

Town Of Lowell



Lowell Town Garage Fire

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Annual Town and School Report

For Year Ending

December 31, 2025

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



**For Year Ending December 31, 2025
Town of Lowell, Vermont**

**Lowell Graded School on
Tuesday
March 3, 2026.**

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

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Town Clerk's Office

Services offered at the Town Clerk's Office:

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

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

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Lowell Town Clerk's Office
2170 VT Rte. 100
Lowell, VT 05847
Tel: (802) 744 6559
Fax: (802) 744 2357

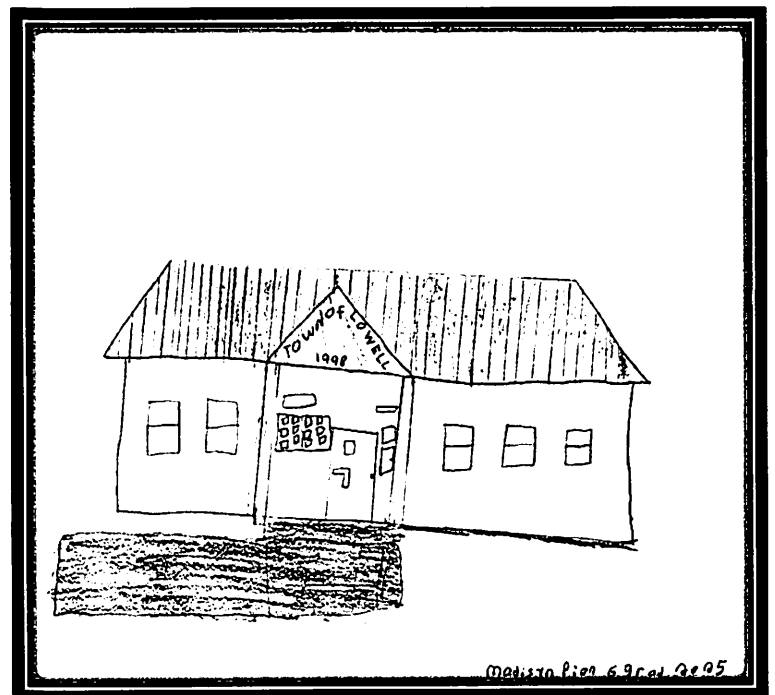
LIBRARY HOURS:

With Librarian on Duty....

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

Alternating Fridays & Saturdays

(Check Town website for Calendar schedule)



LOWELL TOWN OFFICERS

2025

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MODERATOR:	Alden Warner	2026
SELECTMEN:	Wayne Richardson	2027
	Darren Pion	2026
	Jennifer Blay	2028
SCHOOL DIRECTORS:	Jenna Delva	2026
	Shauna Richardson	2027
	Jason Blay	2028
1st CONSTABLE:	Ashley Callahan	2026
AUDITORS:	Arlon Warner	2027
	Dorothy Spoerl	2026
	Gordon Spencer	2028
LISTERS:	Cheryl Clarke	2026
	Christine Hager	2027
	Mark Higley	2028
LIBRARIAN:	Adeline Larose	Appointed By
LIBRARY TRUSTEES:	Katherine Pion	Trustees
	Jennifer Higgins	2027
	Brandie Cochran	2026
	Debbie Manning	2030
	Fay Starr	2026
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:	Jeff Parsons	
	Gordon Spencer	
	William Herrera	
	Richard Pion	

OFFICERS BY APPOINTMENT

TOWN CLERK:	Christy Pion	
TREASURER:	Marie Busch	
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:	Marie Busch	
ASSISTANT CLERK/ASSISTANT TREASURER:	Rebecca DiZazzo	
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:	Ashley Callahan	
ROAD COMMISSIONER:	Levi Booska-Appointed	July 2025
HEALTH OFFICER:	Sharon Weinacht	11/30/2027
FIRE WARDEN:	Gerard Nick	
ASST. FIRE WARDEN	Marc Sicotte	
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Gordon Spencer	
ZONING COMMISSION:	Sam Thurston	
	Jeff Parsons	
	Troy Adams	
	Brenda Wesolow	
	Wenzday Jane	

WARNING
LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF LOWELL, VERMONT ARE
HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN
OF LOWELL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026, 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. LISTER | 3-year term |
| c. 1 st CONSTABLE | 1-year term |
| d. LIBRARY TRUSTEE | 5-year term |
| e. LIBRARY TRUSTEE | 5-year term |
| f. LIBRARY TRUSTEE | 5-year term |
| g. LIBRARY TRUSTEE | 4-year term (Remainder of 5-year term) |
| h. AUDITOR | 3-year term |

ARTICLE 4: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$588,435.00 for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Select Board's Account)?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the legal voters appropriate \$300,000 plus Vermont State Aid funding for **ROADS**?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the legal voters appropriate \$35,000 for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT**?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the legal voters appropriate \$10,000 for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

ARTICLE 8: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to the **Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.** for the Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant services provided in the Home Health, Hospice, Long Term Care and other community health programs provided by the Agency.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

2026

- a) \$500 to AMERICAN LEGION JAYPEAK POST # 28, INC.
- b) \$1000 to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC.
- c) \$50 to GREEN UP VERMONT
- d) \$200 to MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOC.
- e) \$300 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
- f) \$1,758 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
- g) \$843 to NORTHEASTERN VT. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- h) \$200 to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY (ConnectABILITIES)
- i) \$500 to ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION (OCFA)
- j) \$550 to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- k) \$500 to PCAVT PREVENT CHILD ABUSE
- l) \$500 to POPE FRONTIER SOCIETY
- m) \$1343 to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- n) \$825 to UMBRELLA
- o) \$200 to VACD – VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
- p) \$200 to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- q) \$90 to VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
- r) \$250 to VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK
- s) \$100 to VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

\$ 9,909.00 Totals for above appropriations

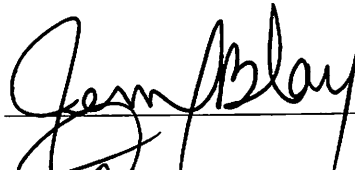
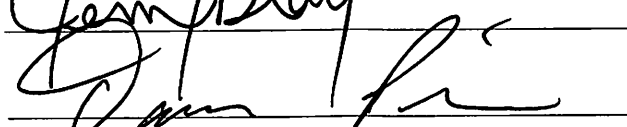
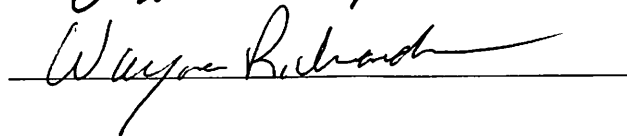
PLEASE NOTE: Individual service reports printed towards the end of town report.

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town.

ARTICLE 11: TO ADJOURN.

SELECTBOARD:

Jennifer Blay- Chairman

Darren Pion

Wayne Richardson

ATTEST:

Christy M. Pion - Town Clerk

Received for posting January 27, 2026

TREASURERS REPORT

A lot was accomplished in the Town of Lowell in 2025 – most notably the completion of the Hodgeman Bridge. We received 90% of the cost from the Grant. Because we, as a Town, looked towards the future, we were able to set aside the funds needed to pay our 10% of the Bridge cost without affecting the Municipal tax rate or borrowing money.

It is so important that we continue to look at the future needs of our Town while still trying to maintain a manageable Municipal tax rate. I believe we have accomplished that with this year's budget by setting aside funds for future as well as immediate needs.

The devastation of losing our Town Garage, contents and trucks speaks to the need to keep looking forward and be as prepared as possible for anything that might come our way.

We are a strong Town with members from all walks of life. To quote Town Clerk Christy Pion, “we always manage to put it together.”

I am proud to be your Treasurer and in my 1 ½ years in that role I have learned so much about Municipal Government. It can be daunting and complicated. My goal going forward is simplification – to make our accounting system and Budgets make sense to all members of our town.

In the State of Vermont in 2025, if a town received more than \$750,000 in grant money, it triggered what is called a Single Audit. This was the case for Lowell and from July to September an outside firm, Sullivan & Powers, conducted that audit.

I am very happy to say that due to the hard work, accounting principles, and dedication of our Office Staff we received the best rating that can be achieved from this type of Audit.

Thank you!

Marie A. Busch



2025 Town of Lowell Audit Report

The Town Auditors audited the various town records for 2025 on January 21, 2026. The town's financial books for the year ending December 31, 2025, were in good order as there were no issues with the receipts and payables. All payroll records were in balance and timely filed. The Auditors also looked at other accounts such as the Lowell Cemetery Association, Fire Dept Special Equipment Fund and F.O.L.K. (Friends of Lowell Kids). The Historical Society did not submit any financials. The Lowell Cemetery Association, the Fire Dept Special Account, and the F.O.L.K (Friends of Lowell Kids) were in order.

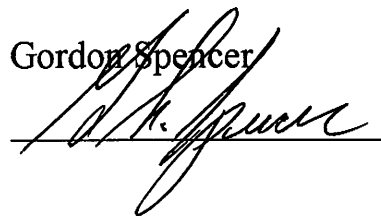
We are proud of our dedicated Office Staff – Christy Pion, Rebecca DiZazzo, and Marie Busch, and thank them for their outstanding work.

Town Auditors

Dorothy Spoerl

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Gordon Spencer

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Arlon Warner

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Town Of Lowell
Bank Accts. CDs

Town Reserve CD		
	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Income		
Town Reserve Interest	\$ 1,014	\$ 750
Total Income		\$ 750
Total Expense	\$ -	\$ -
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 1,014	\$ 750
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 49,509	\$ 50,523
Available Funds	\$ 50,523	\$ 51,273

Wind Tower Reserve		
	2025 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
Income		
Wind Tower Reserve Interest	\$ 1,141	\$ 1,200
Total Income	\$ 1,141	\$ 1,200
Total Expense	\$ -	\$ -
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 1,141	\$ 1,200
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 140,586	\$ 141,726
Available Funds	\$ 141,726	\$ 142,926

Town Of Lowell
Bank Accts. Cd's

General Checking Acct.		
	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Income		
General Acct. Interest	\$ 2,719	\$ 2,800
Total Income	\$ 2,719	\$ 2,800
Net Ordinary Income		
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ -	
Available Funds	\$ 522,109	\$ -

Petty Cash		
	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Available Funds in Cash	\$ 300	\$ 300

Archie Powers Trust Fund		
	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Income		
A. Powers MM Int.	\$ 84	\$ 85
Total Income	\$ 84	\$ 85
Total Expense	\$ -	\$ -
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 84	\$ 85
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 8,393	\$ 8,477
Available Funds	\$ 8,477	\$ 8,562

Admin. Budget	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Budget
Interest			
Checking-GF	\$ 2,548	\$ 2,433	\$ 2,200
Checking-Office	\$ 6	\$ 7	\$ 6
Interest-escrow	\$ 9	\$ 14	\$ 15
Money Market{78}			
KCW Reserve Int.	\$ 1,171	\$ 1,035	\$ 1,000
Town Reserve Int.	\$ 532	\$ 888	\$ 600
Total Money Market{78}	\$ 1,703	\$ 1,923	\$ 1,600
Total Interest	\$ 4,266	\$ 4,377	\$ 3,821
Beer Licenses			
	\$ 255	\$ 185	\$ 185
DMV Renewals			
	\$ 3		\$ -
Dog Licenses			
	\$ 1,182	\$ 1,661	\$ 1,600
Marriage Licenses			
	\$ 90	\$ 85	\$ 90
Total License Fees/Fines	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,931	\$ 1,875
Other Income			
Cert. of Vital Statistics	\$ 410	\$ 360	\$ 410
Copying Fees	\$ 1,074	\$ 1,330	\$ 1,200
Green Mtn. Pass	\$ 14	\$ 2	\$ 4
Misc. Fees	\$ 635	\$ 56	\$ 600
Pilot Income	\$ 3,287	\$ 3,287	\$ 3,300
Posted Land Fees	\$ 20	\$ 15	\$ 25
Recorder Fees	\$ 6,441	\$ 7,336	\$ 6,500
Research Time	\$ 235	\$ 248	\$ 300
Total Other Income	\$ 12,116	\$ 12,634	\$ 12,339
Permits			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Zoning Permits	\$ 550	\$ 485	\$ 560
Total Permits	\$ 550	\$ 485	\$ 560
State Revenue			
Judiciary	\$ 672	\$ 37	\$ 250
Land Use Change Penalty	\$ 1,371		
Property Tax Adjustment	\$ 1,479	\$ 53	\$ -
State Equalization Payment	\$ 705	\$ 713	\$ 705
Total State Revenue	\$ 4,227	\$ 803	\$ 955
Tax Revenue			
Current Use/State	\$ 21,896	\$ 23,513	\$ 23,000
Delinq tax penalty	\$ 8,512	\$ 9,005	\$ 9,000
Delinq. tax interest	\$ 7,772	\$ 7,991	\$ 5,000
GMP Tax Contract	\$ 607,875	\$ 607,875	\$ 607,875
Property Tax Income	\$ 227,441	\$ 294,373	\$ 300,553
Total Tax Revenue	\$ 873,496	\$ 942,757	\$ 945,428
Total Income	\$ 896,185	\$ 962,987	\$ 964,978
Gross Profit	\$ 896,185	\$ 962,987	\$ 964,978

Admin. Budget	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Budget
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Expense

Approp. Pd by Town

American Legion Jay #28	\$ 300	\$ 500	\$ 500
N/E Council on Aging	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Green Mtn. Farm to Sc	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Green Up-Vt.	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
Lamoille County Mental Health	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Missisquoi River Basin	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
NE Vt. Develop. Assoc.	\$ 754	\$ 843	\$ 843
NEK Human Services	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,758
NEKLS-Adult Learning Ctr.	\$ 250	\$ 250	
Orleans Citizen Advocacy	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Orleans County Fair Assoc.	\$ 500		\$ 500
Orleans Historical Soc.	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550
PCAVT Prevent Child Abuse *			\$ 500
Pope Frontier Society	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Rural Community Transp.	\$ 700	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,343
UMBRELLA Step O.N.E.	\$ 825	\$ 825	\$ 825
Vermont Family Network	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
Vt. Assoc. for Blind	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Vt. Ctr. Independent Liv.	\$ 90		\$ 90
Vt. Rural Fire Protection	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 200
Vt. Symphony Orchestra	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100

Total Approp. Pd by Town	\$ 9,127	\$ 9,826	\$ 9,909
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Assessed Appropriations

Library	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,000
Lowell Fire Dept	\$ 33,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Orleans Essex VNA		\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Roads-Combined	\$ 140,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Roads-Combined	\$ 140,000		
Selectboard	\$ 360,175	\$ 356,883	\$ 588,435

Total Assessed Appropriations	\$ 679,675	\$ 702,883	\$ 936,935
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Legal & Professional Services

Zoning Administrator Payments		\$ 530	\$ 550
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Total Legal & Professional Services	\$ -	\$ 530	\$ 550
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Operating Expense

Purchases

Fire Truck Payments	\$ 17,584	\$ 17,584	\$ 17,584
Kempton Bridge Payments	\$ 84,848	\$ 76,117	
Paving Payments	\$ 106,060	\$ 104,845	
Total Purchases	\$ 208,492	\$ 198,546	\$ 17,584

Total Operating Expense	\$ 208,492	\$ 198,546	\$ 17,584
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Total Expense	\$ 897,294	\$ 911,785	\$ 964,978
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Net Income	\$ (1,109)	\$ 51,202	\$ -
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				SELECTBOARD			
				2023	2024	2025	
				Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	2026 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
		Assess income. From Town	\$358,003	\$360,175	\$386,429	\$588,435	
Other Income							
		Tire Event			\$1,375		
		Membership Income	\$0	\$0	\$1,095	\$0	
State Revenue							
		HHW Grant	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	
School Refund							
		School - Lowell	\$0	\$9,922	\$0		
		School - No. Country	\$0	\$5,487	\$0		
Total Income			\$361,003	\$378,585	\$391,899	\$591,435	
Expense							
Approp. Pd by Town							
		Lowell Cemetary Assoc		\$5,500	\$5,750	\$6,500	
Assessed Appropriations							
		Ambulance Service	\$48,997	\$47,627	\$49,008	\$70,135	
		Appraisal Fund	\$4,000	\$4,102	\$4,000	\$4,000	
		Culverts & Bridges Fund		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
		Equipment Fund				\$135,000	
		Jay Food Shelf	\$250	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000	
		Legal Fund			\$15,000	\$5,000	
		Little League Fund				\$3,000	
		Paving Fund Exp.	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$90,000	
		BRIDGE RENTAL	\$1,512	\$756			
Legal & Professional Services							
		Legal Fees	\$1,913	\$80	\$0		
		Professional Audit Fees			\$10,000	\$10,000	
	***	(Moved to Audit Fund)					
		Tax & Accounting Expense			\$353	\$450	
Maintenance - Bldg & Grd							
		Bldg & Grd. Maintenance	\$6,606		\$4,530	\$6,800	
		Furnance Maint.			\$0	\$1,000	
Office Expense							
		Advertising	\$1,705	\$600	\$1,430	\$1,500	
		Cleaning Supplies	\$426	\$267	\$438	\$400	
		Computer Support	\$8,562	\$8,272	\$8,186	\$8,500	
		Computers - new			\$2,961	\$0	
		Constable Equipment Purchase			\$1,000	\$0	

			2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Budget
		Copier Exp.	\$551	\$1,935	\$2,368	\$2,000
		DEC Watershed Fees	\$1,765	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$1,350
		Dog License fees-Vt. Treas.	\$550	\$5	\$1,381	\$1,300
		Dog Tags/Books/supplies	\$170	\$134	\$132	\$175
		Hunt/Fishing Licenses	\$28	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Lister Computer Support	\$2,762	\$834	\$1,949	\$1,000
		Lister Office Supplies	\$293	\$162	\$0	\$0
		Lister Postage	\$17	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Lister Tax Mapping	\$2,200	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,300
		Listers Membership	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$50
		Marriage License-Vt Treas.	\$165	\$40	\$210	\$150
		Office Supplies	\$1,347	\$4,791	\$3,313	\$3,200
		Postage	\$1,752	\$1,572	\$3,034	\$1,800
		Subscriptions	\$2,410	\$477	\$1,875	\$1,900
		Town Reports Printing	\$3,018	\$2,697	\$1,104	\$1,500
		Training	\$2,648	\$250	\$0	\$500
		Office Expenses - Other	\$545	\$480		\$0
		Operating Expense				
		County Tax	\$15,478	\$16,671	\$18,904	\$19,000
		Diesel/Gas	\$141	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Dues/Membership	\$50	\$125	\$0	\$0
		Equipment-Small		\$5,500	\$1,072	\$500
		Fire Extinguishers			\$279	\$300
		Mileage	\$420	\$776	\$580	\$600
		Other Exp.	\$460		\$0	\$0
		Property & Casualty Ins.	\$9,817	\$14,678	\$11,641	\$13,000
		Supplies	\$603	\$181	\$0	\$0
		VLCT Dues/Fees	\$2,266	\$2,336	\$2,433	\$2,500
		Payroll - Company Contributions				
		FICA Expense	\$5,813	\$6,517	\$7,640	\$7,943
		Medicare Exp.	\$1,359	\$1,524	\$1,787	\$1,858
		Municipal Retirement	\$3,186	\$1,744	\$2,632	\$2,156
		Unemployment-State	\$1,412	\$1,070	\$918	\$454
		Workers Comp	\$10,781	\$7,035	\$5,185	\$8,585
		Payroll - Co Con - Other	\$1,354	\$264	\$0	\$0
		Vt Childcare -Co(now)			\$534	\$564
		Payroll - Salaries & Wages				
		Asst Clerk/Treasurer	\$1,691	\$22,398	\$22,344	\$22,913
		Auditors	\$266	\$584	\$983	\$900
		Civil Board	\$225	\$1,099	\$640	\$800
		Cleaning	\$1,620	\$1,696	\$2,027	\$2,862
		Constable/Animal Control	\$0	\$79	\$605	\$500

			2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Budget
		Health Officer			\$0	\$250
		Listers	\$18,710	\$17,071	\$21,576	\$19,000
		Recycling Attendant	\$2,965	\$2,872	\$3,635	\$3,816
		Select Board	\$4,774	\$4,870	\$4,774	\$4,774
		Town Clerk	\$31,762	\$30,676	\$33,617	\$37,500
		Town Treasurer	\$29,419	\$23,438	\$31,483	\$33,800
		Zoning Board	\$965	\$450	\$1,750	\$1,000
		Solid Waste				
		Household Hazard Waste	\$6,583	\$9,890	\$4,399	\$7,000
		In Town Recycling	\$11,208	\$3,918	\$8,407	\$9,000
		Tire Event		-\$404		\$1,450
		Utilities				
		Electricity	\$3,290	\$3,493	\$3,536	\$4,000
		Heating-Fuel Expense	\$8,644	\$8,621	\$7,203	\$8,600
		Phone & Internet	\$3,963	\$5,127	\$4,982	\$5,000
		Security & Lights	\$3,836	\$4,128	\$5,306	\$5,000
		Trash Removal	\$220	\$292	\$415	\$300
		Total Expense	\$327,473	\$338,450	\$389,010	\$591,435
		Net Income	\$33,530	\$40,135	\$2,889	\$0

				ROADS			
				2023	2024	2025	2026
				Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
		Assess income. From Town		\$280,000	\$280,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
		Other Income					
		Sale of Equipment			\$3,500		
		Truck Weight Fees		\$260	\$305	\$295	\$200
		Permits					
		Driveway Permits		\$150	\$180	\$95	\$100
		State Revenue					
		State Aid Class 2-3 Rds		\$126,280	\$87,562	\$45,068	\$80,000
		Total Income		\$406,690	\$371,547	\$345,458	\$380,300
Expense							
		Assessed Appropriations					
		Equip Fund		\$27,506	\$27,506		
		Gravel Pit		\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
		Contracted Services					
		Equip Transport		\$241	\$425	\$300	\$500
		Equipment Rental			\$8,088	\$10,640	\$9,000
		Beaver Expense		\$150		\$250	\$500
		Hired Eq./Albany		\$1,885	\$1,298	\$2,362	\$2,400
		Hired Equip - Grinding				\$3,750	\$1,600
		Hired Equipment - Other		\$6,108	\$12,379	\$0	\$8,200
		Plowing		\$12,765	\$940	\$1,196	\$1,200
		Rd. Ditching-Hired Equip.		\$120	\$4,380	\$0	\$4,900
		Road Mowing-Hired Eq.		\$6,310	\$6,200	\$4,025	\$6,200
		Sand Screening		\$1,240			
		Sweeper-Hired Eq.		\$1,275	\$5,890	\$1,110	\$3,250
		Tree Cutting/Excavation		\$880	\$5,197	\$0	\$5,300
		Screen/crush/Gravel Pit Fund				\$40,000	
		Debt Payments					
		Trk Lease Exp		\$74,190	\$74,190	\$74,190	\$74,190
		Legal & Professional Services					
		CDL Drug Testing				\$338	\$500
		Maintenance - Equipment					
		Chains/Grader-Loader				\$1,650	\$2,000
		Furnace				\$545	
		Grader Repairs			\$1,336	\$2,785	\$15,000
		Loader			\$789	\$1,041	\$10,000

		2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Budget
	Maintenance - Equipment cont'd				
	Maint Supplies/Fluids			\$11,038	\$10,000
	Plow Blades/Shoes/etc			\$1,564	\$1,500
	Screener	\$3,287	\$4,097	\$0	\$2,500
	Tires	\$0	\$1,555	\$0	\$2,000
	Tools			\$1,270	\$1,500
	Truck 1 - 10 Wheeler			\$9,297	\$10,000
	Truck 2 - 6 Wheeler			\$2,252	\$5,000
	Truck 3 - CV			\$7,458	\$10,000
	Trucks	\$1,598	\$4,944	\$0	
	Maintenance -Trucks	\$8,939	\$17,866	\$19,007	
	Maintenance - Infrastructure				
	Asphalt			\$436	\$1,200
	Office Expense				
	Office Supplies			\$80	\$110
	Operating Expense				
	Albany Plowing	\$4,840	\$5,000	\$4,840	\$5,000
	Chloride	\$8,197	\$4,481	\$7,385	\$7,500
	Cold Patch		\$560	\$96	\$1,000
	Diesel/Gas	\$31,617	\$23,751	\$25,005	\$25,000
	Equipment-Small		\$852	\$0	
	Gravel		\$4,065	\$1,093	\$1,500
	Road Repair	\$170	\$0		
	Road Signs	\$2,760	\$1,715	\$0	\$1,300
	Road Stakes	\$1,218	\$0		\$1,000
	Roads - Other - Stone	\$0	\$670	\$250	
	Salt	\$8,729	\$17,090	\$15,944	\$18,000
	Snow Removal	\$625	\$1,806	\$0	\$0
	Supplies	\$109	\$178	\$0	\$0
	Payroll - Company Contributions				
	Vt Childcare	\$2,942	\$244	\$364	\$600
	FICA Expense	\$7,632	\$6,892	\$5,186	\$6,750
	Health Insurance	\$15,658	\$17,260	\$0	\$7,800
	Medicare Exp.	\$1,785	\$1,612	\$1,213	\$1,600
	Municipal Retirement	\$5,408	\$4,683	\$1,401	\$1,500
	Unemployment-State		\$28	\$175	\$600
	Payroll - Salaries & Wages				
	Other Salaries - Roads	\$60,695	\$60,082	\$47,772	\$46,200
	Rd. Comm.	\$59,462	\$51,156	\$35,869	\$62,400
	Total Expense	\$362,341	\$383,203	\$328,170	\$380,300
	Net Ordinary Income	\$44,349	-\$11,656	\$17,289	\$0
	Retained Earnings		\$37,291	\$25,635	\$43,016
	Results FY		\$25,635	\$43,016	\$53,750

Appraisal Dept. Financial				
	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Income				
Asses Income By Selectboard	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Reappraisal Fees	\$ 5,992	\$ 6,001	\$ 3,051	\$ 5,000
Total Income	\$ 9,992	\$ 10,001	\$ 7,051	\$ 9,000
Appraisal Fund Expense / NEMRC	\$ 18,060	\$ 36,980	\$ 12,040	
Appraisal-new- cost			\$ 4,396	
Lister Computer Support		\$ 655	\$ 248	
Lister Postage	\$ 357	\$ 112	\$ 73	
Lister office Supplies	\$ 105	\$ 27	\$ 388	
Total Office expense	\$ 18,522	\$ 37,774	\$ 17,145	\$ -
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (8,530)	\$ (27,773)	\$ (10,094)	\$ 9,000
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 50,594	\$ 42,064	\$ 14,291	\$ 4,197
Available Funds	\$ 42,064	\$ 14,291	\$ 4,197	\$ 13,197

Audit Fund				
	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Income				
Assess from Selectboard				\$ 10,000
Transfer from Selectboard			\$ 10,000	
Transfer from Computerization Fund			\$ 10,780	
Total Income			\$ 20,780	\$ 10,000
Expenses				
Professional Audit Fees			29611	
Total Expense			\$ 29,611	\$ -
Net Ordinary Income			\$ (8,831)	\$ 10,000
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 8,831	\$ 8,831	\$ 8,831	\$ -
Available Funds	\$ 8,831	\$ 8,831	\$ 0	\$ 10,000

ARPA Grant Fund

	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL		
Income				
SLFRF VT Grant	\$ -	\$ -		
Other	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Income	\$ -	\$ -		
Expenses				
Roads Summer	\$ -	\$ 17,572		
Roads Winter	\$ -	\$ -		
Hodgeman Bridge Match	\$ -	\$ -		
Bridge Expense-Post Office Bridge		\$ 1,427		
Gelo Park Maintenance	\$ 1,103	\$ 355		
Gravel Pit		\$ 23,000		
BLDG. & Grd. Maint	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,883		
Phone & Internet (Free Public)	\$ 599	\$ 667		
Missisquoi Ambulance	\$ -	\$ -		
Equipment-Small	\$ 9,403	\$ 97		
Tree Cutting/Excavation	\$ -	\$ -		
Asphalt		\$ 1,187		
Lowell Cemetery		\$ 3,800		
Orleans County Sheriff's Dept	\$ -	\$ -		
Grader Repairs	\$ -	\$ -		
Equipment Repair-Other	\$ 1,443	\$ 233		
Tools/ fire equipment	\$ 67,700	\$ -		
Training	\$ -	\$ -		
Pope Mem. Frontier Animal Shelter	\$ 1,000	\$ 500		
Sand Screening		\$ 11,250		
Tires	\$ 6,125	\$ -		
Salaries				
Town Treasurer	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Expense	\$ 89,372	\$ 66,971		
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (89,372)	\$ (66,971)		
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 156,343	\$ 66,971		
Available Funds	\$ 66,971	\$ (0)		

Computerization Fund

	2023	2024	2025	2026
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income				
Computerization Income	\$ 2,901	\$ 2,346	\$ 2,604	\$ 2,350
Other	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Income	\$ 2,901	\$ 2,346	\$ 2,604	\$ 2,350
Expenses				
Moved to Audit Fund			\$ 10,780	
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	
Total Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,980	
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 2,901	\$ 2,346	\$ (9,376)	\$ 2,350
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 12,260	\$ 15,161	\$ 17,507	\$ 8,131
Available Funds	\$ 15,161	\$ 17,507	\$ 8,131	\$ 10,481

Equipment Fund

	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Income				
Asses. from Roads	\$ 7,892	\$ 27,506		
Asses from Selectboard	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 135,000
Grant Income:				
BC2347 Irish Hill		\$ 1,789		
BR1151 Irish Hill		\$ 3,127		
Cheney Rd		\$ 3,631		
Total Income:	\$ 7,892	\$ 36,052	\$ -	\$ 135,000
Expenses				
Tires	\$ 3,437	\$ -		
Bridge Expense	\$ 35	\$ -		
Chains/Grader-Loader	\$ 2,229	\$ -		
Chains/Truck	\$ 435	\$ -		
Equipment Repair-Other	\$ 250	\$ 10,762		
Grader Repairs	\$ 122	\$ 7,346		
Loader	\$ -	\$ -		
Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ 849	\$ -		
Plow Blades/Shoes/etc	\$ -	\$ 2,079		
Sander	\$ -	\$ -		
Screener	\$ -	\$ -		
Tools	\$ 446	\$ -		
Truck Maint.	\$ 60	\$ 2,233		
Other	\$ 25	\$ -		
Total Expense	\$ 7,889	\$ 22,420	\$ -	\$ -
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 3	\$ 13,633	\$ -	\$ 135,000
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ (2,203)	\$ (2,201)	\$ 11,432	\$ 11,432
Available Funds	\$ (2,201)	\$ 11,432	\$ 11,432	\$ 146,432

File Restoration Fund				
	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Income				
Restoration	\$ 3,868	\$ 3,128	\$ 3,192	\$ 3,000
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280	
Total Income	\$ 3,868	\$ 3,128	\$ 3,472	\$ 3,000
Expenses				
Mileage	\$ -	\$ -		
FICA Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 291	
Medicare Exp.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68	
Payroll - Company Contributions - Other			\$ 21	
Admin Ass't	\$ -	\$ -		
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,691	
Total Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,071	
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 3,868	\$ 3,128	\$ (1,599)	\$ 3,000
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 21,964	\$ 25,832	\$ 28,960	\$ 27,361
Available Funds	\$ 25,832	\$ 28,960	\$ 27,361	\$ 30,361

Gravel Pit Fund				
	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Income				
Asses. from Roads	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Transfer from Roads			\$ 40,000	
Land Rent	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Gravel Pit Loading		\$ 1,924	\$ 740	
Total Income	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,924	\$ 45,740	\$ 5,000
Expenses				
Hired Equipment	\$ -	\$ -		
Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ 564	\$ -		
Sand Screening/ gravel Crushing	\$ 23,026	\$ 1,260	\$ 40,520	
In Town Recycling		\$ -		
Total Expense	\$ 23,590	\$ 1,260	\$ 40,520	\$ -
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (19,590)	\$ 5,664	\$ 5,220	\$ 5,000
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 20,080	\$ 490	\$ 6,154	\$ 11,374
Available Funds	\$ 490	\$ 6,154	\$ 11,374	\$ 16,374

Large Culverts & Bridges

	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Income				
Asses. from Selectboard		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Other		\$ -		
Total Income	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Expenses				
Bridge Expense	\$ -	\$ 613	\$ 2,853	
Culverts	\$ 7,785	\$ 12,434	\$ 4,335	
Other	\$ -	\$ -		
Company Contributions	\$ -			
FICA Expense	\$ -	\$ -		
Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -		
Medicare Exp.	\$ -	\$ -		
Municipal Retirement	\$ -	\$ -		
Unemployment-State	\$ -	\$ -		
Workers Comp	\$ -	\$ -		
Salaries				
Other Salaries	\$ -	\$ -		
Rd. Comm.	\$ -	\$ -		
Other				
Total Expense	\$ 7,785	\$ 13,046	\$ 7,188	\$ -
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (7,785)	\$ (8,046)	\$ (2,188)	\$ 5,000
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 46,838	\$ 39,053	\$ 31,007	\$ 28,819
Available Funds	\$ 39,053	\$ 31,007	\$ 28,819	\$ 33,819

Legal Fund

	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Income				
Assess from Selectboard			\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000
Total Income			\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000
Expenses				
Total Expense			\$ -	\$ -
Net Ordinary Income			\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000
Funds Carried over from Prior Year				\$ 15,000
Available Funds			\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000

Library Fund

	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Income				
Assess. Income from Town	\$ 9,299	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,000
DONATIONS - LIBRARY			\$ 20	
F.O.L.K. GRANT			\$ 200	
Other - Fundraiser	\$ 210	\$ 307	\$ 1,323	
Refunds			\$ 38	
Grant		\$ 176	\$ 289	
Total Income	\$ 9,509	\$ 6,983	\$ 9,370	\$ 10,000
Expenses				
Office Supplies	\$ 1,056	\$ 270	\$ 427	\$ 600
Program Supplies				\$ 250
Summer Program Supplies				\$ 50
Postage	\$ 12	\$ -		
Subscriptions	\$ 94	\$ -	\$ 104	
Books	\$ 923	\$ 967	\$ 777	\$ 1,000
Other - Guest Speaker		\$ 100		
Advertising	\$ 43	\$ -	\$ 59	
Computer support	\$ 947	\$ -	\$ 190	
Phone & Internet	\$ 429	\$ 740	\$ 1,179	\$ 735
Mileage	\$ -	\$ -		
Company Contributions				
FICA Expense	\$ 268	\$ 394	\$ 404	\$ 400
Medicare Exp.	\$ 63	\$ 92	\$ 95	\$ 100
Unemployment-State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32	\$ 105
Vt Child Care Credit	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ 29	\$ 40
Salaries				
Librarian	\$ 4,328	\$ 6,360	\$ 5,714	\$ 7,800
Library Assist.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 810	
Other-partial retained earnings used	\$ 2,799			
Total Expense	\$ 10,962	\$ 8,937	\$ 9,821	\$ 11,080
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (1,453)	\$ (1,954)	\$ (451)	\$ (1,080)
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 9,530	\$ 8,077	\$ 6,123	\$ 5,672
Available Funds	\$ 8,077	\$ 6,123	\$ 5,672	\$ 4,592

Little League Fund				
	2023	2024	2025	2026
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income				
Assess. Income from Town	\$ 3,000			\$ 3,000
Other	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Income	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Expenses				
Ball Field Maintenance		\$ -	\$ 2,704	
Operating Expenses			\$ 1,585	
Total Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,289	\$ -
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ (4,289)	\$ 3,000
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 7,337	\$ 10,337	\$ 10,337	\$ 6,048
Available Funds	\$ 10,337	\$ 10,337	\$ 6,048	\$ 9,048

Paving Fund				
	2023	2024	2025	2026
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income				
Assess from Selectboard	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 90,000
Grant Income	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Income	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 90,000
Expenses				
Paving Fund Exp.	\$ 182,046	\$ 2,373		
Road Repair	\$ 72	\$ -		
Other	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Expense	\$ 182,118	\$ 2,373	\$ -	
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (132,118)	\$ 47,627	\$ 50,000	\$ 90,000
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 146,001	\$ 13,883	\$ 61,510	\$ 111,510
Available Funds	\$ 13,883	\$ 61,510	\$ 111,510	\$ 201,510

Hodgeman Bridge Grant Fund

	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL	2025 ACTUAL	
Income				
SLFRF VT Grant	\$ -	\$ -		
Hodgeman Bridge - Federal	\$ 85,959	\$ 80,369	\$ 1,144,004	
Hodgeman Bridge - State	\$ 9,300	\$ 8,875	\$ 126,098	
Grant Income - Other	\$ -	\$ 602		
Total Income	\$ 95,259	\$ 89,846	\$ 1,270,102	
Expenses				
Bridge Rental	\$ -			
Engineering	\$ 156,796	\$ 92,893	\$ 33,469	
Mileage	\$ -	\$ -		
Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ 1,166		
Legal Fees		\$ 1,340		
Bridge Expense		\$ 768,008	\$ 569,663	
Advertising		\$ 348		
DEC Watershed Fees		\$ 200		
Other / int. on loan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,901	
Total Expense	\$ 156,796	\$ 863,954	\$ 605,033	
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (61,537)	\$ (774,108)	\$ 665,069	
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ -	\$ (61,537)	\$ (835,645)	
Available Funds	\$ (61,537)	\$ (835,645)	\$ (170,576)	

Hodgeman Bridge is completed. We were reimbursed 90% of the cost. The negative \$170,576 was our 10% share of the cost.

Town Of Lowell
Delinquent Tax Report as of December 31, 2025

Delinquent Taxes-2022	\$419.93
Delinquent Taxes-2023	\$14,450.85
Delinquent Taxes-2024	\$31,142.57
Delinquent Taxes-2025	\$97,708.96
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$129,271.46

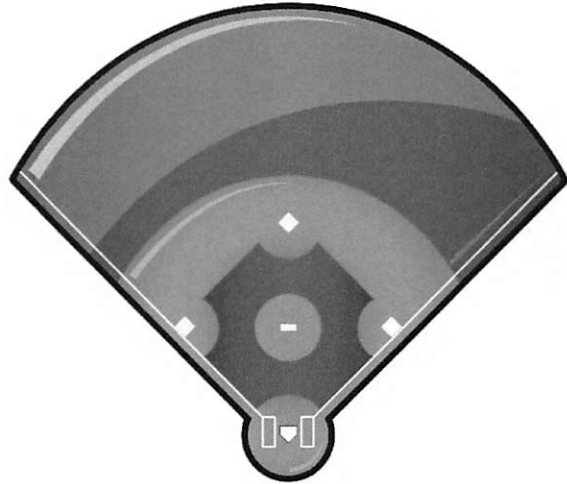
Fire Truck Loan- Maturity Date 9/20/2027

Truck Lease- Maturity Date 4/30/2028



Baseball Sports Fund:

We had 15+ students ages Pre-K through age 12 play baseball here at Lowell Graded School. We had a strong return of our younger players which was a great sign for the future of our teams. We also had a strong showing of volunteers to coach our kids; it is very much appreciated. Without volunteers this wouldn't be possible! We were able to resurface our main ball field, we brought our second ball field to league specs, we acquired much needed updated gear for our athletes at the Majors and Rookies level. This was only possible due to the ongoing generosity of our taxpayers, which allowed our kids teams to use Lowell as their home field. 3 League teams were coached in Lowell this year, The Majors team was combined of players from Lowell and Westfield.



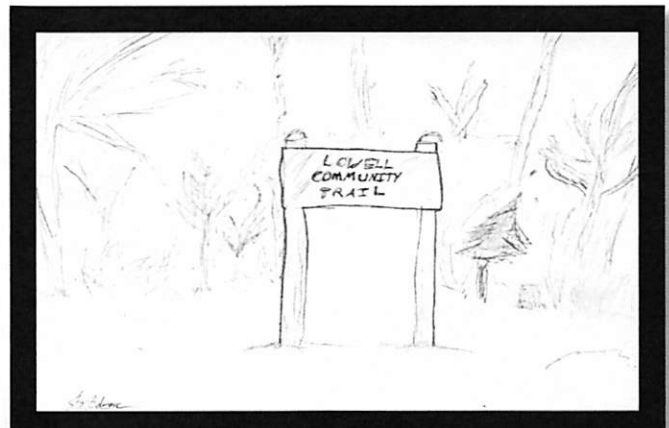
Lowell fields were used by 6 or more teams in the league this year. On numerous occasions we were complimented on the state of our fields. Multiple people stated that Lowell's main field was the best in the league.

We would also like to thank and mention the volunteers and paid help that came out and helped and volunteered equipment to get the fields ready this year. Thank you to Darren and Christy Pion, Maurice Pion, Brandon Pion and AJ Sicotte for the support.

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

Thank you,

Courtney & Jason Richardson



Listers' Report YE 2025

To be granted the Residential (Homestead) Tax Rate a resident must file the Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122 with Form HI-144, with or after you've filed your income taxes with the IRS & VT. The 'FreeFile' programs do not usually include the above Forms HS-122 and HI-144. We need the Homestead Declaration filed by April 15th. If you need help don't hesitate to call the Office & we can help!

The Duty of the Listers is to update & maintain the Grand List accurately each year & have it "Lodged" or certified by each Lister, Selectboard member & the Town Clerk. The Lowell Grand Lists are kept in the vault- from 1828 to 2025! To complete this work, we update & verify property sales, subdivisions, new or updated houses & structures, plus credits and exemptions. Examples include Veteran's Credits, Current Use, Contracts, & much more. Surveys, deeds and transfer documents are sent to Cartographics to update the "Tax Maps" yearly. These maps are accessible on the Town website-townoflowell.org.

The Townwide Reappraisal was completed on time in order to lodge the Grand List in July. Don't forget the building permit you need for your new woodshed, or whatever... We will begin our usual Spring inspections after mud season!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Higley

Chris Hager

Cheryl Clarke

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LOWELL PLANNING BOARD & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ZONING BOARD

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

The Zoning Board will be rewriting some of the by-laws in 2026. The Planning Commission (Zoning Board) needs to follow a state-mandated procedure for changing, adding or deleting portions of the by-laws, which is to first have the Planning Commission write the proposed changes, then hold a public hearing to hear comments and perhaps alter the proposed changes, then send the document to the Selectboard for approval. The selectboard must also hold a warned hearing.

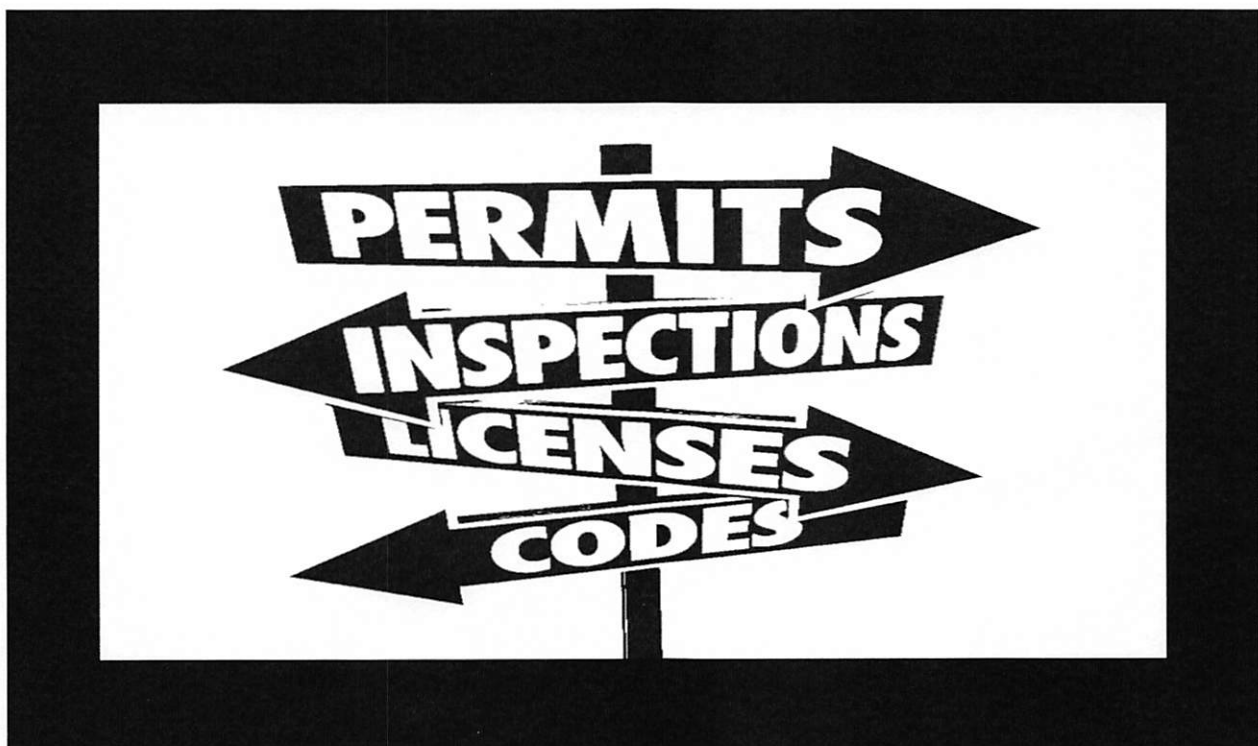
Please remember that most buildings and alterations whether commercial or residential need a permit. Permit applications may be picked up from the Town Clerk or the Zoning Administrator. Failure to secure a permit can result in a fine

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Lowell Planning Board and Board of Adjustment (Zoning Board)



2025 Lowell Historical Society Town Meeting Report for the March 2026 Town Meeting

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

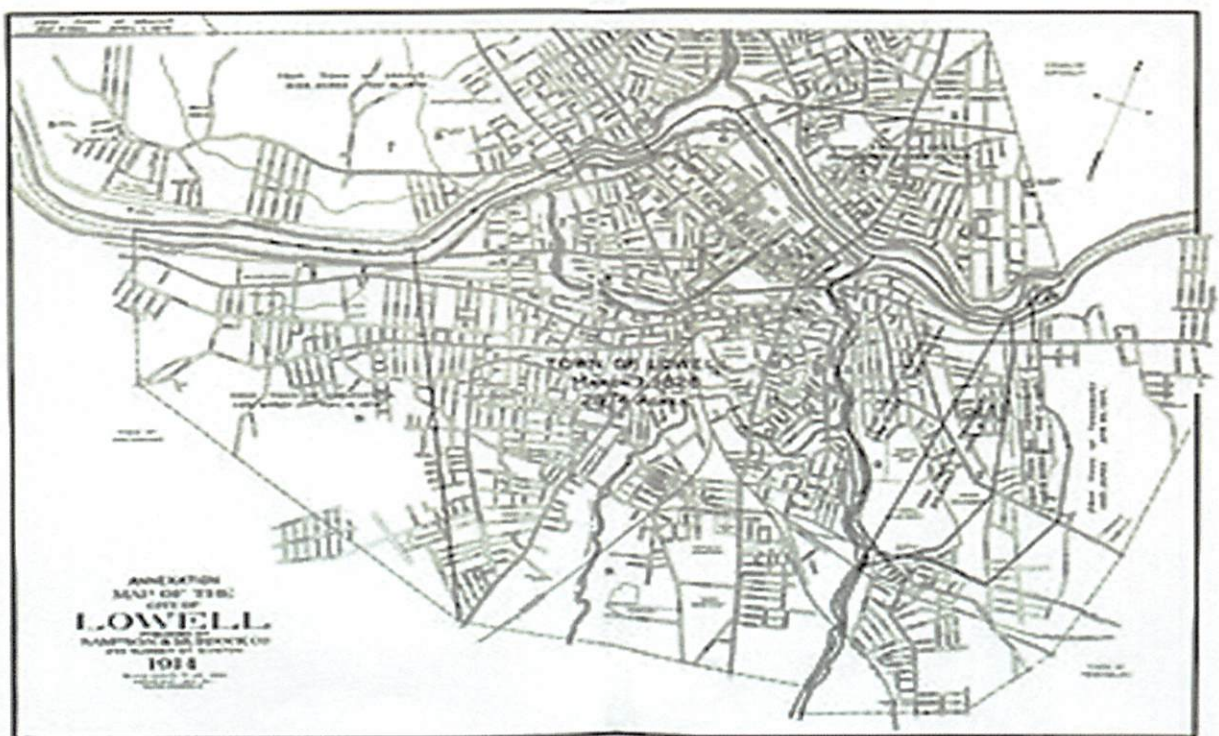
The Lowell Historical Society will again offer its \$1,000 Education Scholarship. The award will be given to a graduating Lowell Senior attending any schooling who is accepted and enrolling in college or other schooling and will be chosen among those submitting an essay on any aspect of Lowell history.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

The scholarship is underwritten by Donald Collins, who graduated from Lowell Graded School in 1956. Thank you, Don.

Besides the Education Scholarship we may be offering the Harriot Flora Curtis discretionary award for \$500.

Essays are due by Monday, July 13th but may be submitted any time before. Deliver or send to Lowell Historical Society, Lowell Town Offices, 2170 Vermont Route 100 in Lowell or e mail to samueltthurston@gmail.com. The essay should be no less than 500 words. Any questions may be directed to Sam Thurston at 744-6859 or samueltthurston@gmail.com

Note the deadline which is later than many scholarships.



Letter from the Fire Chief

2025 started off as a very positive year for Lowell Fire department. We are 100% compliant with NFPA requirements, and have a very dedicated staff of firefighters to service the citizens of Lowell for any emergency that may come up as well as non-emergencies, such as checking Carbon Monoxide and smoke detectors.

As always Lowell Fire puts training as a high priority to be the best at what we do with fire and rescue calls.

The fire department responded to 36 emergency calls this year, an increase of 7 calls from last year.

They are as follows:

8-Fires

6-Medical

10-Vehicle crashes

2-CO2 Alarms

5-Fire Alarms

2-Fire Investigations

2-Missing Persons

1-Mutual Aid

Now is as good time as ever to answer the call! Join your local volunteer fire department and become a hero in your community! Serve your neighbors, make new friends, and learn valuable skills. Be a part of a brotherhood like nothing else.

**Gerry Nick,
Fire Chief**



LVFD, Inc.
Profit & Loss
January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Town Approp.	35,000.00
Total Direct Public Support	35,000.00
Total Income	35,000.00
Expense	
Contract Services	3,484.92
Facilities and Equipment	
Equipment -Small gear	3,455.35 611.54
Total Facilities and Equipment	4,066.89
Maintenance	
Bldg & Grd. Maint.	
Snow Removal	1,260.00
Bldg & Grd. Maint. - Other	1,318.00
Total Bldg & Grd. Maint.	2,578.00
Equip. Maint.	2,932.41
Inspections	1,630.00
Total Maintenance	7,140.41
Office Expenses	
Office Supplies	137.64
Utilities	
Electricity	1,213.36
Fuel	2,838.18
Utilities - Other	134.25
Total Utilities	4,185.79
Total Office Expenses	4,323.43
Operations	
gas/oil/Diesel	443.27
Insurance	
Sickness & Acci, Ins.	7,972.00
Total Insurance	7,972.00
Membership Dues	746.00
Postage, Mailing Service	154.00
Supplies	2,523.35
Training	920.00
Total Operations	12,758.62
Other Types of Expenses	
Other Costs	1,771.62
Total Other Types of Expenses	1,771.62
Total Expense	33,545.89
Net Income	<u>1,454.11</u>

LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Special Equipment Account

Prior Year Balance 12/31/2024	16,954.94
REVENUE	
Donations	965.00
Services Rendered	225.00
Great Auk Wireless	990.00
T-Mobile	19,912.12

Total Income	22,092.12
TOTAL BALANCE & REVENUE	39,047.06
DISBURSEMENTS	
CD	15,000.00
Christmas Party	1,714.00
Misc.	150.00

Total Disbursements	16,864.14
TOTAL REVENUE	39,047.06
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	16,864.14

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND BALANCE	22,182.92

NOTE: LFD also has a 35,000 CD @ the Community National Bank. Therefore total assets = \$57,182.92 plus CD interest.

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 55** permits issued by the Fire Warden, Deputy Warden and Town Fire Chief. This year’s permit counts were down due to this summer’s drought and burn ban. 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 **fin**es for burning **without a permit**, so please call the Warden or Assistant Fire Warden

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

Thank you for your cooperation,

Gerry Nick- Forest Fire Warden

Marc Sicotte- Deputy Warden



The Lowell Cemetery Association

The Lowell Cemetery Association manages the care and finances of the Mountain View Cemetery. Town funding, lot fees, volunteer effort, and contributions of material and equipment enable the Association to maintain, improve and beautify the cemetery. Besides routine grounds maintenance, improvements in 2025 included:

Monument cleaning

Professional tree pruning, crowning, and mitigation

Creation of a new entrance from Route 58 for commercial vehicles and equipment.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Checking Acct.

Jan 1, 2025 (Beg. Bal.)

\$15634.55

INCOME:

Mass Mutual Interest	\$815.86
Single Lot	\$765.00
Contributions	\$250.00

TOTAL

\$1830.86

\$1830.86

\$17465.41

EXPENSES:

Website & Recording Fee	\$231.11
Spring Clean Up	\$540.00
Flag	\$20.09
Tree Care	\$1000.00
Insurance	\$500.00
Corner Posts	\$250.00
Lawn Mowing	\$3600.00
Cleaned Along Fence	\$210.00
UPS & Town of Lowell	\$20.58
Tree Care	\$300.00
Cleaning Headstones	\$6500.00

TOTAL

\$13171.78

\$13171.78

ENDING BAL. Dec. 31, 2025

\$4293.63

The Association requests 2025 town funding of \$6500.00 for ongoing maintenance and improvements.

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

The generosity of our town members continues to amaze us. We work hard to plan and organize events throughout the year to benefit all of the children in the town of Lowell. This organization is not just made up of parents, but grandparents, and community members who truly just care and have great intentions. We know none of it would be possible without the support that comes from those who join us at an event, who donate or give in some other way. It takes all of us! FOLK would like to thank you for your willingness to continue to show up. This year our fundraisers consisted of concession stands, our auction, hunters breakfast, and raffle. We were fortunate to be able to hold events such as truck or treat, cookies with Santa and movie nights under the stars with the new movie screen we purchased. We enjoy assisting the fundraising by the 7th and 8th graders for their trip to DC as well as supporting requests made for the children of Lowell. Stay tuned for more "Family Fun Nights" to come!

If you would like to make a suggestion for future events or projects then please remember to fill out our survey in the fall through the school or online any time so we can hear all the voices of our supporters.

We hope that you will check out our website or Facebook as we post upcoming events on those sites. Be sure to look for our "Forms & Feedback" page to request funding or support for activities for children, 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.

FOLK typically meets one Tuesday a month at 6:00pm. The location is usually at the Lowell Graded School. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time or let us know if you'd like to attend a meeting so we can keep you posted.

Sincerely,

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



2026 F.O.L.K. EVENTS

(all dates tentative and subject to change)

Tuesday, March 3rd

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

Saturday, March 7th

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

Friday, March 27th

Deadline for High School Senior Scholarship Applications

Saturday, May 23rd

F.O.L.K. Community Yard Sale

Saturday, September 19th

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

Friday, October 30th

Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday, November 14th

Hunters' Breakfast & Raffle Drawing

Saturday, December 5th

Cookies with Santa

FOLK Checkbook for 2025

☞ Total	# Payment /Debit	# Deposit /Credit	📅 Date	Description	Check Number
\$19,078.13			1/1/2025		
\$18,983.15	94.98		1/12/2025	Keri Willey tote storage for tent	1116
\$18,892.56	90.59		1/13/2025	Megan Geofrey basketball concessions	1117
\$16,892.56	2000		1/13/2025	Town of Lowell Recreation Facilities for Commu	1118
\$17,138.56		246	1/6/2025	Dep Cookie Kit Sold	
\$16,738.56	400		1/28/2025	Error Becky Town Treasurer	
\$17,138.56		400	1/28/2025	Error Becky Town Treasurer	
\$17,354.56		216	1/31/2025	Dep Basketball Concessions	
\$17,963.06		608.5	3/7/2025	Dep Basket ball Concessions 458.50 Kitty 150.00	
\$17,663.06	300		3/7/2025	W/D kitty Bingo	
\$18,953.06		1290	3/10/2025	Dep 300 kitty 990 Bingo	
\$18,767.57	185.49		3/19/2025	LGS Bingo Food Hot Dogs/Burgers	1119
\$17,777.57	990		3/19/2025	LGS Fundraiser	1120
\$17,669.69	107.88		4/2/2025	Sara Leblanc for books for Mr. Brooks Teacher L	1121
\$17,537.74	131.95		5/14/2025	Lowell Graded School Beef Patty Baseball conce	1122
\$17,191.74	346		5/14/2025	Missisquoi Lanes Bowling Encore	1123
\$16,941.74	250		6/2/2025	Tristan Blay Scholarship	1124
\$16,691.74	250		6/2/2025	Olivia Geofrey Scholarship	1125
\$16,441.74	250		6/2/2025	Natalee Kneeland Scholarship	1126
\$16,191.74	250		6/2/2025	Destiny Wright Scholarship	1127
\$15,941.74	250		6/2/2025	Faith Wright Scholarship	1128
\$15,887.06	54.68		6/2/2025	Lowell Graded School hot dogs concession	1129
\$15,887.05	0.01		5/19/2025	Acct Verify Square/ Setting up to account online	
\$15,887.06		0.01	5/19/2025	Acct Verify Square/ Setting up to account online	
\$15,893.73		6.67	5/19/2025	PPD Square/ baseball concessions	
\$15,895.72		1.99	5/19/2025	PPD Square/ baseball concessions	
\$15,178.46	717.26		6/5/2025	Megan Champney Geoffrey Projector,Grill,Conce	1130
\$16,381.71		1203.25	6/27/2025	Kitty \$150.00 Concession Baseball 1053.25	
\$16,396.69		14.98	6/5/2025	Square Inc Baseball concessions	
\$16,420.68		23.99	6/11/2025	Square Inc Baseball concessions	
\$16,429.67		8.99	6/11/2025	Square Inc Baseball concessions	
\$16,229.67	200		7/18/2025	Lowell Community Library/tent, books,bookshelf	1131
\$15,449.67	780		8/7/2025	Kingdom Firearms Hunters Raffle	1132
\$15,243.50	206.17		9/2/2025	Megan Champney, movie night,storage box	1133
\$14,503.50	740		9/20/2025	Forever Young, bounce houses	1134
\$14,203.50	300		9/20/2025	VT Elegant Equine, wagon rides	1135
\$14,453.50		250	9/12/2025	Community Nation Bank, FOLK Festival	
\$14,303.50	150		9/19/2025	Kitty FOLK Festival	
\$14,713.50		410	9/22/2025	Dep Raffle Tickets sold at FOLK Festival	
\$15,417.47		703.97	9/22/2025	Dep Square FOLK Festival	
\$17,651.97		2234.5	9/22/2025	FOLK Festival/Dep from FOLK Festival	
\$17,846.97		195	9/23/2025	FOLK Festival/Joanne Dezotelle Auction	
\$17,690.33	156.64		10/30/2026	LGS Beef Patty Trunk or Treat	1136
\$18,026.33		336	10/29/2026	Dep Trunk or Treat 296.00 Hunters Raffle 30.00	
\$18,027.18		0.85	10/27/2026	PPD Square Inc/Food Sale Trunk or Treat	
\$18,036.92		9.74	11/17/2026	PPD Square Inc/Food Sale Trunk or Treat	
\$20,798.92		2762	11/17/2026	Dep Hunters Brfst 1082.00 & Raffle 1080.00	
\$20,279.89	519.03		12/3/2026	Keri Willey Amazon/Ice Skates	1137
\$20,049.38	230.51		12/3/2026	Sonja Blodgett Amazon/Prizes,Games for FOLK	1138
\$19,899.38	150		12/10/2026	Kitty/ Basketball Concessions	
				Total Fundraising/Donations	10922.44
				Total Expenditures	10101.19
				Net Yearly Amount	821.25

LOWELL COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Library Director: Adeline Larose

Board of Trustees:

Jenn Higgins
Debbie Manning
Katherine Pion
Faye Starr
Brandie Cochran



2170 Vermont Rt 100,
Lowell, VT 05847



Library@lowelltown.org



Hours:

Tuesday- 1pm-5pm
Alternating
Fridays- 2pm-6pm
and
Saturdays- 10am-2pm



The Lowell Community Library is open 8 hours weekly. We are open every Tuesday and alternating (switching back and forth between) Fridays and Saturdays. Our calendar is available online at www.townoflowell.org/library.html and on our Facebook page, Lowell VT Community Library. In addition to a wide selection of books and free public wifi, we offer story hour on Saturdays, children’s programming in the summer, homeschool meet ups, various adult crafting classes, writing group, and access to museum and state park passes year-round. We have continued our partnership with Lowell Elementary school, offering classroom visits, and in the near future, afterschool programming. This year we had a total of 133 patrons with library cards, a total of 767 visits to the library for the year, and we brought in hundreds of new books!

2025 was a year of great change at the Lowell Community Library. In March, Librarian Nancy Allen announced her decision to retire. In May, Adeline Larose joined us as the new Library Director. In June, McKenna Blay joined us as a substitute library clerk. Over the summer, the two volunteered many hours of their time working hard to make the library easily accessible to all. The library was organized in accordance with the Dewey decimal system, and the children’s books were labeled to aid children’s ability to use the library independently. Throughout the summer our director collected over 500 free, good condition books from library sales all over the state for our shelves.

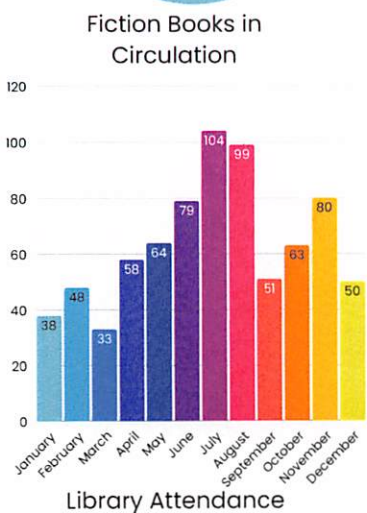
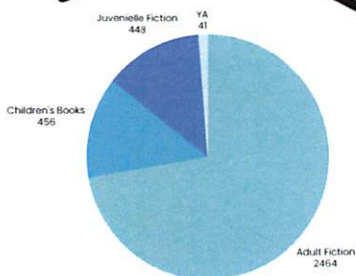
Our summer program, “Color Our World,” was very successful, with over 40 visits from children during the 4-week run. The program featured different art styles and explored the ways art connects communities, even on a global scale. Each week, there was a discussion, read-aloud, art project, team-building activity, and a snack. The library also hosted a very successful outdoor movie night. For adults, the library offered a weekly writing group through the summer, which drew regular attendance.

In the fall, our Library Director completed our goal of automating the library through Libib. This system will allow us to keep better records of our collection, patrons, and circulation. This data will give us valuable insight when purchasing new books in the future. In the meantime, our suggestion box has become a great way for us to respond to the wants and needs of our patrons. We have been able to fill many requests made through the suggestion box this year and will continue to consult it when making purchases.

Thanks to all who donated items for our annual fall fundraiser, Tetreault Farm, D. Pion Transport, Jenn Higgins, The Pony Treehouse LLC., Lowell General Store, Gynette Manning, The Snake and Apple, and George and Kay Sargent. Thanks also to those who donated furniture, art, toys, books, art supplies, time, and more! The library would not be where it is today without your generous support!

We hope to see you soon,

Lowell Community Library



Lowell Community Library
2170 VT Route 100
Lowell, VT 05847

To: Lowell Select Board, Lowell Town Clerk, Lowell Town Treasurer

Date: 12/22/25

We would like to formally notify you of our need to increase the Lowell Community Library request for Town funding from \$7500.00 to \$10,000.00 for 2026.

We have prepared an actual 2026 budget totaling \$11000.00, which reflects a donation of \$1000.00. We also anticipate roughly \$500.00 in fundraising to further support our library programs and purchase of materials. The use of the library by the community has continued to grow, which accounts for our request for greater support.

Thank you for your consideration,

The Lowell Community Library Trustees

Announcements & Reminders:

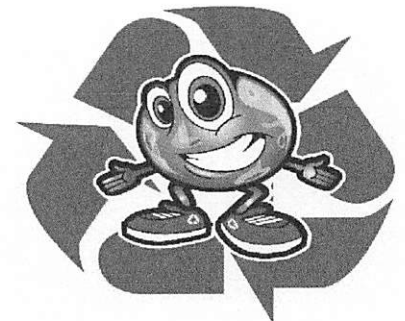
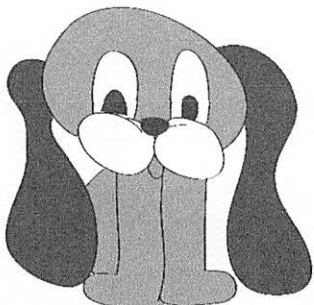
- *All Australian ballot articles warned by North Country Union High School (NCUHS) will be voted by the Australian ballot system at the Lowell Graded School on the day of Town meeting.*
- *Polls will be open this year at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.*
- *You must file a **HS122 Homestead Declaration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

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.

2026

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dog License Renewals	April 1st	9 am to 5 pm	Dog Licensing
Green Up Day	May 2nd	All Day	Green-Up Vermont
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	May 16th	7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	October 17th	7:30 a.m. To 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT





Letter from the ACO (Animal Control Officer)



As your Animal Control Officer, I just want to fill you in on a few things that have happened throughout this year! I have gotten several calls regarding Dogs Running At Large- Which means off the property of the owner- In this situation, I will capture the dog if necessary and contact the Owner about what we can do to prevent the situation from happening as we cannot have this happening as much as it has this year alone! I have done a lot to help landowners come up with plans for the mischievous little pups. Honestly, it does happen dogs get loose but it's the owners responsibility to retrieve their dog immediately!

I am always willing to help and always a phone call away as many of you know! It's very important to keep your pets on your property, I am here to enforce the safety of our community members! I have had to give (A FINE) to a resident this year due to an ongoing dog (At Large) which is going to be happening a lot more if we can't work together and do our parts as animal owners.

I have had 3 Dogs as Surrenders, which I only take in due to emergency situations or due to the dog or owners safety. In the case of a surrender I do an assessment of the dog and decide which Animal shelter to Call or if the dogs is assessed and not fit for a shelter I work with rescues and we get the dog placed into a Foster Home fit for that dog, Most cases the dogs get added to a list to get admitted to a shelter when there is an opening, in which I hold the dogs until the shelter is ready for them. These dogs are then vetted and cared for and find loving homes.

I have had 2 calls this year regarding STRAY Dogs, Neither of these dogs homes had been found, and nobody had come forward to claim them! Again, in the case of this happening I hold the dog for 10 days, after the 10-day time period is up I then make calls to rescuers and shelters depending on their assessment again and get them where they can get vetted and get there 2nd chance at a loving home.

I would like to take this time and also add as this past year was a lot of misunderstanding of what my title is, I have had a lot of calls regarding Livestock, I am an animal control officer; I am here to make sure the animals in our community are receiving the proper care they need and are healthy etc. I AM NOT- Here to chase your livestock, Although I am willing to help and have helped in these cases it is not mandatory for me to do so, This is a civil issue between landowners, if someone's livestock is loose on your property it can be reported to me, so it is documented but needs to be reported to the state police as well, they are the ones to deal with livestock situation.

This year we had a Rabies outbreak, Which being said I can't express enough if you have a pet that needs a rabies vaccination, please get that done ASAP as it is a very serious and dangerous situation for your pets and our community members! Not only your dogs but cats as well please.

***NOTE: Please** if your pups are not registered with our town let's get them registered! *

“THANK YOU, I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY AND PETS SAFE!!!!!!”

Sincerely,
Town of Lowell
Animal Control Officer/Constable
Ashley Callahan



REPORT OF DOG LICENSES

Dogs Licensed (2025)	137
Penalties	\$ 44.00
Special Licenses	\$ 0.00
Total License Fees Received	\$ 1639.00
Fees Paid to Town of Lowell.....	\$ 908.00
Fees Paid to VT State Treasurer	\$ 687.00

DOG REMINDER

ALL DOGS 6 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR & OLDER MUST BE LICENSED BY
APRIL 1st, 2026



50% Penalty charged after April 1st, 2026.

Dog License Fees:

\$13.00 each neutered or spayed.

\$17.00 each not neutered or spayed.

Fee After April 1st, 2026

\$ 15.00 each neutered or spayed.

\$ 21.00 each not neutered or spayed.



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

PLEASE NOTE

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

TOWN OF LOWELL- DOG ORDINANCE

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

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

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

Household Hazardous Waste



Saturday May 16th
Saturday October 17th
7:30 am to 11:30 am

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

This event is FREE and open to the RESIDENTS of

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

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

Proof of residency will be required.

Materials Accepted at the Event:

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

Materials NOT Accepted at the Event:

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

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

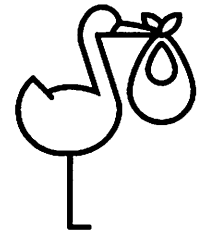
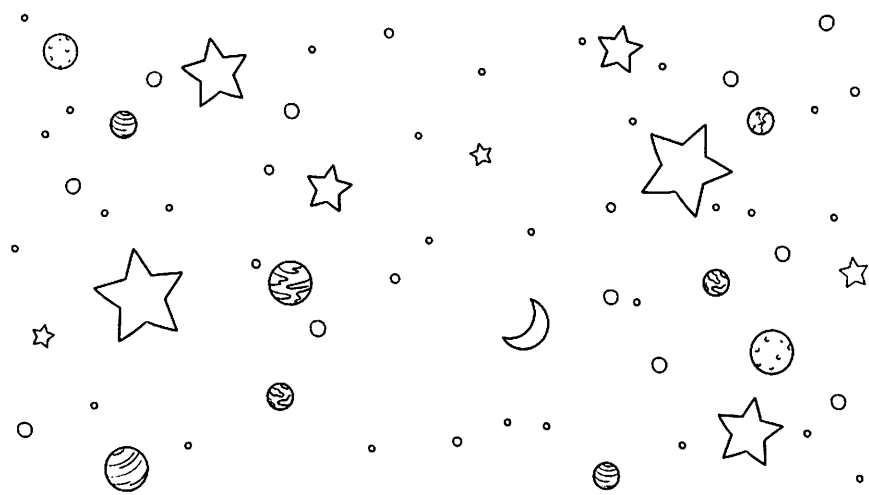
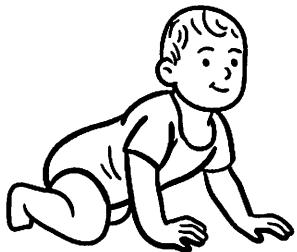
Births Registered for Lowell Town Clerk

ate of Birth in Range

art Date: 1/1/2025

id Date: 12/31/2025

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Town Of Birth</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>	<u>Residence Street</u>
1/15/2025	Donahue	Paizley	Mae	Burlington	Lowell	256 Baraw Road
5/27/2025	Leavey	Hudson	Patrick	Morrisville	Lowell	819 Diette Road
5/28/2025	Duncan	Ava	Jean	Newport City	Lowell	3299 Route 58 East
6/3/2025	Ostiguy-Palmer	Deacon	Morris	Morrisville	Lowell	168 Ostiguy Drive
6/3/2025	Ostiguy-Palmer	Cohen	Forrest	Morrisville	Lowell	168 Ostiguy Drive
9/28/2025	Reen	Georgia	Kelly	Morrisville	Lowell	2845 Irish Hill Road
10/7/2025	Jillson	Raelyn	Joyce	Newport City	Lowell	419 Rickaby Road
10/21/2025	Sicotte	Ralphie	Gerard	Morrisville	Lowell	4776 Vermont Route 100
11/17/2025	Pion	Amelia	Rose	Newport City	Lowell	3013 Hazen Notch



Deaths Registered for Lowell Town Clerk

Date of Death in Range

Start Date: 1/1/2025

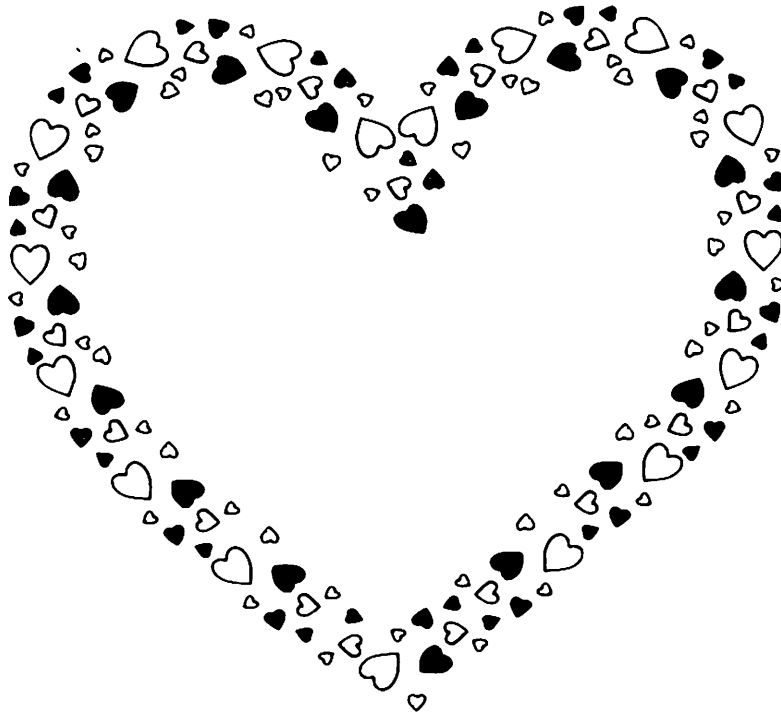
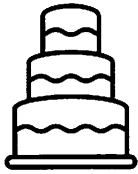
End Date: 12/31/2025

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Town Of Death</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>	<u>Residence Street</u>
5/24/2025	Blanchard	Joyce	E.	91 years	Newport City	Lowell	293 Lower Village Road
10/15/2025	Carter	Johnathan		34 years	Burlington	Lowell	3061 VT Rte. 58 E
4/8/2025	Frisbee	Judith	L.	81 years	Lowell	Lowell	1229 Cheney Road
8/14/2025	Leblanc	Rita	D.	86 years	Newport City	Lowell	4136 Irish Hill Road
8/15/2025	Metras	Jason	Roger	47 years	Lowell	Westfield	1933 Loop Road
11/99/2025	Rielly	Daniel	Joseph	68 years	Lowell	Lowell	164 Pope Road
1/9/2025	Staples	Kathy	Ann	54 years	Concord	Lowell	3543 Carter Road
3/24/2025	Taylor	Maurine		76 years	Newport City	Lowell	1865 Hazen Notch Road
1/99/2025	Warner	Vercil	Warren	55 years	Lowell	Lowell	117 Warner Drive



2025 Marriages

<i>Date</i>	<i>Groom</i>	<i>Bride</i>
04/26/25	MORIN, TOD MAURICE	SUTPHIN, JEANNINE ANN
10/04/25	WATERMAN, THOMAS JASON	TETREAULT, REBECCA ANN



WARNING
LOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF LOWELL, VERMONT ARE
HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN OF LOWELL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 AT
10:00 A.M. TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZ:

1. TO ELECT A MODERATOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.
2. TO ELECT A SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.
3. TO ELECT A UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO FILL THE REMAINING TWO YEARS OF A THREE-YEAR TERM.
4. SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO EXPEND \$2,487,317, WHICH IS THE AMOUNT THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR? THE DISTRICT ESTIMATES THAT THIS PROPOSED BUDGET, IF APPROVED, WILL RESULT IN PER PUPIL EDUCATION SPENDING OF \$12,231, WHICH IS 4.49% LOWER THAN PER PUPIL EDUCATION SPENDING FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.
5. SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO TRANSFER TO THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND \$150,000 OF UNALLOCATED, UNAUDITED GENERAL FUND BALANCE FROM THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR?

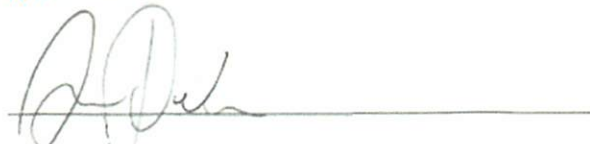
DATED AT LOWELL, VERMONT THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026:

TOWN OF LOWELL

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS


SHAUNA RICHARDSON


JASON BLAY


JENNA DELVA

LOWELL SCHOOL

FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

	FY2025 BUDGET	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
LOCAL REVENUES				
Investment Earnings - Interest	(\$1,000)	(\$5,035)	(\$1,000)	(\$2,000)
Interest-TAN	(\$2,500)	(\$32,010)	(\$5,000)	(\$10,000)
Misc Other Local Revenue	\$0	(\$3,181)	\$0	\$0
FOLK Donations	\$0	(\$1,577)	\$0	\$0
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES	(\$3,500)	(\$41,803)	(\$6,000)	(\$12,000)
SUBGRANT REVENUES				
Subgrant Title I	\$0	(\$457)	\$0	\$0
Medicaid Sub Grant	(\$39,260)	(\$1,827)	(\$10,000)	(\$57,827)
Other Subgrants	(\$700)		(\$700)	\$0
Subgrants for Schoolwide Programs	(\$74,304)	(\$48,930)	(\$71,921)	(\$72,655)
TOTAL SUBGRANT REVENUES	(\$114,264)	(\$51,213)	(\$82,621)	(\$130,482)
STATE REVENUES				
Education Spending Grant	(\$2,177,580)	(\$2,177,580)	(\$2,271,505)	(\$2,344,835)
VSAC Grant	(\$6,500)	(\$3,693)	\$0	\$0
TOTAL STATE REVENUES	(\$2,184,080)	(\$2,181,273)	(\$2,271,505)	(\$2,344,835)
FUND BALANCE AS REVENUES				
FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE	(\$52,600)	\$0	(\$27,000)	\$0
TOTAL FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE	(\$52,600)	\$0	(\$27,000)	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	(\$2,354,444)	(\$2,274,290)	(\$2,387,126)	(\$2,487,317)
DIRECT INSTRUCTION				
Salary - Elementary Teachers	\$503,775	\$545,113	\$491,812	\$ 478,565 52
Salary - Teacher Medicaid	\$39,260	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salary-VSAC	\$6,500	\$4,605	\$0	\$0
Salary - Elementary Para	\$0	\$24,592	\$26,283	\$ 49,772 90
Substitutes Pay - Elementary	\$5,000	\$14,862	\$5,000	\$ 5,000 00
Health Ins - Elementary	\$127,472	\$124,233	\$134,340	\$ 133,981 72
Health Reimbursement Account	\$23,900	\$16,698	\$24,000	\$ 20,300 00
FICA - Elementary	\$38,921	\$42,399	\$39,636	\$ 40,417 89
FICA-VSAC	\$496	\$337	\$0	\$0
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$2,376	\$2,280	\$ 2,324 69
Childcare Tax-VSAC	\$0	\$19	\$0	\$0
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$2,000	\$1,727	\$4,163	\$ 5,123 20
Municipal Retirement	\$0	\$1,756	\$1,511	\$ 2,861 94
Municipal Retirement-VSAC	\$455	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tuition - Elementary	\$10,000	\$1,500	\$10,000	\$ 18,604 56
Unemployment - Elementary	\$35	\$73	\$46	\$ 50 40
Workers Comp-Elementary	\$4,534	\$5,105	\$4,145	\$ 4,015 37
Dental Ins - Elementary	\$4,065	\$4,909	\$5,424	\$ 5,904 00
Life Insurance - Elementary	\$305	\$353	\$353	\$ 294 40
Long Term Disability - Elementary	\$1,562	\$1,769	\$1,606	\$ 1,320 85
Purchased & Technical Services - Element	\$6,000	\$6,383	\$6,000	\$ 6,000 00
Purchased Services Tutoring	\$0	\$842	\$0	\$0
Purch Prop Svcs - Elementary-Copier	\$4,000	\$4,708	\$4,000	\$ 4,000 00

	FY2025 BUDGET	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
Travel - Elementary	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$ 500 00
Purchased Services From NCSU	\$71,635	\$65,315	\$71,635	\$ 72,100 00
Supplies - Elementary	\$20,000	\$19,391	\$20,000	\$ 25,000 00
Supplies-REAP Grant	\$0	\$160	\$0	\$0
Books\Periodicals - Elementary	\$3,000	\$99	\$3,000	\$ 3,000 00
Supplies Technology Related	\$3,500	\$1,654	\$3,500	\$ 3,500 00
Furniture	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$ 500 00
Dues\Fees - Elementary	\$3,000	\$2,641	\$3,000	\$ 3,000 00
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTION	\$880,415	\$893,619	\$862,734	\$886,137
PRE-K				
Salary - Pre K Teacher	\$27,618	\$24,645	\$13,930	\$ 33,144 39
Salary - Pre K Para	\$15,831	\$18,329	\$19,105	\$ 22,380 69
Substitutes Pay - Pre K	\$0	\$76	\$0	\$0
Health Ins - Pre K	\$10,218	\$2,340	\$1,840	\$ 2,600 00
Health Reimbursement Account	\$2,200	\$1,066	\$0	\$0
FICA - Pre K	\$3,323	\$3,472	\$2,527	\$ 4,247 67
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$196	\$145	\$ 244 31
Pre K Municipal Retirement	\$1,108	\$4	\$0	\$0
Tuition - Pre K	\$1,356	\$100	\$683	\$ 1,752 97
Unemployment - Pre K	\$10	\$10	\$7	\$ 9 60
Workers Comp - Pre K	\$391	\$321	\$264	\$ 421 99
Dental Ins - Pre K	\$369	\$0	\$0	\$0
Life Insurance - Pre K	\$71	\$65	\$37	\$ 54 14
Long Term Disability - Pre K	\$71	\$136	\$102	\$ 138 81
Student Tuition-PreK Private	\$7,768	\$0	\$7,964	\$ 7,964 00
Supplies - Pre K	\$500	\$477	\$500	\$ 500 00
Supplies Technology Related	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$ 200 00
TOTAL PRE-K	\$71,034	\$51,235	\$47,304	\$73,659
SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAMS				
Teacher Salary SWP PreK	\$0	\$3,215	\$13,930	\$ 8,286 10
Salary - Schoolwide Teacher	\$53,788	\$31,868	\$33,630	\$ 41,647 63
Health Insurance SWP PREK	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$ 400 00
Health Ins - Schoolwide	\$1,600	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$ 1,028 40
FICA SWP PreK	\$0	\$246	\$1,066	\$ 633 89
FICA - Schoolwide	\$4,115	\$2,512	\$2,573	\$ 3,186 04
Childcare Tax SWP PreK	\$0	\$13	\$61	\$ 36 46
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$139	\$148	\$ 183 25
VSTRS OPEB Payment	\$536	\$663	\$12,194	\$0
VSTRS Pension Payment	\$13,447	\$8,332	\$8,623	\$ 12,718 12
Tuition - Schoolwide	\$2,170	\$0	\$1,366	\$ 3,176 28
Unemployment Compensation SWP PREK	\$0	\$0	\$2	\$ 4 80
Unemployment - Schoolwide	\$7	\$2	\$2	\$ 4 80
Workers Compensation - SWP	\$0	\$0	\$111	\$ 62 97
Workers Comp - Schoolwide	\$484	\$463	\$269	\$ 316 52
Dental Ins - Schoolwide	\$336	\$336	\$336	\$ 720 00
Life Insurance PreK Swp	\$0	\$5	\$11	\$ 33 84
Life Insurance - Schoolwide	\$65	\$22	\$22	\$ 33 84
Long Term Disability SWP PREK	\$0	\$10	\$43	\$ 20 72
Long Term Disability - Schoolwide	\$167	\$104	\$104	\$ 104 12
TOTAL SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAMS	\$76,715	\$48,930	\$75,991	\$72,598
TITLE IIA TEACHER QUALITY				
Supplies - Title I	\$0	\$457	\$0	\$0
TOTAL TITLE IIA TEACHER QUALITY	\$0	\$457	\$0	\$0

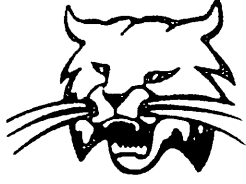
	FY2025 BUDGET	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
SPECIAL EDUCATION (1201)				
Salary - Para	\$202,477	\$186,382	\$208,903	\$ 239,280.16
Substitutes Pay	\$0	\$722	\$0	\$0
Health Ins	\$125,869	\$94,877	\$122,180	\$ 122,734.57
Health Reimbursement Account	\$24,200	\$13,736	\$17,600	\$ 17,600.00
FICA	\$15,490	\$12,975	\$15,981	\$ 18,304.93
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$769	\$919	\$ 1,052.83
Municipal Retirement	\$14,173	\$10,372	\$12,012	\$ 13,758.61
Unemployment	\$34	\$38	\$38	\$ 38.40
Workers Comp	\$1,822	\$2,182	\$1,671	\$ 1,818.53
Dental Ins	\$4,132	\$3,445	\$3,169	\$ 4,056.00
Life Insurance	\$183	\$157	\$209	\$ 172.55
Long Term Disability	\$628	\$533	\$648	\$ 598.20
NCSU Special Services Assessment	\$167,747	\$167,747	\$152,534	\$ 196,296.00
Supplies	\$0	\$39	\$0	\$0
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION (1201)	\$556,755	\$493,972	\$535,864	\$615,711
ATHLETICS				
Salaries - Co-Curricular	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$ 2,000.00
FICA - Co-Curricular	\$153	\$115	\$153	\$ 153.00
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$7	\$0	\$ 8.80
Referees	\$500	\$270	\$500	\$ 500.00
NCSU Middle Schools Baseball/Softball	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$ 1,000.00
Supplies	\$250	\$38	\$250	\$ 250.00
Trophies/Banquet	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$ 500.00
Dues/Fees-Tournaments	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$ 600.00
TOTAL ATHLETICS	\$5,003	\$1,929	\$5,003	\$5,012
CO-CURRICULAR				
Camp Encore	\$21,600	\$21,600	\$21,600	\$ 21,600
Student Activities	\$1,400	\$36	\$1,400	\$ 1,400
Student Activities Medicaid	\$0	\$1,827	\$0	\$0
TOTAL CO-CURRICULAR	\$23,000	\$23,463	\$23,000	\$23,000
GUIDANCE				
Salary - Teacher Guidance	\$20,200	\$0	\$26,885	\$0
Health Ins	\$600	\$0	\$11,091	\$0
Health Reimbursement Account	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
FICA	\$1,544	\$0	\$2,057	\$0
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$118	\$0
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$0	\$0	\$771	\$0
Tuition	\$814	\$0	\$1,366	\$0
Unemployment	\$3	\$0	\$5	\$0
Workers Comp	\$182	\$0	\$215	\$0
Dental Ins	\$0	\$0	\$336	\$0
Life Insurance	\$22	\$0	\$22	\$0
Long Term Disability	\$63	\$0	\$83	\$0
SU PURCHASED SERVICE GUIDANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,327
Books/Periodicals	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
TOTAL GUIDANCE	\$23,928	\$0	\$47,449	\$50,827
SCHOOL NURSE				
Nurse Salary	\$22,859	\$22,222	\$22,546	\$ 25,514.46
Health Ins	\$1,000	\$1,340	\$1,320	\$ 1,000.00
FICA	\$1,748	\$1,802	\$1,725	\$ 1,951.86

	FY2025 BUDGET	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$104	\$99	\$ 112.26
Unemployment	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$ 4.80
Workers Comp	\$206	\$219	\$180	\$ 193.91
Life Insurance	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$ 20.30
Long Term Disability	\$71	\$75	\$70	\$ 63.79
Supplies	\$1,000	\$715	\$1,000	\$ 1,000.00
Dues\Fees	\$200	\$70	\$200	\$ 200.00
TOTAL SCHOOL NURSE	\$27,115	\$26,578	\$27,171	\$30,061
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES				
Contract Services Psychological	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
SBC Services From NCSU	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$6,500	\$0	\$6,500	\$4,500
SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY SERVICES				
Wages - SLPA	\$15,349	\$0	\$13,039	\$ 16,757.25
Health Ins	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
FICA	\$1,174	\$0	\$997	\$ 1,281.93
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$57	\$ 73.73
Municipal Retirement	\$1,074	\$0	\$750	\$ 963.54
Unemployment	\$2	\$0	\$5	\$ 2.40
Workers Comp	\$138	\$0	\$104	\$ 127.36
Dental SLPA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 408.00
Life Insurance	\$13	\$0	\$26	\$ 20.30
Long Term Disability	\$48	\$0	\$40	\$ 41.89
Other Proff Serv Reg Ed Speech Services	\$4,500	\$1,979	\$4,500	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies-Regular Ed Speech	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
TOTAL SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY SERVICES	\$24,298	\$1,979	\$20,518	\$22,676
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY				
Regular Ed - OT services	\$0	\$228	\$0	\$0
TOTAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	\$0	\$228	\$0	\$0
OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES				
NCSU Early Childhood Assessment	\$17,294	\$17,294	\$25,274	\$30,175
Wages-Tooth Tutor	\$1,750	\$648	\$1,620	\$1,620
FICA-Tooth Tutor	\$134	\$50	\$124	\$124
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$3	\$7	\$7
Travel	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
Dues & Fees Staff	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300
TOTAL OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	\$19,578	\$17,994	\$27,425	\$32,326
BEST SUB GRANT				
Wages -Improvement of Instruction Stipends	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$500
FICA	\$191	\$0	\$0	\$38
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2
TOTAL BEST SUB GRANT	\$2,691	\$0	\$0	\$540
OTHER IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION				
Wages Mentoring Teacher	\$0	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$0
FICA - Mentoring	\$0	\$115	\$191	\$0
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$6	\$0	\$0
TOTAL OTHER IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	\$0	\$1,621	\$2,691	\$0
LIBRARY				
Salary - Library Teacher	\$28,104	\$0	\$26,885	\$ 26,817.00

	FY2025 BUDGET	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
Health Ins	\$4,221	\$0	\$8,873	\$ 1,000.00
Health Reimbursement Account	\$760	\$0	\$1,600	\$0
FICA	\$2,150	\$0	\$2,057	\$ 2,051.50
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$118	\$ 117.99
VSTRS OPEB Payment	\$600	\$0	\$617	\$ 800.50
Tuition	\$1,085	\$0	\$1,093	\$ 1,384.00
Unemployment	\$2	\$0	\$3	\$ 4.80
Workers Comp	\$253	\$0	\$215	\$ 203.81
Dental Ins	\$148	\$0	\$269	\$0
Life Insurance	\$17	\$0	\$17	\$ 16.92
Long Term Disability	\$87	\$0	\$83	\$ 67.04
Travel	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$ 600.00
Supplies	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$ 500.00
Books\Periodicals	\$2,000	\$26	\$2,000	\$ 2,000.00
Supplies Technology Related	\$1,400	\$77	\$1,400	\$ 1,400.00
Dues\Fees	\$800	\$0	\$800	\$ 800.00
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$42,727	\$103	\$47,130	\$37,764
TECHNOLOGY				
Salary - Technology Teacher	\$42,156	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Ins	\$6,332	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Reimbursement Account	\$1,140	\$0	\$0	\$0
FICA	\$3,225	\$0	\$0	\$0
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$900	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tuition	\$1,627	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unemployment	\$3	\$0	\$0	\$0
Workers Comp	\$379	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dental Ins	\$222	\$0	\$0	\$0
Life Insurance	\$26	\$0	\$0	\$0
Long Term Disability	\$131	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$5,000	\$4,011	\$5,000	\$5,000
Supplies Technology Related	\$4,000	\$3,412	\$4,000	\$4,000
Supplies Technology Related - Peeble Go	\$2,500	\$1,255	\$2,500	\$2,500
Dues\Fees	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	\$67,891	\$8,678	\$11,750	\$11,750
OTHER SUPPORT				
PATH Stipend	\$700	\$0	\$700	\$700
FICA-PATH	\$54	\$0	\$54	\$54
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$0	\$3	\$3
Municipal Retirement Path	\$49	\$183	\$49	\$49
Contract Service - HHB Services	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
TOTAL OTHER SUPPORT	\$1,303	\$183	\$1,306	\$1,306
BOARD OF EDUCATION				
CLERICAL SALARY BOARD SECRETARY	\$0	\$1,206	\$1,200	\$1,200
FICA	\$0	\$92	\$92	\$92
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$5	\$5	\$5
Workers Comp	\$0	\$0	\$10	\$10
Legal	\$0	\$355	\$1,000	\$1,000
Audit Services	\$1,000	\$5,125	\$1,000	\$9,100
Liability Insurance	\$5,000	\$5,092	\$5,000	\$5,500
Advertising	\$6,500	\$4,235	\$6,500	\$6,500
Supplies	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Dues	\$1,000	\$401	\$1,000	\$1,000
Other Board Expenses	\$300	\$146	\$300	\$300

	FY2025 BUDGET	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$0
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$14,300	\$16,658	\$96,607	\$25,207
TREASURER SERVICES				
Town Treasurer	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
TOTAL TREASURER SERVICES	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT				
NCSU General Assessment	\$102,755	\$102,755	\$104,803	\$99,310
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	\$102,755	\$102,755	\$104,803	\$99,310
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL				
Salary - Principal	\$95,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$114,400
Salary - Assistant Principal	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$2,000
Salary - Clerical	\$38,512	\$42,669	\$38,376	\$44,702
Health Ins	\$21,820	\$31,238	\$34,718	\$25,831
Health Reimbursement Account	\$4,000	\$5,008	\$4,000	\$4,000
FICA	\$10,595	\$10,702	\$10,892	\$12,324
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$616	\$626	\$709
Municipal Retirement	\$2,696	\$2,457	\$2,207	\$2,570
Tuition	\$2,712	\$0	\$2,732	\$2,768
Unemployment	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Workers Comp	\$1,247	\$1,387	\$1,139	\$1,224
Dental Ins	\$0	\$1,008	\$1,008	\$720
Life Insurance	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$156
Long Term Disability	\$414	\$429	\$429	\$398
STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Postage	\$500	\$177	\$500	\$500
Travel	\$500	\$969	\$500	\$500
Supplies	\$2,000	\$864	\$2,000	\$2,000
Dues\Fees	\$1,000	\$1,979	\$1,000	\$1,000
Misc	\$0	\$279	\$0	\$0
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$186,206	\$203,991	\$204,337	\$216,813
FISCAL SERVICES				
Contracted Service From NCSU	\$21,945	\$21,900	\$22,557	\$22,000
Interest - TAN	\$5,300	\$19,493	\$5,300	\$15,000
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	\$27,245	\$41,393	\$27,857	\$37,000
OPERATIONS OF BUILDINGS				
Custodian Wages	\$21,534	\$20,775	\$38,083	\$ 43,678 90
Salaries-Summer	\$2,600	\$1,013	\$0	\$0
Health Ins	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 1,340 00
FICA	\$1,847	\$1,667	\$2,723	\$ 3,341 44
Childcare Tax	\$0	\$96	\$157	\$ 192 19
Unemployment	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$ 9 60
Workers Comp	\$644	\$1,311	\$3,397	\$ 2,808 55
Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$26	\$ 40 60
Long Term Disability	\$0	\$0	\$110	\$ 109 20
Septic Services	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$ 1,300 00
Water Testing	\$4,500	\$25	\$4,500	\$ 1,500 00
Rubbish Services	\$6,000	\$5,957	\$6,000	\$ 6,500 00
Property Ins.	\$4,000	\$3,573	\$4,830	\$ 4,000 00
Telephone	\$3,000	\$2,142	\$3,000	\$ 3,000 00
Supplies	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$ 3,000 00
Electricity	\$9,700	\$12,050	\$9,700	\$ 9,700 00

	FY2025 BUDGET	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
Propane	\$3,500	\$1,986	\$3,500	\$ 3,500.00
Heating Oil	\$25,000	\$18,585	\$25,000	\$ 25,000.00
TOTAL OPERATIONS OF BUILDINGS	\$85,835	\$69,188	\$104,536	\$109,020
CARE & UPKEEP-BUILDINGS				
Contracted Services	\$15,000	\$14,633	\$15,000	\$15,000
Supplies	\$7,500	\$11,703	\$7,500	\$7,500
Repairs & Main	\$10,000	\$10,815	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL CARE & UPKEEP-BUILDINGS	\$32,500	\$37,151	\$32,500	\$32,500
CARE & UPKEEP-GROUNDS				
Contracted Services	\$2,500	\$291	\$2,500	\$2,500
Snow Removal	\$4,000	\$8,540	\$4,000	\$9,000
Lawn Care	\$4,000	\$5,430	\$4,000	\$5,500
Supplies	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
TOTAL CARE & UPKEEP-GROUNDS	\$12,500	\$14,261	\$12,500	\$19,000
CARE & UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT				
Purchased Property Services	\$600	\$875	\$600	\$600
Supplies	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
TOTAL CARE & UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT	\$1,100	\$875	\$1,100	\$1,100
TRANSPORTATION				
Transportation Services- NCSU	\$53,550	\$46,474	\$51,550	\$72,000
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	\$53,550	\$46,474	\$51,550	\$72,000
TRANSPORTATION: EXTRA/CO-CURRICULAR				
Contract Ex. Curr. Trans Through NCSU	\$7,500	\$10,735	\$7,500	\$7,500
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION: EXTRA/CO-CURRICULAR	\$7,500	\$10,735	\$7,500	\$7,500
	\$2,354,444	\$2,114,452	\$2,387,126	\$2,487,317



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School Year 2025-2026

Hello Lowell Graded School Community,

It has been such a privilege to serve the Lowell community, students and staff this school year. Now that I am into my second year, I have really settled into this place and it feels like home. I have loved working with such an amazing group of teachers and support staff in order to ensure our mission of providing a safe, challenging and engaging learning environment for all of our students. I am excited to continue to support the important work of meeting the goals of our continuous improvement plan. While the future of VT small schools seems to be uncertain, I am proud to be leading this small school. The Lowell Graded School (LGS) is a special place where students can truly grow, thrive, and be prepared for their future. This is because of the dedication of this community and the incredible staff that work here. I am honored to be a part of it all. Below you will find highlights of this incredible work.

Academic Goals:

This year our academic goals have been focused on increasing the number of students proficient and above in literacy and math. In order to do this we have worked on strengthening our Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS). This strengthened system allows us to meet the instructional needs of all our students. We have worked on making sure we have high quality first instruction, having a qualified interventionist, using data driven, goal-focused interventions, and improving our educational support team.

Another part of our academic goal this year has been focused around improving early literacy. We are in our second year of implementing CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) for our students in grades K-5, and using Amplify (the middle school version of this curriculum) for our middle school students. This literacy program not only works to teach literacy through the science of reading, but incorporates writing, as well as, science and social studies content into the learning. In my visits to classrooms, I have seen some wonderful work happening in the area of literacy which should in turn begin to improve our literacy scores, especially for our youngest readers.

We have also continued to explore the world of mathematics and STEM learning. Our incredible teachers and staff have high expectations and the students of LGS have worked to rise to those expectations. From building and machine exploration to dissection, and robotics and science fair projects, the students of Lowell have been given amazing opportunities for learning that is second to none. It has been wonderful to see. I know that we will continue to provide robust learning opportunities and refine our multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) as we look ahead and plan for the coming year.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Goals:

This year LGS has had a social emotional learning goal that focuses on the emotional health of all our students through the continuation of PBIS, Restorative Practices, Responsive Classroom, and Developmental Designs, as well as engaging in conversations about the effects of trauma on adults and students. This goal included hiring a guidance counselor and school-based clinician, working with the NCSU behavior team, and providing training and coaching around social emotional learning. We have maintained behavior support in the building at least 4 days a week, which has helped us ensure consistency for students who needed more support.

The Lowell Graded School also has had an amazing PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) team that has worked to define and maintain behavioral systems and encourage and support all students. This year we have implemented a new step tracker system to help us keep better data on student behavior, and to celebrate when students are following our PAWS. We have worked hard on building a true sense of belonging and community. A sense of community also extends to families and the community at large. We have continued to work on engaging our families. Our student counsel has been working on new and different ways that we can bring the community into our school to see all the wonderful things we are doing. Be on the look out for some of these opportunities.

I want to thank you all for supporting our wonderful school here in Lowell. I have continued to be amazed at all of the wonderful things this school has to offer, and I am so proud to be serving this community. Regardless of the rhetoric on education around the state, I know that the Lowell Graded School has and will continue to work hard to engage and prepare the students of Lowell for their futures.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rhoda McLure

Principal

Lowell Graded School

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PRINCIPAL

Rhoda McLure

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sara Morse LeBlanc

TEACHERS**PreK 63%**

Samantha Vallieres

Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2

Karla Graham & Keri Willey

Grade 3 & 4

Alexandra Gourlay

4th Grade Math / Math Intervention (50%)

Bonita Deslandes

Grade 5

Leanne Barnard

Grades 6-8 Humanities

Michael Brooks

Grades 6-8 Math

Breezy Peterson

Grades 6-8 Science

Jennifer Blay

Art (20%) Library Media Specialist (50%)

Jenna Joslin

Physical Education (40%)

Michelle Koch

Special Educator

Samantha Santaw-Wright

Special Educator

Mallory Erickson & Linda Winick

Intervention & Grade 4 Literacy (51.42%)

Theresa Messier

NURSE (50%)

Danielle Hamblett

PARAEDUCATORS**SLPA/SpEd. / Classroom Assist.**

Mark Nystrom

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Angela Audet

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Martina Blodgett

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Sonja Blodgett

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Anne Cota

SpEd./ Classroom Assist.

Michaela DiZazzo

SpEd. / Classroom Assist.

Shannon Mead

SpEd./ Classroom Assist.

Gail Sicotte

SpEd./Classroom Assist.

Sharon Weinacht

SpEd. / Classroom Assist. 50%

Lorelei Willis

LUNCH PROGRAM**Manager/Cook**

Debra Merrill

Cook

Lisa Geoffroy

Tooth Tutor

Jenna Sicard

CUSTODIANS**General**

John Bailey

General

Kelly Bathalon

BUS DRIVERS

Joanne Bathalon

Robert Bathalon

COACHES**Soccer**

Michelle Koch

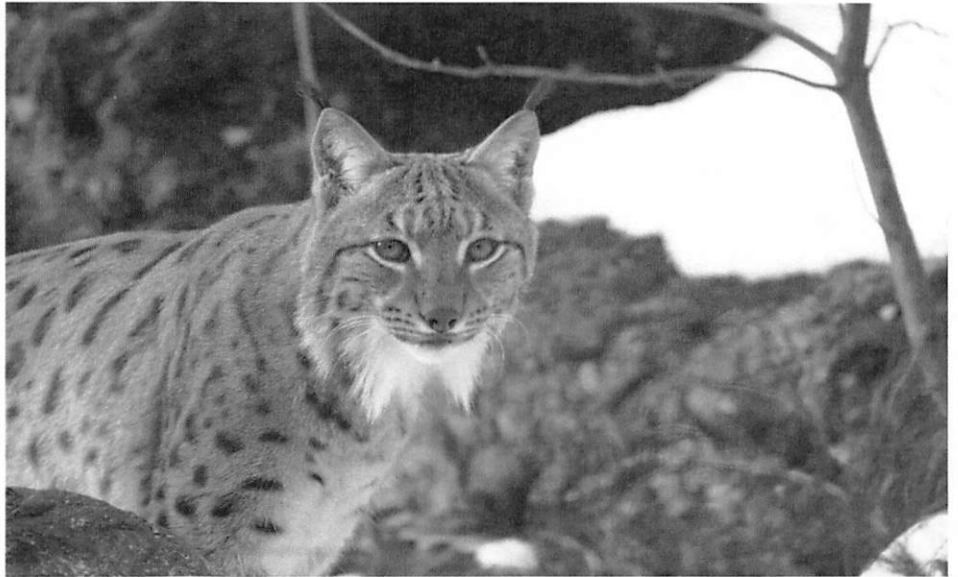
Basketball

Shannon Sinclair

Lowell Graded School
Students

STUDENTS:

PRESCHOOL	16
KINDERGARTEN	7
1s ^t GRADE	4
2 nd GRADE	3
3 rd GRADE	8
4 th GRADE	6
5 th GRADE	9
6 th GRADE	15
7 th GRADE	12
8 th GRADE	7
Total Enrollment	87



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

The legal voters of the North Country Union High School District, consisting of the Town School Districts of Brighton, Charleston, Derby, Holland, Jay, Lowell, Morgan, Newport Center, Troy, Westfield, and City of Newport, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the North Country Career Center Assembly Room (Room 380), in Newport, Vermont, on **Monday, February 23, 2026**, at 5:30 p.m., to act upon the following business, to wit:

ARTICLE I: To elect, by ballot, the following officers for the district: a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer, each to serve for one year.

ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon the reports of the district officers.

ARTICLE III: To decide what salaries shall be paid to officers and directors of the district.

ARTICLE IV: Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the school board to expend \$24,273,900, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,213, which is 3.44% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.

ARTICLE V: Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$300,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve fund?

ARTICLE VI: Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$7,169,400 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The North Country Union Junior High School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,594, which is 1.58% higher than per pupil spending for the current year.

ARTICLE VII: Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$250,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE VIII: Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$150,000 of undesignated FY2025 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Field of Dreams Reserve Fund?

Voting on the aforementioned ARTICLE IV & V will be by Australian ballot at each regular polling place in each member town and city of the North Country Union High School District on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026**. Voting on the aforementioned ARTICLES VI, VII, & VIII will be by Australian ballot at each regular polling place in the towns of Derby, Holland, Jay, Morgan, Westfield, and the City of Newport on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026**. The polls shall be opened and closed according to law and as set by the Board of Civil Authority of each town or city within the Union District. The respective Boards of Civil Authority shall be responsible for

determining persons' eligibility to vote and the supervision of the election. The presiding officer shall direct the manner in which the vote and ballots on the appropriation questions are counted in each respective town and city. The municipal clerks of the member towns and city shall certify the tallies to the Board of School Directors and transmit the certified counts to the North Country Union High School District Clerk.

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

DISCUSSION AND DEBATE ON THE APPROPRIATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE ASSEMBLED NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, AT 5:30 p.m. THE ASSEMBLED MEETING SHALL ALSO CONSTITUTE THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING REQUIRED BY 17 V.S.A. §2680(0).

ARTICLE IX: To see when, by date and time, the North Country Union High School District shall hold its Annual District Meeting in 2027, and the time it shall hold special district meetings under the provisions of 16 V.S.A. 706j (a) (5), 706p, 17 VSA 2643 and 17 VSA 2655 including any special meetings held subsequent to the Annual District Meeting in 2026.

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

ARTICLE XI: To adjourn.

Dated at Newport, Vermont, this 20th day of January 2026.

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And Carpenter
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Rose Mary Meyhen

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Elizabeth Biewath
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NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Received and Recorded this 20th day of January 2026

Devin
Clerk, NCUHS District #22

Explanation of Education Funding, Town Meeting, 2026

The big story of the 2025 – 2026 school year is Act 73, the legislation that was passed at the end of the session. Act 73 is intended to enact many future changes to Vermont's educational systems. Currently, there are 119 school districts in the state of Vermont, and if Act 73 is implemented in its current form, it will drastically reduce the number of districts, significantly decrease the number of board members in the state, and change entirely the way that schools are funded. The three components of Act 73 are implementing redistricting, governance changes, and a foundation formula.

Under Act 73, new districts would be from 4,000 – 8,000 students. There was a redistricting task force that met eight times last year to determine up to three maps to present to the legislature. However, the redistricting task force came up with one map that didn't force any kind of consolidation. Instead, it allowed for Cooperative Education Service Areas (CESAs), which would be a voluntary merger of districts to share educational services and regional high schools. In North Country Supervisory Union (NCSU), we have about 2700 students, and the only way for us to get to a district with a minimum size of 4,000 would be to merge with Essex North Supervisory Union (ENSU) and Orleans Central Supervisory Union (OCSU). Although we have had a series of meetings with board members and superintendents from these SUs over the fall and winter, our analysis is that there is no cost savings in creating a district that would stretch westward to Jay-Westfield, northward to the Canadian border, eastward to the New Hampshire border, and southward to Glover. With a regional high school in this region, it might be difficult to find one place that would be in the middle for students traveling from this large geographical region, and there currently is no high school that is large enough to house the number of students that would be required in this merged school. With PCBs at North Country Union High School, the largest high school by far in the region, we would likely need to build a new high school. I'm not sure closing three high schools and building one new one would actually save money in the short term, but perhaps in the long-term.

Another component of Act 73 is to create voting wards for school board (governance) purposes. In these much larger districts, there would not be one-to-one representation, but instead voting wards would be established, much like the wards that exist for electing state representatives and senators. Therefore, several towns might elect one school board member. In a system like this, the voices of smaller towns may not be as loud as they are with one-to-one representation.

The final component of Act 73 is to create a foundation formula. Currently, Vermont funds its education differently than a lot of other states. We have a statewide education fund which means all the budgets that are passed across the state are added together, and that money is then raised by the legislature to pay for education. Most of education is paid for using property taxes, but there are other revenue sources that are also used, like lottery sales, cannabis sales, and short-term rental sales. The proposed change to a foundation formula would echo what most other states do: the state tells schools how much they will give them for educating each

student, with weights added in for poverty, special education, and other special categories, and that's what the schools receive for funding. In this system, voters don't vote on the budget, nor is there any say about how much money a town will get for educating its students.

Although the governor and legislature have said that Act 73 will save taxpayer money, the only modeling we have to date shows that many of our local towns will actually see a tax increase. This is because there will be a statewide tax rate. In this new system, lower spenders will see a tax increase and higher spenders will see a tax decrease.

Act 73 aside, we are still budgeting using the same system we have been using for decades. Currently, there are three factors that work together to determine our tax rates. Those three things are:

1. Number of students and education spending

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

The NEK traditionally spends much less than other districts in the state, and when we divide our smaller budgets by this higher number of weighted students, we end up with an even smaller amount spent per weighted student.

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

2. Dollar yield

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

The Tax Commissioner makes a recommendation about dollar yield on December 1st and the Legislature votes on what the dollar yield will be at the end of the legislative session. Usually, the Legislature's vote is similar to what the Tax Commissioner recommends. This year's recommendation is \$8,849, which is approximately \$250 more than last year's yield. The yield would be \$12,154 except the state is applying a 72% adjustment to the yield to adjust for the statewide Common Level of Appraisal (CLA – see below). This means that the yield is currently \$8849. They are doing this before the tax rate is figured, which shifts the attention to education spending, rather than to the effect that the CLA has on tax rates. I believe this is an

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

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

3. Common level of appraisal

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

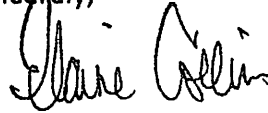
As mentioned above, the state is now using a statewide CLA adjustment. They are applying this adjustment to the dollar yield rather than to the tax rate. It has the same effect on taxes but shifts the attention to education spending rather than to the CLA. In our region, the CLA has dropped significantly except in two towns. This has had a very negative impact on tax rates across NCSU.

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

There is no doubt that the legislature will continue to work through Act 73 to determine what needs to be changed and what needs to stay the same in this law. Regardless, there will be significant changes to the way that we fund education during this session, and I believe and agree that we must make changes. We cannot outprice Vermonters from living in our communities, and 67% of the education fund is currently funded by property taxes. Education funding is complex and there is no direct correlation between what one school district spends and what the tax rates look like in that district. This is due to the interplay of the variables mentioned above and since we are a statewide system, decisions that are made in other parts of the state – who tend to spend much more than we do in our supervisory union – affect our bottom line. There is a need for more transparency in this system and for us to consider other ways to fund education in Vermont. There is also a need for the legislature to stop mandating schools to do things that cost money without an identified revenue source. Programs like universal Pre-K and universal school meals are wonderful programs, and are the right programs to provide, but without a revenue source, this falls back on taxpayers to fund.

Our primary responsibility is to educate the NCSU's children. For many students, if we don't provide for their mental, social emotional, and behavioral needs, they will never realize their potential and the cost of that would be incalculable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elaine Collins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

Elaine Collins, Superintendent of Schools

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

FY2027 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

	FY2026 Board Approved Budget	FY2027 Board Approved Budget
Account Number / Description	7/1/2025-6/30/2026	7/1/2026-6/30/2027
ASSESSMENT REVENUE		
INTEREST		
INTEREST INCOME-CASH ACCOUNT	(\$50,000)	(\$100,000)
INTEREST INCOME-MONEY MARKET	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)
TOTAL INTEREST REVENUE	(\$51,500)	(\$101,500)
TOWN ASSESSMENTS		
	(\$2,935,332)	(\$2,924,161)
TOTAL TOWN ASSESSMENTS	(\$2,935,332)	(\$2,924,161)
INDIRECT COSTS REVENUE		
FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE	(\$125,000)	(\$100,000)
	\$0	(\$217,000)
TOTAL MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	(\$125,000)	(\$317,000)
TOTAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE	(\$3,111,832)	(\$3,342,661)
ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES		
1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS		
SALARY MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS	\$6,313	\$7,500
FICA	\$483	\$574
VT CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$32
W COMP	\$50	\$103
PURCHASED SERVICE	\$1,000	\$1,000
SUPPLIES	\$2,000	\$2,000
TOTAL 1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS	\$9,846	\$11,209
2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION		
SP PROJECTS LICENSING COACH	\$7,000	\$7,000
SP PROJECTS FICA	\$535	\$536
SP PROJECTS VT CHILD CARE TAX	\$0	\$30
SP PROJECTS P SERV	\$5,000	\$5,000
SP PROJECTS SUPPLIES	\$2,000	\$2,000
SPEC.PROJ.-FOOD	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL 2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	\$19,535	\$19,566
2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT		
DIRECT INSTRUCTION TECH PLATFORMS	\$84,682	\$90,000
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING DESIGN/CURRICULUM SALARY	\$116,948	\$114,400
WAGES CURRICULUM ADMIN/GRANTS ASST	\$25,431	\$29,782
BCBS	\$42,548	\$43,452
HRA	\$6,300	\$6,300
FICA	\$11,476	\$11,030
CHILD CARE TAX	\$660	\$634
LIFE INSURANCE	\$186	\$145
MUN. RETIREMENT	\$1,973	\$2,234

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FY2027 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2026 Board Approved Budget	FY2027 Board Approved Budget
	7/1/2025-6/30/2026	7/1/2026-6/30/2027
WORKERS COMP	\$1,260	\$1,972
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$77	\$22
TUITION	\$2,712	\$2,768
DENTAL	\$1,315	\$1,332
LTD	\$465	\$360
TRAINING - PD LEARNING DESIGN STAFF	\$4,000	\$4,000
TRAINING - PD VARIOUS STAFF	\$0	\$4,000
TRAVEL	\$1,400	\$1,400
SUPPLIES	\$1,200	\$1,200
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$500	\$500
CONF & DUES	\$1,500	\$2,500
TOTAL 2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	\$304,633	\$318,031
2230 TECHNOLOGY		
DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY	\$106,080	\$115,839
NETWORK/TECH SUPPORT WAGES	\$215,219	\$273,801
BCBS	\$127,291	\$119,509
HRA	\$15,400	\$17,600
FICA	\$26,138	\$29,809
CHILD CARE TAX	\$1,503	\$1,714
LIFE INSURANCE	\$300	\$237
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$26,720	\$31,250
WORKERS COMP	\$2,870	\$5,328
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$208	\$90
TUITION	\$1,800	\$2,768
DENTAL	\$3,755	\$4,176
LTD	\$1,059	\$974
PURCHASED SERVICE - TECH/EDUCATIONAL/HR PLATFORMS	\$236,375	\$225,000
TRAVEL	\$6,400	\$7,500
ROOMS & MEALS	\$500	\$500
SUPPLIES	\$3,500	\$3,500
SOFTWARE	\$3,500	\$3,500
EQUIPMENT	\$10,000	\$10,000
EMPLOYEE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY	\$796,618	\$861,095
2300 SUPPORT SERVICES - GENERAL ADMIN		
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$145,583	\$174,928
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$125,000	\$149,760
COMMUNICATIONS COORD/ADMIN ASSIST WAGES	\$112,959	\$138,460
BCBS	\$56,176	\$62,499
HRA	\$15,000	\$10,000
FICA	\$31,702	\$35,431
CHILD CARE TAX	\$1,823	\$2,038
LIFE INSURANCE	\$400	\$312
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$9,446	\$10,384
WORK COMP	\$3,481	\$6,333

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FY2027 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

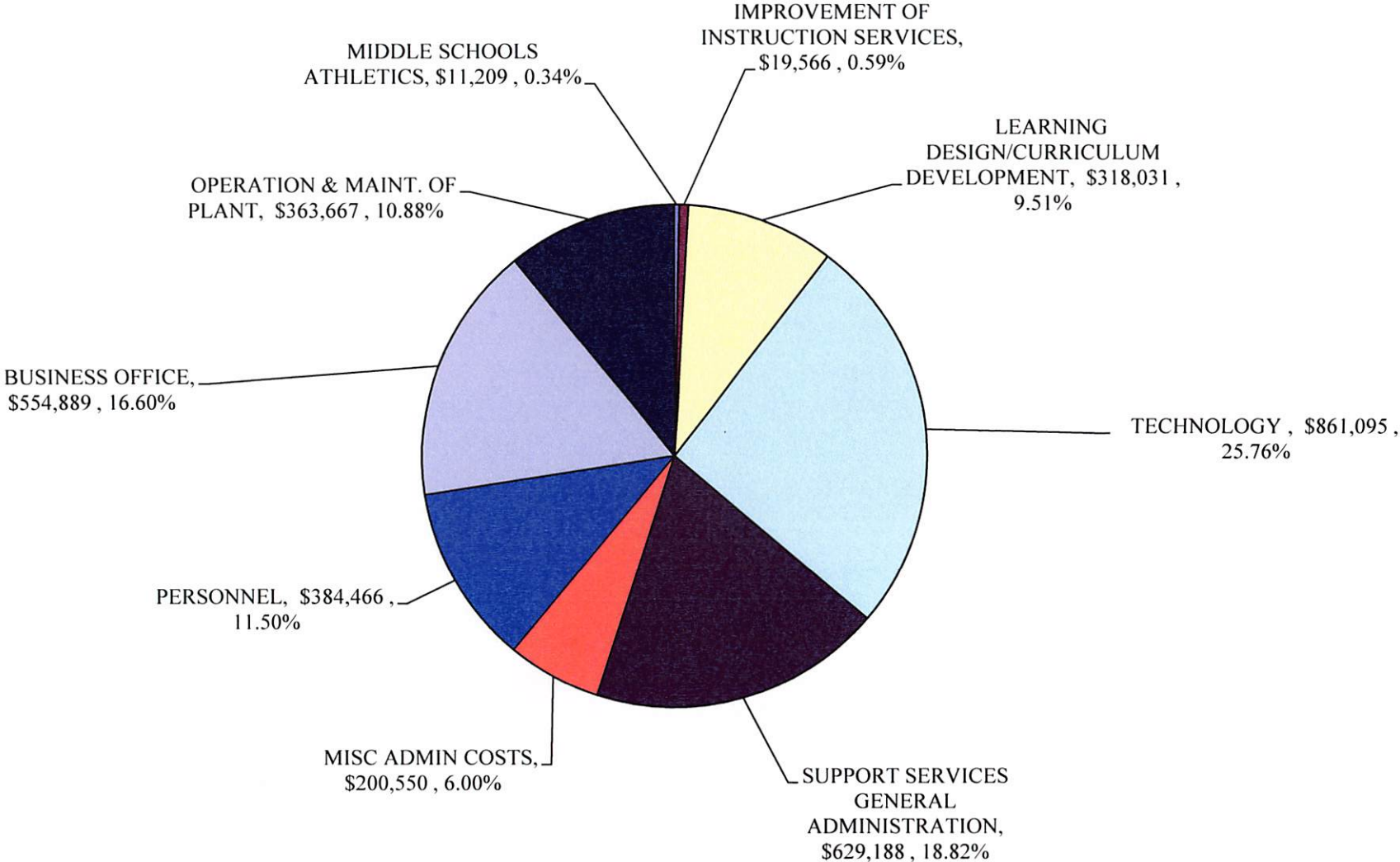
	FY2026 Board Approved Budget	FY2027 Board Approved Budget
Account Number / Description	7/1/2025-6/30/2026	7/1/2026-6/30/2027
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$130	\$60
DENTAL	\$1,750	\$1,825
LTD	\$1,285	\$1,158
AUDIT NCSU	\$10,500	\$15,000
LODGING & MEALS	\$2,000	\$2,000
TRAVEL	\$5,000	\$5,000
VSA DUES	\$5,000	\$5,000
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SECRETARY	\$500	\$500
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SUPERINTENDENT(S)	\$2,500	\$3,500
VREC DUES	\$2,500	\$5,000
TOTAL 2300 Support Services - General Admin	\$532,735	\$629,188
2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS		
LEGAL SERVICES	\$5,000	\$5,000
STIPEND TREASURER'S	\$1,050	\$1,050
PURCHASE SERVICE	\$20,000	\$15,000
EQUIP MAINT	\$4,500	\$6,000
MACHINE LEASES & RENTALS	\$16,000	\$16,500
CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE	\$33,000	\$35,000
TELEPHONE	\$8,500	\$8,000
POSTAGE	\$12,000	\$11,000
INTERNET	\$50,000	\$50,000
ADVERTISING	\$10,000	\$10,000
MISC FOOD MEETINGS	\$8,500	\$8,500
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$25,000	\$25,000
BOOKS	\$500	\$500
FURNITURE	\$2,500	\$2,000
MISCELLANEOUS DUES/FEES SUPERINTENDENT(S)	\$7,000	\$7,000
WAGE INCREASE/ADJUSTMENTS CONTINGENCY LINE	\$121,000	\$0
TOTAL 2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS	\$324,550	\$200,550
2323 PERSONNEL		
PERSONNEL SALARY/WAGES	\$182,294	\$219,603
PERSONNEL BCBS	\$44,643	\$58,981
PERSONNEL HRA	\$8,800	\$8,800
PERSONNEL FICA	\$14,922	\$16,800
PERSONNEL CHILD CARE TAX	\$858	\$966
PERSONNEL LIFE INS	\$96	\$176
PERSONNEL RETIREMENT	\$14,141	\$16,470
PERSONNEL WORKERS COMP	\$1,638	\$3,003
PERSONNEL UNEMPLOYMENT	\$125	\$45
PERSONNEL TUITION	\$2,712	\$2,768
PERSONNEL DENTAL	\$1,060	\$1,105
PERSONNEL LTD	\$605	\$549
PURCHASED SERVICE PERSONNEL	\$3,700	\$3,700
PERSONNEL TRAVEL	\$500	\$500
PERSONNEL HR PLATFORMS	\$48,000	\$50,000

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

FY2027 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2026 Board Approved Budget	FY2027 Board Approved Budget
	7/1/2025-6/30/2026	7/1/2026-6/30/2027
PERSONNEL CONF/DUES	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL 2323 PERSONNEL	\$325,094	\$384,466
2520 BUSINESS OFFICE		
SALARY DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$74,944	\$89,908
WAGES FINANCE ASSISTANTS	\$100,699	\$136,800
WAGES COURIER	\$2,300	\$2,500
SALARY STAFF ACCOUNTANTS	\$78,969	\$89,129
WAGES GRANTS ASSISTANT	\$31,599	\$28,334
BCBS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$93,299	\$91,023
HRA	\$18,000	\$18,000
FICA BUSINESS OFFICE	\$23,489	\$26,330
CHILD CARE TAX	\$1,351	\$1,514
LIFE INS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$225	\$161
RETIREMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$23,471	\$27,386
WORKERS COMP BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,579	\$4,706
UNEMPLOYMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$249	\$64
TUITION BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,712	\$2,768
DENTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$3,375	\$3,406
LTD DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$952	\$860
PROF DEV BUSINESS OFFICE	\$8,000	\$8,000
MAINTANCE CONTRACT ERP PRO	\$15,000	\$15,000
TRAVEL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$5,000	\$5,000
ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,500	\$2,500
DUES & FEES BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,000	\$1,500
TOTAL 2520 BUSINESS OFFICE	\$489,713	\$554,889
2600 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT		
FACILITIES COORDINATOR WAGES	\$65,255	\$104,000
CUSTODIAN WAGES	\$18,142	\$25,016
FACILITIES COORDINATOR & CUSTODIAL BENEFITS	\$19,711	\$27,348
OPERATION AND MAINT PURCHASE SERV	\$8,000	\$8,000
CUSTODIAN PURCHASES SERVICE	\$19,000	\$0
RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$3,000	\$4,000
STORAGE RENTAL SPACE	\$1,000	\$1,500
TRAVEL	\$0	\$1,000
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$5,000	\$8,500
TOTAL 2600 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	\$139,108	\$179,364
2640 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT		
RENT	\$170,000	\$184,303
TOTAL 2640 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	\$170,000	\$184,303
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,111,832	\$3,342,661

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION FY2027 BUDGET



District: Lowell
SU: North Country

FY25 was the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY23 & FY24. LTWADM are the new counts to use.

T114
Orleans County

Property dollar equivalent yield

8,849

<--See bottom note

12,154

Homestead tax rate per \$8,849 of spending per LTWADM

1.00

Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income

Expenditures

Table with 8 rows and 5 columns: Line Item, Description, FY2024, FY2025, FY2026, FY2027. Includes Budget, Locally adopted or warned budget, Total Expenditures, and S.U. assessment.

Revenues

Table with 4 rows and 5 columns: Line Item, Description, FY2024, FY2025, FY2026, FY2027. Includes Offsetting revenues, Education Spending, and Pupils.

Education Spending per Pupil

Table with 13 rows and 5 columns: Line Item, Description, FY2024, FY2025, FY2026, FY2027. Includes Principal & interest payments, Excess spending threshold, and District spending adjustment.

Prorating the local tax rate

Table with 7 rows and 5 columns: Line Item, Description, FY2024, FY2025, FY2026, FY2027. Includes Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate, Tax rate "cent discount", and Common Level of Appraisal (CLA).

If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.

Table with 4 rows and 5 columns: Line Item, Description, FY2024, FY2025, FY2026, FY2027. Includes Anticipated income cap percent and Portion of district income cap percent applied by State.

- Using the revised December 1, 2025 Education Fund Outlook FY27 forecast, the FY27 education fund need results in a property yield of \$8,849 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$12,154 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.785. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

To: cpion lowelltown.org <cpion@lowelltown.org>

Subject: Support for Flags

JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. AMERICAN LEGION

254 Dominion Avenue
North Troy, VT 05859-9701
802-988-1465/802-673-8433

Town of Lowell,

First on behalf of Jay Peak Post #28 members, (Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion) we wish to thank you for your support of the American Legion. We have been working hard to get the Legion back on its feet and able to support the community with a place to have functions. The appropriated funds **(\$500)** provide the means for the Post to purchase flags for replacement Flags near our veteran's headstones in neighboring cemeteries. We also rely on these funds to replace American service flags that fly at the Post flag park, support Memorial Day Observances and defray operational costs. This is for year 2026.

Could you please send me an email saying you received this letter.

Thank you for your past support.

Commander,

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

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December 16th, 2025

Town of Lowell:

Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,200 from the Town of Lowell to support our food hub, food access initiatives, and food-based education programs that directly benefit Lowell residents and their children. Our nonprofit's mission is to strengthen the local food system by connecting schools, farms, and communities across the region.

Green Mountain Farm Direct, our food hub program, supplies local food to businesses and institutions in the area from more than 30 farms throughout the Northeast Kingdom, increasing access to fresh, Vermont-grown products for residents while keeping costs as low as possible to increase access to local foods for everyone. These partnerships support community health, local farms, and the region's economy.

Lowell families also benefit from The Lunchbox, our mobile summer meal program. Each summer, residents can visit our Irasburg, Barton, and Newport sites for children's meals, fresh produce, and engaging enrichment activities — all at no cost. The program ensures that kids have access to nutritious food and learning opportunities even when school is not in session. Additionally, adults can receive free meal vouchers redeemable at the Lunchbox by visiting the Albany Food Share or the Leach Public Library in Irasburg. When funds are available we also partner with NEKCA to distribute holiday boxes stocked with whole, local foods to sustain students and families in the region through school breaks when school meals are not available.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Cusack".

Catherine Cusack
Executive Director



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

**Success on
Green Up Day
May 3, 2025**



Green Up Day was a resounding success because your community joined the statewide clean-up effort. As you can see by the stats graphic the entire State got a wonderful spring cleaning with nearly all our city and town roads covered. Businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued, and our healthy way of life cherished. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We've been able to rally thousands of volunteers for special projects and flood clean-up across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are also incorporating an innovation challenge fair called *greenSTEM* in 2026 for students in grades 7-12. Our goal is to engage more students in finding environmental solutions and connect them to community service.

We are requesting level funding for 2026.

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play. Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or at www.greenupvermont.org.

2026 Green Up Day is May 2nd.

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.



December 30, 2025

Town of Lowell
2170 VT Rte 100
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Lowell Selectboard members and Residents of Lowell,

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

MRBA Projects and Programs:

Ecological restoration, river clean-up efforts, site assessments, and water sampling: During 2025, as in most years, MRBA volunteers helped plant trees and pull trash from along our riverbanks. An additional 700+ trees were planted along our waterways in 2025, 280 of those were in Lowell on the banks of the Missisquoi and a tributary. We were able to remove over 100 lbs of trash from ~4 miles of river. We also assessed 6 streamside properties for any ways landowners might improve their relationship with their waterways - let us know if you'd like a "Stream Wise" assessment of your land in 2026! Additionally, MRBA staff collected water quality samples from 16 locations within our watershed during 2025; assessing the health streams, and the on-going impacts of landowner-led water quality improvement projects.

Educational programs and events: We are always excited to connect with our watershed residents along our rivers, and really enjoy providing hands-on educational opportunities to students through our watershed model, rainfall simulator, Bugworks program, and more. In 2025, we connected with 216 people at presentations and educational programs. We also hosted 11 events where members of the public were invited to explore our watershed through guided walks or paddle experiences.

Big news: MRBA turns 30 in 2026 and we are celebrating big successes, including our first dam removal - check out the restored stream channel in Newport Center - and the start of Ironwood Nursery in Jay. Ironwood, which will provide the trees we plant on our rivers banks for years to come, is located on newly-conserved property in downtown Jay: MRBA and the Town collaborated to protect this property, and the public access trails on it.

We respectfully request Lowell's support of MRBA through a \$200 donation so that we may continue to serve our community with these programs. Your appropriation will help us continue to provide programs, assist landowners, and will help us continue expanding and increasing the skills of our team, so that we may better serve our watershed towns. Your support of our organization in past years is so greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2026 request.

Sincerely,

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

John Little, MRBA President

November 15, 2025

Town of Lowell

**2170 VT RT 100
LOWELL, VT 05847**

Re: FY2026 Appropriation Request

Dear **Christy Pion** and Members of the Selectboard:

The **Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging** respectfully requests continued financial support from the Town of Lowell to assist older residents in living safely, independently, and with dignity in their own homes and communities.

In **FY2025**, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging supported **40 older adults in Lowell**, providing **33 service interactions** that connected individuals with resources such as fuel and food assistance, Medicare guidance, case management, transportation coordination, caregiver support, and evidence-based wellness programs. Through our network of nutrition partners, we also coordinated **1598 home-delivered meals**, ensuring that our older neighbors received nutritious food and critical daily safety checks.

Every day, older residents of Lowell reach out to us through our **Statewide Helpline (1-800-642-5119)** seeking support during moments of need. Our staff and volunteers respond with compassion, urgency, and respect—ensuring that no older Vermonter is left without assistance.

As demand for services continues to grow and the cost of essential supports increases, the Town's partnership is vital. We respectfully request **\$ 300** in municipal funding to maintain and strengthen services for older adults in Lowell.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your continued commitment to supporting your older neighbors.

Sincerely,



Meg Burmeister

Executive Director, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

Questions or Additional Information: Melinda Martin, Director of Communications & Development

mmartin@nekouncil.org • (802) 748-5182



NKHS
Northeast Kingdom Human Services

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

November 18, 2025

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

RE: 2026 Town Meeting Appropriation Request and Fiscal Year 2025 Summary Report

Dear Town of Lowell Select Board and Community Members:

Please consider financially supporting Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.'s (NKHS) mission to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support by including the following article in your 2026 Town Meeting Warning.

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

This request is the same amount as voted at the 2025 Town Meeting and 1.85% of appropriation requests from 48 Northeast Kingdom towns. As a Designated Agency serving Vermont's system of care, we are responsible for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The 503 NKHS professional employees work to help others live fulfilling lives and contribute to their community. We offer confidential services that include 24/7 emergency mental health care with Enhanced Mobile Crisis response, walk-in support at the Front Porch Urgent Mental Health Care center, and call/text/chat mental health support through 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. NKHS also offers outpatient therapy for adults, children, and families through various programs and supports individuals with developmental disabilities, ensuring equal rights, respect, and dignity. For more information about our agency and services, please visit our website at <https://www.nkhs.org> or call our offices.

Between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, NKHS provided supportive services to 2724 individuals, **35** lived in the Town of Lowell benefiting from 1130 service hours. NKHS also provided 363 hours of community outreach with Starting Over Strong VT support, community meetings, and training impacting 6034 individuals. During this time, over 3,995 unique individuals benefitted from the 988-crisis line.

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

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

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

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

nkhs.org



To the Voters of Lowell:

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

Our service delivery relies on annual dues from our member communities. These funds allow us to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage additional state and federal funds that benefit our region.

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

- Land use planning and regulation;
- Transportation studies and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS services;
- Grant writing and administration;
- Direct business support, resource referrals, and lending to strengthen employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning;
- Planning for natural hazards and local emergency response;
- Brownfield assessments and remediation assistance;
- Training for local officials.

This year saw the implementation of Act 181, which entails significant reforms to Act 250 jurisdiction and thresholds. NVDA planning staff held training webinars (recordings available on our website) and spent countless hours creating regional land use maps in accordance with statutory guidance. We met with local officials in your community to review draft maps, seek public comment, and answer questions.

In 2025, NVDA staff worked with the Planning Commission to develop the boundary of a proposed new village center for Lowell and provided technical assistance on emergency planning.

NVDA dues are just \$0.95 per capita, with a maximum of \$4,430.00 and a minimum of \$630.00. We take great pride in serving the communities and businesses of the NEK. This additional contribution allows us to continue providing a high level of professional service. We work hard to keep communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact lhiggs@nvda.net to receive our e-newsletter, and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,

David Snedeker
Executive Director



NVDA

Northeastern Vermont
Development Association

Request for 2026 Town Dues

Greetings:

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

Town of Lowell

Amount Requested: \$843.00

Possible funding methods**:

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

Example:

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

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



ConnectABILITIES

PO Box 1058
Newport VT 05855
888-635-6222
occavt@gmail.com
November 18, 2025

Dear Town friends,

Since OCCA rebranded itself as ConnectABILITIES we continue to support our community members in Orleans County with visible and invisible developmental and intellectual disabilities. In the years since COVID, the lack of volunteers continues to remain a challenge for all not-for-profit organizations, not only in our area but across the country.

Since our rebranding In 2023 we have increased our services and reach. We not only serve the needs of the disability community, but we also serve their families and advocates.

We are proud to be celebrating our 38th anniversary and are a vibrant and needed entity in the community.

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

Since our rebranding, ConnectABILITIES accomplishments have included:

- Recruiting and hiring Consultants who demonstrate subject matter expertise.
- Increasing our connection with community resources and working in partnership with other organizations, serving our shared constituency.
- Providing an inclusive program series, which explores the Arts, encourages socializing, and meeting of other community members, through shared meals, life skills enhancement, socialization, and building friendships. Transportation is provided to these events.
- Providing ongoing outreach and support to advocates (community volunteers) and partners (community members with disabilities).
- Continuing our toll-free HelpLine as a 24/7 resource for our community, we provide, in collaboration with their families, support, access to resources, and referrals for callers needing assistance in reference to their disability needs.
- Providing ongoing development of our resource referral database for federal, state, and local public agencies.
- Adding casework management and increasing our level of service for those experiencing crisis or are in need of advocacy.

Intentionally, ConnectABILITIES operates with a small budget. We do not receive funds from Federal or State agencies, or The United Way. Our funding comes from Town Appropriations across Orleans County, and from local donors. Your generosity on Town Meeting Day when you vote to support ConnectABILITIES and the disabled community is greatly appreciated. In light of the recent government budget cuts, the Board decided to establish a shelf-stable emergency food pantry to support our community, in lieu of this year's annual calendar.

In solidarity,

Franklin J. Rudolph, Ph.D., Board Chairman
Ann Stannard, Rich Ossias, Michael Gruteke, and Carl Ball, Board Members
Graci Kenyon-Rudolph, Executive Director

Orleans County Fair Association

278 Roaring Brook Road
PO Box 580
Barton, VT 05822
www.orleanscountyfair.net
January 8, 2026

Dear Selectboard,

Subject: Request for Support – Celebrating Tradition and Looking Ahead

I am writing on behalf of the Orleans County Fair Association (OCFA) to request your support through an appropriation of \$500 to help us maintain our traditions and implement new ideas.

The OCFA has been a proud pillar of our community for over 158 years, bringing people together through a variety of events from April to October. Our long-term success has been driven by the dedication, pride, and creativity of our volunteer members. We strive to blend our rich history with modern entertainment and experiences, ensuring that we continue to be a valuable asset to the community.

In addition to hosting our annual fair, Memorial Day, and Fourth of July celebrations, we have been home to the Vermont Trapper's Association, 4H Dairy and Horse shows, and the Vermont Orleans County Conservation District's annual plant/tree sale. These events foster a sense of community and provide educational and recreational opportunities for all ages.

As we look ahead to 2026, our nation will mark the **250th anniversary of the Fourth of July**, a historic milestone that we are excited to celebrate with pride and patriotism. We plan to make this year's festivities especially meaningful, honoring our shared heritage while creating experiences that bring generations together.

In 2026, we will also host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new equine barn and hope your community members will join us for this special event. This barn will enhance our event capabilities and provide much-needed storage space for vehicles and campers during the winter months. Your generous contribution of \$500 will greatly assist us in continuing our mission to preserve our traditions while embracing new opportunities. We are grateful for your consideration.

Thank you for your time and support in our request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Shelia R. Martin
Director/Secretary
ocfvsecretary@gmail.com
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.

November 25th, 2025

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



Dear Lowell Select Board Members:

Twenty twenty-six holds the promise of another exciting year for the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village! For 100 years, the Orleans County Historical Society has been caring for artifacts, hosting hands-on programs, and creating a space where people of all ages can engage with the past and find inspiration for the future. Our historic village encompasses eight remarkable buildings and a collection of over 75,000 artifacts that vividly illustrate various aspects of Orleans County's heritage.

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

The museum provides meaningful employment opportunities, with six permanent staff members and three to five seasonal employees each year. For the past three summers, we've been proud to welcome local high school students to our team. These young participants have gained valuable experience by helping to maintain the grounds, preserve collections, welcome visitors, and much more. With your help, we will continue this youth program in 2026.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Krista Barry, Executive Director, Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village

October 2, 2025

Dear Friends,

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAVT) respectfully submits this request to your town. As Vermont's statewide leader in child abuse prevention since 1976, PCAVT promotes and supports healthy relationships within families, schools, and communities to ensure that every young person has a safe and happy childhood. To that end, PCAVT requests support to further our work and mission.

Programs and Services in Support of Children and Families

PCAVT believes that child abuse is preventable—and that prevention must begin early, with consistent access to education, support, and connection. The organization offers a broad range of evidence-based and trauma-informed services to families, educators, children, and communities across all 14 counties of Vermont. Programs are delivered in-person, virtually, and in partnership with schools, childcare centers, correctional facilities, and family service agencies. PCAVT programming is also shared nationally through online trainings and published materials.

In 2024, PCAVT served 10,985 individuals and reached over 218,000 children, teens, and adults through direct service and professional development. The organization's core programs include:

- **The Healthy Relationships Project:** School-based child sexual abuse prevention curricula and adult education.
- **Family Support Programs:** Peer-led and curriculum-based parenting education and support groups.
- **Safe Environments for Infants and Toddlers:** Education on shaken baby syndrome prevention and infant safe sleep.
- **The Vermont Parents' Home Companion & Resource Directory:** A trusted resource distributed annually to more than 30,000 Vermont families through hospitals and healthcare partners.

These programs include not only live services but also practical educational materials—student lessons, staff trainings, workshops, and outreach tools—that help adults recognize risk and support children. Our programs are offered in every county in Vermont impacting the children and families in your community.

Vermont and Nationwide Impact

PCAVT's programs are designed to meet families where they are—especially those facing the greatest challenges. Its services reach diverse populations including Black and Latino/a Vermonters, New American families, LGBTQ+ youth and caregivers, incarcerated

parents, and those navigating poverty, housing insecurity, or substance use disorder challenges. By offering responsive, free services, PCAVT helps break the cycle of trauma and offers pathways to stability, safety, and healing.

Recent data shows the impact of PCAVT's work. A 2025 study in the journal *Child Maltreatment* found that PCAVT's trainings for adults are linked to lower rates of child sexual abuse in Vermont. This shows that early prevention works and highlights how important flexible funding is to keep these services strong and consistent.

Organizational Background

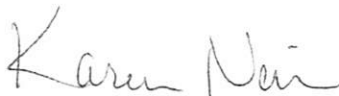
Founded as Parents Anonymous of Vermont in 1976 and formally incorporated as Prevent Child Abuse Vermont in 1977, PCAVT has evolved from a single parent education program to a comprehensive prevention organization serving families across the lifespan.

Today, PCAVT operates with 10 full-time staff, a 14-member board, and an annual operating budget of \$1.27 million. The organization partners with the State of Vermont, United Ways, federal agencies, foundations, and private donors to fund its work. It uses the Results Based Accountability (RBA) framework to monitor outcomes and make data-informed decisions, ensuring that resources are used efficiently to make measurable, lasting change.

Next Steps

PCAVT would be grateful to be included in your town's 2026 Annual Budget. Your support will ensure that PCAVT remains responsive, adaptive, and able to meet Vermont families with the resources, education, and compassion they need. We'd be happy to provide additional information of the services we have provided in your community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Karen Nevin

Director of Development

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont

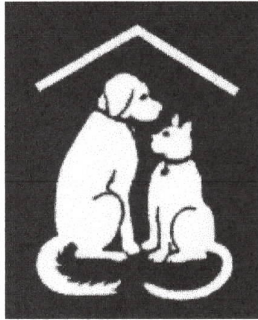
P.O. Box 829 | Montpelier, Vermont 05601

802-498-0620

knevin@pcavt.org | www.pcavt.org

"YOU HAVE PROVIDED ME A PLACE TO SPEAK FREELY ABOUT MY DAUGHTER. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SAFE PLACE YOU HAVE PROVIDED ME. THANK YOU SO MUCH AND I HOPE I CAN CONTINUE COMING."

-INSIDEOUT DAD PROGRAM PARTICIPANT



Dear Town of Lowell

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. is requesting that you include the following request in your 2026 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

Linn Stouffer

Linn Stouffer, Treasurer
PMFAS Board Member
September 2025

4473 Barton-Orleans Road
Orleans, VT 05860



Town of Lowell
Lowell Vermont

12/13/2025

Dear Lowell Voters,

Rural Community Transportation (RCT) respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2026 warning for the Town Meeting:

Article: Shall the Town of Lowell vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$1,342.50 for the support of **Rural Community Transportation, Inc.** To provide services to the residents of the Town of Lowell.

Please know that we have adjusted our appropriation request to reflect the level of service your community receives, using a formula of \$1.50 per ride based on the average number of rides provided to your town over the past three years. We truly appreciate your continued support, which helps ensure that residents have access to safe and reliable transportation throughout the region.

As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, RCT provides public transportation throughout Caledonia, Essex, Orleans and Lamoille Counties.

In Fiscal Year 2025, RCT provided 712 rides, traveling 24,709 miles at a total cost of \$44,229.11 to Lowell residents. RCT continued to provide safety-focused, demand-based rides, and all buses operated fare-free.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, most grants require a local match of 20–50%. Town appropriations are used exclusively for this purpose and are therefore critical to maintaining and expanding our services.

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

Sincerely,
Renee Stalczyński
Office Administrator
Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION

PHONE 802.748.8170 ADDRESS 1677 Industrial Pkwy, Lyndonville, VT 05851

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FY25

(Year Ending 6/30/2025)

Profit & Loss (Actual)

Operating Revenue

Grant Revenue – Governmental	\$6,355,772
Revenue – Community Organization	\$115,796
Contributions – In Kind	\$273,064
Interest Earned	\$869
Miscellaneous Income	\$57,530
Revenue – Donations	\$25,833
Revenue – Supports (Local Match Dollars from Communities)	\$114,802
Sponsorships	\$56,450
Capital Purchase Reimbursement	\$934,089
Total Operating Revenue	\$7,934,205

Operating Expenditures

Direct (including Volunteer Reimbursement)	\$1,544,729
Personnel	\$3,867,945
Occupancy and Utilities	\$90,827
Professional Fees	\$15,729
Depreciation	\$544,896
Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	\$409,625
Vehicle Fuel	\$266,224
General and Administrative Expenses	\$826,655
Capital Expenditures	\$40,550
Total Expenses	\$7,607,180

Balance Sheet FY25 (ending 6/30/2025)

Assets

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$370,122

Accounts Receivable, Net	\$257,646
Other Current Assets	\$102,466
Total Current Assets	\$726,234
Long-Term Assets	\$3,879,323
Property & Equipment	\$3,878,936
Total Long-Term Assets	\$3,878,936
Total Assets	\$4,605,170

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Short-Term Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$(21,636)
Accrued Liabilities	\$259,810
Other Short-Term Liabilities	\$(2,375)
Total Short-Term Liabilities	\$235,799

Long-Term Liabilities

Other Long-Term Liabilities	\$153,741
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$153,741

Total Liabilities	\$389,539
Net Assets	\$4,215,631
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$4,605,170



Cultivating a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression

November 28, 2025

Town of Lowell
Christy Pion
2170 VT Rt 100
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Christy,

We at Umbrella thank you and your town voters for supporting our agency services in the past. We are asking for your support again to be added to the 2026 Town Meeting Warning.

Shall the Town of Lowell vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$825 for the support of Umbrella to provide services to residents of the Town?

Please find that we have sent the town report and financials with this request and we would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Amanda Cochrane
Executive Director



Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

Our Land. Our Water. Our Future.

November 15, 2025

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Treasurers:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, we are writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program.

During the **28+ years** of the program, **1,236 grants** totaling **over \$2.98 million** have been provided to 235 Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

This work makes it faster and easier for firefighters to respond to fires in areas that aren't served by municipal water systems, reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources.

The RFP program manager, Troy Dare, helps towns and local fire departments identify those areas where there is the greatest need for a rural hydrant, designs the hydrant, and draws on grant funds to help towns pay for the new hydrants. He is also often onsite during the installation of the hydrant, particularly for complex projects.

We ask that your town help support this vital safety program by allocating **\$200** to support the program in your town's budget.

The Rural Fire Protection program is not a social service agency as defined by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns "Model Social Services Appropriations Policy." The inclusion of an allocation for the Rural Fire Protection program does not require a petition. For more information on the petition requirement, please see the links below.

The Rural Fire Protection Program is housed at the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD), a non-profit founded and overseen by Vermont's 14 conservation districts.

Enclosed please find 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 Troy Dare or Michelle Monroe, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you would like to receive this appropriation request by

mail instead of by email, please contact Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Troy Dare, Program Manager
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program
(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com



Michelle Monroe, Executive Director
Vt. Association of Conservation Districts
(802) 528-987 | michelle.monroe@vacd.org

Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

- Bill Sanborn, Chair, Town of Maidstone
- Walter Bothfeld, Jr., Cabot Volunteer Fire Department
- Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1
- Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety, Department of Public Safety
- Dan Dilner, VT Forest Parks & Recreation
- Ryan Aremburg, Waterford Volunteer Fire Department & Vermont Division of Fire Safety

View the VLCT Social Services Appropriation Policy here:

<https://www.vlct.org/sites/default/files/uploads/resources/documents/model-social-services-appropriation-policy.pdf>

View the VT State Statute (24 V.S.A. § 2691) that further defines Social Services Entities here:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/24/073/02691>



VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926

10/20/2025

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

Dear Ms. Pion,

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

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

It costs VABVI approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each adult client. In Fiscal Year 2025, the agency provided services to a total of 1,061 Vermont residents. This total includes 3 children in Lowell, and 30 adults and 11 children in Orleans County.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Damaris Jacques
Development Associate

60 Kimball Avenue
So. Burlington, VT 05403
(802) 863-1358
(FAX) 863-1481

13 Overlook Drive, Ste. 1
Berlin, VT 05641
(802) 505-4006
(FAX) 505-4039

80 West Street, Ste. 202
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(802) 775-6452
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Brattleboro, VT 05301
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Rutland (877) 350-8839
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www.vabvi.org



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

Report of Services for Town of Lowell

During the 2025 Fiscal Year, The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired saw continued success in client services, innovative programs, and community outreach initiatives. Moving forward, it is exciting to imagine the strides we will make in enabling blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be more independent, develop adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life.

SMART Device Training Program: 627 Vermont residents received SMART training in FY25, the highest number in the program's seven-year history. In order to fully fund SMART, VABVI has launched the several-year Second Century Endowment Campaign.

PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning and Support) Group: PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. While many clients have been pleased with the reintroduction of in-person meetings in FY24, opportunities to join virtually remain available for maximum flexibility. 91 clients attended PALS meetings in FY25.

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

IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience): IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This June, IRLE brought 9 visually impaired students to Okemo Mountain Resort. Activities included swimming, mini golf, and a ropes course. Fun was had by all!

Community Outreach

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

In Fiscal Year 2025, the agency provided services to a total of 1,061 Vermont residents. This total includes 3 children in Lowell, and 30 adults and 11 children in Orleans County.

For more information about VABVI's services or volunteer opportunities, please contact Damaris Jacques, Development Associate, at djacques@vabvi.org. Thank you very much for your support!

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December 12, 2025

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'26.

Annual support from over 125 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 or other locations; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people with disabilities 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 to continue supporting 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'26 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 over 46 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'25 (10/2024-9/2025) 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 **145** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and our VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **229** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **96** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **71** individuals with information on assistive technology; **30** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **533** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **15** people and provided **11** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. A one-year grant through the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) enabled us to establish the Assistive Technology/Home Modifications (AT/HM) Fund for items to increase peer's independence (AT) and remove peers from our HAP waiting list for modifications (HM), 64 peers were served by this grant.

VCIL's central office is now located at **435 Stone Cutters Way, Ste. B** in Montpelier and we have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Rutland, and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During our FY'25, **1** resident of **Lowell** received services from the following program:

- Information Referral and Assistance (I, R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.



November 26, 2025

Town of Lowell
2170 VT Rte 100
Lowell, VT 05847

Dear Town of Lowell Appropriations Committee,

We are so grateful for your recent contribution of ~~\$250.00~~ to support our important work with families of children with disabilities and special health needs in your community. Local funding will support families and professionals who serve them. Thanks to you, we can give more children and families a strong start, lift more family voices for positive change, and advance more inclusive communities throughout Vermont.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Kessler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michelle Kessler
Executive Director

For federal income tax purposes, in compliance with IRS tax law, no goods or services were provided by Vermont Family Network for this contribution. Please retain this letter for your income tax purposes.



**VERMONT
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

Andrew Crust, Music Director

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

November 15, 2025

Dear Town of Lowell Select Board,

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

It is our understanding that the Select Board can make the decision to add our request for an appropriation of \$100.00 to the 2026 Town Meeting Warning. We hope that you will consider sharing this letter and Article with town voters.

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

SymphonyKids involves a number of youth music education programs which benefit our youth in the Northeast Kingdom during the 24-25 season. We visited and drew students from communities such as Barton, East Burke, Eden, Glover, Greensboro, Lowell, Newport City, Newport Town, Sheffield, St. Johnsbury, Waterville, and more during the financial year.

- 655 youth (elementary) attended VSO's **Musicians in Schools** programs that took place across seven schools in the Northeast Kingdom during the 24-25 season. These 45-minute concerts highlight the connection between STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and music with live performances by a trio of musicians and a storyteller.
- 50 youth (ages 1-17) took part in our **Musical Petting Zoo** at Burke during the July 2025 Summer Festival Tour concert performance and received free or reduced-price tickets.
- Free or reduced-price tickets for all NEK shows in the 24-25 season reaching Newport, Derby Line, and East Burke.

The 2026 appropriation from your town will go towards the VSO's general education work in the NEK and access to VSO performances for young people in the community. Your support in providing access to classical music for ALL children is greatly appreciated!

Should you have questions or need more information, please contact Allison Steinmetz, VSO Senior Director of Philanthropy, at allison@vso.org or (802) 864-5741 ext. 125.

Thank you!

Ruth Marquette

Ruth Marquette, Newport, VT

on behalf of the North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra



Musicians in Schools brass ensemble at Eden Central School, Eden



Musicians in Schools strings ensemble at Danville School, Danville



VSO string quartet and EPIC music students, St. Johnsbury

Letter from the Jay Area Food shelf

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

The Jay Area Food Shelf has been at its new location for a little over a year. The building has expanded space for food & clothing options, as well as more space for refrigeration and shelving. Thank you to the Town of Jay for providing the space, plowing, and maintaining the building without charging rent. Thank you to Jay Focus Group for obtaining grants from Vermont Fresh and Vermonters Feeding Vermonters.

Thanks to all who helped make the program a success. A special thanks to Berry Creek Farm for produce donations, Kneeland Christmas Tree Farm for tree donations, Price Chopper for weekly bakery donations, and to Jennifer Molinski at Rand Memorial Library, Jay Westfield Joint Elementary School, Lowell Graded School, Troy School, and the Troy General Store for food collections.

Many thanks to those individuals/businesses/organizations who held food drives and/or donated food directly to the Food Shelf and to the many individuals/businesses/organizations for their generous donations, which included Community National Bank, Jay Focus Group, Passumpsic Bank, Hannaford Supermarket, North Country Credit Union, Poulin Grain, Vermont Food Bank, North Country Mountaineers, Intershack, Troy & Area Lions Club, North Troy Dollar General Store, Vermont Electric Coop, Troy General Store, Jay Country Store, Michael and Pamela Tetreault, GeeGee Zaveson and Bryan Bowers, Meredith and Chris Young, John Scully, Irene Mcdermut, Linda Snyder and Steven Kadish, Matt Savino, Starr Scully, Barbara Loux, Peter and Diana Poulin, several anonymous donors, and the towns of Jay, Lowell, Troy, and Westfield.

Thanks to your help, in 2025 The Jay Area Food Shelf served an additional 25 households, bringing the total to approximately 275 households in the towns of Jay, Lowell, North Troy, Troy & Westfield.

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

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

Kim Lucier, Director

The Jay Food Shelf requests an appropriation of \$1,000 from the Town of Lowell for 2026. Thank you.

Shannon Escalante On behalf of the Jay Food Shelf committee



Phone: (802) 334-5213 | Fax: (802) 334-8822 | E-mail: admin@oevna.org | 46 Lakemont Road, Newport, Vermont 05855 | Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

August 21, 2025

TO: Selectmen/Aldermen - Town of Lowell
FROM: Lyne B. Limoges, Executive Director
RE: Article for Warning - 2026 Town Meeting (Suggested format)

Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. respectfully requests that the following article be warned for Town Meeting 2026:

ARTICLE FOR WARNING

To see if the Town of Lowell will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant services provided in the Home Health, Hospice, Long Term Care and other community health programs provided by the Agency.



Phone: (802) 334-5213 | Fax: (802) 334-8822 | E-mail: admin@oevna.org | 46 Lakemont Road, Newport, Vermont 05855 | Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

SERVICE REPORT FY 2025 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 2025	27,125
Total Visits FY 2025 - Town of Lowell.....	814

During Fiscal Year 2025, home based services were provided to 33 individuals in Lowell for a total of 814 multi-disciplinary visits.

Appropriation Request for 2026.....\$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,
Lync B. Limoges, MSN, RN
Executive Director



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

This year, we have been implementing our mission to ensure that unserved and underserved community members in the 72 towns that make up our communications union district have access to reliable, fast, and affordable fiber internet.

We did this through numerous efforts, including focusing on our internal processes, upgrading our financial and build software, and expanding our locally-sourced workforce. We also continued to fully integrate NEK Broadband and CVFiber into a single merged entity.

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE

Projected Growth by Year

2025		2026 projected	
Towns served	40	Towns served	55
Miles built	510	Miles built	555
Addresses passed	10,026	Addresses passed	15,000

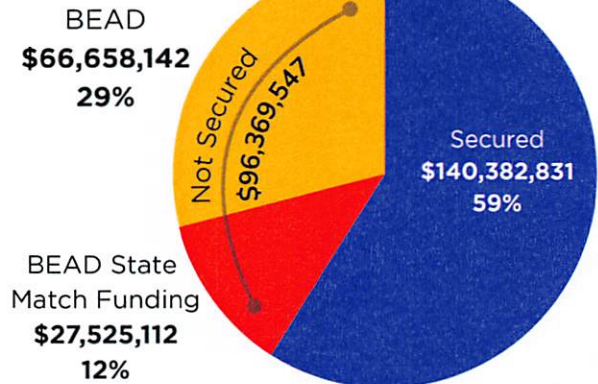
10,026  **SERVICE AVAILABLE** **1,055**  **MILES OF NETWORK**

1,902  **CUSTOMERS SERVED** 

BUILDING CAPACITY

In 2025, we doubled the number of our staff for the 4th year in a row, and now we have 26 staff members. There were also 3 broadband training classes, and out of the 28 graduates, NEKCV employs eight class graduates.

TOTAL FUNDING



BUDGET SUMMARY

2025 Budget 2025 Forecast 2026 Budget

	2025 Budget	2025 Forecast	2026 Budget
INCOME			
Operations Revenue	\$2,047,769	\$1,890,583	\$3,524,616
RDOF Revenue	\$1,247,036	\$1,830,733	\$477,590
Ops & Admin Grant Revenue	\$3,856,318	\$8,708,463	\$8,000,707
Capital Investment Grant Revenue	\$36,529,448	\$17,208,689	\$34,997,009
Other Revenue	\$220,254	\$366,379	\$346,722
TOTAL REVENUE	\$43,900,825	\$30,004,848	\$47,346,644
EXPENSES			
Operational Costs excludes depreciation/amortization	\$1,247,036	\$1,057,340	\$1,671,193
Administrative Costs	\$3,856,318	\$3,634,149	\$5,089,496
TOTAL EXPENSES & COSTS	\$5,103,354	\$4,691,489	\$6,760,689
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS	\$38,797,471	\$25,313,359	\$40,585,955
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$36,529,448	\$18,802,570	\$33,269,506
ANNUAL NET CASHFLOW	\$2,268,023	\$6,510,789	\$7,316,448
PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS			\$6,510,789
TOTAL SURPLUS			\$13,827,238
NON-CASH COSTS depreciation/amortization		\$2,800,000	\$4,430,648

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, visit get.nekbroadband.org or cvfiber.net

NEKCV is a communications union district (CUD) that aims to provide high-speed internet access to 72 towns across the Northeast Kingdom and Central Vermont.

Newport Ambulance Service, Inc.

PO Box 911, Newport, VT 05855 PH (802)334-2023

2025 Annual Report

Dear Community Members,

On behalf of everyone at Newport Ambulance Service, we extend our sincere gratitude for your continued trust and partnership over the past year. Serving your community is a responsibility we never take lightly, and your support makes it possible for us to deliver high-quality, timely, and compassionate emergency medical care when it matters most.

Newport Ambulance has become one of the largest regional ambulance services in the State of Vermont; employing over sixty (60) employees with four (4) stations covering 830 sq. miles for seventeen (17) Towns, and five (5) Unified Towns & Gores. In 2025, we responded to 5,809 calls for service.



This year brought its share of challenges, but also incredible moments of teamwork, resilience, and progress. In 2025, Newport Ambulance Service was named **“Service of the Year”** by the Vermont State EMS office. In addition, our employee Samantha Atwood was named **“BLS Provider of the Year”**. Additional recognition to Jeffrey Johansen (NAS Director) and Robert Jacobs (Division Supervisor) were both honored at the Jay Peak **“One Town”** celebration. We are especially proud that our crews have been recognized for two (2) cardiac saves in 2025, one in Hyde Park and the other in Coventry.

Our crews respond to calls day and night in every kind of weather, providing critical care, safe transport, and reassurance during some of life’s most stressful moments. None of this would be possible without the commitment each Town shows through funding, collaboration, and open communication.

Highlights from this year include:

- Continued investment in advanced life-support equipment and cardiac monitoring technology
- Ongoing training in trauma care and community risk reduction
- Improvements in response times and coordinated dispatch with partner agencies
- Strong collaboration with local fire departments, police, and emergency management teams
- Service of the Year Award by the Vermont State EMS office.

Every upgrade we’ve made—whether equipment, training, or staffing—reflects our core mission: to protect the health and safety of the people who live, work, and visit in your Towns.

Your support is the backbone of a reliable EMS system. When you partnership with Newport Ambulance Service, you're investing in readiness, professionalism, and the assurance that help will arrive quickly, fully equipped, and with the skill needed to save lives.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to continuous improvement, transparent communication, and strengthening our connection with each community we serve. Thank you again for your partnership and for recognizing the importance of strong, sustainable EMS coverage. Newport Ambulance Service thanks you for your continued support and looks forward to serving you and your community for years to come.

We are honored to stand beside you!

With appreciation,

Jeffrey J. Johansen

Executive Director Newport
Ambulance Service

YEAR IN NUMBERS (2025)

Total EMS Calls: 5809

Mutual Aid Provided: 106 incidents

Mutual Aid Received: 11 incidents

Average Response Time: 8 minutes, 45
seconds

Transports to Hospital: 4051

Non-Transport Patient Care: 1758

Cardiac Arrest Responses: 67

Narcan Administrations: 45

Community Events & Standbys: 110



VSNIP

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), a statewide program, is currently administered by VT Economic Services. Income challenged Vermonters can print an application from their website (VSNIP) or call for an application: 802-241-0589

In October 2025, the state began a wait list for vouchers, lacking funds. Vouchers issued for VSNIP is now determined according to the funds appropriated for the program for that fiscal year. Vermonters called Governor Scott asking for \$300,000.00. As one senator said, “that was a pittance amount”. When our (VT Volunteer Services for Animals; VVSA) statewide program was moved to the state to assure viability, a \$4.00 fee added to the registration of dogs funded VSNIP. Currently, if there are no available VSNIP vouchers at the time the Department receives an application, the applicant is placed on a waitlist. However, our animals can’t wait.

PLEASE CONSIDER: LOW COST SPAY NEUTER CLINICS IN VT & NH

Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793: Schedule on FFFVT.org

Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden County 802-923-9028

Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793 Schedule on FFFVT.org

Homeward Bound: Addison County Humane Society “Taxi Cat” 802-388-1100

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: in West Windsor: 802-484-5829

Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter Orleans: 802-754-2228 Cats only

Riverside Rescue, Lunenburg: 802-524-9550

Rutland CTY Humane Society: 802-483-6700; Spay the “Mom” for free, kittens adopted.

Second Chance Animal Center: Shaftsbury 802-375-2898

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

Springfield Humane Society: Springfield 802-885-3997

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

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

Windham CTY Humane Society: Brattleboro 802-254-2232

VT-CAN: Middlesex 802-223-0034

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

** Community Animal Aid Wellness Clinic: (No surgeries) Exams, vaccinations, parasite treatment, minor illnesses, wounds & injuries. 1X monthly: E. Barre Fire Station 2nd Saturday of the month. 10 AM – Noon animalaidvt@gmail.com 802-734-025

VVSA drafted modifications to help serve VSNIP applicants: adding rabbits, slightly increasing the co-payment and the dog registration fee to VSNIP running. We now know there was never an intention of passing this bill. One senator said, very frankly, “no one was going to support this bill, that they were telling us to your face they would, but would not”.

Economic Services Commissioner: Miranda Gray, VT-CAN: Pamela Krauz, owner, and Dept of Agriculture spoke to the Committee objecting to these changes, supported by applicants and VSNIP veterinarians. Senators Alison Clarkson, Joe Major and Becca White knew the bill Clarkson “sponsored” was pre-determined to die. Politics at its worst. Hopefully VSNIP will survive. VVSA Humane Society, former administrator and originator, thanks to Lynn Murrell, DVM and the 80 initial participating offices that changed the euthanasia “solution” to the overpopulation in our state. You are the backbone of this program. Thank you all, sincerely.

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on **TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

Note: The Town of Lowell has a checklist of 752 eligible voters. The number of votes cast for the North Country High School Budget was 49 total votes: 15-Yes & 34-No

- The School District Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Moderator Alden Warner asked voters to take a moment to honor our American Flag and led voters in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The moderator read the announcements.
- Alden reviewed the Roberts Rules of conduct to be adhered to throughout the meeting.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:

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

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

ARTICLE 2: *To ELECT A SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO FINISH OUT THE REMAINING one year of a three-year term.*

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

ARTICLE 3: *To ELECT A SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR for a three-year term.*

- Jason Blay was nominated
- Jeremy Cochran was nominated
- The Moderator instructed the people to vote by paper ballot to ensure the outcome of the nominees.
- Total number of votes was **100; JASON BLAY-68, JEREMY COCHRAN-31, 1-SPOILED**
- **JASON BLAY-ELECTED**

ARTICLE 4: *To ELECT a UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR for a three-year term.*

- Shannon Sinclair was nominated; voice vote/carried

- Moderator asked the Clerk to cast one ballot for Shannon Sinclair. The Clerk then verified that one vote had been cast and put in an envelope for the record.
- **SHANNON SINCLAIR-ELECTED**

ARTICLE 5: SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO EXPEND \$2,387,126, WHICH IS THE AMOUNT THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR? THE DISTRICT ESTIMATES THAT THIS PROPOSED BUDGET, IF APPROVED, WILL RESULT IN PER PUPIL EDUCATION SPENDING OF \$12,880, WHICH IS 0.07% LOWER THAN PER PUPIL EDUCATION SPENDING FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

- Motion made and seconded.
- Questions were asked about salaries, health insurance, cost per pupil, and school curriculum. Shauna Richardson, School Board Chair, spoke on these subjects, and Rhoda McLure, School Principal, was granted permission to speak as well on these subjects.
- Questions were asked about considering consolidating our school as we have a very small number of students (74). Shauna Richardson explained that there is not a school big enough to be able to accommodate our students with the connecting towns to be able to consolidate.
- Motion was made and seconded to call the question; voice vote/carried/eyes have it
- Article was passed by voice vote

NOTE: There was no article for non-binding business, or to adjourn on this year's warning. Moderator allowed the meeting to adjourn.

- Moderator asked for motion to adjourn. Motion made and seconded. Voice vote carried.
- Meeting adjourned 11:08 a.m.

Attest:

MODERATOR: Alden Warner _____

SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR: Shauna Richardson _____

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Attest: Christy M. Pion- Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on **Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

TOWN MEETING:

- The Lowell Town Meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m.

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.

Questions and Comments:

- **Motion made and seconded to accept the report as written.**
- Marie Busch, Town Treasurer, read the list of corrections that need to be made before excepting the book. **The corrections are as follows: 1. Page 4, Pope Frontier Society was accidentally overlooked when typing in the appropriations, total appropriations should be \$9,326. 2. Pages 7, 15, and 19 Funds carried over from prior year due to a computer glitch error.**
- Motion made and seconded to accept the report with the above corrections.
- **Voice vote/ carried.**

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

- Motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 3
- Request was made to vote paper ballot to pass over Article. Moderator asked for a show of 7 hands to vote by paper ballot, 7 hands were raised.
- Moderator stated that Yes will pass over the article and No will continue the article.
- No's have it with 61 votes, Yes's had 52, and 1 spoiled with a total of 114 votes.
- Motion made and seconded to have the select board appoint the road commissioner.
- David DiZazzo asked for the Selectboard to explain the difference between appointed and elected. The Selectboard members explained that the only difference is that the board will be helping with decisions for the road budget rather than just one person, but the job itself will remain the same.
- There were several concerns that by appointing the Road commissioner that the towns people would have no voice. Dotty Spoerl stood up and spoke and stated that she had the same fear after the passing of our former Road Commissioner. She stated that she has come to every

selectboard meeting due to this fear and found that by doing this she still had a voice and that the Board really listens and takes consideration of what the towns people would like to have happened. She was not been disappointed with any of what the Board had been doing to make sure that the roads are still being maintained and felt that they are better than they were before.

- Albert Pion had concerns that the Town was falling apart.
- Lyse McAllister asked the Board if they had anyone in mind for the position? The Board stated that they were waiting for the outcome of Article 3 before pursuing any possible persons of interest in the job. If Article 3 passes they will be posting the position in the paper and on all the forums the town uses for posting jobs. They also stated that the Job description has been left on the back table for anyone who is interested in it if the Article passes.
- Other people voiced their opinion of not being for appointing.
- Reginald Pion Spoke about his past position of Road Commissioner with the Town and his feelings about not appointing the position.
- Both Tod Morin and Camellia Morrison spoke about staying connected and being more present with the process of the Town to stay involved with ongoing decisions.
- Legh Higgins asked if the Road Commissioner would be required to attend Selectboard meetings, the Board answered yes, as he always has.
- Ginger Guyette asked who she would call if she needed something done for her road, the Board answered that she could call any of the Selectboard or the Road Commissioner after one is hired.
- Motion was made to call the question; voice vote/carried.
- Continued of Article 3, to Appoint or Elect a Road Commissioner? The Moderator instructed the Towns people to vote by paper ballot. Results were in favor of Appointing with the totals being: Appoint-60 and Elect-56 and 1 spoiled ballot Totaling 117 votes.

Lunch Break was announced at 12:30 pm and would resume 1:00 pm.

- Before continuing with the Rest of the meeting **Mark Higley, Town Representative** asked to speak to the Towns people on upcoming Laws to be passed and other Laws that will be changed. He also spoke of upcoming Mandates in the works.

ARTICLE 4: To ELECT the following OFFICERS required by law:

- a. **SELECT PERSON** 3-year term.
 - Jennifer Blay-Nominated.
 - Shawn Warner - Nominated
 - Gordon Spencer-Nominated
 - Moderator stated paper ballot would need to be voted for all three candidates.
 - Request made to hear from the candidates-
 - Jennifer Blay spoke first, then Shawn Warner, And William Herrera Spoke on behalf of Gordon Spencer, as he had just had surgery and could not be at the meeting.
 - Paper ballot count was Shawn warner- 11, Gordon Spencer- 15, Jennifer Blay - 64, Total Votes- 90
- **JENNIFER BLAY-ELECTED**

- b. **LISTER** 3-year term
 - Mark Higley- nominated.
 - **MARK HIGLEY– ELECTED By clerk casting 1 paper ballot.**

- c. **1st CONSTABLE** 1-year term
 - Ashley Callahan- nominated; voice vote / carried.
 - **ASHLEY CALLAHAN- ELECTED**

- d. **2nd CONSTABLE** 1-year term
 - Joshua King-nominated; voice vote/carried.
 - **JOSHUA KING -ELECTED**

- e. **LIBRARY TRUSTEE** 5-year term
 - Brandie Cochran-nominated; voice vote/ carried.
 - **BRANDIE COCHRAN -ELECTED**

- f. **AUDITOR** 3-year term
 - Gordon Spencer-nominated; voice vote/ carried.
 - **GORDON SPENCER-ELECTED By clerk casting 1 paper ballot**

ARTICLE 5: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$ 386,429.00 for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Select Board’s Account)?

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

ARTICLE 6: Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 150,000.00 plus Vermont State Aid funding for **WINTER ROADS?**

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

ARTICLE 7: Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 150,000.00 plus Vermont State Aid funding for **SUMMER ROADS?**

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

ARTICLE 8: Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 35,000.00 for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT?**

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

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

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

ARTICLE 10: Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of **\$3,500.00** to the **ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE, INC.** for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed 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 11: Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

2025

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

\$9,326.00 Totals for above appropriations

- Motion made and seconded.
- **ARTICLE PASSEDAS WRITTENBY VOICE VOTE.**

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

- No other business was transacted.

ARTICLE 13: TO ADJOURN

- The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting; voice vote / carried.
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:48P.M.**

Attest:

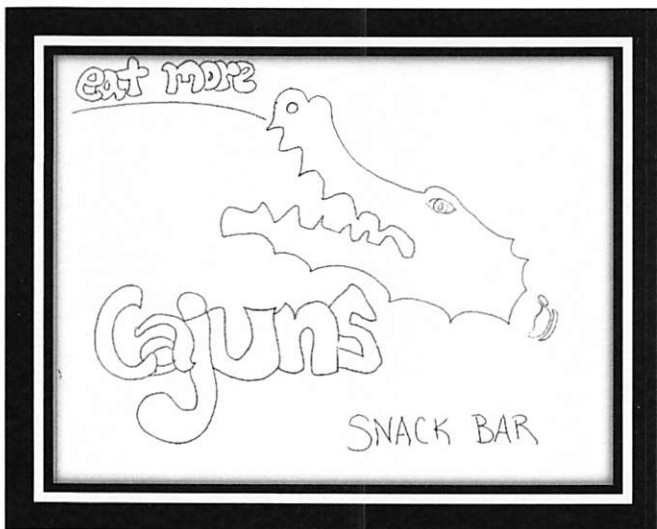
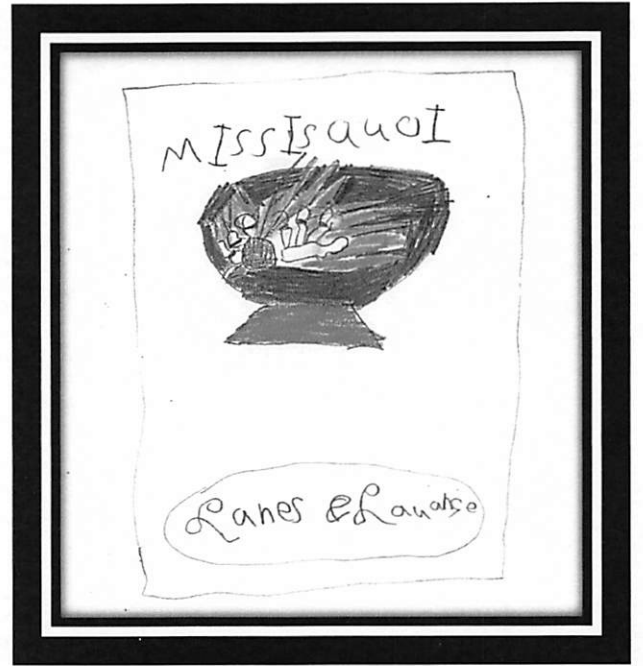
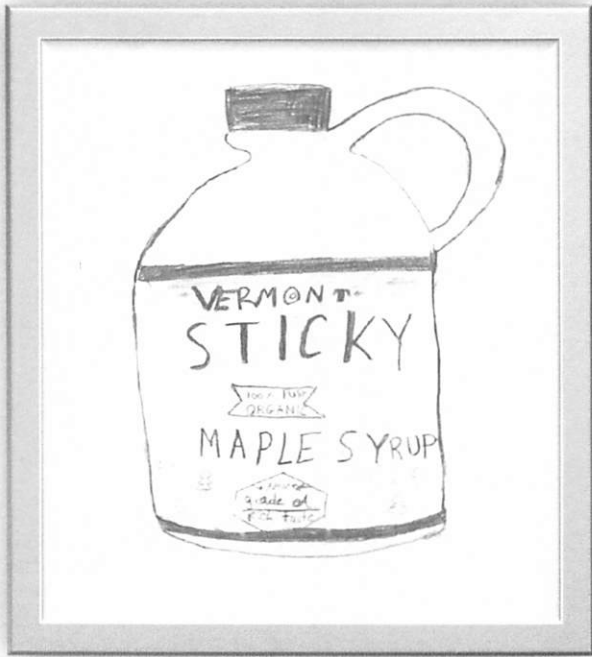
MODERATOR: Alden Warner _____

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: Jeff Parsons _____

PRESIDING OFFICER: Christy M. Pion _____

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Attest: Christy M. Pion- Town Clerk



STUDENT DRAWINGS OF TOWN BUSINESSES