

# *Town of Lowell*



**Richard Pion-39 years of Service to the Selectboard**



**Dwight Richardson-21 years of service to the Selectboard**

*ANNUAL TOWN REPORT  
FOR YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2020*

## *A DEDICATION OF THANKS*

Mr. Webster's definition of the word "dedication" (ded·i·ca·tion) is "self-sacrificing, devotion and loyalty", and there's no better way to describe the service these two people have provided our Town for so many years. One would have to serve as a Select-board member to realize the complexities involved. Overseeing disputes, reviewing offers, signing contracts, approving (or disapproving) expenses, reviewing town policies and updates, evaluating, and accepting bids, meeting with Federal and State officials, as well as engineers, to determine best practices for grants, involvement with elections and Town Meetings, and reviewing budgets are a small portion of the ongoing services they provide.

Unfortunately, decisions are sometimes met with controversy, but these two have stood by their belief of "what is best for the town". Richard, with 39 years as selectman and Dwight, with 21 years, both deserve our utmost gratitude for their many years of "dedicated" service and will surely be missed as our town's leaders. To Richard and Dwight, THANK YOU!

# ***ANNUAL TOWN REPORT***



LAUREN LEGACY GRADE 8

**For Year Ending December 31, 2020**

**Town of Lowell, Vermont**

***Lowell Graded School on  
Saturday  
June 12, 2021.***

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

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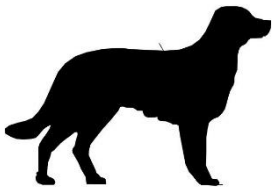
- *All Australian ballot articles warned by North Country Union High School (NCUHS) will be voted by the Australian ballot system as well as Lowell Graded School. Ballots will be available at the Town Office by in person voting and absentee requesting.*
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**2021**

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Rabies Clinic	<b>THERE WILL BE NO RABIES CLINIC THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID-19</b>		
Green Up Day	May 1	All Day	Vermont
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	July 17	7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT
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# REPORT OF DOG LICENSES

Dogs Licensed (2020) .....	135.
Penalties .....	\$ 0.00
Special Licenses .....	\$ 30.00
Total License Fees Received .....	\$ 1,241.00
Fees Paid to VT State Treasurer .....	\$ 610.00.

## DOG REMINDER

ALL DOGS 6 MONTHS & OLDER MUST BE LICENSED BY  
APRIL 1st, 2021  
50% Penalty charged after April 1st, 2021.

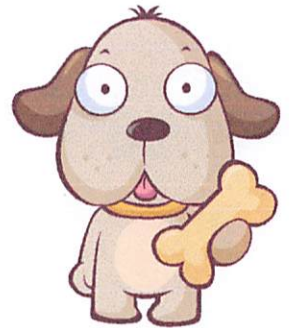


### Dog License Fees:

\$ 9.00 each neutered or spayed.  
\$13.00 each not neutered or spayed.

### Fee After April 1st, 2021

\$ 11.00 each neutered or spayed.  
\$ 17.00 each not neutered or spayed.



**The Animal Doctor will not be hosting a Rabies clinic this year due to the rise of Covid-19.**

(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 select board 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 or under his or 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.*

## **VSNIP PROGRAM**

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP) is intended to help with the cost of spay & neuter for cats and dogs that are cared for by Vermonters unable to afford the standard cost of these important procedures. Included in this service is a rabies vaccination, and one distemper vaccination. In order for full protection of the diseases that this vaccination addresses, a follow up vaccination is needed. The follow up series is not included with the VSNIP voucher.

VSNIP is funded by an added \$4.00 fee to the licensing of dogs. This is the **ONLY** funding for the program. Funds are limited by how many people license their dogs, which is required by law. To license your dog, go to your town office with proof of a rabies vaccination. Rabies is in Vermont and it is deadly!

Licensing a dog: 1) helps identify your dog if lost, 2) shows proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal [but would still need immediate life saving medical attention], 3) bites another animal [or person - which could otherwise result in the quarantine of your dog or euthanasia in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated], and 4) helps pay for the service for which you're applying.

**PROOF OF A CURRENT DOG LICENSE IS REQUIRED WHEN APPLYING FOR AN APPLICATION.**



# Household Hazardous Waste



*2020 Collection Days*



**Saturday April 25**  
**Saturday October 10**  
**7:30 am to 11:30 am**

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

This event is **FREE** and open to the RESIDENTS of  
**Newport City, Coventry, Barton & Lowell**

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**

# 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 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 (2.45% 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 through Thursday**

**9:00 am to 2:30 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 - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**SATURDAY -10 a.m. to 12 noon**



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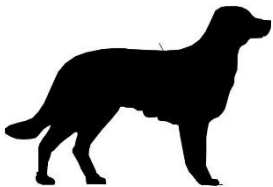
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**WARNING**  
**LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF LOWELL, VERMONT ARE**  
**HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE ELEMENTARY**  
**SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN OF LOWELL ON SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. TO**  
**ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZ:**

**TOWN MEETING:**

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

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

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

- |                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| a. SELECT PERSON             | 3-year term |
| b. LISTER                    | 3-year term |
| c. AUDITOR                   | 3-year term |
| d. AUDITOR                   | 3-year term |
| e. 1 <sup>st</sup> CONSTABLE | 1-year term |
| f. 2 <sup>nd</sup> CONSTABLE | 1-year term |
| g. LIBRARY TRUSTEE           | 5-year term |
| h. LIBRARY TRUSTEE           | 5-year term |

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$280,000** for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Select Board's Account)?

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 135,000** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS?**

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$ 135,000** plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS?**

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$30,000** for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT?**

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$6,000.00** for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY?**

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the legal voters appropriate **\$3,000.00** for the **LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL** teams?



**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$1,000.00 for the **JR. HOOP BASKETBALL** teams?

**ARTICLE 11:** 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 12:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,937.28 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 144 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 13:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	
a)	\$250	\$250	to <b>AMERICAN RED CROSS</b>
b)	\$500	\$600	to <b>GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC.</b>
c)	\$ 50	\$50	to <b>GREEN UP VERMONT</b>
d)	\$0	\$300	to <b>JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. – AMERICAN LEGION</b>
e)	\$1000	\$1000	to <b>LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH</b>
f)	\$200	\$200	to <b>MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOC.</b>
g)	\$300	\$300	to <b>Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc. – (OCCD)</b>
h)	\$300	\$300	to <b>NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING</b>
i)	\$1,758	\$1,758	to <b>NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.</b>
j)	\$200	\$200	to <b>NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.</b>
k)	\$659	\$659	to <b>NORTHEASTERN VT. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION</b>
l)	\$200	\$0	to <b>ORLEANS COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER</b>
m)	\$500	\$0	to <b>ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY</b>
n)	\$500	\$500	to <b>ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION-(OCFA)</b>
o)	\$550	\$550	to <b>ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>
p)	\$0	\$500	to <b>POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER</b>
q)	\$0	\$500	to <b>PREVENT CHILD ABUSE VERMONT</b>
r)	\$700	\$700	to <b>RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION</b>
s)	\$825	\$825	to <b>UMBRELLA</b>
t)	\$100	\$100	to <b>VACD – VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION</b>

- u) \$200      \$200      to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- v) \$90        \$90        to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
- w) \$250      \$0         to VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK
- x) \$100      \$0         to VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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**\$9,232.00    \$9,582.00    Totals for above appropriations**  
**PLEASE NOTE: Individual service reports printed in back of town report.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town.

**ARTICLE 15: TO ADJOURN.**

**SELECTBOARD:**

Richard Pion, Chairman

Alden Warner

Darren Pion

**ATTEST:**

Christy M. Pion – Town Clerk/ Ass't Treasurer

**Received for posting April 13, 2021**



**American Red Cross**  
Northern New England Region

October 14, 2020

Town of Lowell  
Attn: Selectboard  
21070 VT Route 100  
Lowell, VT 5847

Dear Friends,

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

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

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, **once every 17 hours**, helping nearly **2,000 individuals**.
- We installed more than **4,500** smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **31,400** people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected **135,000** units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,200** service members and veterans received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

As we carry on through the pandemic, the American Red Cross remains committed to safely providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Lowell. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$250.00.* These funds will be used right here in our region so that we can continue to serve your friends and neighbors during these unprecedented times.

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

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

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Zellem".

Rachel Zellem  
Development Specialist



**American Red Cross**  
Northern New England Region

# Orleans County Service Delivery July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

## Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **11 disaster incidents**, assisting **28 residents** of **Orleans County**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

City	Disasters	Individuals
Barton	2	4
Greensboro	3	3
Newport	1	3
North Derby	1	2
Troy	2	6
West Glover	2	10

## Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout **Orleans County** to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We installed **24 free smoke alarms** in homes and helped families develop emergency evacuation plans.

## Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **16 of Orleans County's Service Members, veterans and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

## Blood Collections

During the last fiscal year, we collected **1,073 pints** of lifesaving blood products in **Orleans County**.

## Training Services

Last year, **204 Orleans residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

## Volunteer Services

**Orleans County** is home to **6 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.





Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$600.00 from the town of Lowell to support the Lowell School Garden Program and the Farm-to-School Program.

Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is a non-profit organization providing fresh, local food and nutrition education to thousands of students in schools across northern Vermont.

GMFTS coordinates student and community involvement in the Lowell School Garden. Over the last year, every student at the school has been involved in maintaining and harvesting the garden. Produce from the garden was served to students in the school cafeteria or provided to community members in need in the summer months. When school went remote in March, our Farm to School Coordinators developed a series of educational videos to support virtual learning and planted gardens on their own for students to enjoy upon their return to school in the Fall of 2020. GMFTS has also worked with the school to purchase local food, host monthly taste tests, teach nutrition and gardening workshops, lead farm field trips, compost food waste, and host a Fall Harvest Festival.

With the town's help, GMFTS can continue to provide the School Garden and Farm-to-School Program in the town of Lowell, producing fresh local food for the cafeteria, and giving students the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy food choices. The funding from grants, towns, individuals, and businesses covers a portion of the school garden and Farm-to-School Program. The funds from the town will pay for tools, seeds, equipment and supplies, as well as staff time needed to maintain the school garden in the summer months.

We are deeply grateful for the support from Lowell in the past. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Cusack  
Executive Director



Vermont Green Up Inc.  
 PO Box 1191  
 Montpelier, VT 05601-1191  
 (802) 229-4586  
 greenup@greenupvermont.org

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

9/30/2020

Dear Town:

Thank you for your past appropriation for Green Up Vermont, your help is crucial to sustain our mission of cleaning up our roads and waterways. Your contribution is greatly appreciated! As Green Up rolls into our 51st year, we are again requesting your continued support for 2021.

For your convenience, below is an invoice in the amount you appropriated last year. Please note that many towns allocate money through their Road Line budget each year. The amount requested is based on town population:

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

Green Up Vermont is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and organize a statewide clean-up day, always the first Saturday in May, and to raise public awareness and stewardship for a litter free environment. Quick litter stats from 2020: Nearly 14,000 volunteers, 241 tons of litter and over 9,000 tires were collected.

Most importantly, amidst a global pandemic, Vermonters felt Green Up Day was the one event that shouldn't ever be cancelled and found safe ways to continue this civic service to their communities.

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day 2021, May 1st and help us celebrate 51 years of keeping Vermont green! Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments. I look forward to working with you again. Thank you!

Kate Alberghini  
 Executive Director

Invoice #: 1055

Terms: Due on receipt

Description	Amount
2021 Green Up Day Town Giving	50.00

Vermont Green Up Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization

Green Up Vermont'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 health, economic and visual benefits of a litter-free environment year-round.

Lowell Town

American Legion  
Jay Peak Post #28  
254 Dominion Ave  
North Troy, VT. 05859

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.

The appropriated funds provide the means of the Post to purchase flags and markers for replacement near a veterans headstone 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 year Post #28 is requesting \$300.00.

In Appreciation,  
Stephen A Russell



October 14, 2020

Town of Lowell  
2170 VT. Rte. 100  
Lowell, VT 05847  
Attn: Christy Pion

This is a request for a contribution of \$1000 from the Town of Lowell for FY2020 and a report of the agencies activities during the last year. We appreciate the continued support from the residents of Lowell and we look forward to serving you in the coming years.

In the last year, July 2019 through June 2020, LCMHS has provided services including child and family mental health, crisis services for individuals, and a variety of other community based services to improve outcomes for individuals and families in the Lamoille Valley. As well our agency continues working with local, county, and state police and other first responders and local schools to help improve outcomes for persons impacted by sudden and unexpected events such as accidents and other serious incidents.

We at the agency hope you will support LCMHS in our effort to promote the health and wellbeing of our neighbors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Michael Hartman', is written in black ink.

Michael Hartman  
Chief Executive Officer





Dear Lowell Residents,

Lamoille County Mental Health Services strives to provide the highest quality services and support to our community to enhance independence and quality of life. Over the past year we provided quality services to Lamoille Valley residents with all of our programs including a 24 hour 365 day a year Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) responding to requests from children, families, and individuals as well as local police, ambulance, Copley Hospital inpatient and Emergency Department, Lamoille Valley school districts and other partners. The Mobile Crisis Team also provides Critical Incident Stress Debriefing for first responders, families, and work colleagues coping with the aftermath of a traumatic event. This is the only full time mental health emergency crisis response service in the region. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 we served 1 individuals providing over 26 services over the course of fiscal year 2020.

In the past five years, we have created a community peer support program, the Cadre team, to support individuals who are experiencing a difficult time to have a peer to talk with or to assist them in getting over a temporary challenge. We have also developed into a Zero Suicide agency to help reduce suicides in our area, among the highest county for suicide related deaths in Vermont. This effort has been successful in training over 200 staff and community members on basic suicide prevention and over 70 providers on doing specific suicide intervention therapy. As well, LCMHS is sponsoring a survivors of suicide support group which is open to all communities to help individuals cope with this challenging event. Funding support from local governments can help to expand these efforts.

Our community and school treatment/support programs were engaged by Zoom and in person to work with children and families through the challenges of the early pandemic and as the 2020-21 school year start we are continuing to develop new pathways to help families coping with both the Covid virus as well as a hybrid classroom model spawned by it. Meanwhile our Developmental Services program has also done phenomenally well as we have recently been found to continue to have one of Vermont's strongest employment programs for persons with intellectual and development disabilities.

In these challenging times, town contributions and support, are always valued, making them more important than ever as all of us wrestle with the Covid 19 recovery. We are committed to do what we can to support our families and friends who find themselves in need and help to mitigate the many health impacts of the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Michael Hartman  
Chief Executive Officer



December 28, 2020

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

Dear Lowell Selectboard members and Residents of Lowell,

The Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) is a non-profit organization with a focus on water quality. We are able to maximize our impact throughout the watershed thanks to our dedicated volunteers, including school groups, teachers, paddlers, and farmers, to name just a few. We have been working with community members since 1996 to identify and address issues that affect water quality in the Missisquoi River and its tributaries.

MRBA Projects and Programs:

**Ecological restoration, streambank stabilization and river clean-up efforts:** MRBA volunteers have dedicated over 21,000 volunteer hours to plant trees, stabilize streambanks, and clean up trash along our waterways. In 2020 we supported two families in Lowell who joined our Adopt-A-Site program, monitoring and improving special places along our streams and rivers. Visit [www.mrbavt.com/adopt-a-site](http://www.mrbavt.com/adopt-a-site) to learn how you can join this program.

**Water quality sampling:** In 2020 we had to adjust our program given lack of state funding for lab analysis, but we plan to resume testing water quality for phosphorus and nitrogen concentrations in Lowell in 2021.

**Assisting farmers and landowners:** We reduce streambank soil erosion and filter field runoff by planting trees in riparian buffer areas, installing water bars or lining culvert outlet basins, and seeding down areas of bare earth. We will be working with partners to assist two property owners in Lowell in 2021 and are always seeking more landowners who are interested in improving their streambanks.

**Educational programs:** We provide hands-on educational opportunities to students with our watershed model, rainfall simulator and Bug works program. In addition to our Bug works videos – available at [www.mrbavt.com/bug](http://www.mrbavt.com/bug) – we are working on more online content to reach our students and support our teachers.

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 donation will help us meet our overhead expenses (i.e., rent, telephone, internet, postage, newsletters) which amount to over \$12,000 annually and which are virtually impossible to cover through grant funding.

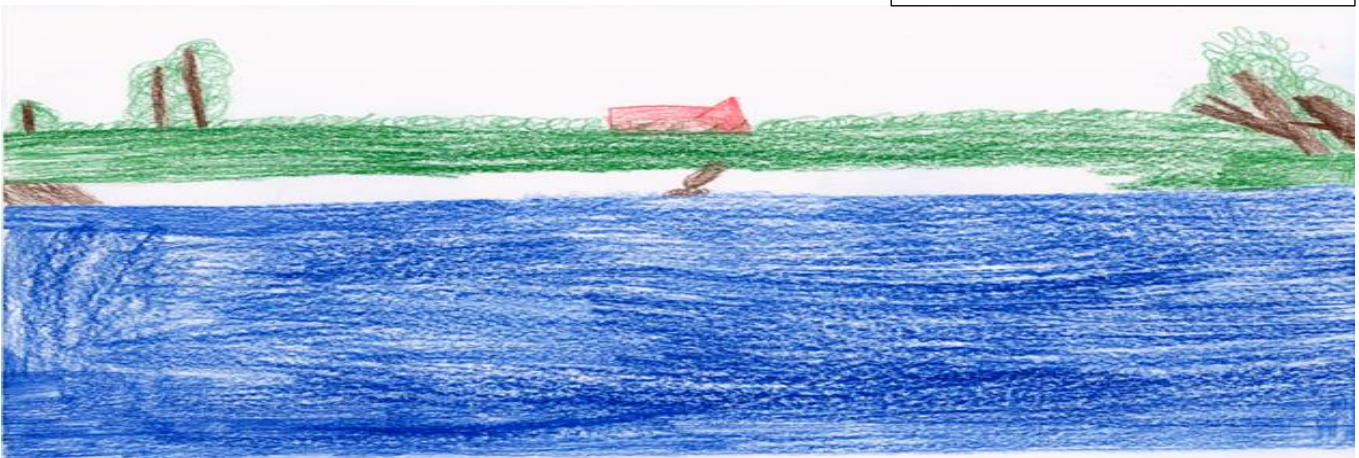
Your support of our organization in past years is so greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2021 request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Little".

John Little, MRBA Chair

TIEGEN PION GRADE 2 (THE RIVER)





**Community & Justice Programs**

71 Seymour Lane  
Newport, VT 05855  
Ph: 802-334-8224

December 11, 2020

TO: Town Clerk, Town of Lowell  
RE: Appropriations for 2021 Meeting

The Orleans County Court Diversion Program asks that you include the enclosed request in your Town Warning for 2021.

**Court Diversion is a community response to juvenile and adult offenders. A Review Panel comprised of community residents reviews cases after the participant has met certain program criteria. The Review Panel designs a contract, with the participant using a restorative process, which specifies the conditions of the person's participation. If the participant satisfactorily completes the contract, the State's Attorney dismisses the charges. The contract could include an apology and restitution to the victim, community service, counseling and other remedial, educational, or corrective services. Approximately 89% of those referred to Court Diversion successfully complete their contracts. In addition, Diversion is cost effective; it takes far less money to process a case through Diversion than through Court, and the Diversion process is controlled by community people with vested interest in making sure there are not repeat offenses.**

**Seven (7) Lowell residents made donations to local private non-profits in the amount of \$415.00 and paid restitution to their victims in the amount of \$500.00.**

Your support at Town Meeting is vital to the continuation of the program.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie R. Bowen, MS, HS-BCP*  
Stephanie R. Bowen, MS, HS-BCP  
Diversion Director

ARTICLE REQUESTED FOR WARNING OF 2021 TOWN MEETING

SHALL THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF **\$300.00**

**(THREE-HUNDRED)**

THE ORLEANS COUNTY COURT DIVERSION, A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING EXISTING SERVICES TO THE INCREASE IN JUVENILE AND ADULT OFFENDERS, AND THE VICTIMS OF THEIR CRIMES.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM  
Council on Aging   
*New directions for living well.*

Dear Town of Lowell Select Board,

On behalf of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, we are writing to ask for an appropriation from the town of Lowell to support our work with older Vermonters living in your community. Your support is vitally important as we continue to face challenges due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasing need to protect and feed our elder Vermonters as they stay home and stay safe.

The NEK Council on Aging serves as a central guide for older Vermonters to gain services and assistance in their communities. We remain a critical resource for the COVID-19 emergency response. In FY 2020, the Council aided **over 4,486 residents of the Northeast Kingdom** and with our home-delivered meals program, **delivered 207,546 meals—an annual increase of 79,462 meals**. We also offer a Helpline, Medicare counseling and Bootcamp, exercise and mobility programs, specially-trained staff who help people develop long-range planning as they age, family and caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support with aging in place, as well as support to apply for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs. Our nutrition programs partially fund meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. Our work is supplemented by over 370 volunteers who serve as home-delivered meals drivers, wellness program leaders, and home-based caregivers.

As a private, 501c (3) non-profit corporation, we have been serving older Vermonters for over 41 years. This year, we are requesting the amount of \$300.00 from the residents of the town of Lowell. We have enclosed a brief letter in support of this request for inclusion in your town report and a copy of our 2020 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.nekcouncil.org](http://www.nekcouncil.org)

The mission of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging is to *"Help People Age with Independence and Dignity."* Our goal is to enhance the ability of these Vermonters to live as independently as possible, actively participating in and contributing to their communities.



NORTHEAST KINGDOM  
Council on Aging



*New directions for living well.*

March 2021

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

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

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

Our service area extends across the entire Northeast Kingdom. During this past year 34 residents of Lowell used the services of our organization to meet their needs. People called our Helpline for assistance with caregiving and programs such as 3SquaresVT, Medicaid and Medicare, fuel assistance, and transportation, among other services. Our website [www.nekcouncil.org](http://www.nekcouncil.org) provides information on many of our programs and services.

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

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

In gratitude,

Meg Burmeister  
Executive Director

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

NORTHEAST KINGDOM  
Council on Aging



*New directions for living well.*

**Funding** and how it's dispersed

*Preliminary Results Year Ended September 30, 2020*

**Revenue Sources**

**Federal Funds**

Older Americans Act	\$745,813
Families First/CARES Act	\$626,607
Nutritional Services Incentive Program	\$126,952
Medicaid	\$355,805
Other Programs	\$108,278
	<b>\$1,963,456</b>

**State of Vermont Funds**

General Funds	\$53,000
State Health Insurance Program	\$34,251
Dementia Respite	\$6,955
Other Programs	\$812,866
	<b>\$907,072</b>

**Local Funds**

Participant Contributions	\$29,247
Town Funds	\$45,620
General Donations	\$33,068
Other Funds	\$4,199
Gain on Investment	\$7,318
	<b>\$119,452</b>

**Total Support and Revenue** \$2,989,979

**Program Expenditures**

**Individual Advocacy**

Case Management	\$953,602
Caregiver Services	\$47,023
Legal Assistance	\$33,835
Information and Assistance	\$167,033
State Health Insurance Program	\$61,211
Other Programs	\$120,719
	<b>\$1,383,423</b>

**Total Individual Advocacy** \$1,383,423

**Independent Living Services**

Home Delivered Meals	\$1,201,707
Congregate Meals	\$93,795
Specific Assistance	\$63,922
Other Programs	\$247,487
	<b>\$1,606,911</b>

**Total Independent Living** \$1,606,911

**Total Expenditures** \$2,990,333

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

2225 Portland Street  
PO Box 368 St. Johnsbury VT 05819  
Phone 802-748-3181 Fax 802-748-0704  
Toll free 800-649-0118

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

November 10, 2020

Town of Lowell  
Town Clerk, Select Board, and Community Members  
2170 VT RT 100  
LOWELL, VT 05847

Dear Select Board and Community Members,

Your financial support to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. (NKHS) goes directly to care for your community members in need of mental health, addictions, emergency crisis, and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities services. The appropriation request for the 2021 Town Meeting is the same as was voted at the 2020 Town Meeting. This represents 1.82% of appropriation requests from 48 towns.

**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 not for profit 501(c)(3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities?

This agency met the challenge this past year for accessible supports during the COVID-19 pandemic. As an essential business, NKHS adhered to Vermont's State of Emergency executive order and remained in compliance with Vermont's Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention safety guidelines. NKHS was able to adjust by implementing a wider range of telehealth options to keep clients engaged in services. These adjustments included added costs for technology. Not only did NKHS continue providing services and supports to current clients, but the agency also developed additional services for those who experienced the effects of the prolonged and unintended consequences of social isolation, loss of work, or decline in health. Examples were the warm lines made available for free to contact a mental health professional for support.

We know we don't live in a perfect world, and we are doing our best to help people live as best they can, given the realities of their individual circumstances. A summary of how NKHS helped the Northeast Kingdom and the Town of Lowell's community members is included with this letter.

If you need more information, please contact Ruth Marquette at [RMarquette@nkhs.net](mailto:RMarquette@nkhs.net). Thank you very much for your support at Town Meeting!

Sincerely,

Tomasz Jankowski, President and CEO



NORTHEAST  
KINGDOM  
**HUMAN**  
SERVICES

Serving the NEK  
since 1960

*We're all about being human.*



**NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES, INC. (NKHS) Requesting \$1758 in 2021**

181 Crawford Road – Derby, P. O. Box 724, Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 802-334-6744 or 800-696-4979

2225 Portland Street, P. O. Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 ♦ 802-748-3181 or 800-649-0118

Emergency Crisis Line 802-334-6744 – 24 hours a day/7 days a week

NKHS Parent Support Line 802-749-1111, a free community service

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

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

**Summary data for July 2019 through July 2020:**

- **3,663** = Total number of individuals of all ages in our service area that utilized support services in the past year.
- **39** = Number of individuals from the **Town of Lowell** who accessed supportive care at Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.
- **Over 100 hours** = Employees provided community consultation, education, and outreach in community meetings, events, and trainings in Northeast Kingdom Human Services offices, area schools, and businesses. Training examples include QPR Gatekeeper and Youth Mental Health First Aid.
- **512 total** = Dedicated professional employees who support community members in the Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, the satellite office in Hardwick, telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic, in homes, in schools, and throughout Northeast Kingdom communities.
- **18%** = There was an increase of 18% in unanticipated expenses not reimbursed by the state or other grants for technology, cleaning supplies, and personal protective equipment needed to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Good mental health is important for everyone. As a Designated Agency serving the Vermont's system of care, NKHS has a responsibility for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. A sliding fee scale is available for those in financial need. Northeast Kingdom Human Services is asking the Town of Lowell voters to consider helping neighbors, family members, and friends receive the supports they need to live a happy, fulfilling life and be an active and contributing member in your community. The 2021 appropriation request of \$1758 is the same amount voted on at the 2020 Town Meeting. This represents 1.82% of appropriation requests from 48 towns.

**Thank you so much for your support!**

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Directors

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.

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



*We're all about being human.*

**Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - Pre Audit**  
**For the Period Ending June 30, 2020**  
**Year-to-Date**

	<b>Total Agency</b>		<b>Favorable (Unfavorable)</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Client Fees, net	38,134,650	36,816,440	1,318,210
State grants -			
Grant-in-Aid	1,000,579	922,438	78,141
Agency of Human Services contract	589,370	519,857	69,513
Other state contracts/grants	1,436,197	564,270	871,927
Local revenue	90,495	66,275	24,220
Other revenue	334,996	157,884	177,112
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>41,586,287</b>	<b>39,047,164</b>	<b>2,539,123</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Salaries	16,716,501	16,739,001	22,500
Fringe benefits	6,856,043	5,982,950	(873,093)
Other personnel costs	13,042,390	11,428,153	(1,614,237)
Program expenses	758,341	594,921	(163,420)
Operating expenses	1,618,824	1,233,021	(385,803)
Client/Staff transportation	1,014,236	1,210,537	196,301
Building expenses	1,040,691	1,077,638	36,947
Allocation of indirect costs-			
Administration	42,431	0	(42,431)
Maintenance	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>41,089,457</b>	<b>38,266,221</b>	<b>(2,823,236)</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT) FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>496,830</b>	<b>780,943</b>	<b>(284,113)</b>
<b>NON OPERATING REVENUES:</b>			
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	10,199	0	0
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>486,631</b>	<b>780,943</b>	<b>(294,312)</b>

# Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.

55 Seymour Lane, Suite 11

Newport, VT 05855

1-844-GO NEKLS(466-3557) / toll free

(802) 334-6532 / phone

(802) 334-6555 / fax

info@neklsvt.org

www.NEKLSVT.org



December 4, 2020

Dear Town of Lowell,

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (NEKLS) has served the residents of Orleans, Essex, and Caledonia counties since the late 1960s. Beginning in one location in Newport, NEKLS has evolved to providing our FREE services in five Community Learning Centers and with various off-site and in-home educational programs. The residents of these counties that have accessed NEKLS services have worked towards earning a high school diploma or GED, gained job skills, prepared for college courses, received family and child support services such as Early Intervention, and much more.

Throughout the COVID 19 Pandemic, NEKLS, INC has not skipped a beat. Ensuring the safety of both our staff and consumers, we have continued to offer needed services and even adjusted and expanded what we offer in order to meet the community needs. From Children's Integrated Services working with families and local food and supply drives, to our Administrative offices hosting a local social media campaign to bring community members together at the start of the pandemic, we have continued to creatively collaborate and connect with those in the Northeast Kingdom in Vermont.

State and federal budget challenges continue to impact funding of community nonprofits such as NEKLS. Town appropriations are vital in keeping services free for the hundreds of community members we work with each year, helping to make their goals a reality. Funding helps to maintain high quality services as they are and to introduce new instructional options as well. NEKLS is requesting a town appropriation of \$200.00 to help support programs that are accessible to the residents of Lowell.

In 2020, NEKLS continued its new offering at Ready, Set, Grow Childcare located in the old Teddy Bear Factory on Farrant Street in Newport. The childcare opened in September of 2019 with the capacity to serve up to 98 children from infancy to age 12 all while maintaining COVID 19 protocols and making an extra effort to support essential workers. We have also debuted Step Up to Childcare, a FREE training program for those interested in becoming home providers or working in a childcare center.

Enclosed is our NEKLS appropriations flyer to include in your town report. It is a detailed summary of our services for taxpayers' information.

We hope you will continue to support NEKLS as we look forward to another year of being an important partner in your community. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Faust". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle Faust  
Executive Director

*Our mission is to inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond.*



# Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.

NEKLS began with one woman, Eva Warner, teaching area residents to read at their kitchen table.  
It is *so much more* almost 50 years later.

*It is our mission to inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond.*

- **The High School Completion Program (HSCP)** collaborates with local schools to provide a path to a high school diploma for anyone 16 or older. Program participants may have left school or may still be enrolled in their partnering high school. **In FY20 35 HSCP students earned their high school diploma**
- **The General Educational Development Program (GED)** leads to a high school diploma equivalency. In 2020 18 students earned their GED through the NEKLS GED Testing Centers.
- **Adult Education and Literacy Programs served 163 students for more than 6,336 hours in FY 2020 in the tri-county region.** In addition to HSCP and GED services, our teachers provided math, reading and writing skill development, job skills development, computer literacy and support in students' transition to work or college. Since March, many of our services are now also being offered remotely.
- NEKLS teaches English as a second or other language (**English For Speakers of Other Languages**) to students from around the world who have come to settle in our beautiful Northeast Kingdom. **In FY 2020, NEKLS served 5 ESOL students in the tri-county region.**
- NEKLS Community Learning Centers offer **group and individual digital literacy training.** In addition to computer instruction classes, an average of **106 community members a month** access email, search the web, perform job searches, complete online job applications, or apply for unemployment benefits at the **five Community Learning Centers in the tri-county region.**
- **Children's Integrated Services (CIS)** is Vermont's comprehensive approach to provide child development and family support services. In FY 2020, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services **Early Intervention and Family Support Specialists received over 300 referrals to EI and Family Support services.**
- **The Tutorial Program** provides one-on-one and group instruction to K-12 students at any number of locations including area libraries and town halls. **In FY 2020, NEKLS served 31 K-12 students in the tri-county region.**
- In FY20 NEKLS **trained over 50 community members in Mental Health First Aid** and has a staff member that was named one of the top 100 MHFA trainers in the USA. NEKLS transitioned their foundational prevention work to Umbrella's Social Change Program at the end of the four year Regional Prevention Partnership Grant.
- In September of 2019, **Ready, Set, Grow Childcare** opened its doors to children and NEKCA Head Start opened their Head Start Program. The COVID19 Pandemic has greatly impacted families, child cares and schools. While both programs had to shut down for a period of time, Head Start was able to provide remote services to their children and Ready, Set, Grow Childcare was able to reopen to children in June. **At that time, 42 children were enrolled.** Ready, Set, Grow is actively working towards full staffing and full enrollment for 2021.

*NEKLS has a staff of 61 dedicated professionals committed to serving the needs of the Northeast Kingdom. Please contact us at 1-844-GO NEKLS (466-3557) if you or someone you know has need of our services or at [info@neklsvt.org](mailto:info@neklsvt.org). Thank you for your generous support!*



# NVDA

Northeastern Vermont  
Development Association

## Request for 2021 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:           \$659.00

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 \$659.00 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

For 70 years, the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has been a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. As the state's only combined regional planning and economic development organization, we are uniquely suited to simultaneously serve the municipalities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom.

This year, we are once more requesting dues from our member communities. These funds are vital as they allow our team of professionals to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage other state and federal funds for our region.

Local governance is increasingly complex -- and even more so during a pandemic! Since last March NVDA staff has been swift and agile in meeting the pandemic's unprecedented challenges. We quickly mobilized to help local governments secure expense reimbursements due to COVID and connect so many of our businesses to the available state and federal recovery resources. Our regular services continued without interruption as well. They include, but are not limited to:

- Land use planning and regulation – town plans, zoning bylaws, and on-call technical assistance for local officials;
- Transportation studies, Infrastructure inventories, and Project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS services;
- Grant writing and administration for community and regional projects;
- Direct business support, referral services, and lending to employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning to help communities meet evolving statutory requirements;
- Local emergency planning and hazard mitigation planning;
- Brownfield assessments and planning;
- Economic development planning to grow and strengthen businesses in our communities;
- Municipal education and training opportunities for local officials;

How is this relevant to your community?

NVDA's transportation planner provided Grants-in-Aid assistance for local roads. The emergency planner worked with the town to update the Local Emergency Management Plan which was approved by VT Emergency Management, and we provided the Fire Department with information on available grants. The town also received daily updates on COVID related grants and health information.

NVDA's municipal dues remain at a very affordable \$0.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$250. We take great pride in providing cost-effective professional services to the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom. We take pride in keeping communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at [tgonyaw@nvda.net](mailto:tgonyaw@nvda.net) to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,  
David Snedeker  
Executive Director

# Orleans County Fair Association

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278 Roaring Brook Road  
PO Box 580  
Barton, VT 05822  
[www.orleanscountyfair.net](http://www.orleanscountyfair.net)

December 14, 2020

Dear Voters:

The Orleans County Fair Association has taken great pride in hosting the Orleans County Fair for over 150 years and we hope to continue the tradition for another 150 years, but we need your help.

Roaring Brook Park is a beautiful venue but has numerous historic buildings which are costly to maintain. As a member of the executive committee, we are working to restructure operations and generate a business plan that will keep the Orleans County Fair viable for years to come, but we are in immediate need of financial support. We are requesting a \$500 appropriation from each of the towns that make up Orleans County, and hope your community will support the Roaring Brook Park as a fixture in Orleans County for generations to come.

The year 2020 was challenging due to COVID restrictions but we were able to successfully have smaller events. We are hoping to continue with these types of events to allow communities a place to gather in a socially distancing COVID manner.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

The Orleans County Fair Assoc.  
Shelia Martin, Director/Treasurer  
[ocftreas@gmail.com](mailto:ocftreas@gmail.com)  
802-525-3555/802-673-9454

Enclosure

Tax Id # 036010725 - Orleans County Fair Association is a 501 (c) 5 organization which may make your contribution tax deductible as allowed by federal tax laws. Orleans County Fair Association did not provide any goods or services to you, the donor in consideration for this gift.

October 21, 2020

Orleans County Historical Society  
109 Old Stone House Rd  
Orleans, VT 05860-9557

Town of Lowell  
c/o Christy Pion  
2170 VT Route 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Select Board Members:

The mission of the Orleans County Historical Society is simple yet essential: *Preservation, Education, Inspiration*. This mission is carried out each day by ensuring our heritage remains relevant to our community. The Old Stone House Museum brings local history to life each year for countless visitors; seniors, adults and children alike. We are proud to continue loyally serving our community with high-quality programming and events.

Since 1917, the Orleans County Historical Society has worked to preserve and share the rich history of our county and our region. Our stunning neighborhood includes eight historic buildings, along with remarkable collections of furniture, paintings, clothing, tools, photographs, diaries, maps and letters that all illustrate aspects of our regional history. This year has seen the addition of our brand new Twilight Educational Trail around the museum's property, the Alexander Twilight Initiative and a new early education program.

Support from towns in our community plays an important role in helping the Society operate. With this in mind, we ask 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 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."

The Museum's financial overview and write-up for use in your town's report will be submitted by early January. I respectfully submit this request and thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Molly Veysey  
Executive Director  
Orleans County Historical Society  
[director@OldStoneHouseMuseum.org](mailto:director@OldStoneHouseMuseum.org)

Remove my name from all future mass email communications:

*Address postal inquiries to:*  
Orleans County Historical Society  
109 Old Stone House Rd  
Orleans, VT 05860-9557





Dear Town of Lowell

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. is requesting that you include the following request in your 2021 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, Treasurer  
PMFAS Board Member  
December 2020

4473 Barton-Orleans Road  
Orleans, VT 05860

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# Prevent Child Abuse

## Vermont™

October 2020

Town of Lowell  
Ms. Priscilla Matten  
2170 VT Route 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Ms. Matten,

For many years Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAVT) has been a strong voice for assuring that Vermont maintains a focus on preventing child abuse and neglect. Funding from the Town of Lowell has helped us provide programs, training and literature to families, educators, and others. Thank you for your past support.

This year has been unusual in so many ways and unfortunately families are under an enormous amount of stress. Our programs and trainings are needed more than ever as we help these families navigate through these uncertain times. Some of the programs we provide include the Circle of Parents (support group), Parents Help Line, Shaken Baby Training, Nurturing Parenting and Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training. Each year we send out 13,000 of Vermont Home Companion Directory to parents of young children.

In 2019 PCAVT provided the following programs and resources to Orleans County residents:

- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training to
  - Students at 4 Orleans County schools
  - 47 Adults
- 126 participated in the Shaken Baby Syndrome Training
- 64 people attended our Family Support Programs

**We would like to request \$200 from the Town of Lowell. Together we can promote and support healthy relationships within families, schools, and communities to eliminate child abuse and neglect. Please consider supporting Prevent Child Abuse Vermont once again.**

Thank you for your past support.

With much appreciation,

Ayesah Raftery  
Director of Development

P.O. Box 829  
Montpelier, Vermont 05601

Local: 802-229-5724  
Toll Free: 1-800-CHILDREN  
Fax: 802-223-5567  
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Web: www.pcavt.org

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# Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1677 Industrial Parkway • Lyndonville, Vermont 05851

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Phone: (802)748-8170 • Fax: (802)748-5275 • <http://riderct.org>

*"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"*

Town of Lowell  
Lowell Town Office  
2170 VT Rt. 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

September 16, 2020

Re: Request for town appropriation

Dear Lowell Select Board,

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

Article: Shall the **Town of Lowell** vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700** 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 Fiscal Year 2020, RCT provided 2067 trips to 23 residents of Lowell, travelling 81,058 miles at a total cost of \$92,834.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lila Bennett", written over a horizontal line.

Lila Bennett  
Community Relations Manager



Activity Report for Lowell  
Fiscal Year 2021 \* July 2020 – June 2021  
Town Appropriation Request: \$825

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

### **Social Change**

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

### **Advocacy**

The Advocacy Program serves survivors and children of survivors who have experienced domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, human trafficking as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation. In FY20: 519 people served; 60 households including 41 children (101 people housed in emergency shelter). New to our advocacy program this year, Umbrella added 12 new beds for emergency shelter for families fleeing domestic violence. Also new this year, 6 households including 8 children (14 people) were housed in transitional housing. \$64,974 was given out to support clients, which includes help with security deposits, food, personal belongings, moving expenses, transportation, and rent.

### **Family- Based Services**

Family Based Services focuses on connecting families to child-care and strengthening family relationships. Kingdom Child Care Connection assists families in Caledonia and southern Essex counties to receive subsidized childcare, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. The Family Room offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. Families are connected to needed support including child care through our Kingdom Childcare Connection. In FY20 560 households receiving Umbrella support to access child care, 120 families connected to children's integrated services and there were 60 new referrals to child care. Children participate in supervised visitation with support of the Family Room. FY21 saw 93 children served with supervised visitation.

### **Economic Empowerment**

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

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

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

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 22 households in Lowell were served by Umbrella in FY 2020 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. At least 10 households received a total of 1105 meals last year.

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



## Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

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

November 1, 2020

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 of 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, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **23+ years** of the program, almost **1200 grants** totaling **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

The Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

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

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2020 was \$200,432, of which \$107,524 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from 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





# Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

*Our Land ~ Our Water ~ Our Future*

November 1, 2020



## INVOICE

**for Support of the Rural Fire Protection Program  
(dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems)**

**\$100**

**Please make payment to:**

VACD-RFP Program  
c/o Troy Dare  
170 Lower Sumner Hill Road  
Sumner, ME 04292

***Thank You!***

**Questions?**

Contact Troy Dare, VACD Rural Fire Protection Program Manager  
(802) 828-4582, [dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com](mailto:dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com) or

Jill Arace, VACD Executive Director  
(802) 496-5162, [jill.arace@vacd.org](mailto:jill.arace@vacd.org)



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

12/7/2020

Town of Lowell  
Christy Pion  
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 support, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired [VABVI] has completed another successful year. Thank you for your on-going support!

The number of clients we serve increases every year, and it costs approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each individual adult client. During Fiscal Year 2020, we served 1,804 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 1 student in Lowell, and 35 adults and 11 students in Orleans County. 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. People are living longer, so we anticipate that the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future. As a result, our neighbors, family and friends are among those who may be coping with vision loss.

Last year, our local towns and cities provided us with over \$30,000 in support. These funds went directly to services for clients. We hope that you 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 any more information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (802) 863-1358 extension 217 or by e-mail at [sturjeon@vabvi.org](mailto:sturjeon@vabvi.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shannon Turgeon

Development Assistant



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

**Report of Services for Town of Lowell**

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

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

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

**SMART Device Training Program (formerly known as the iOS Training Program):** The program has served 239 clients across Vermont since it was established in 2018. Now, due to COVID-19, the SMART Device Training Program is more important than ever. Current social distancing protocols have led to our blind and visually impaired clients to become increasingly at risk for feelings of isolation and loneliness. In addition, with many healthcare providers now only seeing patients via "telehealth," it is critical that our clients know how to utilize technology. Our Vision Rehabilitation Therapists (VRTs) are providing remote services to program clients who are in need of assistance. Clients who received technology training prior to COVID-19 have reported that the skills learned in this program have been invaluable throughout the pandemic.

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

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

**IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience):** IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, meet adult mentors, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This year's IRLE Camp, which was



**VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926

going to take place throughout Southern New England with activities at the Mystic Aquarium and Roger Williams Zoo, has been postponed until 2021.

During Fiscal Year 2020, we served 1,804 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 1 student in Lowell, and 35 adults and 11 students in Orleans County.

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

December 8, 2020

Priscilla Matten  
Town of Lowell  
2170 VT RTE. 100  
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Ms. Matten and voters:

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of Lowell for our fiscal year 2021.

Annual support from over 150 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Lowell in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).

We are requesting \$90.00 from the Town of Lowell to help more people with disabilities in the coming year. Enclosed you will find a summary of VCIL's programs and services for the town and a copy of our FY'21 budget.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Sarah Launderville  
Executive Director  
[slaunderville@vcil.org](mailto:slaunderville@vcil.org)

Enclosures

Vermont Center for Independent Living  
FY'21 Approved Budget

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>FY21 Budget Approved</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>FY21 Budget Approved</b>
<b>Federal Grants</b>			<b>Specific Assistance</b>		
704 North	678,494		VHCB (FY20)	406,500	
704 South	295,320		VHCB (FY19)	0	
SILC grant	150,000		Meals on Wheels	387,879	
NIDILRR	18,700		ADRC	23,723	
USDA (FY20-21)	50,500		SILC Grant	35,000	
USDA (FY19-20)	-		EDP equipment	36,000	
USDA (FY21-22)	110,000		USDA (FY21-22)	100,000	
North Covid	437,225		USDA (FY20-21)	50,500	
South Covid	190,305		USDA (FY19-20)	0	
			VIRS "Off-Contract" Interpreters	10,000	
<b>State Grants</b>			North Covid	388,184	
VHCB (FY'20)	545,000		South Covid	141,684	
VHCB (FY'19)	-		<b>Total Specific Assistance</b>	<b>1,579,470</b>	
Meals on Wheels	484,972		<b>Operational Expenses</b>		
ADRC Covid	48,438		Salaries	985,537	
			Fringe Benefits	360,602	
<b>Other Grants</b>			<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>1,346,139</b>	
VIRS	61,492		<b>Agency Operating Expenses</b>		
VIRS - "off-contract" Interpreters	10,000		Professional Services	91,800	
EDP grant	75,000		Board Expenses	3,000	
VR Youth	81,500		Occupancy	78,958	
Employment Grant	-		Travel - mileage	19,000	
			Printing & Publication	10,400	
<b>Misc Income</b>			Telecommunications	20,521	
Cities & Towns	48,000		Supplies	48,783	
Donations - Unrestricted	25,000		General Insurance	50,637	
Program/Restricted Donations	-		Postage	10,000	
Subscriptions/reimburs.	3,500		Equip Lease, Repair & Maint	24,605	
VIRS referral fees	55,000		Advertising & Outreach	18,000	
Other Income	5,000		Dues & Subscriptions	8,500	
Investment Income	-		Training/conferences/travel	26,500	
			Depreciation Expense	29,800	
			Peer Skills Trainings	4,000	
			Miscellaneous	3,333	
			<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>447,837</b>	
			<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,373,446</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,373,446</b>		<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0</b>	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
LOWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>Access Income by Town</b>	30,000.00	30,000.00
<b>Misc. Income</b>	5.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>30,005.00</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
<b>Hired Equipment - Plowing</b>	<b>525.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>
<b>Total Hired Equipment</b>	<b>525.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE:</b>		
Property & Liability	4,500.05	5,000.00
Work Comp	1,219.00	1,500.00
Sickness & Accidental	1,011.93	1,200.00
<b>TOTAL INSURANCE</b>	<b>6,730.98</b>	<b>7,700.00</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE:</b>		
Bldg & Ground Maint	1,381.42	2,760.00
Equipment Maint.	4,888.00	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>6,269.42</b>	<b>7,760.00</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSE:</b>		
Fuel	1,417.09	2,000.00
Office Supplies & Small Equip.	424.98	550.00
Training/Stipends	6,465.00	6,600.00
Utilities	1,676.44	1,700.00
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	<b>9,983.51</b>	<b>10,850.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>		
Diesel/Gas	341.74	500.00
Dues/Membership	474.00	500.00
Gear	0.00	1,500.00
Supplies	624.02	650.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXP.</b>	<b>1,439.76</b>	<b>3,150.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>24,948.67</b>	<b>30,210.00</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>5,056.33</b>	<b>-210.00</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE -PRIOR YRS</b>	<b>-1,942.10</b>	<b>3,114.23</b>
<b>AVAILABLE FUNDING-END OF YR.</b>	<b>3,114.23</b>	<b>2,904.23</b>



# **LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **Special Equipment Account**

Prior Year Balance 12/31/2019	21,377.68
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Donations	24,106.36
Fund Raisers Raffles	2,786.92
911 signs	30.00
Interest Income	2.61
Services Rendered	600.00
Great Auk Wireless	825.00
Jam Sessions (none this year)	0
T-Mobile	14,451.18
Total Income	<u>42,802.07</u>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>64,179.75</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Rescue Truck Loan Payments	11,550.00
Building and Grounds	178.12
Bank Charges	5.00
New Equipment and Fire Gear	31,304.06
Fund Raiser Expense	235.85
Postage	382.07
Miscellaneous	0
Total Disbursements	<u>43,655.10</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	64,179.75
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	43,655.10
<b>SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND BALANCE</b>	<b><u>20,524.65</u></b>

## LETTER FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

**WOW 2020, what a crazy year it has been. With all this craziness, Lowell Fire Department still responded to 21 calls. We responded to 2 ATV/snowmobile accidents, 5 car accidents, 2 car fires, 1 barn fire, 6 mutual aid calls, and 5 other fire related calls.**

**We would like to thank everyone who supported us with every generous donation. With that, we were able to purchase new gear for our frontline fireman. We have 22 hardworking fireman that continue to train, that way, everyone has the best fire protection possible.**

**Fire Chief,**

***Calvin Allen***



LONDON RICHARDS GRADE 5

## 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 118** permits issued by the Fire Warden, Deputy Warden and Town Fire Chief. 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 **finer** 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



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



Hospice  
Maternal Child Health  
Special Services  
Long Term Care  
Personal Care Attendants  
Homemakers

Phone: (802) 334-5213 Fax: (802) 334-8822 46 Lakemont Road Newport, Vermont 05855 Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

## SERVICE REPORT FY 2020 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 2020 .....	39,369
Total Visits FY 2020 - Town of Lowell.....	661

During Fiscal Year 2020, home based services were provided to 30 individuals in Lowell for a total of 661 multi-disciplinary visits. 8 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2021 .....\$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

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
JAN. 1, 2020 - DEC. 31, 2020**

<b>Checking Acct.</b>			
<b>Jan 1, 2020 (Beg. Bal.)</b>			<b>\$4,848.78</b>
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<b>INCOME:</b>	Mass Mutual Interest	803.09	
	Contributions	200.00	
	Sale of lots	700.00	
	Town of Lowell	4,000.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,703.09</b>	<b>5,703.09</b>
			<hr/> <b>\$10,551.87</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	Lawn Care	3,755.00	
	Flags, Website, Domain, & Trees	708.28	
	Permanent Care	300.00	
	Brush Hogging	50.00	
	Corner Stones	250.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,063.28</b>	<b>\$5,063.28</b>
			<hr/> <b>5,488.59</b>
<b>ENDING BAL. 12/31/2020</b>			<b>5,488.59</b>

## *The Lowell Cemetery Association*

The Lowell Cemetery Association manages the care and finances of the Mountain View Cemetery. Its mission is to maintain, improve and beautify the cemetery. Thanks to town funding, volunteer effort, and contributions of material and equipment, improvements in 2020 included:

- Two maple trees were planted completing the row across the front of the cemetery.
- Flags and holders were purchased and placed on veteran's graves where needed.  
(The majority of flags are placed by the American Legion.)
- Lot maps were restored and a new portfolio case purchased.
- Brush along the slope next to Route 58 was cut and removed.

In order to provide ongoing maintenance and support additional improvements, the Association requests town funding of \$4,500.00 for 2021. In addition to grounds care, the main use for funds would be for monument cleaning.

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



Jennifer L. Harlow  
Sheriff

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Dear Lowell selectboard and residents,

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has been absent from Lowell for several years and would like to be given the opportunity to change that. The Orleans County Sheriff's Department is growing and the Deputies we currently have are community policing oriented. In the past year we have been able to conduct ATV patrols in the Town of Lowell, participated in Birthday parades and responded to a few calls for service.

I, Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow am respectfully asking the town of Lowell to consider contracting with the Orleans County Sheriff's Department for police services which include 144 hours to equal an amount of \$7,937.28 for April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer Harlow*

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

# Jay Area Food Shelf

Attn: Kim  
1036 VT Route 242  
Jay, VT 05859

Jay Area Food Shelf respectfully requests that the following article be warned for Town Meeting 2021:

## ARTICLE FOR WARNING

To see if the Town of Lowell will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to the Jay Area Food Shelf. These funds are used to purchase additional items for the Food shelf that benefit the residents of Jay, Lowell, Westfield, and Troy.





# Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

## RE: Request for Appropriation

At this time, Missisquoi Valley Ambulance would like to ask the citizens of the Town of Lowell for an appropriation of Eighteen thousand five hundred eighty-eight dollars, \$18,588. If approved, this will guarantee that Missisquoi Valley Ambulance will be your prehospital emergency care provider for 2021.

We are asking for level funding this year even though we have seen our expenses increase at a greater rate again this year mostly due to the operating costs associated with the pandemic and the state mandated tax without an increase in reimbursement. We will continue to use the grand list-based approach to funding, as we believe it more evenly and fairly spreads the cost of our services to all of the towns we serve.

We appreciate your past support, and look forward to continuing this relationship into the future. If you have any questions, please call me @ 802-309-0455 or email to [missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com](mailto:missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com) . Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Piette EMT  
President  
Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service



# Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service, Inc. of Jay, Vermont will provide the towns of Jay, Lowell, Troy, Westfield and the Village of North Troy with 24-hour Paramedic level emergency medical services. We are licensed and governed by the Vermont Department of Health and will consistently strive for improvement and growth to provide the best service to our communities at the most economical costs possible. **We responded to more than 335 emergency calls this year.** Breakdowns listed below, all other calls were mutual aid to other towns or transfers.

<b>Troy</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Jay Peak</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Jay</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Lowell</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>North Troy</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Westfield</b>	<b>21</b>

Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service (MVAS) would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the support we get every year. Community service is a difficult but very rewarding job and it's your support and thanks that keeps our members motivated.

This past year has been a tough one for all of us. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way that we are working every day. We have seen a significant decrease in our call volumes but an increased complexity and an increase of time for each call to ensure that our equipment and providers are safe to provide care for the next patients. We have had to keep up with an often-evolving situation along with all of the education that comes along with a pandemic. Each call is requiring more equipment and specialized resources, and is taking a toll on our workforce. We have seen a significant decrease in our labor force due to illnesses and other circumstances. We have applied for and received the paycheck protection program loan, workforce stabilization grant, and hazard pay grant and have passed that on to our employees. We have opted to keep our appropriations requests level for a 2.25% of the grand list this year to help support our communities that have also suffered.

MVAS is committed to serving our communities and devoted to the health and safety of our neighbors. Anyone with questions and concerns about our organization should call 988-1098 or email us at [missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com](mailto:missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com).

Jennifer Piette, Paramedic  
President  
Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service Inc

# Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

## BUDGET OVERVIEW: 2021 BUDGET - FY21 P&L

January - December 2021

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	TOTAL
Income	
Sales/payments of service	265,000.00
Town Appropriations	146,600.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$411,600.00</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$411,600.00</b>
Expenses	
Back taxes	7,000.00
Bank Charges	500.00
Bay Maintenance	5,000.00
Billing Service	30,000.00
Communications	3,000.00
Corporate Taxes	1,500.00
Disposal Fees	300.00
Dues & Subscriptions	300.00
Electric Expnse	2,000.00
Equipment	5,000.00
Equipment Maintance	5,000.00
Fuel Expense	8,000.00
Heating Expense	4,000.00
Insurance	35,000.00
Medical Supplies	8,000.00
Office Expenses	1,000.00
PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT	1,200.00
Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	70,000.00
Wages	180,000.00
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>
Payroll SERVICES	1,500.00
Rent or Lease	1,600.00
Tax preparation	500.00
Training/Classes	1,000.00
Truck Repairs	5,000.00
Vehicle lease	30,000.00
VT SERVICE TAX	5,200.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$411,600.00</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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# Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

## BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: 2020 BUDGET - FY20 P&L

January - December 2020

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
<b>Income</b>		
Sales/payments of service	217,721.44	265,000.00
Town Appropriations	136,887.00	137,680.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$354,608.44</b>	<b>\$402,680.00</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$354,608.44</b>	<b>\$402,680.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Back taxes	22,592.93	7,000.00
Bank Charges	285.59	500.00
Bay Maintenance		1,000.00
Billing Service	25,112.91	30,000.00
Building Expense		1,000.00
Corporate Taxes	4,124.00	1,500.00
Disposal Fees		300.00
Dues & Subscriptions		300.00
Electric Expnse	1,618.24	2,000.00
Equipment	7,745.81	4,000.00
Equipment Maintance	6,089.34	2,000.00
Fuel Expense	6,415.51	8,000.00
Heating Expense	2,638.29	4,000.00
Insurance	28,877.00	35,000.00
Internet		2,180.00
Medical Supplies	7,575.60	6,000.00
Office Expenses	521.87	500.00
PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT	2,650.00	1,200.00
Payroll Expenses	212,912.55	250,000.00
Payroll SERVICES	1,607.64	1,500.00
Rent or Lease	1,608.00	1,600.00
Tax preparation	470.00	500.00
Training/Classes		1,000.00
Truck Repairs	5,998.00	5,000.00
Vehicle lease		30,000.00
VT SERVICE TAX	6,199.47	6,600.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$345,042.75</b>	<b>\$402,680.00</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$9,565.69</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$9,565.69</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

# Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

## PROFIT AND LOSS

January - December 2020

	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>	
Sales/payments of service	217,721.44
Town Appropriations	136,887.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$354,608.44</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$354,608.44</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Back taxes	22,592.93
Bank Charges	285.59
Billing Service	25,112.91
Communications	3,772.98
Corporate Taxes	4,124.00
Credit card payment	10,535.53
Electric Expnse	1,618.24
Equipment	7,745.81
Equipment Maintance	6,089.34
Fuel Expense	6,415.51
Heating Expense	2,638.29
Insurance	28,877.00
Insurance-Overpayment	386.54
Medical Supplies	7,575.60
Office Expenses	521.87
PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT	2,650.00
Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	52,864.11
Wages	160,048.44
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>212,912.55</b>
Payroll SERVICES	1,607.64
Rent or Lease	1,608.00
Tax preparation	470.00
Truck Repairs	5,998.00
uniforms	627.00
Vehicle Expenses	934.15
VT-SERVICE TAX	6,199.47
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$361,298.95</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -6,690.51</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
Hazard Pay GRANT	-2,761.57
Interest Earned	10.78
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ -2,750.79</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -2,750.79</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -9,441.30</b>

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

2020 was certainly a year that brought many challenges for all of us, including F.O.L.K. While many events were cancelled or postponed this year due to Covid-19, there were some ways that we were able to bring the community together and that you showed your support. First, the 2020 8th Grade BINGO last March was a great success. We are all hopeful that the tradition can continue again in the future. F.O.L.K. was also able to purchase yearbooks for every student at Lowell Graded School to help make sure all of the kids and families had a memento of this eventful year.



Perhaps most memorable was this year's Trunk-or-Treat on October 23rd, where many local children and families came out for some much-needed fun and excitement. We loved seeing everyone in their costumes and being able to provide some normalcy to this crazy year! F.O.L.K. is very thankful to the Lowell Fire Department for helping us put on this event safely and to all of the community members who volunteered to decorate their trunks and provide candy for the event. Our Hunters' Raffle was also a big success this year. We raised over \$3000, and were able to reach out in creative ways to spread the word about ticket sales. While we missed

seeing all of you at the Hunters' Breakfast, we truly appreciate that our community was willing to contribute and support Lowell's kids. We were also able to award one scholarship in 2020 to graduating senior Cierra Richardson. We wish her the best in her future education!

Please remember that F.O.L.K. is an open group of community members dedicated to supporting the needs of all of the children in the Town of Lowell. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Lowell Graded School, virtually, or wherever we can! Community members are always welcome to join or contribute ideas. You can find out more about what we are doing by following us on Facebook, emailing us at [friendsoflowellkids@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoflowellkids@gmail.com), or talking with any member. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time. We welcome your ideas and look forward to making 2021 a year we all want to remember!

Sincerely,

Carla Raboin, Keri Willey, Ashley Randall,  
Jennifer Blay, Cheryl Clarke, Sonja Blodgett,  
Samantha Santaw-Wright, Naomi Roberts  
and Wanda Roberts

### 2021 F.O.L.K. EVENTS

(all dates tentative, please stay tuned...)

**Tuesday, March 2nd**

Donations for Jay Area Food Shelf collected at Town Meeting

**Wednesday, May 5th**

Deadline for High School Senior Scholarship Applications

**Wednesday, May 29th**

F.O.L.K. Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, September 18th**

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

**Friday, October 22nd**

2nd Annual F.O.L.K. Trunk-or-Treat

**Saturday, November 13th**

Hunters' Breakfast & Raffle Drawing

OLK (Friends of Lowell Kids) ACCOUNT

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Prior Balance</b>	<b>9,612.85</b>	<b>10,182.90</b>	<b>6,411.21</b>	<b>7,272.69</b>
<b>REVENUE:</b>				
Donations	128.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
LCFD Bingo	185.25	0.00		303.45
School Dance	93.00	0.00		112.00
FOLK Festival	2,479.00	0.00	2,202.05	2,905.00
Hunter's Breakfast/Raffle	2,586.00	3,140.00	2,518.00	2,603.00
FOLK 8th Grade BINGO	1,204.50	1,814.00	1,753.50	1,170.55
Community Yard Sale	50.00	0.00		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>6,725.75</b>	<b>4,954.00</b>	<b>6,498.55</b>	<b>7,094.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; BALANCE</b>	<b>16,338.60</b>	<b>15,176.90</b>	<b>12,909.76</b>	<b>14,366.69</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
FOLK Festival- Bounce Houses	775.00	0.00	504.00	825.00
FOLK Festival- cotton candy machine	47.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hunters' Raffle	500.00	750.00	466.99	500.00
Hunters' Breakfast	118.06	0.00	70.00	79.98
Scholarship Program	750.00	250.00	200.00	750.00
School - Field Trips		0.00	1,350.00	
School - Author Visits		0.00	70.58	
School - Special Programs	207.48	0.00	655.00	
Playground		0.00	567.00	
FOLK BINGO - supplies	52.96	0.00	61.50	
FOLK BINGO - donation to 8th grade	1,204.50	1,854.00	1,692.00	1,170.55
Middle School Dance- DJ John Parot		0.00		100.00
Family Fun Night Snacks		0.00		100.00
Boys' Basketball Uniforms		0.00		675.36
Student Council- Memorial Day Dinner		0.00		90.95
North Country Hospital Donation- Verniece St. Onge		0.00		150.00
Created a new petty cash		0.00		150.00
Legacy Signs- 12 Shirts		0.00		162
Climbing wall	2,500.00	0.00		
LGS Kitchen: food Processor		200.00		
Raboin Gift Certificates		400.00		
LGS Year Books		1,266.78		
LGS Winter Gear		48.50		
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>6,155.70</b>	<b>4,769.28</b>	<b>5,637.07</b>	<b>4,753.84</b>
<b>FOLK ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>10,182.90</b>	<b>10,367.62</b>	<b>\$ 7,272.69</b>	<b>\$ 9,612.85</b>

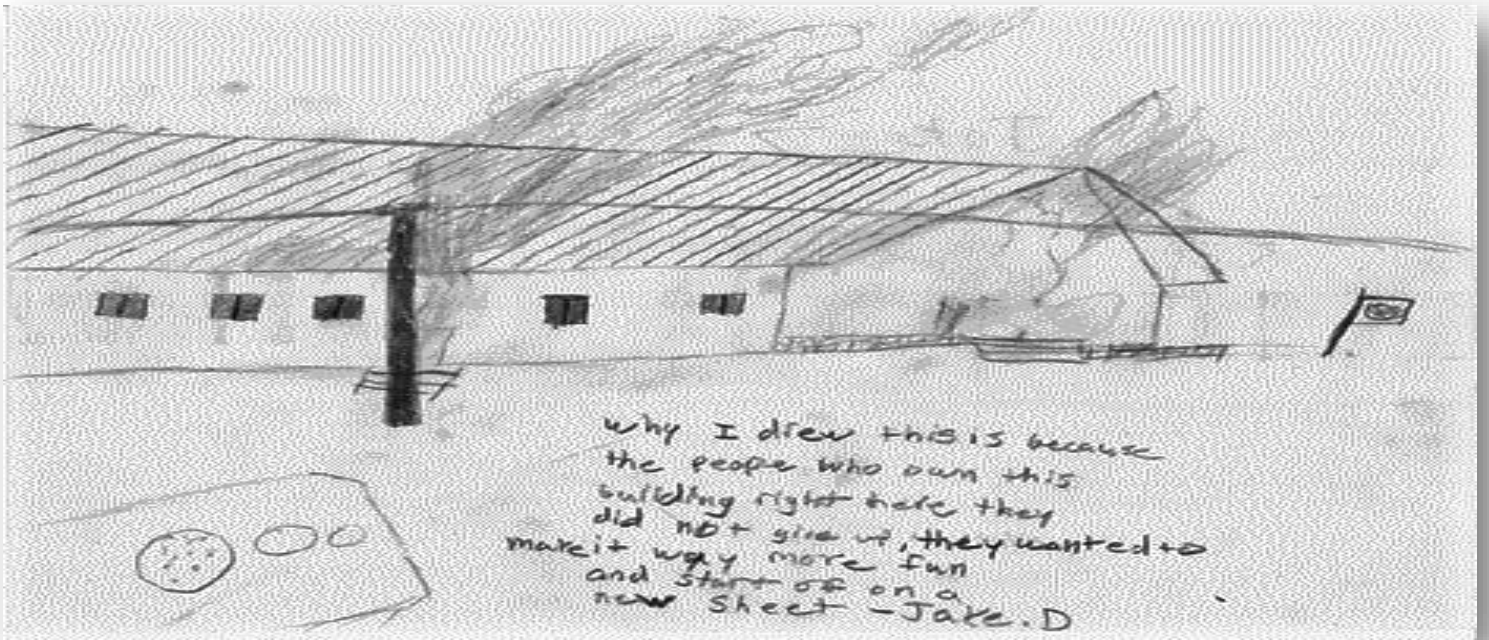


**Town of Lowell**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of December 31, 2020

<b>ASSETS:</b>		<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY:</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>		<b>Current Liabilities:</b>	
Checking/Savings		Accounts Payable	3,119.65
Checking GF-CNB	215,001.27	Accr'd Exp. Int./Equip Rental	9,066.99
Checking Office Sales	51,545.84	Accrued Payroll Expenses	10,945.49
Money Market-Town Reserve	46,198.78	<b>Payroll Liabilities</b>	
Prop. Tax Escrow	6,385.71	VMERS	2,803.48
Trust account-Archie Powers	7,864.75	VT Income Tax	478.37
Wind Tower Fund	137,312.37	<b>Total Payroll Liabilities</b>	3,281.85
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>464,308.72</b>	<b>Prepaid Property Taxes</b>	<b>6,385.24</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>32,799.22</b>
A/R Delinq Property Taxes		<b>LONG TERM LIABILITIES:</b>	
A/R Interest-Prop. Tax	6,461.13	Note Payable-Fire Truck	109,559.73
A/R Penalty-Prop Taxes	6,483.61	Note Payable-Kempton Bridge	400,000.00
A/R Delinq Property Taxes	89,660.76	Note Payable-Paving	429,228.80
<b>Total A/R Delinq Property Taxes</b>	<b>102,605.50</b>	<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>938,788.53</b>
Account Receivable-	52,710.15	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>971,587.75</b>
Petty Cash	300.00	<b>EQUITY:</b>	
Prepaid Expenses		General Retained Earnings	122,331.21
Prepaid County Tax	6,408.67	Opening Balance Equity - Other	928,049.55
Prepaid dues	1,079.50	<b>TOTAL OPEN BALANCE EQUITY</b>	<b>1,050,380.76</b>
Prepaid Fuel	1,536.15	<b>PRIOR YRS RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	
Prepaid loader lease	4,803.24	A. Powers RESTRICTED FUND	7,709.00
Prepaid MVP	2,394.69	Appraisal Dept.	54,663.54
Prepaid NEMRIC	3,793.18	Audit Dept.	8,831.32
Prepaid Prop. & Casualty Ins.	2,579.00	Computerization Dept.	8,875.93
Prepaid Salt	4,931.43	Equipment Maint. Dept.	6,186.81
Prepaid work. comp Ins.	2,332.25	Grants for Structure	262,069.04
<b>Total Prepaid Expenses</b>	<b>29,858.11</b>	Gravel Pit Dept.	5,595.35
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>155,615.65</b>	Lge Culverts-Bridges	20,643.17
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>649,782.48</b>	Library Dept.	5,460.95
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		Little League	5,443.87
Bridges/Roads/Culverts	1,663,155.38	Paving Dept.	74,951.52
Less Acc. Depreciaton	-20,834.99	Restoration Dept.	11,029.08
<b>Total Bridges/Roads/Culverts</b>	<b>1,642,320.39</b>	Road Dept.	-8,517.42
Buildings	280,400.00	SelectBoard Dept	33,651.66
Equipment/Machinery	208,977.88	Town Admin	69,479.31
Less Acc. Depreciaton-Equip	-46,219.61	<b>Total Prior Yrs. Retained Earnings</b>	<b>566,073.13</b>
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>162,758.27</b>	Net Income	633,894.50
Land	486,675.00	<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>2,250,348.39</b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>2,572,153.66</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>3,221,936.14</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,221,936.14</b>		

Date	Description	Purchase Price or updated value	Purchase or Value Change Date	Explanation of value change	Life in yrs	Annual Depreciation	Prior year Accum. Depreciation	Present Year Depreciation	Present yr accum Depreciation	Present Year Remaining Value
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>										
9/19/2017	3362 gallon 2018 fire tanker	150,000.00	10/23/17	Replacement	25.00	6,000.00	13,000.00	6,000.00	19,000.00	131,000.00
Unavailable	Grader	45,000.00	12/31/17	Quote	6.00	7,500.00	15,000.00	7,500.00	22,500.00	22,500.00
11/8/2017	3 office DELL Computers-opt	2,250.00	11/8/17		5.00	450.00	975.00	450.00	1,425.00	825.00
12/12/2017	9' BOSS Sander 6200-rebate	5,667.20	2/1/18		7.00	809.60	1,619.20	809.60	2,428.80	3,238.40
12/31/2019	Sander	6,060.68	12/31/19		7.00	865.81	0.00	865.81	865.81	5,194.87
	<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>208,977.88</b>				<b>15,625.41</b>	<b>30,594.20</b>	<b>15,625.41</b>	<b>46,219.61</b>	<b>162,758.27</b>
<b>NOTE: A RED STAR BEFORE THE DESCRIPTION DENOTES "MODIFIED APPROACH IN LIEU OF DEPRECIATION"</b>										
<b>BUILDINGS</b>										
11/1/2017	Bandstand	3,500.00	6/2/14	Assessed	NA		0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00
11/1/2017	School Bldg	1,229,000.00	6/9/14	Assessed	NA		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,229,000.00
8/28/1986	School Bldge deeded to school District	-1,229,000.00			NA		0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,229,000.00
11/1/2017	Town Garage	84,800.00	6/9/17	Assessed	NA		0.00	0.00	0.00	84,800.00
11/1/2017	Town Office Bldg	192,100.00	6/9/14	Assessed	NA		0.00	0.00	0.00	192,100.00
	<b>TOTAL BUILDINGS:</b>	<b>280,400.00</b>			<b>NA</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>280,400.00</b>
<b>RDS &amp; BRIDGES</b>										
11/30/2019	* Kempton Bridge	547,480.85	11/30/19			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	547,480.85
12/31/2019	* Kempton Hill	72,392.56				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	72,392.56
12/31/2019	* Green Hill	18,420.60				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,420.60
12/31/2019	* Hazens Notch Rd.	28,537.15				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,537.15
	Pavement-Mines Rd, Buck Hill - Hazen Notch - Village, Old School Rd, Lower Village Rd	500,039.79			10.00	50,003.98	0.00	20,834.99	20,834.99	479,204.80

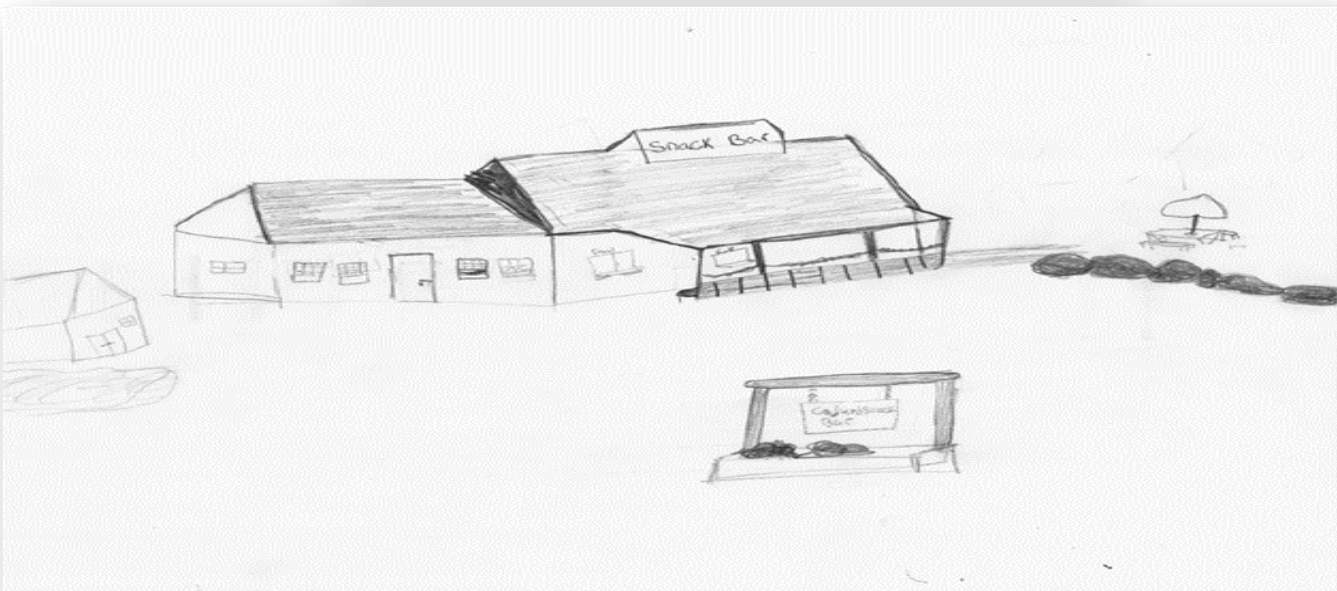
Date	Description	Purchase Price or updated value	Purchase or Value Change Date	Explanation of value change	Life in yrs	Annual Depreciation	Prior year Accum. Depreciation	Present Year Depreciation	Present yr accum Depreciation	Present Year Remaining Value
12/31/2020	* Irish Hill Culverts	496,284.43				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>496,284.43</b>
	<b>TOTAL RDS &amp; BRIDGES</b>	<b>1,663,155.38</b>				<b>50,003.98</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20,834.99</b>	<b>20,834.99</b>	<b>1,642,320.39</b>
<b>LAND</b>										
11/1/2017	Land by Bandstand	14,000.00	6/2/14	Assessed	NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,000.00
11/1/2017	Ethyl Shore Estate Land	27,600.00	6/2/14	Assessed	NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,600.00
11/1/2017	Moulton Land (Off Irish Hill)	67,000.00	6/2/14	Assessed	NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	67,000.00
11/1/2017	Mason Land (Albany Mtn)	111,600.00	6/2/14	Assessed	NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	111,600.00
11/1/2017	School Land	27,500.00	6/9/17	Assessed	NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,500.00
8/28/1986	School Land deeded to School District	-27,500.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-27,500.00
11/1/2017	Town Garage Land	22,900.00	6/9/14	Assessed	NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,900.00
11/1/2017	Town Office Bldg Land	129,000.00	6/9/14	Assessed	NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	129,000.00
11/1/2017	Former Dump Site	1,700.00	6/9/17	Assessed	NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00
11/1/2017	Vernon Warner flood plain	500.00	6/2/14	Assessed	NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
11/1/2017	Town Gravel Pit	124,000.00	6/3/14	Assessed	NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	124,000.00
12/31/2020	Town Gravel Pit Grant usage	-11,625.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-11,625.00
	<b>TOTAL LAND</b>	<b>486,675.00</b>			<b>NA</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>486,675.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,639,208.26</b>				<b>30,594.20</b>	<b>36,460.40</b>	<b>67,054.60</b>	<b>2,572,153.66</b>	



JACOB DIZAZZO GRADE 7



FAITH WRIGHT GRADE 8



KELCEE DOANER GRADE 7

**TOWN OF LOWELL SUMMARY GAIN/LOSS-2020 ACTUAL AND 2021 BUDGET**

Department	2020 Income Actual	2020 Expenses Actual	2020 Gain/(Loss) Actual	2021 Income Budget	2021 Expense Budget	2021 Gain/(Loss) Budget	SEE DETAIL PAGE #
<b>TRUST FUND:</b>							
Archie Powers Trust Fund	155.75	0.00	155.75	160.00	0.00	160.00	65
<b>TOWN FUNDS:</b>							
Admin-Management	1,930,823.62	1,948,139.54	(17,315.92)	2,141,943.09	1,998,043.69	143,899.40	66-67
Appraisal	9,975.50	0.00	9,975.50	9,975.50	0.00	9,975.50	68
Computerized Records	2,994.00	0.00	2,994.00	2,900.00	0.00	2,900.00	68
Equipment Fund	7,892.00	16,215.46	(8,323.46)	7,892.00	5,700.00	2,192.00	69
File Restoration	3,992.00	0.00	3,992.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	69
FEMA Grant	39,072.48	22,564.01	16,508.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	70
Irish Hill Culverts-Fed grant	367,000.00	0.00	367,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70
Irish Hill Culverts-State Grant	129,250.00	0.00	129,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70
Rte 58 Disaster State Grant	4,771.90	1,693.86	3,078.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	70
Gravel Pit	6,000.00	243.35	5,756.65	7,000.00	17,000.00	(10,000.00)	71
Lge Culverts/Bridges	12,000.00	2,812.72	9,187.28	12,000.00	35,000.00	(23,000.00)	71
Library	6,000.00	4,160.61	1,839.39	6,000.00	5,934.74	65.26	72
Little League/T-Ball	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	73-74
Logging Project	106,016.33	40,782.39	65,233.94	3,100.00	0.00	3,100.00	75
Paving	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	75
Roads	370,798.57	367,910.51	2,888.06	350,372.36	349,372.42	999.94	76-77
<b>SELECTOBOARD:</b>							
Constable	0.00	1,102.94	(1,102.94)	0.00	1,506.60	(1,506.60)	78-79
CTCL Grant	4,797.65	4,797.65	0.00	202.35	202.35	0.00	80
Digitization	19,581.00	17,774.21	1,806.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	80
Garage	0.00	9,919.33	(9,919.33)	0.00	10,432.00	(10,432.00)	81-82
Listers	0.00	19,533.55	(19,533.55)	0.00	24,306.68	(24,306.68)	83-84
Management-Office	280,000.00	222,592.55	57,407.45	280,000.00	224,014.41	55,985.59	81-82
Recycle	0.00	17,869.18	(17,869.18)	0.00	19,910.91	(19,910.91)	85
Swip	4,650.00	253.42	4,396.58	3,650.00	3,601.00	49.00	85
Zoning	0.00	1,511.02	(1,511.02)	0.00	1,210.28	(1,210.28)	78-79
<b>TOTAL SELECTBOARD</b>	<b>309,028.65</b>	<b>295,353.85</b>	<b>13,674.80</b>	<b>283,852.35</b>	<b>285,184.23</b>	<b>(1,331.88)</b>	
<b>TOTAL TOWN FUNDS</b>	<b>3,333,615.05</b>	<b>2,699,876.30</b>	<b>633,738.75</b>	<b>2,857,035.30</b>	<b>2,696,235.08</b>	<b>160,800.22</b>	
<b>TRUST FUND:</b>	<b>155.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>155.75</b>	<b>160.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>160.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,333,770.80</b>	<b>2,699,876.30</b>	<b>633,894.50</b>	<b>2,857,195.30</b>	<b>2,696,235.08</b>	<b>160,960.22</b>	
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>							

**GAIN/LOSS AND RETAINED EARNINGS SUMMARY - TOWN AND TRUST FUND**

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	
<b>(LOSS)</b>	<b>2020 GAIN/ RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	<b>2020 RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	<b>BUDGET GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	
<b>TOWN-ADMIN</b>	(17,315.92)	69,479.31	52,163.39	143,899.40	196,062.79
APPRAISAL	9,975.50	54,663.54	64,639.04	9,975.50	74,614.54
AUDIT	0.00	8,831.32	8,831.32	0.00	8,831.32
COMPUTERIZED RECORDS	2,994.00	8,875.93	11,869.93	2,900.00	14,769.93
EQUIPMENT FUND	(8,323.46)	6,186.81	(2,136.65)	2,192.00	55.35
FILE RESTORATION	3,992.00	11,029.08	15,021.08	4,000.00	19,021.08
GRANTS FOR STRUCTURE	496,250.00	262,069.04	758,319.04	0.00	758,319.04
OTHER GRANTS					
(ADDED TO TOWN RETAINED EARNINGS	19,586.51	0.00	19,586.51	0.00	19,586.51
GRAVEL PIT	5,756.65	5,595.35	11,352.00	(10,000.00)	1,352.00
LGE CULVERTS/BRIDGES	9,187.28	20,643.17	29,830.45	(23,000.00)	6,830.45
LIBRARY	1,839.39	5,460.95	7,300.34	65.26	7,365.60
LITTLE LEAGUE/T-BALL	3,000.00	5,443.87	8,443.87	3,000.00	11,443.87
LOGGIN PROJECT	65,233.94	0.00	65,233.94	3,100.00	68,333.94
PAVING	25,000.00	74,951.52	99,951.52	25,000.00	124,951.52
ROADS	2,888.06	(8,517.42)	(5,629.36)	999.94	(4,629.42)
<b>SELECTBOARD:</b>					
CONSTABLE	(1,102.94)	0.00	(1,102.94)	(1,506.60)	(2,609.54)
CTCL GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DIGITIZATION GRANT	1,806.79	0.00	1,806.79	0.00	1,806.79
GARAGE	(9,919.33)	0.00	(9,919.33)	(10,432.00)	(20,351.33)
LISTER	(19,533.55)	0.00	(19,533.55)	(24,306.68)	(43,840.23)
MANAGEMENT (OFFICE)	57,407.45	33,651.66	91,059.11	55,985.59	147,044.70
RECYCLE	(17,869.18)	0.00	(17,869.18)	(19,910.91)	(37,780.09)
SWIP	4,396.58	0.00	4,396.58	49.00	4,445.58
ZONING	(1,511.02)	0.00	(1,511.02)	(1,210.28)	(2,721.30)
<b>TOTAL SELECTBOARD</b>	13,674.80	33,651.66	47,326.46	(1,331.88)	45,994.58
<b>TOTAL TOWN</b>	633,738.75	558,364.13	1,192,102.88	160,800.22	1,352,903.10
TOWN TRUST-ARCHIE POWERS	155.75	7,709.00	7,864.75	160.00	8,024.75
<b>TOTAL TOWN AND TRUST</b>	<b>633,894.50</b>	<b>566,073.13</b>	<b>1,199,967.63</b>	<b>160,960.22</b>	<b>1,360,927.85</b>

**ARCHIE POWERS FUND-(TRUST) FINANCIAL**

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Interest Income	155.75	160.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>155.75</b>	<b>160.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>155.75</b>	<b>160.00</b>
<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>7,556.36</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE FROM PRIOR YRS.</b>	<b>152.64</b>	<b>7,864.75</b>
<b>AVAILABLE FUNDS-END OF YEAR</b>	<b>7,864.75</b>	<b>8,024.75</b>

The Archie Powers Memorial Trust, now at The Community National Bank, for the Town of Lowell Recreational Park was created in 1985.  
 \$1,267.66 was drawn out to complete the building at Gelo Park in 1997.  
 \$2,500 was withdrawn in 2005 towards matching grant funds for the Playground Fund.  
 \$1,500 was withdrawn in 2012 towards the security camera  
 As noted above, this account has a balance of \$7,864.76, as of 12/31/2020



LOWELL TOWN ADMIN. FINANCIAL STATEMENT				LOWELL TOWN ADMIN. FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
		2020 Actual	2021 Budget			2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>Income:</b>				<b>Expense:</b>			
Interest				Approp. Pd by Town			
Checking-GF		3,896.76	3,900.00	American Red Cross		250.00	250.00
Checking-Office		49.61	50.00	Area Agency on Aging		300.00	300.00
Interest-escrow		10.74	11.00	County Child Advocacy		200.00	
Money Market{78}				Green Mtn. Farm to Sc		500.00	600.00
A. Powers MM Int.		0.00		Green Up-Vt.		50.00	50.00
KCW Reserve Int.		178.97	180.00	Jay Peak Post			300.00
Town Reserve Int.		914.91	920.00	Jr. Hoop		1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Money Market{78}		1,093.88	1,100.00	Lamolie County Mental Health		1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Interest		5,050.99	5,061.00	Lowell Fire Dept		0.00	30,000.00
License Fees/Fines				Missisquoi River Basin		200.00	200.00
Beer Licenses		255.00	255.00	Mtn View Cemetery		4,000.00	4,500.00
DMV Renewals		27.00	27.00	NE Kingdom Comm. Act.		300.00	300.00
Dog Enforcement Fines		36.00	0.00	NE Vt. Develop. Assoc.		659.00	659.00
Dog Licenses		1,192.00	1,200.00	NEK Human Services		1,758.00	1,758.00
Marriage Licenses		350.00	350.00	NEKLS-Adult Learning Ctr.		200.00	200.00
Total License Fees/Fines		1,860.00	1,832.00	Orl. Essex. VNA & Hospice		3,500.00	3,500.00
Other Income				Orleans Citizen Advocacy		500.00	
Cert. of Vital Statistics		250.00	250.00	Orleans County Fair Assoc.		500.00	500.00
Copying Fees		1,304.25	1,305.00	Orleans Historical Soc.		550.00	550.00
Green Mtn. Pass		4.00	4.00	Pope Mem. Frontier Animal Shelter			500.00
Misc. Fees		324.05	325.00	Prevent Child Abuse Vt.			200.00
Pilot Income		3,245.40	3,300.00	Rural Community Transp.		700.00	700.00
Posted Land Fees		40.00	40.00	School-Lowell		759,279.22	771,005.27
Recorder Fees		8,284.00	8,300.00	School-No. Country			
Research Time		423.00	435.00	Returns		(2,146.69)	
Truck Weight Fees		335.00	335.00	School-No. Country - Other		344,913.95	352,145.00
Other Income - Other		20.00	0.00	Total School-No. Country		342,767.26	352,145.00
Total Other Income		14,229.70	14,294.00	UMBRELLA Step O.N.E.		825.00	825.00
Permits				Vermont Family Network		250.00	
Driveway Permits		40.00	50.00	Vt. Assoc. for Blind		200.00	200.00
Zoning Permits		485.00	500.00	Vt. Ctr. Independent Liv.		90.00	90.00

LOWELL TOWN ADMIN. FINANCIAL STATEMENT				LOWELL TOWN ADMIN. FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
		2020 Actual	2021 Budget			2020 Actual	2021 Budget
Total Permits		525.00	550.00	Vt. Rural Fire Protection		100.00	100.00
State Revenue				Vt. Symphony Orchestra		100.00	
Land Use Change Penalty		1,934.50	1,900.00	Total Approp. Pd by Town		1,119,778.48	1,171,432.27
State Equalization Payment		703.00	703.00	Assessed Appropriations			
State tax credit penalty		15.00	0.00	Fire Dept.		30,000.00	0.00
Total State Revenue		2,652.50	2,603.00	Library		6,000.00	6,000.00
Tax Revenue				Little League & T-Ball		3,000.00	3,000.00
Delinq. tax interest		9,732.67	9,800.00	Roads-Summer		135,000.00	135,000.00
Delinq. tax penalty		8,873.61	8,900.00	Roads-Winter		135,000.00	135,000.00
GMP Tax Contract		575,375.00	575,375.00	Selectboard		280,000.00	280,000.00
Interest - tax sale		1,240.46	1,500.00	Total Assessed Appropriations		589,000.00	559,000.00
Property Tax Income		1,311,283.69	1,522,028.09	Depreciation Exp.			
Total Tax Revenue		1,906,505.43	2,117,603.09	Equip. Depreciation Exp.		15,625.41	14,815.81
Total Income		1,930,823.62	2,141,943.09	Paving Depreciation		20,834.99	50,003.98
				Total Depreciation Exp.		36,460.40	64,819.79
				Interest Exp. on Loans			
				Int. Exp. Fire Truck		3,716.77	3,268.79
				Int. Exp. Kempton Bridge		8,457.42	7,990.71
				Int. Exp. -Paving		4,180.32	4,985.98
				Total Interest Exp.		16,354.51	16,245.48
				Property tax adjustments		28.52	0.00
				STATE PAYMENT-PROP. TAX		186,517.63	186,546.15
				Total Expense		1,948,139.54	1,998,043.69
				GAIN/(LOSS)		(17,315.92)	143,899.40
				Retained Earnings-Prior Years		69,479.31	52,163.39
				Retained Earnings		52,163.39	196,062.79

**APPRAISAL DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL  
FUNDED BY SELECTBOARD & STATE**

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Asses income by Selectboard</b>	4,000.00	4,000.00
<b>Reappraisal Fees</b>	5,975.50	5,975.50
<b>Total Income</b>	9,975.50	9,975.50
Expense		
<b>Total Expense</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	9,975.50	9,975.50
<b>CARRYOVER RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	54,663.54	64,639.04
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	64,639.04	74,614.54

**AUDIT DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL FUNDED BY TOWN**

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>NO ACTIVITY</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>CARRYOVER RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	8,831.32	8,831.32
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	8,831.32	8,831.32

**COMPUTERIZED RECORDS DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL  
FUNDED BY SELECTBOARD DEPT. SERVICES**

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>Income - Computerization</b>	2,994.00	2,900.00
<b>Total Income</b>	2,994.00	2,900.00
Expense		
<b>Total Expense</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	2,994.00	2,900.00
<b>CARRYOVER RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	8,875.93	11,869.93
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	11,869.93	14,769.93

**EQUIPMENT REPAIR DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL  
FUNDED BY ROADS DEPT.**

	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Assessed Income from Rds	7,892.00	7,892.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,892.00</b>	<b>7,892.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Grader Repairs	4,410.38	1,800.00
Loader Repairs	1,972.34	0.00
Plow Blades/Shoes	5,566.75	3,900.00
Sander	3,526.46	0.00
Screener	739.53	0.00
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT REPAIR EXPENSE</b>	<b>16,215.46</b>	<b>5,700.00</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(8,323.46)</b>	<b>2,192.00</b>
<b>CARRYOVER RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	<b>6,186.81</b>	<b>(2,136.65)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(2,136.65)</b>	<b>55.35</b>

**FILE RESTORATION  
FUNDED BY SELECTBOARD SERVICES**

	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Restoration	3,992.00	4,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,992.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>3,992.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
<b>CARRYOVER RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	<b>11,029.08</b>	<b>15,021.08</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>15,021.08</b>	<b>19,021.08</b>

**2020 GRANTS**

	fEMA 2019 Disaster	Rte 58 2019 Disaster State	Irish Hill Culverts Federal	Irish Hill Culverts State	Total Grants
<b>Grant Income</b>	39,072.48	4,771.90	367,000.00	129,250.00	540,094.38
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	39,072.48	4,771.90	367,000.00	129,250.00	540,094.38
<b>Hired Equipment</b>					
Hired Equipment	5,790.00	-9.00			5,781.00
<b>Total Hired Equipment</b>	5,790.00	-9.00	0.00	0.00	5,781.00
<b>Maintenance</b>					
Culverts	75.00		358,387.00	100,000.00	458,462.00
Bridge Repairs	-283.50				-283.50
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	-208.50	0.00	358,387.00	100,000.00	458,178.50
Advertising			84.91		84.91
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	0.00	0.00	84.91	0.00	84.91
Diesel Surcharge	3,873.20				3,873.20
Diesel/Gas	1,873.20				1,873.20
Gravel Pit Expense	10,185.00	1,440.00			11,625.00
Engineering			8,354.60	29,250.00	37,604.60
Mileage	23.00				23.00
<b>Total Roads</b>	15,954.40	0.00	0.00		15,954.40
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	21,535.90	1,440.00	8,354.60	29,250.00	60,580.50
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>					
<b>Company Contributions</b>					
FICA Expense	57.13	13.28	11.49		81.90
Health Insurance		23.59			23.59
Medicare Exp.	13.36	2.11	2.69		18.16
Retirement	35.98	9.64	8.34		53.96
Workmens Comp		15.00			15.00
<b>Total Company Contributions</b>	106.47	48.62	22.52	0.00	177.61
<b>Salaries</b>					
Rd. Comm.		214.24			214.24
Select Board	46.35		185.40		231.75
Town Treasurer	875.29				875.29
<b>Total Salaries</b>	921.64	214.24	185.40	0.00	1,321.28
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	1,028.11	262.86	207.92	0.00	1,498.89
<b>Total Expense</b>	22,564.01	1,693.86	367,034.43	129,250.00	526,038.89
Transferred to Assets			-367,034.43	-129,250.00	-496,284.43
Remaining Expenses	22,564.01	1,693.86	0.00	0.00	29,754.46
<b>Gain/(Loss)</b>	16,508.47	3,078.04	367,000.00	129,250.00	515,836.51

<b>GRAVEL PIT FINANCIAL FUNDED BY ROADS DEPT.</b>		
	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Assessed Income from Roads</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
<b>Land Rent</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Equip. Repair-Screener</b>	<b>78.92</b>	
<b>Equip. Repair-Other</b>		
<b>Gravel Pit Exp.</b>	<b>164.43</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>243.35</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)]</b>	<b>5,756.65</b>	<b>(10,000.00)</b>
<b>CARRYOVER RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	<b>5,595.35</b>	<b>11,352.00</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>11,352.00</b>	<b>1,352.00</b>

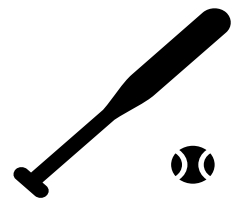
<b>LGE CULVERTS/BRIDGE MAINT. FINANCIAL FUNDED BY THE SELECTBOARD</b>		
	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Asses income by Selectboard</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>BRIDGE/CULVERT REPAIRS</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Culvert Exp.</b>		<b>15,000.00</b>
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,812.72</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>9,187.28</b>	<b>(23,000.00)</b>
<b>CARRYOVER RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	<b>20,643.17</b>	<b>29,830.45</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>29,830.45</b>	<b>6,830.45</b>

**LIBRARY FINANCIAL (FUNDED BY TOWN VOTE)**

	<b>2020 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2021 BUDGET</b>
<b>Assess income. By Town</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Office Supplies	14.99	18.00
Subscriptions	171.96	200.00
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>186.95</b>	<b>218.00</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>		
Books	1,089.13	2,000.00
Dues/Membership		
Magazines	0.00	
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>1,089.13</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>		
Company Contributions		
FICA Expense	166.13	208.07
Medicare Exp.	38.85	48.66
Workers Comp.		104.04
Total Company Contributions	204.98	360.77
Salaries		
Librarian	2,572.43	3,245.64
Library Assist.	107.12	110.33
Total Salaries	2,679.55	3,355.97
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>2,884.53</b>	<b>3,716.74</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,160.61</b>	<b>5,934.74</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>1,839.39</b>	<b>65.26</b>
<b>CARRYOVER RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	<b>5,460.95</b>	<b>7,300.34</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>7,300.34</b>	<b>7,365.60</b>



<b>LITTLE LEAGUE FINANCIAL (Funded by Town Vote)</b>		
	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Assess income. By Town</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>Membership Income</b>		
Total Income	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Ball Field Mt.		
Other Operational Costs		
Dues/Membership		
Supplies		
Uniforms		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>RETAINED EARNINGS FROM PRIOR YEARS</b>	<b>5,443.87</b>	<b>8,443.87</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>8,443.87</b>	<b>11,443.87</b>



## BASEBALL SPORTS FUND:

This year the baseball/softball season was very different due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We were unable to play a regular season due the restrictions and so unfortunately there was not a season for kids who would participate at the T- ball or rookies' levels. However as the year progressed we were able to participate in a condensed summer season for 12U girls softball as well as a 10U baseball team. A major's boys' season was also played although no child from Lowell participated. We registered teams with the Cal Ripken program as we normally do. With all of the precautions in place in order to have a season such as facial coverings, temperature checks, sanitizer stations to name a few, all games were played for the girls' softball team at North Country Junior High in Derby, VT, and all of the boys'

baseball games were played at the Gary Rowe field at Gardner Park in Newport, VT. Ryan and Mandy Sargent coached both teams this year, the girls' softball team included 3 Lowell kids and the boys' baseball team included one. Even though the games were limited it was nice to see the kids enjoying themselves and working as a team. Congratulations to all involved! We would like to thank all the volunteers who make this all possible for the children in our community. We are hoping to be able to see all of our kids back on the field in 2021!

If you have questions about baseball programs please don't hesitate to ask us.

Thank you,

*Ryan and Mandy Sargent*



<b>LOGGING PROJECT FUNDED BY RECEIPTS</b>		
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Log Income</b>	<b>106,016.33</b>	<b>3,100.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Logger/Trucker</b>	<b>40,782.39</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>40,782.39</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>65,233.94</b>	<b>3,100.00</b>
<b>Prior Year Retained Earnings</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65,233.94</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>65,233.94</b>	<b>68,333.94</b>



<b>PAVING FINANCIAL FUNDED BY SELECTBOARD</b>		
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Asses income by Selectboard</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>500,039.79</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Expense tranferred to Asset</b>	<b>(500,039.79)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GAINT/LOSS</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>
<b>PRIOR YEAR RETAINED EARNINGS</b>	<b>74,951.52</b>	<b>99,951.52</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>99,951.52</b>	<b>124,951.52</b>

## ROADS DEPT. FINANCIAL

	SUMMER ROADS		WINTER ROADS		TOTAL ROADS	
	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>						
Assess income. By Town	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00
State Aid Class 2-3 Rds	40,849.12	40,186.18	59,949.45	40,186.18	100,798.57	80,372.36
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>175,849.12</b>	<b>175,186.18</b>	<b>194,949.45</b>	<b>175,186.18</b>	<b>370,798.57</b>	<b>350,372.36</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>						
<b>Assessed Approp.</b>						
<b>Equip. Fund</b>	<b>3,946.00</b>	<b>3,946.00</b>	<b>3,946.00</b>	<b>3,946.00</b>	<b>7,892.00</b>	<b>7,892.00</b>
<b>Gravel Pit</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
<b>Total Assessed Approp.</b>	<b>5,946.00</b>	<b>5,946.00</b>	<b>5,946.00</b>	<b>5,946.00</b>	<b>11,892.00</b>	<b>11,892.00</b>
<b>Hired Equipment</b>						
Hired Eq./Albany	556.00	950.00	6,981.93	5,600.00	7,537.93	6,550.00
Plowing		0.00	8,657.00	9,325.00	8,657.00	9,325.00
Equip. Transport	550.00			0.00	550.00	0.00
Road Mowing/Ditching	4,600.00	4,500.00		0.00	4,600.00	4,500.00
Sweeper-Hired Eq.	3,123.00	3,200.00		0.00	3,123.00	3,200.00
Tree Cutting/ Excavation	475.00	1,500.00	5,140.00	0.00	5,615.00	1,500.00
Hired Equip.- Other	57,685.50	30,150.08	59,233.00	30,150.08	116,918.50	60,300.16
<b>Total Hired Equipment</b>	<b>66,989.50</b>	<b>40,300.08</b>	<b>80,011.93</b>	<b>45,075.08</b>	<b>147,001.43</b>	<b>85,375.16</b>
<b>Maintenance:</b>						
Maint Supplies/ fluids	149.82		95.88	150.00	245.70	150.00
Sander			170.00		170.00	0.00
Bldg & Grd. Maint.	135.00	250.00	411.25	0.00	546.25	250.00
Culverts	3,010.80	300.00	210.00	200.00	3,220.80	500.00
Pow Blades/ Shoes, Etc.	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00
Road Repair	3,615.73				3,615.73	
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>6,911.35</b>	<b>550.00</b>	<b>887.13</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>7,798.48</b>	<b>900.00</b>
<b>Operating Expense:</b>						
Advertising			66.50	68.00	66.50	68.00
Office Supplies	7.99	15.00	0.00	0.00	7.99	15.00
Beaver Expense			520.00	540.00	520.00	540.00
Chloride & Gravel	6,842.00	6,300.00	84.00	200.00	6,926.00	6,500.00
Cold Patch			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Diesel Surcharge	817.43	1,528.00	880.76	1,528.00	1,698.19	3,056.00
Diesel/Gas	2,558.88	3,000.00	560.46	3,000.00	3,119.34	6,000.00

## ROADS DEPT. FINANCIAL

	SUMMER ROADS		WINTER ROADS		TOTAL ROADS	
	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>Truck Fuel</b>		<b>3,275.21</b>		<b>3,275.21</b>		<b>6,550.42</b>
<b>Hay/Mulching</b>			<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Loader - Lease</b>	<b>9,606.53</b>	<b>9,606.53</b>	<b>9,606.53</b>	<b>9,606.53</b>	<b>19,213.06</b>	<b>19,213.06</b>
<b>Road Stakes</b>			<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Asphalt</b>			<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Sand Screening</b>			<b>676.59</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>676.59</b>	<b>700.00</b>
<b>Road Permit-Vt.</b>	<b>675.00</b>	<b>675.00</b>	<b>675.00</b>	<b>675.00</b>	<b>1,350.00</b>	<b>1,350.00</b>
<b>Road Signs</b>			<b>174.73</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>174.73</b>	<b>175.00</b>
<b>Stone For Rds.</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Truck Lease</b>		<b>12,763.08</b>		<b>12,763.08</b>		<b>25,526.16</b>
<b>Insurance on Trucks</b>		<b>624.00</b>		<b>624.00</b>		<b>1,248.00</b>
<b>Salt</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>
<b>Total Operating Exp.</b>	<b>20,507.83</b>	<b>37,786.82</b>	<b>19,244.57</b>	<b>42,654.82</b>	<b>39,752.40</b>	<b>80,441.64</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>						
<b>Company Contributions</b>						
<b>FICA Expense</b>	<b>3,640.19</b>	<b>4,009.92</b>	<b>4,005.44</b>	<b>4,009.91</b>	<b>7,645.63</b>	<b>7,097.41</b>
<b>Health Ins.</b>	<b>12,233.32</b>	<b>10,177.43</b>	<b>11,529.64</b>	<b>8,141.95</b>	<b>23,762.96</b>	<b>18,319.38</b>
<b>Medicare Exp.</b>	<b>851.33</b>	<b>937.81</b>	<b>948.13</b>	<b>937.80</b>	<b>1,799.46</b>	<b>1,875.61</b>
<b>Retirement</b>	<b>2,106.03</b>	<b>2,405.80</b>	<b>2,265.93</b>	<b>2,405.80</b>	<b>4,371.96</b>	<b>4,811.60</b>
<b>Workers Comp</b>		<b>4,507.92</b>		<b>4,507.92</b>		
<b>Total Co. Contributions</b>	<b>18,830.87</b>	<b>22,038.88</b>	<b>18,749.14</b>	<b>20,003.38</b>	<b>37,580.01</b>	<b>32,104.00</b>
<b>Garage Mt.</b>			<b>1,098.90</b>		<b>1,098.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other Salaries</b>	<b>34,878.26</b>	<b>37,114.20</b>	<b>35,624.17</b>	<b>37,114.20</b>	<b>70,502.43</b>	<b>74,228.40</b>
<b>Rd. Comm.</b>	<b>23,834.20</b>	<b>27,246.48</b>	<b>28,450.66</b>	<b>27,246.48</b>	<b>52,284.86</b>	<b>54,492.96</b>
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>58,712.46</b>	<b>64,360.68</b>	<b>65,173.73</b>	<b>64,360.68</b>	<b>123,886.19</b>	<b>128,721.36</b>
<b>Total Payroll Exp.</b>	<b>77,543.33</b>	<b>86,399.56</b>	<b>83,922.87</b>	<b>84,364.06</b>	<b>161,466.20</b>	<b>170,763.62</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>177,898.01</b>	<b>170,982.46</b>	<b>190,012.50</b>	<b>178,389.96</b>	<b>367,910.51</b>	<b>349,372.42</b>
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>	<b>-2,048.89</b>	<b>4,203.72</b>	<b>4,936.95</b>	<b>-3,203.78</b>	<b>2,888.06</b>	<b>999.94</b>
<b>PRIOR YEARS RETAINED EARNINGS</b>					<b>-8,517.42</b>	<b>-5,629.36</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>					<b>(5,629.36)</b>	<b>-4,629.42</b>

**(SELECT-BOARD) CONSTABLE/ZONING FINANCIAL**

Expense	CONSTABLE	CONSTABLE	ZONING	ZONING
	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>Office Expense</b>				
Advertising				
Dog License Fees-Vt.	571.00	920.00	65.12	66.00
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>571.00</b>	<b>920.00</b>	<b>65.12</b>	<b>66.00</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>				
Supplies	155.16	156.00		
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>155.16</b>	<b>156.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>				
Company Contributions				
FICA Expense	21.70	24.80	83.26	65.67
Medicare Exp.	5.08	5.80	19.47	15.36
Workmens Comp				4.13
<b>Total Town Contributions</b>	<b>26.78</b>	<b>30.60</b>	<b>102.73</b>	<b>85.16</b>
<b>Salaries</b>				
Constable/Animal Cont	350.00	400.00		
Zoning Board			1,343.17	1,059.12
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>1,343.17</b>	<b>1,059.12</b>
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>376.78</b>	<b>430.60</b>	<b>1,445.90</b>	<b>1,144.28</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,102.94</b>	<b>1,506.60</b>	<b>1,511.02</b>	<b>1,210.28</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>-1,102.94</b>	<b>-1,506.60</b>	<b>-1,511.02</b>	<b>-1,210.28</b>
Retained earnings -Included in Selectboard Report				

# LOWELL PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ZONING BOARD

Lowell Zoning Board meetings are open to the public. The regularly scheduled meeting time is the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Lowell Town Offices on Route 100.

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. New permit requirement this year. 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 ANR Groundwater Management & Protection 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Boulmetis, Sam Thurston and Jeff Parsons, Lowell Planning Board and Board of Adjustment (Zoning Board)





### SELECT-BOARD GRANTS FINANCIAL

	<b>CTR TECH &amp; CIVIC LIFE 2020 Actual</b>	<b>CTR TECH &amp; CIVIC LIFE 2021 Budget</b>	<b>DIGITIZ- ATION 2020 Actual</b>	<b>GRANT TOTAL 2020 Actual</b>	<b>GRANT TOTAL 2021 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>					
<b>Grants</b>	4,797.65	202.35	19,581.00	24,378.65	202.35
<b>Total Income</b>	4,797.65	202.35	19,581.00	24,378.65	202.35
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>Office Expense</b>					
<b>Cleaning Supplies</b>	84.46	50.00		5.58	50.00
<b>Computer Support</b>	124.99			4,735.82	
<b>Digiization</b>	0.00		17,666.54	403.05	
<b>Office Supplies</b>	1,247.00	152.35		3,076.92	152.35
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	1,456.45	202.35	17,666.54	8,221.37	202.35
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>					
<b>Town Contributions</b>					
<b>FICA Expense</b>	187.43		6.08	193.51	
<b>Health Insurance</b>					
<b>Medicare Exp.</b>	44.05		1.42	45.47	
<b>Municipal Retirement</b>	74.85		2.32	77.17	
<b>Workers Comp</b>	11.79			11.79	
<b>Total Contributions</b>	318.12	0.00	9.82	327.94	0.00
<b>Salaries</b>					
<b>Civil Board</b>	254.94			254.94	
<b>Cleaning</b>	69.53			69.53	
<b>Listers</b>	30.90			30.90	
<b>Select Board</b>	428.74			428.74	
<b>Town Clerk</b>	1,071.20		51.50	1,122.70	
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	592.25			592.25	
<b>Admin Assistant</b>	575.52		46.35	621.87	
<b>Total Salaries</b>	3,023.08	0.00	97.85	3,120.93	0.00
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	3,341.20	0.00	107.67	3,448.87	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	4,797.65	202.35	17,774.21	22,571.86	202.35
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	0.00	0.00	1,806.79	1,806.79	0.00
<b>PRIOR YR RETAINED ERNINGS</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>FUND BALANCE-SELECTBOARD</b>	0.00	0.00	1,806.79	1,806.79	0.00

**SELECTBOARD-(GARAGE/ADMIN) FINANCIAL**

	<b>GARAGE</b>	<b>GARAGE</b>	<b>ADMIN</b>	<b>ADMIN</b>
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>(OFFICE)</b>	<b>(OFFICE)</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
			<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Assess income. By Town</b>			280,000.00	280,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	0.00	0.00	280,000.00	280,000.00
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Jay Area local Food Shelf</b>			250.00	250.00
<b>Missisquoi Ambulance</b>			18,436.00	19,000.00
<b>Total Appropriations paid</b>	0.00	0.00	18,686.00	19,250.00
<b>Appraisal Fund</b>			4,000.00	4,000.00
<b>Culverts/Bridge Maint. Fund</b>			12,000.00	12,000.00
<b>Paving Fund</b>			25,000.00	25,000.00
<b>Total Asses. -Selectboard</b>	0.00	0.00	41,000.00	41,000.00
<b>Property &amp; Casualty Ins.</b>			10,507.04	10,516.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	0.00	0.00	10,507.04	10,516.00
<b>Tools</b>	59.95	60.00		
<b>Maint. Supplies/Fluids</b>	1,529.84	1,550.00		
<b>Bldg &amp; Grd. Maintenance</b>	17.99	18.00	3,042.41	3,100.00
<b>Furnace Maint.</b>			308.00	0.00
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	1,607.78	1,628.00	3,350.41	3,100.00
<b>Office Expense</b>				
<b>Advertising</b>			220.14	0.00
<b>Cleaning Supplies</b>			249.67	225.00
<b>Computer Support</b>			6,241.62	6,300.00
<b>Copier Exp.</b>			376.27	404.16
<b>DEC Watershed Fees</b>			240.00	240.00
<b>Digitization</b>			166.67	166.67
<b>Fuel Expense</b>	425.37	440.00	1,811.74	2,000.00
<b>Marriage License-Vt.</b>			350.00	350.00
<b>Office Supplies</b>	145.94	125.00	6,678.52	6,673.00
<b>Subscriptions</b>			1,289.10	1,290.00
<b>Training</b>			96.00	100.00
<b>Printing</b>			1,004.80	1,004.00
<b>Utilities</b>	5,575.94	6,058.00	7,099.75	7,200.00
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	6,147.25	6,623.00	25,824.28	25,952.83
<b>Operating Expense</b>				
<b>VLCT Dues/Fees</b>			1,626.50	2,159.00
<b>Bridge Rental</b>			1,512.00	1,512.00
<b>County Tax</b>			12,789.73	12,817.34
<b>Fire Extinguishers</b>	181.00	181.00	56.00	56.00
<b>Mileage</b>			39.10	50.00
<b>Trash Recycle</b>	347.50	350.00		
<b>Supplies</b>	1,635.80	1,650.00		
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	2,164.30	2,181.00	16,023.33	16,594.34

**SELECTBOARD-(GARAGE/ADMIN) FINANCIAL**

	<b>GARAGE</b>	<b>GARAGE</b>	<b>ADMIN</b>	<b>ADMIN</b>
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>(OFFICE)</b>	<b>(OFFICE)</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
			<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>				
<b>FICA Expense</b>			5,365.19	5,262.04
<b>Medicare Exp.</b>			1,254.54	1,230.64
<b>Retirement</b>			2,836.31	3,332.23
<b>Unemp. State</b>			460.00	465.00
<b>Workers Comp</b>			10,750.17	331.00
<b>Total Town Contributions</b>	0.00	0.00	20,666.21	10,620.91
<b>Salaries</b>				
<b>Admin. Ass't</b>			13,074.56	0.00
<b>Asst Clerk/Treas.</b>			2,873.70	12,659.90
<b>Auditors</b>			266.52	1,145.52
<b>Civil Board</b>			293.55	982.44
<b>Cleaning</b>			1,604.22	1,654.64
<b>Select Board</b>			5,139.32	5,270.49
<b>Town Clerk</b>			29,648.55	32,551.48
<b>Town Treasurer</b>			33,634.86	42,715.86
<b>Total Salaries</b>			86,535.28	96,980.33
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	0.00	0.00	107,201.49	107,601.24
<b>Total Expense</b>	9,919.33	10,432.00	222,592.55	224,014.41
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	(9919.33)	(10432.00)	57,407.45	55,985.59

**SELECTBOARD-LISTERS FINANCIAL**

	<b>LISTERS 2020 Actual</b>	<b>LISTERS 2021 Budget</b>
<b>Office Expense</b>		
<b>Computer Support</b>	<b>534.76</b>	<b>540.00</b>
<b>Office Supplies</b>	<b>46.88</b>	<b>41.00</b>
<b>Tax Mapping</b>	<b>1,912.50</b>	<b>1,925.00</b>
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>2,494.14</b>	<b>2,506.00</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>		
<b>Mileage</b>	<b>273.15</b>	<b>327.78</b>
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>36.99</b>	<b>38.00</b>
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>310.14</b>	<b>365.78</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>		
<b>FICA Expense</b>	<b>963.51</b>	<b>1,230.07</b>
<b>Medicare Exp.</b>	<b>225.35</b>	<b>287.68</b>
<b>Workers Comp</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>77.38</b>
<b>Total Town Contributions</b>	<b>1,188.86</b>	<b>1,595.13</b>
<b>Salaries</b>		
<b>Listers</b>	<b>15,540.41</b>	<b>19,839.77</b>
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>15,540.41</b>	
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>16,729.27</b>	<b>21,434.90</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>19,533.55</b>	<b>24,306.68</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>-19,533.55</b>	<b>-24,306.68</b>

## *Listers' Report 2020*

The Lowell Lister's update the Tax Maps annually. They are available on the Town website which is [lowelltown.org](http://lowelltown.org). The Tax Maps represent and give a visual interpretation of all the deeds and land surveys filed with the Town Land Records. The acreage of each parcel in the Tax Maps should be the same as in the Grand List. The goal is for an accurate representation and assessment of all parcels. If you have questions about any parcel please call.

In Vermont, all property is subject to a statewide education property tax to pay for the State's schools. For this purpose, property is categorized as non-homestead (nonresidential) or homestead. The Homestead Declaration Form HS-122 must be filed each year by every Vermont resident whose property meets the definition of a homestead. A Vermont homestead is the principal dwelling and a parcel of land surrounding it owned by resident individual as of April 1 and is occupied as that person's domicile.

The State also requires you to declare on your HS-122 if there is any rental use and/or business use. Also declare any outbuilding used as such. If your property straddles two or more town, you need to file an HS-122 for each town it is located in using the correct SPAN. Each parcel is assigned a SPAN (School Parcel Account Number) so if you have more than one parcel in Lowell, make sure to use the correct SPAN for your Homestead Declaration. If you need any help, please call.

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**SELECT-BOARD RECYCLE-SWIP FINANCIAL**

	<b>RECYCLE 2020 Actual</b>	<b>RECYCLE 2021 Budget</b>	<b>SWIP 2020 Actual</b>	<b>SWIP 2021 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Grants</b>	0.00	0.00	4,650.00	3,650.00
<b>Total Income</b>	0.00	0.00	4,650.00	3,650.00
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>				
<b>Company Contributions</b>				
<b>FICA Expense</b>	147.45	205.18		
<b>Health Insurance</b>	31.75	0.00		
<b>Medicare Exp.</b>	34.47	47.98		
<b>Municipal Retirement</b>	5.20	0.00		
<b>Workers Comp</b>		348.47		
<b>Total Contributions</b>	218.87	601.63	0.00	0.00
<b>Salaries</b>				
<b>Recycling Attendant</b>	2,378.10	3,309.28		
<b>Total Salaries</b>	2,378.10	3,309.28	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	2,596.97	3,910.91	0.00	0.00
<b>Solid Waste/rECYCLING</b>				
<b>Green Up Day- Hazardous Waste Events</b>				1,059.00
<b>In Town Recycling</b>	15,272.21	16,000.00		
<b>Tire Event</b>	0.00			1,642.00
<b>Household Hazardous waste</b>	0.00		253.42	900.00
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	15,272.21	16,000.00	253.42	3,601.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	17,869.18	19,910.91	253.42	3,601.00
<b>GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(17,869.18)</b>	<b>(19,910.91)</b>	<b>4,396.58</b>	<b>49.00</b>

# 2020 Town of Lowell Audit Report

The Town Auditors audited the various town records for 2020 on January 28 and February 22, 2021. The audit also included the accounts of the Historical Society, Lowell Cemetery Association, Fire Dept Special Equipment Fund and F.O.L.K. (Friends of Lowell Kids). The financial books for the year ending December 31, 2020 were in good order with one exception and that being the F.O.L.K. account (Friends of Lowell Kids). This account has had problems for at least the past two years in that there are missing receipts, statements not balancing, and poor record keeping. It is the auditors' recommendation that this account be turned over to the Town Treasurer for proper accounting procedures.

The current procedures used by the Treasurer, Priscilla Matten, makes the auditing procedure much easier now as there are balance sheets, Excel spreadsheets all which back up Quickbooks' reports for the various town departments. We recommend that these procedures continue to be followed.

Town Auditors

Arlon Warner

*Arlon Warner* 4/8/21

Gordon Spencer

*G. Spencer* 04/08/2021



CARTER GILLESPIE GRADE 3

# MINUTES OF THE LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2020

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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 3, 2020** at **10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

**Note:** The Town of Lowell has a checklist of 635 eligible voters. The highest number of votes cast for Town Elections was registered at 150 votes for the NCSU Ballot, 105 for the Town floor votes, and 167 for the Presidential Primary.

- The School District Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. Moderator Alden Warner asked voters to take a moment to honor our American Flag and led voters in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Alden announced several upcoming events.
- Alden reviewed the Roberts Rules of conduct to be adhered to throughout the meeting.
- Alden Warner announced the hours of the Australian ballot voting for North Country Supervisory Union Budget and the Presidential Primary.

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:**

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

- Alden Warner nominated
- Steve Mason Nominated-Steve Mason Declined
- **ALDEN WARNER – ELECTED**

## **PRESENTATION OF LOWELL GRADED SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

- Steve Mason, at this point asked permission to speak. He talked about a project that the students had been preparing since last year on stream restoration. He thought they did such a wonderful job that there should be a presentation so the town could be aware of their accomplishment. Steve introduced Mrs. Blay the Science Teacher for Lowell Graded, and her students. Kids from 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade spoke about what they had learned and are still learning from their research about Stream Restoration. The students who presented the presentation are as follows: Tristan Blay-7<sup>th</sup>, Lauren Legacy-7<sup>th</sup>, Kayla Kennison-8<sup>th</sup>, Kelcee Doaner-6<sup>th</sup>, Elizabeth Dizzazo-5<sup>th</sup>, Mikayla Richardson-8<sup>th</sup>. Each of these students talked about certain aspects of the research. At the end of the presentation, Elizabeth read a letter that was written by the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, to Jason and Ashley Randall, thanking them for the permission of access to the river on their property, and for allowing them to do their testing.



- After the presentation, all 3 School Board Members took turns speaking . Steve Mason spoke of how proud of the students and teachers he was. Jason Blay expressed how wonderful the fieldtrip opportunities were and how much he liked the fund raisers that we have in the community all year round. David Legacy spoke about a new development in the Board meetings. He stated that they now have a student council here at Lowell graded and they are often present at the School Board meetings giving their own input as well. The meetings are really amazing with them, and it shows how much the students are really growing , David stated.

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

- *David Legacy was nominated; voice vote/carried*
- **DAVID LEGACY-ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 3:** *Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** approve the school board to expend **\$1,915,917.00**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year **2021**. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$15,280.00** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 11.31% higher than spending for the current year. The overall budget has **INCREASED 8.35%** from the current year.*

- Article moved and seconded.
- A request was made to explain why there was an increase in the cost of the budget.
- Steve Mason, School Board Chair explained that it was a complicated thing to explain. He stated that with there being less students and teachers, there is less State aid and grants for the school, which causes an increase in the budget. The amount of money the State gives changes every year, So the budget has to change to compensate for the extra cost.
- Question was asked if the 15,280.00 per student was budgeted based on the number of students. Steve Mason answered yes.
- Question was asked if we could use the \$35,000.00 and \$50,000.00 to with the monies that was needed to be used for school funding. Steve answered that is what it is for.
- Question was asked why was there a \$40,000 increase, Steve answered that it was for special needs children transportation that is now billed directly to the school from SU.
- A motion was made to call the question-seconded/Motion to call the question passed by voice vote.
- Question was asked to vote by paper ballot. The moderator asked for a show of hands needing to be at least 7 to vote by paper ballot. Show of hands was more than 7.
- Voting by paper ballot was directed by the moderator. Results were YES-77 and NO- 25 Total vote-102
- **ARTICLE 3 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to use **\$35,000.00** of the unallocated, unaudited general fund balance from the 2018-2019 school year, to **reduce taxes** in the 2020-2021 school budget?

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

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the voter of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** Authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer from the Tax Stabilization Fund **\$50,000.00** of unallocated, unaudited General Fund balance **from** the 2018-2019 school year to be used to **reduce taxes in the 2020-2021 school budget**

- Article moved and seconded
- Question was asked how much money is in the Tax stabilization fund, Steve answered just a little over \$50,000.00, which gives the school a little cushion.
- *Motion made and seconded to authorize Article 5 as written.*
- **ARTICLE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** Authorize the Board of school Directors to name the circle in front of the school "**SCOTT BOSKIND CIRCLE**", TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SCHOOLS LONG-TERM PRINCIPAL?

- *Motion was made and seconded.*
- Question was asked how this came to be? Steve answered that he had several people call him an inquire about doing this, and he felt along with the other Board members that it was a Town decision not a School Board decision.
- Wayne Warner shared his feelings and thoughts about this recognition of Scott Boskind. He told people about his own past with Scott and how much Scott has touched and helped the people in this community for years.
- Motion made and seconded to call the question. Motion to call the question passed by voice vote.
- **Article 6 passed by Voice Vote.**

**ARTICLE 7:** TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER NON-BINDING BUSINESS WHICH MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THIS MEETING.

- *Article moved and seconded; voice vote/carried.*
- *There was no Non-binding business to discuss.*

- *Jennifer Harlow, Orleans County Sheriff, asked to speak briefly to the towns people before the meeting continued. She reintroduced herself to the town and wanted everyone to know that they could call her anytime with any questions or concerns we may have.*

**ARTICLE 8: TO AJOURN**

- Motion made and seconded to adjourn.
- Motion carried by Voice Vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

**OUTCOME OF AUSTRALIAN BALLOTING FOR NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL:**

**Polls were open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**ARTICLE IV: NCUHS BUDGET- TOTAL VOTES CAST: 150  
IN FAVOR-87 OPPOSED-63 BLANK-0  
ARTICLE PASSED**

**Attest:**

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

SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR: Steve Mason \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN MEETING: Moderator call Annual Town meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.**

**ARTICLE 9: To ELECT TOWN MODERATOR for the ensuing year.**

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

**ARTICLE 10: To HEAR and ACT upon reports of TOWN OFFICERS.**

- Before Article 10 was discussed Priscilla Matten-Town Treasurer spoke about the financial reports in the Town Report Book and explained how to read them.

- Motion made and seconded to accept the reports as written.
- Moderator asked for any errors or omissions in the town reports.
- **TOWN REPORT ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN, BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 11:** *To ELECT the following OFFICERS required by law:*

**a. SELECT PERSON**                      3-year term

- Darren Pion- nominated.
- Dwight Richardson-nominated.
- It was questioned whether Darren could run being that his wife is the Town Clerk, the moderator said he would let the voters vote and check into regulations with VLCT on this matter. Moderator found that it was legal for Darren to be a Select person
- **Results: Darren Pion-63, Dwight Richardson -42, Total votes 105**
- **DARREN PION – ELECTED**
- Motion was made to break for lunch and seconded; voice vote/carried
- The Moderator announced that at 12:20 pm lunch break would start, and the meeting would reconvene at 1:20 pm.
- **Meeting reconvened at 1:26 pm.**

**b. LISTER**                                      3-year term

- Lerold Chase- nominated.
- There were no other nominations, the Moderator using unanimous consent, instructed the Clerk to cast one paper ballot for Lerold Chase.
- **LEROLD CHASE - ELECTED**

**c. AUDITOR**                                  3-year term

- Melanie Richardson- nominated.
- There were no other nominations, the moderator using unanimous consent, instructed the clerk to cast one paper ballot for Melanie Richardson.
- **MELANIE RICHARDSON – ELECTED**

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

- Jason Randall- nominated; voice vote / carried.
- **JASON RANDALL – ELECTED**

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

- Darren Pion-nominated; voice vote/carried
- **DARREN PION-ELECTED**

**f. TOWN AGENT**                      1- year term

- Andre Tetreault Sr. nominated; voice vote / carried.
- **ANDRE TETREAUULT Sr. – ELECTED**

**g. LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

- Jill Legacy-nominated
- Carol Wood-Koob -Nominated/Declined
- **JILL LEGACY-ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 12:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$ 280,000.00 for TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES (Select Board's Account)?*

- **Motion made and seconded.**
- **Motion Carried by Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 13:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 135,000.00 plus Vermont State Aid funding for WINTER ROADS?*

- Article moved and seconded.
- Motion carried by voice vote.
- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote.**

**ARTICLE 14:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 135,000.00 plus Vermont State Aid funding for SUMMER ROADS?*

- Article moved and seconded.
- Question was asked whether or not Hodgeman Bridge was going to be replaced? It was answered that the State and Federal are working on a plan to replace it in a couple of years.
- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote**

Before starting Article 15, Mark Higley, our Town Representative, spoke to the Towns people to update them on the current House Bills and to give an update on the COVID-19, which he handed a pamphlet of this to the Town Clerk to be able to have it accessible in the Town Office.

**ARTICLE 15:** *Shall the legal voter authorize the **Selectboard** and **Road commissioner** to borrow money for **additional paving**, and how much?*

- Article moved and seconded
- Question was asked how many miles of black top do we currently have? The Road Commissioner answered roughly 14.5 with only a mile of blacktop not needing to be paved at this time. \$200,000 to \$300,000 would only do the worst spots in town and that is just a guess.
- A towns person asked to hear what the Board Chair's suggestion would be on the amount of money to borrow, the Board Chair said at least \$300,000.
- Question was asked if we could get a grant match for the paving? The Road Commissioner answered that it is nearly impossible to get a paving grant.
- Question was asked if the money borrowed could be paid back over a ten-year span? The Board Chair stated that last time we borrowed money for paving it was paid back over a 7- or 8-year span.
- Question was asked, what is the procedure for paving? The Road Commissioner stated that we usually put it out for bid. We have used Gray's in the past who uses a virgin mix, others use rap, and some use a mixture of both.
- Motion was made and seconded to borrow \$300, 000 and pay it back in 5 years. Motion was made and seconded to amend the motion to borrow \$500,000 and pay it back in 7 years. There was a small discussion on this .
- A recommendation was made to make a list of all the paved road from worst to best and prioritize it.
- Motion to amend the motion to \$500,000 failed by voice vote.
- Question was asked will this raise our taxes? The Board Chair said that it will create a small municipal tax.
- A recommendation was made to wait until summer to evaluate the paving conditions, and to have the Selectboard get figures and then hold a special meeting in 90 days.
- It was discussed that a review of the roads in the summer and have a special town meeting for it would be to late to pave the roads this year.
- Motion made to call the question and seconded. Motion to call the question passed by voice vote.
- Motion to borrow \$300,000 and pay back in 5 years; passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 16:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 30,000.00 for the FIRE DEPARTMENT?*

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

**ARTICLE 17:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 6,000.00 for the COMMUNITY LIBRARY?*

- Article moved and seconded.
- Question was asked does the Library really need all that money? Regine Griswold, Librarian, answered that the library really does need all that money to be able to order new books, supplies and update the computer in the library.
- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote.**

**ARTICLE 18:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 3,000.00 for the LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL teams?*

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

**ARTICLE 19:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 1,000.00 for the JR. HOOP BASKETBALL teams?*

- Article moved and seconded.
- Question was asked what was the money used for? Jill Legacy spoke on behalf of the JR. HOOP fund by saying that the money is always used to purchase uniforms, equipment, and trophies for the kids.
- **ARTICLE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 20:** *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 21:** *Shall the Town of Lowell enter into a communications union district (CUD) to be known as NEK Community Broadband, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch 82?*

### **Goal**

*Bring a reliable and affordable, high-speed internet option (at least 100 mbps symmetrical) to every residential and business address in the Northeast Kingdom.*

*The towns of the Northeast Kingdom have a chance to benefit from funding available through the State of Vermont and the federal government to develop broadband infrastructure that would offer high speed internet (at least 100 mbps up and down) to every residential and business address in the region. A CUD is municipal entity, made up of 2 or more towns, with the specific purpose of bringing high-speed internet access, commonly called "broadband" to every e911 address in the NEK. As stated in Title 30 V.S.A. Chapter 082 § 3053(d), membership in the CUD poses no financial risk to the Town of Lowell or individual taxpayers within Lowell. All towns that approve this ballot measure will become members of the CUD and each member town must appoint a representative to the CUD governing board. (See details on pages immediately following this warning)*

- *Article moved and seconded*
- *Before any discussion on this article, Marjorie Kramer asked to speak on behalf of the NEK CUD. The Moderator granted her permission to speak. Marjorie prepared a speech and began by stating that this would not cost the Town any money. This would give the whole town access to*

high speed internet. The CUD is a municipality and will not be a cost, but if people want to participate, there will be a small cost just like any other internet provider.

- Mark Higley stated that if we do decide to join the CUD at least one member from the Town would have to be appointed to join the Board for the CUD. Mark also said that if all the towns agree on it there wouldn't have to be any skipping around towns to get this available.
- After the speech the Moderator asked for the floor to vote. Voice vote/carried
- **ARTICLE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	
a)	\$500	\$250	to AMERICAN RED CROSS
b)	\$250	\$500	to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC.
c)	\$ 50	\$50	to GREEN UP VERMONT
d)	\$250	\$0	to JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. – AMERICAN LEGION
e)	\$200	\$200	to MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOC.
f)	\$0	\$1,000	to LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
g)	\$300	\$300	to Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc. – (OCCD)
h)	\$300	\$300	to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
i)	\$923	\$1,758	to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
j)	\$200	\$200	to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.
k)	\$659	\$659	to NORTHEASTERN VT. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
l)	\$200	\$200	to ORLEANS COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
m)	\$500	\$500	to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
n)	\$0	\$500	to ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION-(OCFA)
o)	\$500	\$550	to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
p)	\$500	\$0	to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
q)	\$200	\$0	to PREVENT CHILD ABUSE VERMONT
r)	\$700	\$700	to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
s)	\$825	\$825	to UMBRELLA
t)	\$100	\$100	to VACD – VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
u)	\$200	\$200	to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
v)	\$90	\$90	to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
w)	\$0	\$250	to VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK
x)	\$100	\$100	to VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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**\$7,547.00    \$8,539.00    Totals for above appropriations**  
**PLEASE NOTE:** Individual service reports printed in back of town report.

- Motion made and seconded
- Motion made and seconded to delete line n.



- Pam Tetreault who has worked for the OCFA stated that they are a non-profit farm organization
- Question was asked why was line p. at \$0. The Town Clerk stated there was not a request from line p. this year.
- Motion was made and seconded to amend the motion to also delete line i.
- Question was asked why LCMH (Lamoille county mental health) would be asking for money from our town. Trish Pion, LCMH's Comptroller, stated that they do service Lowell residents, for example anytime someone from here goes to Morrisville hospital and requires services that they provide, the person is sent to them for these services to be filled.
- Pam Tetreault commented that we shouldn't have to choose between Lamoille and Orleans County for both organizations should be able to request money.
- Motion to delete line i.; voice vote/failed. Line i. not deleted
- Motion to delete line n.; voice vote/failed. Line n. not deleted
- Motion was made to call the question; voice vote/carried
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 23:** *To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.*

- *Jason Blay spoke on a non-binding bill for the Resolution for the Defense for the right to bear arms. There is a resolution for the Town to sign if it is agreed upon.*
- *Comments and opinions were made between the towns people on their own beliefs and on whether or not we should or shouldn't be allowed to own guns.*
- *Motion was made to call the question and seconded. Motion to call the question passed by voice vote*
- *Motion made to accept Resolution; voice vote/carried*

**ARTICLE 24:** *TO ADJOURN*

- The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting; voice vote / carried.
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:59 P.M.**

**Attest:**

MODERATOR: Alden Warner *Alden Warner*

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: Steve Mason *Steve Mason*

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

*Received for recording in Town Proceeding Book*

*Attest: Christy M. Pion- Town Clerk*

## 2020 LOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT FOR TOWN MEETING 2021

Due to COVID-19 2020 was a year with no regular Historical Society meetings. Behind the scenes, however, work was being done on our A History of Lowell book. This report is being written in January and we are anticipating we will be presenting to you the book at this Town Meeting.

The Lowell Historical Society is pleased to announce the second year of the \$1,000 Harry Wellman Scholarship fund. The award will be offered to a graduating Lowell Senior attending any schooling who is accepted and enrolling in college 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 like diaries, old newspapers, and published books. You may also use direct observation of remains of the past (rock wall foundations of now gone buildings, etc.).

Essays are due by Monday, May 17th and should be sent to Lowell Historical Society, Lowell Town Offices, 2170 Vermont Route 100 in Lowell or emailed to 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

Cierra Richardson was the 2020 recipient of the Harry Wellman Scholarship. Cierra wrote an essay in which she reflected on the continuity and change between generations in her Lowell family. Congratulations Cierra.

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 in Lowell 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.

THE LOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lowell Historical Society	FY 2020	
Prior Balance-checking		1231.82
Prior Balance-MM		4441.48
Revenue:		
Fundraisers—candy bars and donations		107.50
Interest-checking		.46
Interest-MM		16.03
Total Revenue		123.99
Disbursements:		
Bethany Dunbar research for book		460.00
Subscription to Northland Journal		45.00
Total Disbursements		505.00
Lowell Historical Ending Balance		5292.29

# NEK Community Broadband

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

### Activities through December 7, 2020

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

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

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

Highlights of the past year include:

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

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

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

Respectfully,



Evan Carlson, Chair

**NEK Community Broadband  
Community Union District  
2021 Budget**

**Organizational Notes**

**Income**

2020 Transfer	68,700
Additional Operational Fundraising	25,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93,700</b>

**Expenses**

*Personnel*

Administrator/ Treasurer	\$7,000	Contribution to NVDA contract	Jan-July
Administrator/ Treasurer	\$22,500	CUD position - 25 hrs/week	August-December
Bookkeeper/ Clerk	\$9,600	CUD position - 10 hrs/week	
Grantwriting/ Communications	\$4,000		
Legal	\$15,000		
<i>Project</i>	\$30,000	Remaining Kingdom Fiber Connections	
<i>Operational</i>	\$1,250		
<i>Board Expenses</i>	\$1,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$90,350</b>		

**Projected Capital Investment (a)**

VEDA matching funds	\$400,000	VT matching funds grant
VEDA loan	\$4,000,000	Maximum amount
	\$480,000	VT Connected Community Resilience Program Grant
	<u>\$500,000</u>	Minimum target for additional grant-funded project
	<b>\$5,360,000</b>	

**Footnotes**

(a) NEK Broadband anticipates engaging in construction of portions of its fiber network in 2021. How much we will be able to fund will be based on the federal and state grants available, as well as our ability to secure low-interest loans. At minimum, we expect to apply for a loan program available for broadband development through the Vermont Economic Development Authority. Success will be dependent on favorable results from our CUD feasibility study due in mid-November.

# LOWELL VITAL RECORDS

## **BIRTHS:**

Total number of Births Recorded in Lowell for 2020:

9 Births

## **MARRIAGES:**

Total Number of Marriages Recorded in Lowell for 2020:

7 Marriages

## **DEATHS:**

Total Number of Deaths Recorded in Lowell for 2020:

7 Deaths





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