and the F.O.L.K (Friends of Lowell Kids) were also examined and were in balance. Kudos to all the office staff (Rebecca DiZazzo, Christy Pion and Marie Busch) for their great work which is truly appreciated. Our town is fortunate to have such dedicated workers.

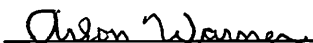
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**Gordon Spencer**

  
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**Arlon Warner**

  
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Town Of Lowell  
Bank Accts. CDs

<b>Town Reserve CD</b>		
	<b>2024 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Town Reserve Interest	\$ 491	\$ 500
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 491	\$ 500
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 491	\$ 500
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ 48,810	\$ 49,301
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 49,301</b>	<b>\$ 49,801</b>

<b>Wind Tower Reserve</b>		
	<b>2024 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Wind Tower Reserve Interest	\$ 1,172	\$ 1,200
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 1,172	\$ 1,200
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 1,172	\$ 1,200
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ 140,586	\$ 141,758
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 141,758</b>	<b>\$ 142,958</b>

<b>Office Sales Acct.</b>		
	<b>2024 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Office Sales Acct. Interest	\$ 6	\$ 6
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 6	\$ 6
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 6	\$ 6
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ -	\$ 2,388
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 2,388</b>	<b>\$ 2,394</b>

Town Of Lowell  
Bank Accts. Cd's

<b>General Checking Acct.</b>		
	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>		
General Acct. Interest	\$ 2,548	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,548</b>	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,548</b>	
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>		
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 126,861</b>	
<p>Available Funds from the general checking includes \$88,721 we are holding for the Bridge #10 .</p>		
<b>Petty Cash</b>		
	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>Available Funds in Cash</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>
<b>Archie Powers Trust Fund</b>		
	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>		
A. Powers MM Int.	\$ 84	\$ 86
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 84</b>	<b>\$ 86</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 84</b>	<b>\$ 86</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 8,309</b>	<b>\$ 8,393</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 8,393</b>	<b>\$ 8,479</b>

**Town of Lowell  
2025 Admin Proposed Budget**

Admin. Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Actuals	2025 Proposed Budget
<b>Interest</b>			
Checking-GF	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,548	\$ 2,550
Checking-Office	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 6
Interest-escrow	\$ 10	\$ 9	\$ 10
Money Market{78}	\$ -		
KCW Reserve Int.	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,171	\$ 1,175
Town Reserve Int.	\$ 750	\$ 532	\$ 535
<b>Total Money Market{78}</b>	<b>\$ 1,035</b>	<b>\$ 1,703</b>	<b>\$ 1,710</b>
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>\$ 4,050</b>	<b>\$ 4,266</b>	<b>\$ 4,276</b>
<b>Beer Licenses</b>			
Beer Licenses	\$ 185	\$ 255	\$ 255
<b>DMV Renewals</b>			
DMV Renewals	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ -
<b>Dog Licenses</b>			
Dog Licenses	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,182	\$ 1,200
<b>Marriage Licenses</b>			
Marriage Licenses	\$ 300	\$ 90	\$ 90
<b>License Fees/Fines - Other</b>			
License Fees/Fines - Other	\$ 15	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total License Fees/Fines</b>	<b>\$ 1,800</b>	<b>\$ 1,530</b>	<b>\$ 1,545</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Cert. of Vital Statistics	\$ 200	\$ 410	\$ 410
Copying Fees	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,074	\$ 1,100
Green Mtn. Pass	\$ 4	\$ 14	\$ 12
Misc. Fees	\$ 400	\$ 635	\$ 600
Pilot Income	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,287	\$ 3,300
Posted Land Fees	\$ 25	\$ 20	\$ 25
Recorder Fees	\$ 7,250	\$ 6,441	\$ 6,300
Research Time	\$ 430	\$ 235	\$ 350
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 13,409</b>	<b>\$ 12,116</b>	<b>\$ 12,097</b>
<b>Permits</b>			
Zoning Permits	\$ 560	\$ 550	\$ 560
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>\$ 560</b>	<b>\$ 550</b>	<b>\$ 560</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>			
Judiciary	\$ 250	\$ 672	\$ 250
Land Use Change Penalty	\$ 797	\$ 1,371	\$ 797
Property Tax Adjustment	\$ -	\$ 1,479	\$ -
State Equalization Payment	\$ 705	\$ 705	\$ 705
<b>Total State Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,752</b>	<b>\$ 4,227</b>	<b>\$ 1,752</b>
<b>Tax Revenue</b>			
Current Use/State	\$ 8,500	\$ 21,896	\$ 8,500
Delinq tax penalty	\$ 1,200	\$ 8,512	\$ 7,000
Delinq. tax interest	\$ 3,500	\$ 7,772	\$ 5,000
GMP Tax Contract	\$ 607,875	\$ 607,875	\$ 607,875
Interest - tax sale	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b># Property Tax Income</b>	<b>\$ 275,178</b>	<b>\$ 227,441</b>	<b>\$ 294,373</b>
<b>Total Tax Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 896,253</b>	<b>\$ 883,565</b>	<b>\$ 922,748</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 918,984</b>	<b>\$ 906,254</b>	<b>\$ 942,978</b>



Town of Lowell  
2025 Admin Proposed Budget

Admin. Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Actuals	2025 Proposed Budget
Gross Profit	\$ 918,984	\$ 906,254	\$ 942,978
Expense			
Approp. Pd by Town			
American Legion Jay #28	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 500
American Red Cross	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
N/E Council on Aging	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Felines & Friends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Green Mtn. Farm to Sc	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Green Up-Vt.	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
Jr. Hoop	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lamoille County Mental Health	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Missisquoi River Basin	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
NE Vt. Develop. Assoc.	\$ 754	\$ 754	\$ 843
NEK Human Services	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,758
NEKLS-Adult Learning Ctr.	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
Orl. Essex. VNA & Hospice	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Orleans Citizen Advocacy	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Orleans County Child Advocacy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Orleans County Fair Assoc.	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Orleans County Sheriff's Dept.	\$ 12,688	\$ 6,163	\$ -
Orleans Historical Soc.	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550
Pope Frontier Society	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Rural Community Transp.	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 1,600
UMBRELLA Step O.N.E.	\$ 825	\$ 825	\$ 825
Vermont Family Network	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
Vt. Assoc. for Blind	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Vt. Ctr. Independent Liv.	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ -
Vt. Rural Fire Protection	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 200
Vt. Symphony Orchestra	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
<b>Total Approp. Pd by Town</b>	<b>\$ 25,315</b>	<b>\$ 18,790</b>	<b>\$ 12,826</b>
Assessed Appropriations			
Library	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,500
Little League & T-Ball	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lowell Fire Dept	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 35,000
Roads-Summer	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 150,000
Roads-Winter	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 150,000
Selectboard	\$ 360,175	\$ 360,175	\$ 386,429
<b>Total Assessed Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 679,675</b>	<b>\$ 679,675</b>	<b>\$ 728,929</b>
Interest Expense			
Interest Expense Fire Trk	\$ 2,416	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,850
Kempton Bridge int. expense	\$ 4,895	\$ 3,084	\$ 2,240
Paving Interest Exp.	\$ 4,125	\$ 4,046	\$ 2,080
Interest Expense - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Expense			
Purchases			
Fire Truck Payments	\$ 15,169	\$ 15,634	\$ 15,735
Kempton Bridge Payments	\$ 79,953	\$ 81,764	\$ 75,327
Paving Payments	\$ 101,936	\$ 102,014	\$ 103,991
<b>Total Purchases</b>	<b>\$ 197,058</b>	<b>\$ 199,413</b>	<b>\$ 195,053</b>
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 197,058</b>	<b>\$ 199,413</b>	<b>\$ 195,053</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 913,484</b>	<b>\$ 906,957</b>	<b>\$ 942,978</b>
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 5,500	\$ (703)	\$ -
net income	\$ 5,500	\$ (703)	\$ -

Lowell Graded School  
received \$1,021,713.51 &  
North Country High School  
Received \$451,132.83 which  
is not a part of this budget  
we are voting on, but is  
given to you for reference.

**Town of Lowell  
2023 Selectboard Proposed Budget**

Selectboard Budget	2023 Budget	2023 Actuals	2024 Proposed Budget	2024 Actuals	2025 Proposed Budget
<b>Ordinary income/expenses</b>					
Income - Gravel Pit Loading		\$ 34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Asses. Income from Town	\$ 358,003	\$ 358,003	\$ 360,175	\$ 360,175	\$ 386,429
Permits - Other					
Zoning Permits	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Permits - Other	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>					
HHW Grant	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
<b>Total State Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>
<b>School Refund</b>					
School - Lowell	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 9,922	\$ -
School - No. Country				\$ 5,487	\$ -
<b>Total Refunds</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 15,409</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 361,153</b>	<b>\$ 361,037</b>	<b>\$ 363,175</b>	<b>\$ 378,584</b>	<b>\$ 389,429</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 361,153</b>	<b>\$ 361,037</b>	<b>\$ 363,175</b>	<b>\$ 378,584</b>	<b>\$ 389,429</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Approp. Pd by Selectboard</b>					
Jay Food Shelf	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
Lowell Cemetery				\$ 5,500	\$ 5,750
Ambulance	\$ 50,247	\$ 48,997	\$ 50,247	\$ 47,627	\$ 50,247
<b>Total Approp. Pd by Selectboard</b>	<b>\$ 50,497</b>	<b>\$ 49,247</b>	<b>\$ 50,747</b>	<b>\$ 53,627</b>	<b>\$ 56,997</b>
<b>Assessed Appropriations</b>					
Appraisal Fund	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,102	\$ 4,000
Culverts & Bridges			\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Paving Fund Exp.	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
<b>Total Assessed Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 54,000</b>	<b>\$ 54,000</b>	<b>\$ 59,000</b>	<b>\$ 59,102</b>	<b>\$ 59,000</b>
<b>BRIDGE RENTAL</b>					
	\$ 1,512	\$ 1,512	\$ 1,512	\$ 756	\$ -
<b>Insurance</b>					
Property & Casualty Ins.	\$ 12,521	\$ 9,817	\$ 12,521	\$ 14,678	\$ 14,000
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 12,521</b>	<b>\$ 9,817</b>	<b>\$ 12,521</b>	<b>\$ 14,678</b>	<b>\$ 14,000</b>
<b>Legal &amp; Professional Services</b>					
Legal Fees/ Single audit	\$ 900	\$ 1,913	\$ 1,950	\$ 80	\$ 12,000
<b>Total Legal &amp; Professional Services</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>	<b>\$ 1,913</b>	<b>\$ 1,950</b>	<b>\$ 80</b>	<b>\$ 12,000</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>					
<b>Bldg &amp; Grd. Maintenance</b>					
FURNACE MAINT.	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Bldg & Grd. Maintenance -	\$ 3,500	\$ 6,606	\$ 6,610	\$ -	\$ 6,800
<b>Total Bldg &amp; Grd. Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 4,300</b>	<b>\$ 6,606</b>	<b>\$ 6,610</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,800</b>
Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 4,300</b>	<b>\$ 6,606</b>	<b>\$ 6,610</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,800</b>
<b>Office Expense</b>					
Advertising	\$ 800	\$ 1,705	\$ 1,000	\$ 600	\$ 800
Cleaning Supplies	\$ 200	\$ 426	\$ 450	\$ 267	\$ 300
Computer Support	\$ 5,500	\$ 8,562	\$ 8,600	\$ 8,272	\$ 9,600
New Computers (have to update)					\$ 5,000
Copier Exp.	\$ 550	\$ 551	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,935	\$ 2,000
DEC Watershed Fees	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,765	\$ 1,765	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350
Digitization	\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dog License fees-Vt. Treas.	\$ 625	\$ 550	\$ 600	\$ 5	\$ 600
Dog Tags/Books/supplies	\$ 175	\$ 170	\$ 175	\$ 134	\$ 175
Heating-Fuel Expense	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,644	\$ 8,700	\$ 8,621	\$ 8,625
Lister Computer Support	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,762	\$ 3,000	\$ 834	\$ 3,000
Lister Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 293	\$ 350	\$ 162	\$ 350
Lister Postage	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20
Lister Tax Mapping	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300
Listers Membership	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50
Marriage License-Vt Treas.	\$ 300	\$ 165	\$ 200	\$ 40	\$ 200
Office Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,347	\$ 1,750	\$ 4,791	\$ 3,200
Postage	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,752	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,572	\$ 1,700
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	\$ 50	\$ 28	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ 30

**Town of Lowell  
2023 Selectboard Proposed Budget**

Selectboard Budget	2023 Budget	2023 Actuals	2024 Proposed Budget	2024 Actuals	2025 Proposed Budget
Subscriptions	\$ 325	\$ 2,410	\$ 2,450	\$ 477	\$ 1,900
Town Reports Printing	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,630	\$ 2,697	\$ 1,595
Training	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,648	\$ 2,500	\$ 250	\$ 800
Utilities					
Electricity	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,290	\$ 3,625	\$ 3,493	\$ 3,600
Phone & Internet	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,963	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,127	\$ 5,500
Security & Lights	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,836	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,128	\$ 4,500
Utilities - trash removal	\$ 150	\$ 220	\$ -	\$ 292	\$ 300
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 11,350</b>	<b>\$ 11,309</b>	<b>\$ 11,625</b>	<b>\$ 13,040</b>	<b>\$ 13,900</b>
Office Expense - services	\$ -	\$ 545	\$ 550	\$ 480	\$ 550
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>\$ 51,725</b>	<b>\$ 50,867</b>	<b>\$ 52,445</b>	<b>\$ 47,829</b>	<b>\$ 58,045</b>
Operating Expense					
Contracted Services	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Diesel/Gas	\$ -	\$ 141	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -
Dues/Membership					
VLCT Dues/Fees	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,266	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,336	\$ 2,400
Dues/Membership - Other	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 125	\$ -
<b>Total Dues/Membership</b>	<b>\$ 2,300</b>	<b>\$ 2,316</b>	<b>\$ 2,400</b>	<b>\$ 2,461</b>	<b>\$ 2,400</b>
Equipment-small				\$ 5,500	
Lister Mileage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 725	\$ 420	\$ 500	\$ 776	\$ 500
Misc. Expenses					
County Tax	\$ 12,779	\$ 15,478	\$ 15,500	\$ 16,671	\$ 16,700
<b>Total Misc. Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,779</b>	<b>\$ 15,478</b>	<b>\$ 15,500</b>	<b>\$ 16,671</b>	<b>\$ 16,700</b>
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 603	\$ 650	\$ 181	\$ 650
Trash Removal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292
Operating Expense - Other	\$ -	\$ 460	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ 450
<b>Total Operating expense</b>	<b>\$ 16,204</b>	<b>\$ 19,418</b>	<b>\$ 19,650</b>	<b>\$ 25,589</b>	<b>\$ 20,992</b>
Payroll Expenses - Other					
Company Contributions		\$ 1,354	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -
FICA Expense	\$ 7,380	\$ 5,813	\$ 5,950	\$ 6,517	\$ 7,640
Health Insurance	\$ 10,752	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Medicare Exp.	\$ 1,726	\$ 1,359	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,524	\$ 1,725
Municipal Retirement	\$ 3,186	\$ 3,186	\$ 3,282	\$ 1,744	\$ 1,090
Unemployment-State	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,454	\$ 1,070	\$ 1,220
Vt Child Care Credit				\$ 264	\$ 370
Workers Comp	\$ 10,498	\$ 10,781	\$ 11,104	\$ 7,035	\$ 11,450
<b>Total Company Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 35,352</b>	<b>\$ 23,905</b>	<b>\$ 24,690</b>	<b>\$ 18,154</b>	<b>\$ 23,495</b>
Salaries					
Admin. Ass't/Asst Clerk/Treas	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,691	\$ 22,880	\$ 22,398	\$ 23,485
Auditors	\$ 1,073	\$ 266	\$ 500	\$ 584	\$ 500
Civil Board	\$ 865	\$ 225	\$ 800	\$ 1,099	\$ 800
Cleaning	\$ 1,799	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,770	\$ 1,696	\$ 1,782
Constable/Animal Cont	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79	\$ -
Garage Mt.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Health Officer	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
Listers	\$ 20,451	\$ 18,710	\$ 20,451	\$ 17,071	\$ 20,451
Recycling Attendant	\$ 3,599	\$ 2,965	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,872	\$ 3,706
Select Board	\$ 4,900	\$ 4,774	\$ 4,774	\$ 4,870	\$ 4,774
Town Clerk	\$ 34,800	\$ 31,762	\$ 34,800	\$ 30,676	\$ 35,655
Town Treasurer	\$ 34,800	\$ 29,419	\$ 23,951	\$ 23,438	\$ 29,665
Zoning Board	\$ 500	\$ 965	\$ 1,000	\$ 450	\$ 1,000
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 119,037</b>	<b>\$ 92,397</b>	<b>\$ 114,926</b>	<b>\$ 105,231</b>	<b>\$ 122,318</b>
Payroll Expenses - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 154,389</b>	<b>\$ 116,302</b>	<b>\$ 139,616</b>	<b>\$ 123,386</b>	<b>\$ 145,813</b>
Solid Waste					
Tire Event				\$ (404)	
Hired Eq. Green Up Day-Removal	\$ 425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 189	\$ -
Household Hazardous Waste	\$ 8,420	\$ 6,583	\$ 7,077	\$ 9,890	\$ 10,582
In Town Recycling	\$ 6,260	\$ 11,208	\$ 12,047	\$ 3,918	\$ 4,200
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$ 15,105</b>	<b>\$ 17,791</b>	<b>\$ 19,124</b>	<b>\$ 13,593</b>	<b>\$ 14,782</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 361,153</b>	<b>\$ 327,473</b>	<b>\$ 363,175</b>	<b>\$ 338,638</b>	<b>\$ 389,429</b>
Net ordinary income	\$ (0)	\$ 33,564	\$ -	\$ 39,946	\$ 0
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>	<b>\$ 33,564</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 39,946</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Town of Lowell  
2025 Roads Proposed Budget**

Roads Budget	Winter Roads			Summer Roads		Total Roads	
	2023 Actual	2024 ACTUAL	2025 Proposed Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Proposed Budget	2024 Total Actual	2025 Proposed Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>							
Assess income. From Town	\$ 280,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 300,000
Grant Income/Carter Rd #2/Fema	\$ 29,563	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Otl Grant BR & GA 2023	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Total Grant/ Income	\$ 29,563	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Other Income:</b>							
Sale of Equipment		\$ 3,500	\$ -			\$ 3,500	\$ -
Truck Weight Fees	\$ 260	\$ 270	\$ -	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ 305	\$ 200
Total Other Income	\$ 260	\$ 3,770	\$ -	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ 3,805	\$ 200
<b>Permits</b>							
Driveway Permits	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 80	\$ -	\$ 180	\$ 100
State Aid Class 2-3 Rds	\$ 126,280	\$ -	\$ 21,000	\$ 87,562	\$ 21,000	\$ 87,562	\$ 42,000
State Revenue - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Total State Revenue	\$ 126,280	\$ -	\$ 21,000	\$ 87,562	\$ 21,000	\$ 87,562	\$ 42,000
Uncategorized Income	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 436,253</b>	<b>\$ 143,870</b>	<b>\$ 171,000</b>	<b>\$ 227,677</b>	<b>\$ 171,000</b>	<b>\$ 371,547</b>	<b>\$ 342,300</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>							
Assessed Appropriations						\$ -	\$ -
Equip. Mt. Fund	\$ 27,506	\$ 12,253	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,253	\$ 15,000	\$ 27,506	
Gravel Pit	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Total Assessed Appropriations	\$ 31,506	\$ 14,253	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,253	\$ 17,000	\$ 31,506	\$ 4,000
Hired Equipment			\$ -		\$ -		
Equip Transport	\$ -	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 285	\$ 285	\$ 425	\$ 425
Hired Eq./Albany	\$ 1,885	\$ -	\$ 650	\$ 1,298	\$ 650	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,300
MULCHER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Rental		\$ 7,238	\$ 8,100	\$ 850	\$ 900	\$ 8,088	\$ 9,000
Plowing	\$ 12,765	\$ 940	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 940	\$ 1,000
Rd. Ditching-Hired Equip.	\$ 120	\$ 850	\$ 900	\$ 3,530	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,380	\$ 4,900
Road Mowing-Hired Eq.	\$ 6,310	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200
Sweeper-Hired Eq.	\$ 1,275	\$ 4,700	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,190	\$ 750	\$ 5,890	\$ 3,250
Tree Cutting/Excavation	\$ 880	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 4,897	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,197	\$ 5,300

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2025 Roads Proposed Budget**

Roads Budget	Winter Roads			Summer Roads		Total Roads	
	2023 Actual	2024 ACTUAL	2025 Proposed Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Proposed Budget	2024 Total Actual	2025 Proposed Budget
Hired Equipment - Other	\$ 6,108	\$ 4,025	\$ 2,200	\$ 8,354	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,379	\$ 8,200
<b>Total Hired Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 29,343</b>	<b>\$ 18,193</b>	<b>\$ 15,790</b>	<b>\$ 26,604</b>	<b>\$ 23,785</b>	<b>\$ 44,797</b>	<b>\$ 39,575</b>
<b>Equipment Repair</b>							
Grader		\$ 1,186	\$ 2,600	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 1,336	\$ 2,850
Loader		\$ 789	\$ 2,500			\$ 789	\$ 2,500
Screener	\$ 3,287	\$ 4,097	\$ 4,000			\$ 4,097	\$ 4,500
Tires	\$ -	\$ 1,555	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,555	\$ 2,000
Trucks	\$ 1,598	\$ 4,882	\$ -	\$ 62	\$ -	\$ 4,944	\$ -
Truck Maintenance	\$ 8,939	\$ 12,568	\$ 12,603	\$ 5,298	\$ 12,604	\$ 17,866	\$ 25,207
<b>Total Equipment Repair</b>	<b>\$ 13,824</b>	<b>\$ 25,077</b>	<b>\$ 23,703</b>	<b>\$ 5,510</b>	<b>\$ 12,854</b>	<b>\$ 30,587</b>	<b>\$ 37,057</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>							
Albany Plowing	\$ 4,840	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Road Repair	\$ 170			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Chloride	\$ 8,197	\$ 120	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,361	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,481	\$ 5,000
Cold Patch		\$ 560	\$ 750			\$ 560	\$ 750
Gravel		\$ 2,816	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,249	\$ 2,200	\$ 4,065	\$ 4,200
Diesel/Gas	\$ 31,617	\$ 14,493	\$ 13,000	\$ 9,258	\$ 7,000	\$ 23,751	\$ 20,000
Equipment- Small Lease Exp.		\$ 852				\$ 852	\$ -
Trk Lease Exp	\$ 74,190	\$ 37,095	\$ 37,095	\$ 37,095	\$ 37,095	\$ 74,190	\$ 74,190
Road Stakes	\$ 1,218	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Roads</b>							
Road Signs	\$ 2,760	\$ -		\$ 1,715	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,715	\$ 1,300
Stone for Roads	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Roads - Other	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 670	\$ -	\$ 670	\$ -
<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>\$ 2,760</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,385</b>	<b>\$ 1,300</b>	<b>\$ 2,385</b>	<b>\$ 1,300</b>
Salt	\$ 8,729	\$ 17,090	\$ 18,000	\$ -		\$ 17,090	\$ 18,000
Snow Removal	\$ 625	\$ 1,806	\$ 1,800	\$ -		\$ 1,806	\$ 1,800
Supplies	\$ 109	\$ 178	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 178	\$ -
Operating Expense - Other	\$ 1,631	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



**Town of Lowell  
2025 Roads Proposed Budget**

<b>Roads Budget</b>	Winter Roads		Summer Roads		Total Roads		
	2023 Actual	2024 ACTUAL	2025 Proposed Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Proposed Budget	2024 Total Actual	2025 Proposed Budget
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	\$ 134,086	\$ 80,010	\$ 80,145	\$ 54,348	\$ 50,095	\$ 134,358	\$ 130,240
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>							
<b>Company Contributions</b>							
FICA Expense	\$ 7,632	\$ 5,144	\$ 5,226	\$ 1,748	\$ 1,800	\$ 6,892	\$ 7,026
Health Insurance	\$ 15,658	\$ 12,897	\$ -	\$ 4,363	\$ 8,000	\$ 17,260	\$ 8,000
Medicare Exp.	\$ 1,785	\$ 1,203	\$ 1,223	\$ 409	\$ 421	\$ 1,612	\$ 1,644
Municipal Retirement	\$ 5,408	\$ 3,522	\$ 1,175	\$ 1,161	\$ 390	\$ 4,683	\$ 1,565
Unemployment-State		\$ 28				\$ 28	
Company Contributions -Other	\$ 2,942	\$ 142	\$ 145	\$ 102	\$ 105	\$ 244	\$ 250
<b>Total Company Contributions</b>	\$ 33,425	\$ 22,936	\$ 7,769	\$ 7,783	\$ 10,716	\$ 30,719	\$ 18,485
<b>Salaries</b>			\$ -				
Other Salaries	\$ 60,695	\$ 48,631	\$ 48,929	\$ 11,451	\$ 11,795	\$ 60,082	\$ 60,724
Rd. Comm.	\$ 59,462	\$ 34,341	\$ 35,371	\$ 16,815	\$ 17,319	\$ 51,156	\$ 52,690
Salaries - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Salaries</b>	\$ 120,157	\$ 82,972	\$ 84,300	\$ 28,266	\$ 29,114	\$ 111,238	\$ 113,414
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	\$ 153,582	\$ 105,907	\$ 92,069	\$ 36,049	\$ 39,830	\$ 141,956	\$ 131,899
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE:</b>	\$ 362,341	\$ 243,439	\$ 228,707	\$ 139,764	\$ 143,564	\$ 383,203	\$ 342,771
<b>NET INCOME:</b>	\$ 73,912	\$ (99,569)	\$ (57,707)	\$ 87,913	\$ 27,436	\$ (11,656)	\$ (471)
Retained earnings						\$ (30,729)	\$ (42,385)
Results FY						\$ (42,385)	\$ (42,856)
						<b>Projected ending FY25</b>	

**Appraisal Dept. Financial**

	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Asses Income By Selectboard	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Reappraisal Fees	\$ 5,993	\$ 5,995	\$ 5,992	\$ 5,995	\$ 6,001	\$ 6,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 9,993</b>	<b>\$ 9,995</b>	<b>\$ 9,992</b>	<b>\$ 9,995</b>	<b>\$ 10,001</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
<b>Appraisal Fund Expense / NEMRC</b>		\$ 18,060	\$ 18,060	\$ 36,120	\$ 36,980	\$ 18,060
Lister Computer Support					\$ 655	\$ 300
Lister Postage			\$ 357	\$ 357	\$ 112	\$ 200
Lister office Supplies			\$ 105	\$ 150	\$ 27	\$ 40
<b>Total Office expense</b>			<b>\$ 18,522</b>	<b>\$ 36,627</b>	<b>\$ 37,774</b>	<b>\$ 18,600</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 9,993</b>	<b>\$ (8,065)</b>	<b>\$ (8,530)</b>	<b>\$ (26,632)</b>	<b>\$ (27,773)</b>	<b>\$ (8,600)</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 74,632</b>	<b>\$ 84,624</b>	<b>\$ 84,624</b>	<b>\$ 76,094</b>	<b>\$ 76,094</b>	<b>\$ 48,321</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 84,624</b>	<b>\$ 76,559</b>	<b>\$ 76,094</b>	<b>\$ 49,462</b>	<b>\$ 48,321</b>	<b>\$ 39,721</b>

This fund is funded by the Selectboard and the State  
 Reappraisal contract is \$3,010/month for 24 months starting in July 2023

<b>ARPA Grant Fund</b>						
	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
SLFRF VT Grant	\$ 119,178	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 119,178	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Expenses</b>						
Roads Summer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,572	\$ -
Roads Winter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hodgeman Bridge Match	\$ 13,298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bridge Expense-Post Office Bridge					\$ 1,427	
Gelo Park Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,103	\$ -	\$ 355	\$ -
Gravel Pit					\$ 23,000	
BLDG. & Grd. Maint	\$ 5,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 6,883	\$ -
Phone & Internet (Free Public)	\$ 579	\$ 600	\$ 599	\$ -	\$ 667	\$ -
Missisquoi Ambulance	\$ 39,327	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment-Small	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ 9,403	\$ -	\$ 97	\$ -
Tree Cutting/Excavation	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Asphalt					\$ 1,187	
Lowell Cemetery					\$ 3,800	
Orleans County Sheriff's Dept	\$ 3,822	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grader Repairs	\$ 90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Repair-Other	\$ 2,794	\$ -	\$ 1,443	\$ -	\$ 233	\$ -
Tools/ fire equipment	\$ 237	\$ -	\$ 67,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training	\$ 791	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pope Mem. Frontier Animal Shelter			\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -
Sand Screening					\$ 11,250	
Tires	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Salaries						
Town Treasurer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 66,313	\$ 12,600	\$ 89,372	\$ -	\$ 66,971	\$ -
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 52,865	\$ (12,600)	\$ (89,372)	\$ -	\$ (66,971)	\$ -
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ 103,478	\$ 156,343	\$ 156,343	\$ 66,971	\$ 66,971	\$ (0)
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 156,343	\$ 143,743	\$ 66,971	\$ 66,971	\$ (0)	\$ (0)

<b>Computerization Fund</b>						
	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Computerization Income	\$ 2,625	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,901	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,346	\$ 2,350
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 2,625	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,901	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,346	\$ 2,350
<b>Expenses</b>						
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 2,625	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,901	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,346	\$ 1,150
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ 15,249	\$ 17,874	\$ 17,874	\$ 20,775	\$ 20,775	\$ 23,121
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 17,874	\$ 20,874	\$ 20,775	\$ 23,775	\$ 23,121	\$ 24,271

**Equipment Fund**

	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Asses. from Roads	\$ 7,892	\$ 7,892	\$ 7,892	\$ 27,506	\$ 27,506	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Assessed Income</b>	\$ 7,892	\$ 7,892	\$ 7,892	\$ 27,506	\$ 27,506	\$ -
<b>Grant Income:</b>						
BC2347 Irish Hill					\$ 1,789	
BR1151 Irish Hill					\$ 3,127	
Cheney Rd					\$ 3,631	
<b>Grant Income:</b>					\$ 8,546	
<b>Total Income:</b>					\$ 36,052	
<b>Expenses</b>						
Tires	\$ 4,425	\$ -	\$ 3,437	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ -
Bridge Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Chains/Grader-Loader	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,229	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Chains/Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 435	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Repair-Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 10,762	\$ -
Grader Repairs	\$ -	\$ 1,800	\$ 122	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,346	\$ -
Loader	\$ 1,517	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -
Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 849	\$ 850	\$ -	\$ -
Plow Blades/Shoes/etc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,079	\$ -
Sander	\$ 141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Screener	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 446	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Truck Maint.	\$ 1,876	\$ 1,250	\$ 60	\$ 500	\$ 2,233	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 7,959	\$ 4,550	\$ 7,889	\$ 14,850	\$ 22,420	\$ -
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ (67)	\$ 3,342	\$ 3	\$ 12,656	\$ 13,633	\$ -
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ (2,136)	\$ (2,203)	\$ (2,203)	\$ (2,201)	\$ (2,201)	\$ 11,432
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ (2,203)	\$ 1,139	\$ (2,201)	\$ 10,455	\$ 11,432	\$ 11,432

**File Restoration Fund**

	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Restoration	\$ 3,480	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,868	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,128	\$ 3,000
Other	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,868	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,128	\$ 3,000
<b>Expenses</b>						
Mileage	\$ 31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FICA Expense	\$ 60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Medicare Exp.	\$ 14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Admin Ass't	\$ 961	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 1,065	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 2,435	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,868	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,128	\$ 3,000
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ 19,530	\$ 21,965	\$ 21,965	\$ 25,833	\$ 25,833	\$ 28,961
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 21,965	\$ 25,465	\$ 25,833	\$ 29,733	\$ 28,961	\$ 31,961

### Gravel Pit Fund

	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Asses. from Roads	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Land Rent	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Gravel Pit Loading					\$ 1,924	\$ 1,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,924</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Hired Equipment	\$ 188	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ 43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 564	\$ -	
Sand Screening/ gravel Crushing	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 23,026	\$ 1,260	\$ 23,000
Company Contributions						
FICA Expense	\$ 43	\$ -	\$ 43		\$ -	
Health Insurance	\$ 96	\$ -	\$ 96		\$ -	
Medicare Exp.	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 10		\$ -	
Municipal Retirement	\$ 29	\$ -	\$ 29		\$ -	
Unemployment-State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Workers Comp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Salaries						
Other Salaries	\$ 385	\$ -	\$ 385		\$ -	
Rd. Comm.	\$ 302	\$ -	\$ 302		\$ -	
In Town Recycling	\$ 840	\$ -	\$ 840		\$ -	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,934</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,703</b>	<b>\$ 23,590</b>	<b>\$ 1,260</b>	<b>\$ 23,000</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 5,066</b>	<b>\$ (16,000)</b>	<b>\$ 2,297</b>	<b>\$ (19,590)</b>	<b>\$ 5,664</b>	<b>\$ (17,000)</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 15,014</b>	<b>\$ 20,080</b>	<b>\$ 20,080</b>	<b>\$ 22,377</b>	<b>\$ 22,377</b>	<b>\$ 28,041</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 20,080</b>	<b>\$ 4,080</b>	<b>\$ 22,377</b>	<b>\$ 2,787</b>	<b>\$ 28,041</b>	<b>\$ 11,041</b>



## Large Culverts & Bridges

	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	<b>2024 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2025 BUDGET</b>
<b>Income</b>						
Asses. from Selectboard	\$ 12,000	\$ -		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Other	\$ 5,538	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 17,538</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Bridge Expense	\$ 8,165	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 613	
Culverts	\$ 2,243	\$ -	\$ 7,785	\$ -	\$ 12,434	
Other	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Company Contributions			\$ -			
FICA Expense	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Health Insurance	\$ 81	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Medicare Exp.	\$ 7	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Municipal Retirement	\$ 24	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Unemployment-State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Workers Comp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Salaries						
Other Salaries	\$ 231	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Rd. Comm.	\$ 255	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Other	\$ -	\$ -				
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 11,062</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,785</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 13,046</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 6,476</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (7,785)</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ (8,046)</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 40,362</b>	<b>\$ 46,838</b>	<b>\$ 46,838</b>	<b>\$ 39,053</b>	<b>\$ 39,053</b>	<b>\$ 31,007</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 46,838</b>	<b>\$ 46,838</b>	<b>\$ 39,053</b>	<b>\$ 44,053</b>	<b>\$ 31,007</b>	<b>\$ 36,007</b>

<b>Library Fund</b>						
	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Assess. Income from Town	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 9,299	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,500
Other - Fundraiser	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210	\$ 200	\$ 307	\$ -
Grant					\$ 176	
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 9,509	\$ 6,700	\$ 6,983	\$ 7,500
<b>Expenses</b>						
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,056	\$ 300	\$ 270	\$ 500
Postage	\$ 62	\$ 50	\$ 12	\$ 18	\$ -	\$ -
Subscriptions	\$ 115	\$ 150	\$ 94	\$ 84	\$ -	\$ -
Books	\$ 1,563	\$ 2,500	\$ 923	\$ 1,600	\$ 967	\$ 1,300
Other - Guest Speaker					\$ 100	
Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43	\$ 45	\$ -	\$ -
Computer support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 947	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Phone & Internet	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 429	\$ 747	\$ 740	\$ 1,500
Mileage	\$ 9	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Company Contributions						
FICA Expense	\$ 190	\$ 200	\$ 268	\$ 364	\$ 394	\$ 394
Medicare Exp.	\$ 44	\$ 50	\$ 63	\$ 87	\$ 92	\$ 92
Unemployment-State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Vt Child Care Credit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ 14
Salaries						
Librarian	\$ 2,927	\$ 2,927	\$ 4,328	\$ 5,642	\$ 6,360	\$ 6,500
Library Assist.	\$ 138	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 186	\$ -	\$ -
Other-partial retained earnings used	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,799	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 5,049	\$ 7,597	\$ 10,962	\$ 9,073	\$ 8,937	\$ 10,300
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 951	\$ (1,097)	\$ (1,453)	\$ (2,373)	\$ (1,955)	\$ (2,800)
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ 8,579	\$ 9,530	\$ 9,530	\$ 8,077	\$ 8,077	\$ 6,123
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 9,530	\$ 8,433	\$ 8,077	\$ 5,704	\$ 6,122	\$ 3,323
<b>Little League Fund</b>						
	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Assess. Income from Town	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Expenses</b>						
Ball Field Maintenance	\$ 7,107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 7,107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ (4,107)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ 11,444	\$ 7,337	\$ 7,337	\$ 10,337	\$ 10,337	\$ 10,337
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 7,337	\$ 10,337	\$ 10,337	\$ 13,337	\$ 10,337	\$ 10,337

### Hodgeman Bridge Grant Fund

	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
SLFRF VT Grant	\$ 13,298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hodgeman Bridge - Federal	\$ 74,577	\$ 162,160	\$ 85,959	\$ -	\$ 80,369	\$ 1,172,563
Hodgeman Bridge - State	\$ 8,197	\$ 17,840	\$ 9,300		\$ 8,875	\$ 128,999
Grant Income - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 602	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 96,072</b>	<b>\$ 180,000</b>	<b>\$ 95,259</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 89,846</b>	<b>\$ 1,301,562</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Bridge Rental	\$ 67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Engineering	\$ 94,857	\$ 200,000	\$ 156,796	\$ -	\$ 92,893	\$ 55,418
Mileage	\$ 209	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,166	\$ 9,978
Legal Fees					\$ 1,340	
Bridge Expense					\$ 768,008	\$ 568,619
Advertising					\$ 348	
DEC Watershed Fees					\$ 200	
Other / int. on loan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,802
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 95,133</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>\$ 156,796</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 863,954</b>	<b>\$ 637,817</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 939</b>	<b>\$ (20,000)</b>	<b>\$ (61,537)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (774,108)</b>	<b>\$ 663,745</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ (939)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (61,537)</b>	<b>\$ (61,537)</b>	<b>\$ (835,645)</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (20,000)</b>	<b>\$ (61,537)</b>	<b>\$ (61,537)</b>	<b>\$ (835,645)</b>	<b>\$ (171,900)</b>

**We get reimbursed 90% of all expenses paid out on this project/ we had set aside \$ 175,000 in our general acct. to pay for the other 10%**

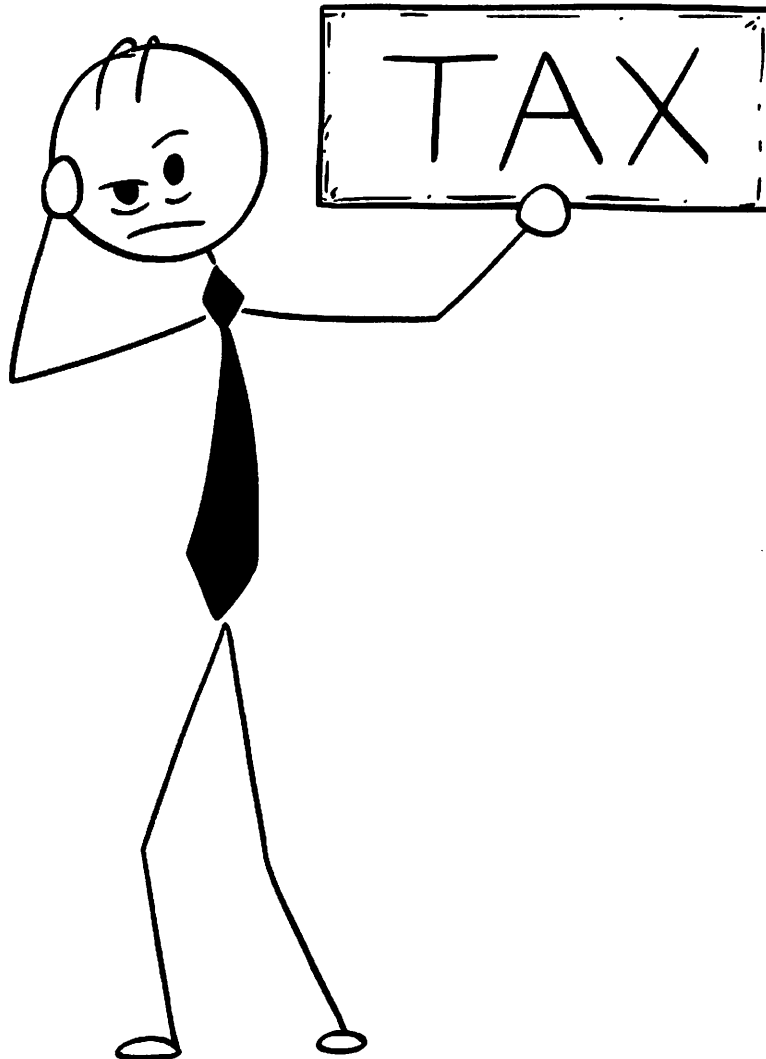
### Paving Fund

	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Assess from Selectboard	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Grant Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Paving Fund Exp.	\$ 87,500	\$ -	\$ 182,046		\$ 2,373	
Road Repair	\$ 3,951		\$ 72		\$ -	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 91,451</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 182,118</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,373</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ (66,451)</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ (132,118)</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 47,627</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 212,452</b>	<b>\$ 146,001</b>	<b>\$ 146,001</b>	<b>\$ 13,883</b>	<b>\$ 13,883</b>	<b>\$ 61,510</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 146,001</b>	<b>\$ 196,001</b>	<b>\$ 13,883</b>	<b>\$ 63,883</b>	<b>\$ 61,510</b>	<b>\$ 111,510</b>

Audit Fund has \$8,831.32

Town Of Lowell  
Delinquent Tax Report as of December 31,2024

<b>Delinquent Taxes-2021</b>	<b>\$1,059.58</b>
<b>Delinquent Taxes-2022</b>	<b>\$1,324.86</b>
<b>Delinquent Taxes-2023</b>	<b>\$19,323.64</b>
<b>Delinquent Taxes-2024</b>	<b>\$87,398.53</b>
<b>Total Delinquent Taxes</b>	<b>\$109,106.61</b>



## Listers' Report 2024

The Duty of the Listers is to update & maintain the Grand List accurately each year & have it "Lodged" or certified by each Lister, Selectboard member & the Town Clerk. The Lowell Grand Lists are kept in the vault- from 1828 to 2024! To complete this work we update & verify property sales, subdivisions, new or updated houses & structures, plus credits and exemptions. Examples include Veteran's Credits, Current Use, Contracts, & much more. Surveys, deeds and transfer documents are sent to Cartographics to update the 'Tax Maps' yearly. These maps are accessible on the Town website- [lowelltown.org](http://lowelltown.org).

To be granted the Residential (Homestead) Tax Rate a resident must file the Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122 with Form HI-144, with or after you've filed your income taxes with the IRS & VT. The 'FreeFile' programs do not usually include the above Forms HS-122 and HI-144. We need the Homestead Declaration filed before April 17<sup>th</sup>. If you need help don't hesitate to call the Office & we can help!

The Town-wide Reappraisal will be completed as of April 1, 2025. All property owners will be mailed an Official Change of Appraisal Notice which will include all the properties in Town. Informational Hearings will be held in May and the Formal Grievance Hearings will be held in June. Please call the Office or email us with any questions, concerns, or change of addresses. Thank You!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Higley

Chris Hager

Cheryl Clarke

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**LOWELL PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
**(ZONING BOARD)**

The Lowell Zoning Board has added three new members in 2024. They are Brenda Wesolow, Wenzday Jane and Troy Adams.

Lowell Zoning Board meetings are open to the public.

The regularly scheduled meeting time is the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Lowell Town Offices on Route 100.

Check with the Town Clerk that there will be a meeting on that Wednesday or request to be put on the agenda.

Please remember that most buildings and alterations whether commercial or residential need a permit.

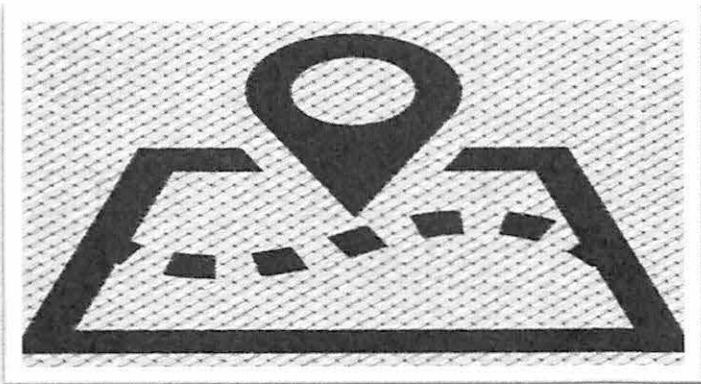
Permit applications may be picked up from the Town Clerk or the Zoning Administrator. Failure to secure a permit can result in a fine.

If you are building a structure that will need a septic system you will need to get an Agency of Natural Resources State permit number to complete your application.

Contact Agency Natural Resources (Groundwater Management & Protection division) in St. Johnsbury for additional information or questions, 802-751-0130.

The Board welcomes your feedback and encourages your input so please feel free to contact any board member with questions and suggestions.

- Sam Thurston
- Jeff Parsons
- Brenda Wesolow
- Wenzday Jane
- Troy Adams.



# Lowell Historical Society

The Lowell Historical Society welcomes anyone interested in Lowell's past. We are an informal group who meet when we get a chance and when there is something to discuss. To be informed of the next meeting e mail [samuelthurston@gmail.com](mailto:samuelthurston@gmail.com) or otherwise tell us of your interest. All are welcome, residents or not.

The Lowell Historical Society will again offer the \$1,000 Harry Wellman Scholarship. The award will be given to a graduating Lowell Senior attending any schooling who is accepted and enrolling in college or trade school and will be chosen among those submitting an essay on any aspect of Lowell history. You may base your essay on interviews with family, friends and residents, written sources such as diaries, old newspapers and published books. New this year - the student may also elect to write their essay on 'The Future', however they wish to interpret that prompt.

Besides the Harry Wellman Scholarship we are also offering the Harriot Flora Curtis discretionary award for \$500.

Essays are due by Monday, July 14th but may be submitted any time before. Deliver or send to Lowell Historical Society, Lowell Town Offices, 2170 Vermont Route 100 in Lowell or e mail to [samuelthurston@gmail.com](mailto:samuelthurston@gmail.com). The essay should be no less than 500 words. Any questions may be directed to Sam Thurston at 744-6859 or [samuelthurston@gmail.com](mailto:samuelthurston@gmail.com)

Note the deadline which is later than many scholarships.

Who were Harriot Flora Curtis and Harry Wellman? Harriot Aurora Louisa Maria Flora Curtis was born in 1813, one year after the first Lowell town meeting, to Asahel Curtis, who was the first schoolteacher, and Betsey Brigham Curtis. Lowell was called Kelleyvale then. At age 19, against her parents' wishes, she relocated to Lowell, Massachusetts to work in a clothing factory. She then became a writer and editor for a newspaper, the first newspaper entirely run by women. She then went on to write novels successfully.

Harry Wellman was the son of Legh Wellman, direct descendant of Jubilee Wellman, the first minister in Lowell. Legh owned the Wellman Hardware Store at the corner of Lower Village Road and Route 58. The building is still there. His son, Harry Wellman, who the scholarship is named for, became a successful professor of business at Dartmouth College.

Theda Wellman in front of the Wellman Hardware Store with her parents Legh and Emily Parker Wellman

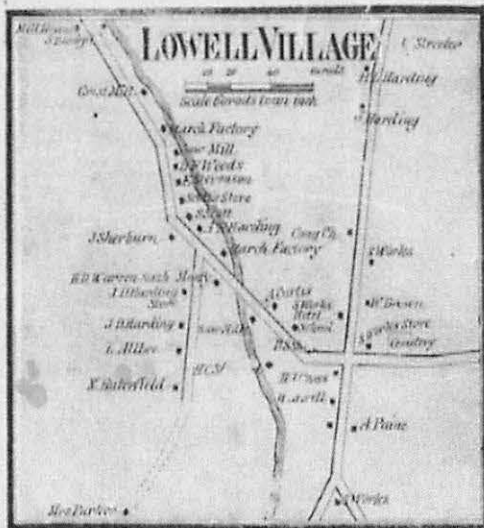


The Lowell Historical Society maintains a history room in the Town Offices which is open to the public by appointment. It contains numerous interesting artifacts from the Lowell of the past, including photos, old town reports, maps, old school photos, newspaper and magazine and articles on Lowell, census data, records and other historical data. If you have not visited it for a few years come take a look: you may be surprised at how we keep accumulating interesting things. If you have old diaries, letters, family reminiscences or the like we may be very interested in including them in our archives, either the originals or copies.

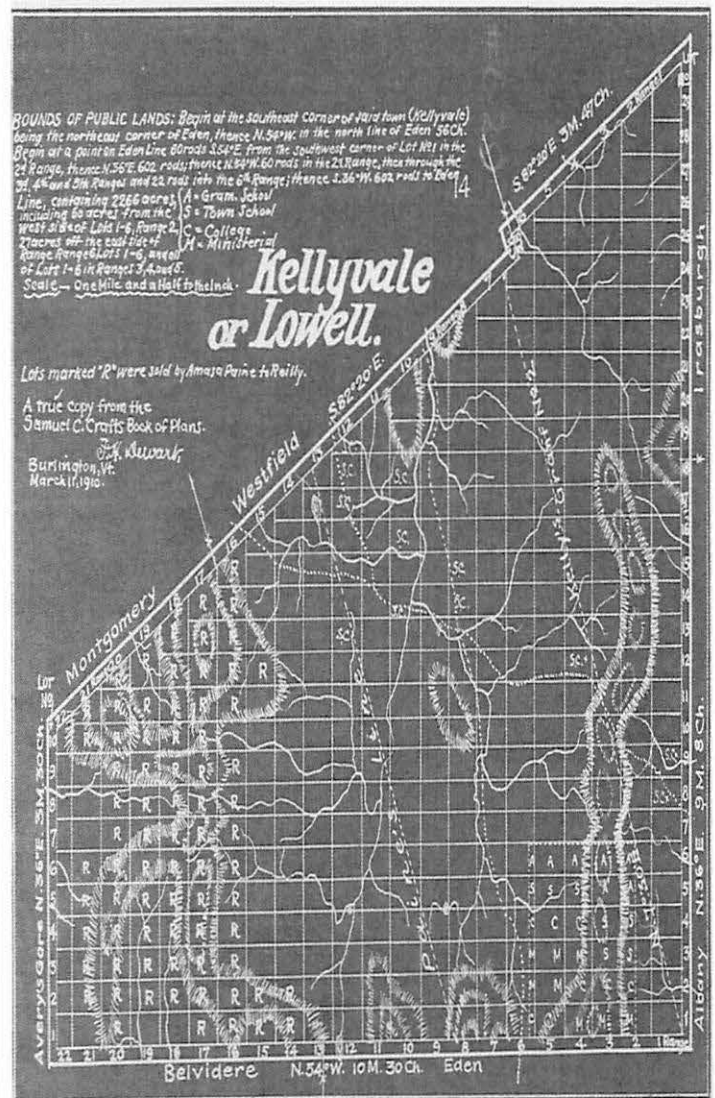
If your ancestors were born or lived in Lowell before the 1970's there is a great source for research and study in the Betty Kelley Archives, which is located in the Town Clerk's office and may be used anytime the Town Clerk's office is open. Compiled by Betty Kelley, this cabinet has a folder for practically every family born in Lowell from the earliest settlers to the end of the Twentieth Century. It contains extensive genealogical dates, photocopies of obituaries and weddings and other newsworthy articles. Occupations are sometimes noted, and some stories and reminiscences are included.

The Historical Society is very grateful for the donations of artifacts, photos, historical letters and documents (the originals or photocopies) and other materials that document Lowell. They were so helpful in writing our book and we thank everyone.

Lowell Village 1859



Source from the Map of the Counties of Orleans, Lincoln & Essex Vermont 1859. H.F. Walling. Orleans Co. Digitized by www.familysearch.org





# Letter from the Fire Chief

2024 started off as a very positive year for Lowell Fire. The department is 100% compliant with NFPA requirements, and have a very dedicated staff of firefighters to service the citizens of Lowell for any emergency that may come up as well as non-emergencies, such as filling pools and checking smoke detectors. As always Lowell Fire puts training as a high priority to be the best at what we do with fire and rescue calls.

The fire department responded to 29 calls a slight up-tic from 2023 .They are as follows:

**4 STRUCTURES**  
**1 CHIMNEY**  
**3 POWER LINES**  
**8 MUA CRASHES**  
**ALARMS**

**3 VEHICLE FIRES**  
**4 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**  
**1 BRUSH/GRASS**  
**5 MIC. FIRE CALLS/**  
**MUTUAL AID**

This past September the Fire Department as well as the community received devastating news of the untimely passing of our chief Calvin Allen. Calvin was a dedicated pillar of the Fire Department, and a great leader. He is greatly missed and may he rest in peace.

**Gerry Nick**

**Fire Chief**

**LVFD, Inc.**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
<b>Income</b>	
Direct Public Support	
Town Approp.	33,000.00
Total Direct Public Support	33,000.00
Other Types of Income	
GRANT INCOME - LEBLANC FARM	3,139.00
Total Other Types of Income	3,139.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>36,139.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Contract Services	
CONTRACTED SERVICES - LEBLANC F	3,433.32
OutsideContract Services	230.00
Contract Services -Other	3,279.06
Total Contract Services	6,942.38
Facilities and Equipment	
Equipment -Small	159.00
gear	2,327.54
Total Facilities andEq uipment	2,486.54
Maintenance	
Bldg & Grd. Maint.	
Snow Removal	875.00
Bldg & Grd. Maint. - Other	1,785.99
Total Bldg & Grd. Maint.	2,660.99
Equip. Maint.	3,209.32
Total Maintenance	5,870.31
Office Expenses	
Office Supplies	16.89
Utilities	
Electricity	1,217.89
Fuel	2,721.00
Phone & Internet	489.22
Total Utilities	4,428.11
Total Office Expenses	4,445.00
Operations	
gas/oil/Diesel	892.82
Insurance	
Property & liability nsurance	2,840.00
Sickness & Acci,lns.	3,466.00
Workers Comp Ins.	1,219.00
Total Insurance	7,525.00
Membership Dues	100.00
Postage,Mailng Service	154.00
Supplies	3,058.91
Telephone, Telecommunications	1,884.00
Training	820.00
Total Operations	14,434.73
Other Types of Expenses	
Other Costs	40.61
Total Other Types of Expenses	40.61
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>34,219.57</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,919.43</b>

# LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Special Equipment Account

Prior Year Balance 12/31/2023	20,870.78
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Donations	1600.00
Services Rendered	545.00
Great Auk Wireless	1170.00
T-Mobile	18,159.54
Calvin Allen Memorial Fund	2557.00
Misc. Income	100.00
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Total Income	24,131.54
<b>TOTAL BALANCE &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>45,002.32</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Rescue Truck Loan Payments	5,526.01
New Equipment	
Gear	2,065.20
Repair/Upkeep	61.18
Misc.	98.45
Training	52.20
Postage	68.00
Building & Grounds	75.49
Corporation Tax	100.85
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Total Disbursements	8,047.38
TOTAL REVENUE	45,002.32
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	8,047.38
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<b>SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>36,954.94</b>

**NOTE:** 20,000 was taken from checking and invested in a CD. This leaves a balance in checking of **16,954.94** Interest on this CD has not been calculated and is not included in this report.



# FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

Anyone in the Town of Lowell wishing to have an open fire must first receive a "Written Burn Permit" from the local Fire Warden, or Deputy Fire Warden. You may find their telephone numbers posted around town. All burn permits are free.

This year there **WERE 80** permits issued by the Fire Warden, Deputy Warden and Town Fire Chief. This year's permit counts were down due to a high winds burn ban this fall. The Fire Warden and Deputy Warden should be the first to call for a permit as they are updated daily on fire weather danger and conditions. As you may have seen at the town green there is a daily fire danger sign to let residents know of the fire danger level. This is updated daily during spring, summer and fall fire seasons.

## **NOTICE:**

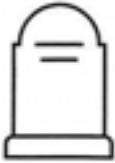
Due to calls from neighbors of illegal burning of toxic materials. Wardens or members of the Fire Department may make random checks of the burn piles. Please respect your neighbors and do not burn garbage. Certain building materials such as roofing, vinyl siding, foam rubber, etc.... There are ***fines*** for burning ***without a permit***, so please call the Warden or Assistant Fire Warden

We wish to thank everyone who called for a permit this year before burning. And please help prevent forest fires. Thank you for your cooperation,

***Gerry Nick- Forest Fire Warden***

***Marc Sicotte- Deputy Warden***





# The Lowell Cemetery Association

The Lowell Cemetery Association manages the care and finances of the Mountain View Cemetery. Town funding, lot fees, volunteer effort, and contributions of material and equipment enable the Association to maintain, improve and beautify the cemetery. Besides routine grounds maintenance, improvements in 2024 included:

- Professional tree removal, pruning, crowning, and mitigation
- Tree planting
- Signpost replacement

The Association requests 2025 town funding of \$5750.00 for ongoing maintenance and improvements.

	<b>Checking Acct.</b>	
	<b>Jan 1, 2024 (Beg. Bal.)</b>	<b>\$10,139.08</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
	Contributions	200.00
	2024 Appropriations	3,800.00
	Mass Mutual	818.13
	Contribution	50.00
	Sale of 1/2 lot	665.00
	sale of 2 full lots	1,230.00
	sale of 1 full lot	615.00
	2024 Appropriations	5,500.00
	Sale of 1 full lot	615.00
	Contribution	50.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,543.13</b>
		<b>13,543.13</b>
		<b>\$23,682.21</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
	Website & USPS	92.47
	Flag	19.07
	Spring Clean up	540.00
	Domain Name Registration	46.34
	Recording Fees	45.00
	Corner Posts	750.00
	Reparing Stone	225.00
	Tree Removal	2,000.00
	Recording Fee & 4x4 post	29.78
	Mowing and Trimming	3,800.00
	Corner Posts	250.00
	Corner Posts	250.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,047.66</b>
		<b>\$8,047.66</b>
	<b>ENDING BAL. Dec. 31, 2024</b>	<b>15,634.55</b>

## F.O.L.K. (Friends of Lowell Kids)

The generosity of our small town never ceases to amaze us. We work hard to plan and organize events throughout the year to benefit all of the children in the town of Lowell. This organization is not just made up of parents, but grandparents, and community members who truly just care and have great intentions. Yet none of it would be possible without the support that comes from those who join us at an event, who donate or give in some other way. It takes all of us! So FOLK wants to thank you for all you do. This year we added some additional fundraisers with concession stands and a cookie kit. We were fortunate to be able to hold more events such as movie nights under the new tent we purchased this summer. Stay tuned for "Family Fun Nights" to come! If you would like to make a suggestion for future events or projects then please remember to fill out our survey at Town Meeting, in the fall or online so we can hear all the voices of our supporters.

We hope that you will check out our website or Facebook if you have not yet. Be sure to look for our "Forms & Feedback" page to request funding or support for activities for children, or share your ideas or requests with us. We welcome new ideas for programs, events or fundraisers you'd like to see us help make a reality for the children of Lowell.

Friends of Lowell Kids typically meets one Tuesday a month at 6:00pm. The location is usually at the Lowell Graded School. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time or let us know if you'd like to attend a meeting so we can keep you posted. We welcome your ideas and look forward to working together to build more opportunities for children in our town.



Sincerely,

Members: Carla Raboin, Keri Willey, Jennifer Blay, Sonja Blodgett, Samantha Santaw-Wright, Cheryl Clarke, Megan Champney-Geoffroy, Courtney Richardson, Martina Blodgett.

### 2025 F.O.L.K. EVENTS

*(all dates tentative and subject to change)*

Tuesday, March 4th

Donations for the Jay Area Food Shelf will be collected at Town Meeting

Saturday, March 8th

BINGO at the Parish Hall to benefit LGS 8th grade trip to D.C.

Friday, March 28th

Deadline for High School Senior Scholarship Applications

Saturday, May 24th

F.O.L.K. Community Yard Sale

Saturday, September 20th

Annual Town of Lowell F.O.L.K. Festival

Friday, October 24th

Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday, November 15th

Hunters' Breakfast & Raffle Drawing

Saturday, December 6th

Cookies with Santa



FOLK Checkbook for 2024					
Total	Payment /Debit	Deposit /Credit	Date	Description	Check Number
\$18,636.58			1/1	Starting balance from 2023	
\$20,636.58		\$2,000.00	1/5	Thermal Tech donation	
\$19,986.58	\$650.00		1/28	LGS Dusti Bowling	1084
\$19,910.74	\$75.84		1/28	LGS Ingram National Geo Books	1085
\$19,610.74	\$300.00		2/29	w/d kitty for Bingo, town meeting	
\$20,520.49		\$909.75	3/19	611.00 town meeting 298.75 Kitty	
\$21,261.49		\$741.00	3/22	10.00 Bingo 406.75 food 333.00 Raffle 1.75 Kitty	
\$19,910.74	\$1,350.75		4/3	LGS 8th grade Bingo Proceeds	1086
\$21,060.74		\$1,150.00	4/3	Raffle for Jenn Blay Morpho Institute	
\$20,635.74	\$425.00		4/8	Morpho Institute Jenn Blay trip	1087
\$20,542.50	\$93.24		4/12	Keri Willey Solar Eclipse LGS	1088
\$20,242.50	\$300.00		5/1	FBLA Nationals Florida Martina Blodgett	1089
\$19,942.50	\$300.00		5/1	FBLA Nationals Florida Destiny Wright	1090
\$19,752.37	\$190.13		5/8	Megan Champney Coffee Urns, Cups Movie night supplies	1091
\$19,502.37	\$250.00		5/13	Martina Blodgett Scholarship	1092
\$19,252.37	\$250.00		5/13	Haidin Bathalon Scholarship	1093
\$19,002.37	\$250.00		5/13	Aliegha Bonneau Scholarship	1094
\$18,752.37	\$250.00		5/13	Kayla Kennison Scholarship	1095
\$18,502.37	\$250.00		5/13	Mikayla Richardson Scholarship	1096
\$17,852.37	\$650.00		5/22	LGS Lacross PE	1097
\$17,702.37	\$150.00		5/24	Cash Kitty Community yard sale	
\$18,321.12		\$618.75	6/1	Yard sale 468.75 Kitty 150.00	
\$17,762.07	\$559.05		6/4	LGS Grannie Snow Author visit library	1098
\$17,363.07	\$399.00		6/18	LGS Jay Peak Ice skating whole school	1099
\$17,264.16	\$98.91		7/2	Grannie Snow Productions	1100
\$16,596.54	\$667.62		7/2	Megan Champney Tent, Movie night	1101
\$16,537.59	\$58.95		7/2	Keri Willey soda, drinks, community yard sale	1102
\$16,252.59	\$285.00		8/21	Memphremagog Press FOLK t-shirts	1103
\$15,592.59	\$660.00		8/26	Rite Way Sports, hunters Raffle Rifles	1104

\$15,566.60	\$25.99		9/2 Megan Champney, FOLK Aprons	1105	
\$15,416.60	\$150.00		9/10 Cash Kitty, FOLK Fest.		
\$15,116.60	\$300.00		9/21 VT Elegant Equine, wagon rides, FOLK fest.	1106	
\$14,401.60	\$715.00		9/21 Forever Young, bounce house, FOLK fest	1107	
\$16,733.60		\$2,332.00	9/23 auction \$1952.00, vendor 130.00, Passumpsic donation 250.00		
\$16,528.70	\$204.90		9/30 LGS Yoga mats middle school	1108	
\$16,068.72	\$459.98		9/30 LGS, air conditioner	1109	
\$15,480.32	\$588.40		10/1 Megan Champney, signs, ropes for tent concession food soccer	1110	
\$15,393.11	\$87.21		10/1 Sonja Blodgett, games through amazon for FOLK Fest.	1111	
\$15,795.11		\$402.00	11/15 Soccer concession food sales		
\$16,254.16		\$459.05	11/15 Trunk or Treat food sales		
\$18,634.16		\$2,380.00	11/15 Hunters Raffle only		
\$20,339.16		\$1,705.00	11/15 Hunters Raffle 620.00, breakfast 935.00, kitty 150.00		
\$20,106.34	\$232.82		11/19 Megan Champney, Santa suit, food backdrop	1112	
\$19,808.47	\$297.87		11/19 LGS, bacon, burgers, hotdogs. Hunters breakfast, basketball	1113	
\$19,850.47		\$42.00	12/10 cookie donation money		
\$19,700.47	\$150.00		12/10 cash kitty, basketball food concessions		
\$19,200.47	\$500.00		12/25 Shannon Sinclair, LGS basketball uniforms	1114	
\$19,078.13	\$122.34		12/1 LGS basketball concession food, burgers	1115	
			Total Fundraising/Donations		\$12,739.55
			Total Expenditures		\$12,298.00
			Net Yearly Amount		\$441.55



Lowell Community Library  
2170 VT Route 100  
Lowell, VT 05847  
802-744-2317

[library@lowelltown.org](mailto:library@lowelltown.org)

Follow us on our new Facebook page @lowell.community.library

Library Hours: Tuesday 1 - 5 Saturday 11 - 3

Statistics for 2024

Library open 100 days, 313 Adult Visits, 480 Children Visits

Books Circulated: 375 to adults, 572 to children

Current Memberships: 106

Trustee meetings 13

7 week Children's Summer Program "Our Global Village": 13 attended

Lowell Graded School 1st/2nd grade visits for Craft/Story Hours: 10 Tuesdays

New Book Purchases: Adult: 64, Children: 55

Books donated to Library: 315

We are open 8 hours weekly: Tuesdays to meet the need for school classes to have access to our books and programs, and Saturdays for those unable to come during the week. We are very excited to see how much our membership and visits have grown over the past year!

The Vermont Department of Libraries provides services to all public libraries.

It offers additional services to those public libraries which meet standards, and we continue to work toward meeting those standards for libraries.

We had successful fundraising with a bake sale at Town Meeting and a Raffle in the fall. All proceeds have and will go toward purchasing books. Thank you to the following donors for our raffle: June Seebeck Downs, Gynette Manning, Tetreault Farm, D Pion Transport, Debbie Manning, Brandie Cochran, Tink's Treasures, Richard Pion, Tina Lehoullier, Jenn Higgins.

We had 12 visits from 1st and 2nd Graders at the Lowell School. They enjoyed crafts and stories and during the year selected 156 books that were kept in the classroom to share with each other and returned at each visit. We thank the F.O.L.K. (Friends of Lowell Kids) for their kind donation of the Silas series by Grannie Snow.

The 7 week summer program: "Our Global Village" for children was very successful. We had the opportunity to borrow from Chris Nelson, of Mountain View Day Care, artifacts, clothing, books, instruments, games, and food from 5 countries: Japan, Peru, England, South Korea, Scotland (Vikings) and a globe, flags, passports and stamps, colored bins from Cathi St. Marie and Keri Willey. Mr. Alan Yale gave us a special talk "All About Birds" on our 6th week. He brought bird carvings and shared his experience and knowledge with us all.

Thanks to Debbie Manning, who brought 3 great evenings of fun for those who attended in October (Holiday craft wagon), November (Holiday Cards) and the December Cookie Swap. We also appreciate the use of the Lowell office boardroom. Thanks also to Brandie Cochran for several trips with outdated books to a resource center.

For anyone who would like a good mystery read.....come select from our free bookshelves....

Thoughts for 2025:

-We want to be supportive of interests in our community, provide a variety of genre and get input on what you would like to have offered at your Community Library!

-Offer more monthly events for adults and children...

-We are looking into updating our inventory system with computer program called Libibit. Other libraries who have this type of program can borrow books from one another, adding to the variety of resources available for everyone.

Come visit your library in 2025.....we appreciate your support!

LIBRARIAN,

*Nancy Allen*

TRUSTEES,

*Jenn Higgins*

*Debbie Manning*

*Katherine Pion*

*Brandie Cochran*

*Faye Starr*



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To: Lowell Select Board and Christy Pion, Town Clerk of Lowell

From: Lowell Community Library Trustees

Date: 12/24/24

We would like to formally notify you of our need to increase the Lowell Community Library request for Town funding from \$6500.00 to \$7500.00 for 2025.

We have prepared an actual budget totaling \$8800.00 for support of the Library, and plan to use funds that we raise and that have been carried over from previous years to meet our projected need of \$8800.00 for the 2025 year.

We have increased the hours the library is open for the community and provided a number of programs and special events for the children and adults of Lowell - our membership/use by the community are way up! Our narrative for the Town Report will be provided soon with details for inclusion in the document provided for the taxpayers of Lowell.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lowell Library Trustees

Brandie Cochran, Jennifer Higgins, Debbie Manning, Katherine Pion,  
Faye Starr

## Announcements & Reminders:

- All Australian ballot articles warned by North Country Union High School (NCUHS) will be voted by the Australian ballot system at the Lowell Graded School on the day of Town meeting.
- **Polls will be open this year at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.**
- **You must file a HS122 Homestead Declaration Form EACH YEAR** with your annual state tax return to receive the residential tax rate from the Town. For more information and help please call the Town Office to speak to the Listers or go to [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov).

The recycling compacter at the Town Garage are open to the public on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. There is a staff member on site to assist you and answer any questions you may have about acceptable items.

**2025**

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Rabies Clinic	The Animal doctor will be holding Clinics every Wednesday in March 2024. (at their facilities)		
Green Up Day	May 3rd	All Day	55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Green-Up Vermont
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	May 17th	7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	October 4th	7:30 a.m. To 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT





# REPORT OF DOG LICENSES

Dogs Licensed (2024) .....	126.
Penalties .....	\$ 40.00
Special Licenses .....	\$ 30.00
Total License Fees Received .....	\$ 1214.00
Fees Paid to VT State Treasurer .....	\$ 590.00.

## DOG REMINDER

**ALL DOGS 6 MONTHS & OLDER MUST BE LICENSED BY  
APRIL 1st, 2025**

**50% Penalty charged after April 1st, 2025.**

**Dog License Fees:**

**\$11.00 each neutered or spayed.**

**\$13.00 each not neutered or spayed.**

**Fee After April 1st, 2025**

**\$ 13.00 each neutered or spayed.**

**\$ 17.00 each not neutered or spayed.**



**The Animal Doctor will be hosting a Rabies clinic every Wednesday in March 2024 at her facilities only.**

**(YOU MUST SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION AT TIME OF LICENSING)**

**PLEASE NOTE**

**All dogs, cats, ferrets & wolf/ hybrids must be vaccinated against rabies.**

### TOWN OF LOWELL- DOG ORDINANCE

**An ordinance establishing regulations for the control of domestic pets and wolf-hybrids has been adopted by the Selectboard since October 5, 2004 and took effect on December 6, 2004.**

**No owner, keeper or other person shall permit a dog or wolf-hybrid owned by him/her or under his/her keeping or control, to run at large; such person found in violation shall be subject to civil penalties or other enforcement remedies – as provided by law.**

**A copy of the ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's office.**

# Household Hazardous Waste



**Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 am to 11:30 am**

**Event to be held at the, New England Waste Services of Vermont, Inc.  
landfill facility on Airport Road in Coventry**

**This event is FREE and open to the RESIDENTS of**

**Newport City, Coventry, Barton,  
Lowell & Burke**

**If you qualify as a small quantity (CEG) business, and wish to dispose of your hazardous waste, arrangements for disposal and payment must be made in advance and at least one week prior to the event.**

**Proof of residency will be required.**

## **Materials Accepted at the Event:**

**Acids, Adhesives, Aerosols, Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Cements, Charcoal Lighters, Chlorine, Cleaning Fluid, Degreasers, Disinfectants, Drain Cleaners, Dry Gas, Epoxies, Dyes, Fiberglass Resins, Flea Powders, Furniture Strippers, Hair Removers, Herbicides, Insect Repellents, Lacquers, Lubricants, Mothballs or Flakes, Nail Polish Removers, Oven Cleaners, Latex Paints, Oil Based Paints, Paint Removers, Paint Thinners, Permanent Solutions, Pesticides, Photo Chemicals, Rat Poisons, Rug & Upholstery Cleaners, Rust Solvents, Wood Preservatives, Spot Removers, Toilet Bowl Cleaners, Tub and Tile Cleaners, Turpentine, Varnish, Weed Killers, Wood Polishes, Wood Stains, Fluorescent Light Tubes/Lighting, Mercury Containing Products, Roofing Tar & Driveway Sealer.**

## **Materials NOT Accepted at the Event:**

**Asbestos, Asphalt, Automotive and Marine Batteries, Electronic Waste, Tires, Used Oil, Explosives or Shock-Sensitive Materials, Ammunition, Radio-Active Wastes, Pathological Wastes, Infectious Waste, Medicines, Dioxins, Smoke Detectors, Compressed Gas Cylinders.**

**If you have any questions about the event or acceptable materials, please call;  
**(802) 334-8300****

### *Births Registered for Lowell Town Clerk*

<u>Date Registered</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Town Of Birth</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>	<u>Residence Street</u>
9/24/2024	9/22/2024	Bathalon	Josiah	Réal		M	Newport City	Lowell	1380 Mnes Road
5/27/2024	5/21/2024	Becker	Tara	Grace		F	St. Johnsbury	Lowell	663 Page Rd
10/29/2024	10/25/2024	Bourgeois	Maia	Mae Marie		F	Morrisville	Lowell	3868 Mnes Road
3/5/2024	3/3/2024	Chambers	Lillian	Marie		F	Newport City	Lowell	5718 VT Route 100
7/12/2024	7/9/2024	DiZazzo	Anthony	James		M	Newport City	Lowell	347 Hazen Notch Rd
7/24/2024	7/22/2024	Joslyn	Kaylee	Jane		F	Newport City	Lowell	1292 VT Route 100
9/26/2024	9/24/2024	Mangum	Milo	Major		M	Morrisville	Lowell	1813 Carter Road
6/6/2024	5/30/2024	Montgomery	Isaiah			M	Lowell	Lowell	2673 VT Rte 58 E
7/10/2024	7/7/2024	Roy	Kyson	Ryan		M	Newport City	Lowell	367 Mnk Farm Rd

### *Deaths Registered for Lowell Town Clerk*

<u>Date Registered</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Town Of Death</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>	<u>Residence Street</u>
09/30/2024	9/25/2024	Allen	Calvin			61 years	Lowell	Lowell	2932 VT Route 100
05/28/2024	5/24/2024	Barry	Roy	Arthur	JR	55 years	Lowell	Lowell	1588 Cheney Rd
03/09/2024	3/7/2024	Bessette	George			80 years	Morrisville	Lowell	1515 Cheney Rd
08/13/2024	8/9/2024	Christiansen	Keith			78 years	Lowell	Lowell	7020 VT Route 100
01/08/2024	1/3/2024	Cowles	Carl	Herbert		85 years	Albany	Lowell	933 Eden Rd
10/24/2024	10/22/2024	Donna	Patrick	Henry		70 years	Lowell	Lowell	79 Mitchell Road
11/25/2024	11/22/2024	Dunn	Robin	L		61 years	Morrisville	Lowell	1731 Irish Hill Rd
02/21/2024	2/20/2024	McCusker	Jacquelyn	Patricia		88 years	Lowell	Lowell	1138 Irish Hill Rd
12/24/2024	12/22/2024	Wright	Rachel			76 years	Coventry	Lowell	494 Irish Hill Rd

### *2024 Marriages*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>
08/05/24	REMLIN, KURT EDWARD	FLINT, MICHEALLA VICTORIA
09/23/24	KELLER, BEN	MANDERSKI, JENNIFER LEE

**WARNING**  
**LOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF LOWELL, VERMONT ARE  
HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN OF LOWELL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 AT  
10:00 A.M. TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZ:

1. TO ELECT A MODERATOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.
2. TO ELECT A SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO FINISH OUT THE REMAINING ONE YEAR OF A THREE-YEAR TERM.
3. TO ELECT A SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.
4. TO ELECT A UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.
5. SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO EXPEND \$2,387,126, WHICH IS THE AMOUNT THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR? THE DISTRICT ESTIMATES THAT THIS PROPOSED BUDGET, IF APPROVED, WILL RESULT IN PER PUPIL EDUCATION SPENDING OF \$12,880, WHICH IS 0.07% LOWER THAN PER PUPIL EDUCATION SPENDING FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

DATED AT LOWELL, VERMONT THIS 22ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2025:

TOWN OF LOWELL

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS



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SHAUNA RICHARDSON



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JASON BLAY



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JENNA DELVA

## LOWELL SCHOOL FY2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

FY2024 BUDGET      FY2024 ACTUAL      FY2025 BUDGET      FY2026 PROPOSED

LOCAL REVENUES				
Investment Earnings - Interest	(\$1,000)	(\$2,386)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
Interest-TAN	\$0	(\$26,214)	(\$2,500)	(\$5,000)
Misc. Other Local Revenue	\$0	(\$16,095)	\$0	\$0
FOLK Donations	\$0	(\$559)	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES</b>	<b>(\$1,000)</b>	<b>(\$45,254)</b>	<b>(\$3,500)</b>	<b>(\$6,000)</b>
<b>SUBGRANT REVENUES</b>				
Medicaid Sub Grant	(\$10,000)	(\$2,676)	(\$39,260)	(\$10,000)
ESSER III SUBGRANT	(\$136,484)	(\$119,319)	\$0	\$0
Other Subgrants	\$0	(\$1,739)	(\$700)	(\$700)
Subgrants for Schoolwide Programs	(\$67,089)	(\$17,320)	(\$74,304)	(\$71,921)
<b>TOTAL SUBGRANT REVENUES</b>	<b>(\$213,573)</b>	<b>(\$141,053)</b>	<b>(\$114,264)</b>	<b>(\$82,621)</b>
<b>STATE REVENUES</b>				
Education Spending Grant	(\$1,774,059)	(\$1,774,059)	(\$2,177,580)	(\$2,271,505)
VSAC Grant	(\$6,500)	\$0	(\$6,500)	\$0
Small Schools Grant	(\$126,204)	(\$126,202)	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL STATE REVENUES</b>	<b>(\$1,906,763)</b>	<b>(\$1,900,261)</b>	<b>(\$2,184,080)</b>	<b>(\$2,271,505)</b>
<b>FEDERAL REVENUES</b>				
REAP Grant	\$0	(\$1,795)	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$1,795)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE AS REVENUES</b>				
Fund Balance As Revenue	(\$65,000)	\$0	(\$52,600)	(\$27,000)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$65,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$52,600)</b>	<b>(\$27,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>(\$2,186,336)</b>	<b>(\$2,088,363)</b>	<b>(\$2,354,444)</b>	<b>(\$2,387,126)</b>
<b>1111 PRE-K</b>				
Salary - Pre K Teacher	\$26,040	\$26,240	\$27,618	\$13,930
Salary - Pre K Para	\$24,878	\$13,848	\$15,831	\$19,105
Substitutes Pay - Pre K	\$0	\$208	\$0	\$0
Health Ins - Pre K	\$10,328	\$2,005	\$10,218	\$1,840
Health Reimbursement Account	\$2,100	\$1,343	\$2,200	\$0
FICA - Pre K	\$3,895	\$3,236	\$3,323	\$2,527
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$145
Pre K Municipal Retirement	\$1,368	\$67	\$1,108	\$0
Tuition - Pre K	\$2,732	\$0	\$1,356	\$683
Unemployment - Pre K	\$14	\$7	\$10	\$7
Workers Comp - Pre K	\$397	\$293	\$391	\$264
Dental Ins - Pre K	\$355	\$0	\$369	\$0
Life Insurance - Pre K	\$70	\$63	\$71	\$37
Long Term Disability - Pre K	\$158	\$114	\$71	\$102
Student Tuition-PreK Private	\$6,712	\$0	\$7,768	\$7,964
Supplies - Pre K	\$1,000	\$43	\$500	\$500
Supplies Technology Related	\$0	\$131	\$200	\$200
<b>TOTAL 1111 PRE-K</b>	<b>\$80,047</b>	<b>\$47,597</b>	<b>\$71,034</b>	<b>\$47,306</b>
<b>2190 OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>				
NCSU Early Childhood Assessment	\$17,353	\$17,353	\$17,294	\$25,274
<b>TOTAL 2190 OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$17,353</b>	<b>\$17,353</b>	<b>\$17,294</b>	<b>\$25,274</b>



<b>1101 DIRECT INSTRUCTION (1101)</b>				
Salary - Elementary Teachers	\$510,311	\$504,398	\$503,775	\$491,812
Salary - Teacher Medicaid	\$0	\$0	\$39,260	\$0
Salary-VSAC	\$6,500	\$4,629	\$6,500	\$0
Salary - Elementary Para	\$0	\$2,080	\$0	\$26,283
Substitutes Pay - Elementary	\$5,000	\$6,387	\$5,000	\$5,000
Health Ins - Elementary	\$94,742	\$95,636	\$127,472	\$134,338
Health Reimbursement Account	\$30,000	\$16,023	\$23,900	\$24,000
FICA - Elementary	\$39,421	\$37,700	\$38,921	\$39,634
FICA-VSAC	\$497	\$354	\$496	\$0
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,280
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$2,000	\$755	\$2,000	\$4,163
VSTRS - Pension Payments	\$0	\$996	\$0	\$0
Municipal Retirement	\$0	\$239	\$0	\$1,511
Municipal Retirement-VSAC	\$358	\$0	\$455	\$0
Tuition - Elementary	\$10,000	\$5,852	\$10,000	\$10,000
Unemployment - Elementary	\$40	\$38	\$35	\$46
Workers Comp-Elementary	\$3,980	\$4,451	\$4,534	\$4,145
Dental Ins - Elementary	\$4,723	\$4,695	\$4,065	\$5,424
Life Insurance - Elementary	\$330	\$309	\$305	\$353
Long Term Disability - Elementary	\$1,582	\$1,514	\$1,562	\$1,606
Purchased & Technical Services - Element	\$6,000	\$6,768	\$6,000	\$6,000
Prch Prop Svcs - Elementary-Copier	\$4,000	\$4,070	\$4,000	\$4,000
Travel - Elementary	\$1,500	\$2,425	\$500	\$500
Purchased Services From NCSU	\$68,879	\$60,770	\$71,635	\$71,635
Supplies - Elementary	\$15,000	\$15,009	\$20,000	\$20,000
Supplies Science Grant	\$0	\$400	\$0	\$0
Supplies-Grant Funded	\$0	\$688	\$0	\$0
Supplies-REAP Grant	\$0	\$1,795	\$0	\$0
Supplies-Paper	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Books\Periodicals - Elementary	\$3,000	\$442	\$3,000	\$3,000
Books/Periodicals-Math	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies Technology Related	\$2,500	\$3,906	\$3,500	\$3,500
Furniture	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
Dues\Fees - Elementary	\$2,000	\$2,377	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL 1101 DIRECT INSTRUCTION (1101)</b>	<b>\$818,363</b>	<b>\$784,706</b>	<b>\$880,415</b>	<b>\$862,731</b>
<b>1121 SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAMS</b>				
Teacher Salary SWP PreK	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,930
Salary - Schoolwide Teacher	\$47,902	\$11,516	\$53,788	\$33,630
Health Insurance SWP PREK	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Health Ins - Schoolwide	\$1,600	\$0	\$1,600	\$1,000
FICA SWP PreK	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,066
FICA - Schoolwide	\$3,664	\$881	\$4,115	\$2,573
Childcare Tax SWP PreK	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$61
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$148
VSTRS OPEB Payment	\$536	\$453	\$536	\$12,194
VSTRS Pension Payment	\$11,975	\$2,214	\$13,447	\$8,623
Tuition - Schoolwide	\$820	\$0	\$2,170	\$1,366
Unemployment Compensation SWP PREK	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2
Unemployment - Schoolwide	\$10	\$6	\$7	\$2
Workers Compensation - SWP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$111
Workers Comp - Schoolwide	\$374	\$337	\$484	\$269
Dental Ins - Schoolwide	\$0	\$0	\$336	\$336
Life Insurance PreK Swp	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11
Life Insurance - Schoolwide	\$60	\$13	\$65	\$22
Long Term Disability SWP PREK	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43
Long Term Disability - Schoolwide	\$148	\$36	\$167	\$104
Supplies - Schoolwide	\$0	\$68	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL 1121 SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$67,089</b>	<b>\$15,523</b>	<b>\$76,715</b>	<b>\$75,992</b>

<b>1122 TITLE IIA TEACHER QUALITY</b>				
Supplies - Title I	\$0	\$1,670	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL 1122 TITLE IIA TEACHER QUALITY</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,670</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>1201 SPECIAL EDUCATION (1201)</b>				
Salary - Para	\$168,821	\$169,916	\$202,477	\$208,903
Substitutes Pay	\$0	\$5,460	\$0	\$0
Health Ins	\$75,707	\$94,866	\$125,869	\$122,180
Health Reimbursement Account	\$14,700	\$19,210	\$24,200	\$17,600
FICA	\$12,915	\$11,948	\$15,490	\$15,981
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$919
Municipal Retirement	\$9,285	\$9,037	\$14,173	\$12,012
Unemployment	\$34	\$32	\$34	\$38
Workers Comp	\$1,317	\$1,253	\$1,822	\$1,671
Dental Ins	\$2,755	\$3,687	\$4,132	\$3,169
Life Insurance	\$168	\$157	\$183	\$209
Long Term Disability	\$523	\$508	\$628	\$648
NCSU Special Services Assessment	\$145,308	\$145,308	\$167,747	\$152,534
Supplies	\$0	\$466	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL 1201 SPECIAL EDUCATION (1201)</b>	<b>\$431,533</b>	<b>\$461,847</b>	<b>\$556,755</b>	<b>\$535,864</b>
<b>1401 ATHLETICS</b>				
Salaries - Co-Curricular	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
FICA - Co-Curricular	\$152	\$115	\$153	\$153
MUN RET - CO-CURRICULAR	\$0	\$26	\$0	\$0
Referees	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
NCSU Middle Schools Baseball/Softball	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Supplies	\$850	\$0	\$250	\$250
Trophies/Banquet	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Dues/Fees-Tournaments	\$250	\$0	\$600	\$600
<b>TOTAL 1401 ATHLETICS</b>	<b>\$5,252</b>	<b>\$1,641</b>	<b>\$5,003</b>	<b>\$5,003</b>
<b>1501 CO-CURRICULAR</b>				
Camp Encore	\$21,600	\$21,600	\$21,600	\$21,600
Student Activities	\$1,000	\$1,773	\$1,400	\$1,400
Student Activities Medicaid	\$0	\$2,176	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL 1501 CO-CURRICULAR</b>	<b>\$22,600</b>	<b>\$25,549</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>
<b>2120 GUIDANCE</b>				
Salary - Teacher Guidance	\$26,800	\$26,870	\$20,200	\$26,885
Health Ins	\$2,000	\$1,200	\$600	\$11,091
Health Reimbursement Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
FICA	\$2,050	\$2,148	\$1,544	\$2,057
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$1,400	\$1,533	\$0	\$771
Tuition	\$1,912	\$0	\$814	\$1,366
Unemployment	\$5	\$3	\$3	\$5
Workers Comp	\$209	\$191	\$182	\$215
Dental Ins	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$336
Life Insurance	\$30	\$30	\$22	\$22
Long Term Disability	\$83	\$83	\$63	\$83
Books\Periodicals	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL 2120 GUIDANCE</b>	<b>\$34,989</b>	<b>\$32,058</b>	<b>\$23,928</b>	<b>\$47,449</b>
<b>2132 SCHOOL NURSE</b>				
Nurse Salary	\$21,951	\$21,556	\$22,859	\$22,546
Health Ins	\$0	\$1,340	\$1,000	\$1,320
Health Reimbursement Account	\$1,320	\$0	\$0	\$0
FICA	\$1,679	\$1,752	\$1,748	\$1,725
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$99
Unemployment	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
Workers Comp	\$171	\$154	\$206	\$180

Life Insurance	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26
Long Term Disability	\$68	\$72	\$71	\$70
Supplies	\$1,000	\$918	\$1,000	\$1,000
Dues\Fees	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$200
<b>TOTAL 2132 SCHOOL NURSE</b>	<b>\$26,220</b>	<b>\$25,822</b>	<b>\$27,115</b>	<b>\$27,171</b>
<b>2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>				
Testing Services	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contract Services Psychological	\$2,000	\$6,186	\$2,000	\$2,000
SBC Services From NCSU	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
<b>TOTAL 2140 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>	<b>\$6,186</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>
<b>2151 SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY SERVICES</b>				
Wages - SLPA	\$0	\$16,245	\$15,349	\$13,039
Health Ins	\$0	\$1,120	\$1,000	\$0
FICA	\$0	\$1,328	\$1,174	\$997
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$57
Municipal Retirement	\$0	\$912	\$1,074	\$750
Unemployment	\$0	\$2	\$2	\$5
Workers Comp	\$0	\$103	\$138	\$104
Life Insurance	\$0	\$18	\$13	\$26
Long Term Disability	\$0	\$49	\$48	\$40
Other Proff Serv Reg Ed Speech Services	\$0	\$2,816	\$4,500	\$4,500
Supplies-Regular Ed Speech	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL 2151 SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOG</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$22,594</b>	<b>\$24,298</b>	<b>\$20,519</b>
<b>2160 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b>				
Regular Ed - OT services	\$0	\$220	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL 2160 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$220</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>2190 OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>				
Wages-Tooth Tutor	\$0	\$0	\$1,750	\$1,620
FICA-Tooth Tutor	\$0	\$0	\$134	\$124
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100
Dues & Fees Staff	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$300
<b>TOTAL 2190 OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,284</b>	<b>\$2,151</b>
<b>2213 BEST SUB GRANT</b>				
Wages -Improvement of Instuction Stipends	\$0	\$2,115	\$2,500	\$2,500
FICA	\$0	\$162	\$191	\$191
Supplies	\$0	\$194	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL 2213 BEST SUB GRANT</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,471</b>	<b>\$2,691</b>	<b>\$2,691</b>
<b>2220 LIBRARY</b>				
Salary - Library Teacher	\$26,693	\$26,702	\$28,104	\$26,885
Health Ins	\$3,626	\$3,725	\$4,221	\$8,873
Health Reimbursement Account	\$840	\$1,072	\$760	\$1,600
FICA	\$2,042	\$1,961	\$2,150	\$2,057
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$118
VSTRS OPEB Payment	\$600	\$604	\$600	\$617
Tuition	\$1,093	\$425	\$1,085	\$1,093
Unemployment	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$3
Workers Comp	\$208	\$190	\$253	\$215
Dental Ins	\$142	\$149	\$148	\$269
Life Insurance	\$18	\$13	\$17	\$17
Long Term Disability	\$83	\$62	\$87	\$83
Travel	\$250	\$633	\$600	\$600
Supplies	\$500	\$220	\$500	\$500
Books\Periodicals	\$1,500	\$1,686	\$2,000	\$2,000
Supplies Technology Related	\$100	\$657	\$1,400	\$1,400
Dues\Fees	\$250	\$217	\$800	\$800

<b>TOTAL 2220 LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$37,947</b>	<b>\$38,317</b>	<b>\$42,727</b>	<b>\$47,130</b>
<b>2230 TECHNOLOGY</b>				
Salary - Technology Teacher	\$40,042	\$40,053	\$42,156	\$0
Health Ins	\$5,438	\$5,590	\$6,332	\$0
Health Reimbursement Account	\$1,260	\$1,608	\$1,140	\$0
FICA	\$3,063	\$2,943	\$3,225	\$0
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$900	\$905	\$900	\$0
Tuition	\$1,639	\$0	\$1,627	\$0
Unemployment	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$0
Workers Comp	\$312	\$285	\$379	\$0
Dental Ins	\$213	\$223	\$222	\$0
Life Insurance	\$26	\$20	\$26	\$0
Long Term Disability	\$124	\$93	\$131	\$0
Travel	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$2,500	\$554	\$5,000	\$5,000
Supplies Technology Related	\$2,000	\$3,891	\$4,000	\$4,000
Supplies Technology Related - Peeble Go	\$250	\$1,260	\$2,500	\$2,500
Dues\Fees	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
<b>TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$58,270</b>	<b>\$57,428</b>	<b>\$67,891</b>	<b>\$11,750</b>
<b>2290 OTHER SUPPORT</b>				
PATH Stipend	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700
FICA-PATH	\$54	\$54	\$54	\$54
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3
Municipal Retirement Path	\$38	\$0	\$49	\$49
Contract Service - HHB Services	\$0	\$1,277	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL 2290 OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$792</b>	<b>\$2,031</b>	<b>\$1,303</b>	<b>\$1,306</b>
<b>2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>				
CLERICAL SALARY BOARD SECRETARY	\$0	\$525	\$0	\$1,200
FICA	\$0	\$40	\$0	\$92
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5
Workers Comp	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10
Legal	\$1,000	\$968	\$0	\$1,000
Audit Services	\$5,000	\$5,125	\$1,000	\$1,000
Liability Insurance	\$6,000	\$5,199	\$5,000	\$5,000
Advertising	\$500	\$1,187	\$6,500	\$6,500
Supplies	\$0	\$245	\$500	\$500
Dues	\$1,500	\$387	\$1,000	\$1,000
Other Board Expenses	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,000
<b>TOTAL 2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$14,300</b>	<b>\$13,676</b>	<b>\$14,300</b>	<b>\$96,607</b>
<b>2313 TREASURER SERVICES</b>				
Town Treasurer	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL 2313 TREASURER SERVICES</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>2320 OFFICE OT THE SUPERINTENDENT</b>				
NCSU Assessment	\$71,516	\$71,516	\$102,755	\$104,803
<b>TOTAL 2320 OFFICE OT THE SUPERINTENDENT</b>	<b>\$71,516</b>	<b>\$71,516</b>	<b>\$102,755</b>	<b>\$104,803</b>
<b>2410 OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>				
Substitute - Clerical	\$0	\$1,973	\$0	\$0
Salary - Principal	\$97,264	\$110,097	\$95,000	\$100,000
Salary - Assistant Principal	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,000
Salary - Clerical	\$33,535	\$40,862	\$38,512	\$38,376
Health Ins	\$4,000	\$7,289	\$21,820	\$34,718
Health Reimbursement Account	\$0	\$125	\$4,000	\$4,000
FICA	\$10,159	\$12,082	\$10,595	\$10,892
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$626
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$0	\$755	\$0	\$0

Municipal Retirement	\$1,844	\$2,250	\$2,696	\$2,207
Tuition	\$2,732	\$0	\$2,712	\$2,732
Unemployment	\$10	\$14	\$10	\$10
Workers Comp	\$1,036	\$1,172	\$1,247	\$1,139
Dental Ins	\$0	\$215	\$0	\$1,008
Life Insurance	\$200	\$159	\$200	\$200
Long Term Disability	\$412	\$275	\$414	\$429
Postage	\$850	\$209	\$500	\$500
Travel	\$500	\$131	\$500	\$500
Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,759	\$2,000	\$2,000
Dues\Fees	\$1,000	\$1,141	\$1,000	\$1,000
Misc	\$0	\$27	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL 2410 OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>\$156,542</b>	<b>\$185,534</b>	<b>\$186,206</b>	<b>\$204,336</b>
<b>2510 FISCAL SERVICES</b>				
Contracted Service From NCSU	\$20,900	\$20,900	\$21,945	\$22,557
Interest - TAN	\$0	\$12,483	\$5,300	\$5,300
<b>TOTAL 2510 FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$20,900</b>	<b>\$33,383</b>	<b>\$27,245</b>	<b>\$27,857</b>
<b>2610 OPERATIONS OF BUILDINGS</b>				
Custodian Wages	\$20,259	\$18,129	\$21,534	\$38,083
Salaries-Summer	\$2,600	\$0	\$2,600	\$0
FICA	\$1,749	\$1,387	\$1,847	\$2,723
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$157
Unemployment	\$10	\$9	\$10	\$10
Workers Comp	\$1,506	\$1,266	\$644	\$3,397
Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26
Long Term Disability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110
Septic Services	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Water Testing	\$3,000	\$2,860	\$4,500	\$4,500
Rubbish Services	\$6,000	\$5,724	\$6,000	\$6,000
Property Ins.	\$4,000	\$3,651	\$4,000	\$4,830
Telephone	\$3,000	\$2,618	\$3,000	\$3,000
Supplies	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Electricity	\$9,000	\$12,671	\$9,700	\$9,700
Propane	\$3,000	\$1,804	\$3,500	\$3,500
Heating Oil	\$18,000	\$22,266	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL 2610 OPERATIONS OF BUILDINGS</b>	<b>\$75,624</b>	<b>\$72,384</b>	<b>\$85,835</b>	<b>\$104,536</b>
<b>2620 CARE &amp; UPKEEP-BUILDINGS</b>				
Contracted Services	\$15,000	\$19,165	\$15,000	\$15,000
Supplies	\$5,000	\$4,202	\$7,500	\$7,500
Repairs & Maint	\$10,000	\$3,703	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL 2620 CARE &amp; UPKEEP-BUILDINGS</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$27,070</b>	<b>\$32,500</b>	<b>\$32,500</b>
<b>2630 CARE &amp; UPKEEP-GROUNDS</b>				
Contracted Services	\$500	\$600	\$2,500	\$2,500
Snow Removal	\$4,000	\$3,030	\$4,000	\$4,000
Lawn Care	\$2,500	\$3,320	\$4,000	\$4,000
Supplies	\$2,000	\$146	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL 2630 CARE &amp; UPKEEP-GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$7,096</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<b>2640 CARE &amp; UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT</b>				
Purchased Property Services	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$600
Supplies	\$300	\$0	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL 2640 CARE &amp; UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>
<b>2711 TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Transportation Services- NCSU	\$51,000	\$44,822	\$53,550	\$51,550
<b>TOTAL 2711 TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$51,000</b>	<b>\$44,822</b>	<b>\$53,550</b>	<b>\$51,550</b>
<b>2716 TRANSPORTATION: EXTRA/CO-CURRICULAR</b>				

Contract Ex. Curr. Trans Through NCSU	\$7,500	\$7,101	\$7,500	\$7,500
<b>TOTAL 2716 TRANSPORTATION: EXTRA/CO-CURRI</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$7,101</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>2720 EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION</b>				
TRANSPORTATION MCKINNEY VENTO STUDENT(S)	\$0	\$233	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL 2720 EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATIO</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$233</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>1101 DIRECT INSTRUCTION (1101)</b>				
Salary-ESSER III Teacher	\$136,484	\$39,323	\$0	\$0
Wages Permanent Substitute-ESSER III	\$0	\$19,303	\$0	\$0
Health Insurance-ESSER III	\$0	\$23,566	\$0	\$0
Health Reimbursement Account-ESSER III	\$0	\$6,135	\$0	\$0
FICA-ESSER III	\$0	\$3,999	\$0	\$0
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$0	\$755	\$0	\$0
VSTRS Pension Payment-ESSER III	\$0	\$9,804	\$0	\$0
Municipal Retirement-ESSER III	\$0	\$1,013	\$0	\$0
Unemployment-ESSER III	\$0	\$7	\$0	\$0
Workers Comp-ESSER III	\$0	\$375	\$0	\$0
Dental Insurance-ESSER III	\$0	\$910	\$0	\$0
Life Insurance-ESSER III	\$0	\$56	\$0	\$0
Long Term Disability-ESSER III	\$0	\$196	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL 1101 DIRECT INSTRUCTION (1101)</b>	<b>\$136,484</b>	<b>\$105,441</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>2190 OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>				
Wages-Student Support-ESSER III	\$0	\$11,810	\$0	\$0
Health Insurance-ESSER III	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0
FICA-ESSER III	\$0	\$931	\$0	\$0
Municipal Retirement-ESSER III	\$0	\$646	\$0	\$0
Unemployment Ins-ESSER III	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$0
Workers Comp-ESSER III	\$0	\$310	\$0	\$0
Life Insurance-ESSER III	\$0	\$8	\$0	\$0
Long Term Disability-ESSER III	\$0	\$33	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL 2190 OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,242</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>2190 OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>				
Wages-Tooth Tutor	\$1,500	\$797	\$0	\$0
FICA-Tooth Tutor	\$115	\$61	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL 2190 OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$1,615</b>	<b>\$857</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,186,336</b>	<b>\$2,126,367</b>	<b>\$2,354,444</b>	<b>\$2,387,126</b>



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Principal

Elaine Collins  
Superintendent

“The mission of Lowell Graded School is to provide a safe, challenging and engaging learning environment that promotes achievement and is tailored to individual student needs.”

School Year 2024-2025

Hello Lowell Graded School Community,

I want to start this letter by thanking the Lowell community for being so welcoming to me. It is an honor to serve in such a wonderful school and town, and to begin to get to know so many of you. It is always a learning journey when you move into a new school, and I have loved being a part of such a special place. I am excited to continue to support and serve this community, and I look forward to the future. Below you will find highlights of the work we have been doing here at the Lowell Graded School (LGS) as it relates to our continuous improvement schoolwide plan, as well as our commitment to our goals and mission to provide a safe, challenging, and engaging learning environment.

**Academic Goals:**

This year our academic goals have been focused on having high quality staff as both teaching and support staff, adding a part time interventionist and a second special educator to support the needs of all students in our building, and enhancing our learning resources in all tiers of education in order to meet instructional needs. This is a staff that has worked to be flexible and use all of its resources to make sure that the students of Lowell have the very best.

This school year, we embarked on a new literacy journey by joining the supervisory union in implementing CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) for our students in grades K-5, and we are part of the pilot for Amplify (the middle school version of this curriculum). This literacy program not only works to teach literacy through the science of reading, but incorporates writing, as well as, science and social studies content into the learning. While this first year, as any first year, is a learning curve for both teachers and students, I am excited about the knowledge and skills that I believe our students will gain through this program.

Here at LGS we have also continued to explore the world of mathematics in a deep way. I have been impressed by all the mathematical thinking that I have seen happening here. Our incredible teachers and staff have high expectations and the students of LGS have worked to rise to those expectations. The same is true of science. From building and machine exploration to dissection, and science fair projects to robotics, the students of Lowell have been given amazing opportunities for learning that is second to none. It is wonderful to see. I know that we will continue to provide these opportunities and continue to refine our multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) as we look ahead and plan for the coming year.

### **Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Goals:**

This year LGS had social emotional learning goals that included increasing guidance and school-based clinician work in our school, as well as increasing social emotional, trauma informed, and behavioral resources. While we were not able to hire a guidance counselor this school year, we have worked to fill this gap in other ways. We do have a school-based clinician who is working with students one day a week, and we have two wonderful people from the supervisory union who have been able to be in our building working with teachers and students to fill some of our guidance and social emotional learning needs. LGS has also been fortunate to have continued support from one of our former support staff who is in a new position as a behavior technician assistant. This has allowed us to have behavior support in the building 4 days a week, which helped us maintain consistency for students who needed more support.

The Lowell Graded School also has an amazing PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) team that has worked to define and maintain behavioral systems and encourage and support all students. I have loved being a part of the amazing community that has been built, celebrating students as they have met schoolwide expectations, and working on areas of improvement. The community feel and sense of belonging that has been built here at LGS is amazing. While there are always areas to improve upon, this is truly a special place, and I look forward to continuing this work.

This has been a year of learning for me as your new principal. As I get to know this school, town and all of you, I am grateful that I am becoming a part of this community. I want to encourage you to get involved and be a part of this school and the organizations that support it. Our students have so much to give and I am proud of all the hard work and potential that I see. Thank you to the LGS teachers and staff for your unwavering dedication to the students of Lowell; and thank you parents/guardians, and community for welcoming me and supporting the future leaders of this community.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rhoda McLure

Principal

Lowell Graded School



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**PRIN**

Rhoda McLure

**CIPAL**

Sara Morse LeBlanc

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

**TEACHERS**

PreK 50%

Samantha Vallieres

Kindergarten

Karla Graham

Grades 1 & 2

Keri Willey

Grade 3

Judith Ide

Grade 4 Literacy & Math (50%)

Gretchen Irwin

Grade 5

Leanne Barnard

Grades 6-8 Humanities

Michael Brooks

Grades 6-8 Math

Bonita Deslandes

Grades 6-8 Science

Jennifer Blay

Music (40%)

Jonathan DeRoehn

Art (20%)

Jenna Joslin

Physical Education (40%)

Michelle Koch

Special Educator

Samantha Santaw-Wright

Special Educator

Anne-Marie Riecke

Intervention (50%)

Gretchen Irwin

School Based Clinician (20%)

Ashley Chamberlin

NURSE (50%)

Danielle Hamblett

**PARAEDUCATORS**

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Angela Audet

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Sonja Blodgett

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Anne Cota

SpEd./ Classroom Assist.

Michaela DiZazzo

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Shannon Mead

SpEd./ Classroom Assist.

Gail Sicotte

SpEd./Classroom Assist.

Sharon Weinacht

SpEd. / Classroom Assist. 50%

Lorelei Willis

**LUNCH PROGRAM**

Manager/Cook

Debra Merrill

Cook

Lisa Geoffroy

Tooth Tutor

Jenna Sicard

**CUSTODIANS**

Kelly Bathalon

General

Gilles Bathalon

General

**BUS DRIVERS**

Nanette Bonneau

Joanne Bathalon

Gerry Nick

Robert Bathalon

Steve Bonneau

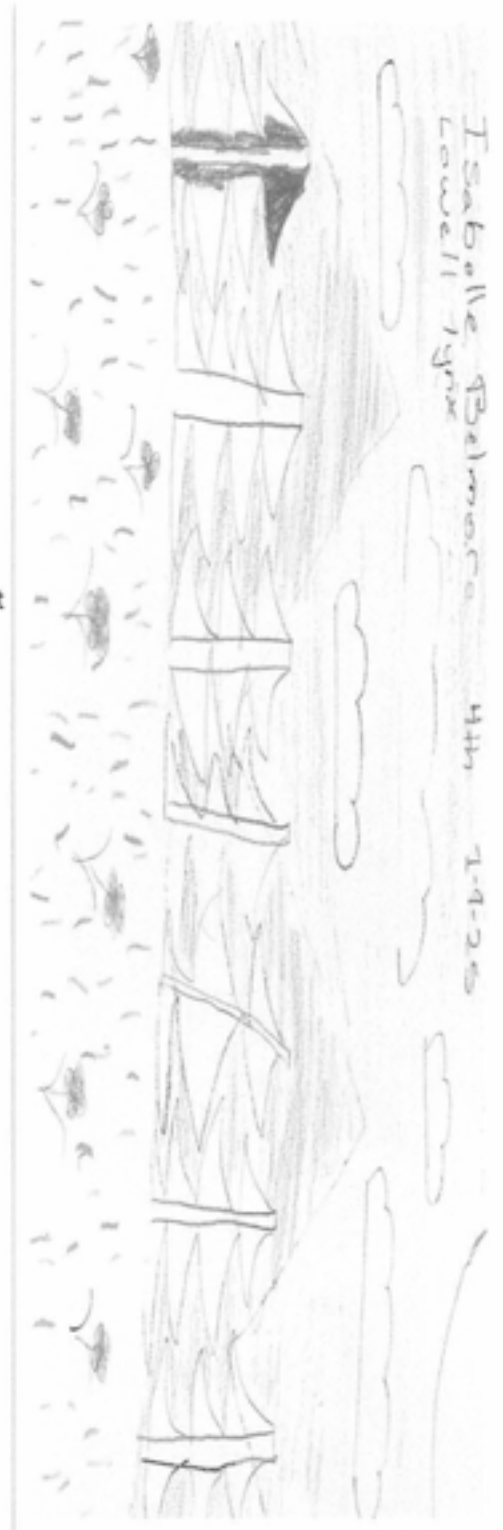
**COACHES**

Soccer

Michelle Koch

Basketball

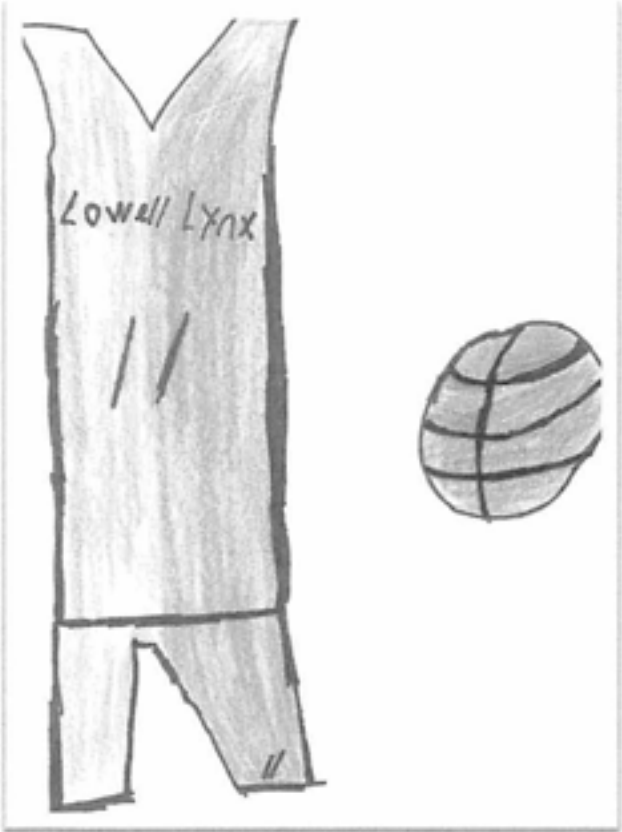
Shannon Sinclair



**Lowell Graded School Students**

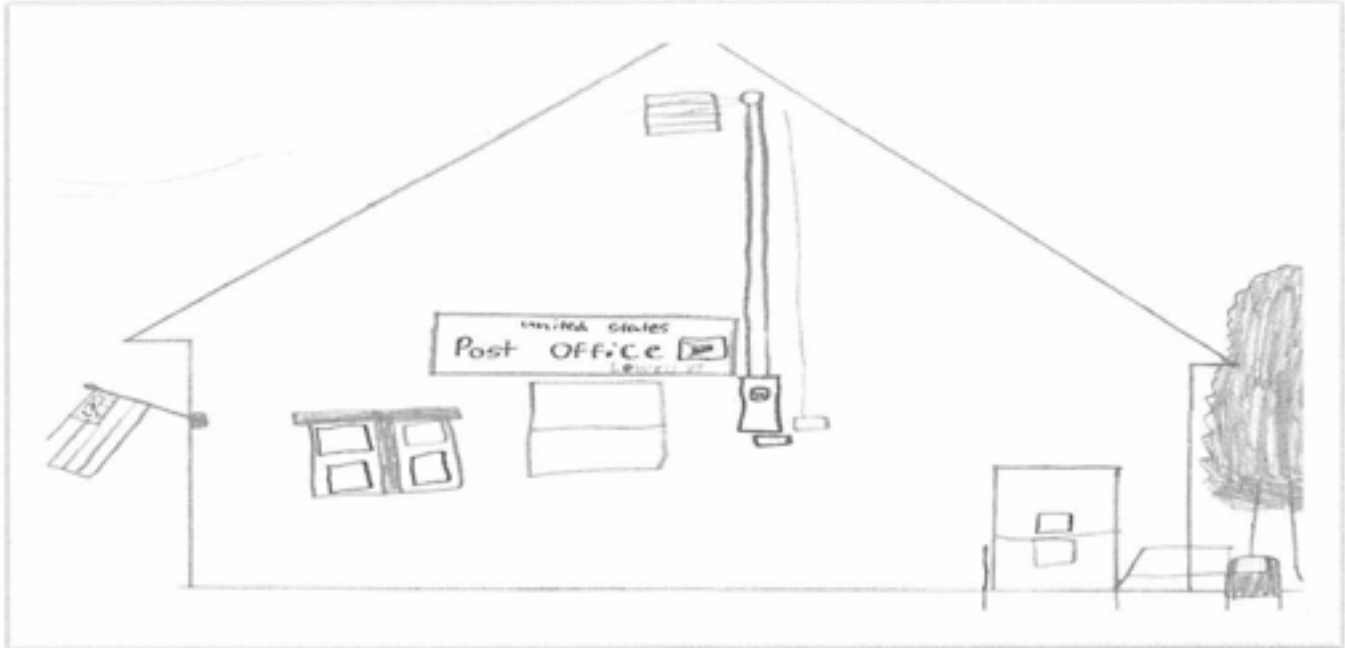
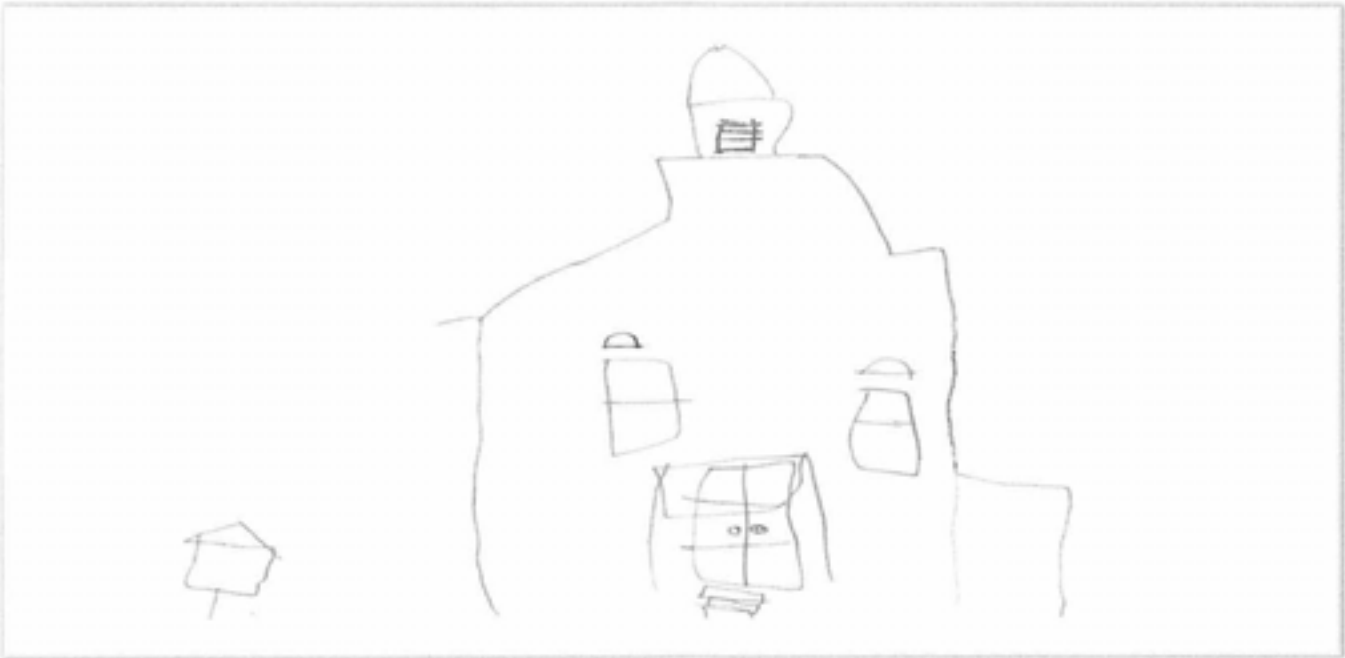
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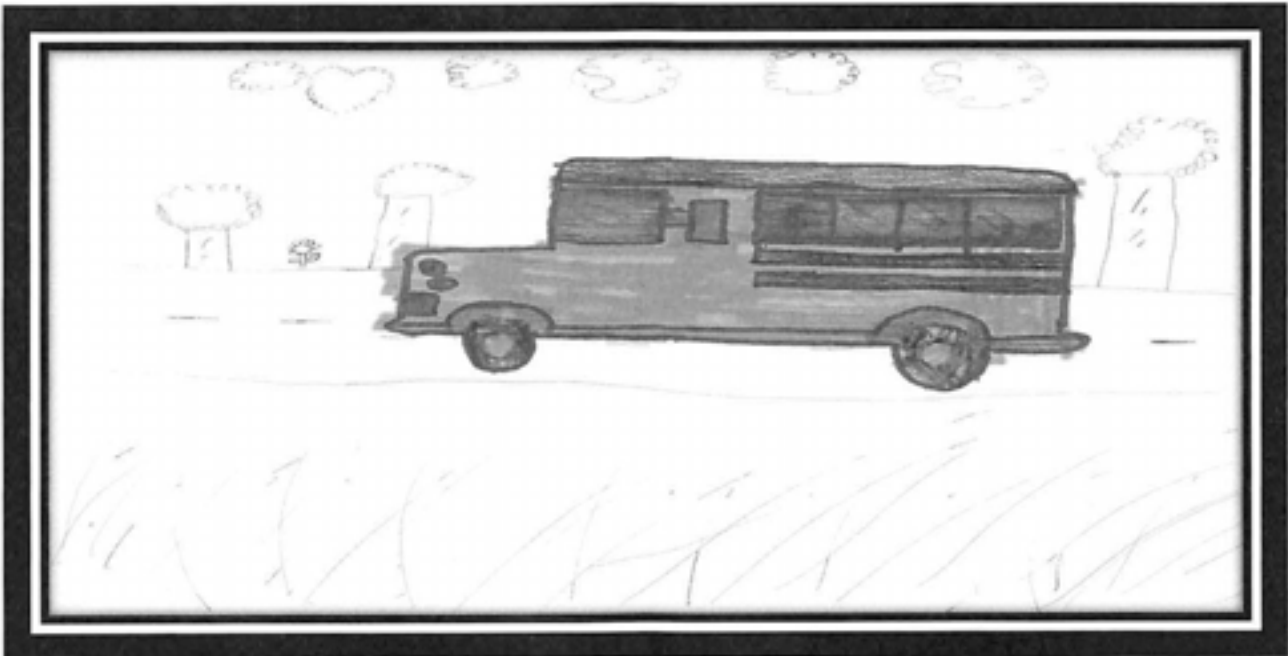
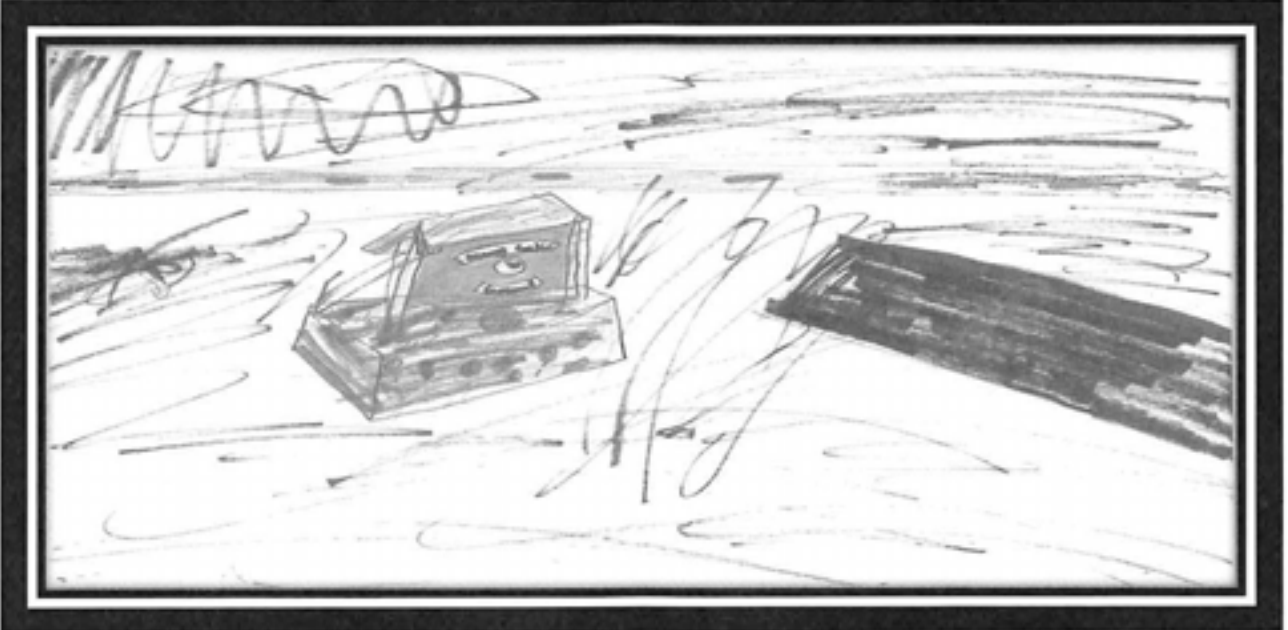
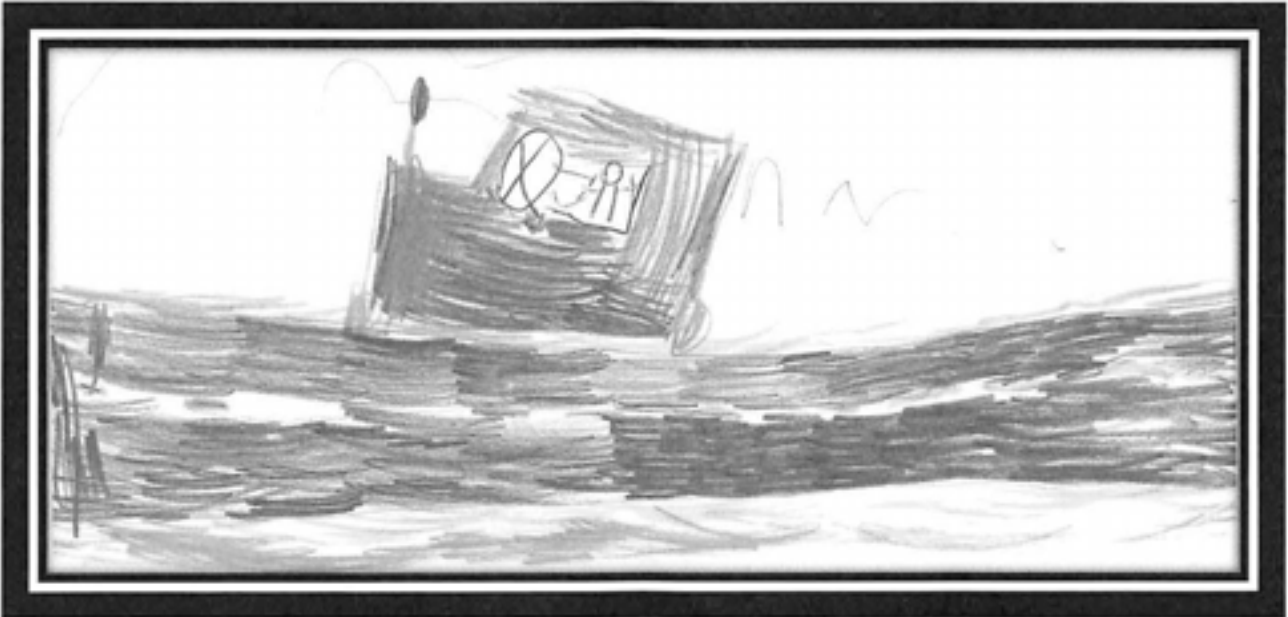
PRESCHOOL	8
KINDERGARTEN	4
1 <sup>st</sup> GRADE	4
2 <sup>nd</sup> GRADE	7
3 <sup>rd</sup> GRADE	7
4 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	8
5 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	10
6 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	9
7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	9
8 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	8



**Total Enrollment 74**











## **WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the North Country Union High School District, consisting of the Town School Districts of Brighton, Charleston, Derby, Holland, Jay, Lowell, Morgan, Newport Center, Troy, Westfield, and City of Newport, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the North Country Career Center Assembly Room (Room 380), in Newport, Vermont, on **Monday, February 24, 2025**, at 5:30 p.m., to act upon the following business, to wit:

- ARTICLE I: To elect, by ballot, the following officers for the district: a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer, each to serve for one year.
- ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon the reports of the district officers.
- ARTICLE III: To decide what salaries shall be paid to officers and directors of the district.
- ARTICLE IV: Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$23,213,400, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$12,788, which is 8.34% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE V: Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$6,955,800 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union Junior High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,391, which is 6.36% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE VI: Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$225,000 of undesignated FY2024 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve fund?
- ARTICLE VII: Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to establish and place \$250,000 of undesignated FY2024 fund balance from the general fund operations to an equity fund?

Voting on the aforementioned ARTICLE IV will be by Australian ballot at each regular polling place in each member town and city of the North Country Union High School District on **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**. Voting on the aforementioned ARTICLES V, VI & VII will be by Australian ballot at each regular polling place in the towns of Derby, Holland, Jay, Morgan, Westfield, and the City of Newport on **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**. The polls shall be opened and closed according to law and as set by the Board of Civil Authority of each town or city within the Union District. The respective Boards of Civil Authority shall be responsible for determining persons' eligibility to vote and the supervision of the election. The presiding officer shall direct the manner in which the vote and ballots on the appropriation questions are counted in each respective town and city. The municipal clerks of the member towns and city shall certify the tallies to the Board of School Directors and transmit the certified counts to the North Country Union High School District Clerk.

**WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH COUNTRY UNION  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (Continued)**

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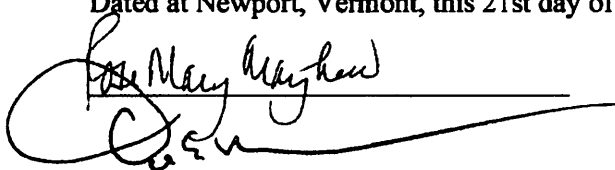

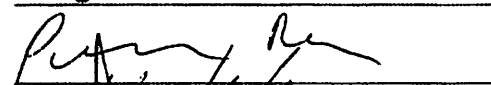
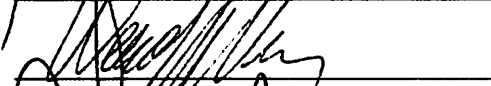
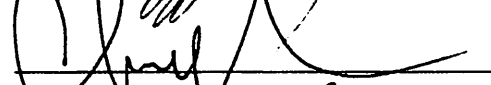


DISCUSSION AND DEBATE ON THE APPROPRIATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE ASSEMBLED NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025, AT 5:30 p.m. THE ASSEMBLED MEETING SHALL ALSO CONSTITUTE THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING REQUIRED BY 17 V.S.A. §2680(0).

ARTICLE VIII: To see when, by date and time, the North Country Union High School District shall hold its Annual District Meeting in 2026, and the time it shall hold special district meetings under the provisions of 16 V.S.A. 706j (a) (5), 706p, 17 VSA 2643 and 17 VSA 2655 including any special meetings held subsequent to the Annual District Meeting in 2025.

ARTICLE IX: To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

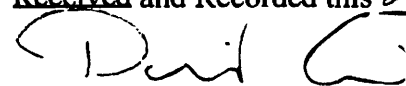
ARTICLE X: To adjourn.

Dated at Newport, Vermont, this 21st day of January 2025.

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NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Received and Recorded this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2025

  
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Clerk, NCUHS District #22



Annual Report of the Superintendent of North Country Supervisory Union  
Explanation of Education Funding  
Town Meeting, 2025

The big stories of the 2024 – 2025 school year are last year’s changes and certainly more impending changes to education funding. Although many of our NCSU districts saw significant increases in tax rates last year, most districts are estimated to see decreases in the tax rate this year. Additionally, the governor has said he will use other revenue sources to offset any increases to property taxes this year, while the legislature contemplates further changes to education funding in Vermont.

Currently, there are three factors that work together to determine our tax rates. Those three things are:

1. Number of students and education spending

As you know, we now have *weighted* pupils that include students of poverty, sparsity, rurality, or students who are English Language Learners, who count as more than one student. The Long-Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTW ADM) is the count of students including the weights. Our schools have many more weighted students than equalized pupils. When you divide the total amount of spending by the total of weighted students, you come up with how much the school is spending per weighted student.

Because the NEK traditionally spends much less than other districts in the state, when we divide our smaller budgets by this higher number of weighted students, we end up with an even smaller amount. Because we are spending less per student, our taxing capacity is increased, and – in most towns – the cost to the taxpayer has gone down significantly. We are currently still using weighted students in our calculations.

**Educational spending is the ONLY factor that schools and school boards have any control over.**

2. Dollar yield

Dollar yield is the amount the AOE determines the state ed funding will contribute towards educating each student. The difference between what the school is spending vs. the dollar yield contribution is how many tax dollars need to be raised. The lower the dollar yield, the higher the tax rate.

The Tax Commissioner makes a recommendation about dollar yield on December 1<sup>st</sup> and the Legislature votes on what the dollar yield will be at the end of the legislative session. Usually, the Legislature’s vote is similar to what the Tax Commissioner recommends. Last year’s amount was \$9893. This year’s yield should be over \$11,000, except the state is applying a 72% adjustment to the yield to adjust for the statewide Common Level of Appraisal (CLA – see below). This means that the yield is currently \$8553. They are doing this before the tax rate is figured, which shifts the attention to education spending, rather than to the effect that the CLA has on tax rates. I believe

this is an attempt to further blame education for rising property taxes, when CLA does in fact have an effect.

**Only the Legislature can set the dollar yield, so this is a factor that schools and school boards have no control over.**

### 3. Common level of appraisal

Every town has a group of listers. Listers are responsible for creating and maintaining the grand list, which contains each home's appraised value for tax purposes. The state reviews the grand list on a yearly basis and determines the common level of appraisal (CLA) by looking at what homes are appraised on the grand list and how much homes are selling for. If every home were appraised at what they sold for, the CLA would be 100%. If homes were selling for less than their appraised value, the CLA would be more than 100% and taxes would decrease. We are all aware of the recent increase in the cost of homes and that most homes are selling for a lot more than they are appraised for. This causes the CLA to drop, and results in increased tax rates, essentially a tax penalty for not raising enough taxes at the local level.

As mentioned above, the state is now using a statewide CLA adjustment. They are applying this adjustment to the dollar yield rather than to the tax rate. It has the same effect on taxes but shifts the attention to education spending rather than to the CLA.

**Regardless, common level of appraisal is a function of town government, and schools and school boards have no control over CLA.**

There is no doubt that the legislature will be making significant changes to the way that we fund education during this session, and I believe we must make these changes. We cannot outprice Vermonters from living in our communities, and 67% of the education fund is currently funded by property taxes. Education funding is complex and there is no direct correlation between what one school district spends and what the tax rates look like. This is due to the interplay of the variables mentioned above and since we are a statewide system, decisions that are made in other parts of the state – who tend to spend much more than we do in our supervisory union – affect our bottom line. There is a need for more transparency in this system and for us to consider other ways to fund education in Vermont. There is also a need for the legislature to stop mandating schools to do things that cost money without an identified revenue source. Programs like universal Pre-K and universal school meals are wonderful programs, and are the right programs to provide, but without a revenue source, this falls back on taxpayers to fund.

As I said last year, we still have a responsibility to educate NCSU's children. For many students, if we don't provide for their mental, social emotional, and behavioral needs, they will never realize their potential and the cost of that is incalculable.

Elaine Collins  
Superintendent, North Country Supervisory Union

# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY2026 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

	FY2025 Board Approved Budget	FY2026 Board Approved Budget
Account Number / Description	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
<b>ASSESSMENT REVENUE</b>		
<b>INTEREST</b>		
INTEREST INCOME-CASH ACCOUNT	(\$25,000)	(\$50,000)
INTEREST INCOME-MONEY MARKET	(\$1,000)	(\$1,500)
<b>INTEREST REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$26,000)</b>	<b>(\$51,500)</b>
ASSESSMENTS	(\$2,843,321)	(\$2,935,332)
<b>TOTAL 1931 TOWN ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>(\$2,843,321)</b>	<b>(\$2,935,332)</b>
<b>1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE</b>		
INDIRECT COSTS REVENUE	(\$75,000)	(\$125,000)
<b>TOTAL 1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$75,000)</b>	<b>(\$125,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$2,944,321)</b>	<b>(\$3,111,832)</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS</b>		
SALARY MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS	\$5,900	\$6,313
FICA	\$451	\$483
W COMP	\$50	\$50
PURCHASED SERVICE	\$1,000	\$1,000
SUPPLIES	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL 1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS</b>	<b>\$9,401</b>	<b>\$9,846</b>
<b>2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>		
SP PROJECTS LICENSING COACH	\$0	\$7,000
SP PROJECTS FICA	\$0	\$535
SP PROJECTS P SERV	\$6,000	\$5,000
SP PROJECTS SUPPLIES	\$1,500	\$2,000
SPEC.PROJ.-FOOD	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL 2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>\$19,535</b>
<b>2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>		
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING DESIGN/CURRICULUM SALARY	\$116,948	\$116,948
WAGES CURRICULUM ADMIN/GRANTS ASST	\$25,431	\$25,431
BCBS	\$36,875	\$42,548
HRA	\$6,300	\$6,300
FICA	\$10,893	\$11,476
CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$660
LIFE INSURANCE	\$186	\$186
MUN. RETIREMENT	\$1,780	\$1,973
WORKERS COMP	\$1,196	\$1,260
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$83	\$77
TUITION	\$2,712	\$2,712
DENTAL	\$1,315	\$1,315

# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY2026 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2025 Board Approved	FY2026 Board Approved
	Budget	Budget
	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
LTD	\$441	\$465
TRAINING	\$4,000	\$4,000
TRAVEL	\$1,400	\$1,400
SUPPLIES	\$1,200	\$1,200
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$500	\$500
CONF & DUES	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL 2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$212,760</b>	<b>\$219,951</b>
<b>2230 TECHNOLOGY</b>		
DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY	\$106,080	\$106,080
NETWORK/TECH SUPPORT WAGES	\$215,219	\$215,219
BCBS	\$113,754	\$127,291
HRA	\$15,400	\$15,400
FICA	\$24,579	\$26,138
CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$1,503
LIFE INSURANCE	\$300	\$300
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$27,265	\$26,720
WORKERS COMP	\$2,699	\$2,870
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$208	\$208
TUITION	\$1,800	\$1,800
DENTAL	\$2,755	\$3,755
LTD	\$996	\$1,059
PURCHASED SERVICE - TECH/EDUCATIONAL/HR PLATFORMS	\$339,000	\$369,057
TRAVEL	\$5,500	\$6,400
ROOMS & MEALS	\$500	\$500
SUPPLIES	\$3,500	\$3,500
SOFTWARE	\$3,500	\$3,500
EQUIPMENT	\$10,000	\$10,000
EMPLOYEE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	\$8,000	\$8,000
<b>TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$881,055</b>	<b>\$929,300</b>
<b>2300 Support Services - General Admin</b>		
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$145,583	\$145,583
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$125,000	\$125,000
COMMUNICATIONS COORD/ADMIN ASSIST WAGES	\$112,959	\$112,959
BCBS	\$86,536	\$56,176
HRA	\$15,000	\$15,000
FICA	\$29,340	\$31,702
CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$1,823
LIFE INSURANCE	\$246	\$400
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$7,907	\$9,446
WORK COMP	\$3,222	\$3,481
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$125	\$130
DENTAL	\$2,050	\$1,750
LTD	\$1,189	\$1,285
AUDIT NCSU	\$10,500	\$10,500
LODGING & MEALS	\$2,000	\$2,000

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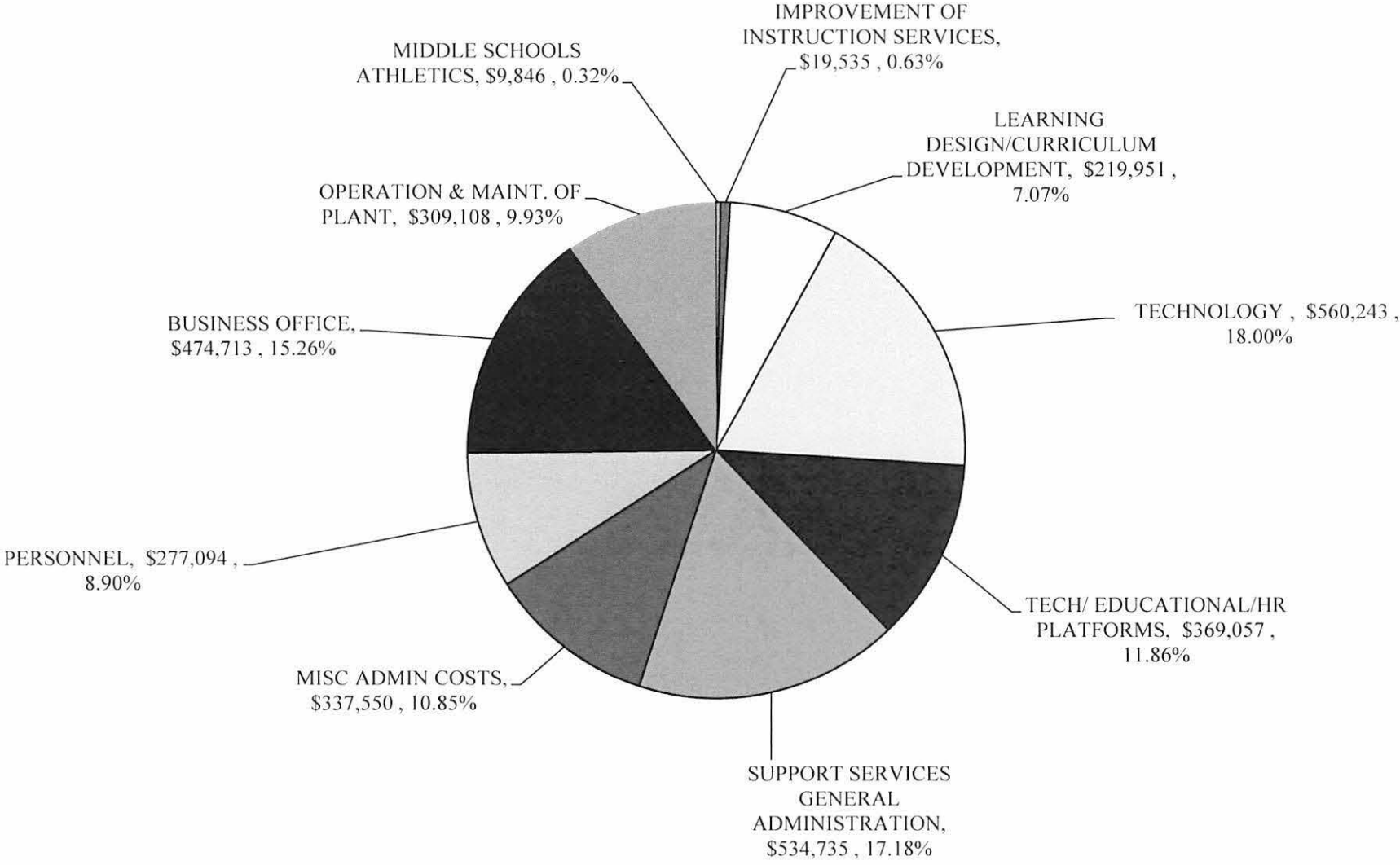
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	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
TRAVEL	\$3,000	\$5,000
VSA DUES	\$5,000	\$5,000
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SECRETARY	\$500	\$500
PROF DEVELOPMENT/VREC -SUPERINTENDENT	\$6,000	\$7,000
<b>TOTAL 2300 Support Services - General Admin</b>	<b>\$56,157</b>	<b>\$534,735</b>
<b>2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS</b>		
MAINTANCE CONTRACT ERP PRO	\$15,000	\$20,000
LEGAL SERVICES	\$5,000	\$5,000
STIPEND TREASURER'S	\$1,050	\$1,050
PURCHASE SERVICE	\$15,000	\$15,000
EQUIP MAINT	\$5,000	\$4,500
MACHINE LEASES & RENTALS	\$15,000	\$16,000
CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE	\$30,653	\$33,000
TELEPHONE	\$8,000	\$8,500
POSTAGE	\$12,000	\$12,000
INTERNET	\$45,000	\$50,000
ADVERTISING	\$7,500	\$10,000
MISC FOOD MEETINGS	\$8,000	\$8,500
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$20,000	\$25,000
BOOKS	\$500	\$500
FURNITURE	\$2,500	\$2,500
MISCELLANEOUS DUES/FEES	\$3,000	\$5,000
WAGE INCREASE?ADJUSTMENTS CONTINGENCY LINE	\$0	\$121,000
<b>TOTAL 2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS</b>	<b>\$193,203</b>	<b>\$337,550</b>
<b>2323 PERSONNEL</b>		
PERSONNEL COORDINATOR SALARY	\$78,938	\$78,938
PERSONNEL SUPPORT WAGES	\$103,356	\$103,356
PERSONNEL BCBS	\$53,547	\$44,643
PERSONNEL HRA	\$6,600	\$8,800
PERSONNEL FICA	\$18,041	\$14,922
PERSONNEL CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$858
PERSONNEL LIFE INS	\$96	\$96
PERSONNEL RETIREMENT	\$16,509	\$14,141
PERSONNEL WORKERS COMP	\$1,531	\$1,638
PERSONNEL UNEMPLOYMENT	\$125	\$125
PERSONNEL TUITION	\$5,760	\$2,712
PERSONNEL DENTAL	\$1,680	\$1,060
PERSONNEL LTD	\$565	\$605
PURCHASED SERVICE PERSONNEL	\$2,750	\$3,700
PERSONNEL TRAVEL	\$100	\$500
PERSONNEL CONF/DUES	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL 2323 PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$290,598</b>	<b>\$277,094</b>
<b>2520 BUSINESS OFFICE</b>		
SALARY DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$74,944	\$74,944

# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY2026 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2025 Board Approved Budget	FY2026 Board Approved Budget
	7/1/2024-6/30/2025	7/1/2025-6/30/2026
WAGES FINANCE ASSISTANTS	\$100,699	\$100,699
WAGES COURIER	\$2,200	\$2,300
SALARY STAFF ACCOUNTANTS	\$78,969	\$78,969
WAGES GRANTS ASSISTANT	\$31,599	\$31,599
BCBS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$112,715	\$93,299
HRA	\$18,000	\$18,000
FICA BUSINESS OFFICE	\$22,064	\$23,489
CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$1,351
LIFE INS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$225	\$225
RETIREMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$20,035	\$23,471
WORKERS COMP BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,423	\$2,579
UNEMPLOYMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$200	\$249
TUITION BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,712	\$2,712
DENTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$3,375	\$3,375
LTD DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$887	\$952
PROF DEV BUSINESS OFFICE	\$6,500	\$8,000
TRAVEL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$5,000	\$5,000
ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,500	\$2,500
DUES & FEES BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL 2520 BUSINESS OFFICE</b>	<b>\$486,047</b>	<b>\$474,713</b>
<b>2600 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>		
FACILITIES COORDINATOR WAGES	\$65,255	\$65,255
CUSTODIAN WAGES	\$18,142	\$18,142
FACILITIES COORDINATOR & CUSTODIAL BENEFITS	\$17,544	\$19,711
OPERATION AND MAINT PURCHASE SERV	\$10,000	\$8,000
CUSTODIAN PURCHASES SERVICE	\$18,909	\$19,000
RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$2,750	\$3,000
STORAGE RENTAL SPACE	\$1,000	\$1,000
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$4,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL 2600 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	<b>\$137,600</b>	<b>\$139,108</b>
<b>2640 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>		
RENT	\$165,000	\$170,000
<b>TOTAL 2640 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	<b>\$165,000</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,944,321</b>	<b>\$3,111,832</b>

**NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION FY2026 BUDGET**



JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. AMERICAN LEGION  
254 Dominion Avenue  
North Troy, VT 05859-9701  
802-988-1465/802-673-8433

Town of Lowell,

First on behalf of Jay Peak Post #28 members, (Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion) we wish to thank you for your support of the American Legion. We have been working hard to get the Legion back on its feet and able to support the community with a place to have functions. The appropriated funds **(\$500)** provide the means for the Post to purchase flags for replacement Flags near our veteran's headstones in neighboring cemeteries. We also rely on these funds to replace American service flags that fly at the Post flag park, support Memorial Day Observances and defray operational costs. This is for year 2025.

Could you please send me an e-mail saying you received this letter.

Thank you for your past support.

Commander,

Michael J. Starr. Retired (SGM, US Army)





November 14th, 2024

Town of Lowell:

Green Mountain Farm-to-School is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Town of Lowell to support our farm-to-school and food access programs that benefit Lowell's residents and their children.

Founded in 2008, GMFTS has grown from a single school garden to a nonprofit organization with three robust programs that work to improve childhood nutrition, support Vermont's food producers, and make fundamental changes in the region's local food system by connecting schools, farms, and communities through food and education.

During the 2023/24 school year at Lowell Graded School, our Farm-to-School program facilitated 23 nutrition and agriculture workshops for students, led 5 after-school program sessions, helped to organize 4 farm field trips, and hosted monthly taste tests where students made and sampled seasonal recipes. The program also worked with students, school partners, and community members to grow 233 lbs of fruits and vegetables in the school garden. This produce was then served to students in the school cafeteria or provided to community members in need. Outside of the school year, Lowell families utilize our Lunchbox mobile meal program for support with food and enrichment activities during the summer.

We are thankful for the support we have received from Lowell voters in the past. With the town's help, GMFTS can continue to provide quality programming to Lowell's children and residents to promote nutrition, food security, and a thriving local food system.

Thank you for your consideration, and please reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Cusack  
Executive Director



“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

– Dr. Jane Goodall

Town of Lowell  
2170 VT Route. 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

**Thank You Lowell**  
for helping keep Vermont a  
beautiful place to live, work & play!

Your contribution makes a difference  
#togetherwecan #greenupVT

Green Up Vermont  
P.O. Box 1191  
Montpelier, VT 05601-1191

[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

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### Appropriation Request Letter

Oct. 15, 2024

Dear Residents of Lowell

**Thank you** for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had an amazing turnout with a 30% increase in volunteers (30,176) who picked up 404 TONS of trash and 15,813 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe, healthy, and economically vibrant places to live.

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

**As Green Up rolls into our 55th 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.

Population	\$ Request
+ 0-1,000	\$50
+ 1001 - 2000	\$100
+ 2001 - 3000	\$150
+ 3001 - 4,000	\$200
+ 4,001 up	\$300

This past Green Up Day we attempted and achieved a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS® title. That's right little old Vermont holds a **world title** for "The most pledges received to pick up trash in 24 hours."

Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day 2025, May 3rd** - its Green Up Day's 55th Anniversary!

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)

**Success on  
Green Up Day  
May 4, 2024**



**Green Up Day**, saw a 30% growth in volunteers over 2023, picked up over four tons of litter and 15,813 tires. In flood clean-up projects we took care of an additional 10,000 tires. We also attempted a Guinness World Records® title and succeeded! The record is: “The Most Pledges Received to Pick Up Trash in 24 Hours.” Vermont is the only State in the nation that can boast this achievement and the only State that offers a program like Green Up Day. As one of Vermont’s favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We received a special flood recovery donation from Subaru of New England and have been able to rally volunteers and pay for many flood clean-up projects across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2025.

**Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play.**

Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on **Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form** or at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

**2025 Green Up Day is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.**



December 30, 2024

Town of Lowell  
2170 VT Rte. 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Lowell Selectboard members and Residents of Lowell,

The Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) again had a great year working to protect and improve water quality throughout our region. As always, our successes come directly from the dedicated volunteers, donors, landowners, and towns that support the work we do with and at our schools, public parks, roadways, farms, private homes, and anywhere water flows.

MRBA Projects and Programs:

**Ecological restoration, invasive species, water sampling, and river clean-up efforts:**

During 2024, as in most years, MRBA volunteers helped pull trash from our riverbanks, assisted with our continued study of non-chemical ways to combat Japanese knotweed, collected water quality samples from 19 locations within our watershed, and assisted with tree plantings. An additional 750 trees were planted along our waterways in 2024, including 600 along the river in Lowell! Our thanks to the volunteers and landowners we worked with this year!

**Assisting farmers and landowners:** In addition to implementing projects (tree plantings, etc.), we also conducted several site assessments this year, including two Stream Wise assessments in Lowell. These are designed to help landowners understand what water may be doing on their property, and some ways to mitigate or improve their relationship with runoff. We really enjoy connecting directly with homeowners to conduct Stream Wise assessments - let us know if you have a stream you'd like us to come walk with you in 2025!

**Educational programs:** We are always excited to connect with our younger watershed residents and enjoy providing hands-on educational opportunities to students through our watershed model, rainfall simulator, Bugworks program, and by hosting high school summer interns. In 2024, we also connected with 218 down-watershed students through Lake Lessons.

We respectfully request the Town's support of MRBA through a \$200 donation so that we may continue to serve our community with these programs. Your appropriation will help us continue to provide programs, assist landowners, and will help us continue expanding and increasing the skills of our team, so that we may better serve our watershed towns.

Your support of our organization in past years is so greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2025 request.

Sincerely,

John Little, MRBA President

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**Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA)**

2839 VT Route 105 East Berkshire, VT 05447

Tel: (802) 933-3645 E-mail: [lindsey@mrbavt.com](mailto:lindsey@mrbavt.com) Website: [www.mrbavt.com](http://www.mrbavt.com)



December 11, 2024

Town of Lowell Select Board,

On behalf of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, we are writing to ask for an appropriation to support our work with older Vermonters living in your community. As a rural community, we value the support of towns helping to keep vital services available to its residents.

During the last fiscal year we provided services to 36 residents and services included;

- Home delivered meals
- Congregate meal options
- Case Management
- Helpline for Information and Referral
- Health Insurance Counseling
- Options Counseling
- Volunteer supports
- Technology assistance
- Wellness programs

Providing these services allows older residents to explore resources allowing them to age in place and are a key component to people being able to receive the necessary supports to do so.

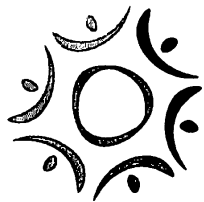
As a private, 501c (3) non-profit corporation, we have been serving older Vermonters for over 44 years. This year, we are requesting the amount of \$300.00 from the residents of the Town of Stannard. We have enclosed a brief letter in support of this request for inclusion in your town report and a copy of our 2024 Annual Report.

Suggested wording for the warning article for town meeting follows: *"Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to older Vermonters in the ensuing year."*

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or need additional information.

Warm regards on behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the NEK Council on Aging,

Meg Burmeister  
Executive Director  
[www.nckcouncil.org](http://www.nckcouncil.org)



**NKHS**  
Northeast Kingdom Human Services

We're  
All About  
**Being  
Human!**

November 18, 2024

Town of Lowell Select Board  
2170 VT RT 100  
LOWELL, VT 05847  
cpion@lowelltown.org

RE: 2025 Town Meeting Appropriation Request and Fiscal Year 2024 Summary Report

Dear Town of Lowell Select Board and Community Members:

Please consider financially supporting Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.'s (NKHS) mission to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support by including the following article in your 2025 Town Meeting Warning.

**ARTICLE:** Shall the Town of Lowell vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of **\$1758** for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care?

This request is the same amount as voted at the 2024 Town Meeting and 1.82% of appropriation requests from 48 Northeast Kingdom towns. As a Designated Agency serving Vermont's system of care, we are responsible for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The 512 professional employees work to help others live fulfilling lives and contribute to their community. We offer confidential services for Emergency Mobile Crisis, mental health, addiction, and developmental disabilities in the Derby and St. Johnsbury offices, Front Porch Mental Health Urgent Care, satellite offices, telehealth, homes, schools, and throughout the Northeast Kingdom. For more information about our agency and services, please visit our website at <https://www.nkhs.org>, or call our offices. Emergency Services are available 24/7.

Between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, NKHS provided supportive services to 2826 individuals, 33 lived in the Town of Lowell benefiting from 1265 service hours. Your town was home to 1 NKHS employee in Fiscal Year 2024. NKHS also provided 332 hours of community outreach, including Starting Over Strong VT support, and training in the Northeast Kingdom impacting 6244 individuals.

We strive to respond to community needs with quality care and your support is integral to our mission. Thank you for considering our request.

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

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**Derby**  
181 Crawford Road  
PO Box 724, Newport, VT 05855  
802-334-6744 · Fax 802-334-7455  
Toll free 800-696-4979

**St. Johnsbury**  
2225 Portland Street  
PO Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
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**nkhs.org**



**NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.**

55 Seymour Lane, Suite 11 Newport, VT, 05855 (802)334-6532 / phone(802)334-6555 / fax  
info@neklsvt.org  
www.NEKLsvT.org



November 26, 2024

Town of Lowell,

At NEKLS, we are dedicated to providing impactful educational opportunities through our Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program, K-12 Tutorial program, and the Ready, Set, Grow Childcare Center (RSG). Our mission is to empower communities like Town of Lowell by offering quality learning experiences that support personal and professional growth.

We envision a future where all individuals can access the education they need to enhance their skills and achieve their goals. Your support is essential in making this vision a reality. A town appropriation of \$250.00 will directly contribute to expanding and improving our programs.

Our Adult Education and Literacy programs, offered at learning centers in Canaan, Hardwick, Island Pond, Newport, and St. Johnsbury, serve individuals aged 16 and older who are seeking to:

- Earn their high school diploma or GED
- Acquire skills for career transitions
- Improve reading, writing, and math abilities
- Prepare for college or workforce training
- Learn or enhance English language skills as a second language

Additionally, our Tutorial program partners with local schools throughout the NEK, providing essential support to help K-12 students achieve academic success.

In Newport, Vermont, our Ready, Set, Grow Childcare Center, a 5-STAR rated facility, is licensed to serve 99 children, ensuring high-quality early education and care.

We invite you to support NEKLS in fostering educational growth within your community. Enclosed is our NEKLS appropriations information sheet for inclusion in your town report, offering a summary of our services for local taxpayers. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the future of education in Town of Lowell.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle Faust*

Michelle Faust

Executive Director

Enclosure: NEKLS Appropriations Infographic

**OUR MISSION IS TO INSPIRE AND EMPOWER LEARNERS, BIRTH AND BEYOND**

NEWPORT (802)334-6535 / ST. JOHNSBURY (802)748-5624 / HARDWICK (802)472-3183 / ISLAND POND (802)723-1134 / CANAAN (802)274-2608



**NVDA**  
Northeastern Vermont  
Development Association

## Request for 2025 Town Dues

Greetings:

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) is now making its annual Request for Town Dues. In past years, we have used the term "appropriations" rather than "dues", but "dues" more accurately reflects the Town's status as a member community of NVDA, which your Town has been since 1950. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

### **Town of Lowell**

Amount Requested:           \$843

Possible funding methods\*\*:

1.     As a line item in the operating budget
2.     As an article on the warning

Example:

*"Shall the town vote to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$843 to the Northeastern Vermont Development Association, for planning, development, promoting and publicizing the resources of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties with other towns in the three counties?"*

\*\*Many of NVDA's member Towns are also members of the Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) and have those dues included as a line item in the Town budget, rather than as an article in the Town report. Please consider including the Town's membership with NVDA as a line item as well.





To the Voters of Lowell:

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) serves your town as a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. NVDA is the regional planning commission and economic development organization for Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, so we are uniquely suited to effectively serve municipalities and businesses.

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.

Local governance has become increasingly complex in recent years, and our staff remains available to assist your community in multiple capacities:

- Land use planning and 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;
- 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.

The July floods of 2024 brought unwelcome challenges to local governments and businesses still navigating 2023 flooding and post-pandemic realities. In addition to our regular services, we actively participated in flood response. We also began helping our communities understand the requirements of Act 181 which made changes to Act 250 and land use mapping, while we continued assisting municipalities through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP).

How have we served your community recently? In 2024, NVDA represented Lowell on the Memphremagog Basin Water Quality Council, and we reviewed your town's Flood Hazard Bylaw in anticipation of updates to FEMA flood maps. We also provided emergency planning and preparedness. Staff provided Municipal Energy Resilience (MERP) technical assistance and community support by scheduling a building energy assessment and reviewing the final reports.

NVDA dues are just \$0.95 per capita, 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 work hard to keep 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



*“The pull of the future is stronger than  
the push of the past.”*  
-- Pir Vilayat

ConnectABILITIES “Let’s  
Do It Together”  
PO Box 1058 Newport VT  
05855 (888-635-6222)  
[occavt@gmail.com](mailto:occavt@gmail.com)  
November 21, 2024

Dear Town friends,

Last year you may recall that OCCA rebranded itself as ConnectABILITIES. As such, we continue to support our community members in Orleans County who have visible and invisible developmental and intellectual disabilities. In the years since COVID, the lack of volunteers continues to remain a challenge for all not-for-profit organizations, not only in our area, but across the country.

In 2023 we rebranded and reorganized in order to increase our services and reach. It is our pleasure and our privilege to serve the needs of the disability community.

We are proud to be celebrating our 37th anniversary and are a vibrant and needed entity in the community.

*ConnectABILITIES' mission is to create and support relationships between community volunteers and people with differing abilities so that all are heard, empowered, and fully included in the community. We strive to engage all of these people in opportunities that enhance their quality of life, and we seek to provide whatever support we can feasibly provide towards helping them to achieve their life goals. In doing so we keep our hearts and minds open to all who seek our help, regardless of their particular situations.*

So far, in 2024, ConnectABILITIES has accomplished:

- Added casework management and increased our level of service for those experiencing crisis and in need of advocacy.
- Recruited and added new Board Members
- Recruited and hired Consultants who demonstrate subject matter expertise.
- Increased our connection with community resources and worked in partnership with NEKO and NKHS, serving our shared constituency.
- Provided an inclusive program series, continuing to explore the arts, for socializing, and meeting community members, through shared meals, life skills enhancement, socialization, and building friendships. Transportation is provided to events.
- Provided ongoing outreach and support to advocates (community volunteers) and partners (community members with disabilities).
- Continued our toll-free Helpline as a 24/7 resource for our community. We provide support, access to resources, and referrals for callers and their families, who need assistance in reference to their disability needs.
- Provided ongoing development of our resource referral database for federal, state and local public agencies.
- We have been involved in a months-long documentary project highlighting the lives and issues of those living with disabilities in Vermont. The finalized version of this documentary will be shown to the Legislature in January, 2025, highlighting the challenges faced by those living with disabilities in the State of Vermont.
- Maintained social media sites, and a website

Intentionally ConnectABILITIES operates with a small budget, but at the same time, we provide highly individualized, customized support for up to 50 people per month. We do not receive funds from Federal or State agencies, or The United way. Our funding comes from Town Appropriations across Orleans County, and local donors. Your generosity on Town Meeting Day, when you vote to support ConnectABILITIES, and the disabled community will be greatly appreciated. The pull of the future towards support and sustainability for this vulnerable community in our midst is of the utmost importance.

Please call 888-635-6222 for more information, with questions or referrals. We welcome our connection with you.

In solidarity,

Ann Stannard, Board Co-Chair Emeritus  
Dr. Franklin J. Rudolph, Ph.D., Board Chair  
Graci Kenyon-Rudolph, Lead Consultant

December 1, 2024  
Lowell Town Clerk

We ask that the following article be placed in your Town/City warning for the upcoming Town Meeting:

**“ARTICLE \_\_\_ : TO SEE IF THE TOWN/CITY WILL APPROPRIATE \$200 TO ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING AND SUPPORTING ONE-TO-ONE LONG TERM, INDEPENDENT REALTIONSHIPS BETWEEN UNPAID COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SO THAT ALL ARE HEARD, RESPECTED, INCLUDED AND EMPOWERED.”** Please render payment by December 31, 2025

OCCA Board of Directors

November 25th, 2024

Orleans County Historical Society, Inc.  
dba Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village  
109 Old Stone House Road  
Brownington, VT 05860-9557

Dear Lowell Select Board Members:

Next year, we'll celebrate a milestone that belongs to all of us—100 years of the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village! The museum first opened in 1925, and for a century, we've been caring for artifacts, hosting hands-on programs, and creating a space where people of all ages can engage with the past and find inspiration for the future. Our historic village encompasses eight remarkable buildings and a collection of over 75,000 artifacts that vividly illustrate various aspects of Orleans County's heritage.

Through tours, events, research opportunities, and recreational activities, the Old Stone House remains a vital and dynamic cornerstone of Orleans County culture. Each year, the museum attracts nearly 5,000 visitors to Orleans County, bringing vital tourism revenue into our community. Additionally, our annual grants and preservation projects inject funds into the local economy, supporting contractors, tradespeople, and suppliers while ensuring the longevity of our historic treasures.

The museum provides meaningful employment opportunities, with six permanent staff members and three to five seasonal employees each year. For the past two summers, we've been proud to welcome local middle school students to our team. These young participants have gained valuable experience by helping to maintain the grounds, preserve collections, welcome visitors, and much more—a program that will continue in 2025.

As a nonprofit organization deeply committed to preserving and celebrating our history, enhancing local culture, and contributing to the region's economy, we rely on support from the towns we serve most directly. With this in mind, we respectfully request that you include the following article in your Town Meeting warning:

*"To see if the Town of Lowell will appropriate the sum of \$550 for the Orleans County Historical Society, Inc. to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its programs, and direct the selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same."*

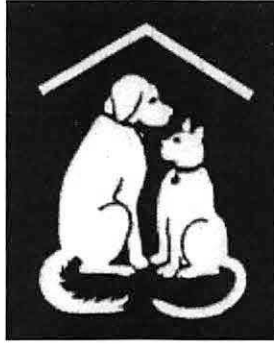
Our year-end financial report and signature pages will be submitted on the first of January.

I respectfully submit this request and thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Molly Veysey, Executive Director, Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village



Dear Town of Lowell

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. is requesting that you include the following request in your 2025 Town Warning.

Shall the voters of the town of Lowell vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter with its commitments to rescuing, providing care to and finding homes for unwanted pets.

Thank you very much for your consideration

Sincerely

Betsy Hampton  
PMFAS Board Member  
December 2024

4473 Barton-Orleans Road  
Orleans, VT 05860

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The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter ,Inc. has continued to rescue, provide healthcare and housing to and adopt into caring homes over 350 dogs and cats in 2024. Town appropriations are a very necessary part of the shelter's yearly survival, and the monies are used to provide food, veterinarian services, medicines, utilities and maintenance. We have an amazing staff and volunteer pool who are dedicated to the welfare of our animals. During the past 12 months, volunteers have given over 5000 hours of their time. THANK YOU to all who work with our dogs and kitties and to the area towns who support our mission through donations and town appropriations.



# Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1677 Industrial Parkway • Lyndonville, Vermont 05851

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*"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"*

October 30, 2024

Town of Lowell  
Lowell Town Office  
2170 Vermont Rte 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Re: Request for town appropriation

Dear Lowell Voters,

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2025 warning for the Town Meeting:

Article: Shall the Town of Lowell vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,600.00** for the support of **Rural Community Transportation, Inc.** to provide services to residents of the Town of Lowell.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2024, RCT provided 490 rides, traveling 23,458 miles at a total cost of \$47,324.00. RCT continued to provide safety-focused, demand-based rides and all buses operated fare-free.

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 Lowell.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Renee Stalczyński".

Renee Stalczyński  
Office Administrator



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

- **Social Change** focuses on prevention education and initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, and creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. One of our strategies is to provide pathways for girls to work within this social change and prevention field through the Youth in Power Program. In FY24, Our Social Change programs saw extraordinary growth, doubling their reach to local schools to provide prevention education and support to 2,670 youth and conducting multiple training sessions and workshops for 1,369 adults.
- **Advocacy Program** serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation - which in total we characterize as gender-based violence. In our work, the client leads and we support them in any way they need us to including legal advocacy, housing advocacy, support with parenting after trauma and more. In FY24, Advocacy supported approximately 509 survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- **Family Based Services** focuses on child-care and strengthening family relationships. *Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC)* assists families in the Northeast Kingdom to receive subsidized child care, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. *The Family Room* offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In FY24, Kingdom Child Care Connection program served over 740 families. The Family Room facilitated safe, supervised visits for more than 90 children.
- **Economic Empowerment** serves women with significant barriers to employment in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties. Our *Cornucopia* program, and our social enterprise, *Dolcetti* each wrap around women to support them in building job readiness skills while helping them to address challenges in their lives so they are able to move towards financial self-sufficiency. In FY24, as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged nearly 39,509 meals to homebound seniors.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 18 households in the Town of Lowell were served by Umbrella in Fiscal Year 2024 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

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

Respectfully,

Amanda Cochrane  
Executive Director

Umbrella Inc. was incorporated in 1981 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose mission is:  
To cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression.  
1330 Main St., St Johnsbury, VT 05819 | Phone (802) 748-1992 |  
Fax (802) 748-1405 EIN: 03-0268884

November 27, 2024

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 **27+ years** of the program, **1,224 grants** totaling over **\$2.9 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 Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

The Rural Fire Protection Grant Program offers State grant awards up to \$10,000 per project. Additional Federal funding can provide an additional \$5,000-\$10,000 per project for more expensive special case projects. New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing systems, drafting site development, and bridge mounted dry hydrants 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 2023 was **\$227,662** of which **\$105,483** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **13 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 \$200 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2023, we received **\$9,150** in town appropriations from **90 towns**. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

**235** 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 the financial reports 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,



Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person for Town Appropriation business  
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program  
(802) 828-4582 | [dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com](mailto:dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com)

Jill Arace, Executive Director  
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
(802) 496-5162 | [jill.arace@vacd.org](mailto:jill.arace@vacd.org)

**Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:**

Bill Sanborn, 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  
Dan Dilner, VT Forest Parks & Recreation  
Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders Office





VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED  
HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926

12/2/2024

Town of Lowell  
Ms. Christy Pion  
Clerk-Treasurer  
2170 VT Rte 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Ms. Pion,

For many years, the town of Lowell has supported our mission to help Vermonters with visual impairments to be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life. With your help, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) has completed another successful year. Thank you for your ongoing support!

An estimated 14,000 Vermonters are currently blind or visually impaired. As the “Baby Boomer” generation ages, this number is expected to increase to at least 25,000 by 2030. We anticipate that the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future. Our neighbors, family and friends are among those who may be coping with vision loss.

It costs VABVI approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each adult client. In Fiscal Year 2024, the agency provided services to a total of 1,048 Vermont residents. This total includes 27 adults and 5 students in Orleans County. While we did not serve any Lowell residents this Fiscal Year, we have in the past and certainly will in the future. Please consider contributing to our agency and investing in the well-being of the community.

We hope that Lowell will consider supporting VABVI again this year with an allocation of \$200 to help fund our services in your township. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (802) 863-1358 ext. 219 or by e-mail at [sgougher@vabvi.org](mailto:sgougher@vabvi.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Samantha Gougher  
Development Associate

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[www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org)



**Report of Services for Town of Lowell**

During the 2024 Fiscal Year, The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired saw continued success in client services, innovative programs, and community outreach initiatives. Moving forward, it is exciting to imagine the strides we will make in enabling blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be more independent, develop adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life.

**SMART Device Training Program:** 584 Vermont residents received SMART training in FY24, the highest number in the program’s five-year history. In order to fully fund SMART, VABVI has launched the several-year Second Century Endowment Campaign.

**PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning and Support) Group:** PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. While many clients have been pleased with the reintroduction of in-person meetings in FY24, opportunities to join virtually remain available for maximum flexibility. 90 clients attended PALS meetings in FY24.

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

**IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience):** IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This June, IRLE brought 10 visually impaired students to Jay Peak Resort. Activities included beep baseball, disc golf, and ice skating. Fun was had by all!

**Community Outreach**

VABVI continues to innovate new projects which will connect the local community to our services and cause. After more than two years of development, an accessible tactile sign was installed in Burlington’s Waterfront Park in June of 2024. Additionally, VABVI’s New Americans Project has offered free vision screenings for local refugee community members.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the agency provided services to a total of 1,048 Vermont residents. This total includes 27 adults and 5 students in Orleans County. While we did not serve any Lowell residents this Fiscal Year, we have in the past and certainly will in the future

For more information about VABVI’s services or volunteer opportunities, please contact Samantha Gougher, Development Associate, at [sgougher@vabvi.org](mailto:sgougher@vabvi.org). Thank you very much for your support!

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November 25, 2024

Town of Lowell  
Christy Pion  
2170 VT Rte. 100  
Lowell, VT 5847

Dear Select Board,

The mission of Vermont Family Network (VFN) is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs. We do this by giving a strong start, lifting family voices, and advancing inclusive communities. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P), merged, VFN has collectively served families across Vermont for more than 30 years. Vermont children, youth, and families are provided with a “one-stop shop” to help them reach their full potential.

I am writing to you today to ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Lowell and throughout the state, with an appropriation of \$250. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like yours where we have served many families to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we do all around the state continues with the same excellence and care that it has for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve families with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants. While we have offices in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, we support most families virtually. In FY24 our Family Support Consultants served 1370 Vermont Families with one-to-one support. In addition, we have a robust website with resources for families, bi-monthly webinars and an annual conference attended by both parents and professionals.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education (PIE), an educational puppetry team that teaches children and school staff about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Last school year 7,800 school children and adults benefitted from these educational programs and workshops.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way toward ensuring our ability to continue providing much-needed services to Vermont families, children and youth. Please feel free to reach out to our Director of Operations, Michelle Kessler at [Michelle.Kessler@vtfn.org](mailto:Michelle.Kessler@vtfn.org) or 802-876-5315 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie Keidel".

Katie Keidel  
Development Officer



Andrew Crust, Music Director

2 Church Street, Mezzanine | Burlington, Vermont 05401 | 802-864-5741 | vso.org

Dear Town of Lowell Select Board,

The North Country Friends Group of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra appreciates the Town of Lowell for supporting *SymphonyKids* programs for the children in your community. *SymphonyKids* is an outreach program with a mission to engage children in classical music through audience participation and encourage students to develop a lifelong enthusiasm for music.

It is our understanding that the Select Board can make the decision to add our request for an appropriation of \$100.00 to the 2025 Town Meeting Warning. We hope that you will consider sharing this letter and Article with town voters.

**Article: Shall the Town of Lowell voters approve the sum of \$100.00 as an appropriation to the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's educational and youth access programs?**

*SymphonyKids* involves a number of youth music education programs which benefit our youth in the Northeast Kingdom. We visited and drew students from communities such as Barton, East Burke, Eden, Glover, Greensboro, Lowell, Newport City, Newport Town, Sheffield, St. Johnsbury, Waterville, and more during the financial year.

- 855 kids (elementary and middle school) attended twelve VSO's **Musicians in Schools** programs that took place in schools across the Northeast Kingdom. These 45-minute concerts highlight the connection between STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and music with live performances by a trio of musicians and a storyteller.
- 72 kids (ages 1-17) took part in our **Musical Petting Zoo** at Lyndon Town School during the July 2024 Summer Festival Tour concert performance, and received free or reduced price tickets.
- 12 string students with **Catamount Arts' EPIC music program** participated in an instructional workshop with VSO's Jukebox quartet in April 2024.

The 2025 appropriation from your town will go towards the VSO's general education work in the NEK and access to VSO performances for young people in the community. Your support in providing access to classical music for ALL children is greatly appreciated!

Should you have questions or need more information, please contact Devon Cooke, VSO Development Director, at [devon@vso.org](mailto:devon@vso.org) or (802) 864-5741 ext. 125.

Thank you!

Ruth Marquette, on behalf of the North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra



*Musicians in Schools brass ensemble at Eden Central School, Eden*



*Musicians in Schools woodwind ensemble at Lakeview Elementary, Greensboro*



*VSO Jukebox musicians with Catamount Arts' EPIC string program, St. Johnsbury*

# **JAY AREA FOOD SHELF**

A very special thanks to everyone who donated time, food, and money to the Jay Area Food Shelf. With the continued support & generosity from area community members, the food shelf can continue to serve many people in the area when they need a little help.

The Jay Area Food Shelf has a new location as of September 2024. The Jay Selectboard offered the Food Shelf a much larger space in the Old Jay Town Garage (same building as Jay/Troy Recycle) at 1375 Cross Road, Jay, VT 05859. This move enables the Food Shelf to expand the food & clothing options, as well as more space for refrigeration, shelving and other options to expand services. Thank you to everyone who helped with the move!

However, none of this comes free, what does? To their credit the town of Jay never charged rent to the food shelf and will continue to not charge rent at the new location, as well as continue to plow and maintain the building. However, the Food Shelf will be paying for electricity, fuel, and rodent control. The Jay Focus Group is committed to working with the Town of Jay to keep the Jay Area Food Shelf a viable option in our area. To that end, we are asking for an increase in the appropriation for 2025. The Jay Focus Group is of course taking advantage of all grants open to us to cover costs going forward.

For information, whether you qualify for the food shelf program or the USDA Commodities, please visit the food shelf site at the new location on Thursday during operation hours of 9 am to noon or email [kim.lucier1961@gmail.com](mailto:kim.lucier1961@gmail.com).

For those who wish to make a donation of money, you can do so by sending a check to Jay Area Food Shelf, Attn. Denny Lyster, 1552 North Hill Road, Westfield, VT 05874 or online via PayPal thru the Jay Focus Group: [www.jayfocusgp.com](http://www.jayfocusgp.com).

Thanks to all who helped make the program a success. A special thanks to Berry Creek Farm for produce donations, Kneeland Christmas Tree Farm for tree donations, and Price Chopper for weekly bakery donations. Many thanks to those individuals/businesses/organizations who did food drives and/or donated food directly to the Food Shelf and to the many individuals/businesses/organizations for their generous donations, which included Rozelle Inc, Community National Bank, Jay Focus Group, Passumpsic Bank, Troy & Area Lions, King Arthur Baking, Troy Knights of Columbus, United Methodist Church, Westfield Congregational Church, Vermont Electric Coop, Hannaford Supermarket, American Legion Auxiliary- Jay Peak Unit 28, Michael and Pamela Tetreault, Gee-gee Zaveson and Bryan Bowers, Meredith and Chris Young, John Scully, Irene MacDermot, and the towns of Jay, Lowell, Troy, and Westfield.

Thanks to your help, in 2024 The Jay Area Food Shelf served approximately 250 households in the towns of Jay, Lowell, North Troy, Troy & Westfield.

Kim Lucier, Director

## **Jay Food Shelf Request**

The Jay Food Shelf requests an appropriation of \$1,000 from the Town of Lowell for 2025. Thank you.

Shannon Escalante

On behalf of the Jay Food Shelf committee

Skilled Nursing  
 Occupational Therapy  
 Physical Therapy  
 Speech Therapy  
 Licensed Nurses Aides  
 Nutrition  
 Social Services



Hospice  
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46 Lakemont Road Newport, Vermont 05855

Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

## SERVICE REPORT FY 2024 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 2024 .....	30,615
Total Visits FY 2024 - Town of Lowell.....	1,102

During Fiscal Year 2024, home based services were provided to 39 individuals in Lowell for a total of 1,102 multi-disciplinary visits. 1 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2025.....\$3,500.00

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

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



As of August 16, 2024 NEK Broadband and CVFiber merged under 30 V.S.A. 3052a forming one Communications Union District (CUD) dba NEKCV. NEK Broadband and CVFiber will continue to use their brands within their respective territories.

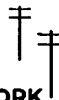
The district now includes 71 member communities in Caledonia, Essex, Orleans, Lamoille, Washington and Orange Counties. 50 of our towns currently have public fiber-optic infrastructure, and 57 towns have started pre-construction licensing work.

Broadband Nutrition Labels - In compliance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirement that Internet Service Providers (ISPs) display standardized broadband information labels, you will find these listed under the service offerings on NEK Broadband and CVFiber websites.

## CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE PROJECTED GROWTH BY YEAR

2024	33	Towns Served
	681	Miles to Date
	8,200	Addresses Passed
2025	50	Towns Served
Projected	1,165	Miles
	15,000	Addresses Passed

**8200**   
**SERVICE AVAILABLE**  
 WE NOW OFFER SERVICE TO 8200 ADDRESSES IN THE NEKCV.

**681**   
**MILES OF NETWORK**  
 AT THE END OF 2024, WE NOW HAVE 681 MILES OF FIBER NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE NEKCV.

**1199**   
**CUSTOMERS SERVED**  
 NEKCV MORE THAN DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS SERVED in 2024



## GRANTS & FINANCING

We were awarded \$2,847,276 through the Community Connect Grant program. This is in addition to the USDA ReConnect grant of \$17,474,000, which we received in 2023.

The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved an additional \$4M in construction grants and \$21M as a match for our Broadband Equity and Deployment Grant Application coming later this year. This brings our foundational support to over \$73 million for the Northeast Kingdom Region and over \$20 million in Central Vermont.

## BUILDING CAPACITY

We have doubled the size of staff, with a full-time staff of 13.

We have active warehouses in Danville, Montpelier and Brighton for the storage of construction materials.

In May we completed our first workforce development program, with 7 NEK residents receiving training to become Broadband Technicians/Installers.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

### NEKCV dba NEK Broadband & dba CVFiber Communications Union District - 2025 Budget / 2024 Budget to Actual

	2024 Combined NEKCV Budget Gov Board	Projected 2024 Year End at 9/30/24	2025 Proposed 2025 Budget
<b>Surpluses from Prior Fiscal Years</b>			<b>\$1,832,742</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Operations Revenue	852,455	874,871	2,047,769
Administrative Grant Revenue	1,885,621	3,442,342	3,856,318
Capital Grant Revenue	36,200,196	16,607,798	36,529,448
Other Revenue	\$0	\$1,837,490	\$1,467,290
<b>TOTAL CASH IN</b>	<b>\$38,938,272</b>	<b>\$22,762,502</b>	<b>\$43,900,825</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Operational Cost	\$378,912	\$823,330	\$1,247,036
Administrative Costs	\$1,885,621	\$2,935,997	\$3,856,318
Construction Costs	\$36,200,196	\$17,431,128	\$36,529,448
<b>TOTAL CASH OUT</b>	<b>\$38,464,729</b>	<b>\$21,190,454</b>	<b>\$41,632,802</b>
<b>Annual Net Cashflow</b>	<b>\$473,543</b>	<b>\$1,572,048</b>	<b>\$2,268,023</b>

## 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) or [cvfiber.net](http://cvfiber.net)



# Local Health Office Annual Report: 2024

Newport Local Health Office | 100 Main St. Suite 220, Newport, VT  
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Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. **The Newport Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Orleans and Northern Essex counties.**



## Improve Family and Child Health

- Our Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) team helps families access healthy foods, supports breast/chestfeeding, and can help with referrals for other services.
- We also provide a variety of opportunities for nutrition education including food demonstrations, community garden events, and events at farmer's markets.
- Between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, we provided education and support services to 1,096 individuals, completing 2,327 appointments with local families.



## Protect Community Against Injury And Disease

- Newport's immunization team administered a total of 210 vaccines this year to 155 individuals, including at local dairy farms and during Newport's annual PRIDE Fest.
- Community education was also provided on topics such as Injury Prevention, Ticks, Aging Well, Basic Emergency Preparedness, Sun Safety, and Dying with Dignity. At a Bike Rodeo event, we fitted and provided helmets to children and adults.



## Create Resilient Communities

- The Newport Local Health Office continued our partnership with Salvation Farms to distribute produce that would have otherwise been wasted to help the community access fresh food.
- Newport hosted three blood drives with the American Red Cross, resulting in a donation of 67 units of blood.
- As part of the flood response, 20 water test kits were distributed, and over 50 water samples were picked up for testing from the Local Health Office. Water test kit deliveries were also made in remote areas such as Morgan and Canaan.



## **DOG LICENSING & THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka "VSNIP"!**

**Pursuant to: 20 VS.A. §3581 of the Vermont Statutes Title 20: Internal Security and Public Safety, Chapter 193: Domestic Pet or Wolf-hybrid Control. Sub-chapter 002: Licenses: A dog must be licensed (registered) by six months of age at your town office to be legal. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required. Dogs not licensed can be seized and euthanized per state statute.**

Registering identifies your dog. It's proof of protection against rabies in case an animal or person is bitten. Immediate medical attention is needed. Animals not vaccinated and registered could be quarantined or possibly seized and euthanized, enabling the brain to be tested. Rabies is deadly. PLEASE LICENSE NOW!

**Vermont Statutes Title 20 - Internal Security and Public Safety Chapter 193 - Domestic Pet or Wolf-Hybrid Control §3621. Issuance of warrant to impound; complaint.**

**(a)(1) The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a warrant to one or more police officers, constables, pound keepers, or appointed animal control officers, directing them to promptly impound all dogs or wolf-hybrids within the town or city not licensed according to the provisions of this subchapter, except as exempted by section 3587 of this title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers of the impounded dogs and wolf-hybrids.**

A puppy (or kitten) can have their first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Community Animal Aid hosts a Wellness Clinic, including rabies vaccinations, for those unhoused or those receiving state benefits usually on the 2nd Saturday of the month: East Barre Fire Station. Check for updates: [AnimalAidVT@gmail.com](mailto:AnimalAidVT@gmail.com) or 802-734-0259. Tractor Supply Stores host a monthly rabies clinic, and some VT Humane Societies and veterinarians offer a rabies clinic in March.

## **THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka "VSNIP"**

**VSNIP helps income eligible Vermonters have dogs and cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated at a very reduced cost to them. Veterinary offices are throughout the state and we invite other veterinarians to join this altruistic effort to help continue eliminating routine euthanasia of mostly, an over population of cats and kittens. For an application, call 802-672-5302. Push #2 for instructions, or visit: [VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV](http://VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV) Sue Skaskiw, Administrator**

**TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

## MINUTES OF THE LOWELL ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2024

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The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on **TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

**Note:** The Town of Lowell has a checklist of 752 eligible voters. The number of votes cast for School Elections was registered at 124 votes for the NCSU Ballot, 51-yes and 73-no

- The School District Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. Moderator Alden Warner asked voters to take a moment to honor our American Flag and led voters in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The moderator read the announcements.
- Alden reviewed the Roberts Rules of conduct to be adhered to throughout the meeting.

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:**

**ARTICLE 1:** *To ELECT SCHOOL MODERATOR for the ensuing year.*

- Alden Warner nominated
- **ALDEN WARNER – ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 2:** *To ELECT an ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a three-year term.*

- *Shauna Richardson was nominated; voice vote/carried*
- *Moderator asked the Clerk to cast one ballot for Shauna Richardson. The Clerk then verified that one vote had been cast and put in an envelope for the record.*
- **SHAUNA RICHARDSON-ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 3:** *Shall the voters of the LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT approve the school board to expend \$2,354,444.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year*

- Article moved and seconded.
- Motion was made to pass over the Article. Moderator asked for ayes or nays to pass over the Article-Nays have it.
- Motion was made and seconded to vote by paper ballot; moderator then asked for a show of at least 7 hands to be able to have a paper ballot to pass over the article; not vote on the budget for clarification. Yes=44 No=71 Total votes 115, motion to pass over the article has been defeated.

- Some questions were asked about the revised numbers of the budget and why were they not final hard numbers. The School Board Chair answered that they in fact were the final hard numbers and that the budget was not going to change again for this year.
- Steve Mason, School Board Chair, took a moment to recognize Scott Boskind and Interim Principal Brandon Blunk for filling in this school year and what an amazing job they both have done. Steve also thanked all the non-profit groups who help out the school every year like F.O.L.K. who have helped with playground equipment and fundraisers.
- Steve also mentioned that when the teachers and aides have taxes taken out of their pay its nice to know that it goes back to the town.
- Steve took a minute to talk about his dad who was the last name sake of Mason's to be born here in Lowell, and that he really like being a part this community where his family heritage started.
- Questions and comments continued after Steve's heartfelt speech. The Comments were about consolidating our school, leaving it the way it is and sending the budget back to the State for reassessment as we the people have paid enough and need a break from the rising costs.
- Someone asked if Covid funding was still in effect? Steve answered that there is no longer Covid funding, it has come to an end.
- Steve also said that if anyone wanted to, they could come to the meetings to offer ideas that could help our school.
- Question was asked if there were grants the school could get but are not being utilized. Steve stated that all grants have to be approved by the Supervisory Union, and that there are only certain ones that can be applied for.
- Someone asked if health insurance had anything to do with rising cost of the budget. Steve answered that health insurance is a separate cost. He also stated that the Board only has 6% of control for the school budget , when it used to be 18%. He said they have less and less control every year.
- Motion was made to call the Question; and seconded, floor vote, ayes have it.
- **ARTICLE 3 PASSED AS WRITTEN BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 4:** *Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to use **\$52,600.00** of the unallocated, unaudited general fund balance from the 2022-2023 school year, to **reduce taxes** in the **2024-2025** school budget?*

- *Motion made and seconded to authorize Article 4 as written.*
- **ARTICLE 4 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**There was no article for non-binding business, or to adjourn on this year's warning. Moderator took it upon himself to assume this was an unintentional oversight, and allowed comments and allowed the meeting to adjourn.**

**The following comments were made:**

- Jennifer Blay spoke to thank Steve Mason for his many years on the School Board.
- Scott Boskind spoke to thank Steve for all the years he had Steve to rely on during his time as principal of the Lowell Graded School. Scott also thanked everyone for asking him to come back and fill in until they were able to find a replacement. It really meant a lot to him. Scott also took a minute to thank the Town for naming the circle after him. He was very honored by this.
- Moderator asked for motion to adjourn. Motion made and seconded. Voice vote carried.
- Meeting adjourned 11:44 a.m.

***Attest:***

MODERATOR: Alden Warner \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR: Shauna Richardson \_\_\_\_\_

*Received for recording in Town Proceeding Book*

*Attest: Christy M. Pion- Town Clerk*

# MINUTES OF THE LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2024

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The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

- The Lowell Town Meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m.

## **TOWN MEETING:**

**ARTICLE 1: To ELECT TOWN MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.

- Alden Warner nominated; voice vote / carried.
- Darren Pion nominated; declined
- **ALDEN WARNER – ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 2: To HEAR and ACT** upon reports of **TOWN OFFICERS.**

**Questions and Comments:**

- **Motion made and seconded to accept the report as written**
- The first question was asked by Troy Adams, he has asked if we would amend his statement that was made in bullet line # 2 on page 117 in the previous year's Town meeting minutes of article # 11 to actuate his actual statement and words.
- Becky, Town Treasurer, read the list of corrections that need to be made before excepting the book. **The corrections are as follows: 1. Page 4, total appropriations should be \$9,127. 2. Page 7, Archie Powers fund should say 2023 actual and where it says available funds, that includes the funds held to keep this trust perpetual as long as there is a Town of Lowell. 3. Pages 10-16 should say "2024 proposed budget". 4. The Appraisal Dept. on page 24, 2023 actual should say \$76,094 for funds carried over from prior year and available funds should say \$49,462. 5. Page 27, the fire truck balance due is \$65,249.77. Paving loan balance due \$205,086.63. Kempton Bridge loan balance due \$156,429.21**
- **Motion made and seconded to accept the report with the above corrections**
- **Voice vote/ carried**

**ARTICLE 3: To ELECT** the following **OFFICERS** required by law:

- a. **SELECT PERSON**                      3-year term
- Wayne Richardson- nominated.
- Christina Adams- Nominated
- Request made to vote by paper ballot; voice vote, ayes have it

- Request made to here from the candidates; voice vote, ayes have it
- Christina spoke first, then Wayne.
- Paper ballot count was Christina Adams- 13, Wayne Richardson- 102, Total Votes-115
- **Wayne Richardson-ELECTED**

**b. LISTER** 3-year term

- Chris Hager- nominated.
- **Chris Hager – ELECTED**
- Mark Higley, Town Representative, asked to speak for a brief moment.
- Moderator asked if there was no objection, he would suspend the rules, and deviate from the warning to have Mark speak. There was no objection.

**MARK HIGLEY-TOWN REPRESENTATIVE**

- Mark Higley spoke to the Town’s people for a brief moment about the new laws that are being discussed and new laws that are being discussed.

**c. 1<sup>st</sup> CONSTABLE** 1-year term

- Ashley Callahan- nominated; voice vote / carried.
- **ASHLEY CALLAHAN – ELECTED**

**d. 2<sup>nd</sup> CONSTABLE** 1-year term

- Christopher Pion-nominated; voice vote/carried.
- **CHRISTOPHER PION-ELECTED**

**e. LIBRARY TRUSTEE** 2-year term

- Debbie Manning-nominated; voice vote/ carried.
- **DEBBIE MANNING -ELECTED**

**f. AUDITOR** 3-year term

- Dorothy Spoerl-nominated; voice vote/ carried
- **DOROTHY SPOERL-ELECTED**

**g. AUDITOR** 2-year term

- Arlon Warner-nominated; voice vote/ carried
- **ARLON WARNER-ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$ **360,175.00** for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Select Board's Account)?

- Article moved and seconded.
- **Article passed by Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ **140,000.00** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS?**

- Article moved and seconded.
- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote.**

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ **140,000.00** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS?**

- Article moved and seconded.
- Question was asked, how much of this money is being used for black top roads? Road Commissioner answered the question with " none of it, it all goes towards road maintenance." He also stated that the town puts \$50,000.00 a year into a special fund to help pay the cost for paving roads, and we apply for a grant every five years that also helps with the cost of paving the roads.
- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote.**

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ **33,000.00** for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT?**

- Article moved and seconded
- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ **6,500.00** for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY?**

- Article moved and seconded.
- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote.**

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$ **3,500.00** to the **ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE, INC.** for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency?

- Article moved and seconded
- **ARTICLE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$**12,688.00** for contract services to the **ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** for law enforcement services and to direct the Select persons to assess a tax over and above the budget to sufficient to meet the same? This will be used for approximately 192 hours of routine patrols, answering complaints, and investigating incidents. It



will also cover administrative expenses, including salaries, vehicle, benefits, liability Insurance, maintenance, gasoline, supplies, telephone costs, and crime prevention programs.

- Article moved and seconded
- Motion was made to pass over article and seconded.
- A request was made to vote by paper ballot. The Moderator asked for a show of at least 7 hands to vote by paper ballot on whether to pass over the article. 7 Hands were raised.
- **Results by paper ballot: Yes- 28 No-47, Motion defeated.**
- Moderator returned to original Article.
- Request was made to hear from the Sheriff. Motion made and seconded to suspend rules and allow sheriff being a non-voter to speak. Ayes have it.
- Sheriff Jennifer Harlow asked the Towns people if they had any questions they would like to ask her.
- Question was asked what the Sheriff's department was doing about the drug houses? She said that she would need certain details of who, where and traffic in and out to be able to determine if it is a drug house, and then would have to follow certain procedures and rules to handle this.
- Question was asked how many of the traffic stops were town citizens? The Sheriff answered that she didn't have that number.
- Question was asked where do the calls get directed when you call 911? The Sheriff answered that the calls will be directed to the State Police first and the Sheriff department will help cover if they are in the area.
- A motion was made to call the Question and seconded. Ayes have it
- Request was made to vote on main motion by paper ballot. Request was granted by a show of at least 7 hands. Paper Ballot Results were: Yes-33 and No-41
- Article failed.

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

**2024**

- a) **\$300** to **AMERICAN LEGION JAYPEAK POST #28, INC.**
- b) **\$1000** to **GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC.**
- c) **\$50** to **GREEN UP VERMONT**
- d) **\$1000** to **LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH**
- e) **\$200** to **MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOC.**
- f) **\$300** to **NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING**
- g) **\$1,758** to **NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.**
- h) **\$250** to **NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.**
- i) **\$754** to **NORTHEASTERN VT. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**
- j) **\$200** to **ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY**
- k) **\$500** to **ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION-(OCFA)**
- l) **\$550** to **ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

- m) \$700 to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- n) \$825 to UMBRELLA
- o) \$100 to VACD – VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
- p) \$200 to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- q) \$90 to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
- r) \$250 to VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK
- s) \$100 to VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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**\$9,127.00 Totals for above appropriations**

**PLEASE NOTE: Individual service reports printed towards the back of the town report.**

- Motion made and seconded.
- Motion was made to reduce appropriations to 50% and seconded.
- Motion of 50% reduction was withdrawn.
- Motion made to reduce Letter M by \$500.00 no second
- Questions was asked “how many people actually use some of the appropriations requested?” Over have the room raised their hands and spoke on behalf of most of them and experiences.
- Question was asked what does the Article K even do for our Town? Many people spoke on behalf of Article K.
- Motion made to call the questions and seconded.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

- Cheryl Clarke Spoke on behalf of the Pope Memorial Animal Society and requested a donation of \$500.00 from the town, as they didn’t get their request in on time before the deadline.
- Erin Josey touched on the subject of possible grants the Town may be eligible for. She also stated that she would be speaking at the next regular Selectboard meeting this month.
- Jennifer Higgins reminded people to have seniors apply for the Wellman Grant from the Lowell Historical Society.

**ARTICLE 13:** TO ADJOURN

- The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting; voice vote / carried.
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:42 P.M.**

**Attest:**

**MODERATOR:** Alden Warner \_\_\_\_\_

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE:     **Jeff Parsons** \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDING OFFICER:       **Christy M. Pion** \_\_\_\_\_

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Attest: Christy M. Pion- Town Clerk