

Town of Lowell



***Annual Town and School Report
For Year Ending
December 31, 2021***

*ANNUAL TOWN
REPORT*



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Town of Lowell, Vermont**

*Lowell Graded School on
Saturday
May 21, 2022.*

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

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Announcements & Reminders:

- 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.
- **Polls will be open this year at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.**
- **You must file a HS122 Homestead Declaration Form EACH YEAR** with your annual state tax return to receive the residential tax rate from the Town. For more information and help please call the Town Office to speak to the Listers or go to www.tax.vermont.gov.

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

2022

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Rabies Clinic	THERE WILL BE NO RABIES CLINIC IN TOWN DUE TO COVID-19, BUT, the animal doctor will be holding one at her clinic on March 19, 2022, from 9 am to 12 pm		
Green Up Day	May 7th	All Day	Vermont
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	June 4th	7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT
Tire Collection Event	THERE WILL BE NO TIRE COLLECTION EVENT THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID-19-ONE MAY BE SCHEDULED LATER IN THE SPRING		
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	October 29th	7:30 a.m. To 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT



REPORT OF DOG LICENSES

Dogs Licensed (2021)	153.
Penalties	\$ 70.00
Special Licenses	\$ 30.00
Total License Fees Received	\$ 1,527.00
Fees Paid to VT State Treasurer	\$ 725.00.

DOG REMINDER

ALL DOGS 6 MONTHS & OLDER MUST BE LICENSED BY
APRIL 1st, 2022
50% Penalty charged after April 1st, 2022.



Dog License Fees:

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

Fee After April 1st, 2022

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



The Animal Doctor will not be hosting a Rabies clinic in Lowell 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 Selectboard since October 5, 2004 and took effect on December 6, 2004.

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

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

VSNIP

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program aka "VSNIP", under the oversight of the VT Economic Services Department, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VWSA). VSNIP helps financially challenged Vermont residents spay/neuter cats and dogs for \$27.00. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters when dogs are licensed by an added \$4.00 fee, the major funding for this important program. Funds are determined by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law when a dog is six months of age. A current rabies vaccination is required to register, and a rabies vaccination can be administered after 12 weeks of age for both cats and dogs.

Prostate and mammary cancer is more likely to occur in unsterilized cats and dogs. It's not pretty and they're likely to die. Animals live longer and happier when they're spayed and neutered, are less likely to fight for territory, and mark what they claim to be "theirs"!

Licensing a dog: 1) helps identify your dog if lost, 2) provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal, but would still need immediate medical attention, 3) if your dog bites an animal or person – which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for infection, and 4) helps pay for VSNIP, addressing the population situation in Vermont.

Farms with cats should especially be aware that one rabid cat or dog can affect an entire population of animals on the premise. The answer is neutering through VSNIP which includes a rabies vaccination and the first of the two part distemper series.

Look for Rabies Clinics in March across the state. You can call your veterinarian and ask the cost of a rabies vaccination only, or call your nearest Tractor Supply Store for their Monthly Rabies Clinic schedule. Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

To receive a VSNIP Application, send a 9" S.A.S.E to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. For more information, call 802-672-5302.

Please visit our website: www.VWSAHS.org
VWSA will be hosting Rabies Clinics in March. Call for dates and locations.

The animals thank you in advance! *Together We Truly Do Make A Difference!!*

Sue Skaskiw, VWSA Humane Society Executive Director/VSNIP Administrator

Household Hazardous Waste



2022 Collection Days



Saturday June 4
Saturday October 29
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, Gallon or less of Old Gasoline, 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** 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, Tuesday, & Thursday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Lowell Town Clerk's Office
2170 VT Rte. 100
Lowell, VT 05847
Tel: (802) 744 6559
Fax: (802) 744 2357

LIBRARY HOURS:

With Librarian on Duty...

TUESDAY - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY - 10 a.m. to 12 noon



LOWELL TOWN OFFICERS

2021

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MODERATOR:	Alden Warner	2022
SELECTMEN:	Wayne Richardson	2024
	Darren Pion	2023
	Alden Warner	2022
SCHOOL DIRECTORS:	David Legacy	2023
	Steven Mason	2024
	Jason Blay	2022
1st CONSTABLE:	Jason Randall	2022
2nd CONSTABLE:	Lyse McAllister	2022
AUDITORS:	Arlon Warner	2024
	Dorothy Spoerl (appointed)	2022
	Gordon Spencer	2022
ROAD COMMISSIONER:	Calvin Allen	2022
LISTERS:	Lerry Chase	2023
	Christine Hager	2024
	Mark Higley	2022
LIBRARIAN:	Regine Griswold	
LIBRARY TRUSTEES:	Gina Arel	2022
	Gynette Manning	2023
	Jill Legacy	2025
	Gail Sicotte	2026
	Fay Starr	2026
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:	Daphne Dolan-Christiansen	
	Sadie Willey	
	Patricia Sears	
	Steven Mason	
	Jeff Parsons	

OFFICERS BY APPOINTMENT

TOWN CLERK:	Christy Pion	
TREASURER:	Rebecca DiZazzo	
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:	Rebecca DiZazzo	
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	Mary Hunt	11/1/2021
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	Pricilla Matten	(Retired)
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:	Jason Randall	2022
ASST. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:	Lyse McAllister	2022
HEALTH OFFICER:	Christina Adams	11/30/2024
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER:	Troy Adams	11/30/2024
FIRE WARDEN:	Gerard Nick	
ASST. FIRE WARDEN	Marc Sicotte	
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Gordon Spencer	
ZONING COMMISSION:	Sam Thurston	
	Charles Boulmetis	(resigned)
	Jeff Parsons	

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, MAY 21, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M. TO
ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZ:

TOWN MEETING:

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$290,000 for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Select Board's Account)?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the legal voters appropriate \$140,000 plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS?**

ARTICLE 6: Shall the legal voters appropriate \$140,000 plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS?**

ARTICLE 7: Shall the legal voters appropriate \$33,000 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 \$11,464.96 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 sufficient to meet the same? This will be used for approximately 192 hours of routine patrols, answering complaints, and investigating incidents. It will also cover administrative expenses, including salaries, vehicle, benefits, liability Insurance, maintenance, gasoline, supplies, telephone costs, and crime prevention programs.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
a)	\$250	\$250	to AMERICAN RED CROSS
b)	\$ 0	\$ 50	to FELINES & FRIENDS
c)	\$600	\$900	to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC.
d)	\$ 50	\$50	to GREEN UP VERMONT
e)	\$1000	\$1000	to LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
f)	\$200	\$200	to MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOC.
g)	\$300	\$300	to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
h)	\$1,758	\$1,758	to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
i)	\$200	\$200	to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.
j)	\$659	\$659	to NORTHEASTERN VT. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
k)	\$ 0	\$350	to ORLEANS COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
l)	\$ 0	\$500	to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
m)	\$500	\$500	to ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION-(OCFA)
n)	\$550	\$700	to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
o)	\$500	\$500	to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
p)	\$700	\$700	to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
q)	\$825	\$825	to UMBRELLA
r)	\$100	\$100	to VACD – VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
s)	\$200	\$200	to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
t)	\$90	\$90	to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
u)	\$0	\$250	to VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK
v)	\$0	\$100	to VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

\$8,482.00 \$10,182.00 Totals for above appropriations

PLEASE NOTE: Individual service reports printed throughout the town report.

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

**ARTICLE 15: TO ADJOURN.
SELECTBOARD:**

Alden Warner- Chairman

Darren Pion

Wayne Richardson

ATTEST:

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

Received for posting April 5, 2022



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

August 27, 2021

Town of Lowell
Attn: Priscilla Matten Administrative Assistant
21070 VT Route 100
Lowell, VT 5847

Dear Priscilla,

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the region:

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, **once every 18 hours**, helping more than **2,000 individuals**.
- We made over **500 homes safer** by installing smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **26,957 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected over **153,000 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, **850** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to 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 directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

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.

Warmly,

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

Rachel Zelle
Development Specialist

American Red Cross of Northern New England
www.redcross.org/nne



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

Orleans County Service Delivery

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **8 disaster cases** in **Orleans County**, providing assistance to **12 families**. 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.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Barton	1	1
Glover	1	2
Holland	1	1
Jay	1	3
Newport	3	14

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **10** of **Orleans County's Service Members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Blood Drives

During the last fiscal year, we collected **1098 pints** of lifesaving blood at **36 drives** in **Orleans County**.

Training Services

Last year, **248 Orleans County 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.





November 2021

2022 Town Appropriation Request - Lowell

Felines and Friends Foundation strives to stabilize barn cat colonies and greatly reduce the number of free-roaming cats in the Northeast Kingdom (and beyond) through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), with the goals of improving the health and welfare of cats, minimizing the negative impacts on people and wildlife, reducing the number of cats/kittens entering local shelters.

We humanely trap, spay/neuter and vaccinate for rabies un-owned or loosely-owned cats in neighborhoods and on farms for FREE. When possible we also assist low income residents with free cat spay/neuter services and request a small donation to cover the cost of vaccines. Many cats we service are re-homed through regional animal shelters and local adoptions; others are returned to caretakers or owners to live a better life but with reduced nuisance behaviors.

Since Felines and Friends Foundation began on April 1, 2013 we have spayed/neutered and vaccinated over 3,500 cats mostly in Orleans County. The approximate expense per each cat is \$75 for a total value of service to date to Lowell of \$4,500. We've also done extensive work in the surrounding towns of Troy, Jay, Westfield, North Troy and Newport Town.

We are seeking an appropriation of \$50 to continue this work in 2022.

Thank you for your consideration,

Connie Knaggs

Connie Knaggs
President, Felines & Friends Foundation

PO Box 1316, Newport, VT 05855

Phone: 802-323-4793

 Felines & Friends Foundation – Vermont
Website: FFFVT.ORG



Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$900.00 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. 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



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

Robert Swan, Explorer

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

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

Your contribution makes a difference
#togetherwecan #greenupVT

Green Up Vermont

P.O. Box 1191
Montpelier, VT 05601-1191

www.greenupvermont.org

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Parker Riehle

TREASURER

Corinna Costello

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- Ronda Berns
- Justin Brown
- Erin Desautels
- Ara Hagan
- Lucas Herring
- Bryn Oakleaf
- Denise Palmer
- Heather Pelham
- Gene Richards

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

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

Appropriation Request Letter

Dear Residents of Lowell

Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had a great turnout with 22,000 volunteers picking up 418 TONS of trash and 16,250 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe and healthy places to live. Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to care about their communities. Your contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact.

As Green Up rolls into our 52nd year, we are again requesting your support for the usual \$50.00 appropriation. The amount requested is based on town population and goes directly back to your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

• 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 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. Through this pandemic we learned that Vermonters feel Green Up Day was the one event that shouldn't ever be canceled and found safe ways to continue it. Let's keep building strong communities by working together for our beautiful way of life.

Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day 2022, May 7th** and help us celebrate 52 years of keeping Vermont green! Please contact me anytime with any questions or comments. I am pleased to serve your community and look forward to working with you again. Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director
802-522-7245 • greenup@greenupvermont.org

Payment Reminder for Green Up Appropriation 2021

We haven't yet received a check for your 2021 Green Up Appropriation. We realize many of you submit payment upon receipt of this notice. If you think our accounting is in error please contact us at greenup@greenupvermont.org or 522-7245.

Your 2021 balance due is \$0.00 Invoice #1055 Thank you!



October 12, 2021

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 FY2022 and a report of the agency's 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 2020 through June 2021, 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 that reads 'Michael Hartman'.

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 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, 2021 we served 2 individuals providing over 152 services over the course of fiscal year 2021.

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 2021-2022 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

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December 29, 2021

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 21,500 volunteer hours to plant trees, stabilize streambanks, and clean up trash along our waterways. In 2021, we planted 631 trees on a farm in Lowell in order to strengthen the riparian buffer zone on the Missisquoi river, stabilizing the riverbank and reducing both runoff and erosion.

Water quality sampling: During 2021, we collected State-requested water quality data from eight different sites within our watershed. The nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations found at these sites help us track the health of our rivers.

Assisting farmers and landowners: In addition to working to improve streambank stabilization and reduce erosion by planting trees, installing water bars, and seeding areas of bare earth, we also worked with two landowners to collect private water quality data through our Water Insight program - let us know if you'd like to learn about the nutrients on your property.

Educational programs: We provide hands-on educational opportunities to students with our watershed model, rainfall simulator, and Bug works program. In 2021, we planted edible rain gardens at two watershed schools to help students learn about stormwater management.

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

Your support of our organization in past years is so greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2022 request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Little".

John Little, MRBA Chair

Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA)

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December 2021

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 4,440 residents of the Northeast Kingdom** and with our congregate and home-delivered meals program, **delivered 234,616 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 42 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 2021 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

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.

March 2022

For over 42 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, 38 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 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.

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Serving the NEK
since 1960

November 22, 2021

Town of Lowell Select Board
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cpion@lowelltown.org

RE: 2022 Town Meeting Appropriation Request

Dear Town of Lowell Select Board and Community Members:

The professional employees at Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. follow the mission to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support. We ask for you to financially support our mission and agency by including the following article in your 2022 Town Meeting Warning.

ARTICLE: Shall the Town of Lowell vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of **\$1758** for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a 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 crisis, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual challenges?

This appropriation request amount represents 1.82% of appropriation requests from 48 towns we serve in the Northeast Kingdom. This request is the same amount as voted at the 2021 Town Meeting.

A summary report of how Northeast Kingdom Human Services supported your town is included with this letter.

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

We strive to respond to community needs with quality care.

Respectfully,

Northeast Kingdom Human Services Board of Directors and Leadership Team

Contact Ruth Marquette at RMarquette@nkhs.net regarding appropriation questions.

We're all about being human.

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Town of Lowell Annual Summary Report Fiscal Year 2021 (July 2020 – June 2021)

Good mental health is important for everyone. The Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. (NKHS) mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support. Your town's **\$1758** appropriation helped support your neighbors facing challenges who could not otherwise afford care. Thank you for helping **29** neighbors, family members, and friends in your town access the supports they needed to live happy, fulfilling lives and be contributing members in your community. The appropriation was based on 2010 Census data at \$2.00 per person in your town and level funded from the prior year.

NKHS's 464 professional employees, 1 from your town, worked diligently to maintain service delivery for 2945 individuals of all ages. We offered support to the communities of the NEK while rising to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, a transition to interim leadership, conducting a comprehensive and inclusive search for a new executive director, responding to a corrective action plan from the Department of Mental Health, and acknowledging our staff for their extraordinary efforts, professional skills, and their dedication to providing quality care to those we serve in our offices and in the community. NKHS Emergency Services employees responded 24/7 to mental health crisis. Requests for services were triaged. Our first priority is to serve the vulnerable populations of mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities challenges, where the "worried well" may need to wait for services such as outpatient therapy. NKHS shares the challenge of attracting qualified personnel to the region and offering more competitive wages.

NKHS offered over 219 community consultation hours for parenting and suicide prevention trainings. The agency initiated warm support phone lines to assist those struggling through the pandemic:

- Parent Support Line 802-749-1111 (7 days a week/6 AM – midnight)
- Recovery Support Line 802-749-1112 (M-F, 8:30 AM – 5 PM)
- Emotional Support Line 802-749-1113 (M-F, 8:30 AM – 5 PM)

In June 2021, Northeast Kingdom Human Services worked with Vermont Department of Mental Health to implement the second National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Call Center in the state. Anyone calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) with an 802 area code phone number will first be connected to a Vermont call center.

The volunteer Board of Directors provide oversight and believes human services should be cost effective and responsive to local community needs. Volunteer Program Standing Committee members support the agency and programs. Your vote at the Town of Lowell's Town Meeting means a lot to us and your community.

Thank you!
Northeast Kingdom Human Services Board of Directors and Leadership Team

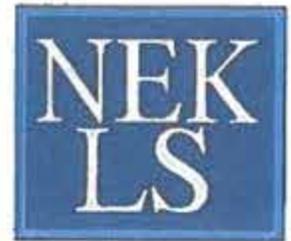
We're all about being human.

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.

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"Every success story is a tale of constant adaptation, revision, and change."

Richard Branson

December 2021

Dear Valued and Appreciated Voters of Lowell,

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (NEKLS), like many non-profits, has been impacted by the COVID pandemic. We are seeing a reduction in the number of referrals leading to fewer students. This has had an impact on staffing levels. Remaining staff has had to deal with their children's schools closing and switching to remote learning, with COVID positive cases, and with close contact identifications resulting in quarantining. All of these factors have lead to fewer funds coming into NEKLS to support operations and program delivery while operational costs remain steady.

NEKLS is adapting, revisoning and changing in response to COVID 19 and other programmatic changes outside of NEKLS's control. We are implementing more distance learning opportunities via Zoom and video chats with our students and families. We have hired an Outreach Specialist who is working to spread the word about us in all of the communities throughout the tri-county region, and we have begun to see the positive impact of this work.

The services that NEKLS delivers as the NEK's Adult Education and Literacy provider are critical to achieving Vermont's stated goals for individuals and families:

- We provide learners with educational services of the scope and rigor needed for the attainment of a high school diploma.
- We prepare Vermonters for good paying jobs available from many diversified employers, and for work in a variety of sectors.
- We help Vermont's children and young people achieve their potential.
- We help Vermonters with disabilities and elders live with dignity and in the setting they prefer.
- Our programs and services support Vermont in achieving a "Prosperous Economy".

The need for literacy and adult education programs leading to career and college readiness is higher than ever as Vermonters of the NEK recover from the COVID -19 pandemic. When people have the literacy skills they need, they can pursue further education or careers. They will also have better health outcomes and more stable employment and housing.

As seen first hand during the COVID 19 pandemic, childcare is a critical component of a "Prosperous Economy". Without access to affordable, high quality, sustainable childcare, Vermonters cannot access or retain employment. NEKLS opened up the *Ready, Set, Grow Childcare Center* in late 2019, just months before the COVID-19 pandemic erupted. NEKLS supports the work of *Let's Grow Kids* and the Vermont

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

legislators who are working diligently to improve access to and affordability of high quality early education and childcare. It takes a village to raise a child, and our village is a community of providers addressing challenges in education, workforce development, childcare, mental health, housing, food insecurity, substance misuse, and business development. Our village also includes people like you who, by voting to support appropriations to the non-profit providers of these services, including NEKLS, make a crucial difference in the lives of our children, our grandchildren, our friends and our neighbors.

NEKLS is committed to providing the highest quality of services, and our success is measured by the success of the Vermonters we serve. Thank you for your past support of NEKLS. We look forward to your continued support and respectfully requests a town appropriation of \$200.00 this year.

Sincerely,



Michelle Faust, M.S.
Executive Director

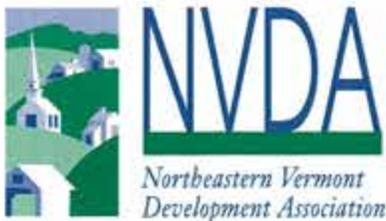


It is our mission to inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond!

FY 2021 took a toll on **NEKLS** and the **NEK**. Due to shut downs, quarantines, and concerns surrounding COVID-19 exposure we saw a drastic reduction in those accessing services. The good news is that we are seeing a rebound in FY 2022 and are feeling optimistic about the future!

- The **High School Completion Program (HSCP)** collaborates with local high schools to provide a flexible pathway to a high school diploma for anyone 16 or older. **In FY 2021, 24 HSCP students earned their high school diploma.**
- The **General Education Development (GED) Program** leads to a high school diploma equivalency. In FY 2021, 6 students earned their GED through the NEKLS GED Testing Center.
- **Adult Education and Literacy programs served 121 students for more than 4,507 hours in FY 2021.** In addition to HSCP and GED services, our teachers provided math, reading, and writing skill development, job skills development, computer literacy, financial literacy, and support in student's transition to work or college. Since March of 2020, many of our services are now being offered remotely. **In FY 2022 we are partnering with Career and Technical Centers through out the State of Vermont to support a Step Up to Childcare workforce training program to address the shortage of childcare workers in the State.**
- NEKLS teaches **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)** to students from around the world who have come to settle in the Northeast kingdom. **In FY 2021, NEKLS served 3 ESOL students 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 2021, NEKLS Early Intervention and Family Support Specialists received 162 referrals for services.** On January 1, 2022, Children Integrated Services Early Intervention program will be transitioning to North East Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA)'s Parent Child Center.
- The **NEKLS Tutorial Program** contracts with parents and schools to provide one to one and group instruction to K-12 students at any number of locations including our community learning centers, public schools, libraries, and town halls. **In FY 2021 NEKLS served 13 K-12 students in the tri-county region.**
- **NEKLS Ready, Set, Grow (RSG) Childcare Center** opened in late 2019 in collaboration with North East Kingdom Community Action's (NEKCA) Head Start program. Located in the old Teddy Bear Factory on Farrant Street in Newport, **by June of 2021 RSG had 45 children enrolled in child care and NEKCA had up to 30 children enrolled in Head Start. RSG is a 4 STAR center and is licensed for up to 99 children.** In FY 2022 we have added a Universal Pre School and are eagerly awaiting our 5th STAR.

NEKLS has a dedicated staff of 55 committed to service the needs of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. Please contact us at 1-844-GO NEKLS (466-3557) if you or someone you know has a need for our services or contact us at info@neklsvt.org. Thank you for your generous support!



Request for 2022 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.

PO Box 630 36 Eastern Avenue, Suite 1 St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819-0630 802 748-5181 Fax: 802 748-1223

The regional planning and development commission serving The Northeast Kingdom: Caledonia, Essex and Orleans Counties
NVDA is an equal opportunity lender, provider and employer



To the Voters of Lowell:

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has long 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 effectively serve the municipalities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom.

This year, we are once more requesting dues from our member communities. These funds are critical 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.

While local governance becomes more complex, our talented team staff is there to assist our member communities. Throughout 2021, we remained focused on the challenges presented by COVID while seeking opportunities to aid in regional recovery. We quickly mobilized to help all local governments secure ARPA funding and connected businesses and communities to other state and federal recovery resources. Our regular services continued as well, including:

- Land use planning & regulation – town plans and bylaws, and 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 activities to grow and strengthen businesses in our region;
- Municipal education and training opportunities for local officials.

How have we served your community? In 2021, NVDA assisted the Town of Lowell with emergency planning and preparation and provided COVID 19 information to local officials. Our transportation planning staff provided technical assistance on the Grants in Aid program to promote the use of erosion control in road maintenance.

NVDA's municipal dues have remained level *since 2016* at \$0.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$500. We take great pride in providing professional services to the communities and businesses of the NEK, but next year an increase is expected so we may continue providing a high level of service. We take pride in keeping communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at tgonyaw@nvda.net to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director



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OCCAC/SIU Town Report FY 21

Dear Citizens of Lowell,

The Orleans County Children's Advocacy Center / Special Investigations Unit is a non-profit organization dedicated to investigating, prosecuting, and providing victim advocacy services for victims of sexual violence, child physical and sexual abuse, and crimes against vulnerable adults. The OCCAC/SIU represents a collaborative partnership between the Orleans County State's Attorney's Office, Vermont State Police, the Orleans County Sheriff's Department, Newport Police Department, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, North Country Hospital and the Department for Children and Families, as well as various therapeutic service providers.

In fiscal year 2021, the OCCAC/SIU was involved in 66 investigations throughout Orleans County related to allegations of physical and sexual abuse against children and 10 investigations related to allegations of sexual violence against adult victims. Town funds supplement our state funds and help us to support our investigators in effectively investigating incidents, our victim advocate in helping victims through this very difficult process, and the State's Attorney's office in attaining justice. Our goal is to prevent further trauma to the victims by providing a safe, non-threatening, family friendly space to meet and explore allegations of abuse. Members of our Team receive specialized training to investigate these sensitive cases.

The OCCAC/SIU is an associate member with the National Children's Alliance (NCA). As the accrediting agency for Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) across the county, NCA awards various levels of accreditation and membership to centers responding to allegations of child sexual and severe physical abuse. This designation means we meet rigorous national standards that ensure these allegations are investigated and prosecuted effectively and efficiently, while providing coordinated support services to victims and their families.

The Orleans County Children's Advocacy Center / Special Investigations Unit is requesting funds in the amount of \$350 to continue our efforts in supporting families in your community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Meghan Gyles, Executive Director

Orleans County Child Advocacy Center, Inc.
Profit & Loss
 July 2020 through June 2021

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 Accrual Basis
Jul '20 - Jun 21

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	430.35
Government Grants	181,766.90
Other Types of Income	2,002.45
Unrestricted and In-Kind	19,066.99
Total Income	<u>203,266.69</u>
Gross Profit	203,266.69
Expense	
Contract Services	34,305.00
Facilities and Equipment	31,892.69
Grant Expenses	2,545.07
Operations	13,596.78
Personnel	99,359.00
Unrestricted & In-Kind Expenses	105.00
Total Expense	<u>181,803.54</u>
Net Ordinary Income	21,463.15
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Fund Raising	12,609.00
Total Other Income	<u>12,609.00</u>
Other Expense	
Fund Raising Expense	4,690.50
Total Other Expense	<u>4,690.50</u>
Net Other Income	7,918.50
Net Income	<u><u>29,381.65</u></u>

Report has not been audited, reviewed, or compiled



"Our Mission is to create and support relationships between community volunteers and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities so that all are heard, empowered and fully included in the community. We strive to engage all members in opportunities that enhance quality of life."

December 27, 2021

Dear Lowell Voters,

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA) was founded in 1988 to promote friendships between individuals with developmental disabilities and community volunteers. Through one to one matches, OCCA helps our members build relationships where each person is respected, included, heard and empowered. We support enduring, positive connections that have enhanced our Orleans County communities for over thirty years.

In 2021 we changed our approach in response to Covid. Our goal was to safely bring people together, reduce isolation and increase meaningful connections. We held a variety of online support groups and workshops for members and volunteers as well as providing some healthy outdoor activities. We limited in person activities due to the continuing pandemic. We continue to face difficulties in finding volunteers.

During the next year we plan to rely less on volunteers and therefore increase our ability to offer more in-person programs and support for people with developmental challenges in our communities. In order to do this, we must secure increased funding to pay people to lead workshops, activities, and support groups throughout Orleans county. We are in the process of conducting surveys and doing outreach in order to find out what the needs and interests are in the disability community. We encourage referrals to our organization and welcome anyone who may be interested in volunteering their time and talents.

Since its inception, OCCA has operated without any federal or state funding. We have a small budget and low overhead. Our activities are funded through town appropriations, donations and small grants. All appropriations stay in Orleans County and directly impact and benefit our neighbors. We thank Lowell voters for your past support, and once again are asking for your help.

Best Wishes,

Rich Ossias Ann Stannard
Co-Chairs, OCCA Board of Directors

Town of Lowell

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

"Article ____ : TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL APPROPRIATE \$500 TO ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SO THAT ALL ARE HEARD, EMPOWERED AND FULLY INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNITY, AND TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE."

**Orleans County Citizen Advocacy
Profit & Loss October 2020 to September 2021**

Income	
Corporate Contributions	900.00
Individual Contributions	5,403.29
Town Appropriations	12,500.00
Grants	3,000.00
Interest Income	25.69
TOTAL INCOME	21,803.29
 Expenses	
Contract Services:	
Accounting Fees	210.00
Outside Contract Services	16,975.00
Total	17,185.00
 Operations:	
Advertising Expenses	90.07
Bank Charges	41.30
Insurance	2,370.00
Match Expense	250.00
Postage	225.15
Printing and Copying	41.34
SOS registration fees	20.00
Supplies	76.73
Telephone	314.50
Events/Activities	190.68
Total	3,619.68
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,804.77
NET INCOME	1,024.21

Orleans County Fair Association

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Dear Selectboard,

The Orleans County Fair Association (OCFA) is proud to have served this community by hosting the Orleans County Fair for more than 150 years! We are a non-profit organization with all the typical struggles being experienced in today's society. Our long-term success has come from old fashioned Northeast Kingdom pride and determination as well as reliance on the creativity of our volunteer members. The OCFA recognizes the need to maintain our traditions and history as well as seek and implement new ideas. We offer an expansive venue which in recent years has been helping to celebrate Memorial Day and 4th of July festivities as well as many other local celebrations. Our continued goal is to invite your return to the park and to introduce you to our new and exciting plans!

In 2021, we changed our traditional date of August to September as we were able to contract with an amusement ride company that brought more rides, games and food vendors. We also still hosted our dairy show in August and still were able to have our local farmers at September fair as well. We hosted Monster Trucks this year, built a mini stage that will allow us to have our truck/tractor pulls, while having musical entertainment in another area of the grounds.

Our on-going efforts to maintain the 150-year traditions and to include modern entertainment and experiences brings us to you for a little help. We are seeking an **appropriation in the amount of \$500 toward these efforts.**

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely,

The Orleans County Fair Assoc.
Shelia Martin, Director/Treasurer
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.



December 11, 2021

Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village
(DBA Orleans County Historical Society)
109 Old Stone House Road
Orleans, VT 05860-9557

Town of Lowell
% Christy Pion
2170 VT Route 100
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Select Board Members:

The mission of the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village (DBA Orleans County Historical Society) is simple yet essential: It is carried out each day by ensuring our heritage remains relevant to our community. The 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 Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village has worked to preserve and share the rich history of the Northeast Kingdom and our state. 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 a record number of visitors and participants in our events and programs, the museum launching a new brand and continued development of our work with preschool aged children. We also now provide a free WiFi Hotspot on our grounds, give food from our Giving Gardens to those in need and have full enrollment in each week of our free summer Kids' Friday program.

Support from towns in our community plays an important role in helping the museum 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 \$700 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."

Please find the museum's financial overview and write-up for use in your town's report attached. I respectfully submit this request and thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly Veysey".

Molly Veysey
Executive Director
Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village
director@OldStoneHouseMuseum.org

Orleans County Historical Society, Inc
Profit and Loss by Tag Group
 January - November, 2021

		Total
Revenue		
40000 Membership Dues		35,448.00
40100 Gifts, grants, appropriations		94,283.00
40200 Restricted Donations		30,200.00
40300 Unrestricted Donations		30,144.51
40500 Museum Admissions		9,228.35
40600 Program Income		13,999.22
40700 Events Income		6,544.48
40900 Museum Shop		4,332.87
410000 Facilities Rental		23,605.85
41100 Other Operating Income		2.73
Sales		415.00
Total Revenue	\$	248,204.01
Cost of Goods Sold		
50010 Cost of Goods Sold-Shop		2,689.12
Cost of Goods Sold		968.18
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$	3,657.30
Gross Profit	\$	244,546.71
Expenditures		
60000 Payroll and Related Expenses		93,323.05
60106 Grant Expense		14,805.11
60200 Programs/Services		13,090.25
60250 Events Expense		4,139.11
60300 Supplies		2,087.69
60400 Buildings/Grounds		17,755.80
60500 Utilities		7,214.95
60600 Travel Expenses		523.60
60700 Postage & Shipping		1,079.55
60800 Advertising/Promotion		10,249.44
60900 Professional Expenses		1,678.08
61300 Insurance		10,293.60
61400 Other Operating/G&A Expenses		7,171.17
69800 Uncategorized Expenses		39,875.00
Payroll Expenses		63,733.99
Total Expenditures	\$	287,020.39
Net Operating Revenue	-\$	42,473.68
Other Revenue		
Investment Income		41,000.00
Total Other Revenue	-\$	1,473.68



Dear Town of Lowell

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. is requesting that you include the following request in your 2022 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 2021

4473 Barton-Orleans Road
Orleans, VT 05860



Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1677 Industrial Parkway • Lyndonville, Vermont 05851

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

"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"

Special Appropriation Recipient Report

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT), is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which has provided public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex Counties since 1991, and now serves Lamoille County. RCT operates fare-free shuttle and commuter bus routes, allowing connections between towns in our region and the ability to travel throughout Vermont and beyond. RCT also provides demand-response transportation services under several programs, such as Medicaid, the Elderly & Disabled program, and Rides 2 Wellness.

RCT runs four commuter routes to enhance access to employment, connecting Morrisville to the towns of Barre and Waterbury, and St. Johnsbury to Montpelier and to Littleton. We operate three shuttle routes tying Morrisville, Newport/Derby, and St. Johnsbury/Lyndonville residents and nearby Vermonters to essential locations, from grocery stores to medical centers. Shopping routes provide similar service spanning Morrisville and Stowe in the west, Newport and surrounding towns in the north, and Lyndon to New Hampshire in the east. A number of our 9,000 riders utilizing 74,000 trips in FY2021 have expressed their gratitude and noted their dependence on our services.

Though the COVID-19 pandemic and RCT's practices of social distancing, mask requirement, and vehicle sanitization have had an impact on its passenger load, we have continued to operate uninterrupted and strive to provide safe, reliable, accessible, and affordable transportation. In FY2019, we provided over 300,000 rides; in FY2021, ridership decreased by about half. RCT continues to be greatly impacted by the pandemic; however, we are now operating at 100% capacity and do our part to keep healthy and safe those who may not have another means of pandemic-sensitive transportation.

RCT gratefully benefits from a robust volunteer program, with fifty-five volunteers providing rides to neighbors and those needing non-shuttle transportation to access vital services. We depend on our volunteers to help meet the needs of their neighbors near and far.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match, and are therefore crucial to RCT's operations. Your generosity allows RCT to transform your funding into the ability to thrive, grow, and provide your community with reliable quality transportation service.



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"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"

December 1, 2021

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

Re: Request for town appropriation

Dear Lowell Voters,

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2022 warning for the Town Meeting:

Article: Shall the Town of Lowell vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Rural Community Transportation, Inc.** to provide services to residents of the Town of Lowell.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2021, RCT provided 891 rides to 17 residents of Lowell, traveling 28,629 miles at a total cost of \$26,783.60. RCT continued to provide safety-focused, demand-based rides in COVID-19 pandemic conditions without interruption in service.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Obenauf".

Amy Obenauf
Administrative Coordinator



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*** focuses on prevention education and initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, and creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. One of our strategies is to provide pathways for girls to work within this social change and prevention field through the Youth in Power Program. In FY21, we provided 1,780 youth with educational workshops throughout our 15 school partners. We provided 197 adults with educational programs through 18 workshops.
- ***Advocacy Program*** serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation - which in total we characterize as gender-based violence. In our work, the client leads and we support them in any way they need us to including legal advocacy, housing advocacy, support with parenting after trauma and more. In FY21, 451 individuals received direct advocacy, 65 people were housed in our emergency shelters as a result of fleeing domestic or sexual violence and 25 were housed in our Transitional Housing program.
- ***Family Based Services*** focuses on child-care and strengthening family relationships. *Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC)* assists families in the St. Johnsbury district 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. In FY21, KCCC served 620 families and the Family Room worked with 44 families, serving 79 children.
- ***Economic Empowerment*** serves women with significant barriers to employment in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties. Our *Cornucopia* program, and our social enterprise, *Dolcetti* each wrap around women to support them in building job readiness skills while helping them to address challenges in their lives so they are able to move towards financial self-sufficiency. In FY21 6 of our graduates received ongoing support and we had 1 new graduate from the program who also gained employment post-graduation. In addition, as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged and prepared 35,823 meals for homebound seniors through Meals on Wheels.

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 10 households in Lowell were served by Umbrella in FY 2021 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

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

Umbrella FY2022 Budget

REVENUE	
GOVERNMENT	\$ 1,402,069
PROGRAM REVENUE	\$ 422,885
PRIVATE	\$ 228,050
OTHER	\$ 5,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,058,004
EXPENSES	
SALARY & WAGES	\$ 1,397,975
RENT + UTILITIES	\$ 166,747
CIS TRANSPORTATION	\$ 102,000
CLIENT NEEDS	\$ 86,580
SUPPLIES EXPENSE	\$ 74,153
HOUSING VOUCHERS	\$ 20,000
HEALTH FUND	\$ 37,739
TELEPHONE/BEEPERS	\$ 26,100
STIPENDS	\$ 34,636
ADVERTISING	\$ 2,575
TRAVEL(MILEAGE)	\$ 6,768
DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 15,537
LEGAL/PROFESSIONAL	\$ 20,522
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 12,000
FUNDRAISING	\$ 10,000
STAFF TRAINING	\$ 22,288
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$ 5,775
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$ 4,800
PHOTOCOPY	\$ 4,500
POSTAGE	\$ 3,435
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	\$ 500
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,000
BOARD DEVELOPMENT	\$ 500
INTEREST	\$ 550
SUBAWARDS	\$ 324
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,058,004



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 15, 2021

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 over **\$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 is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

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 2021 was **\$193,930**, of which **\$92,909** 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 and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore,

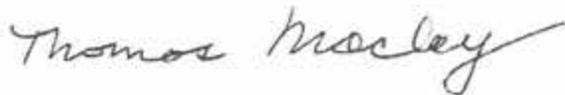
we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Last year, we received over **\$11,000** in town appropriations from over **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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

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

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

Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone
Walter Bothfeld, Jr., Cabot VFD
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety
Christine Kaiser, Stowe VT
Lars Lund, VT Forest Parks & Recreation



Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

Our Land. Our Water. Our Future.

November 15, 2021



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 or

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



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

12/8/2020

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 2021, we served 1,195 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 1 student in Lowell, and 27 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 sturgeon@vabvi.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shannon Turgeon

Development Associate



Report of Services for Town of Lowell

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2021 Fiscal Year was filled with "outside the box" solutions to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the absence of in-person fundraising events, we designed a virtual family-friendly scavenger hunt called the Great Brave Little State Challenge. Our new referral system, developed in fall 2020, has successfully resulted in an increased number of people in need of vision rehabilitation being connected to our services. In addition, the overall number of clients we serve has grown over the past year due to the aging population of our state, and this trend is expected to continue well into the future.

As government mandates have begun to be lifted, our staff has been able to be flexible with providing both in-person and remote services depending on client preference. In-person services take place with physical distancing and PPE guidelines that are continuously being revised based on the Governor's recommendations. The main goal of our programs over the past year has been to ensure that clients have the resources they need, in the manner most comfortable for them to ensure their safety, and to prevent feelings of social isolation during these troubled times.

It is clear to us at VABVI that our mission and services will play a critical role in the lives of many Vermonters well into the future. As the world transitions "back to normal," we continue to work nonstop to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

SMART Device Training Program: The SMART Device Training Program served a record-breaking 366 clients across Vermont in FY21. Due to social distancing protocols, technology has become essential for our clients to be able to live independently while remaining social and connected to their communities. In addition, with many healthcare providers transitioning to seeing patients via "telehealth," (which is an ideal option for clients who cannot travel to appointments) it is critical that our clients know how to utilize technology. 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 discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. PALS groups have been operating remotely via Zoom and telephone over the past year due to social distancing requirements, but arrangements are being made to resume in-person meetings by early fall 2021.

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

IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience): IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. The 2021 IRLE Camp was redesigned to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions, and students participated in a virtual group setting from their own

January 6, 2022

Christy Pion, Town Clerk
Town of Lowell
2170 VT RTE. 100
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Ms. Pion 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 FY 2022.

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'22 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

Enclosures

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000
TOWN OF LOWELL
SUMMARY REPORT

Request Amount: \$90.00

For the last 42 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'21 (10/2020-9/2021) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **186** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **4** peers were served by the Arability program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **141** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **65** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **74** individuals with information on assistive technology; **42** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **497** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **35** people and provided **24** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served 418 people in its first few months. The Rise Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic (computers for tele-med appointments, cleaning supplies, etc.).

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY'21, **2** residents of **Lowell** received services from the following programs:

- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)



September 20, 2021

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

Dear Select Board,

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

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

We are proud to serve over 1,400 families yearly with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, an annual conference and more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches children and parents about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Each year over 10,000 school children and adults benefit from these educational programs and workshops.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much-needed services to Vermont families. Please feel free to reach out to me at Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org, or my cell phone at 301-509-2435 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claire Giroux-Williams".

Claire Giroux-Williams
Development and Communications Manager
Vermont Family Network



2 Church Street, Suite 3B | Burlington, Vermont 05401 | 802-864-5741 ~ 800-VSO-9293 | vso.org

November 26, 2021

RE: 2022 Town Meeting Appropriation Request

Dear Town of Lowell Select Board,

Please consider sharing this letter and Article with town voters.

Article: Shall the Town of Lowell voters approve the sum of \$100.00 as an appropriation to the SymphonyKids programs of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra?

The North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra appreciates the Town of Lowell for supporting *SymphonyKids* programs for the children in your town. While the VSO was not allowed in schools during the pandemic, we created five free, online videos titled **Musical Chairs** about the different musical families of an orchestra. The videos are available on VSO's YouTube channel and have been viewed by 1,650 people so far, some may be from your town.

The Lois H. McClure Musicians-in-Schools program is our core music education program. The fully vaccinated musicians are returning to schools with this valuable educational resource this academic year. Each session includes instrument demonstrations, a wide sampling of repertoire, and audience participation.

This appropriation request supports the Musicians-in-Schools programs to benefit the youth in your town and the Northeast Kingdom. Each school show costs \$525 for musician/actor fees and mileage. Schools pay a portion of this cost, leaving the balance subsidized through your town appropriation and individual sponsorships.

The VSO greatly appreciates your support in providing access to classical music for ALL children! For more information, please contact the VSO at 802-864-5741 or visit the <https://www.vso.org/> website.

Thank you!

North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra

LETTER FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Another crazy year has come to an end. The Fire department had a busy year as we work hard to keep our firemen and community safe from Covid.

The firemen have continued to work and train hard..

Lowell Fire Dept. responded to the following 37 calls:

- 2 Structure Fires
- 9 Car Accidents
- 1 Car Fire
- 8 EMS Assist
- 5 Mutual Aid
- 1 Hiker Rescue

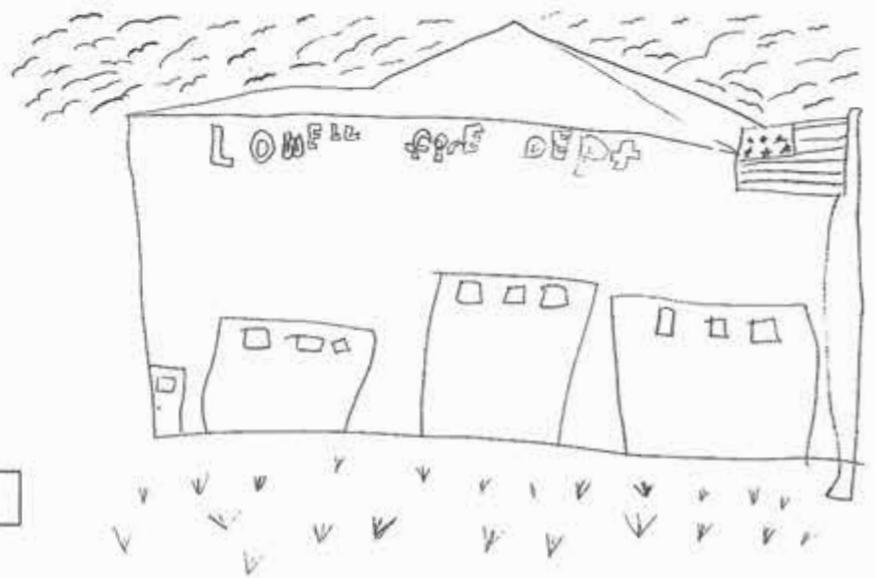
and 11 other Fire related calls.

We would like to Thank the Community for their continued support and look forward to another year.

Let's hope and pray that we start to see an ending to this Covid virus soon!

Stay Safe and Be Well

*Fire Chief
Calvin Allen*



EMILY KING GRADE 5

LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Special Equipment Account

Prior Year Balance 12/31/2020	20,524.65
REVENUE	
Donations	1,250.00
911 signs	30.00
Services Rendered	1564.00
Great Auk Wireless	975.00
Jam Sessions	250.00
T-Mobile	17,410.35
Town Appropriations (Given to town to meet expenses)	-2000.00
Total Income	19,479.35
TOTAL BALANCE & REVENUE	40,004.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
Rescue Truck Loan Payments	13,650.00
Washer/Dryer Repair	451.53
Postage	60.85
Miscellaneous	480.00
Fir House supplies	17.39
Total Disbursements	14,659.77
TOTAL REVENUE	40,004.00
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	14,659.77
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND BALANCE	25344.23

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 90** 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 **fines** for burning **without a permit**, so please call the Warden or Assistant Fire Warden

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

Thank-you for your cooperation,

Genny Nick- Forest Fire Warden

Marc Sicotte- Deputy Warden

COLLIN
HEINCHON
GRADE 1



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 2021 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 2021	42,199
Total Visits FY 2021 - Town of Lowell.....	1,081

During Fiscal Year 2021, home based services were provided to 34 individuals in Lowell for a total of 1,081 multi-disciplinary visits. 9 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2022.....\$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



Jennifer L. Harlow
Sheriff

ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PO BOX 355
NEWPORT, VT 05855

Telephone
(802) 334-3333

Fax
(802) 334-3307

January 13, 2022

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department would like to ask the Town of Lowell to consider the following appropriation of **\$11,464.96** to allow for police services in your town for the contractual year of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. The amount proposed would allow for the Orleans County Sheriff's Department to patrol Lowell approximately 16 hours a month at a rate of \$55.12 an hour.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department would like to be given the opportunity to work with the residents of Lowell.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Harlow

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

Town of Lowell - Total Law Incident Report

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Civil Process	27
Directed Patrol	2
Juvenile Problem	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	1
Property Check	4
Public Speaking	1
Traffic Stops	1
TRO/FRO Service	3
Vin Verification	1
Total Incidents for Town of Lowell	41

Town of Lowell - Total Traffic Violation Report
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Total Traffic Tickets	1
Total Warnings	0

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 2022:

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

Town of Lowell

At this time, Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service would like to request an appropriation of \$39,327 for the calendar year of 2022. This request is 4.7% of your grand list. We acknowledge that this request is a significant increase from previous years and have been working very closely with the town select boards to ensure the viability of this service with as little impact to the community members that we serve.

We look forward to continue to serve the Town of Lowell. If you have any questions, please call me @ 802-309-0455 or email to missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com.

Thank You.
Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Piette, President
Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service

Budget Overview: 2022 Budget - FY22 P&L

January - December 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
Sales/payments of service	265,000.00
Town Appropriations	272,260.00
Total Income	\$537,260.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$537,260.00
Expenses	
Back taxes	7,000.00
Bank Charges	500.00
Bay Maintenance	20,000.00
Billing Service	40,000.00
Communications	3,000.00
Corporate Taxes	1,500.00
Disposal Fees	1,800.00
Dues & Subscriptions	1,000.00
Electric Expnse	2,000.00
Equipment	35,000.00
Equipment Maintance	2,260.00
Fuel Expense	12,000.00
Heating Expense	6,000.00
Insurance	40,000.00
Medical Supplies	10,000.00
Office Expenses	1,000.00
PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT	1,200.00
Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	80,000.00
Wages	220,000.00
Total Payroll Expenses	300,000.00
Payroll SERVICES	2,000.00
Rent or Lease	1,600.00
Tax preparation	500.00
Training/Classes	1,900.00
Truck Repairs	5,000.00
Vehicle lease	36,000.00
VT SERVICE TAX	6,000.00
Total Expenses	\$537,260.00
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$0.00
NET INCOME	\$0.00



Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service Inc

In 1977 Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service (MVAS) was incorporated – full of eager volunteers ready to help their community members out at any given time. Since that time a lot has evolved in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and at MVAS. Technological advancements have made equipment safer for use and has increased the scope at which EMT’s and Paramedics can provide care to those who call for their help – yet it also is much more expensive to obtain, maintain and upgrade. Education has become more structured with a core curriculum and continuous education requirements to be fulfilled throughout an EMS providers career, something that can be both expensive and time-consuming outside of the day to day “being on call and saving lives” that they have signed up for. Societal culture has also evolved from one of being volunteer driven to something less focused on volunteerism and more focused on survival – limiting the number of individuals who are both willing and able to commit to being available to cover “on call” hours for free or lower wages.

All of these changes have impacted MVAS operations greatly throughout those many years. MVAS has worked hard to limit the effect on our community taxes by only asking for minimal appropriations to keep them afloat, all while moving forward - obtaining cardiac monitors, IV pumps, electric stretchers and advancing to a Paramedic level service – providing the highest level of care available in the NEK to our community members. We have used our own staff life skills to help evolve the ambulance bay to more than an old garage to house the ambulance, but to also provide a kitchenette, small bathroom with shower, lounge, and office space. And in more recent years we have become a “paid” service instead of a “volunteer” service to try and help retain staff for daytime coverage.

Though MVAS has had many challenges throughout the years a pivotal point has come to fruition this year – There has been a very blunt series of questions: “IF” current challenges can be overcome and what that looks like, “IF” the towns are able to help move this service forward and “IF” they are not what will the Service MVAS be able to provide if able to provide at all.

MVAS is currently facing three large challenges that will either “Make or Break” their ability to provide services to the towns they serve: Jay, Lowell, North Troy, Troy and Westfield.

1.) Staffing and retention of current staff.

A week in EMS consists of 336 “working hours”, this provides a crew of two certified providers to respond in an ambulance when a 911 call is dispatched per CMS requirements. Below is a chart reflecting wages at other EMS agencies surrounding us – those organizations pay their staff those hourly wages 24/7. MVAS currently wages are also listed – those are “daytime” hourly wages, and staff are paid \$5/hour at night (6p-6a) unless they go on a 911 call. We are not only below hourly wages but also do not provide full pay at night. All of these other services also provide benefits as you would find with other employment options – MVAS does not.

Certification Level	A	B	C	D	E	MVAS
EMR						\$12.00
EMT	\$15-16	\$15.50 +	\$14	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$13.00
AEMT	\$16-18	\$16.50 +	\$16.00	\$16.50	\$15.00	\$14.00
Paramedic	\$18-20	\$20.00 +	\$19.00			\$19.00

-There is a large number of EMS providers who LIVE within the service area but work full time these other agencies. Increasing wages and providing those wages 24/7 will be costly and increase our payroll nearly double of previous years – this does not ensure retention or recruitment, but we are hopeful that some of our newer providers will stick around in part because of it.

2.) Equipment maintenance and upgrades.

Both the cardiac monitors and Ambulances need to be replaced in the very near future. These had not been previously budgeted for as other ongoing debts and financial woes have been priority to keep operations going.

- The cardiac monitors are old and they are not being supported by the distributor after January 2022. Cardiac monitors are part of the essential equipment that providers use daily to determine various heart problems – and then treat them accordingly before you even get to the hospital, saving “time and tissue”. The accepted average life of such medical equipment is seven years, and these monitors have far exceeded that.
- The Ambulances (2009 & 2013) have also been put through the ringer – both well over a hundred thousand of miles on them, not only bringing our community members or those in need to the hospital, but also ensuring they make it safely to tertiary care hospitals. These have served us well, and may be able to limp along a little longer – but both units are frequenting the auto shop more consistently due to wear and tear. The EMS industry standard for ambulance replacement is five years.

3.) Outstanding IRS debt –

MVAS leadership since 2016 has been whittling away at an absurd IRS debt (\$100,000 down to \$60,000) that was left behind from past MVAS leaders. This has not only prevented our ability to advance on the previous two challenges (while other ambulance services continued to move forward with the times) but it also cost MVAS their 501(C)3 tax exemption benefits.

You may wonder what is on the horizon for MVAS and its members. Currently MVAS leadership is working closely with town leaders to explore all options available to assist in staff retention, equipment maintenance, and the continuance of day-to-day operations with the least negative financial impact on the communities it serves. Large scale fundraisers are being planned for 2022 to help with equipment costs and MVAS leadership has been working with an experienced Grant writer for any grants that are found beneficial to apply for. MVAS is also going to offer Monthly or Quarterly Vermont Emergency First Responder course to our communities to provide first aid and CPR training, along with information on First responder services in the area. Along with the continued support of community events that MVAS attends staff looks forward to engaging with our communities as much as possible during any opportunity that arises. MVAS leadership recognizes that these are ongoing issues and they are working on a plan that will continue to progress the agency and enhance its ability to retain staff and move forward with strong EMS providers, who are skilled and proficient in their scope of practice and also dedicated to an EMS agency that continues to treat them well and support them at every opportunity. Investing in our people and our patients will allow MVAS to support its communities to the best of its ability.

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

A cool day in September 2021 witnessed the triumphant return of the Town of Lowell FOLK Festival amid pockets of sunshine and drizzles. We were happy to host most activities outdoors so we could come together as a community maskless and full of smiles. Thank you to everyone who came together to celebrate with us. We also cannot thank our local auction sponsors enough for their overwhelmingly generous donations this year.

Funds raised from events like this helped us contribute to the purchase of new soccer nets for the school and Gelo Park, which a FOLK crew installed in August. We are hopeful that the new nets will help encourage young athletes for years to come. We were also able to help support the efforts of LGS middle school students who have been working hard to revitalize the Lowell Community Trail.



Several events were cancelled this year due to COVID, but the lull did give us some time to design a website to help keep the community informed. We hope that you will check it out if you have not yet. Be sure to look for our "Forms & Feedback" page to request funding or support for activities for children, or share your ideas or requests with us. We welcome new ideas for programs, events or fundraisers you'd like to see us help make a reality for the children of Lowell.

2021 F.O.L.K. EVENTS

(all dates tentative and subject to change)

Tuesday, March 1st

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

Saturday, March 5th

BINGO at St. Ignatius Parish Hall to benefit LGS Student Activities

Friday, April 29th

Deadline for High School Senior Scholarship Applications

Saturday, May 28th

F.O.L.K. Community Yard Sale

Saturday, September 17th

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

October

Trunk-or-Treat, date TBA

Saturday, November 12th

Hunters' Breakfast & Raffle Drawing

Friends of Lowell Kids typically meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. The location varies, but virtual options are typically available as well. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time or let us know if you'd like to attend a meeting so we can keep you posted. We welcome your ideas and look forward to working together to build more opportunities for children in our town.

Sincerely,

Carla Raboin, Keri Willey, Shannon Escalante,
Jennifer Blay, McKenna Blay, Sonja Blodgett,
Martina Blodgett, Samantha Santaw-Wright, Cheryl
Clarke, Jesse Waldenville, Angela Audet, Brandie
Cochran

FOLK Checkbook for 2021

Total	Payment /Debit	Deposit /Credit	Date	Description	Check Number
\$10,367.62			1/1/2021	Starting balance from 2021	
\$10,090.47	\$277.15		1/22/2021	Pick & Shovel: For Lowell Graded School for gloves	1048
\$9,640.47	\$450.00		2/4/2021	Lowell Graded School: T-shirts for whole school	1049
\$9,396.63	\$243.84		5/25/2021	Lowell Graded School: Library shelving	1050
\$9,406.63		\$10.00	7/7/2021	Deposit-FOLK Festival: Vendor fees received	---
\$9,476.63		\$70.00	8/6/2021	Deposit-FOLK Festival: Vendor fees received	---
\$9,420.14	\$56.49		8/28/2021	Farmyard Store/True Value: Rental for cotton candy machine	1051
\$9,450.14		\$30.00	9/13/2021	Deposit-FOLK Festival: Vendor fees received	---
\$9,322.82	\$127.32		9/13/2021	Reimbursement for prizes purchased for FOLK Festivals: Oriental Trading, Rhode Island Novelty	1052
\$6,722.82	\$2,600.00		9/13/2021	Lowell Graded School: Soccer nets	1053
\$6,572.82	\$150.00		9/13/2021	Cash for FOLK Festival: For cash kitty	1054
\$6,447.82	\$125.00		9/16/2021	Newport Rental/Farmyard Store: FOLK Festival tent rental	1055
\$5,872.82	\$575.00		9/18/2021	Bounce Around VT: Bounce house rental for FOLK Festival	1056
\$8,948.82		\$3,076.00	9/20/2021	Deposit: FOLK Festival proceeds (auction, cotton candy, vendors, 150 from cash kitty)	---
\$8,646.32	\$302.50		9/23/2021	Return deposited item: Returned check from FOLK Festival auction	---
\$9,561.32		\$915.00	10/5/2021	FOLK Festival proceeds (auction)	---
\$8,761.32	\$800.00		11/15/2021	Paid \$800 to Green Mountain Sporting Goods - 2 guns for FOLK Hunters' Raffle	1057
\$8,361.32	\$400.00		12/10/2021	M.S.M Inc: Work done on the community trail behind the school	1058
\$8,611.32		\$250.00	12/11/2021	Donation from Albert and Joann Reinauer for maintenance of the Lowell community trail	---
\$8,361.32	\$250.00		12/11/2021	Donation to: NCFCU/Melissa Pion in Care of Cole; Cole Pion	1059
\$10,361.32		\$2,000.00	12/24/2021	Deposit: FOLK Hunters' Raffle (checks, postal money order, cash)	---

Total Fundraising/Donations	6,351.00
Total Expenditures	6,357.30
Net Yearly Amount	-6.30

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY
FINANCIAL REPORT
JAN. 1, 2021 - DEC. 31, 2021**

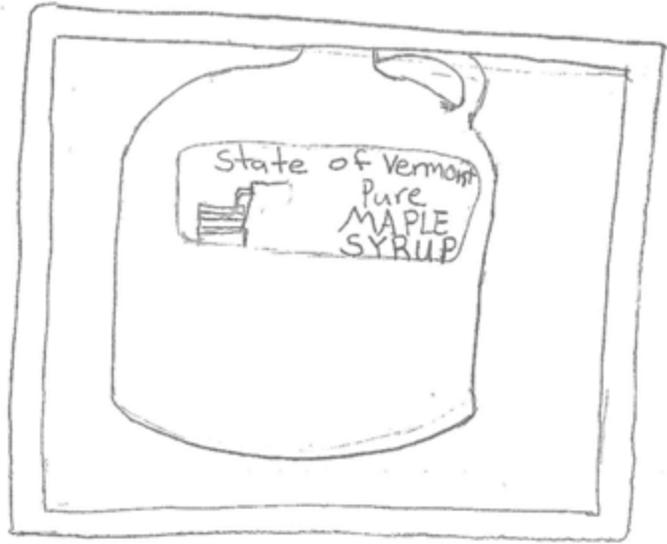
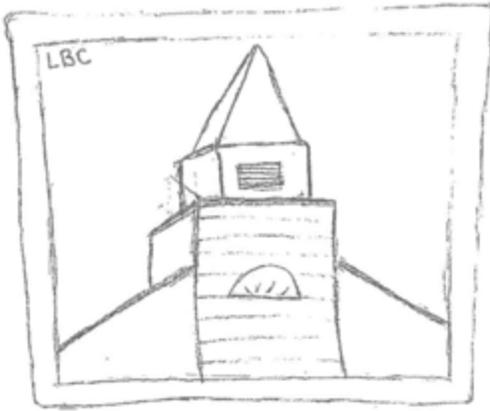
Checking Acct.			
Jan 1, 2021 (Beg. Bal.)			\$5,488.59
INCOME:	Mass Mutual Interest	809.21	
	Contributions	25.00	
	Sale of lots	425.00	
	Town of Lowell	4,500.00	
	TOTAL	5,759.21	5,759.21
			\$11,247.80
EXPENSES:	Lawn Care	3,910.00	
	Flags, Website, Domain, & Trees	161.85	
	Permanent Care	200.00	
	Cleaning Stones	2,500.00	
	Brush Hogging	50.00	
	Corner Stones	125.00	
	TOTAL	6,946.85	\$6,946.85
ENDING BAL. Dec. 31, 2021			4,300.95

Mountain View Cemetery Association

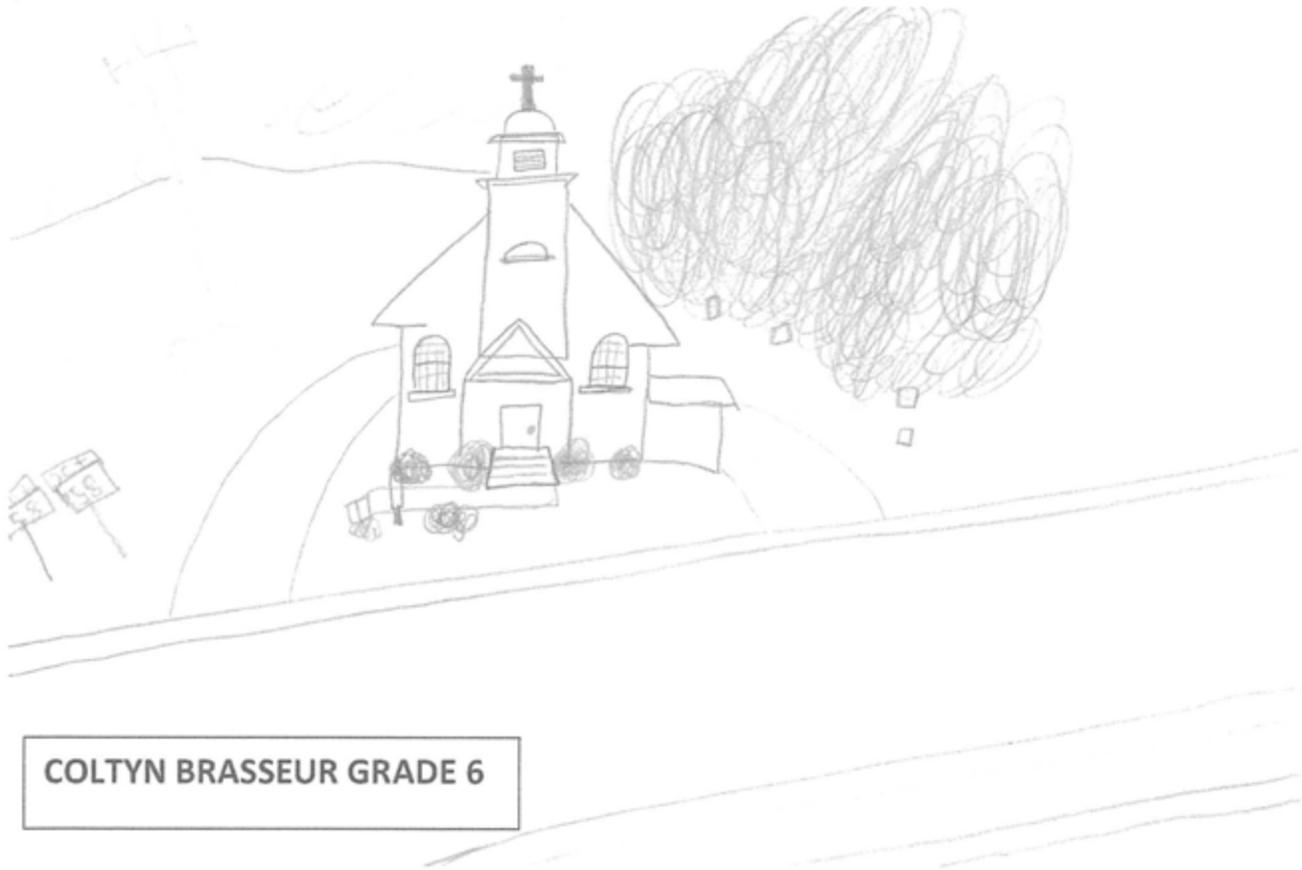
The Lowell Cemetery Association manages the care and finances of the Mountain View Cemetery. Its mission is to maintain, improve and beautify the cemetery and town funding is critical for support of that mission.

In addition to lawn care, town funding enabled professionally cleaning over 200 monuments in the "old" part of the cemetery last year. The Association requests town funding of \$5000.00 for 2022 to provide ongoing maintenance and improvements.

www.lowellmountainviewcemetery.org



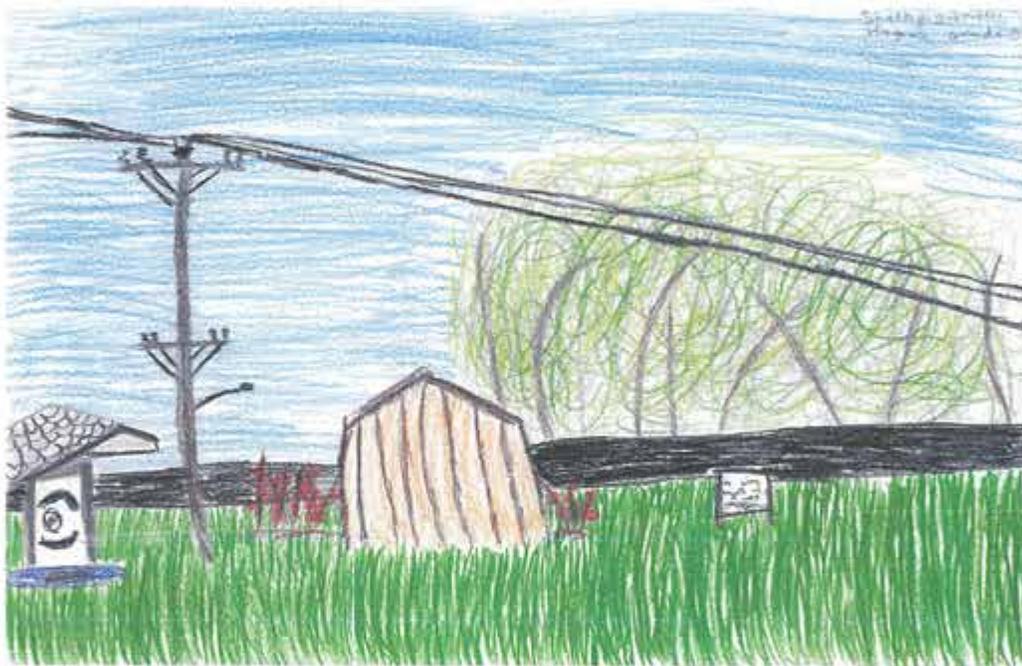
ELIZABETH DIZAZZO GRADE 7



COLTYN BRASSEUR GRADE 6

Town of Lowell
Delinquent Taxes as of December 31, 2021

Delinquent Taxes- 2019	\$17,081.70
Delinquent Taxes- 2020	\$34,848.62
Delinquent Taxes- 2021	\$60,113.49
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$112,043.81



SHELBY GABRIELLA
HAYES GRADE 3

LOWELL TOWN ADMIN. FINANCIAL STATEMENT	2021	2022
	Actual	Budget
INCOME:		
Asses income from Paving	87,500.00	87,500.00
Interest		
Checking-GF	3,165.95	3,900.00
Checking-Office	77.64	85.00
Interest-escrow	11.43	15.00
Money Market{78}		
A. Powers MM Int.	0.00	0.00
KCW Reserve Int.	324.26	375.00
Town Reserve Int.	855.69	920.00
Total Interest	4,434.97	5,295.00
License Fees/Fines		
Beer Licenses	211.00	215.00
DMV Renewals	3.00	3.00
Dog Licenses	1,540.00	1,550.00
Hunting/Fishing Lic.	10.00	10.00
Marriage Licenses	400.00	450.00
Total License Fees/Fines	2,164.00	2,228.00
Other Income		
Cert. of Vital Statistics	390.00	400.00
Copying Fees	1,456.25	1,550.00
Green Mtn. Pass	6.00	6.00
Misc. Fees	60.62	325.00
Pilot Income	3,245.40	3,300.00
Posted Land Fees	25.00	40.00
Recorder Fees	9,053.00	9,500.00
Research Time	498.60	550.00
Sale of Equipment	4,000.00	0.00
Sale of Land	108,000.00	0.00
Truck Weight Fees	305.00	335.00
Total Other Income	127,039.87	16,006.00
State Revenue		
Land Use Change Penalty	1,225.50	1,225.50
State Equalization Payment	705.00	705.00
Total State Revenue	1,930.50	1,930.50
Tax Revenue		
Current Use/State	2,270.00	2,300.00
Delinq. tax penalty	1,358.47	8,900.00
Delinq. tax interest	589.68	9,800.00
GMP Tax Contract	575,375.00	607,875.00
Interest - tax sale	0.00	2,000.00
Property Tax Income	1,369,454.38	1,522,028.09
Total Tax Revenue	1,949,047.53	2,152,903.09
Total Income	2,172,116.87	2,265,862.59

LOWELL TOWN ADMIN. FINANCIAL STATEMENT	2021	2022
	Actual	Budget
Expenses:		
Approp. Pd by Town		
American Legion Jay #28	300.00	300.00
American Red Cross	250.00	250.00
Area Agency on Aging	300.00	300.00
Feline & Friends	0.00	50.00
Green Mtn. Farm to Sc	600.00	900.00
Green Up-Vt.	50.00	50.00
Lamoille County Mental Health	1,000.00	1,000.00
Lowell Fire Dept	30,000.00	33,000.00
Missisquoi River Basin	200.00	200.00
Mtn View Cemetery	4,500.00	5,000.00
NE Kingdom Comm. Act.	300.00	0.00
NE Vt. Develop. Assoc.	659.00	659.00
NEK Human Services	1,758.00	1,758.00
NEKLS-Adult Learning Ctr.	200.00	200.00
Orl. Essex. VNA & Hospice	3,500.00	3,500.00
Orleans County Child Advocacy Ctr.	0.00	350.00
Orleans County Citizen Advocacy	0.00	500.00
Orleans County Fair Assoc.	500.00	500.00
Orleans Historical Soc.	550.00	700.00
Pope Frontier Society	500.00	500.00
Prevent Child Abuse-VT	500.00	0.00
Rural Community Trans.	700.00	700.00
School-Lowell	782,815.48	782,815.48
Vermont Family Network	0.00	250.00
Vermont Symphony Orchestra	0.00	100.00
School-No. Country		
Returns	-3,329.11	0.00
Total School-No. Country - Other	394,325.52	394,325.52
UMBRELLA Step O.N.E.	825.00	825.00
Vt. Assoc. for Blind	200.00	200.00
Vt. Ctr. Independent Liv.	90.00	90.00
Vt. Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00
Total Approp. Pd by Town	1,221,393.89	1,229,123.00
Assessed Appropriations		
Library	6,000.00	6,000.00
Little League & T-Ball	3,000.00	3,000.00
Roads-Summer	135,000.00	140,000.00
Roads-Winter	135,000.00	140,000.00
Selectboard	280,000.00	290,000.00
Total Assessed Appropriations	559,000.00	579,000.00
Interest Expense on Loans		
Interest Expense Fire Trk	2,768.52	2,400.00
Kempton Bridge int. expense	5,387.56	4,800.00

LOWELL TOWN ADMIN. FINANCIAL STATEMENT	2021	2022
	Actual	Budget
Paving Interest Exp.	4,985.98	4,500.00
Total Interest Expense	13,142.06	11,700.00
Legal & Professional Services		
Legal Fees	650.00	650.00
Total Legal & Professional Services	650.00	650.00
STATE PAYMENT-PROP. TAX	189,631.53	189,631.53
Total Office Expense	189,631.53	189,631.53
Operating Expense		
Accrued to cash expense	822,439.85	0.00
Fire Truck Payments	13,867.81	106,060.17
Kempton Bridge Payments	84,848.13	84,848.13
Paving Payments	26,122.67	17,584.58
Total Purchases	124,838.61	208,492.88
Total Operating Expense	947,278.46	208,492.88
Total Expense	2,931,095.94	2,218,597.41
Gain (Loss)	-758,979.07	47,265.18
Total Opening Balance Equity	1,053,500.41	294,521.34
Retained Earning From Prior Years/Admin.	136,983.84	136,983.84
Total Funds Available	431,505.18	478,770.36

The Selectboard and Treasurer have reviewed/discussed options to reduce the need for immediate fund raising, due to the soaring cost of living and Pandemic issues. One option was to move to cash accounting, at least for the present, to eliminate depreciation expense. The thought has been that the economy may be in a better place in the future to cover these costs.

Town of Lowell
Balance Sheet

Dec 31, 21

ASSETS:	
Arpa Money Market	103,569.34
Checking GF-CNB	550,855.25
Checking Office Sales	81,578.73
Money Market	
Town Reserve	47,054.47
Prop. Tax Escrow	4,856.92
Trust accounts	
A. Powers 0707774218	8,010.42
Total Trust accounts	8,010.42
Wind Tower Fund	137,636.63
Total Checking Savings	933,561.76
Other Current Assets	
Petty Cash	300.00
Total Assets	933,861.76
Prepaid Property taxes	4,856.54
Total Liabilities	4,856.54
Equity	
General Retained Earnings	125,450.86
Opening Balance Equity - Other	928,049.55
Total Opening Balance Equity	1,053,500.41
Prior Years Retained Earnings	
A. Powers RESTRICTED FUND	7,864.75
Appraisal Dept.	64,639.04
Audit Dept.	8,831.32
Computerization Dept.	11,869.93
Equipment Maint. Dept.	-2,136.65
Grants for Structure	744,873.53
Gravel Pit Dept.	11,352.00
Lge Culverts-Bridges	29,830.45
Library Dept.	7,300.34
Little League	8,443.87
Paving Dept.	99,951.52
Restoration Dept.	15,021.08
Road Dept.	-5,629.36
SelectBoard Dept	47,376.35
Town Admin	136,983.84
Total Prior Years Retained Earnings	1,186,572.01
Net Income	-1,311,067.20
Total Equity	929,005.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	933,861.76

Appraisal Dept. Financial		
Funded By the Selectboard & State	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET
Income		
Assessed Income by Selectboard	4,000.00	4,000.00
Reappraisal Fees	5,992.50	5,975.50
Total Income	9,992.50	9,975.50
Total Expense	0.00	0.00
Net Ordinary Income	9,992.50	9,975.50
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	64,639.04	74,631.54
Available Funds	74,631.54	84,607.04

Archie Powers Fund-Trust		
	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Income		
A. Powers MM Int.	145.67	150.00
Total Income	145.67	150.00
Total Expense	0.00	0.00
Net Income	145.67	150.00
Opening Balance	7,556.36	
Funds Carried Over from Prior years	155.75	8,023.60
Total Available Funds	7,864.75	8,173.60

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.

\$1500 was withdrawn in 2012 towards the security camera.

As noted above, this account has a balance of \$7,864.76 as of 12/31/21.

Paving Funded by Selectboard	Actual 2021	Budget 2022
Income		
Assessed income by Selectboard	25,000.00	25,000.00
Grant Income	175,000.00	0.00
Total Income	200,000.00	25,000.00
Assesed Appropriations Paving Fund Expense	87,500.00	87,500.00
Total Expense	87,500.00	87,500.00
Net Income	112,500.00	-62,500.00
Funds Carried over from Prior Years	99,951.52	212,451.52
Total Funds Available	212,451.52	149,951.52

File Restoation Funded By Selectboard	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Income		
Restoration	4,509.00	4,500.00
Total Income	4,509.00	4,500.00
Expense	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	0.00	0.00
Net Income	4,509.00	4,500.00
Funds Carried over from Prior Years	15,021.08	19,530.08
Total Funds Available	19,530.08	24,030.08

COMPUTERIZATION RECORDS DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL FUNDED BY SELECTBOARD DEPT. SERVICES		
	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Income		
Computerization	3,379.00	3,000.00
Total Income	3,379.00	3,000.00
Expense	0.00	0.00
Net Income	3,379.00	3,000.00
Fuds Carried over from prior years	11,869.93	15,248.93
Total Available Funds	15,248.93	18,248.93

Equipment Repair Dept. Funded By Roads Department	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Income		
Asses Income from Roads	7,892.00	7,892.00
Total Income	7,892.00	7,892.00
Expense/ Equipment Repair		
Tires	4,424.97	0.00
Grader Repairs	0.00	1,800.00
Loader	1,516.91	1,500.00
Plow Blades/Shoes/etc	0.00	0.00
Sander	141.38	0.00
Truck Maint.	1,875.90	1,250.00
Screener	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	7,959.16	4,550.00
Gain (loss)	-67.16	3,342.00
Funds carried over from prior years	-2,136.25	-2,203.81
Total Funds Available	-\$2,203.41	\$1,138.19

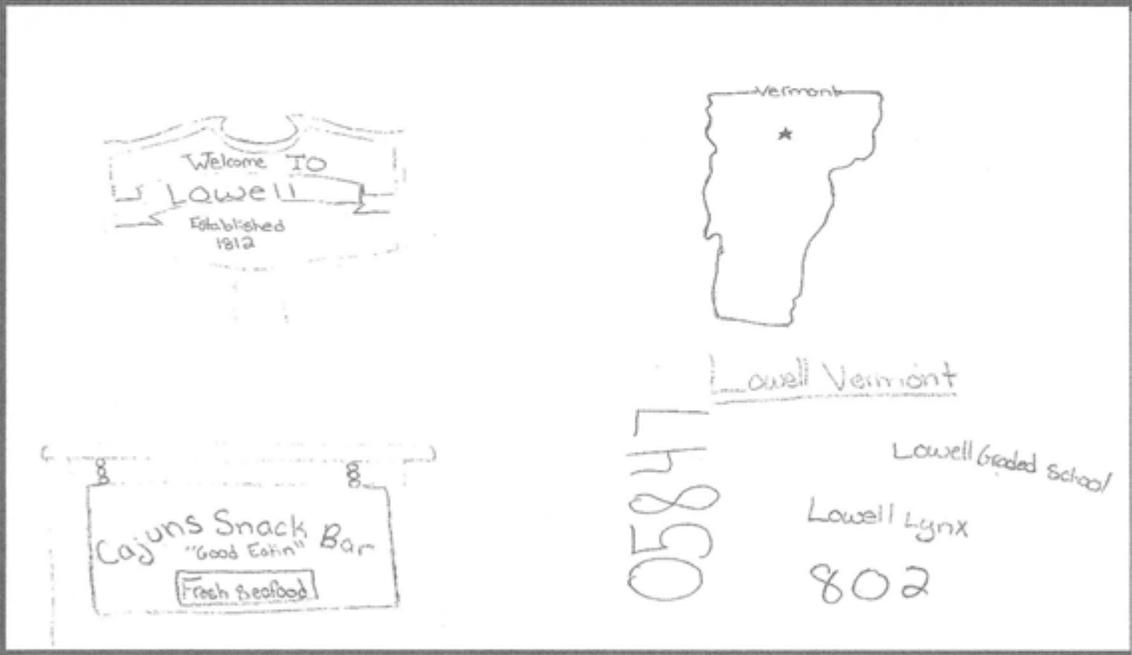
Cash Basis

Town of Lowell
Grants For Structure
2021 Actual-
2022 Budget

Grants	Grants for Structure	2022
	2021 Actual	Budget
Expenses		
Operating expense		
Accrued to cash expense	744,873.53	0.00
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00
Engineering	0.00	0.00
Mileage	0.00	0.00
Operating Expense - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	744,873.53	0.00
Net Income	-744,873.53	0.00

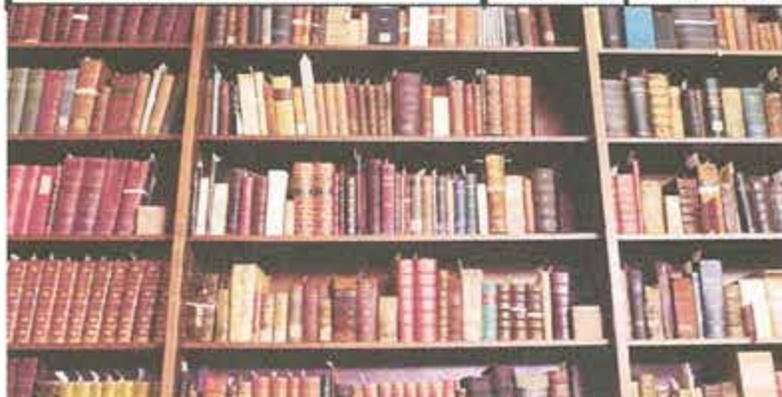
Gravel Pit Funded by Roads Dept.	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Income		
Assesd Income From Rds	4,000.00	4,000.00
Land Rent	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Income	7,000.00	7,000.00
Expense		
Hired Equipment	900.00	1,000.00
Maintenance		
Maint. Supplies /Fluids	103.58	0.00
Operating Expense		
Sand Screening	971.06	1,000.00
Payroll Expenses		
Company Contributions		
FICA Expense	74.97	0.00
Medicare Exp.	17.53	0.00
Unemployment-State	7.97	0.00
Workers Comp	53.96	0.00
Total Compny Contributions	154.43	0.00
Salaries		
Other Salaries	1,209.16	0.00
Rd. Comm.	0.00	0.00
Total Payroll Expenses	1,363.59	0.00
Total Expenses	3,338.23	2,000.00
Gain (Loss)	3,661.77	5,000.00
Funds Carried Over-Prior Year	11,352.00	15,013.77
Total Funds Available	15,013.77	20,013.77

Lge Culverts/Bridges Funded By The Selectboard	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Income		
Asses income by Selectboard	12,000.00	12,000.00
Total Income	12,000.00	12,000.00
Culvert Expense	599.00	1,000.00
Bridge Expense	0.00	1,000.00
FICA Expense	40.31	0.00
Health Ins.	93.78	0.00
Medicare Exp.	9.43	0.00
Municipal Retirement	30.88	0.00
Unemployment-State	4.77	0.00
Workers Comp	40.32	0.00
Salaries	650.16	0.00
Total Expenses	1,468.65	2,000.00
Net Income	10,531.35	10,000.00
Funds Carried over from prior yrs.	29,830.45	40,361.80
Total Funds Available	40,361.80	50,361.80



ABBY GEOFFROY GRADE 7

Library	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Income		
Access income frome Town	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total Income	6,000.00	6,000.00
Expense		
Office supplies	32.89	35.00
Subscriptions	109.34	200.00
Books	1,368.48	2,000.00
Payroll Expences		
Unemployment-State	35.22	45.27
FICA Expense	176.84	197.02
Medicare Exp.	41.36	46.08
Workers Comp	105.17	98.51
Total company Contribution	358.59	386.88
Salaries		
Librarian	2,824.62	3,150.18
Library Assist.	27.58	27.58
Total salaries	2,852.20	3,177.76
Toatl Payroll Expences	3,210.79	3,564.64
Total Expense	4,721.50	5,799.64
Gain (Loss)	1,278.50	200.36
Funds Carried Over-Prior Yrs.	7,300.34	8,578.84
Total Funds Available	8,578.84	8,779.20



Baseball Sports Fund:

This past year the baseball/softball season somewhat had a return to normalcy with all levels of play having the opportunity to play. 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 as safely as possible. It was such a refreshing change to see the kids enjoying themselves and working as a team once again. Our teams saw great success this year. Congratulations to all involved! We would like to thank all the volunteers who make this all possible for the children in our community. We can't wait to see all our kids back on the field in 2022!

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



Thank you,
Ryan and Mandy Sargent



Little League Financial (Funded by Town Vote)	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Income		
Assessed. Income from Town	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Income	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Expense	0.00	0.00
Net Income	3,000.00	3,000.00
Funds Carried over From Prior Yrs.	8,443.87	11,443.87
Total Available Funds	11,443.87	14,443.87



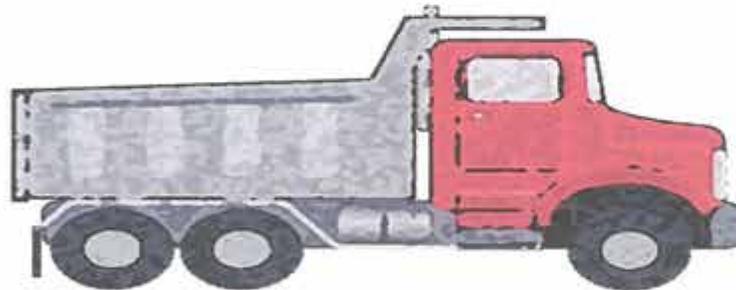
GAGE BRAUN GRADE 8

		2nd Cheney Rd.		Cheney Rd.		SUMMER ROADS (ROADS)		Winter Roads		Total Roads	
		Jan - Dec 21	2022	Jan - Dec 21	2022	Jan - Dec 21	2022	Jan - Dec 21	2022	Jan - Dec 21	2022
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income											
	Assess income. From Town	0.00		0.00		135,000.00	140,000.00	135,000.00	140,000.00	270,000.00	280,000.00
	Grant Income	0.00	14,800.00	0.00	17,240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,040.00
	ARPA/SLFRF Grant	0.00		0.00		6,771.73	0.00	5,531.56	0.00	12,303.29	0.00
	Driveway Permits	0.00		0.00		160.00	150.00	25.00	50.00	185.00	200.00
	State Aid Class 2-3 Rds	0.00		0.00		44,632.97	40,186.18	40,186.18	40,186.18	84,819.15	80,372.36
	Total Income	0.00		0.00		186,564.70	180,336.18	180,742.74	180,236.18	367,307.44	360,572.36
Expense											
	Equip. Mt. Fund	0.00		0.00		3,946.00	3,946.00	3,946.00	3,946.00	7,892.00	7,892.00
	Gravel Pit	0.00		0.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Total Assessed Appropriations	0.00		0.00		5,946.00	5,946.00	5,946.00	5,946.00	11,892.00	11,892.00
Hired Equipment											
	Equip Transport	0.00		600.00		500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	500.00
	Hired Eq./Albany	0.00		0.00		935.88	950.00	4,400.00	4,500.00	5,335.88	5,450.00
	MULCHER	110.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110.00	0.00
	Plowing	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	10,822.00	12,774.00	10,822.00	12,774.00
	Rd. Ditching-Hired Equip.	0.00		5,670.00		270.00	500.00	1,222.00	1,222.00	7,162.00	1,722.00
	Road Mowing-Hired Eq.	0.00		0.00		6,060.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,060.00	6,000.00
	Sweeper-Hired Eq.	0.00		0.00		3,862.50	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,862.50	3,500.00
	Tree Cutting/Excavation	0.00		1,425.00		370.00	750.00	1,780.00	1,780.00	3,575.00	2,530.00
	Hired Equipment - Other	14,818.12		2,226.00		4,257.38	3,600.00	42,922.00	3,600.00	64,223.50	7,200.00
	Total Hired Equipment	14,928.12		9,921.00		16,255.76	15,800.00	61,146.00	23,876.00	102,250.88	39,676.00
	Property & Casualty Ins.	0.00		0.00		824.30	824.30	329.72	329.72	1,154.02	1,154.02
	Int. Exp. Trucks	0.00		0.00		0.00	3,676.49	0.00	3,676.49	0.00	7,352.98
Maintenance											
	Culverts	0.00		4,983.20		0.00	0.00	321.80	200.00	5,305.00	200.00
	Loader	0.00		0.00		562.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	562.99	0.00
	Screener	0.00		0.00		186.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	186.80	0.00
	Tires	0.00		0.00		0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
	Trucks	0.00		0.00		0.00	1,000.00	150.00	1,000.00	150.00	2,000.00
	Total Equipment Repair	0.00		0.00		749.79	2,000.00	150.00	2,000.00	899.79	4,000.00
	Maint Supplies/Fluids	0.00		0.00		(400.00)	0.00	247.10	1,472.28	(152.90)	1,472.28
	Radio Repair	0.00		0.00		967.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	967.00	200.00
	Road Repair	0.00		0.00		68.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	68.00	100.00
	Total Maintenance	0.00		4,983.20		1,384.79	2,300.00	718.90	3,672.28	7,086.89	5,972.28

	2nd Cheney Rd.		Cheney Rd.		SUMMER ROADS (ROADS)		Winter Roads		Total Roads	
	Jan - Dec 21 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET								
Operating Expense										
Chloride	0.00		0.00		6,115.00	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	6,115.00	6,500.00
Diesel Surcharge	0.00		0.00		1,178.67	0.00	3,147.99	0.00	4,326.66	0.00
Diesel/Gas	0.00		0.00		7,511.06	11,000.00	2,383.57	11,000.00	9,894.63	22,000.00
Gravel-Chloride/Albany	0.00		0.00		1,967.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,967.00	2,000.00
Hay/Mulching	75.00		110.00		150.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	335.00	200.00
Loader - Lease Equipment	0.00		0.00		4,002.69	9,606.51	20,013.56	9,606.50	24,016.25	19,213.01
Trk CV515 Lease	0.00		0.00		6,947.05	8,180.55	2,315.70	8,180.55	9,262.75	16,361.10
Trk HV507 Lease	0.00		0.00		9,667.45	11,386.74	3,222.50	11,386.74	12,889.95	22,773.48
Trk HV613 Lease	0.00		0.00		11,448.75	13,486.12	3,816.26	13,396.12	15,265.01	26,882.24
Trk Lease Exp (accru to cas	0.00		0.00		7,015.85	0.00	7,015.84	0.00	14,031.69	0.00
Total Lease Exp.	0.00		0.00		39,081.79	42,659.92	36,383.86	42,569.91	75,465.65	85,229.83
Plant Seed	24.64		325.95		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.59	0.00
Road Stakes	0.00		0.00		1,034.90	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,034.90	1,100.00
Road Signs	0.00		0.00		866.20	900.00	0.00	0.00	866.20	900.00
Stone for Roads	399.52		950.01		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,349.53	0.00
Salt	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	15,334.01	15,500.00	15,334.01	15,500.00
Snow Removal	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	893.00	900.00	893.00	900.00
Supplies	0.00		0.00		511.20	600.00	476.34	500.00	987.54	1,100.00
Total Operating Expense	499.16		1,385.96		58,415.82	64,959.92	58,618.77	70,469.91	118,919.71	135,429.83
FICA Expense	223.73		312.78		3,022.53	3,057.65	4,187.59	4,437.83	7,746.63	7,495.48
Health Insurance	390.51		643.68		6,978.38	8,267.61	11,773.93	8,267.51	19,786.50	16,535.12
Medicare Exp.	52.33		73.15		706.87	715.10	979.35	1,037.88	1,811.70	1,752.97
Municipal Retirement	124.55		186.75		1,971.34	2,404.20	2,400.60	3,489.42	4,683.24	5,893.62
Unemployment-State	0.00		29.29		195.87	195.87	166.10	166.10	391.26	361.97
Workers Comp	94.62		245.59		2,037.71	2,486.56	3,670.37	2,486.56	6,048.29	4,973.12
Total Company Contributions	885.74		1,491.24		14,912.70	17,126.99	23,177.94	19,885.29	40,467.62	37,012.28
Garage Mt.	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Salaries	1,994.90		2,920.56		25,179.78	25,179.76	37,838.49	39,077.84	67,933.73	64,257.60
Rd. Comm.	1,613.79		2,124.63		23,389.19	24,137.19	29,703.46	32,500.00	56,831.07	56,637.19
Total Salaries	3,608.69		5,045.19		48,568.97	49,316.95	67,541.95	71,577.84	124,764.80	120,894.79
Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00		0.00		181.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	181.00	0.00
Total Payroll Expenses	4,494.43		6,536.43		63,662.67	66,443.94	90,719.89	91,463.13	165,413.42	157,907.07
Total Expense	19,921.71		22,826.59		146,489.34	159,950.65	217,479.28	199,433.53	406,716.92	359,384.18
Net Gain or (Loss)	(19,921.71)		(22,826.59)		40,075.36	20,385.53	(36,736.54)	(19,197.35)	(39,409.48)	1,188.18

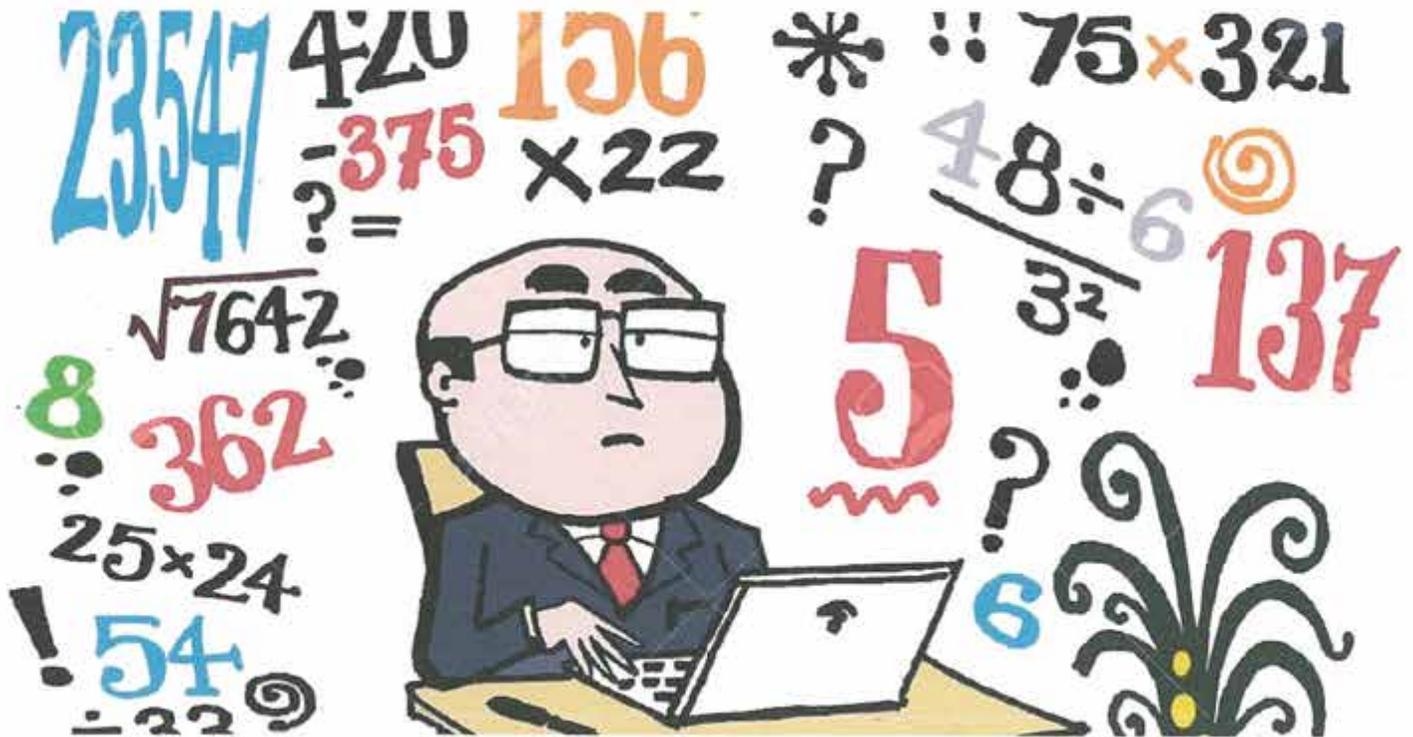
**TRUCK RENTAL AFTER 2021 LEASE DOWN
PAYMENT WAS PAID AND EXPENSED, BUT NOT
ALL LEASED TRKS HAD ARRIVED**

DATE	Trk 1	Trk 2	Accum Total
4/11/2021	1,170.00	960.00	2,130.00
4/27/2021	1,125.00	928.00	4,183.00
5/11/2021	1,530.00	192.00	5,905.00
5/25/2021	1,440.00	416.00	7,761.00
6/7/2021	180.00	384.00	8,325.00
7/17/2021	0.00	0.00	8,325.00
8/14/2021	0.00	288.00	8,613.00
8/28/2021	0.00	160.00	8,773.00
TOTALS	5,445.00	3,328.00	8,773.00



**NOTES EXPLAINING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ROADS 2021 REPORTED GAIN/LOSS VERSUS
ACTUAL PER TRANSITION TO CASH ACCTNG**

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	ACCUM BALANCE
2021 GAIN/LOSS REPORT FOR ROADS	-39,409.48	-39,409.48
1ST CHENEY ROAD 2021 GRANT INCOME NOT RECEIVED UNTIL 2022. CASH ACCTNG SHOWS INCOME IN 2022	17,240.00	-22,169.48
2ND CHENEY ROAD 2021 GRANT INCOME NOT RECEIVED UNTIL 2022. CASH ACCOUNTING SHOWS INCOME IN 2022	14,800.00	-7,369.48
SALT PAID FOR IN 2021 BUT NOT USED UNTIL 2022. EXPENSE RECORDED IN 2021 BASED ON CASH ACCTNG	1,820.91	-5,548.57
TRUCK RENTAL AFTER 2021 DOWN PAYMENT ON LEASED TRUCKS MADE, BUT LEASED TRUCKS NOT RECEIVED.	8,773.00	3,224.43
ACTUAL 2021 GAIN/(LOSS)		3,224.43



SELECTBOARD
COMPARISON OF 2020,2021 AND 2022
INCOME AND EXPENSES

Total Mgmt (Selectboard)	Jan - Dec 21 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET
Assess income. From Town	280,000.00	290,000.00
Grant Income - Other	202.35	0.00
Total Grant Income	202.35	0.00
Permits		
Zoning Permits	570.00	580.00
Total Permits	570.00	580.00
State Revenue		
HHW Grant	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	283,772.35	295,230.00
Approp. Pd by Selectboard		
Jay Food Shelf	250.00	250.00
Missisquoi Ambulance	18,588.00	39,327.00
Total Approp. Pd by Selectboard	18,838.00	39,577.00
Assessed Appropriations		
Appraisal Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00
Culverts & Bridges	12,000.00	12,000.00
Paving Fund Exp.	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total Assessed Appropriations	41,000.00	41,000.00
Hired Equipment		
BRIDGE RENTAL	1,512.00	1,512.00
Equip Transport	200.00	0.00
Tree Cutting/Excavation	2,175.00	0.00
Total Hired Equipment	3,887.00	1,512.00
Insurance		
Property & Casualty Ins.	13,331.98	13,331.98
Maintenance		
Bldg & Grd. Maintenance	8,852.26	1,850.00
Bridge Expense	242.81	0.00
Plow Blades/Shoes/etc	511.39	0.00
Trucks	1,885.70	0.00
Equipment Repair - Other	285.00	0.00
Total Equipment Repair	2,682.09	0.00
Maint Supplies/Fluids	1,628.28	1,700.00
Tools	315.00	0.00
Total Maintenance	13,720.44	3,550.00
Office Expense		

SELECTBOARD
COMPARISON OF 2020,2021 AND 2022
INCOME AND EXPENSES

Total Mgmt (Selectboard)	Jan - Dec 21 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET
Advertising	504.51	500.00
Cleaning Supplies	271.07	60.00
Computer Support	7,881.96	6,500.00
Copier Exp.	442.62	440.00
DEC Watershed Fees	1,350.00	1,350.00
Digitization	3,215.15	2,000.00
DISASTER RECOVERY	756.30	0.00
Dog License fees-Vt. Treas.	639.00	639.00
Dog Tags/Books/supplies	156.96	160.00
Heating-Fuel Expense	9,393.39	11,200.00
Marriage License-Vt Treas.	450.00	400.00
Lister Computer Support	401.48	402.00
Lister Office Supplies	205.14	210.00
Lister Postage	22.11	22.50
Lister Tax Mapping	2,037.50	2,050.00
Office Supplies	3,692.85	3,500.00
Postage	799.63	850.00
Shredding	75.00	75.00
Subscriptions	900.26	900.25
Town Reports Printing	1,440.00	1,500.00
Training	248.00	250.00
Electricity	3,233.21	3,300.00
Phone & Internet	3,269.99	3,282.00
Security & Lights	3,450.60	3,500.00
Postage	30.00	0.00
Total Office Expense	44,866.73	43,090.75
Operating Expense		
Diesel/Gas	425.37	550.00
Dues/Membership	523.42	50.00
VLCT Dues/Fees	3,058.58	2,160.00
Lister Dues Membership	50.00	0.00
lister Mileaage	202.39	202.50
Other Mileage	60.38	52.00
County Tax	19,943.43	12,779.38
Other Exp.	112.08	0.00
Misc. Expenses - Other	22.36	0.00
Supplies	2,541.99	1,650.00

SELECTBOARD
COMPARISON OF 2020,2021 AND 2022
INCOME AND EXPENSES

Total Mgmt (Selectboard)	Jan - Dec 21 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET
Trash Removal	283.00	350.00
Total Operating Expense	27,223.00	20,473.88
Payroll Expenses		
Company Contributions		
FICA Expense	6,677.46	7,249.34
Health Insurance	35.67	0.00
Medicare Exp.	1,561.65	1,695.41
Municipal Retirement	2,736.01	3,119.78
Unemployment-State	1,118.60	1,708.00
Workers Comp	5,340.18	4,861.45
Total Company Contributions	17,469.57	18,633.98
Salaries:		
Admin. Ass't	15,173.20	17,680.00
Asst Clerk/Treasurer	4,435.64	3,315.63
Auditors	207.93	986.42
Civil Board	373.89	373.89
Cleaning	1,586.40	1,654.64
Constable/Animal Cont	0.00	350.00
Garage Mt.	189.09	200.00
Listers	16,665.00	18,805.62
Other Salaries	0.00	0.00
Recycling Attendant	3,252.35	3,388.83
Select Board	4,853.60	4,900.00
Town Clerk	30,206.59	31,999.76
Town Treasurer	29,902.39	31,999.76
Zoning Board	855.26	1,270.25
Total Salaries	107,701.34	116,924.80
Total Payroll Expenses	125,170.91	135,558.78
Solid Waste		
Household Hazardous Waste	1,533.93	1,750.00
In Town Recycling	16,587.63	17,000.00
Total Solid Waste	18,121.56	18,750.00
Total Expense	306,159.62	316,844.39
Gain/(Loss)	(22,387.27)	(21,614.39)

**NOTES EXPLAINING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SELECTBOARD 2021
REPORTED GAIN/LOSS
VERSUS ACTUAL PER TRANSITION TO CASH ACCTNG**

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	ACCUM BALANCE
2021 GAIN/LOSS REPORT FOR SELECTBOARD PER CASH ACCTNG	-22,387.27	-22,387.27
PREPAID ITEMS:		
Fuel-Office	1,918.25	-20,469.02
Fuel Garage	3,380.50	-17,088.52
County Tax	6,767.37	-10,321.15
Loader Lease	4,803.20	-5,517.95
NEMRC	3,066.32	-2,451.63
PROPERTY & CASUALTY INS.	1,296.66	-1,154.97
VLCT DUES	899.56	-255.41
TOTAL 2021 GAIN/LOSS (ACCRUED ACCTNG)		-255.41

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Town of Lowell
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2021

SelectBoard Garage	Garage	
	2021 Actual	Budget 2022
	Jan - Dec 21	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Expense		
Maintenance		
Bldg & Grd. Maintenance	1,822.06	1,850.00
Equipment Repair		
Plow Blades/Shoes/etc	511.39	0.00
Trucks	1,885.70	0.00
Equipment Repair	285.00	0.00
Total Equipment Repair	2,682.09	0.00
Maint Supplies/Fluids	1,617.11	1,700.00
Tools	315.00	0.00
Total Maintenance	6,436.26	3,550.00
Office Expense		
Heating-Fuel Expense	5,626.82	6,600.00
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00
Postage	27.04	0.00
Utilities		
Electricity	1,662.70	1,800.00
Phone & Internet	681.61	700.00
Utilities/ Other	0.00	0.00
Total Utilities	2,344.31	2,360.00
Total Office expense	7,998.17	11,460.00
Operating Expense		
Diesel/Gas	425.37	550.00
Fire Extinguishers	0.00	0.00
Misc. Expenses	22.36	0.00
Supplies	2,519.10	1,650.00
Trash Removal	187.00	350.00
Total Operating Expense	3,153.83	2,550.00
Total Expenses	17,588.26	17,560.00
Net Income	-17,588.26	-17,560.00

Town of Lowell
Profit & Loss by Class
January through December 2021

	Recycle 2021 Actual	Swip 2021 Actual	Waste Mgmt - Other 2021 Actual	Total Waste Mgmt 2021 Actual	Total Waste Mgmt 2022 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
HHW Grant	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Income	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Expense					
Maintenance					
BLDG & Ground Maintenance	0.00	0.00	1,871.59	1,871.59	0.00
Operating Expense					
Trash Removal	0.00	0.00	64.00	64.00	64.00
Payroll Expenses					
Company Contributions					
FICA Expense	0.00	0.00	201.65	201.65	201.65
Medicare Expense	0.00	0.00	47.16	47.16	47.16
Unemployment-State	0.00	0.00	37.08	37.08	37.08
Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	164.62	164.62	164.62
Total Company Contributions	0.00	0.00	450.51	450.51	450.51
Salaries					
Recycling Attendant	0.00	0.00	3,252.35	3,252.35	3,252.35
Total Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	3,702.86	3,702.86	3,702.86
Solid Waste					
Household Hazardous Waste	0.00	0.00	1,533.93	1,533.93	1,750.00
In Town Recycling	1,419.16	3,000.00	12,168.47	16,587.63	17,000.00
Total Solid Waste	1,419.16	3,000.00	13,702.40	18,121.56	18,750.00
Total Expense	1,419.16	3,000.00	19,340.85	23,760.01	24,384.45
Net Income	-1,419.16	0.00	-19,340.85	-20,760.01	-21,384.45

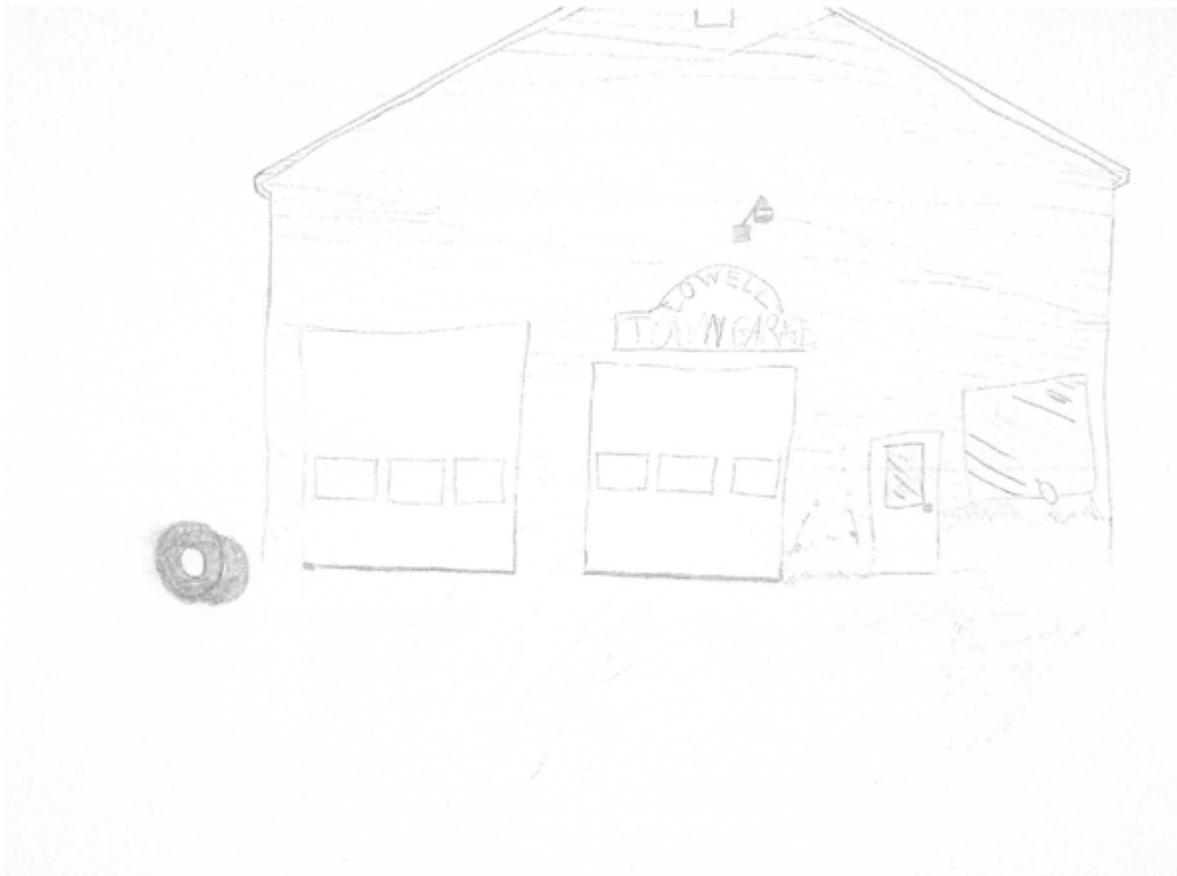
ARPA GRANT	Jan - Dec 21 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET
Income		
SLFRFVT Grant	119,122.02	119,122.02
Total Grant Income	119,122.02	119,122.02
Expense		
Roads Summer	6,771.73	0.00
Roads Winter	5,531.56	0.00
Gelo Park Maintenance	620.42	0.00
BLDG. & Gound Maintenance	2,275.00	0.00
Total Maintenance	2,275.00	0.00
Office Maintenance		
Phone & Phone & Internet	304.25	578.76
Total Office Expense	304.25	578.76
Payroll Expenses		
Company Contributions		
FICA Expense	2.63	0.00
Medicare Exp.	0.62	0.00
Municipal Retirement	2.02	0.00
Unemployment-State	0.18	0.00
Workers Comp	1.83	0.00
Total Company Contributions	7.28	0.00
Salaries		
Town Treasurer	42.44	0.00
Total Salaries	42.44	0.00
Total Payroll Expenses	49.72	0.00
Total Expenses	15,552.68	578.76
Gain (Loss)	103,569.34	118,543.26
Funds Carried over From Prior Year	0	103,569.34
Available Funds	103,569.34	222,112.60

GRANTS

	# 10 Bridge	2022
Grants	2021 Actual	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Grant Income		
Hodgeman Bridge-Federal	2,487.03	81,080.00
Hodgeman Bridge-State	273.61	8,920.00
Total Grant Income	2,760.64	90,000.00
Gross Profit	2,760.64	90,000.00
Expenses		
Operating expense		
Accrued to cash expense	0.00	0.00
Contracted Services	18.00	0.00
Engineering	3,647.23	100,000.00
Mileage	33.26	0.00
Operating Expense - Other	1.28	0.00
Total Expense	3,699.77	100,000.00
Net Income	-939.13	-10,000.00

CTCL Grant	2021 CTR. TECH & CIVIC LIFE	2022 Budget Grants
Income		
C.V. DIGITIZATION GRANT	0.00	
Grant Income - Other	202.35	0.00
Total Income	202.35	0.00
Expenses		
Cleaning Supplies	139.90	
Office Supplies	62.45	0.00
Total Expenses	202.35	0.00
Net Income	0.00	0.00

Logging Project Funded By Receipts	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Income		
Logging Income	3,105.19	0.00
Total Income	3,105.19	0.00
Expense		
Logging Expense	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	0.00	0.00
Net Income	3,105.19	0.00
Total Funds Available	3,105.19	0.00



**UNKNOWN CHILD ARTIST
LOWELL GRADED SCHOOL**

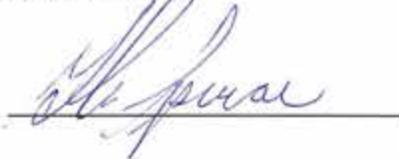
2021 Town of Lowell Audit Report

The Town Auditors audited the various town records for 2021 on April 21, 2022, including 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, 2021, were generally in good order. It is suggested that the records from the town's appropriation for the Fire Dept be better organized for easier auditing. Also, the changing from the former accrual accounting system to the cash system was a little confusing, but no major issues.

Dotty Spoerl

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Gordon Spencer

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Arlon Warner

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Listers' Report 2021

The Lowell Listers update the Tax Maps annually. They are available on the Town website which is townoflowell.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.

With the reminder from the Lowell Plan Board of Adjustment (Zoning Board), the Listers follow up on the Building Permits that have been drawn since last April. Beginning on April 1 each parcel is visited and assessed. All construction (including partial structures are assessed). When we come across construction for which we do not have a Permit, we refer the owner to the Town Office or Town Zoning Officer so that the owner might pick up a Permit and avoid a fine. This keeps the Grand List of parcels fair to all owners on a fair playing field.

Each year all new changes in assessments are communicated to owners just after June 1st with the Grievance Hearings held in mid-July. Often disagreements are resolved prior to the scheduled hearing.

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

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2021 LOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT FOR 2022 TOWN MEETING

Due to covid 2021 was a year with only one regular Historical Society meeting which took place in September. However, we do expect to have more meeting in 2022, starting with one this May. One suggested topic is to make it a storytelling meeting. This will get us back in the swing of things. The A History of Lowell book is selling well. You can get one at the Town Clerk's office during regular hours or at the Lowell General Store. So far we have sold over 100 copies. People are talking about a supplement to add more completeness to the story of Lowell. This can be done.

The Lowell Historical Society will again offer the \$1,000 Harry Wellman Scholarship. The award will be given to a graduating Lowell Senior attending any schooling who is accepted and enrolling in college 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, July 18th and should be sent to Lowell Historical Society, Lowell Town Offices, 2170 Vermont Route 100 in Lowell or e mailed 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

Note the deadline which is later than many scholarships.

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

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

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

We also want to thank Rick and Lerry Chase for making much needed built in shelves in the History room



Lowell Historical Society FY2021

Prior balance – checking	834.78
Check book adjustment prior year	0.06
Prior balance – MM	4457.51
MM adjustment prior year	(4.14)
MM transferred to checking	4453.37
Revenue:	
Grant (River Community Grants Program)	2460.00
Fundraising – candy bars and donations	746.00
History book sales	2683.00
Interest – checking	1.07
Interest – MM	5.33
Total Revenue	5895.46
Disbursements:	
Vermont Historical Society	50.00
Book layout	2000.00
Book publishing	4591.33
Book publishing incidentals	117.76
Candy bars	60.97
Filing cabinet	20.00
Jeff Parsons (River Community Grants Program)	960.00
Sam Thurston (River Community Grants Program)	440.00
Total Disbursements	8330.44
Lowell Historical Society Ending Balance	2853.23

LOWELL VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS:

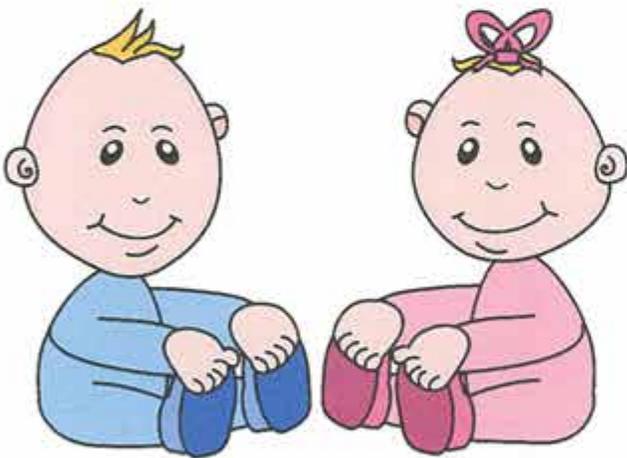
Total number of Births Recorded in Lowell for 2021: 12 Births

MARRIAGES:

Total Number of Marriages Recorded in Lowell for 2021: 9 Marriages

DEATHS:

Total Number of Deaths Recorded in Lowell for 2021: 12 Deaths





Communications Union District Annual Report for 2021

We are excited to share the progress we've made towards bringing high-speed internet to the 50 member towns of NEK Broadband. Our pilot project in Concord, Waterford and Lunenburg will offer 100 Mbps symmetrical service or higher to 342 addresses in late 2021 and early 2022. We've received additional state and federal grant funding and are finalizing plans for a full-length construction season beginning the spring of 2022.

The organization has matured with the addition of three key partners. The National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) is experienced in design, construction management, and materials procurement. Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT) will be our network operator and internet service provider. WCVT brings over a century of experience in telecommunications and provides all the modern services customers expect. Mission Broadband serves as an advisor and adjunct staff.

Who We Are:

A Communications Union District (CUD) is a municipal entity made up of multiple towns. Our district is building fiber-optic based internet access that has a capacity far beyond most current services available. Each town appoints at least one representative to our Governing Board, which has chosen to develop a publicly-owned network.

Member Towns: All but these five towns in the Northeast Kingdom (Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties) have joined the district: Granby, Jay, Lemington, Norton, Victory. Wolcott in Lamoille county is also a member.

Project Plans: The overall project will require roughly \$140 million and take at least five years to complete. Funding will be through grants and municipal revenue bonds, as well as income from subscribers. The team is establishing technical standards as well as analysis of all locations and their current internet access. Utility pole surveys are in progress, fiber optic cable has been ordered, and we will be ready to continue construction in the spring of 2022.

Grants Received: NEK Broadband has received three different federal grants totalling \$1,045,000 for the Concord-Lunenburg-Waterford project, which began construction in November, 2021. We have been awarded almost \$7 million for designing the entire network, hiring additional staff and preparing for the 2022 construction season. Smaller grants were received from Vermont Community Foundation, Northeastern Vermont Development Association, Northern Community Investment Corporation, and Northern Enterprises.

Obligations: Community National Bank Letter of Credit (\$3.5 million); Northern Enterprises loan (\$80,000)

Respectfully,

Evan Carlson, Board Chair, Sutton Representative
NEK Broadband

Residents can sign up to receive regular general updates and, in the future, information about when service will be available at specific locations at:

get.nekbroadband.org

Budget Summary

2021 Budget to Actual (Projected)

	Budget	Actual
Total Income	\$93,700	\$3,087,767
Total Expenses	\$90,350	\$1,353,932
Total Capital Investment	\$5,360,000	\$945,000
Annual Net Cash Flow		\$788,835

2022 Proposed Budget

Projected Surplus from 2021	\$788,835
Grants	\$25,000,000
Net Operations Revenue	-\$52,900
Total Income	\$25,735,935
Administrative Costs	\$495,000
(Pre) Construction Costs	\$25,000,000
Total Spending	\$25,495,000

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on **Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

- The Lowell Town Meeting was called to order at 10:04 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 read the announcements notifying the voters of the new Town Office hours, and the normal announcements of the Town Meeting.
- Alden reviewed the Roberts Rules of conduct to be adhered to throughout the meeting.

TOWN MEETING:

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

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

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

- Before Article 2 was discussed Priscilla Matten-Administrative Assistant spoke to the Towns people to announce that she had retired as the Town Treasurer and would be staying on a couple days a week to help Rebecca DiZazzo finish training as the New Town Treasurer.
- Motion made and seconded to accept the reports as written.
- Moderator asked for any errors or omissions in the town reports.
- Keri Willey, F.O.L.K. Member stood and spoke on behalf of the F.O.L.K. organization to clear up the miscommunication between the F.O.L.K. financials and what was written in the Auditor's Report page. She had stated that they had spoken with Gordon Spencer during a Selectboard meeting and got the concerns and confusion cleared up, and that what was written in the report was not meant the way it was written, that their financials were being done as requested.
- **TOWN REPORT ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN, BY VOICE VOTE.**

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

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

- Alden asked that the town residents please give a standing ovation for Richard Pion and Dwight Richardson for dedicating so many years of great service as town's selectmen.
- Andre Tetreault Jr.- nominated.
- Wayne Richardson-nominated.
- **Results by paper ballot: Andre Tetreault Jr.-19, Wayne Richardson -63, Total votes 82**
- **WAYNE RICHARDSON – ELECTED**

b. LISTER 3-year term

- Chris Hager- nominated.
- There were no other nominations, the Moderator using unanimous consent, instructed the Clerk to cast one paper ballot for Chris Hager.
- **CHRIS HAGER - ELECTED**

c. AUDITOR 3-year term

- Arlon Warner- nominated.
- There were no other nominations, the moderator using unanimous consent, instructed the clerk to cast one paper ballot for Arlon Warner.
- **ARLON WARNER – ELECTED**

d. AUDITOR 3-year term

- No one nominated, one will be appointed at a later date.

e. 1st CONSTABLE 1-year term

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

f. 2nd CONSTABLE 1-year term

- Lyse McAllister-nominated; voice vote/carried.
- **LYSE MCALLISTER-ELECTED**

g. LIBRARY TRUSTEE

- Faye Starr-nominated; voice vote / carried
- **FAYE STARR-ELECTED**

h. LIBRARY TRUSTEE

- Gail Sicotte-nominated; voice vote / carried
- **GAIL SICOTTE-ELECTED**

ARTICLE 4: *Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$ 280,000.00 for TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES (Select Board's Account)?*

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

ARTICLE 5: *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 135,000.00 plus Vermont State Aid funding for WINTER ROADS?*

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

ARTICLE 6: *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 135,000.00 plus Vermont State Aid funding for SUMMER ROADS?*

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

ARTICLE 7: *Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 30,000.00 for the FIRE DEPARTMENT?*

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

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

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

ARTICLE 9: *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 10: *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 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 moved and seconded
- **ARTICLE PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

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 moved and seconded**
- Question was asked why are we voting on this subject, when the town voted it out years ago. Answer by the moderator was that a request was sent in by Sheriff Jennifer Harlow and was approved by the Board to be put on the warning as an article to give a second chance.
- Another person made his opinion that our town doesn’t need the Sheriff’s department help.
- Another person asked to hear the Sheriff.
- Sheriff Harlow was given permission to speak by unanimous consent
- Sheriff Harlow had started her conversation by saying that she had been in law enforcement for 25 years and would like to earn a second chance to service the Town of Lowell. She would like to regain the trust of the community to be here when needed. She noted that she would respect any decision the towns people made.
- A request to have a paper ballot was made, a simple yes or no vote
- **Results by paper ballot: No= 38 and Yes 34, a total of 72 votes**
- **ARTICLE DEFEATED**

ARTICLE 13: Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	
a)	\$250	\$250	to AMERICAN RED CROSS
b)	\$500	\$600	to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC.
c)	\$ 50	\$50	to GREEN UP VERMONT
d)	\$0	\$300	to JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. – AMERICAN LEGION
e)	\$1000	\$1000	to LAMOOILE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
f)	\$200	\$200	to MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOC.
g)	\$300	\$300	to Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc. – (OCCD)
h)	\$300	\$300	to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
i)	\$1,758	\$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	\$0	to ORLEANS COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
m)	\$500	\$0	to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
n)	\$500	\$500	to ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION-(OCFA)
o)	\$550	\$550	to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
p)	\$0	\$500	to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
q)	\$0	\$500	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)	\$250	\$0	to VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK
x)	\$100	\$0	to VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

\$9,232.00 \$9,582.00 Totals for above appropriations

PLEASE NOTE: Individual service reports printed in back of town report.

- Article Moved and seconded
- Question was asked why should we give \$550 to letter O when they should only be given \$500..
- Motion made and seconded to change the amount from \$550 to \$500
- Motion failed by voice vote. Amount remained at \$550
- Motion was made and seconded to call the question; voice vote/carried
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN BY VOICE VOTE.**

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

- Request was made to have voting present at the Town meeting even if it is only paper ballot voting.

- Question was asked, what is the town doing with the money from the logging of town land. Priscilla answered with, the money has been put aside for emergency purposes. A suggestion was made to use the money to help maintain Gelo park. Jennifer Blay asked to speak, she stated that she had already walked the Gelo Park Forest with Richard Pion, and the students are already marking trails for the new trail system in the Gelo park forest.
- Gordon Spencer requested an update on the paving grant.
Priscilla's response:
The State rep. verbally stated the State would pay \$175,000 toward the 2020 Paving cost of \$500,000. That was rescinded during Covid -19. It was later noted to the Town, that the State would still pay the \$175,000 in 2021 for additional paving work. The last notice the town received from the state is that there will still be a grant issued for the 175,000 but can be applied toward the paving cost of 2020. The town has processed the paperwork to start this grant.
- Gordon Spencer asked what the Town was going to do with the money for the Town Land that was sold. Priscilla stated the plan is to put the money in a separate account towards the 10% requirement for the replacement of the Hodgeman bridge.
- Roger Willey asked what the saving for the Town would be now that we are leasing our own trucks. Priscilla answer that the Town would be saving a minimum of \$28,133.80 for 2021, and a minimum of \$31,913.49 for the year 2022.
- Maurice Pion asked if anyone other than town employees would be able to drive the new Town trucks, the Selectboard answered this question with a stern NO.

ARTICLE 15: TO ADJOURN

- The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting; voice vote / carried.
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:53 A.M.**

Attest:

MODERATOR: Alden Warner _____

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: Sadie Willey _____

PRESIDING OFFICER: Christy M. Pion _____

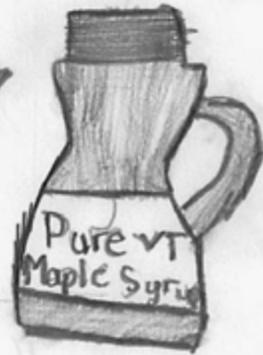
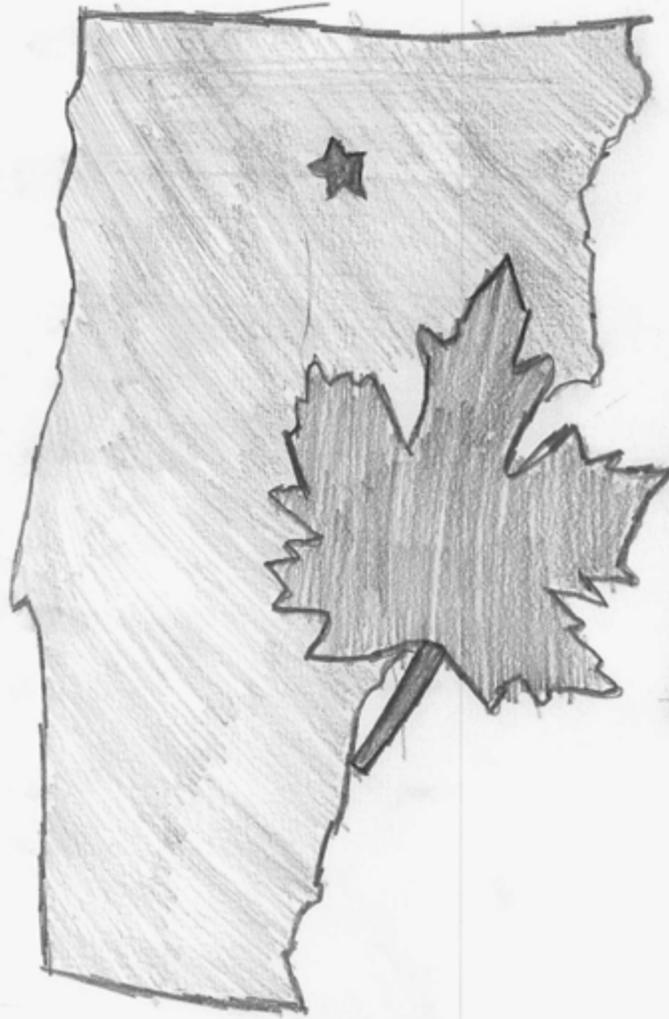
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Attest: Christy M. Pion- Town Clerk

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