

# ***Town of Lowell***



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***Annual Town and School Report  
For Year Ending  
December 31, 2023***

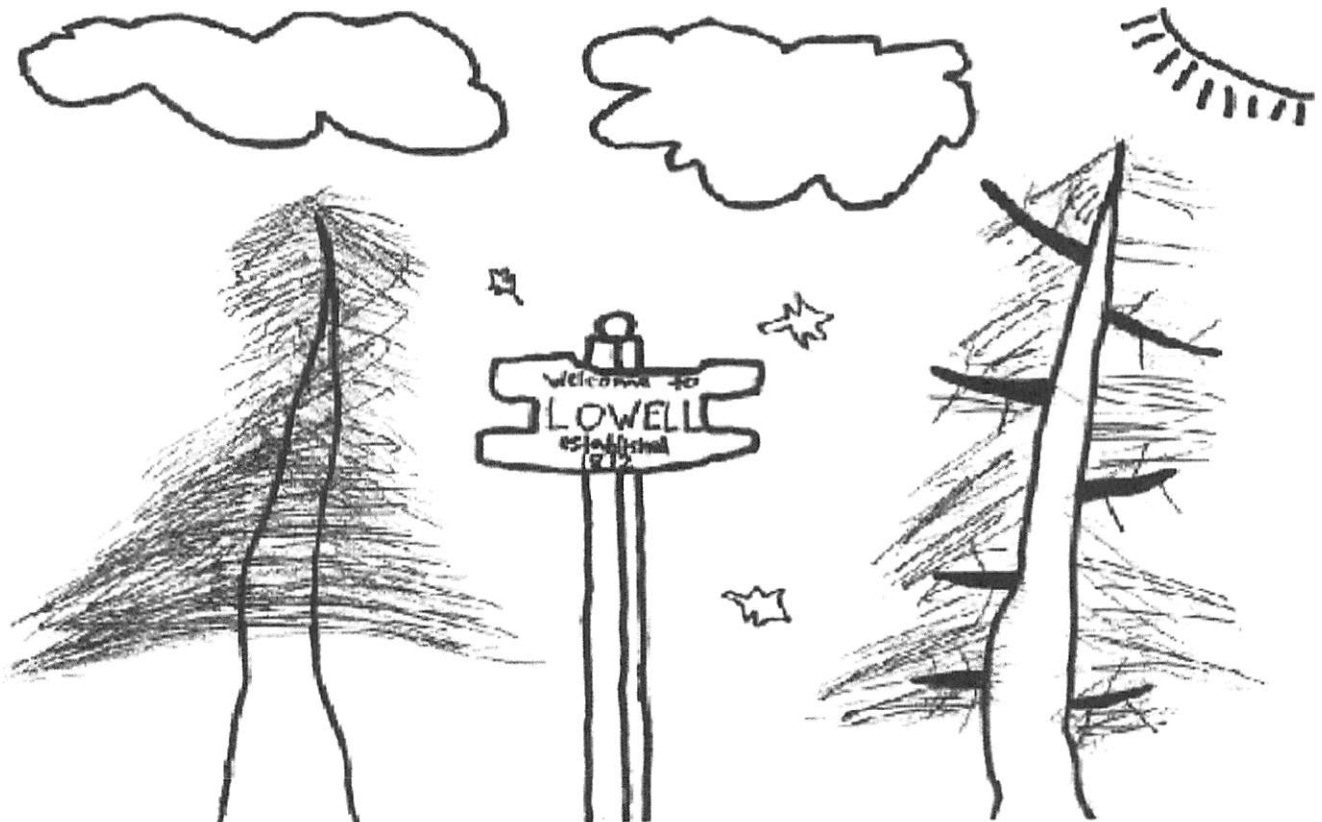
# Lowell, VT

Carter Gillespie

6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Town Signs by Carter Gillespie-6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Town Sign by Charlie Richardson-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

***ANNUAL TOWN  
REPORT***



**For Year Ending December 31, 2023  
Town of Lowell, Vermont**

***Lowell Graded School on  
Tuesday  
March 5, 2024.***

***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 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 - 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



# LOWELL TOWN OFFICERS 2023

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

<b>MODERATOR:</b>	Alden Warner	2024
<b>SELECTMEN:</b>	Wayne Richardson	2024
	Darren Pion	2026
	Jennifer Blay	2025
	David Legacy	2026
<b>SCHOOL DIRECTORS:</b>	Steven Mason	2024
	Jason Blay	2025
	Ashley Callahan	2024
<b>1st CONSTABLE:</b>	Christopher Pion	2024
<b>2nd CONSTABLE:</b>	Arlon Warner	2024
<b>AUDITORS:</b>	Dorothy Spoerl	2024
	Gordon Spencer	2025
	Calvin Allen	2025
	Cheryl Clarke	2026
	Christine Hager	2024
<b>ROAD COMMISSIONER:</b>	Mark Higley	2025
	Nancy Allen	2024
	Katherine Pion	2027
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES:</b>	Jennifer Higgins	2026
	Brandie Cochran	2025
	Carol Wood-Koob	2026
	Fay Starr	2026
	Jeff Parsons	
<b>JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:</b>	Gordon Spencer	
	William Herrera	
	Richard Pion	

Appointed By  
Trustees

## OFFICERS BY APPOINTMENT

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

**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 5, 2024 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. <b>SELECT PERSON</b>            | <b>3-year term</b> |
| b. <b>LISTER</b>                   | <b>3-year term</b> |
| c. <b>1<sup>st</sup> CONSTABLE</b> | <b>1-year term</b> |
| d. <b>2<sup>nd</sup> CONSTABLE</b> | <b>1-year term</b> |
| e. <b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b>          | <b>2-year term</b> |
| f. <b>AUDITOR</b>                  | <b>3-year term</b> |
| g. <b>AUDITOR</b>                  | <b>3-year term</b> |

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$360,175 for **TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES** (Select Board's Account)?

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

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

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$33,000 for the **FIRE DEPARTMENT?**

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

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

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$12,688.00 for contract services to the **ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** for law enforcement services and to direct the Select persons to assess a tax over and above the budget sufficient to meet the same? This will be used for approximately 192 hours of routine patrols, answering complaints, and investigating incidents. It will also cover administrative expenses, including salaries, vehicle, benefits, liability Insurance, maintenance, gasoline, supplies, telephone costs, and crime prevention programs.

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

2024

- a) \$300 to **AMERICAN LEGION JAYPEAK POST # 28, INC.**
- b) \$1000 to **GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC.**
- c) \$50 to **GREEN UP VERMONT**
- d) \$1000 to **LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH**
- e) \$200 to **MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOC.**
- f) \$300 to **NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING**
- g) \$1,758 to **NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.**
- h) \$250 to **NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.**
- i) \$754 to **NORTHEASTERN VT. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**
- j) \$200 to **ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY (ConnectABILITIES)**
- k) \$500 to **ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION-(OCFA)**
- l) \$550 to **ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
- m) \$700 to **RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION**
- n) \$825 to **UMBRELLA**
- o) \$100 to **VACD – VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION**
- p) \$200 to **VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED**
- q) \$90 to **VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**
- r) \$250 to **VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK**
- s) \$100 to **VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

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**\$ 9,172.00 Totals for above appropriations**

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

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

**ARTICLE 13:** TO ADJOURN.

**SELECTBOARD:**

Darren Pion- Chairman

Wayne Richardson

Jennifer Blay

**ATTEST:**

Christy M. Pion - Town Clerk

**Received for posting January 30, 2024**

## Treasurer's Report

It is an honor to be the town treasurer. I have enjoyed working under the selectboard team. I also enjoy the environment in the office with my coworkers, including my new assistant treasurer Marie Busch. We work very well together. There is honesty, transparency, and accountability between us all. We have worked hard to have our bookkeeping clear to understand, and with proper backup for accountability.

We changed how we do our report for the roads department in 2023. The selectboard decided that since we can't guarantee what the road department will get from a grant, we should keep all grants separate to accurately keep track of the roads budget. When a grant is completed, we will then add or subtract the final number of the grant to the roads department when the grant is completed, and all money received. As you can see from the Better Rds. Grant & the Grants in Aid, there was a profit because we were able to use our Town trucks. What a great decision to have our own Town Trucks.

As for the July Emergency Flood repairs, there was a big loss that we are in the process of trying to get reimbursed through FEMA. There is **no guarantee** of reimbursement, but we have submitted our losses to FEMA, and we are **hopeful** for reimbursement in 2024.

Finally, we tried to keep the budget, about the same as last year, depending on the grand list the 2024 municipal tax will be about the same as 2023, plus or minus a small amount.

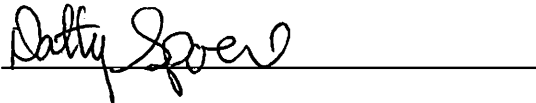
Respectfully submitted,

*Rebecca DiZazzo*

## 2023 Town of Lowell Audit Report

The Town Auditors audited the various town records for 2023 on January 22, 2024. The town books were in good order and all in balance as the records were easy to follow with all the proper back up. Kudos to all the office staff for their awesome work. The hiring of Marie Busch has been a tremendous help for Rebecca Dizazzo and Chirsty Pion. The records for the Historical Society, Lowell Cemetery Association, Fire Dept Special Equipment Fund and the F.O.L.K (Friends of Lowell Kids) were all examined. The auditors are working with these town's organizations to make their reports clearer to understand and more consistent year to year.

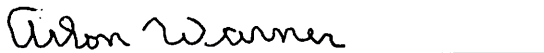
Dotty Spoerl

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Gordon Spencer

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Arlon Warner

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Town Of Lowell  
Bank Accts. Cd's

<b>General Checking Acct.</b>		
	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>		
General Acct. Interest	\$ 3,030	\$ 3,030
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 3,030	\$ 3,030
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 537,144	\$ 3,030
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ -	\$ 540,174
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 540,174</b>	<b>\$ 543,204</b>
<p>Available Funds from the general checking includes \$66,972 of the ARPA grant money and \$175,000 we are holding for the Bridge #10 .</p>		

<b>Petty Cash</b>		
	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
<b>Available Funds in Cash</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>

<b>Archie Powers Trust Fund</b>		
	2024 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>		
A. Powers MM Int.	\$ 124	\$ 130
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 124	\$ 130
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 124	\$ 130
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ 8,186	\$ 8,310
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 8,310</b>	<b>\$ 8,440</b>



<b>Town Reserve CD</b>				
	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
Income				
Town Reserve Interest	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,035	\$ 726	\$ 750
Total Income	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,035	\$ 726	\$ 750
Total Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,035	\$ 726	\$ 750
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 47,054	\$ 48,084	\$ 48,084	\$ 48,810
Available Funds	\$ 48,084	\$ 49,119	\$ 48,810	\$ 49,560

<b>Wind Tower Reserve</b>				
	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
Income				
Wind Tower Reserve Interest	\$ 471	\$ 500	\$ 1,307	\$ 1,400
Total Income	\$ 471	\$ 500	\$ 1,307	\$ 1,400
Total Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 471	\$ 500	\$ 1,307	\$ 1,400
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 137,636	\$ 138,107	\$ 138,107	\$ 139,414
Available Funds	\$ 138,107	\$ 138,607	\$ 139,414	\$ 140,814

Town Of Lowell  
Bank Accts. CDs

<b>Office Sales Acct.</b>				
	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
Income				
Office Sales Acct. Interest	\$ 54	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ 55
Total Income	\$ 54	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ 55
Total Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 54	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ 55
Funds Carried over from Prior Year	\$ 5,577	\$ 5,631	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,605
Available Funds	\$ 5,631	\$ 5,686	\$ 1,605	\$ 1,610
Money gets transferred from Office Sales to the General fund Acct.				

Town of Lowell  
2023 Admin Proposed Budget

	Admin. Budget	2023 Budget	2023 Actuals	2024 Proposed Budget	
<b>Interest</b>					
Checking-GF		\$ 2,700	\$ 3,030	\$ 3,000	
Checking-Office		\$ 55	\$ 5	\$ 5	
Interest-escrow		\$ 10	\$ 8	\$ 10	
<b>Money Market{78}</b>					
KCW Reserve Int.		\$ 500	\$ 1,307	\$ 1,400	
Town Reserve Int.		\$ 1,035	\$ 726	\$ 750	
<b>Total Interest</b>		<b>\$ 3,800</b>	<b>\$ 5,076</b>	<b>\$ 5,165</b>	
<b>Beer Licenses</b>					
Beer Licenses		\$ 135	\$ 185	\$ 185	
<b>DMV Renewals</b>					
DMV Renewals		\$ 12	\$ 15	\$ -	
<b>Dog Licenses</b>					
Dog Licenses		\$ 1,450	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,300	
<b>Hunting/Fishing Lic.</b>					
Hunting/Fishing Lic.		\$ 10	\$ 28	\$ -	
<b>Marriage Licenses</b>					
Marriage Licenses		\$ 450	\$ 250	\$ 300	
<b>License Fees/Fines - Other</b>					
License Fees/Fines - Other		\$ 50	\$ 13	\$ 15	
<b>Total License Fees/Fines</b>		<b>\$ 2,107</b>	<b>\$ 1,788</b>	<b>\$ 1,800</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>					
Cert. of Vital Statistics		\$ 400	\$ 180	\$ 200	
Copying Fees		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,347	\$ 1,800	
Green Mtn. Pass		\$ 18	\$ 2	\$ 4	
Misc. Fees		\$ 400	\$ 59	\$ 400	
Pilot Income		\$ 3,300	\$ 3,287	\$ 3,300	
Posted Land Fees		\$ 20	\$ 30	\$ 25	
Recorder Fees		\$ 7,250	\$ 7,736	\$ 7,250	
Research Time		\$ 300	\$ 430	\$ 430	
Truck Weight Fees		\$ 40	\$ 45	\$ 45	
<b>Total Other Income</b>		<b>\$ 12,728</b>	<b>\$ 13,116</b>	<b>\$ 13,454</b>	
<b>Permits</b>					
Zoning Permits		\$ 150	\$ 630	\$ 560	
<b>Total Permits</b>		<b>\$ 150</b>	<b>\$ 630</b>	<b>\$ 560</b>	
<b>State Revenue</b>					
Judiciary		\$ 150	\$ 256	\$ 250	
Land Use Change Penalty		\$ -	\$ 797	\$ 797	
Property Tax Adjustment		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
State Equalization Payment		\$ 705	\$ 705	\$ 705	
<b>Total State Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 855</b>	<b>\$ 1,758</b>	<b>\$ 1,752</b>	
<b>Tax Revenue</b>					
Current Use/State		\$ 8,000	\$ 8,641	\$ 8,500	Hold Harmless   Department of Taxes (vermont.gov)
Delinq tax penalty		\$ 8,900	\$ 10,860	\$ 1,200	summary of all penalty revenue accounts
Delinq. tax interest		\$ 9,800	\$ 21,687	\$ 3,500	summary of all interest revenue accounts
GMP Tax Contract		\$ 607,875	\$ 607,875	\$ 607,875	
Interest - tax sale		\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	
# Property Tax Income		\$ 311,313	\$ 164,081	\$ 275,178	calculated formula; actual is a summary of all tax income accounts
<b>Total Tax Revenue</b>			<b>\$ 813,143</b>	<b>\$ 896,253</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 919,188</b>	<b>\$ 835,511</b>	<b>\$ 918,984</b>	
<b>Gross Profit</b>		<b>\$ 919,188</b>	<b>\$ 835,511</b>	<b>\$ 918,984</b>	

Town of Lowell  
2023 Admin Proposed Budget

	Admin. Budget	2023 Budget	2023 Actuals	2024 Proposed Budget	
Expense					
Approp. Pd by Town					
American Legion Jay #28	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	
American Red Cross	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
N/E Council on Aging	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	
Felines & Friends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Green Mtn. Farm to Sc	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 1,000	
Green Up-Vt.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50	
Jr. Hoop	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Lamoille County Mental Health	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Lowell Cemetary Association	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	
Lowell Fire Dept	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	
Missisquoi River Basin	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	
NE Vt. Develop. Assoc.	\$ 754	\$ 754	\$ 754	\$ 754	
NEK Human Services	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,758	
NEKLS-Adult Learning Ctr.	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	
Orl. Essex. VNA & Hospice	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	
Orleans Citizen Advocacy	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	
Orleans County Child Advocacy	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	
Orleans County Fair Assoc.	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Orleans County Sheriff's Dept.	\$ 12,064	\$ 7,461	\$ 12,688	\$ 12,688	
Orleans Historical Soc.	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	
Pope Frontier Society	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Rural Community Transp.	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 700	
UMBRELLA Step O.N.E.	\$ 825	\$ 825	\$ 825	\$ 825	
Vermont Family Network	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	
Vt. Assoc. for Blind	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	
Vt. Ctr. Independent Liv.	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	
Vt. Rural Fire Protection	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	
Vt. Symphony Orchestra	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	
<b>Total Approp. Pd by Town</b>	<b>\$ 63,191</b>	<b>\$ 58,588</b>	<b>\$ 63,815</b>	<b>\$ 63,815</b>	
Assessed Appropriations					
Library	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	
Little League & T-Ball	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Roads-Summer	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	Transfer to Roads-Summer
Roads-Winter	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	Transfer to Roads-Winter
Selectboard	\$ 358,003	\$ 358,003	\$ 360,175	\$ 360,175	Transfer to Selectboard
<b>Total Assessed Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 647,503</b>	<b>\$ 647,503</b>	<b>\$ 646,675</b>	<b>\$ 646,675</b>	
Interest Expense					
Interest Expense Fire Trk	\$ 2,416	\$ 2,405	\$ 2,416	\$ 2,416	
Kempton Bridge int. expense	\$ 4,895	\$ 4,684	\$ 4,895	\$ 4,895	
Paving Interest Exp.	\$ 4,125	\$ 6,043	\$ 4,125	\$ 4,125	
Interest Expense - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Interest Expense</b>	<b>\$ 11,436</b>	<b>\$ 13,132</b>	<b>\$ 11,436</b>	<b>\$ 11,436</b>	
Purchases					
Fire Truck Payments	\$ 15,169	\$ 15,180	\$ 15,169	\$ 15,169	
Kempton Bridge Payments	\$ 79,953	\$ 80,164	\$ 79,953	\$ 79,953	
Paving Payments	\$ 101,936	\$ 100,017	\$ 101,936	\$ 101,936	
<b>Total Purchases</b>	<b>\$ 197,058</b>	<b>\$ 195,361</b>	<b>\$ 197,058</b>	<b>\$ 197,058</b>	
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 197,058</b>	<b>\$ 195,361</b>	<b>\$ 197,058</b>	<b>\$ 197,058</b>	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 919,188</b>	<b>\$ 914,584</b>	<b>\$ 918,984</b>	<b>\$ 918,984</b>	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (79,073)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (79,073)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Lowell Graded School received \$852,290.06 & North Country High School Received \$471,510.08 which is not a part of this budget we are voting on, but is given to you for reference.					

**Town of Lowell  
2023 Selectboard Proposed Budget**

	Selectboard Budget	2022 Budget	2022 Actuals	2023 Proposed Budget	2023 Actuals	2024 Proposed Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/expenses</b>						
Income					\$ 34	
Asses. Income from Town	\$ 290,000	\$ 290,000	\$ 290,000	\$ 358,003	\$ 358,003	\$ 380,175
Permits - Other						
Zoning Permits	\$ 580	\$ 95	\$ 95	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -
Permits - Other	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>\$ 580</b>	<b>\$ 145</b>	<b>\$ 145</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>						
HHW Grant	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
<b>Total State Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>
2022 Tire Event/ Misc Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,609	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,609</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 293,580</b>	<b>\$ 294,754</b>	<b>\$ 294,754</b>	<b>\$ 361,153</b>	<b>\$ 361,037</b>	<b>\$ 363,175</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 293,580</b>	<b>\$ 294,754</b>	<b>\$ 294,754</b>	<b>\$ 361,153</b>	<b>\$ 361,037</b>	<b>\$ 363,175</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
<b>Approp. Pd by Selectboard</b>						
Jay Food Shelf	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 500
Ambulance	\$ 39,327	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,247	\$ 48,997	\$ 50,247
<b>Total Approp. Pd by Selectboard</b>	<b>\$ 39,577</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>	<b>\$ 50,497</b>	<b>\$ 49,247</b>	<b>\$ 50,747</b>
<b>Assessed Appropriations</b>						
Appraisal Fund	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Culverts & Bridges	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Paving Fund Exp.	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
<b>Total Assessed Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 41,000</b>	<b>\$ 41,000</b>	<b>\$ 41,000</b>	<b>\$ 54,000</b>	<b>\$ 54,000</b>	<b>\$ 59,000</b>
<b>BRIDGE RENTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,512</b>	<b>\$ 1,512</b>	<b>\$ 1,512</b>	<b>\$ 1,512</b>	<b>\$ 1,512</b>	<b>\$ 1,512</b>
<b>Insurance</b>						
Property & Casualty Ins.	\$ 13,332	\$ 11,503	\$ 11,503	\$ 12,521	\$ 9,817	\$ 12,521
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 13,332</b>	<b>\$ 11,503</b>	<b>\$ 11,503</b>	<b>\$ 12,521</b>	<b>\$ 9,817</b>	<b>\$ 12,521</b>
<b>Legal &amp; Professional Services</b>						
Legal Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ 1,913	\$ 1,950
<b>Total Legal &amp; Professional Services</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>	<b>\$ 1,913</b>	<b>\$ 1,950</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>						
Bldg & Grd. Maintenance						
FURNACE MAINT.	\$ -	\$ 773	\$ 773	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ -
Bldg & Grd. Maintenance -	\$ 1,850	\$ 3,379	\$ 3,379	\$ 3,500	\$ 6,606	\$ 6,610
<b>Total Bldg &amp; Grd. Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 1,850</b>	<b>\$ 4,152</b>	<b>\$ 4,152</b>	<b>\$ 4,300</b>	<b>\$ 6,606</b>	<b>\$ 6,610</b>
Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ 1,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 3,550</b>	<b>\$ 4,152</b>	<b>\$ 4,152</b>	<b>\$ 4,300</b>	<b>\$ 6,606</b>	<b>\$ 6,610</b>
<b>Office Expense</b>						
Advertising	\$ 500	\$ 1,049	\$ 1,049	\$ 800	\$ 1,705	\$ 1,000
Cleaning Supplies	\$ 60	\$ 219	\$ 219	\$ 200	\$ 426	\$ 450
Computer Support	\$ 6,500	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200	\$ 5,500	\$ 8,562	\$ 8,600
Copier Exp.	\$ 440	\$ 490	\$ 490	\$ 550	\$ 551	\$ 2,000
DEC Watershed Fees	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,765	\$ 1,765
Digitization	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ -
Dog License fees-Vt. Treas.	\$ 639	\$ 608	\$ 608	\$ 625	\$ 550	\$ 600
Dog Tags/Books/supplies	\$ 160	\$ 164	\$ 164	\$ 175	\$ 170	\$ 175
Heating-Fuel Expense	\$ 11,200	\$ 11,704	\$ 11,704	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,644	\$ 8,700
Lister Computer Support	\$ 402	\$ 4,316	\$ 4,316	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,762	\$ 3,000
Lister Office Supplies	\$ 210	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 293	\$ 350
Lister Postage	\$ 23	\$ 44	\$ 44	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ 20
Lister Tax Mapping	\$ 2,050	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
Listers Membership	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50
Marriage License-Vt Treas.	\$ 400	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 300	\$ 165	\$ 200
Office Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,712	\$ 3,712	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,347	\$ 1,750
Postage	\$ 850	\$ 2,999	\$ 2,999	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,752	\$ 1,800
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	\$ 75	\$ 51	\$ 51	\$ 50	\$ 28	\$ 30

**Town of Lowell  
2023 Selectboard Proposed Budget**

	<b>Selectboard Budget</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>	<b>2022 Actuals</b>	<b>2023 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>2023 Actuals</b>	<b>2024 Proposed Budget</b>
Subscriptions	\$ 900	\$ 448	\$ 325	\$ 2,410	\$ 2,410	\$ 2,450
Town Reports Printing	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,863	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,018	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,630
Training	\$ 250	\$ 900	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,648	\$ 2,648	\$ 2,500
Utilities						
Electricity	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,479	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,290	\$ 3,290	\$ 3,400
Phone & Internet	\$ 3,282	\$ 3,856	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,963	\$ 3,963	\$ 4,000
Security & Lights	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,517	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,836	\$ 3,836	\$ 4,000
Utilities - Other	\$ -	\$ 140	\$ 150	\$ 220	\$ 220	\$ 225
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 10,082</b>	<b>\$ 10,992</b>	<b>\$ 11,350</b>	<b>\$ 11,309</b>	<b>\$ 11,309</b>	<b>\$ 11,625</b>
Office Expense - Other	\$ -	\$ 13		\$ 545	\$ 545	\$ 550
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>\$ 43,091</b>	<b>\$ 49,572</b>	<b>\$ 51,725</b>	<b>\$ 50,867</b>	<b>\$ 50,867</b>	<b>\$ 52,445</b>
Operating Expense						
Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Diesel/Gas	\$ 550	\$ -		\$ 141	\$ 141	\$ 150
Dues/Membership						
VLCT Dues/Fees	\$ 2,160	\$ 2,196	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,266	\$ 2,266	\$ 2,400
Dues/Membership - Other	\$ 50	\$ (40)		\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -
<b>Total Dues/Membership</b>	<b>\$ 2,210</b>	<b>\$ 2,156</b>	<b>\$ 2,300</b>	<b>\$ 2,316</b>	<b>\$ 2,316</b>	<b>\$ 2,400</b>
Lister Mileage	\$ 203	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 52	\$ 713	\$ 725	\$ 420	\$ 420	\$ 500
Misc. Expenses						
County Tax	\$ 12,779	\$ 12,779	\$ 12,779	\$ 15,478	\$ 15,478	\$ 15,500
<b>Total Misc. Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,779</b>	<b>\$ 12,779</b>	<b>\$ 12,779</b>	<b>\$ 15,478</b>	<b>\$ 15,478</b>	<b>\$ 15,500</b>
Supplies	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,356	\$ -	\$ 603	\$ 603	\$ 650
Trash Removal	\$ 350	\$ 207	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Expense - Other	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 460	\$ 460	\$ 450
<b>Total Operating expense</b>	<b>\$ 17,794</b>	<b>\$ 17,631</b>	<b>\$ 16,204</b>	<b>\$ 19,418</b>	<b>\$ 19,418</b>	<b>\$ 19,650</b>
Payroll Expenses - Other						
Company Contributions		\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 1,354	\$ 1,354	\$ 1,500
FICA Expense	\$ 7,249	\$ 6,361	\$ 7,380	\$ 5,813	\$ 5,813	\$ 5,950
Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ 9,888	\$ 10,752	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Medicare Exp.	\$ 1,695	\$ 1,488	\$ 1,726	\$ 1,359	\$ 1,359	\$ 1,400
Municipal Retirement	\$ 3,120	\$ 2,911	\$ 3,186	\$ 3,186	\$ 3,186	\$ 3,282
Unemployment-State	\$ 1,708	\$ 1,664	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,454
Workers Comp	\$ 4,861	\$ 9,653	\$ 10,498	\$ 10,781	\$ 10,781	\$ 11,104
<b>Total Company Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 18,634</b>	<b>\$ 31,967</b>	<b>\$ 35,352</b>	<b>\$ 23,905</b>	<b>\$ 23,905</b>	<b>\$ 24,690</b>
Salaries						
Admin. Ass't/Asst Clerk/Treas	\$ 20,996	\$ 11,842	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,691	\$ 1,691	\$ 22,880
Auditors	\$ 986	\$ 422	\$ 1,073	\$ 266	\$ 266	\$ 500
Civil Board	\$ 374	\$ 1,134	\$ 865	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 800
Cleaning	\$ 1,655	\$ 1,655	\$ 1,799	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,770
Constable/Animal Cont	\$ 350	\$ 700	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Garage Mt.	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Health Officer	\$ -	\$ 363	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Listers	\$ 18,806	\$ 18,476	\$ 20,451	\$ 18,710	\$ 18,710	\$ 20,451
Recycling Attendant	\$ 3,389	\$ 3,309	\$ 3,599	\$ 2,965	\$ 2,965	\$ 3,500
Select Board	\$ 4,900	\$ 4,854	\$ 4,900	\$ 4,774	\$ 4,774	\$ 4,774
Town Clerk	\$ 32,000	\$ 30,679	\$ 34,800	\$ 31,762	\$ 31,762	\$ 34,800
Town Treasurer	\$ 32,000	\$ 29,024	\$ 34,800	\$ 29,419	\$ 29,419	\$ 23,951
Zoning Board	\$ 1,270	\$ 143	\$ 500	\$ 965	\$ 965	\$ 1,000
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 116,925</b>	<b>\$ 102,601</b>	<b>\$ 119,037</b>	<b>\$ 92,396</b>	<b>\$ 92,396</b>	<b>\$ 114,926</b>
Payroll Expenses - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 135,559</b>	<b>\$ 134,568</b>	<b>\$ 154,389</b>	<b>\$ 116,301</b>	<b>\$ 116,301</b>	<b>\$ 139,616</b>
Solid Waste						
Hired Eq. Green Up Day-Removal	\$ -	\$ 406	\$ 425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Household Hazardous Waste	\$ 1,750	\$ 7,794	\$ 8,420	\$ 6,583	\$ 6,583	\$ 7,077
In Town Recycling	\$ 17,000	\$ 5,799	\$ 6,260	\$ 11,208	\$ 11,208	\$ 12,047
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$ 18,750</b>	<b>\$ 13,999</b>	<b>\$ 15,105</b>	<b>\$ 17,791</b>	<b>\$ 17,791</b>	<b>\$ 19,124</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 314,165</b>	<b>\$ 274,188</b>	<b>\$ 361,153</b>	<b>\$ 327,471</b>	<b>\$ 327,471</b>	<b>\$ 363,175</b>
Net ordinary income	\$ (20,585)	\$ 20,566	\$ -	\$ 33,566	\$ 33,566	\$ -
Net Income	\$ (20,585)	\$ 20,566	\$ -	\$ 33,566	\$ 33,566	\$ -

Town of Lowell  
2023 Roads Proposed Budget

Roads Budget	Winter Roads		Summer Roads		Total Roads	
	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>						
Assess income. From Town	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000
Grant Income/Carter Rd #2/Fema	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 29,563	\$ -
Off Grant BR & GA 2023	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 9,072	\$ -
Total Grant/ Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 318,635	\$ 280,000
Truck Weight Fees	\$ 245	\$ 245	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 260	\$ 260
Permits						
Driveway Permits	\$ 25	\$ 30	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ 150
State Aid Class 2-3 Rds	\$ 41,274	\$ 41,274	\$ 85,007	\$ -	\$ 126,280	\$ 41,274
State Revenue - Other	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Total State Revenue	\$ 41,274	\$ 41,274	\$ 85,007	\$ -	\$ 126,280	\$ 41,274
Uncategorized Income	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 181,544	\$ 181,549	\$ 225,147	\$ 140,145	\$ 445,325	\$ 321,684
<b>EXPENSE:</b>						
Assessed Appropriations						
Equip. Mt. Fund	\$ 12,253	\$ 12,253	\$ 15,253	\$ 15,253	\$ 27,506	\$ 27,506
Gravel Pit	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Total Assessed Appropriations	\$ 14,253	\$ 14,253	\$ 17,253	\$ 17,253	\$ 31,506	\$ 31,506
Hired Equipment						
Equip Transport	\$ 241	\$ 240	\$ -		\$ 241	\$ 240
Hired Eq./Albany	\$ -		\$ 1,885	\$ 1,885	\$ 1,885	\$ 1,885
Plowing	\$ 12,765	\$ 12,750	\$ -		\$ 12,765	\$ 12,750
Rd. Ditching-Hired Equip.	\$ -		\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120
Road Mowing-Hired Eq.	\$ -		\$ 6,310	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,310	\$ 6,400
Sweeper-Hired Eq.	\$ -		\$ 1,275	\$ 1,275	\$ 1,275	\$ 1,275
Tree Cutting/Excavation	\$ 880	\$ 900	\$ -		\$ 880	\$ 900
Hired Equipment - Other	\$ 4,316	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,792	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,108	\$ 6,500
Total Hired Equipment	\$ 18,202	\$ 18,390	\$ 11,382	\$ 11,680	\$ 29,584	\$ 30,070
Equipment Repair						
Screener	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,287	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,287	\$ 3,300
Trucks	\$ 1,461	\$ 1,500	\$ 137	\$ 175	\$ 1,598	\$ 1,675
Equipment Repair - Other	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,938	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,438	\$ 3,000



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Roads Budget	Winter Roads		Summer Roads		Total Roads	
	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed Budget
	Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ 1,839	\$ 1,500	\$ 890	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,729
Maintenance - Other	\$ 2,773	\$ 3,000	\$ 170		\$ 2,943	\$ 3,000
Total Maintenance	\$ 7,573	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,422	\$ 6,475	\$ 13,995	\$ 13,975
Operating Expense						
Albany Plowing	\$ -		\$ 4,840	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,840	\$ 5,000
Beaver Expense	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 300
Chloride	\$ -		\$ 8,197	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,197	\$ 8,000
Diesel/Gas	\$ 21,922	\$ 22,000	\$ 9,695	\$ 11,000	\$ 31,617	\$ 33,000
Lease Exp.						
Trk Lease Exp	\$ 37,095	\$ 37,095	\$ 37,095	\$ 37,095	\$ 74,190	\$ 74,190
Road Stakes	\$ -		\$ 1,218	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,218	\$ 1,500
Road Signs	\$ -		\$ 2,760	\$ 1,525	\$ 2,760	\$ 1,525
Roads - Other	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200
Salt	\$ 8,729	\$ 12,000	\$ -		\$ 8,729	\$ 12,000
Snow Removal	\$ 625	\$ 1,000	\$ -		\$ 625	\$ 1,000
Supplies	\$ 54	\$ 700	\$ 55	\$ 100	\$ 109	\$ 800
Operating Expense - Other	\$ -		\$ 1,240	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,240	\$ 1,300
Total Operating Expense	\$ 68,574	\$ 72,945	\$ 65,100	\$ 65,870	\$ 133,674	\$ 138,815
Payroll Expenses						
Company Contributions						
FICA Expense	\$ 5,805	\$ 5,900	\$ 1,827	\$ 1,900	\$ 7,632	\$ 7,800
Health Insurance	\$ 12,804	\$ 11,168	\$ 2,854	\$ 11,168	\$ 15,658	\$ 22,336
Medicare Exp.	\$ 1,358	\$ 1,400	\$ 427	\$ 500	\$ 1,785	\$ 1,900
Municipal Retirement	\$ 3,886	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,522	\$ 1,575	\$ 5,408	\$ 5,575
Company Contributions - Other	\$ 2,942	\$ 3,000	\$ -		\$ 2,942	\$ 3,000
Total Company Contributions	\$ 26,794	\$ 25,468	\$ 6,630	\$ 15,143	\$ 33,425	\$ 40,611
Salaries						
Other Salaries	\$ 48,297	\$ 48,297	\$ 12,397	\$ 12,397	\$ 60,694	\$ 60,694
Rd. Comm.	\$ 42,392	\$ 42,392	\$ 17,069	\$ 17,069	\$ 59,461	\$ 59,461
Salaries - Other	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Total Salaries	\$ 90,689	\$ 90,689	\$ 29,467	\$ 29,466	\$ 120,156	\$ 120,155
Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 117,483	\$ 116,157	\$ 36,097	\$ 44,609	\$ 153,581	\$ 160,766



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Roads Budget	Winter Roads		Summer Roads		Total Roads	
	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed Budget
TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$ 226,085	\$ 229,245	\$ 136,254	\$ 145,887	\$ 362,339	\$ 375,132
NET INCOME:	\$ (44,542)	\$ (47,696)	\$ 88,893	\$ (5,742)	\$ 82,986	\$ (53,448)
Retained earnings					\$ (30,729)	\$ 52,257
Results FY 23					\$ 52,257	\$ (1,191)
						Projected ending FY24
<p>The 2024 Budget shows a projected \$1,191 loss but we are hopeful to receive Road grants that will bring us in the positive just like you see here in 2023</p>						

Grants for Roads 2023

		<b>Better Roads Grant 2023</b>	<b>BR Irish Hill TH#28 2023 actual (Grants)</b>
		<b>Grant Income</b>	
		Irish Hill State Grant	17,993.35
		<b>Total Grant Income</b>	<b>17,993.35</b>
		<b>Expense</b>	
		<b>Contracted Services</b>	
		Mulcher Rental	910.00
		Rd. Ditching-Hired Equip.	4,800.00
		Stone Rds.-Hired Equip.	960.00
		<b>Total Contracted Services</b>	<b>6,670.00</b>
		<b>Maintenance - Equipment</b>	
		Loader	1,178.46
		<b>Total Maintenance - Equipment</b>	<b>1,178.46</b>
		<b>Operating Expense</b>	
		Hay/Mulching	407.00
		Road Signs	109.00
		Stones-Crushed	1,271.96
		<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>1,787.96</b>
		<b>Payroll - Company Contributions</b>	
		FICA Expense	175.61
		Health Insurance	519.18
		Medicare Exp.	41.06
		Municipal Retirement	148.71
		<b>Total Payroll - Company Contributions</b>	<b>884.56</b>
		<b>Payroll - Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	
		Other Salaries	1,279.60
		Rd. Comm.	1,552.91
		<b>Total Payroll - Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	<b>2,832.51</b>
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,353.49</b>
		<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>4,639.86</b>
		<b>Net Income/ Applied to Roads 2023</b>	<b>4,639.86</b>
<b>There was a profit because we used our town trucks</b>			

Grants for Roads 2023

		<b>Grants In Aid Grant 2023</b>	<b>GA Stephenson RD 2023 Actual</b>
			<b>(Grants)</b>
<b>Income</b>			
		<b>Grant Income</b>	
		GA0585 Stephenson RD	17,874.95
		<b>Total Grant Income</b>	<b>17,874.95</b>
<b>Total Income</b>			17,874.95
		<b>Total Grant Income</b>	17,874.95
		<b>Expense</b>	
		<b>Contracted Services</b>	
		Mulcher Rental	157.27
		Rd. Ditching-Hired Equip.	5,760.00
		<b>Total Contracted Services</b>	5,917.27
		<b>Maintenance - Infrastructure</b>	
		Culverts	2,243.36
		<b>Total Maintenance - Infrastructure</b>	2,243.36
		<b>Operating Expense</b>	
		Hay/Mulching	292.50
		Other Exp.	25.49
		Plant Seed	160.00
		Stone for Roads	1,001.38
		<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	1,479.37
		<b>Payroll - Company Contributions</b>	
		FICA Expense	180.90
		Health Insurance	508.37
		Medicare Exp.	42.32
		Municipal Retirement	153.20
		<b>Total Payroll - Company Contributions</b>	884.79
		<b>Payroll - Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	
		Other Salaries	1,428.15
		Rd. Comm.	1,489.80
		<b>Total Payroll - Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	2,917.95
		<b>Total Expense</b>	13,442.74
		<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	4,432.21
		<b>Net Income/ Applied to Roads 2023 Actual</b>	<b>4,432.21</b>
		<b>There was a profit because we used our town trucks</b>	

Grants for Roads 2023

<b>July Flood 2023- FEMA</b>		
		<b>FEMA</b>
		<b>(Grants)</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Contracted Services</b>		
	<b>Equip Transport</b>	1,950.00
	<b>Contracted Services - Other</b>	159.00
	<b>Total Contracted Services</b>	<b>2,109.00</b>
<b>Maintenance - Infrastructure</b>		
	<b>Flood Rd. Repair</b>	69,514.36
	<b>Total Maintenance - Infrastructure</b>	<b>69,514.36</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>		
	<b>Hay/Mulching</b>	40.00
	<b>Supplies</b>	8.99
	<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>48.99</b>
<b>Payroll - Company Contributions</b>		
	<b>FICA Expense</b>	441.81
	<b>Health Insurance</b>	1,105.29
	<b>Medicare Exp.</b>	103.32
	<b>Municipal Retirement</b>	374.12
	<b>Total Payroll - Company Contributions</b>	<b>2,024.54</b>
<b>Payroll - Salaries &amp; Wages</b>		
	<b>Other Salaries</b>	3,313.26
	<b>Rd. Comm.</b>	3,812.76
	<b>Total Payroll - Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	<b>7,126.02</b>
<b>Solid Waste</b>		
	<b>Household Hazardous Waste</b>	732.30
	<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>732.30</b>
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>81,555.21</b>
	<b>Unexpected loss</b>	<b>-81,555.21</b>
	<p>We hope to receive reimbursement of this money by end of 2024 but it is not guaranteed</p>	

<b>ARPA Grant Fund</b>						
	<b>2021 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>2022 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2023 BUDGET</b>	<b>2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2024 BUDGET</b>
<b>Income</b>						
SLFRF VT Grant	\$ 119,122	\$ 119,122	\$ 119,178	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 119,122	\$ 119,122	\$ 119,178	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Expenses</b>						
Roads Summer	\$ 6,772	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Roads Winter	\$ 5,532	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hodgeman Bridge Match	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gelo Park Maintenance	\$ 712	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,103	\$ -
BLDG. & Grd. Maint	\$ 2,275	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Phone & Internet (Free Public)	\$ 304	\$ 579	\$ 579	\$ 600	\$ 599	\$ -
Missisquoi Ambulance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,327	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment-Small	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ 9,403	\$ -
Tree Cutting/Excavation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Orleans County Sheriff's Dept	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,822	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grader Repairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Repair-Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,794	\$ -	\$ 1,443	\$ -
Tools/ fire equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 237	\$ -	\$ 67,700	\$ -
Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 791	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pope Mem. Frontier Animal Shelter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Tires	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,125	\$ -
FICA Expense	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Medicare Exp.	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Retirement	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unemployment-State	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Workers Comp	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Salaries						
Town Treasurer	\$ 42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 15,644	\$ 579	\$ 66,312	\$ 12,600	\$ 89,372	\$ -
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 103,478	\$ 118,543	\$ 52,866	\$ (12,600)	\$ (89,372)	\$ -
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ -	\$ 103,478	\$ 103,478	\$ 156,344	\$ 156,344	\$ 66,972
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 103,478	\$ 222,021	\$ 156,344	\$ 143,744	\$ 66,972	\$ 66,972

<b>Computerization Fund</b>						
	<b>2021 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>2022 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2023 BUDGET</b>	<b>2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2024 BUDGET</b>
<b>Income</b>						
Computerization Income	\$ 3,379	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,625	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,901	\$ 3,000
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 3,379	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,625	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,901	\$ 3,000
<b>Expenses</b>						
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 3,379	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,625	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,901	\$ 3,000
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ 11,870	\$ 15,249	\$ 15,249	\$ 17,874	\$ 17,874	\$ 20,775
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 15,249	\$ 18,249	\$ 17,874	\$ 20,874	\$ 20,775	\$ 23,775

### Hodgeman Bridge Grant Fund

	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
SLFRF VT Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hodgeman Bridge - Federal	\$ 2,487	\$ 81,080	\$ 74,577	\$ 162,160	\$ 85,959	\$ -
Hodgeman Bridge - State	\$ 274	\$ 8,920	\$ 8,197	\$ 17,840	\$ 9,300	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,761</b>	<b>\$ 90,000</b>	<b>\$ 96,073</b>	<b>\$ 180,000</b>	<b>\$ 95,259</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Bridge Rental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Engineering	\$ 3,647	\$ 100,000	\$ 94,857	\$ 200,000	\$ 156,796	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 33	\$ -	\$ 209	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contracted Services	\$ 18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 3,700</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 95,134</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>\$ 156,796</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ (939)</b>	<b>\$ (10,000)</b>	<b>\$ 939</b>	<b>\$ (20,000)</b>	<b>\$ (61,536)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (939)</b>	<b>\$ (939)</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (61,536)</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ (939)</b>	<b>\$ (10,939)</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>	<b>\$ (20,000)</b>	<b>\$ (61,536)</b>	<b>\$ (61,536)</b>
<b>We get reimbursed 90% of of all expenses paid out on this project/ we are holding \$ 175,000 in our general acct.</b>						
<b>to pay for the other 10%</b>						

### Paving Fund

	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Assess from Selectboard	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Grant Income	\$ 175,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Paving Fund Exp.	\$ 87,500	\$ 87,500	\$ 87,500		\$ 182,046	
Road Repair	\$ -		\$ 3,951		\$ 72	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 87,500</b>	<b>\$ 87,500</b>	<b>\$ 91,451</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 182,118</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 112,500</b>	<b>\$ (62,500)</b>	<b>\$ (66,451)</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ (132,118)</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 99,952</b>	<b>\$ 212,452</b>	<b>\$ 212,452</b>	<b>\$ 146,001</b>	<b>\$ 146,001</b>	<b>\$ 13,883</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 212,452</b>	<b>\$ 149,952</b>	<b>\$ 146,001</b>	<b>\$ 196,001</b>	<b>\$ 13,883</b>	<b>\$ 63,883</b>

Audit Fund has \$8,831.32

<b>Gravel Pit Fund</b>						
	<b>2021 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>2022 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2023 BUDGET</b>	<b>2023 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2024 BUDGET</b>
<b>Income</b>						
Asses. from Roads	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Land Rent	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Hired Equipment	\$ 900	\$ 1,000	\$ 188		\$ -	
Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ 104	\$ -	\$ 43		\$ 564	
Sand Screening/ gravel Crushing	\$ 971	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 23,026	\$ 4,000
Company Contributions						
FICA Expense	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ 43		\$ -	
Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96		\$ -	
Medicare Exp.	\$ 18	\$ -	\$ 10		\$ -	
Municipal Retirement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29		\$ -	
Unemployment-State	\$ 8	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Workers Comp	\$ 54	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Salaries						
Other Salaries	\$ 1,209	\$ -	\$ 385		\$ -	
Rd. Comm.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 302		\$ -	
In Town Recycling	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 840		\$ -	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 3,338</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,934</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>	<b>\$ 23,590</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,662</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,066</b>	<b>\$ (16,000)</b>	<b>\$ (19,590)</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 11,352</b>	<b>\$ 15,014</b>	<b>\$ 15,014</b>	<b>\$ 20,080</b>	<b>\$ 20,080</b>	<b>\$ 490</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 15,014</b>	<b>\$ 20,014</b>	<b>\$ 20,080</b>	<b>\$ 4,080</b>	<b>\$ 490</b>	<b>\$ 1,490</b>

## Large Culverts & Bridges

	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Asses. from Selectboard	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,538	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 12,000</b>	<b>\$ 12,000</b>	<b>\$ 17,538</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Bridge Expense	\$ 599	\$ 1,000	\$ 8,165		\$ -	
Culverts	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,243		\$ 7,785	
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25		\$ -	
<b>Company Contributions</b>						
FICA Expense	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ 30		\$ -	
Health Insurance	\$ 94	\$ -	\$ 81		\$ -	
Medicare Exp.	\$ 9	\$ -	\$ 7		\$ -	
Municipal Retirement	\$ 31	\$ -	\$ 24		\$ -	
Unemployment-State	\$ 5	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Workers Comp	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
<b>Salaries</b>						
Other Salaries	\$ 650	\$ -	\$ 231		\$ -	
Rd. Comm.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 255		\$ -	
Other	\$ -	\$ -				
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,469</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>\$ 11,062</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,785</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,531</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,476</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (7,785)</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 29,830</b>	<b>\$ 40,362</b>	<b>\$ 40,362</b>	<b>\$ 46,838</b>	<b>\$ 46,838</b>	<b>\$ 39,053</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 40,362</b>	<b>\$ 50,362</b>	<b>\$ 46,838</b>	<b>\$ 46,838</b>	<b>\$ 39,053</b>	<b>\$ 44,053</b>



**Appraisal Dept. Financial**

	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Asses Income By Selectboard	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Reappraisal Fees	\$ 5,993	\$ 5,976	\$ 5,993	\$ 5,995	\$ 5,992	\$ 5,995
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 9,993</b>	<b>\$ 9,976</b>	<b>\$ 9,993</b>	<b>\$ 9,995</b>	<b>\$ 9,992</b>	<b>\$ 9,995</b>
<b>Appraisal Fund Expense / NEMRC</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 18,060</b>	<b>\$ 18,060</b>	<b>\$ 36,120</b>
Lister Postage					\$ 357	\$ 357
Lister office Supplies					\$ 105	\$ 150
<b>Total Office expense</b>					<b>\$ 18,522</b>	<b>\$ 36,627</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 9,993</b>	<b>\$ 9,976</b>	<b>\$ 9,993</b>	<b>\$ (8,065)</b>	<b>\$ (8,530)</b>	<b>\$ (26,632)</b>
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	<b>\$ 64,639</b>	<b>\$ 74,632</b>	<b>\$ 74,632</b>	<b>\$ 84,624</b>	<b>\$ 76,559</b>	<b>\$ 68,029</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 74,632</b>	<b>\$ 84,607</b>	<b>\$ 84,624</b>	<b>\$ 76,559</b>	<b>\$ 68,029</b>	<b>\$ 41,397</b>

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

<b>Equipment Maintenance Fund</b>						
	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Asses. from Roads	\$ 7,892	\$ 7,892	\$ 7,892	\$ 27,506	\$ 27,506	\$ 27,506
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 7,892	\$ 7,892	\$ 7,892	\$ 27,506	\$ 27,506	\$ 27,506
<b>Expenses</b>						
Tires	\$ 4,425	\$ -	\$ 3,437	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Bridge Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Chains/Grader-Loader	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,229	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Chains/Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 435	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Repair-Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 3,861	\$ 1,005
Grader Repairs	\$ -	\$ 1,800	\$ 122	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,647	\$ 12,000
Loader	\$ 1,517	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,673	\$ 6,500
Maint Supplies/Fluids	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 849	\$ 850	\$ -	\$ -
Plow Blades/Shoes/etc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,127	\$ 2,300
Sander	\$ 141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Screener	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 446	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Truck Maint.	\$ 1,876	\$ 1,250	\$ 60	\$ 500	\$ 698	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 7,959	\$ 4,550	\$ 7,889	\$ 14,850	\$ 27,506	\$ 25,305
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ (67)	\$ 3,342	\$ 3	\$ 12,656	\$ (0)	\$ 2,201
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ (2,136)	\$ (2,203)	\$ (2,203)	\$ (2,201)	\$ (2,201)	\$ (2,201)
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ (2,203)	\$ 1,139	\$ (2,201)	\$ 10,455	\$ (2,201)	\$ (0)

<b>File Restoration Fund</b>						
	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Restoration	\$ 4,509	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,480	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,868	\$ 3,900
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 4,509	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,868	\$ 3,900
<b>Expenses</b>						
Mileage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FICA Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Medicare Exp.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Admin Ass't	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 961	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,065	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 4,509	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,435	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,868	\$ 3,900
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ 15,021	\$ 19,530	\$ 19,530	\$ 21,965	\$ 21,965	\$ 25,833
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 19,530	\$ 24,030	\$ 21,965	\$ 25,465	\$ 25,833	\$ 29,733

<b>Library Fund</b>						
	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Assess. Income from Town	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 9,299	\$ 6,500
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210	\$ 200
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 9,509	\$ 6,700
<b>Expenses</b>						
Office Supplies	\$ 33	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,056	\$ 300
Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62	\$ 50	\$ 12	\$ 18
Subscriptions	\$ 109	\$ 200	\$ 115	\$ 150	\$ 94	\$ 84
Books	\$ 1,368	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,563	\$ 2,500	\$ 923	\$ 1,600
Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43	\$ 45
Computer support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 947	\$ -
Phone & Internet	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 429	\$ 747
Mileage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Company Contributions</b>						
FICA Expense	\$ 177	\$ 45	\$ 190	\$ 200	\$ 268	\$ 364
Medicare Exp.	\$ 41	\$ 197	\$ 44	\$ 50	\$ 63	\$ 87
Unemployment-State	\$ 35	\$ 46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Workers Comp	\$ 105	\$ 99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Salaries</b>						
Librarian	\$ 2,825	\$ 3,150	\$ 2,927	\$ 2,927	\$ 4,328	\$ 5,642
Library Assist.	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 138	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 186
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 4,722	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,049	\$ 7,597	\$ 8,162	\$ 9,073
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 1,279	\$ 200	\$ 951	\$ (1,097)	\$ 1,347	\$ (2,373)
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ 7,300	\$ 8,579	\$ 8,579	\$ 9,530	\$ 6,731	\$ 8,078
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 8,579	\$ 8,779	\$ 9,530	\$ 8,433	\$ 8,078	\$ 5,705

<b>Little League Fund</b>						
	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>						
Assess. Income from Town	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -
<b>Expenses</b>						
Ball Field Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ (4,107)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -
<b>Funds Carried over from Prior Year</b>	\$ 8,444	\$ 11,444	\$ 11,444	\$ 7,337	\$ 7,337	\$ 10,337
<b>Available Funds</b>	\$ 11,444	\$ 14,444	\$ 7,337	\$ 10,337	\$ 10,337	\$ 10,337

Town Of Lowell  
Delinquent Tax Report as of December 31,2022

<b>Delinquent Taxes-2021</b>	<b>\$987.13</b>
<b>Delinquent Taxes-2022</b>	<b>\$9,101.34</b>
<b>Delinquent Taxes-2023</b>	<b>\$76,516.24</b>
<b>Total Delinquent Taxes</b>	<b>\$86,604.71</b>

Fire Truck Loan- Maturity Date 9/20/2027

Paving Loan- Maturity Date 7/30/2025

Kempton Bridge Loan- Maturity Date 7/30/2025

Truck Lease- Maturity Date 4/30/2027

# **Listers' Report 2023**

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 2023! To complete this work, we update & verify property sales, subdivisions, new or updated houses & structures, plus credits and exemptions. Examples include Veteran’s Credits, Current Use, Contracts, & much more. Surveys, deeds and transfer documents are sent to Cartographics to update the ‘Tax Maps’ yearly. These maps are accessible on the Town website- [lowelltown.org](http://lowelltown.org).

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

Each Spring we begin our inspections relying on the building permits you filed. It’s a great help to us if you include floor plans & septic & water sites. Thank you! The value of these improvements is as of April 1<sup>st</sup> each year. We send you notices of the change of values in June called the Grievance Notices.

The townwide reappraisal has begun. In July 2023 the appraisal firm, NEMRC, set up in our Town Office. The inspections will start this year. We will put notices on the Town website, [lowelltown.org](http://lowelltown.org), when the actual inspections begin. You should receive a postcard prior to your road being inspected. Appraisers will have proper ID, as well as their vehicles. Please call the office with any questions or complaints. The last townwide reappraisal started in 2013—11 years ago!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Higley  
Chris Hager  
Cheryl Clark

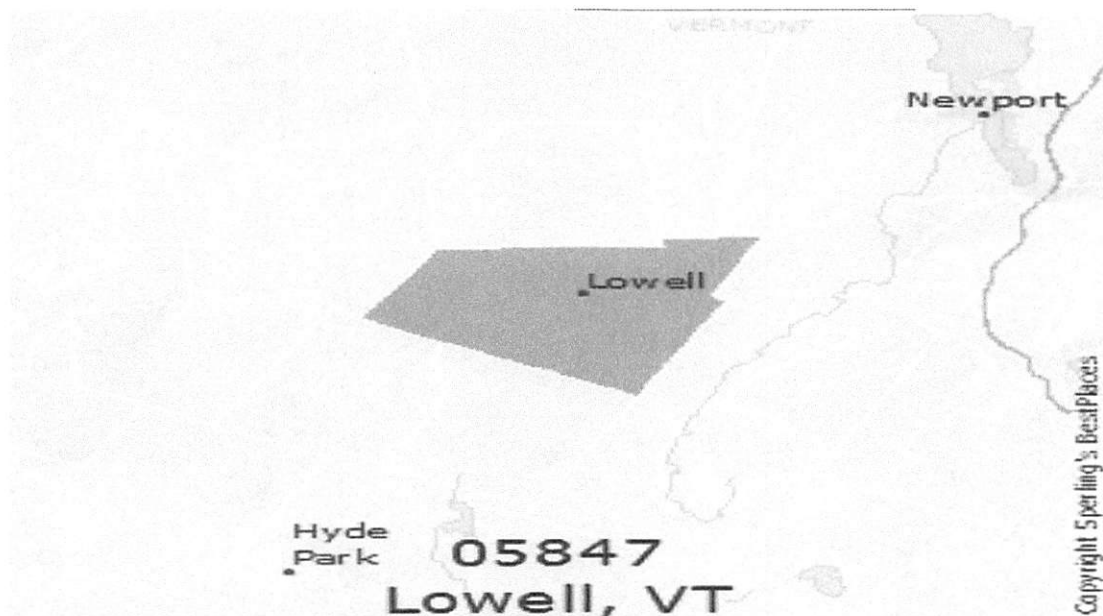
## 2023 Zoning Board report for 2024 town meeting

### 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. Check to be sure the meeting is to be beheld.

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,  
Lowell Planning Board and Board of Adjustment (Zoning Board)*

# **2023 Lowell Historical Society Report for the March 2024 Town Meeting**

The Lowell Historical Society holds 4 or 5 meetings a year when they get a chance and there is something to discuss. Sometimes the meetings are organizational and sometimes we review Lowell history research. To be informed of meetings e mail [samuelthurston@gmail.com](mailto:samuelthurston@gmail.com) or otherwise inform us. All are welcome residents or not.

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

Essays are due by Monday, July 15th and should be sent to Lowell Historical Society, Lowell Town Offices, 2170 Vermont Route 100 in Lowell or emailed to [samuelthurston@gmail.com](mailto:samuelthurston@gmail.com). The essay should be no less than 500 words. Any questions may be directed to Sam Thurston at 744-6859 or [samuelthurston@gmail.com](mailto:samuelthurston@gmail.com)  
Note the deadline which is later than many scholarships.

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

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

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

# LETTER FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

2023 was an up and down year. We started off with the addition of 3 new firemen. We lost a long time fireman Rolf Koob who passed away, the on scene Heart attack that Jason Blay suffered, the purchase of new air packs which the dept. would like to Thank the Select Board along with the residents of Lowell for making stimulus money available to us. I'd like to finish on a high note with the return of Jason Blay who is back in full service.

The Fire Dept. responded to 26 calls to include

6 car accidents

5 structure fires

2 car fires

1 ATV accident

2 fire alarms

3 mutual aid calls along with

7 other fire related calls

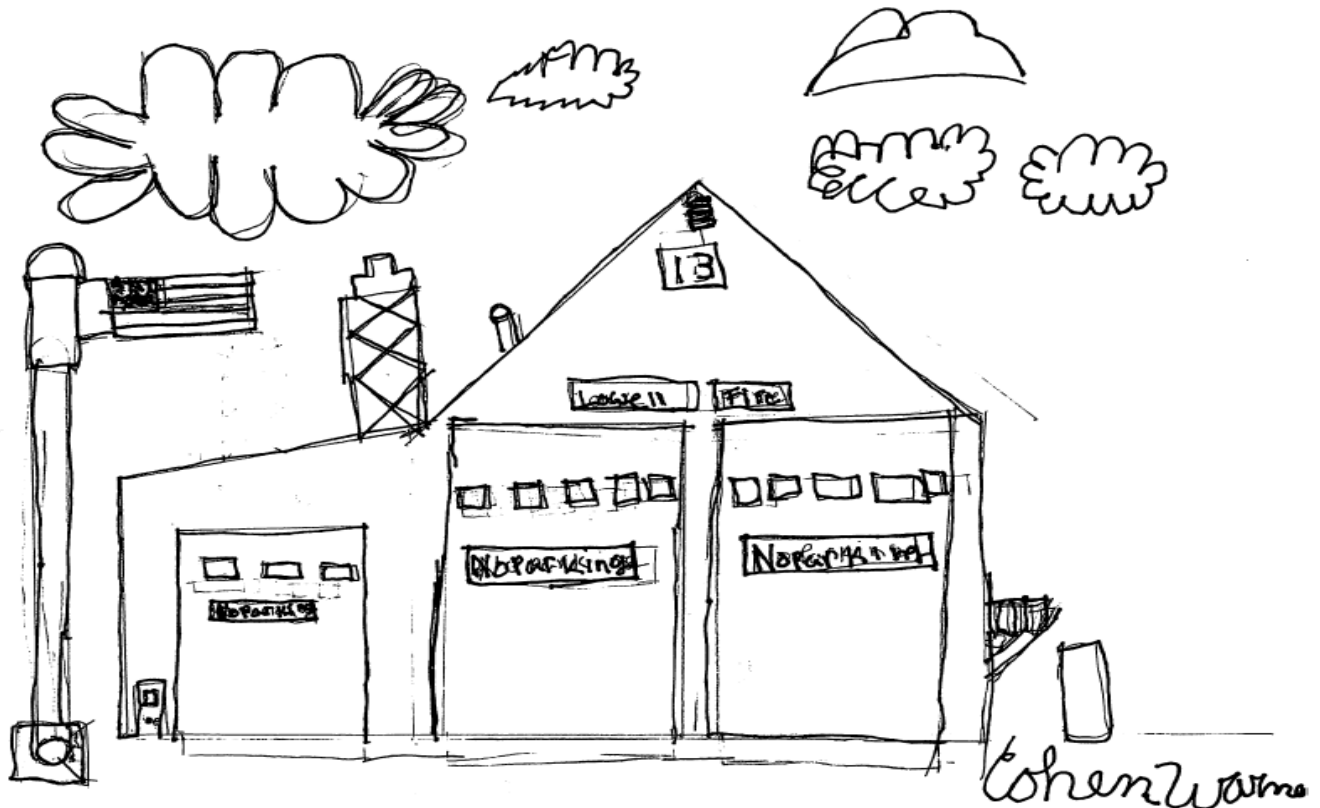
As always our firemen continue to train hard in all areas of fire and rescue.

With the new Air Pack purchase our fire dept. is now in 100% NFPA compliance.

Again, we'd like to thank the Lowell residents for your continued support

Calvin Allen

Fire Chief



Lowell Fire House By Cohen Warner-7<sup>th</sup> Grade



# **LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **Special Equipment Account**

Prior Year Balance 12/31/2022	<b>27,270.50</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Donations	4850.00
Services Rendered	1000.00
Great Auk Wireless	975.00
T-Mobile	17,634.60
Dick Manning Memorial Fund	750.00
Rolf Koob Memorial Fund	475.00
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Total Income	25,684.60
<b>TOTAL BALANCE &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>52,955.10</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Rescue Truck Loan Payments	12,600.00
Christmas Party	1,260.97
New Equipment	0.00
LED Traffic Signs	989.35
New S.C.B.A.'s	16,350.00
Rescue Equipment Conversion Kit	809.00
Misc.	75.00
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Total Disbursements	32,084.32
TOTAL REVENUE	52,955.10
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	32,084.32
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<b>SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>20,870.78</b>

# 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 102* permits issued by the Fire Warden, Deputy Warden and Town Fire Chief. The Fire Warden and Deputy Warden should be the first to call for a permit as they are updated daily on fire weather danger and conditions. As you may have seen at the town green there is a daily fire danger sign to let residents know of the fire danger level. This is updated daily during spring, summer and fall fire seasons.

## NOTICE:

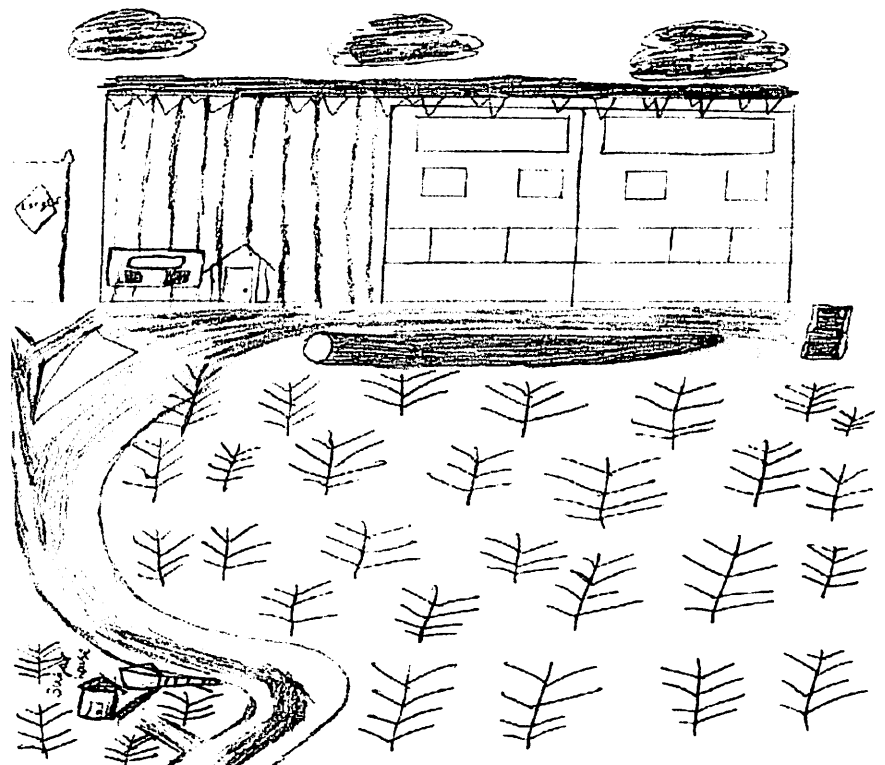
Due to calls from neighbors of illegal burning of toxic materials. Wardens or members of the Fire Department may make random checks of the burn piles. Please respect your neighbors and do not burn garbage. Certain building materials such as roofing, vinyl siding, foam rubber, etc.... There are *fin*es 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*



# MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

### **Checking Acct.**

**Jan 1, 2023 (Beg. Bal.)** **\$6,921.82**

<b>INCOME:</b>	Mass Mutual Interest	815.86	
	Sale of 1/2 Lot	650.00	
	Contributions	25.00	
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	2323 Appropriations	5,500.00	
	Sale of 1/2 Lot	465.00	
	Contributions	25.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,530.86</b>	<b>7,530.86</b>
			<b>\$14,452.68</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	Lawn mowing	3,600.00	
	Website	143.88	
	Deed Recording, Flag & Lumber	54.72	
	Corner Posts	250.00	
	Deed recording	15.00	
	Corner Posts	250.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,313.60</b>	<b>\$4,313.60</b>
	<b>ENDING BAL. Dec. 31, 2022</b>		<b>10,139.08</b>

## LETTER OF REQUEST:

**The Lowell Cemetery Association manages the care and finances of the Mountain View Cemetery. Town funding, volunteer effort, and contributions of material and equipment enable the Association's mission to maintain, improve and beautify the cemetery.**

**Volunteer projects in**

**2023 included:**

- **Spring cleanup**
- **Renewal of cemetery sign**
- **Installation of entrance posts**
- **Mowing undeveloped cemetery property**
- **Tool shed stain touch-up**
- **Cutting brush on Route 58 embankment**

**The Association requests 2024 town funding of \$5500.00 for ongoing maintenance and improvements.**

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

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

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

Friends of Lowell Kids typically meets one Tuesday a month at 6:30pm. The location is usually at the Lowell Graded School. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time or let us know if you’d like to attend a meeting so we can keep you posted. We welcome your ideas and look forward to working together to build more opportunities for children in our town.



Sincerely,

Members: Carla Raboin, Keri Willey, Jennifer Blay, Sonja Blodgett, Samantha Santaw-Wright, Cheryl Clarke, Angela Audet, Jeremy Pion, Megan Champney-Geoffroy, Courtney Richardson, Brandon Blunk

Junior Members: Martina Blodgett, Madisyn Pion



## 2024 F.O.L.K. EVENTS

*(all dates tentative and subject to change)*

### Saturday, March 2nd

BINGO at St. Ignatius Parish Hall to benefit LGS

8th trip to

Washington D.C.

### Tuesday, March 5th

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

### Friday, March 29th

Deadline for High School Senior Scholarship Applications

### Saturday, May 25th

F.O.L.K. Community Yard Sale

### Saturday, September 21st

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

### Friday, October 25th

Trunk-or-Treat

### Saturday, November 9th

Hunters' Breakfast & Raffle Drawing

### Saturday, December 7th

Cookies with Santa



For updates, check us out at:  
<https://sites.google.com/view/friendsoflowellkids/h>

**FOLK Checkbook for 2023**

Total	Payment	Deposit	Date	Description	Check
\$16,466.94			1/1/2023	Starting balance from 2023	---
\$16,166.94	\$300.00		2/11/2023	Cash for FOLK bingo on 3/25	---
\$15,666.94	\$500.00		3/8/2023	National Youth Leadership Form (NYLF): Explore	1067
\$15,866.94		\$200.00	3/25/2023	Deposit #1 - Raffle proceeds for NYLF for Isaac	
\$17,760.94		\$1,894.00	4/1/2023	1) Deposit from Troy and Area Lions Club for "Isaac	
\$17,261.94	\$499.00		4/3/2023	Payment to Jennifer Blay for Registration Payment	1068
\$15,867.94	\$1,394.00		4/4/2023	Lowell Graded School - Bingo proceeds	1069
\$16,167.94		\$300.00	4/7/2023	1) Deposit #2 - Raffle proceeds for NYLF for Isaac	
\$16,067.94	\$100.00		4/7/2023	Lowell Graded School - 8th Grade DC Trip from	1070
\$16,009.19	\$58.75		4/7/2023	NYLF: Explore STEM program - for Isaac Heinchon,	1071
\$15,759.19	\$250.00		4/24/2023	McKenna Blay - senior scholarship	1072
\$15,509.19	\$250.00		4/24/2023	Andrew Richardson - senior scholarship	1073
\$16,029.19		\$520.00	4/19/2023	Deposit #3 - Raffle proceeds for NYLF for Isaac	
\$15,470.44	\$558.75		4/20/2023	NYLF: Explore STEM program - for Isaac Heinchon,	1074
\$15,710.44		\$240.00	4/28/2023	Deposit #4 - Raffle proceeds for NYLF for Isaac	
\$15,314.22	\$396.22		5/6/2023	Expense reimbursement to Keri Willey - building	1075
\$15,464.22		\$150.00	5/9/2023	Deposit #5 - Raffle proceeds for NYLF for Isaac	
\$14,770.72	\$693.50		5/10/2023	NYLF: Explore STEM program - for Isaac Heinchon,	1076
\$14,549.31	\$221.41		06/13/2023	Baseball Food/snack bar reimburesment	1077
\$14,736.31		\$187.00	06/20/2023	Deposit Community yard sale	
\$15,036.31		\$300.00	06/20/2023	Deposit Cash kitty	
\$15,388.76		\$352.45	06/20/2023	Deposit baseball snack shack	
\$15,238.76	\$150.00		7/13/2023	Kitty w/d	
\$15,488.76		\$250.00	08/01/2023	Deposit bouncy house donation CNB	
\$16,021.26		\$532.50	08/16/2023	Deposit Texas hold'em,food,50/50, kitty	
\$15,871.26	\$150.00		09/14/2023	Kitty w/d	
\$15,738.76	\$132.50		09/15/2023	Newport Rental tent	1078
\$14,864.76	\$874.00		09/16/2023	Bounce Around Vermont	1079
\$14,564.76	\$300.00		09/16/2023	Vermont Equine	1080
\$17,570.76		\$3,006.00	10/02/2023	FOLK Festival, Auction,Vendors	
\$17,354.73	\$216.03		10/03/2023	Games, Drinks	1081
\$16,364.75	\$989.98		10/09/2023	Green Mnt Sporting Goods Rifles Hunters Raffle	1082
\$16,076.75	\$288.17		10/20/2023	Lowell Graded School/National Geographic Books	1083
\$16,326.58		\$250.00	10/5/2023	Dep Folk Festival donation Passumpsic	
\$17,066.58		\$740.00	11/4/2023	Dep Hunters Brfst Raffle sale of tickets	
\$18,636.58		\$1,570.00	11/24/2023	Dep Hunters Brfst Raffle sale of tickets	
<b>Total Fundraising/Donations</b>					<b>\$8,181.95</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>					<b>\$8,322.31</b>
<b>Net Yearly Amount</b>					<b>-\$140.36</b>

**Lowell Community Library**  
**2170 VT Route 100, Lowell, VT 05847**  
**(802) 744-2317**  
**library@lowelltown.org**

**Library Hours**  
**Tuesday 3-6    Saturday 10-2**

**Library Statistics for 9 months:**

**Library open 83 days in 2023:**

**Visits:**

**Adult: 415 Children: 68**

**Circulation Material:**

**Adult Books: 415 Children's Books: 108**

**Memberships: 60 Trustee Meetings: 21**

**Children's Programs offered: 4**

**7-week Summer Reading Program: 10 attended.**

**3 Saturday story/craft hours: 4 attended**

**New Book Purchases: Adult:48 Children: 30**

**Donated Books: 80**

It is a pleasure to give an account of the past ten months in our revitalized Library and to share some possibilities for 2024.

**Did you know....?**

Nancy Allen is our "new" librarian and has been busy since last March!

There is a public computer now for use in the Library with a printer attached! We also have a telephone.

Rolf Koob designed and made a bookshelf for sale books (typically \$1 or less). It is in the main entrance room to the building (right side corner) - stop and check it out! All book sales go toward future book purchases.

Parks & Historical Sites, and The Old Stone House offer passes that could be borrowed from the library throughout the summer. Several people took advantage of the passes through summer 2023.

In July and August, we sponsored "Ticket to Read" a Summer Reading Program for kids in Lowell. "Cajuns" kindly donated tickets for free creamies to every child who read at least 7 books in 7 weeks. Ten youngsters from Lowell participated and enjoyed sweet success!

In September, two Trustees and our Librarian participated in the "Fall F.O.L.K. Festival" offering memberships and sale books. A poster promoting the partial Eclipse in October 2023 and total Eclipse in April 2024 was displayed and stirred interest and discussion with several passing by our table.

In October, Story/Craft activities and snacks were offered on three Saturdays. Two Trustees were guest-readers to those who attended. The last week we made masks that were enjoyed by all.

In December, we enjoyed an Open House with cookies, cider, crafts and good cheer.

We are applying for a grant through ""We are Jay Westfield Lowell Strong." The money will go toward a metal book drop to be outside for those who can't always return books during our open hours.

The Trustees adopted formal By-Laws, a Computer Access Policy and other regulations similar to other Vermont Libraries.

**Some ideas for 2024 Library activities:**

Coordinate efforts with the Lowell School library for ongoing visits/activities in 2024.

Celebrate the full Eclipse in April '24 and coordinate with the school, FOLK group and others to offer fun and educational activities. Protective glasses are available at the library for the April event.

Invite local artists and authors for sharing.

Offer a "crafter's group" that would include any craft you are working on or a favorite craft to show the group. Getting together and sharing thoughts is good!

A bake sale at the town meeting has been suggested as a fund-raiser. The proceeds would go to purchase free books to give out at the end of the summer reading program 2024.

A suggestion box will be available in the new year...What would you like to see at our library??

Looking forward to visits from our 60 members and more in 2024 and thank you for your support!

Librarian,  
*Nancy Allen*

Trustees,  
*Carol Wood-Koob.*  
*Jenn Higgins.*  
*Faye Starr.*  
*Katherine Pion.*  
*Brandie Cochran*



# Announcements & Reminders:

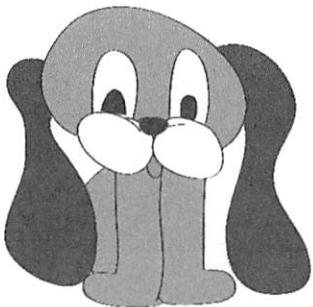
- *All Australian ballot articles warned by North Country Union High School (NCUHS) will be voted by the Australian ballot system as well as Lowell Graded School. Ballots will be available at the Town Office by in person voting and absentee requesting.*
- *Polls will be open this year at 9:00 a.m. and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

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

**2024**

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Rabies Clinic	<i>The Animal doctor will be holding Clinics every Wednesday in March 2024. (at their facilities)</i>		
Green Up Day	May 4th	All Day	Vermont
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	May 11th	7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	October 5th	7:30 a.m. To 11:30 a.m.	Waste USA Landfill on Airport Road in Coventry, VT



# REPORT OF DOG LICENSES

Dogs Licensed (2023) .....	130.
Penalties .....	\$ 44.00
Special Licenses .....	\$ 33.00
Total License Fees Received .....	\$ 1,260.00
Fees Paid to VT State Treasurer .....	\$ 606.00.

## DOG REMINDER

ALL DOGS 6 MONTHS & OLDER MUST BE LICENSED BY  
APRIL 1st, 2024

*50% Penalty charged after April 1st, 2024.*



### Dog License Fees:

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

### Fee After April 1st, 2024

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



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

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

### PLEASE NOTE

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

### TOWN OF LOWELL- DOG ORDINANCE

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

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

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

# TOWN OF LOWELL

## Household Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, May 11 & Oct 5 • 7:30 AM - 11:30 PM • Coventry, VT Landfill

Save this poster as a quick reference guide!

### ACCEPTED HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The following items are accepted for **FREE**



Paints (latex & oil based), Mercury Containing Products, Antifreeze, Rodent Poison, Household Hazardous Waste, Herbicides & Pesticides

For a full list of acceptable items visit [www.townoflowell.org](http://www.townoflowell.org) or [www.coventryvt.org](http://www.coventryvt.org)



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Questions? Email [RecycleBetterVT@casella.com](mailto:RecycleBetterVT@casella.com)

## *Deaths Registered for Lowell Town Clerk*

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>	<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Age</u>
11/2/2023	Bessette	Barbara	Jean		76 years
5/18/2023	Bessette	Shayne			52 years
11/99/2023	Challinor	Peter			75 years
6/99/2023	Foster	Howard	Allen		84 years
11/20/2023	Greer	Daniel	Dean		57 years
8/21/2023	Hill	Gilbert	Collins		80 years
9/19/2023	Koob	Rolf			75 years
1/8/2023	Luongo	Robert			63 years
9/5/2023	Manning	Richard	Lee		86 years
5/17/2023	Markham	Theresa	Loretta		75 years
7/18/2023	Myers	Joseph	Thomas		64 years
4/23/2023	Sherman	William	Louis	SR	69 years
10/99/2023	Solomon	Jahim	Abdul	II	21 years



## Births Registered for Lowell Town Clerk

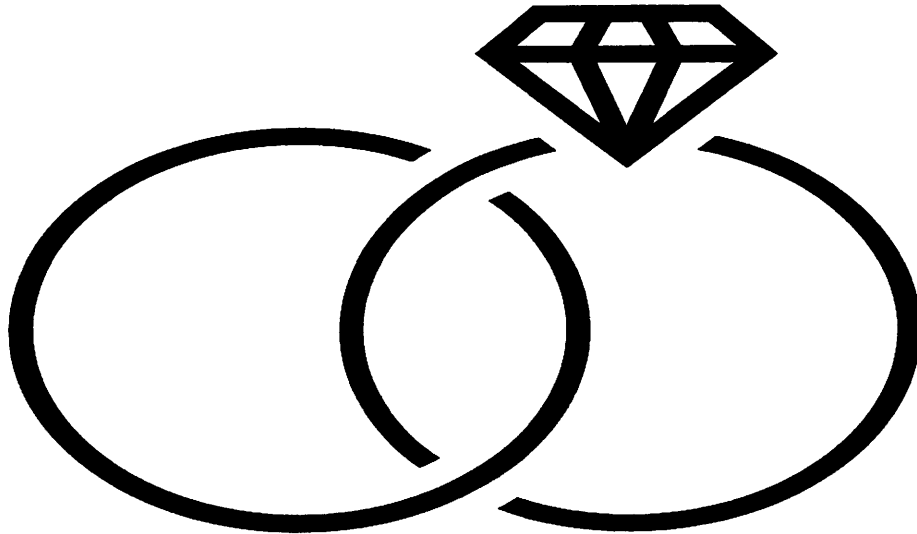
<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Name</u>
6/25/2023	Branche	Watson	John-Adam
2/22/2023	Cote	Braxley	Hunter
6/13/2023	Daniels	Jupiter	Rain
1/21/2023	Geoffroy	Suzie	May
9/18/2023	Jackson	Mary	Margaret
12/23/2023	Jillson	Liam	Alan
3/10/2023	Larose	West	Ezekiel
4/15/2023	O'Keefe	Aubree	Ann
7/13/2023	Ostiguy-Palmer	Reál	Theodore
10/26/2023	Richardson	Levi	James Keith
9/9/2023	Rizwan	Meeram	
7/21/2023	Robinson	Ryker	James
5/31/2023	Sweeney	Ashton	Sullivan



# MARRAIGES FOR 2023

**TOTAL NUMBER OF MARRAIGES IN 2023: 3**

<b><u>Date of Marriage</u></b>	<b><u>Groom</u></b>	<b><u>Bride</u></b>
<b>1. February 18, 2023</b>	<b>Eric Lee Pelican</b>	<b>Josee Riopel</b>
<b>2. August 19, 2023</b>	<b>Caleb Allen DiZazzo</b>	<b>Ava Inez Cleary</b>
<b>3. September 9, 2023</b>	<b>Raymond Louis Fontaine</b>	<b>Lori Ann Beane</b>



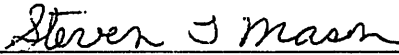
**WARNING**  
**LOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF LOWELL, VERMONT ARE**  
**HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE ELEMENTARY**  
**SCHOOL IN SAID TOWN OF LOWELL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 AT**  
**10:00 A.M. TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZ:**

1. TO ELECT A MODERATOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.
2. TO ELECT A SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.
3. SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO EXPEND \$2,354,444.00, WHICH IS THE AMOUNT THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR?
4. SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO USE \$52,600.00 OF THE UNALLOCATED, UNAUDITED GENERAL FUND BALANCE FROM THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, TO REDUCE TAXES IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL BUDGET?

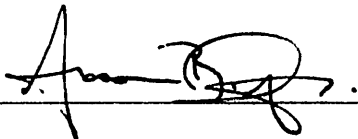
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TOWN OF LOWELL

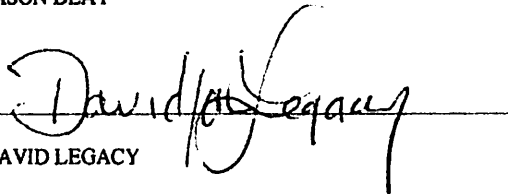
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

  
\_\_\_\_\_

STEVE MASON

  
\_\_\_\_\_

JASON BLAY

  
\_\_\_\_\_

DAVID LEGACY



## A Letter from the Lowell School Board – January 2024

During 2023, Lowell Graded School experienced many emotions ranging from joy to sadness. We are grateful for the joy felt by the entire Lowell community in the school return to its pre-pandemic tradition of sending the eight-grade class to Washington, DC, representing the opportunity to learn more about the foundations of American democracy, as well as experiencing the gift of friendship and comradery in a non-scholastic environment.

On the sad side of the year, Lowell Graded School endured the resignation of our beloved principal, Anita Gagner. After many years of dedicated service, she has embarked on a new chapter in her life's journey.

Ms. Gagner was an invaluable member of the Lowell Graded School team for many years, contributing significantly to its student's and faculty's social and emotional makeup. Her commitment, expertise, and positive attitude have made her an exceptional colleague and a source of inspiration for all of us. Anita, you are, and will be, greatly missed.

With every loss, we are, as a community, presented with an opportunity. If we do not immediately see that potential while we struggle with losing a valued friend, we all embrace the return to campus of a former long-time leader in the school community, Scott Boskind. We highly appreciate Scott bringing a solid, comforting hand to help us through our sense of loss and help us make a smooth transition to an interim principal. While the community is looking for a permanent principal. We welcomed Brandon Blunk – or Mr. B as our interim principal.

Thank you, Scott, for your enduring support and friendship! The board would also like to thank the staff, students, parents, and the community for supporting each other through the good and challenging times.

The board is pleased to say that work has been done to keep the building in tip-top condition as it continues to serve as both a school and a place for the community to come together. Work on the outside of the building, in the kitchen, the increase of storage capacity, and on the heating system in 2023 has helped to ensure that the building is a safe and welcoming place for all.

Much of the work mentioned above could only have been accomplished with funding made available through federal funds, and for that, we are thankful. Additionally, we can now maintain power to the building in an outage via a large generator donated and installed by our friends at the Lowell Fire Department. We thank them for their assistance throughout the year.

We would be remiss if we did not give great credit to the hard-working staff at the North Country Supervisory Union (NCSU). While no doubt attention will be paid to the financial assessment that our, and all the districts are responsible for, our work could only be done with them. Their technical support on so many levels is critical to our ability to provide high-quality education to our students and critical support to our teachers and administrators.

If the past presents us with uncertainties, the future already presents us with more of the same. School funding will be challenging for many reasons over which the school administration will have little control, the most concerning of which is declining enrollment. While *Vermont Act 127* was a welcome relief in that it promised to improve student equity by adjusting the school funding formula and providing education quality and funding oversight, much of its hoped-for budgetary effects went unrealized for the 2024-25 school year budget primarily due to our enrollment numbers which have been dipping each year for several years.

The students of Lowell Graded School have proven that they can compete with anyone and are a continuous source of pride for all of Lowell. Many student success stories can be found elsewhere in the *2023 Principal's Report* in this document.

We are thankful for our community's resilience and commitment to coming together during times of crisis. This enduring quality gives all of us nothing but hope for the future.

## **2023 Principal's Report** **Lowell Graded School**

Town of Lowell,

Lowell Graded School continues to be a strongly burning light to the community. We've had two great leaders in the last 30 years and are very proud of the legacy that both Anita and Scott have left. The support of the Town of Lowell has been a crucial part of their legacy and success. In the past year of 2023, LGS has had many successes that we want to make sure to highlight.

We are so proud of the hard work and dedication our students have shown in every grade level. We had 6 Middle School Science Fair teams compete at the district level and of those teams we had several winners. Two students achieved 1st and 3rd place for Seventh and Eighth Grade. Fifth and Sixth Grade had two 2nd place winners.

Our students have big hearts and have shown care for not only each other but for others in nearby communities as well. Students in Middle School wrote a Vermont Rural Education Collaboration (VREC) mini grant and were able to build a sensory table for a student at Newport City School and a wheelchair accessible garden for students at North Country High School along with support from David Dizazzo.

Reading is fundamental and developing a passion for reading is very important at LGS. In December, we hosted a virtual visit with author Dusti Bowling. To prepare for her visit, Fifth through Eighth Grade students read her book "Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus", Third and Fourth Grade students read "Aven Green: Sleuthing Machine", and Fourth Graders also read "Aven Green: Baking Machine." With a mini grant from VREC and support from our local parent/teacher organization, F.O.L.K. (Friends of Lowell Kids), we were able to fund her visit and purchase a book by Dusti Bowling for each student of their choice to keep. During the visit, the author shared about her life in Arizona, what it's like to be a writer, the importance of boredom to unleash new ideas, and why it's really important to not be on our devices all of the time. She also worked with students in workshops to spark creativity. Students were able to ask her lots of questions and teachers raved about Dusti's ability to engage and inspire future writers. Many thanks to VREC and F.O.L.K. for funding this very successful event!

At Lowell Graded School we value other cultures and recognize the importance in educating students on local history. Third and Fourth Grade students were visited by members of the Abanaki Tribe in December. This visit enhanced student learning of the culture of the Native People who lived in northern New England before and during the expanding settlement of Europeans of the late 1600's through the 1700's. Ms. Lucy Neel and others brought pre-colonial Abanaki artifacts to share and discuss along with more modern Abanaki musical instruments. Students were able to inspect each artifact and were also invited to learn some Abanaki songs and help beat the ceremonial Abanaki drum.

Lowell Graded School continues to be a strongly burning light to the community. The dedication, care, and ability to come together to accomplish goals is something that sets LGS and the Lowell community apart. Time and time again, the adults at LGS and the Lowell community come together for the students. Our facility is in great condition and something to be proud of. Our faculty are highly trained professionals that care about every student. Our students are very compassionate, kind, and ready to learn. And the Town of Lowell is very supportive! I am honored and humbled to be a part of such a supportive and caring community as we look forward to a 2024 full of hope. Thank you for all of your support as we keep shining!

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Blunk  
Interim Principal  
Lowell Graded School



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Lowell, VT 05847  
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**INTERIM PRINCIPAL**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

**Brandon Blunk**  
**Sara Morse LeBlanc**

**TEACHERS**

**PreK 50%**  
**Kindergarten & 1**  
**Grades 1 & 2**  
**Grade 3**  
**Grade 4**  
**Grade 5**  
**Grades 6-8 Humanities**  
**Grades 6-8 Math**  
**Grades 6-8 Science**  
**Library Media Specialist**  
**Music (40%)**  
**Art (20%)**  
**Physical Education (40%)**  
**Special Educator**  
**Special Educator**  
**Guidance Counselor (80%)**  
**School Based Clinician (20%)**  
**NURSE (50%)**

**Samantha Vallieres**  
**Karla Graham**  
**Keri Willey**  
**Gretchen Irwin**  
**Judith Ide**  
**Leanne Barnard**  
**Michael Brooks**  
**Bonita Deslandes**  
**Jennifer Blay**  
**Norah Connolly**  
**Jonathan DeRoehn**  
**Jenna Joslin**  
**Michelle Koch**  
**Samantha Santaw-Wright**  
**Heather Stetson**  
**Alice Drown**  
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**Danielle Hamblett**

**PARAEDUCATORS**

**SpEd. / Classroom Assist.**  
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**SpEd./ Classroom Assist.**  
**SLPA/SpEd/Classroom Assist.**  
**SpEd. / Classroom Assist.**  
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**SpEd./ Classroom Assist.**  
**SpEd. / Classroom Assist. 50%**

**Angela Audet**  
**Sonja Blodgett**  
**Anne Cota**  
**Michaela DiZazzo**  
**Danielle Kirne**  
**Jill Legacy**  
**Shannon Mead**  
**Gail Sicotte**  
**Lorelei Willis**

**LUNCH PROGRAM**

**Manager/Cook**  
**Cook**  
**Tooth Tutor**

**Debra Merrill**  
**Lisa Geoffroy**  
**Jenna Morey**

**CUSTODIANS**

**General**  
**General**

**Kelly Bathalon**  
**Gilles Bathalon**

**BUS DRIVERS**

**Nanette Bonneau**  
**Joanne Bathalon**  
**Gerry Nick**  
**Steve Bonneau**

**COACHES**

**Soccer**  
**Boy's Basketball**

**Ryan Sargent**  
**Ryan Sargent**

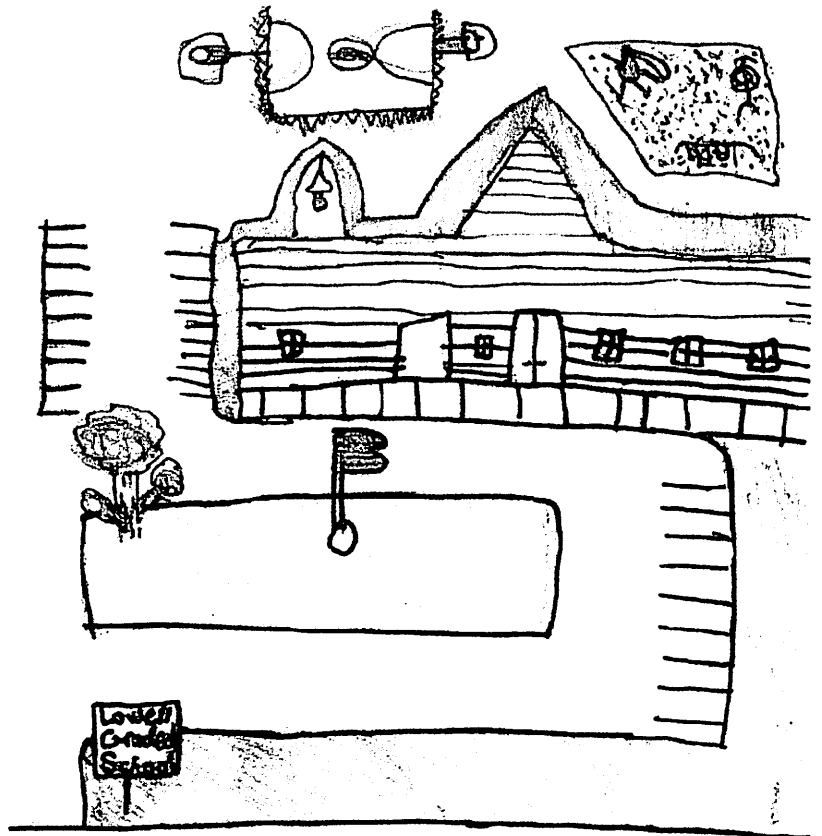
# Lowell Graded School Students

## STUDENTS:

PRESCHOOL	9
KINDERGARTEN	4
1 <sup>st</sup> GRADE	8
2 <sup>nd</sup> GRADE	7
3 <sup>rd</sup> GRADE	9
4 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	11
5 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	11
6 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	9
7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	7
8 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	5
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>80</b>



Bowling Ally Sign by Aniah Brasseur-5<sup>th</sup> grade



Lowell Graded School by Kate Wilford-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Be nice!

**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 26, 2024, 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 \$21,553,800, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?
  
- ARTICLE V:** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the school board to expend \$6,538,700 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?
  
- ARTICLE VI:** Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$280,000 of undesignated FY2023 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Building Maintenance Reserve fund?

Voting on the aforementioned ARTICLES IV will be by Australian ballot at each regular polling place in each member town and city of the North Country Union High School District on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**. Voting on the aforementioned ARTICLE V & VI 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 5, 2024**. 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)**

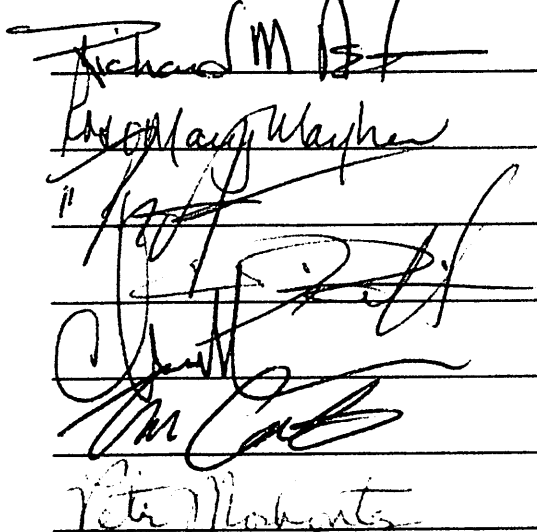
DISCUSSION AND DEBATE ON THE APPROPRIATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE ASSEMBLED NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024, AT 5:30 p.m. THE ASSEMBLED MEETING SHALL ALSO CONSTITUTE THE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING REQUIRED BY 17 V.S.A. §2680(0).

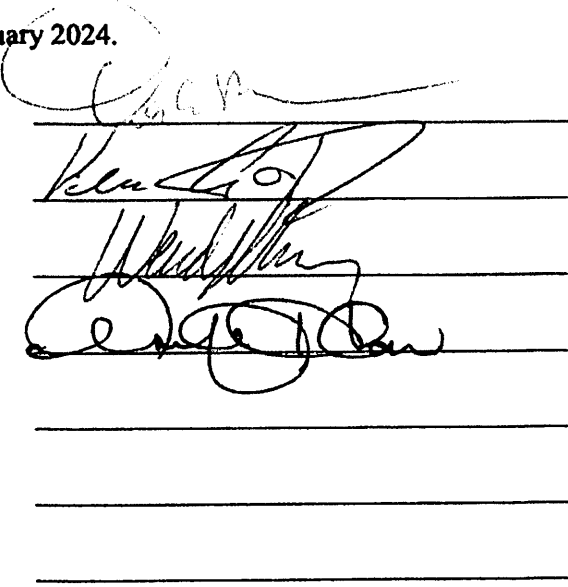
ARTICLE VIII: To see when, by date and time, the North Country Union High School District shall hold its Annual District Meeting in 2025, and the time it shall hold special district meetings under the provisions of 16 V.S.A. 706j (a) (5), 706p, 17 VSA 2643 and 17 VSA 2655 including any special meetings held subsequent to the Annual District Meeting in 2024.

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

ARTICLE X: To adjourn.


Dated at Newport, Vermont, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

  
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Mary [Signature]  
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NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Received and Recorded this 16 day of January 2024

  
Clerk, NCUHS District #22



## **SUPERVISORY UNION WORK & LEARNING PLAN**

### **Equity**

- Advance equity principles and practices

### **Social & Emotional Learning**

- Deliver research-based practices with consistency that advance positive attitudes, habits, and actions

### **Content Standards and Transferable Skills**

- Implement curricula based on current content standards
- Implement curricula based on NCSU transferable skills
- Promote effective digital learning

### **Student Engagement**

- Promote inquiry-based learning
- Support interdisciplinary instruction
- Create multiple pathways
- Foster personalization

### **Student Voice & Leadership**

- Promote student contributions and leadership in their communities
- Include students in authentic decision making at all levels

### **Formative Assessment and Data**

- Provide multiple opportunities for feedback and reflection
- Use technology to support assessment, reporting and reflection
- Students engage in goal setting in age-appropriate ways
- Use qualitative and quantitative data to guide the reflection and review of programs, practices, systems and structures

*Approved by the NCSU Full Board December 2018*



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### LEARNING BELIEFS

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Learning takes place in a culture that fosters...

**Growth Mindset ♦ Curiosity ♦ Perseverance ♦ Relevance**  
**Mutual Respect ♦ Feedback & Reflection ♦ Instructional Access**  
**Equity ♦ Diversity ♦ Personal Responsibility ♦ Shared Leadership**  
**Individual & Collective Accomplishments ♦ Community Partnerships**

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### LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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Learners participate in experiences that/to...

**Support Personal Pathways ♦ Include Problem-Based Projects**  
**Are Academically Rigorous ♦ Make Inter-Disciplinary Connections**  
**Contain Experiential Discovery ♦ Utilize Transferable Skills**  
**Encourage Student Voice ♦ Incorporate Technology**  
**Involve Physical Activity ♦ Create & Perform ♦ Engage the Community**  
**Occur In the Natural World ♦ Happen Anywhere & Any Time**

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### LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Learners succeed by becoming...

**Caring, Kind & Grateful ♦ Confident & Self-Directed ♦ Honest & Fair**  
**Independent Thinkers ♦ Innovative Problem Solvers**  
**Academically Accomplished ♦ Effective Communicators & Collaborators**  
**Technologically Skilled ♦ Globally Aware ♦**  
**Contributing Citizens ♦ Respectful of Our Environment**  
**Physically, Emotionally & Socially Healthy**  
**Appreciative Of & Skilled In the Visual & Performing Arts**

## NCSU Superintendent of Schools Annual Letter

I am writing to you in my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as NCSU's superintendent of schools and 34<sup>th</sup> year working in Northeast Kingdom schools. I am proud of being a "homegrown" NEK native and feel very fortunate to be able to work with the NCSU students, staff, parents, administrators, 63 school board members, and community members.

We continue to frame our work with students by thinking about NCSU's Design for Learning and our Work and Learning Plan. Both documents can be found on NCSU's website at <https://sites.google.com/ncsuvt.org/ncsu-learning-design/home>.

The big story of the 2023 – 2024 school year are the changes to education funding. There are three factors that work together to determine our tax rates. Those three things are:

### 1. Number of students and education spending

In the past, we have often talked about spending per equalized pupil. Due to Act 127 that went into law this year, this has changed to become a *weighted* pupil count. Students of poverty, sparsity, rurality, or students who are English Language Learners, 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 determine how much the school is spending per weighted student.

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

Last year, the legislature added a spending cap to help districts who would be disadvantaged by the weights. AOE took our equalized pupil count from FY24 and converted it to LTW ADM. That smaller amount of spending per weighted student is the amount that is used to determine the 10% cap. In some cases, our NCSU schools are only spending 3% more in overall spending, but are over the 10% cap.

If a school goes over the 10% cap and chooses to bring this to voters, when the budget is passed, districts will be required to bring the budget to a review panel, consisting of 3 business managers, 3 superintendents, and the Secretary of Education. If the spending is determined to be justified, the school's tax rate will be frozen at 5% before CLA is factored in. If not, the rate will be whatever the increase figures out to be. However, districts whose tax rates are going down will not be required to go in front of the panel.

When districts are capped at 5%, the rest of the school districts will have to make up the difference between the 5% cap and the increase that they will be spending. If there are a lot of districts who are above the 10%, this may negatively affect the dollar yield, but only the legislature makes the decision about where the funds come from. They may choose a different revenue source, or they may choose the dollar yield.

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

### 2. Dollar yield

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

Last year, the dollar yield was over \$15,000. This year, the dollar yield is at about \$9,100. Add in the school districts who may be frozen at the 5% tax rate and the dollar yield may continue to drop. The Tax Commissioner makes a recommendation about dollar yield on December 1<sup>st</sup> and the Legislature votes on what the dollar yield will be at the end of the legislative session. Usually, the Legislature's vote is similar to what the Tax Commissioner recommends. This year, because of more variables, we may have less of an idea about what the dollar yield will be, and our projections to taxpayers about tax rates may be more of a variable.

**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 were appraised at what they sold for, the CLA would be 100%. If homes were selling for less than their appraised value, the CLA would be more than 100% and taxes would decrease. We are all aware of the recent increase in the cost of homes and that most homes are selling for a lot more than they are appraised for. This causes the CLA to drop, and results in increased tax rates, essentially a tax penalty for not raising enough taxes at the local level.

For the budgeting season for FY25, we initially saw real benefits with the new weighting law. Even with the much lower dollar yield, districts were seeing much lower projected tax rates. Then CLA came out and dropped even more than last year. This is resulting in significant increases and a very difficult budgeting season.

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

Regardless of the financial pressures that we are all experiencing every day at the grocery store, the gas pump, and many other places, we still have a responsibility to educate NCSU's children. Our students need us now in ways that were not imagined 20 years ago: mental health supports, behavioral supports, and social supports. Although our work with students is challenging, it is our moral and legal responsibility. For many students, if we don't provide for the mental health, social emotional, and behavioral needs of our students in our community schools, there are no other agencies who will provide these services.

I want to express how proud and grateful I am of our NCSU students, families, and staff. Despite challenges, NCSU's community of students, families, and staff have rallied to keep our educational systems progressing. We consistently meet state requirements, and we are also continuing to strive for excellence and to exemplify our district's 4C's of Character, Competence, Creativity and Community. Thank you for your support and for the opportunity to lead the NCSU community.



# LOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET FY2025

Description	FY2023 BUDGET	FY2023 ACTUAL	FY2024 BUDGET	FY2025 BUDGET
	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023	7/1/2023- 6/30/2024	7/1/2024- 6/30/2025
<b>REVENUES</b>				
<b>INTEREST</b>				
Investment Earnings - Interest	(\$1,000)	(\$418)	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)
Interest-TAN	\$0	(\$15,919)	\$0	(\$2,500)
<b>TOTAL INTEREST</b>	<b>(\$1,000)</b>	<b>(\$16,337)</b>	<b>(\$1,000)</b>	<b>(\$3,500)</b>
<b>OTHER LOCAL REVENUE</b>				
Misc. Other Local Revenue	\$0	(\$18,029)	\$0	\$0
FOLK Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance as Revenue	(\$50,000)	\$0	(\$65,000)	(\$52,600)
<b>TOTAL OTHER LOCAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$50,000)</b>	<b>(\$18,029)</b>	<b>(\$65,000)</b>	<b>(\$52,600)</b>
<b>SUBGRANT REVENUE</b>				
Title I Program Improvement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ESSER II Subgrant	\$0	(\$6,349)	\$0	\$0
ESSER III Subgrant	(\$136,484)	(\$131,148)	(\$136,484)	\$0
Subgrants for Schoolwide Programs	(\$38,734)	(\$42,216)	(\$67,089)	(\$74,304)
Medicaid Subgrant	(\$10,000)	\$0	(\$10,000)	(\$39,260)
Other Subgrants	\$0	(\$3,156)	\$0	(\$700)
<b>TOTAL SUBGRANT</b>	<b>(\$185,218)</b>	<b>(\$182,869)</b>	<b>(\$213,573)</b>	<b>(\$114,264)</b>
<b>EDUCATION SPENDING GRANT</b>				
Education Spending Grant	(\$1,707,883)	(\$1,707,883)	(\$1,774,059)	(\$2,177,580)
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION SPENDING GRANT</b>	<b>(\$1,707,883)</b>	<b>(\$1,707,883)</b>	<b>(\$1,774,059)</b>	<b>(\$2,177,580)</b>
<b>SMALL SCHOOLS GRANT</b>				
Small Schools Grant	(\$126,204)	(\$126,202)	(\$126,204)	\$0
<b>TOTAL SMALL SCHOOLS GRANT</b>	<b>(\$126,204)</b>	<b>(\$126,202)</b>	<b>(\$126,204)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>INTENSIVE</b>				
Special Ed. Reimbursements - Intensive	\$0	(\$1,266)	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL INTENSIVE</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$1,266)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>OTHER GRANT REVENUE</b>				
VSAC Grant	(\$6,500)	(\$5,824)	(\$6,500)	(\$6,500)
REAP Grant	\$0	(\$1,263)	\$0	\$0
CRRSA Child Care Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL OTHER GRANT REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>	<b>(\$7,087)</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>(\$2,076,805)</b>	<b>(\$2,059,672)</b>	<b>(\$2,186,336)</b>	<b>(\$2,354,444)</b>
<b>DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>				
Salary - Elementary Teachers	\$445,153	\$489,176	\$510,310	\$503,775
Salary - Direct Instruction Medicaid Funded	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$39,260

Salaries - Co-Curricular	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
Salary - Elementary Para	\$25,090	\$869	\$0	\$0
Substitutes Pay - Elementary	\$5,000	\$1,293	\$5,000	\$5,000
Health Ins - Elementary	\$121,062	\$86,962	\$94,742	\$127,472
Health Reimbursement Account	\$29,925	\$11,668	\$30,000	\$23,900
FICA - Elementary	\$36,356	\$36,270	\$39,421	\$38,921
FICA	\$153	\$115	\$153	\$153
Life Insurance - Elementary	\$355	\$326	\$330	\$305
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$1,474	\$701	\$2,000	\$2,000
Municipal Retirement	\$1,192	\$43	\$0	\$0
Municipal Retirement	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$0
Workers Comp-Elementary	\$3,641	\$4,257	\$3,980	\$4,535
Unemployment - Elementary	\$38	\$40	\$40	\$35
Tuition - Elementary	\$10,000	\$1,695	\$10,000	\$10,000
Dental Ins - Elementary	\$4,307	\$4,747	\$4,723	\$4,065
Long Term Disability - Elementary	\$1,587	\$1,503	\$1,582	\$1,562
Purchased & Technical Services - Element	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
NCSU Middle Schools Baseball/Softball	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Referees	\$500	\$240	\$500	\$500
Purchased Services From NCSU	\$65,599	\$54,426	\$68,879	\$71,634
Prch Prop Svcs - Elementary-Copier	\$4,000	\$3,819	\$4,000	\$4,000
Travel - Elementary	\$1,500	\$31	\$1,500	\$500
Supplies - Elementary	\$10,000	\$25,159	\$15,000	\$20,000
Supplies	\$850	\$199	\$850	\$250
Supplies-Paper	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Books\Periodicals - Elementary	\$3,000	\$2,391	\$3,000	\$3,000
Books/Periodicals-Math	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Computer Software - Elementary	\$1,000	\$3,396	\$2,500	\$3,500
Furniture	\$2,000	\$126	\$0	\$500
Dues\Fees - Elementary	\$2,500	\$2,692	\$2,000	\$3,000
Dues/Fees-Tournaments	\$150	\$585	\$250	\$600
Student Activities	\$1,000	\$1,392	\$1,000	\$1,400
Trophies/Banquet	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$786,932</b>	<b>\$741,644</b>	<b>\$817,260</b>	<b>\$879,367</b>
<b>PRE-K</b>				
Salary - Pre K Teacher	\$23,530	\$24,740	\$26,039	\$27,618
Salary - Pre K Para	\$22,199	\$12,835	\$24,878	\$15,831
Substitutes Pay - Pre K	\$0	\$90	\$0	\$0
Health Ins - Pre K	\$12,226	\$2,500	\$10,328	\$10,218
Health Reimbursement Account	\$4,100	\$564	\$2,100	\$2,200
FICA - Pre K	\$3,498	\$3,073	\$3,895	\$3,323
Life Insurance - Pre K	\$115	\$70	\$70	\$71
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$1,474	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pre K Municipal Retirement	\$1,054	\$0	\$1,368	\$1,108
Workers Comp - Pre K	\$585	\$343	\$397	\$391
Unemployment - Pre K	\$14	\$9	\$14	\$10
Tuition - Pre K	\$2,732	\$0	\$2,732	\$1,356
Dental Ins - Pre K	\$496	\$0	\$355	\$369
Long Term Disability - Pre K	\$255	\$117	\$158	\$71
Student Tuition-PreK	\$6,712	\$0	\$6,712	\$7,768
Supplies - Pre K	\$500	\$318	\$1,000	\$500
Furniture-Pre K	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$200

<b>TOTAL PRE-K</b>	<b>\$79,740</b>	<b>\$44,659</b>	<b>\$80,047</b>	<b>\$71,034</b>
<b>SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAMS</b>				
Salary - Schoolwide Teacher	\$26,505	\$36,212	\$47,902	\$53,788
Health Ins - Schoolwide	\$2,011	\$0	\$1,600	\$1,600
Health Reimbursement Account	\$525	\$0	\$0	\$0
FICA - Schoolwide	\$2,028	\$2,770	\$3,664	\$4,115
Life Insurance - Schoolwide	\$60	\$59	\$60	\$65
VSTRS Pension Payment	\$5,301	\$2,291	\$11,975	\$13,447
VSTRS OPEB Payment	\$536	\$421	\$536	\$536
Workers Comp - Schoolwide	\$216	\$317	\$374	\$484
Unemployment - Schoolwide	\$6	\$6	\$10	\$7
Tuition - Schoolwide	\$1,366	\$0	\$820	\$2,170
Dental Ins - Schoolwide	\$85	\$0	\$0	\$336
Long Term Disability - Schoolwide	\$95	\$141	\$148	\$167
Supplies - Title I	\$0	\$1,642	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$38,734</b>	<b>\$43,858</b>	<b>\$67,089</b>	<b>\$76,715</b>
<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
Wages - Spec Ed Paraprofessionals	\$100,359	\$163,206	\$168,821	\$202,477
Health Ins	\$61,607	\$80,730	\$75,707	\$125,869
Health Reimbursement Account	\$12,600	\$8,228	\$14,700	\$24,200
FICA	\$7,677	\$11,422	\$12,915	\$15,490
Life Insurance	\$126	\$172	\$168	\$183
Municipal Retirement	\$4,767	\$8,335	\$9,285	\$14,173
Workers Comp	\$823	\$1,101	\$1,317	\$1,822
Unemployment	\$21	\$30	\$34	\$34
Dental Ins	\$1,577	\$3,254	\$2,755	\$4,132
Long Term Disability	\$358	\$491	\$523	\$628
Contract Services-NCSU	\$137,374	\$137,374	\$145,308	\$167,747
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$327,289</b>	<b>\$414,345</b>	<b>\$431,533</b>	<b>\$556,755</b>
<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENT</b>				
EEE Local	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$17,353	\$17,294
<b>TOTAL EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>\$17,353</b>	<b>\$17,294</b>
<b>AFTER SCHOOL/SUMMER PROGRAMS</b>				
Camp Encore	\$21,600	\$21,600	\$21,600	\$21,600
<b>TOTAL AFTER SCHOOL/SUMMER PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$21,600</b>	<b>\$21,600</b>	<b>\$21,600</b>	<b>\$21,600</b>
<b>GUIDANCE</b>				
Salary - Teacher Guidance	\$42,630	\$25,463	\$26,799	\$20,200
Health Ins	\$13,864	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$600
Health Reimbursement Account	\$4,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
FICA	\$3,261	\$2,040	\$2,050	\$1,544
Life Insurance	\$48	\$36	\$30	\$22
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$1,400	\$981	\$1,400	\$0
Workers Comp	\$333	\$177	\$209	\$182
Unemployment	\$5	\$3	\$5	\$3
Tuition	\$2,186	\$0	\$1,912	\$814
Dental Ins	\$650	\$0	\$0	\$0
Long Term Disability	\$145	\$79	\$83	\$63
Books\Periodicals	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE</b>	<b>\$69,222</b>	<b>\$29,979</b>	<b>\$34,989</b>	<b>\$23,928</b>

<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>				
Health - Wages	\$15,702	\$20,772	\$21,951	\$22,859
Health Ins	\$0	\$1,340	\$0	\$1,000
Health Reimbursement Account	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,320	\$0
FICA	\$1,201	\$1,692	\$1,679	\$1,748
Life Insurance	\$29	\$26	\$26	\$26
Workers Comp	\$128	\$144	\$171	\$206
Unemployment	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
Long Term Disability	\$56	\$65	\$68	\$71
Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,078	\$1,000	\$1,000
Computer Software	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$200
Dues & Fees	\$0	\$180	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>\$20,371</b>	<b>\$25,302</b>	<b>\$26,220</b>	<b>\$27,115</b>
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>				
Testing Services	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Contract Services	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Contract Services From NCSU - SBC	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
<b>TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>
<b>SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES</b>				
SLPA - Wages	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,349
Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
FICA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,174
Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13
Workers Comp	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$138
Municipal Retirement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,074
Unemployment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2
Long Term Disability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48
Regular Education Speech Services	\$0	\$4,572	\$0	\$4,500
Regular Education Speech Supplies	\$0	\$903	\$0	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,475</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$24,298</b>
<b>OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>				
Travel	\$0	\$81	\$0	\$100
Dues\Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300
<b>TOTAL OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$81</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>				
Salary - Teacher	\$0	\$2,145	\$0	\$2,500
FICA	\$0	\$161	\$0	\$191
<b>TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,309</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,691</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
Salary - Library-Media	\$24,384	\$25,362	\$26,694	\$28,104
Health Ins	\$3,217	\$3,285	\$3,626	\$4,221
Health Reimbursement Account	\$840	\$1,240	\$840	\$760
FICA	\$1,865	\$1,868	\$2,042	\$2,150
Life Insurance	\$19	\$17	\$18	\$17
VSTRS OPEB Payment	\$0	\$561	\$600	\$600
Workers Comp	\$200	\$177	\$208	\$253
Unemployment	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
Tuition	\$1,093	\$1,577	\$1,093	\$1,085
Dental Ins	\$137	\$143	\$142	\$148

Long Term Disability	\$87	\$79	\$83	\$87
Travel	\$0	\$560	\$250	\$600
Supplies	\$500	\$366	\$500	\$500
Books\Periodicals	\$1,500	\$2,389	\$1,500	\$2,000
Computer Software	\$0	\$1,338	\$100	\$1,400
Dues\Fees	\$50	\$787	\$250	\$800
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$33,894</b>	<b>\$39,750</b>	<b>\$37,947</b>	<b>\$42,727</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>				
Salary - Technology	\$36,576	\$38,043	\$40,040	\$42,156
Health Ins	\$4,825	\$4,928	\$5,438	\$6,332
Health Reimbursement Account	\$1,260	\$1,860	\$1,260	\$1,140
FICA	\$2,797	\$2,801	\$3,063	\$3,225
Life Insurance	\$29	\$26	\$26	\$26
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$0	\$841	\$900	\$900
Workers Comp	\$300	\$265	\$312	\$379
Unemployment	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3
Tuition	\$1,639	\$0	\$1,639	\$1,627
Dental Ins	\$205	\$215	\$213	\$222
Long Term Disability	\$29	\$118	\$124	\$131
Contract Services - SIS	\$0	\$245	\$250	\$2,500
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$0
Supplies	\$2,000	\$8,880	\$2,500	\$5,000
Computer Software	\$2,000	\$2,646	\$2,000	\$4,000
Dues\Fees	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$250
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$51,663</b>	<b>\$60,871</b>	<b>\$58,270</b>	<b>\$67,891</b>
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>				
Contracted Services - HHB	\$0	\$428	\$0	\$500
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$428</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>				
Legal	\$1,000	\$1,172	\$1,000	\$1,000
Liability Insurance	\$4,500	\$5,690	\$6,000	\$6,500
Advertising	\$500	\$413	\$500	\$500
Dues	\$1,500	\$428	\$1,500	\$1,000
Other Board Expenses	\$300	\$25	\$300	\$300
Contingency for Wage & Benefit Increases	\$80,927	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$88,727</b>	<b>\$7,728</b>	<b>\$9,300</b>	<b>\$9,300</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT</b>				
NCSU Assessment	\$63,554	\$63,554	\$71,516	\$102,755
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT</b>	<b>\$63,554</b>	<b>\$63,554</b>	<b>\$71,516</b>	<b>\$102,755</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>				
Salary - Principal	\$89,926	\$93,870	\$97,264	\$95,000
Salary - Assistant Principal	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$5,000
Salary - Clerical	\$27,269	\$37,275	\$33,535	\$38,512
Health Ins	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$21,820
Health Reimbursement Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
FICA	\$9,118	\$10,498	\$10,159	\$10,595
Life Insurance	\$220	\$200	\$200	\$200
Municipal Retirement	\$1,295	\$1,964	\$1,844	\$2,696
Workers Comp	\$963	\$872	\$1,036	\$1,247

Unemployment	\$10	\$9	\$10	\$10
Tuition	\$2,732	\$1,695	\$2,732	\$2,712
Long Term Disability	\$412	\$389	\$412	\$414
Purchased & Technical Services	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Postage	\$850	\$254	\$850	\$500
Travel	\$750	\$277	\$500	\$500
Supplies	\$1,000	\$2,689	\$1,000	\$2,000
Dues\Fees	\$1,000	\$995	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$143,045</b>	<b>\$156,987</b>	<b>\$156,542</b>	<b>\$186,206</b>
Town Office	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Contracted Service From NCSU	\$20,100	\$20,100	\$20,900	\$21,945
Interest - TAN	\$0	\$5,263	\$0	\$5,300
<b>TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$22,100</b>	<b>\$25,363</b>	<b>\$22,900</b>	<b>\$29,245</b>
<b>AUDIT SERVICES</b>				
Audit Services	\$4,650	\$4,850	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL AUDIT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$4,650</b>	<b>\$4,850</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>				
Wages - Maint	\$18,934	\$14,437	\$20,259	\$21,534
Wages - Maint Summer	\$2,600	\$1,200	\$2,600	\$2,600
FICA	\$1,647	\$1,196	\$1,749	\$1,847
Workers Comp	\$1,333	\$917	\$1,506	\$644
Unemployment	\$10	\$5	\$10	\$10
Septic Services	\$550	\$0	\$500	\$500
Water Testing	\$3,000	\$4,485	\$3,000	\$4,500
Rubbish Services	\$4,200	\$5,790	\$6,000	\$6,000
Property Ins.	\$3,500	\$3,367	\$4,000	\$4,000
Telephone	\$3,000	\$2,464	\$3,000	\$3,000
Supplies	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Electricity	\$9,000	\$9,417	\$9,000	\$9,700
Propane	\$3,000	\$1,600	\$3,000	\$3,500
Heating Oil	\$15,000	\$23,821	\$18,000	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$68,774</b>	<b>\$68,699</b>	<b>\$75,624</b>	<b>\$85,835</b>
<b>CARE &amp; UPKEEP-BUILDINGS</b>				
Contracted Services	\$12,000	\$28,061	\$15,000	\$15,000
Repairs & Maint	\$5,000	\$30,135	\$10,000	\$10,000
Supplies	\$5,000	\$7,611	\$5,000	\$7,500
<b>TOTAL CARE &amp; UPKEEP-BUILDINGS</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>	<b>\$65,807</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$32,500</b>
<b>CARE &amp; UPKEEP-GROUNDS</b>				
Contracted Services	\$500	\$9,954	\$500	\$2,500
Snow Removal	\$4,000	\$2,650	\$4,000	\$4,000
Lawn Care	\$2,500	\$3,760	\$2,500	\$4,000
Supplies	\$1,250	\$117	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL CARE &amp; UPKEEP-GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$8,250</b>	<b>\$16,481</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<b>CARE &amp; UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT</b>				
Purchased Property Services	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Supplies	\$300	\$137	\$300	\$500

<b>TOTAL CARE &amp; UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$737</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Transportation Services- NCSU	\$49,955	\$51,574	\$51,000	\$53,550
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$49,955</b>	<b>\$51,574</b>	<b>\$51,000</b>	<b>\$53,550</b>
<b>EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Contract Ex. Curr. Trans Through NCSU	\$7,500	\$5,640	\$7,500	\$7,500
<b>TOTAL EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$5,640</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>TRANSFER OUT</b>				
Fund Transfer to Reserves	\$0	\$65,000	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL TRANSFER OUT</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>ESSER III</b>				
ESSER III Funds	\$136,484	\$131,148	\$136,484	\$0
<b>TOTAL ESSER III</b>	<b>\$136,484</b>	<b>\$131,148</b>	<b>\$136,484</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>ESSER II</b>				
ESSER II Funds	\$0	\$6,349	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL ESSER II</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,349</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>				
Wages-Tooth Tutor	\$1,500	\$1,183	\$1,500	\$1,750
FICA-Tooth Tutor	\$115	\$91	\$115	\$134
<b>TOTAL OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$1,615</b>	<b>\$1,274</b>	<b>\$1,615</b>	<b>\$1,884</b>
<b>REAP GRANT</b>				
Supplies-REAP Grant	\$0	\$1,107	\$0	\$0
Books/Periodicals-REAP Grant	\$0	\$156	\$0	\$0
Supplies-VREC	\$0	\$190	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL REAP GRANT</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,453</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>PATH GRANT</b>				
Supplies-PATH	\$0	\$111	\$0	\$0
PATH Stipend	\$0	\$700	\$700	\$700
FICA-PATH	\$0	\$54	\$54	\$54
Municipal Retirement Path	\$0	\$35	\$39	\$49
<b>TOTAL PATH GRANT</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$792</b>	<b>\$803</b>
<b>VSAC GRANT</b>				
Salary-VSAC	\$6,500	\$5,179	\$6,500	\$6,500
FICA-VSAC	\$497	\$396	\$497	\$496
Municipal Retirement	\$309	\$0	\$358	\$455
<b>TOTAL VSAC GRANT</b>	<b>\$7,306</b>	<b>\$5,575</b>	<b>\$7,355</b>	<b>\$7,451</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,076,805</b>	<b>\$2,122,916</b>	<b>\$2,186,336</b>	<b>\$2,354,444</b>

Town of Lowell School District  
Reserve Funds as of 6/30/2023

**Maintenance Fund**

<u>Fund Balance July 1, 2022</u> .....	\$	145,000.00
Transfers In.....	\$	-
<u>Expenditures</u> .....	\$	-
Fund Balance June 30, 2023.....	\$	145,000.00

**Technology Fund**

<u>Fund Balance July 1, 2022</u> .....	\$	37,000.00
Transfers In.....	\$	-
<u>Expenditures</u> .....	\$	-
Fund Balance June 30, 2023.....	\$	37,000.00

**Expansion Fund**

<u>Fund Balance July 1, 2022</u> .....	\$	4,110
Transfers In.....	\$	-
<u>Expenditures</u> .....	\$	-
Fund Balance June 30, 2023.....	\$	4,110

**Tax Stabilization Fund**

<u>Fund Balance July 1, 2022</u> .....	\$	161,912
Transfers In.....	\$	65,000
<u>Expenditures</u> .....	\$	-
Fund Balance June 30, 2023.....	\$	226,912

Being Audited by Pace & Hawley LLC



# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY2025 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

	FY2024 Board Approved Budget	FY2025 Board Approved Budget
Account Number / Description	7/1/2023-6/30/2024	7/1/2024-6/30/2025
<b>ASSESSMENT REVENUE</b>		
INTEREST		
INTEREST INCOME-CASH ACCOUNT	(\$15,000)	(\$25,000)
INTEREST INCOME-MONEY MARKET	(\$500)	(\$1,000)
<b>INTEREST REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$15,500)</b>	<b>(\$26,000)</b>
ASSESSMENTS	(\$1,935,357)	(\$2,843,321)
<b>TOTAL 1931 TOWN ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>(\$1,935,357)</b>	<b>(\$2,843,321)</b>
<b>1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE</b>		
INDIRECT COSTS REVENUE	(\$125,000)	(\$75,000)
<b>TOTAL 1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$125,000)</b>	<b>(\$75,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$2,075,857)</b>	<b>(\$2,944,321)</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS</b>		
SALARY MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS	\$5,000	\$5,900
FICA	\$383	\$451
W COMP	\$42	\$50
PURCHASED SERVICE	\$1,000	\$1,000
SUPPLIES	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL 1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS</b>	<b>\$8,425</b>	<b>\$9,401</b>
<b>2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>		
SP PROJECTS P SERV	\$6,000	\$6,000
SP PROJECTS SUPPLIES	\$1,000	\$1,500
SPEC.PROJ.-FOOD	\$3,500	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL 2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$10,500</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<b>2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>		
DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM SALARY	\$50,602	\$116,948
WAGES CURRICULUM ADMIN ASST	\$22,324	\$25,431
BCBS	\$19,197	\$36,875
HRA	\$6,300	\$6,300
FICA	\$5,580	\$10,893
LIFE INSURANCE	\$90	\$186
MUN. RETIREMENT	\$1,395	\$1,780
WORKERS COMP	\$613	\$1,196
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$37	\$83
TUITION	\$1,229	\$2,712
DENTAL	\$724	\$1,315
LTD	\$226	\$441
TRAINING	\$750	\$4,000
TRAVEL	\$645	\$1,400
SUPPLIES	\$1,200	\$1,200
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$500	\$500

**NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION  
FY2025 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET**

Account Number / Description	FY2024 Board Approved	FY2025 Board Approved
	Budget	Budget
	7/1/2023-6/30/2024	7/1/2024-6/30/2025
CONF & DUES	\$2,000	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL 2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$113,412</b>	<b>\$212,760</b>
<b>2230 TECHNOLOGY</b>		
DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY	\$102,000	\$106,080
NETWORK/TECH SUPPORT WAGES	\$135,904	\$215,219
BCBS	\$68,555	\$113,754
HRA	\$8,400	\$15,400
FICA	\$18,198	\$24,579
LIFE INSURANCE	\$300	\$300
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$16,654	\$27,265
WORKERS COMP	\$1,998	\$2,699
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$208	\$208
TUITION	\$1,800	\$1,800
DENTAL	\$2,000	\$2,755
LTD	\$738	\$996
PURCHASED SERVICE	\$183,500	\$339,000
TRAVEL	\$3,500	\$5,500
ROOMS & MEALS	\$400	\$500
SUPPLIES	\$2,500	\$3,500
SOFTWARE	\$3,500	\$3,500
EQUIPMENT	\$5,500	\$10,000
DUES & FEES	\$2,000	\$8,000
<b>TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$557,655</b>	<b>\$881,055</b>
<b>2300 Support Services - General Admin</b>		
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$139,984	\$145,583
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$0	\$125,000
COMMUNICATIONS COORD/ADMIN ASSISTS WAGES	\$99,988	\$112,959
BCBS	\$52,511	\$86,536
HRA	\$10,900	\$15,000
FICA	\$18,354	\$29,340
LIFE INSURANCE	\$226	\$246
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$6,249	\$7,907
WORK COMP	\$2,016	\$3,222
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$125	\$125
DENTAL	\$1,875	\$2,050
LTD	\$744	\$1,189
AUDIT NCSU	\$10,500	\$10,500
LODGING & MEALS	\$1,500	\$2,000
TRAVEL	\$3,000	\$3,000
VSA DUES	\$5,000	\$5,000
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SECRETARY	\$200	\$500
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SUPERINTENDENT	\$5,000	\$6,000
<b>TOTAL 2300 Support Services - General Admin</b>	<b>\$358,172</b>	<b>\$556,157</b>
<b>2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS</b>		

# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY2025 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2024 Board Approved Budget	FY2025 Board Approved Budget
	7/1/2023-6/30/2024	7/1/2024-6/30/2025
MAINTANCE CONTRACT ADS	\$15,000	\$15,000
LEGAL SERVICES	\$5,000	\$5,000
STIPEND TREASURER'S	\$1,050	\$1,050
PURCHASE SERVICE	\$7,600	\$15,000
EQUIP MAINT	\$4,000	\$5,000
MACHINE LEASES & RENTALS	\$10,000	\$15,000
CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE	\$20,000	\$30,653
TELEPHONE	\$7,000	\$8,000
POSTAGE	\$12,000	\$12,000
INTERNET	\$45,000	\$45,000
MISC TOWNS ADVERTISING	\$750	\$0
ADVERTISING	\$5,000	\$7,500
MISC FOOD MEETINGS	\$8,000	\$8,000
MISC TOWN INVOICES	\$500	\$0
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$12,000	\$20,000
BOOKS	\$500	\$500
FURNITURE	\$2,500	\$2,500
MISCELLANEOUS DUES/FEES	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL 2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS</b>	<b>\$158,900</b>	<b>\$193,203</b>
<b>2323 PERSONNEL</b>		
PERSONNEL COORDINATOR SALARY	\$0	\$78,938
PERSONNEL SUPPORT WAGES	\$117,014	\$103,356
PERSONNEL BCBS	\$17,555	\$53,547
PERSONNEL HRA	\$4,400	\$6,600
PERSONNEL FICA	\$8,952	\$18,041
PERSONNEL LIFE INS	\$52	\$96
PERSONNEL RETIREMENT	\$7,313	\$16,509
PERSONNEL WORKERS COMP	\$983	\$1,531
PERSONNEL UNEMPLOYMENT	\$83	\$125
PERSONNEL TUITION	\$5,760	\$5,760
PERSONNEL DENTAL	\$600	\$1,680
PERSONNEL LTD	\$363	\$565
PURCHASED SERVICE PERSONNEL	\$600	\$2,750
PERSONNEL TRAVEL	\$100	\$100
PERSONNEL CONF/DUES	\$550	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL 2323 PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$164,325</b>	<b>\$290,598</b>
<b>2520 BUSINESS OFFICE</b>		
SALARY DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$72,062	\$74,944
WAGES FINANCE ASSISTANTS	\$91,733	\$100,699
WAGES BUSINESS ADM ASST	\$36,590	\$0
WAGES COURIER	\$2,200	\$2,200
SALARY STAFF ACCOUNTANTS	\$42,547	\$78,969
WAGES GRANTS ASSISTANT	\$0	\$31,599
BCBS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$96,834	\$112,715
HRA	\$18,000	\$18,000

**NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION  
FY2025 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET**

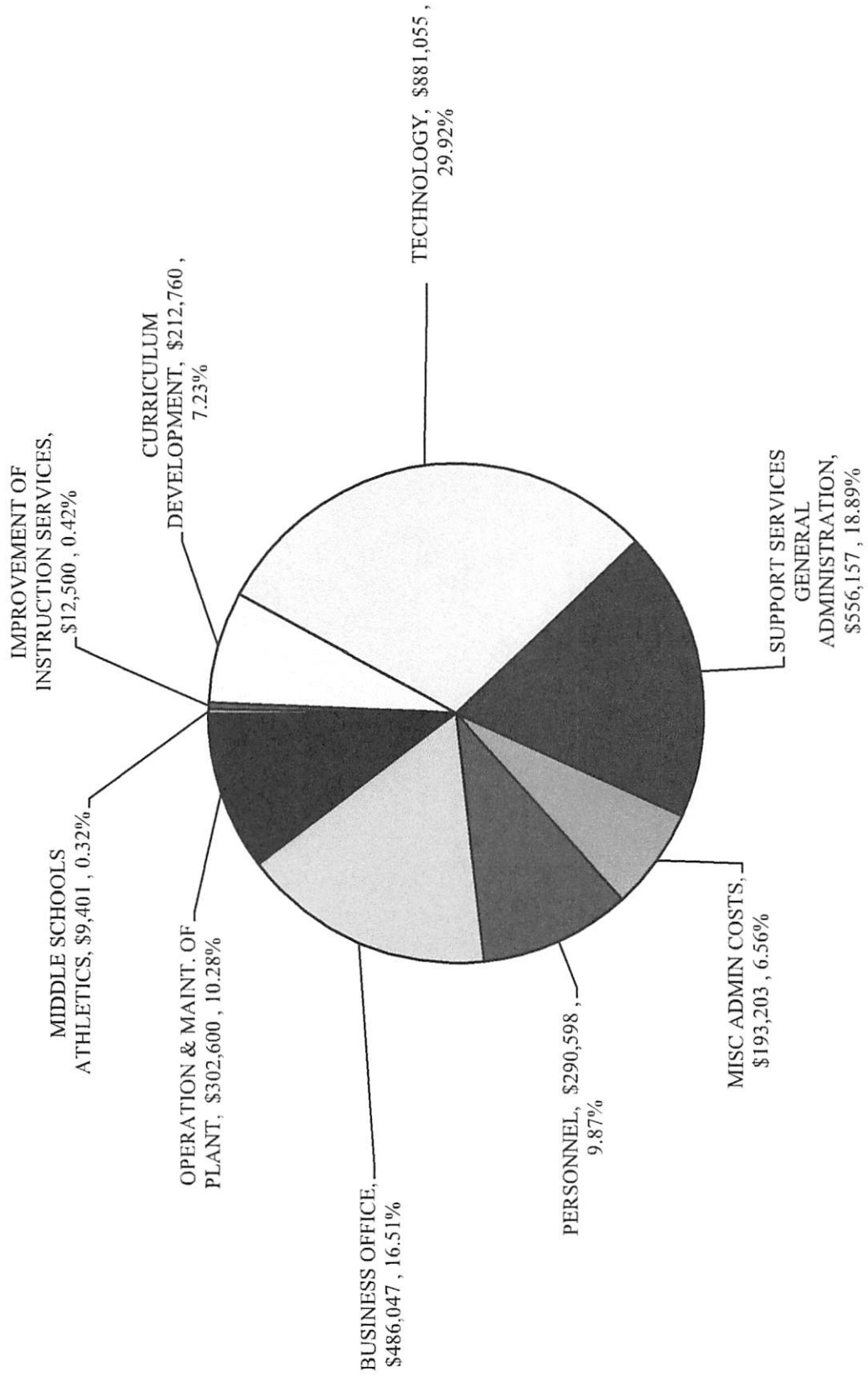
Account Number / Description	FY2024 Board Approved	FY2025 Board Approved
	Budget	Budget
	7/1/2023-6/30/2024	7/1/2024-6/30/2025
FICA BUSINESS OFFICE	\$18,753	\$22,064
LIFE INS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$225	\$225
RETIREMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$16,444	\$20,035
WORKERS COMP BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,041	\$2,423
UNEMPLOYMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$200	\$200
TUITION BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,000	\$2,712
DENTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,425	\$3,375
LTD DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$753	\$887
PROF DEV BUSINESS OFFICE	\$500	\$6,500
TRAVEL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$5,000	\$5,000
ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$500	\$2,500
DUES & FEES BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,500	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL 2520 BUSINESS OFFICE</b>	<b>\$410,307</b>	<b>\$486,047</b>
<b>2600 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>		
FACILITIES COORDINATOR WAGES	\$99,500	\$65,255
CUSTODIAN WAGES	\$19,053	\$18,142
FACILITIES COORDINATOR & CUSTODIAL BENEFITS	\$0	\$17,544
OPERATION AND MAINT PURCHASE SERV	\$5,000	\$10,000
CUSTODIAN PURCHASES SERVICE	\$17,688	\$18,909
RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$2,400	\$2,750
STORAGE RENTAL SPACE	\$2,020	\$1,000
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$3,500	\$4,000
<b>TOTAL 2600 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	<b>\$149,161</b>	<b>\$137,600</b>
<b>2640 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>		
RENT	\$145,000	\$165,000
<b>TOTAL 2640 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	<b>\$145,000</b>	<b>\$165,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,075,857</b>	<b>\$2,944,321</b>

District: <b>Lowell</b> SU: <b>North Country</b>		FY25 is the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY22 - FY24. LTWADM is required			T114 Orleans County	Property dollar equivalent yield 9,171 <--See bottom note 10,227	Homestead tax rate per \$9,171 of spending per LTWADM 1.00	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
		FY2022	FY2023	FY2024			FY2025	
<b>Expenditures</b>								
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, and full technical center expenditures)	\$1,946,983	\$2,076,805	\$2,186,336			\$2,354,444	1.
2.	Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-				2.
3.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	\$1,946,983	\$2,076,805	\$2,186,336			\$2,354,444	3.
4.	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-				4.
5.	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-				5.
6.	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$1,946,983	\$2,076,805	\$2,186,336			\$2,354,444	6.
7.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-				7.
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-				8.
<b>Revenues</b>								
9.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc.)	\$376,785	\$368,922	\$412,277			\$176,864	9.
10.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	\$376,785	\$368,922	\$412,277			\$176,864	10.
11.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$1,570,198	\$1,707,883	\$1,774,059			\$2,177,580	11.
12.	Pupils (eqpup FY22 - FY24, LTWADM FY25)	93.32	88.40	85.02			168.95	12.
13.	<b>Education Spending per Pupil</b>	\$16,825.95	\$19,319.94	\$20,866.37			\$12,888.90	13.
14.	Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per Pupil pupil	-	-	-				14.
15.	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$66,446 for an individual (per pupil)	\$5.39 based on \$50,000	\$5.35 based on \$30,000	\$12.46 based on \$63,205				15.
16.	Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-				16.
17.	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer pupils	-	-	-				17.
18.	Estimated costs of new students after census period (per pupil)	-	-	-				18.
19.	Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)	-	-	-				19.
20.	Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per pupil)	-	-	-				20.
21.	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per pupil)	\$25.85	\$55.25	\$63.94				21.
22.	Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	\$25.85	\$55.25	\$63.94				22.
23.	Excess spending threshold	\$18,789.00 threshold = \$18,789	\$19,987.00 threshold = \$19,997	\$22,204.00 threshold = \$22,204			\$23,193.00 threshold = \$23,193	23.
24.	Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	Suspended thru FY29	Suspended thru FY29	Suspended thru FY29			Suspended thru FY29	24.
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$16,826	\$19,320	\$20,866			\$12,888.90	25.
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	148.679% based on yield \$11,317	145.110% based on yield \$13,314	135.119% based on \$15,443			140.540% based on \$9,171	26.
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>								
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) (\$12,888.90 + (\$9,171 / \$1.00))	\$1.4868 based on \$1.00	\$1.4511 based on \$1.00	\$1.3512 based on \$1.00			\$1.4054 based on \$1.00	27.
28.	Act 127 tax cap (FY25 - FY29 eligible)						\$1.4054	28.
29.	Percent of Lowell pupils not in a union school district	66.71%	65.25%	64.39%			69.37%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (69.37% x \$1.41)	\$0.9918	\$0.9468	\$0.8700			\$0.9749	30.
31.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	94.18%	93.69%	82.42%			74.71%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.9749 / 74.71%)	\$1.0531 based on \$1.00	\$1.0106 based on \$1.00	\$1.0556 based on \$1.00			\$1.3049 based on \$1.00	32.
		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.						
33.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) ((\$12,888.90 + \$10,227) x 2.00%)	2.44% based on 2.00%	2.42% based on 2.00%	2.38% based on 2.00%			2.52% based on 2.00%	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (69.37% x 2.52%)	1.63% based on 2.00%	1.58% based on 2.00%	1.53% based on 2.00%			1.75% based on 2.00%	34.
35.		-	-	-			-	35.
36.	Percent of pupils at North Country Sr UHSD #22	33.29%	34.75%	35.61%			30.63%	36.

- Using the revised January 9th, 2024 Education Fund Outlook FY25 forecast, the FY25 education fund need results in a property yield of \$9,171 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$10,227 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.452. These figures use the estimated \$13,000,000 surplus from the Education Fund. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION FY2025 BUDGET**



# NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

## FY2025 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

FY2025 Board Approved Budget

Account Number / Description	7/1/2024-6/30/2025
<b>ASSESSMENT REVENUE</b>	
INTEREST INCOME-CASH ACCOUNT	(\$25,000)
INTEREST INCOME-MONEY MARKET	(\$1,000)
<b>INTEREST REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$26,000)</b>
ASSESSMENTS	(\$2,843,321)
<b>TOTAL 1931 TOWN ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>(\$2,843,321)</b>
<b>1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE</b>	
INDIRECT COSTS REVENUE	(\$75,000)
<b>TOTAL 1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$75,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$2,944,321)</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES</b>	
<b>1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS</b>	
SALARY MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS	\$5,900
FICA	\$451
W COMP	\$50
PURCHASED SERVICE	\$1,000
SUPPLIES	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL 1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS</b>	<b>\$9,401</b>
<b>2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>	
SP PROJECTS P SERV	\$6,000
SP PROJECTS SUPPLIES	\$1,500
SPEC.PROJ.-FOOD	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL 2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<b>2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>	
DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM SALARY	\$116,948
WAGES CURRICULUM ADMIN ASST	\$25,431
BCBS	\$36,875
HRA	\$6,300
FICA	\$10,893
LIFE INSURANCE	\$186
MUN. RETIREMENT	\$1,780
WORKERS COMP	\$1,196
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$83
TUITION	\$2,712
DENTAL	\$1,315
LTD	\$441
TRAINING	\$4,000
TRAVEL	\$1,400
SUPPLIES	\$1,200
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$500

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Account Number / Description	7/1/2024-6/30/2025
CONF & DUES	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL 2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$212,760</b>
<b>2230 TECHNOLOGY</b>	
DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY	\$106,080
NETWORK/TECH SUPPORT WAGES	\$215,219
BCBS	\$113,754
HRA	\$15,400
FICA	\$24,579
LIFE INSURANCE	\$300
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$27,265
WORKERS COMP	\$2,699
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$208
TUITION	\$1,800
DENTAL	\$2,755
LTD	\$996
PURCHASED SERVICE	\$339,000
TRAVEL	\$5,500
ROOMS & MEALS	\$500
SUPPLIES	\$3,500
SOFTWARE	\$3,500
EQUIPMENT	\$10,000
DUES & FEES	\$8,000
<b>TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$881,055</b>
<b>2300 Support Services - General Admin</b>	
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$145,583
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$125,000
COMMUNICATIONS COORD/ADMIN ASSISTS WAGES	\$112,959
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LTD	\$1,189
AUDIT NCSU	\$10,500
LODGING & MEALS	\$2,000
TRAVEL	\$3,000
VSA DUES	\$5,000
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SECRETARY	\$500
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SUPERINTENDENT	\$6,000
<b>TOTAL 2300 Support Services - General Admin</b>	<b>\$556,157</b>
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LEGAL SERVICES	\$5,000
STIPEND TREASURER'S	\$1,050
PURCHASE SERVICE	\$15,000
EQUIP MAINT	\$5,000
MACHINE LEASES & RENTALS	\$15,000
CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE	\$30,653
TELEPHONE	\$8,000
POSTAGE	\$12,000
INTERNET	\$45,000
MISC TOWNS ADVERTISING	\$0
ADVERTISING	\$7,500
MISC FOOD MEETINGS	\$8,000
MISC TOWN INVOICES	\$0
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$20,000
BOOKS	\$500
FURNITURE	\$2,500
MISCELLANEOUS DUES/FEES	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL 2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS</b>	<b>\$193,203</b>
<b>2323 PERSONNEL</b>	
PERSONNEL COORDINATOR SALARY	\$78,938
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PERSONNEL CONF/DUES	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL 2323 PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$290,598</b>
<b>2520 BUSINESS OFFICE</b>	
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UNEMPLOYMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$200
TUITION BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,712
DENTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$3,375
LTD DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$887
PROF DEV BUSINESS OFFICE	\$6,500
TRAVEL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$5,000
ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$2,500
DUES & FEES BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL 2520 BUSINESS OFFICE</b>	<b>\$486,047</b>
<b>2600 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	
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CUSTODIAN WAGES	\$18,142
FACILITIES COORDINATOR & CUSTODIAL BENEFITS	\$17,544
OPERATION AND MAINT PURCHASE SERV	\$10,000
CUSTODIAN PURCHASES SERVICE	\$18,909
RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$2,750
STORAGE RENTAL SPACE	\$1,000
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$4,000
<b>TOTAL 2600 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	<b>\$137,600</b>
<b>2640 OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	
RENT	\$165,000

**JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. AMERICAN LEGION  
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**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 (\$300) PROVIDE THE MEANS FOR THE POST TO PURCHASE FLAGS AND MARKERS FOR REPLACEMENT NEAR A VETERAN'S HEADSTONE IN NEIGHBORING CEMETERIES. WE ALSO RELY ON THESE FUNDS TO REPLACE AMERICAN SERVICE FLAGS THAT FLY AT THE POST FLAG PARK, SUPPORT MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES, AND DEFRAY OPERATIONAL COSTS. THIS IS FOR THE YEAR 2024. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST SUPPORT.**

**MICHAEL J. STARR. RETIRED (SGM, US ARMY)**



December 8th, 2023

Town of Lowell:

Green Mountain Farm-to-School is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Town of Lowell to support the Lowell School Garden Program and the associated Farm-to-School Program.

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

As part of our Farm-to-School program, GMFTS coordinates the Lowell School Garden. In the 2022/2023 school year, GMFTS worked with students, school partners and community members to grow 236 lbs of fruits and vegetables in the school garden. This produce was then served to students in the school cafeteria or provided to community members in need. GMFTS also facilitated 30 nutrition and agriculture workshops for students, helped to organize 3 farm field trips, and hosted monthly taste tests where students made and sampled recipes highlighting local seasonal foods. In 2022, GMFTS supported the Lowell Folk Festival with a cider press and smoothie bike interactive demonstration for families.

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

We are deeply grateful for the support from Lowell in the past. Thank you for your consideration and please reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Cusack  
Executive Director



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**Town of Lowell**

**Green Up Day Appropriation**

**Invoice #GUV23**

**\$50.00**

Thank you for your commitment to a clean and beautiful Vermont.

Please send payment to:

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**Thank you!**

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

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



December 26, 2023

To: Town of Lowell

From: Lamoille County Mental health Services (LCMHS)

Re: Town Appropriation

Lamoille County Mental Health Services respectfully request a 2024 Lowell town appropriation request of \$1,000 for the services we provide to the residents of Lowell. We use the town funds to help offset the cost of serving individuals from Lowell who need our services. Most of the agency's funding comes from Medicaid which often does not cover 100% of the actual cost of providing mental health services.

I have attached our most recent annual report which provides an overview of the services we provide: [Annual Meeting \(lamoille.org\)](#) If you need additional information or have questions, please contact Judy Rex at [Judith.Rex@Lamoille.org](mailto:Judith.Rex@Lamoille.org). Thank you, and we appreciate all the support we get from the town of Lowell.



November 21, 2023

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

During 2023, as in most years, MRBA volunteers helped pull trash from our riverbanks, assisted with our continued study of non-chemical ways to combat Japanese knotweed, collected water quality samples from 12 locations within our watershed, and assisted with tree plantings. An additional 950 trees were planted along our streams and the river during 2023!

**Assisting farmers and landowners:** In addition to implementing projects (tree plantings, etc.), we also conducted several site assessments this year, including one Stream Wise assessment in Lowell. These are designed to help landowners understand what water may be doing on their property, and some ways to mitigate or improve their relationship with runoff.

**Educational programs:** We are always excited to connect with our younger watershed residents and enjoy providing hands-on educational opportunities to students through our watershed model, rainfall simulator, Bug works program, and by hosting high school summer interns. In 2023, we also connected with students through Lake Lessons, a half-day water-focused field trip for area 4<sup>th</sup> graders and continued to assist several watershed schools - including the Lowell School - with Winds, Waves, and Variables: a year-long educational experience.

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

Your support of our organization in past years is so greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2024 request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Little".

John Little, MRBA President

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**Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA)**

2839 VT Route 105 East Berkshire, VT 05447

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

November 7, 2023

Town of Lowell Select Board,

On behalf of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, we are writing to ask for an appropriation from the town of Lowell to support our work with older Vermonters living in your community. Your support is vitally important as we continue to face challenges due to the increased costs for food and fuel, and the increasing need to protect and feed elder Vermonters.

The NEK Council on Aging serves as a central guide for older Vermonters to gain services and assistance in their communities. In FY2023 the Council aided **over 4,796 residents of the Northeast Kingdom** and with our congregate and home-delivered meals program, **delivered 209,379 meals**.

We also offer a Helpline; Medicare counseling and Bootcamp; exercise and mobility programs; specially-trained staff who help people develop long-range planning as they age; family and caregiver support programs and grants; case management for those who need a bit more support with aging in place; as well as support to apply for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs. Our nutrition programs partially fund 14 meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. Our work is supplemented by over 400 volunteers who serve as home-delivered meals drivers, wellness program leaders, and home-based caregivers.

As a private, 501c (3) non-profit corporation, we have been serving older Vermonters for over 44 years. This year, we are requesting the amount of \$300 from the residents of the town of Lowell. We have enclosed a brief letter in support of this request for inclusion in your town report and a copy of our 2023 Annual Report.

Suggested wording for the warning article for town meeting follows: *"Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$300 to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to older Vermonters in the ensuing year."*

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

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



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

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





**NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES, INC. (NKHS) Requesting \$1758 in 2024**

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

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

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

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

Thank you, **Town of Lowell** voters, for your appropriation support at your Town Meetings. Annual appropriations are a vital funding source to provide needed services to residents who cannot otherwise afford care. The 2024 appropriation request of **\$1758** is the same amount voted on at the 2023 Town Meeting. This represents 1.82% of appropriation requests from 48 towns. We offer supportive, confidential program services for Emergency/Crisis Services, mental health, addiction, and developmental/intellectual disabilities. Our mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

**Summary Activity Report July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:**

- **3800** individuals of all ages in our service area utilized support services.
- **44** individuals from the **Town of Lowell** accessed supportive care at NKHS.
- Employees provided **over 300 hours** of community consultation, education, and outreach in community meetings, events, and trainings in NKHS offices, area schools, and businesses at no cost to participants. We offered QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) suicide awareness and prevention trainings, Youth Mental Health First Aid, and other educational opportunities to at least 700 Northeast Kingdom community members.
- **416** total dedicated professional employees, **2 from the Town of Lowell**, support community members in the Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, the satellite office in Hardwick, telehealth, homes, schools, and throughout Northeast Kingdom communities.

Good mental health is important for everyone. As a Designated Agency serving Vermont's system of care, NKHS is responsible for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. A sliding fee scale is available for those in financial need. NKHS is asking the Town of Lowell voters to consider helping neighbors, family members, and friends receive the supports they need to live a happy, fulfilling life and be an active and contributing member of your community.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelsey Stavseth, Executive Director  
Board of Directors  
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.



**NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.**

55 Seymour Lane, Suite 11 Newport, VT, 05855 1-844-GO NEKLS (466-3557) / toll free  
(802)334-6532 / phone (802)334-6555 / fax info@neklsvt.org  
www.NEKLsvT.org



October 24, 2023

Town of Lowell ,

At NEKLS, our Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program, our K-12 Tutorial program and our Ready, Set, Grow Childcare Center (RSG) are on a mission to provide dynamic and impactful educational experiences for the members of communities like Lowell.

Imagine a future where our adult education initiatives flourish and every individual can access high-quality learning opportunities to improve their skills and pursue their dreams. We believe that education is the key to a brighter future for our students, and we need your support to make that happen. Your appropriation of \$250.00 will directly fuel our efforts to enhance and expand our programs.

In Newport, Vermont, our Ready, Set, Grow Childcare Center, a 5 STAR, high quality child care is licensed to serve 99 children.

Our Adult Education and Literacy programs, available at learning centers located in Canaan, Hardwick, Island Pond, Newport and St. Johnsbury, include programs for unenrolled individuals age 16 and older, who are interested in:

- earning their high school diploma or GED
- gaining skills to transition into a new career
- improving their academic skills in reading, writing and math
- becoming workforce trained or college ready
- learning or improving English language skills as a second language

Our Tutorial program partners with local schools throughout the NEK to provide tutorial services for students K-12 to help them achieve academic success.

Join us in making a difference by investing in the education of your community. Enclosed is our NEKLS appropriations information sheet to include in your town report; it is a summary of our services for taxpayers' information.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle Faust*

Michelle Faust  
Executive Director

Enclosure: NEKLS Appropriations Infographic

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

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

**Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.** began with one woman, Eva Warner, teaching area residents to read at their kitchen table. *It is so much more today!*

**Thank you for your continued support of our services.**

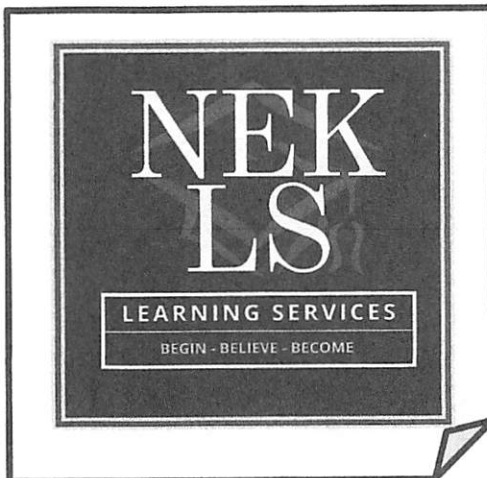
**Your support makes a difference in the lives of your neighbors, friends, and families!**

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

**RENEWED ENERGY AND OPTIMISM**

2022/ 2023 brings us new hope. Despite the fact that the last few years have been difficult, our Ready, Set, Grow Child Care Center has been able to provide childcare services for 80 parents, with a staff of 23 serving 64 children. Our HSCP has provided over 4831 educational student hours in the tri-county area this year, and, due to the ongoing conflict in their nation, we now have 16 Ukrainians in our ESOL program.

TOTAL (K-12) TUTORIAL CHILDREN SERVED  <b>31</b>	TOTAL TUTORIAL HOURS  <b>1,700</b>	TUTORIAL STUDENTS SERVED ACHIEVED MEASURABLE SKILL GAIN  <b>38%</b>
TOTAL AEL STUDENTS  <b>165</b> <small>AEL (ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY)</small>	TOTAL AEL INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS  <b>8,840</b>	AVERAGE HOURS PER AEL STUDENT  <b>53.5</b>
STUDENTS OBTAINING HIGH SCHOOL CREDENTIALS  <b>21</b>	FUND DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS  <b>48</b>	AWARDED CITY & TOWN APPROPRIATIONS  <b>25</b>
ESL STUDENTS SERVED  <b>16</b> <small>ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)</small>	TOTAL HOURS OF ESL SERVICE  <b>1,324</b>	HOURS PER ESL STUDENT  <b>82.75</b>



*Administrative Offices*  
(802) 334-6532  
*Canaan Learning Center*  
(802) 274-2608  
*Island Pond Learning Center*  
(802) 723-1134  
*Newport Learning Center*  
(802) 334-2839  
*St Johnsburry Learning Center*  
(802) 748-5624  
*Hardwick Learning Center*  
(802) 624-1990

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Please contact us at  
1-844-GO NEKLS (466-3557) or at [info@neklsvt.org](mailto:info@neklsvt.org) if  
you or someone you know has need for our services.





# NVDA

Northeastern Vermont  
Development Association

## Request for 2024 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:           \$754

Possible funding methods\*\*:

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

Example:

*“Shall the town vote to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$754 to the Northeastern Vermont Development Association, for planning, development, promoting and publicizing the resources of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties with other towns in the three counties?”*

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



To the Voters of Lowell:

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

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

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

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

The July flood brought new challenges to local governments and businesses already navigating post-pandemic realities. In addition to our regular services, we participated directly in flood response. We also began helping our communities meet the requirements of Act 47 (the HOME Act) to alleviate the housing crisis, and we continued to aid in regional pandemic recovery through assistance with ARPA funding, as well as other state and federal recovery resources such as the Municipal Energy Resilience Program and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program.

How have we served your community recently? In 2023, NVDA staff reported road damage in Lowell to Vermont Emergency Management following the July flood. We also updated Lowell's Local Emergency Management Plan which has been adopted by your Town and accepted by Vermont Emergency Management. In addition, NVDA also performed traffic counts in your community.

NVDA dues are just \$0.85 per capita, with a maximum of \$3,965 and a minimum of \$565. We take great pride in serving the communities and businesses of the NEK. This additional contribution allows us to continue providing a high level of professional service. We take pride in keeping communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at [tgonyaw@nvda.net](mailto:tgonyaw@nvda.net) to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,  
David Snedeker  
Executive Director



ConnectABILITIES  
"Let's Do It Together"  
PO Box 1058  
Newport VT 05855  
(888-635-6222)  
occavt@gmail.com

December 4, 2023

"The pull of the future is stronger than the push of the past." Pir Vilayat

Dear Lowell Town friends,

Exciting news! OCCA has reinvented itself and is now called ConnectABILITIES while still supporting community members in Orleans County with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The years of COVID isolation and the disappearance of community volunteers over the last years has caused OCCA to rebrand itself to meet the needs of the disability community at this time.

We are proud to be celebrating our 36th anniversary and still a vibrant 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.***

To this end ConnectABILITIES has accomplished in 2023:

- The rebranding of OCCA to become known as ConnectABILITIES
- Consultations with outside contractors to determine future direction for OCCA
- Recruited and added new Board Members
- Recruited and hired Consultants who demonstrate subject matter expertise.
- Increased connection with community resources and worked in partnership with NKHS
- Provided a 6-week summer program for exploring the arts, for socializing, and to meet community members. An Ice Cream Social was held for all members. Transportation is provided to events
- Ongoing outreach and support to advocates (community volunteers) and partners (community members with disabilities)
- Launched our 888 # HelpLine to provide support and referrals for callers needing assistance in reference to their disability needs.
- Developed resource referral database for Federal, State and local public agencies
- Maintaining social media sites, and a website

Intentionally ConnectABILITIES operates with a small budget. We do not receive funds from Federal or State agencies, nor United way. Our funding comes from Town Appropriations across Orleans County and local donors. Your generosity on Town Meeting Day when you vote to support ConnectABILITES and the disability community is greatly appreciated. The pull of the future towards support and sustainability for this vulnerable community in our midst is of the utmost importance.

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

In solidarity,  
Ann Stannard, Board Co-Chair

December 15, 2023

Lowell Town Clerk

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

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

Please render payment by December 31, 2024

# Orleans County Fair Association

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

The Orleans County Fair Association is proud to have served this community by hosting the Orleans County Fair since 1867, 157 years this year!

We are a non-profit organization with all the typical struggles being experienced in today's society. Our long-term success has come from old fashioned Northeast Kingdom pride and determination as well as reliance on the creativity of our volunteer members.

The OCFA is recognizing the need to maintain our wonderful traditions and history as well as seek and implement new ideas with an adjusted business plan. Roaring Brook Park is an expansive venue which in recent years has been helping to celebrate Memorial Day and 4th of July festivities as well as many other local celebrations. I'm sure most of you have attended the grounds at one time or other in the past. Our continued goal is to invite your return to the park and to introduce you to our new and exciting plans!

This past year we were able to demolish two of the barn and hope to begin rebuilding the new horse barn this year. This is a big project and our local 4-H club has done a great job assisting with fundraising. Our donations also go to maintain our grounds, upgrade lighting. We appreciate any assistance we may receive. Our on-going efforts to maintain the 150 year traditions and to include modern entertainment and experiences brings us to you for a little help.

We are seeking an appropriation in the amount of \$500 toward these efforts. Any other amount would be wonderful. It is also our pledge to you that we will apply any funds received in an important and meaningful way and that we will report back to you next March on specifically how your contribution was utilized.

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure

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



November 30th, 2023  
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:

Since 1917, the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village has worked to preserve and share the rich history of our corner of the world. The historic village includes eight historic buildings, along with a remarkable 75,000+ item collection that all illustrate aspects of our regional history.

The Old Stone House attracts nearly 5,000 visitors to Orleans County per year, bringing essential business and money directly into our community. Annual grant and preservation projects inject money back into local contractors, tradespeople and supply markets, while also ensuring the preservation of local history.

The Old Stone House employs 7 permanent staff members as well as 3 to 5 seasonal employees. This year, three local middle schoolers worked on staff through the summer. In 2024, the middle school program will continue with additional opportunities for high school employment.

Daily tours, events, research and recreational opportunities make the Old Stone House a vibrant and vital cornerstone to Orleans County life and culture. We are proud to continue loyally serving our community with high-quality educational programming. In addition to the year-round onsite programs available, this year we've added in-school and afterschool heritage and cultural education programs, enhancing our educational outreach in the community two-fold. Hundreds of children, families and adults participate annually in a wide variety of programs offered.

As a local nonprofit dedicated to preserving and sharing history, playing an important role in the culture of our community and serving as an economic driver in the region, we rely on support from the towns we most directly serve. With this in mind, we ask that you include the following article in your Town Meeting warning:

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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



# Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1677 Industrial Parkway • Lyndonville, Vermont 05851

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

"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"

November 03 , 2023

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

Re: Request for town appropriation

Dear Lowell Voters,

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2024 warning for the Town Meeting:

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

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2022, RCT provided 818 rides to 27 residents of Lowell, traveling 26,189 miles at a total cost of \$20,024.53.

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

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

Sincerely,

*Renee Stalczyński*

Renee Stalczyński  
Office Administrator



Activity Report for Town of Lowell  
Fiscal Year 2024 \* July 2023 – June 2024  
Town Appropriation Request: \$825

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

- **Social Change** focuses on prevention education and initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, and creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. One of our strategies is to provide pathways for girls to work within this social change and prevention field through the Youth in Power Program. In FY23, we provided 2,613 youth with educational workshops throughout our 18 school partners. We provided 387 adults with educational programs through 20 workshops.
- **Advocacy Program** serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation - which in total we characterize as gender-based violence. In our work, the client leads and we support them in any way they need us to including legal advocacy, housing advocacy, support with parenting after trauma and more. In FY23, 750 individuals received direct advocacy, 81 people were housed in our emergency shelters as a result of fleeing domestic or sexual violence and 15 were housed in our Transitional Housing program.
- **Family Based Services** focuses on child-care and strengthening family relationships. *Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC)* assists families in the Northeast Kingdom to receive subsidized child care, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. *The Family Room* offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In FY23, KCCC served 801 families and the Family Room worked with 63 families.
- **Economic Empowerment** serves women with significant barriers to employment in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties. Our *Cornucopia* program, and our social enterprise, *Dolcetti* each wrap around women to support them in building job readiness skills while helping them to address challenges in their lives so they are able to move towards financial self-sufficiency. In FY23 as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged and prepared 39,509 meals for homebound seniors through Meals on Wheels.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 17 households in the Town of Lowell were served by Umbrella in Fiscal Year 2023 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

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

Respectfully,

Amanda Cochrane  
Executive Director

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



## Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

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

November 22, 2023

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

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, designs installations, and finds financial resources to support the costs of construction. During the **26+ years** of the program, **1,177 grants** totaling nearly **\$2.8 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

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

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project (\$15,000 for a couple special case projects). New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development, are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2023 was **\$199,158** of which **\$82,374** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **17 rural fire protection projects** throughout Vermont. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Division of Fire Safety of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. Unfortunately, these

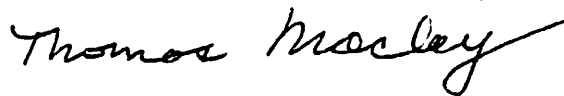
grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2023, we received over \$9,375 in town appropriations from 90 towns. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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

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

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

**Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:**

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



## Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

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

### Thank you to the Towns and Fire Departments that supported the Rural Fire Protection Program in 2023!

Bakersfield	Holland	Ryegate
Barnard	Hubbardton	Salisbury
Belvidere	Hyde Park	Sandgate
Berkshire	Jamaica	Sharon
Bethel	Jay	Sheldon
Bridgewater	Lemington	South Hero
Bridport	Londonderry	Stamford
Brookfield	Lowell	Starksboro
Brookline	Maidstone	Stratton
Cabot	Marshfield	Sutton
Canaan	Middlesex	Tinmouth
Cavendish	Monkton	Topsham
Charleston	Montgomery	Troy
Charlotte	Mount Tabor	Tunbridge
Clarendon	Newark	Underhill
Corinth	Newbury	Victory
Craftsbury	Newfane	Waitsfield
Danby	Norton	Walden
Dorset	Orwell	Wallingford
Dummerston	Panton	Warren
Eden	Pawlet	Washington Fire Dept
Elmore	Peru	Weathersfield
Enosburgh	Pittsfield	Wells
Fairlee	Pittsford	West Fairlee
Glover	Plymouth	West Windsor
Granby	Poultney	Westfield
Granville	Richford	Westmore
Hancock	Ripton Volunteer Fire Dept	
Highgate	Rochester	
Hinesburg	Rupert	

**Vermont Association of Conservation Districts**

**Rural Fire Protection Program**

**FY 2023 Financial Report (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)**

**Income**

Town Appropriations/Donations	9,375
VT Dept. of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety	146,629
VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation (US Forest Service)	15,625
Sale of Dry Hydrant Spare Parts	12,460
VACD	<u>15,069</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>199,158</u></b>

**Expense**

Personnel	79,840
Travel	3,974
Office and Program Oversight	24,822
Dry Hydrant Spare Parts	8,148
Rural Fire Protection Grants to Towns & Fire Departments	<u>82,374</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>199,158</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u><u>0</u></u></b>



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

*HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926*

12/4/2023

Town of Lowell  
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 2023, the agency provided services to a total of 1,083 Vermont residents. This total includes 1 adult in Lowell and 30 adults and 8 students in Orleans County.

Last year Vermont towns and cities provided us with \$26,219 in support, which went directly to client services. We hope that Lowell will consider supporting VABVI again this year with an allocation of \$200 to help fund our services in your township. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (802) 863-1358 ext. 219 or by e-mail at [sgougher@vabvi.org](mailto:sgougher@vabvi.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Samantha Gougher  
Development Associate

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## VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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### Report of Services for Town of Lowell

During the 2023 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:** 550 Vermont residents received SMART training in FY23, the highest number in the program's five-year history. Also during FY23, VABVI secured \$100,000 of partial program funding from the State of Vermont. In order to fully fund SMART, whose budget is more than twice that amount, VABVI has recently announced our 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 FY23, opportunities to join virtually remain available for maximum flexibility. 42 clients attended PALS meetings in FY23.

**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 13 visually impaired students to Rock Point by Lake Champlain. Activities included outdoor sports, nature walks, and living in cabins. 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 a year of development, an accessible tactile sign is slated to be installed in Burlington's Waterfront Park by the end of 2023. Additionally, the New Americans Project will soon offer free vision screenings for local refugee community members.

In Fiscal Year 2023, the agency provided services to a total of 1,083 Vermont residents. This total includes 1 adult in Lowell, and 30 adults and 8 students in Orleans County.

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

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January 9, 2024

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'24.

Annual support from over 140 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 of Lowell 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'24 budget.

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

Sincerely,



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

Enclosures

September 28, 2023

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



Dear Select Board,

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

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

We are proud to serve over 1000 families yearly with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, an annual conference, and more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches children and parents about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Each year over 7000 school children and adults benefit from these educational programs and workshops.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claire Giroux-Williams".

Claire Giroux-Williams  
Development Manager  
Vermont Family Network



**Andrew Crust, Music Director**

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

October 25, 2023

Dear Town of Lowell Select Board,

The North Country Friends Group of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra (VSO) appreciates the Town of Lowell for supporting *SymphonyKids* programs for the children in your town. VSO's *SymphonyKids* education and community collaborations have always been an important part of their statewide mission and engages students in the Northeast Kingdom annually. The goal of the VSO's *SymphonyKids* is to explore the delights of classical music with Vermont school children, and to inspire them with a lifelong enthusiasm for music through a variety of high-quality, educational, and fun programs.

It is our understanding that the Select Board can make the decision to add our request for an appropriation of \$100.00 to the 2024 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 *SymphonyKids* program of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra?**

*SymphonyKids* involves several youth music education programs which benefit our youth in the Northeast Kingdom. Our most popular and furthest reaching program is our Musicians in Schools offering.

- The Vermont Symphony Orchestra collaborates with the Vermont Department of Education and theatre practitioners to deliver its signature **Musicians in Schools** programs, highlighting the connection between STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and music. These programs incorporate interactive performative pieces that demonstrate a variety of curriculum, such as having our string instrument trio explore proportions and pitch through Mozart, patterns through Bach, and arithmetic through a ragtime melody. Our brass instrument trio examines physical sciences like sound waves and vibration through the music of Star Wars, and our woodwind instrument trio joins an intergalactic space traveler to investigate pollination, weather and other natural sciences via Beethoven, Vivaldi and American folk tunes.
- During the 2022-2023 school year, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra visited the William H. & Lucy F. Rand Memorial Library to provide educational performances to local library patrons and youth. This event engaged community members from Lowell as well as North Troy, Troy, Jay, and Westfield. We look forward to once again providing outstanding interactive and experiential learning opportunities to the students of the Northeast Kingdom, and if we are unable to join the students in the classrooms then will work hard to offer engagement opportunities within the communities who support this mission.

The 2024 appropriation from your town will go towards new Musicians in Schools performances in our community and support other efforts of the *SymphonyKids* mission. Your support in providing access to classical music for ALL children is greatly appreciated! Should you have questions regarding the Vermont Symphony Orchestra or their programs, feel free to contact Devon Cooke, Director of Development at [devon@vso.org](mailto:devon@vso.org) or 802-864-5741, x125.

Thank you!

Ruth Marquette, on behalf of the North Country Friends of the,  
Vermont Symphony Orchestra, 15 Taylor Street,

Newport, VT 05855

[raamarq@hotmail.com](mailto:raamarq@hotmail.com)

## **Thank you letter from Jay Food Shelf**

A very special thanks to everyone who donated time, food, and money to the Jay 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.

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

For those who wish to make a donation of money, you can do so by sending a check to Jay Area Food Shelf, c/o Jay Town Clerk's Office, 1036 VT RTE 242, Jay, VT 05859 or online via PayPal thru the Jay Focus Group: [www.jayfocusgp.com](http://www.jayfocusgp.com).

Thanks to all who helped make the program a success. A special thanks to Berry Creek Farm for the 2023 season in kind donations. Many thanks to those individuals/businesses/organizations who did food drives and/or donated food directly to the Food Shelf and to the many individuals/businesses/organizations for their generous donations, which included Intershack,

Rozelle Inc, Community National Bank, Jay Focus Group, Vermont Food Bank, Jay Peak Accounting, Passumpsic Bank, Orleans & Northern Essex Teachers, Woodshed Lodge, Hannaford, Susan and Bruce Cole, Erik Kowalski, GG Zaveson and Bryan Bowers, John Scully, Roland Blais, and the towns of Jay, Lowell, Troy, and Westfield.

Thanks to your help, in 2023 The Jay Area Food Shelf served approximately 225 households in the towns of Jay, Lowell, North Troy, Troy & Westfield.

Kim Lucier, Director

## **Jay Food Shelf Appropriation Request**

The Jay Food Shelf requests an appropriation of \$500 from the Town of Lowell for 2024. Thank you.

Shannon Escalante

On behalf of the Jay Food Shelf Committee

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



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

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46 Lakemont Road Newport, Vermont 05855

Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

## SERVICE REPORT FY 2023 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 2023 .....	36,449
Total Visits FY 2023 - Town of Lowell.....	900

During Fiscal Year 2023, home based services were provided to 31 individuals in Lowell for a total of 900 multi-disciplinary visits. 7 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2024.....\$3,500.00

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN



Jennifer L. Harlow  
Sheriff

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

Telephone  
(802) 334-3333

Fax  
(802) 334-3307

November 27, 2023

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department would like to ask the Town of Lowell to consider the following appropriation of **\$12,688.00 (208 hours)** to allow for police services in your town for the contractual year of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

The patrol rate went from \$58.00 to \$61.00 an hour, this is in an effort to stay competitive with wages, increase in retirement, fluctuation of fuel, dispatch services and health care coverage.

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

Respectfully,

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Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow



Jennifer L. Harlow  
Sheriff

**ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**  
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The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has been honored to provide patrol services to you this past year. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

This past year has been a busy one for the Orleans County Sheriff's Department. The OCSD was able to send two (2) Deputy's to the Level III full- time Police Academy in Pittsford, VT which is an intense sixteen (16) week program. When a law enforcement officer is level III there are no restrictions on their certifications with the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council. Congratulation Deputy Andrew Gonyaw and Deputy Jeremy Cotnoir we are all very excited to see where your career with OCSD will take you.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has collaborated and worked cases once again this past year with the United States Marshal's, ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms) DEA (Department of Drug Enforcement), United States Border Protection/Customs, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Vermont Drug Task Force in an effort to make our community a safer place to live and a pleasurable place to come and visit.

The OCSD hired a new Deputy, William Kulakowski who brings over eight (8) years of law enforcement experience with him. Deputy Kulakowski stepped up and became a valuable instructor in the area of Use of Force along with Deputy Gonyaw, which is extremely beneficial to this agency and our community.

The OCSD has hired Deputy Daniel Locke who is a trained Drug Recognition Expert who travels throughout the counties assisting local and state law enforcement with interactions involving individuals believed to be operating under the influence of drugs. This expertise has and will continue to benefit Orleans County and our surrounding counties to assist in keeping our roads a safer place for travel. Deputy Locke is also a Field Training Officer and Firearms Instructor which has already benefited the OCSD.

The OCSD continues and will continue to work with supporting our Child Advocacy Center with a Deputy investigating crimes against our children as well as working with the States Attorney's Office with a grant that we currently hold.

Deputy Doug Morrill is assigned to Lake Region Union High School as the School Resource Officer and continues to build strong positive relationships with our young people. This position has and continues to prove so valuable to our community. We are all very lucky Deputy Morrill cares so much for this population of young people and does a wonderful job of being a positive role model for them.

The OCSD actively participates in grants through Governor Highway Safety as well as Operation Stone Garden which help to supplement patrol throughout Orleans County to enhance the safety of our residents.

We continue to maintain a "Drug Take-back" box in our lobby at the Sheriff's Department. The Department has collected approximately 255.4lbs of prescriptions in 2023. We also participate with Wal-Mart and Kinney Drugs in Derby on National Drug Take Back Day. Each year this program, in cooperation with the DEA, is responsible for getting hundreds of pounds of drugs out of medicine cabinets and off the street and properly disposed of by incineration.

In December the Sheriff's department celebrated the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Operation Santa". We received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and community members. **Thank you!** The program helped bring a happy holiday season to approximately 358 children in our community. Dispatcher Tammy LaCourse has always been someone who has been a big part of helping our community, whether it is supporting youth sporting events, organizing food drives and items to help our local high schools with their community closets to Operation Santa. Tammy works so hard on this,

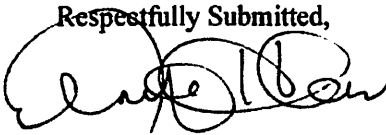


keeping track of all the donations that come in from our community members is a full time job in itself. Tammy stays after her regular work hours, comes in on weekends to make sure that everything is where it needs to be so no child goes without, this is all done on her own time. I personally am so grateful for her dedication and hard work that she puts into all of these events yearly. Thank you Tammy!!

It is an honor to work and live in Orleans County. Working with the local selectboards to meet the needs of each each town is a rewarding part of my job. Keeping the lines of communication between the select boards by both attending in person meetings, and sending monthly reporting system statistics helps keep our communities needs at the forefront of our services.

***Orleans County Sheriff's Department Administration Office Hours: 8-4 pm Monday – Friday. Patrol Hours Day/Evening Hours Seven (7) days a week call 802-334-3333 and press 1 to speak to Dispatch.***

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer L. Harlow", written in a cursive style.

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

**Town of Lowell - Total Incident Report**

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Agency Assist	7
Animal Problem	1
Citizen Assist	3
Civil Process	22
Crash - Property	2
Directed Patrol	1
Family Fight	1
Illegal Dumping	4
Motorist Assist	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	3
Property Check	3
Sex Offender Registry Check	2
Sex Offense	2
Subpoena Service	5
Suspicious	1
Threats/Harassment	1
Traffic Stop	38
TRO/FRO Service	6
Vandalism	1
Vin Verification	2
Welfare Check	1
Total Incidents for Town of Lowell	107

**Town of Lowell - Total Arrests Report**

No Arrests

**Town of Lowell - Total Traffic Violation Report**

Total Traffic Tickets	17
Total Warnings	29



Dear NEK Neighbors,

We are pleased to present our 2023 Annual Report to all 56 towns in the NEK. As you know, we are the Communications Union District (CUD) for Northeastern Vermont - the municipal, non-profit organization whose mission is to build high-speed, fiber internet infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities in the NEK. As a resident of one of NEK's 56 towns, you have a voice through your town's representative to our Governing Board. To see who that is, please visit our website, [nekbroadband.org](http://nekbroadband.org) and go to the Member Towns page.

Our 2023 Annual Report shows the significant progress we've made in working towards our ambitious goals and we hope you enjoy reading it.

**AND** we know there is more work to be done. The two questions most often asked are "When are you coming to me? And how much will it cost?" To answer the 'When' we have to take into consideration multiple factors such as technical challenges, availability of grant funding, local interest and customer base, and material costs. All of these factors help us determine the most cost effective, efficient way to build a network that will need 2700 miles of fiber optics to reach everyone in the Kingdom. The easiest way to know when service will be available to you is to pre-register at [get.nekbroadband.org](http://get.nekbroadband.org). and stay up to date with messages and notifications.

We also know that affordability of high-speed internet is a critical issue to many living in our region. That's why we include a free router and free aerial installation up to 400 ft for every customer. NEK Broadband also participates in the ACP (Affordable Connectivity Program), helping to create affordable pricing for 27% of households in the district that are eligible. This federally funded program provides a discount of \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households. As of today, this program will run out of funds by mid April.

Last year we also started a program that gives NEK residents the opportunity to lend a hand to their low-income neighbors. For those customers who choose our 500/500 Mbps service, \$30 of their monthly payments will go towards giving a fellow low-income NEK resident an equivalent \$30 discount per month. For those who choose our 1 gig/1 gig service, their monthly payment will help 3 of their low-income NEK neighbors with an additional discount of \$30/month each. We have decided to use these funds to subsidize to the same level if the ACP shuts down.

At NEK Broadband, we continue to search for and create ways to make it easier for all of our neighbors to get access to high-speed internet because In today's interconnected world, access to online resources is essential for participating in various aspects of life, including education, employment, healthcare, and civic engagement. We are proud to work to bridge the gap and increase these opportunities for all of our neighbors in the NEK.

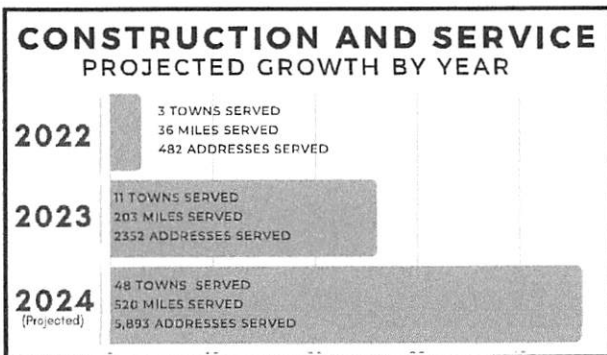
The NEK Broadband team

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT




## DELIVERING ON OUR PROMISE

In 2023, NEK Broadband put in place the additional staff, funding and infrastructure needed to continue delivering on its promise to bring high-speed, reliable internet to unserved and underserved communities in the NEK. We've made significant progress in building the "backbone" of our network throughout the region. This "backbone" of interlocking fiber optic cable will provide extra reliability for our internet service. We received a USDA ReConnect grant of 17.5 million to cover most of Essex County, thus freeing up more funds to expand our network build in the rest of the NEK. This year, we also increased our construction capacity and our ability to purchase and store more materials so that we can increase the speed of our buildout.



**2352**   
**SERVICE AVAILABLE**  
 WE NOW OFFER SERVICE TO 2352 ADDRESSES IN THE NEK.

**179**   
**CUSTOMERS SERVED**  
 IN 2023, WE OVER DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS SERVED.

**203**   
**MILES SERVED**  
 AT THE END OF 2023, WE NOW HAVE 203 MILES OF FIBER NETWORK SERVED THROUGHOUT THE NEK.



## GRANTS & FINANCING

- We were awarded a USDA ReConnect grant of \$17,474,000 that will cover most of the addresses in Essex county and Eastern Orleans and Caledonia counties.
- The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved an additional \$17.94 million in construction funding, bringing the total investment in NEK Broadband to \$38.9 million to date.
- Our 2022 financials were given an unqualified "clean" opinion (evaluation) by our auditors.

## BUILDING CAPACITY

- We are up to 6 full-time staff.
- We now have active warehouses in Danville, St. Johnsbury and Brighton for the storage of construction materials.
- We are working with state and vocational partners to train and increase the workforce in the NEK to help build our network.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

OVER \$15,876,591 HAS BEEN INVESTED IN NEK COMMUNITY-OWNED BROADBAND.

2023 BUDGET TO ACTUAL (PROJECTED)      2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

	Budget	Actual 2023 (Projected)	Projected Surplus from 2023	\$355,546
Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,252,718	\$996,599	Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,564,532
Operations Revenue	\$747,767	\$222,790	Operations Revenue	\$852,455
Capital Grant Revenue	\$28,785,288	\$10,311,147	Capital Grant Revenue	\$36,200,196
<b>Total Cash In</b>	<b>\$31,785,773</b>	<b>\$11,530,536</b>	<b>Total Cash In</b>	<b>\$39,617,183</b>
Administrative Cost	\$1,847,194	\$852,862	Administrative Cost	\$1,885,621
Operational Cost	\$586,601	\$235,395	Operational Cost	\$678,912
Construction Cost	\$28,785,288	\$10,311,147	Construction Cost	\$36,200,196
<b>Total Cash Out</b>	<b>\$31,219,083</b>	<b>\$11,399,404</b>	<b>Total Cash Out</b>	<b>\$38,764,729</b>
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$562,205	\$131,132	Annual Net Cash Flow	\$852,455
Increase in Capital Assets	\$28,785,288	\$10,311,147	Increase in Capital Assets	\$36,000,196

## ABOUT NEK BROADBAND

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

## SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

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

# Local Health Office Annual Report: 2023

Newport Local Health Office | 100 Main St. Suite 220, Newport, VT  
802-334-6707 | [AHS.VDHNewport@Vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHNewport@Vermont.gov)

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. **The Newport Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Orleans and Northern Essex counties.** Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit [HealthVermont.gov/local/newport](https://HealthVermont.gov/local/newport)

## Community Engagement

We work with residents, community partners, local officials, first responders and local health care partners on topics that are meaningful to our community.

- We set up a Comfort Station at the Barton Fair. Families could care for their babies, get bottled water or healthy snacks, cool down and learn about community resources.
- We teamed up with Salvation Farms to distribute excess produce twice a month. This helps the community get fresh food and reduces waste.
- This summer our office helped with the flood response by giving out water test kits.

## WIC Services and Resources

Our Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) team provides nutrition education and support services to our community families.

- We held 2,429 appointments between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.
- WIC helps families get healthy food, support for breast/chest feeding and referrals for other health services.
- Our WIC team partners with Newport's dental hygienist. They offer advice for good oral health and can help families find a dental practice.

## Immunizations and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

Our office works to protect our community against vaccine-preventable diseases

- We participated in 13 community clinics this year, including a clinic at Newport's first Pride Event this past summer.
- Our staff organized a Tdap clinic for those affected by floods this past spring.
- We work with our community partners to help ensure everyone has access to vaccines.



## TIME TO SPAY & NEUTER CATS & DOGS and LICENSE!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VVSA). Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, resources are limited by the number of dogs licensed as required by law by 6 months of age. A rabies vaccination is required to license. The first vaccination can be given at 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a vet office, Community Animal Aid (free to those on public assistance: 734-0259 at the E. Barre Fire Station) & Tractor Supply host monthly clinics. After vaccinating, contact your Town Clerk to license your dog. By statute, unlicensed dogs can be seized. Rabies is in Vermont and it is deadly.

Licensing identifies your dog and is proof the dog is protected in the event bitten by an animal, but would still need immediate medical attention. Vaccinations and licensing protect if they bite another animal or person, which could result in the quarantine of the animal or euthanized. If not proven by being licensed to be currently vaccinated, testing for rabies requires the brain to be examined.

For an Application for VSNIP send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if it is for a cat, dog, or both. To print out, go to: [VSNIP.Vermont.Gov](http://VSNIP.Vermont.Gov). VSNIP helps income challenged Vermonters with neutering and vaccinations. If approved, you'll receive a Voucher and instructions. If not, a list of low-cost resources will be sent. Several humane societies host spay neuter clinics open to the public. Your cost for a VSNIP surgery is \$27.00, if without complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with their \$4.00 fee collected at licensing. **Veterinarians and their staff are the backbone of this important program. Thanks to their generosity and altruistic vision, Vermont no longer uses routine euthanasia as a means of population control. Sincerely thank your veterinarian for their participation in VSNIP. If not currently a participating office, please ask them to join and help make a difference in your community. They are very needed.**

**Facts:** Female cats as young as 4 months can become pregnant. The "mom" cat can/will become pregnant when nursing is finished. Males travel for miles to find a female in heat, often not returning. Cats and dogs (naturally) mark their territory if not neutered. Resolve Carpet Cleaner and a single moth ball in its place will help deter from repeat markings. (Do not use moth balls with young children in the house.) 70% of cats and 15% of dogs using VSNIP are reported as strays or abandoned, which is cruel and illegal. Please do promote VSNIP, helping those that cannot afford to neuter, that will otherwise reproduce over and over. Repeat litters can cause uterine infection, mammary tumors, kidney failure, etc., leading to death. "Farm" cats are especially at risk. Be wary of any seller of animals that won't allow you to see how they are kept before acquiring and want to meet in a parking lot. Animals are often used as a means of making money, and their life may be the inside a room or cage. Please be the voice for those that cannot speak. Purchasing does not 'save' one, it 'enables' those to continue to misuse animals for money. Thank you for promoting this time proven program.

Thanks to now retired Lynn Murrell, DVM, who first agreed to extend reduced rates for animals in need, and all the Veterinarians and Clinics that served for the last forty years plus. A sincere thank you to Bernard "Snook" Downing for helping support many animals in need over the years with his hard work, contributions, and the donors we are unable to thank in print – but you know who you are! ***Together We Truly Do Make a Difference!*** 800 HI VSNIP (1-800-448-7647)

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator: VSNIP      Executive Director: VVSA

## MINUTES OF THE LOWELL ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 2023

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The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on **TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023** at **10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

**Note:** The Town of Lowell has a checklist of 740 eligible voters. The number of votes cast for School Elections was registered at 49 votes for the NCSU Ballot, 26-yes and 23-no

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

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:**

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 3:** *To ELECT a UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR to fill the remaining 2 years*

- *Shannon Sinclair was nominated; voice vote/carried*
- **SHANNON SINCLAIR-ELECTED**

**ARTICLE 4:** *Shall the voters of the LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT approve the school board to expend \$2,186,336.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year*

- Article moved and seconded.
- **ARTICLE 3 PASSED AS WRITTEN.**

**ARTICLE 5:** *Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to use **\$65,000.00** of the unallocated, unaudited general fund balance from the 2021-2022 school year, to **reduce taxes** in the **2023-2024** school budget?*

- *Motion made and seconded to authorize Article 5 as written.*
- **ARTICLE 4 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 6:** *Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** Authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer from the Tax Stabilization Fund **\$65,000.00** of unallocated, unaudited General Fund balance from the **2021-2022** school year to be used in future budgets when the **tax rate is to increase more than 3 cents.***

- Article Moved and seconded
- *Calvin Allen asked the School Board if \$120,00.00 is going to be left over every year? Steve Mason, School Board Chair, answered the reason there is a surplus of money is because they watch the budget all year long and make note of it. They pay attention to the spending to stay below budget as much as possible to have some left over to be able to give it back in the form of tax stabilization and use it for other infrastructure projects to improve the school. Calvin was satisfied with this answer.*
- *Gordon Spencer asked the School Board how much money was in the Tax Stabilization fund? Steve answered that there is \$90,000.00 and only the voters can vote to take it out and use it.*
- *Pam Tetreault asked if the fund balance sheet can be available for viewing in the future? Stave said that he will make it available from now on.*
- *Motion made and seconded to call the question. Motion passed by voice vote*
- **ARTICLE 6 PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**Article 7: TO AJOURN**

- Motion made and seconded by voice vote.
- **MEETING AJOURNED AT 11:10 AM**

**Attest:**

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

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

*Received for recording in Town Proceeding Book*

*Attest: Christy M. Pion- Town Clerk*



# MINUTES OF THE LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2023

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The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following articles of business:

- The Lowell Town Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

## TOWN MEETING:

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

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

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

### **Questions and Comments:**

- The first question was asked by Troy Adams about line 2 of the Treasurer's report on why it shows we paid \$12,064.00 for the Sheriff's department last year and has a different amount in the book. Becky explained that that is the amount to be voted on this year not last year.
- Becky DiZazzo, Town Treasurer, explained that the Tax Rate may go up this year even more do to the fact that the Grand list will not be finalized until July 2023. She also explained that this is her first year doing the budget on her own with training from VLCT's Sara Macy to make sure she was doing it properly.
- Pam Tetreault explained that she had done some research of all the years from 2014 to current about the \$8000.00 in the Audit fund, and that money is not supposed to be moved. Darren Pion, Board Chair spoke up and said that he would make sure they put it back. He stated that the select board members are still really new to our positions, and we are still learning the rules of can and can't. Pam was satisfied with this response.
- Christina Adams asked why do we spend so much money on Town Report to put color and clip art in when we could spend less by just doing it in black and white. Troy Adams also commented that we could use less pages if we left out the Clip art and pictures. Gordon Spencer agreed that it would be less expensive if we used less color and decoration to the pages. McKenna Blay stated her opinion that clip art is unnecessary, for she is taking a class on reports and her teacher would fail her work if she were to at clip art to the pages. Legh Higgins stated that he felt that the color, clip art and pictures made the book more enjoyable, and that he felt the Clerk worked really hard to make it this way. Rebecca DiZazzo stated that we are an incredibly unique town and that adding color to the book makes the pages more enjoyable to

catch people's attention. Ashley Randall asked to have more student drawings throughout the book, which Christy Pion, Town Clerk, responded that she would love to have more student drawings as well, and to have the drawings be more specific to the Town affiliations.

- The Moderator asked if the voters would like to keep the book the way we have been doing it, or if they want to change it to black and white. The majority voted by voice vote to keep it the way it is.
- Christy, Town Clerk stated that she had not put the school budget report in the Town report, that she had overlooked it, and took full responsibility for it not being in the book. She sincerely apologized for it.
- The Moderator asked if the Report was excepted with the exemption of the school budget report and one misspelled word. Voice vote/ carried Town report accepted as written.
- **TOWN REPORT ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN, WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS BY VOICE VOTE.**
- Misspelling of the word Dedication inside front cover.
- School Budget pages were missing. The Clerk admitted she had overlooked this when putting the book together.

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

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

- Darren Pion- nominated.
- There were no other nominations, the Moderator using unanimous consent, instructed the Clerk to cast one paper ballot for **Darren Pion**
- **DARREN PION-ELECTED**

**b. LISTER                                      3-year term**

- Cheryl Clarke- nominated.
- Gordon Spencer-Nominated-Declined
- Steve Clark-Nominated-Declined
- There were no other nominations, the Moderator using unanimous consent, instructed the Clerk to cast one paper ballot for **Cheryl Clarke**
- **Cheryl Clarke - ELECTED**

**MARK HIGLEY-TOWN REPRESENTATIVE**

- Mark Higley spoke to the Town's people for a brief moment about the new laws that are being discussed and that have been passed before the Senate.
- Mark had everyone give a big thank you to Lerry Chase for his years of service as a Town Lister as well.

- c. **1<sup>st</sup> CONSTABLE**                      1-year term
  - Ashley Callahan- nominated; voice vote / carried.
  - **ASHLEY CALLAHAN – ELECTED**
  
- d. **2<sup>nd</sup> CONSTABLE**                      1-year term
  - Christopher Pion-nominated; voice vote/carried.
  - **CHRISTOPHER PION-ELECTED**
  
- e. **LIBRARY TRUSTEE**                      3-year term
  - Carol Wood-Koob-nominated; voice vote/ carried
  
- f. **LIBRARY TRUSTEE**                      4-year term
  - Katherine Pion-nominated; voice vote/ carried
  
- g. **LIBRARY TRUSTEE**                      2-year term
  - Brandie Cochran-nominated; voice vote/carried
  
- h. **LIBRARY TRUSTEE**                      3-year term
  - Jennifer Higgins-nominated; voice vote/carried

**ARTICLE 4:** *Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$ 358,003.00 for TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES (Select Board's Account)?*

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

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

- Article moved and seconded.

A question was asked if the town had a way to keep track of the gallons of fuel used in the winter? The Board stated that we get a report every month from the fuel company, and people are more than welcome to see them.

- A question was asked if the town received State aid for the roads? The Road Commissioner answered that we never know what we will have for aid until after our budgets have passed.
- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote.**

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

- Article moved and seconded.
- A question was asked about road signs being missing and will they be replaced? The road commissioner answered that the signs come up missing every year and they get replaced every year.
- Jenn Blay, selectperson, asked the town's people if they would like the town to put welcome signs at all the entry points to the town? The majority of the people voted no with voice vote.
- A question was asked why the town clerk's office keeps changing its days? Christy, the Town Clerk answered that we can work more efficiently 3 days in a row rather than having a day off in the middle of the week.
- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote.**

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

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

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

- Article moved and seconded.
- A question was asked how many hours is the library open during the week? Answer was 4 hours per week.
- **ARTICLE PASSED By Voice Vote.**

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

- Article moved and seconded.
- Motion was made to pass over the article. Voice vote No
- A question was asked how much money was in the little account? The answer was \$7,337.00 carried over from prior years. Jenn Blay had also stated that due to covid the fund has built up from not being able to have the program running.
- **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 Town appropriate the sum of **\$12,064.00** for contract services to the **ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT** for law enforcement services and to direct the Select persons to assess a tax over and above the budget to sufficient to meet the same? This will be used for approximately 192 hours of routine patrols, answering complaints, and investigating incidents. It will also cover administrative expenses, including salaries, vehicle, benefits, liability Insurance, maintenance, gasoline, supplies, telephone costs, and crime prevention programs.

- Article moved and seconded
- A statement was made that the sheriffs are a waste of time, and that their hours are not accurate.
- Someone asked to hear from the sheriff. The Moderator stated that the voters would have suspend the rules to allow the Sheriff to speak because of not being a town resident.
- A paper ballot was requested to vote on suspending the rules to hear from the sheriff.
- Results of paper ballot : 27 -No 49-YES
- The motion was made to break for lunch but was voted down to allow the sheriff to speak.
- Sheriff Wells spoke with the townspeople on behalf of the Sheriff's department. He explained that all the reports for our Town were emailed to the Town Clerk every month and are available for viewing anytime they are requested. He stated that the sheriff's department being in town is not a waste of time. He stated that last year was a new contract in Lowell, so they are still getting their bearings on our wants and needs from their department. Most of the hours spent in our town are patrolling only do to the fact our town does not have a town ordinance for traffic yet. He stated that he is willing to come to a board meeting to help set one up for our town so they may better serve us. He stated that by state statute our town would receive money back every year if we had a traffic ordinance, which would benefit us. The Sheriff's department would like to be able to take over the traffic control so that the State police can help out the fire department more efficiently.
- A question was asked if the Sheriff's department was short staffed? Officer Wells answered that they are short staffed, but they had cadets currently in training to fill the positions very shortly. Calls will be better answered as soon as these spots have been filled. He recited the Number to call the sheriff's department as being 802-334-3333 for anyone who didn't know the number. This is a 24-hour call number for the sheriff's department. He stated the reason they do not work nights in the towns is that the amount of money they receive from the towns does not cover overnights. He also stated that without the traffic ordinance to name specific roads in the town they cannot enforce the speed laws.
- Sonja Blodgett stated that she had a tremendous love for the sheriff's department for they had helped her several times in the last year that she had to deal with locally.
- Motion was made and seconded to break for lunch. The ayes have it by voice vote/carried.
- Meeting to reconvene at 1:15 pm
- Meeting called to order at 1:15 pm
- Moderator recapped Article 11

- A question was asked, how long has the Town gone without the Sheriff's department? Answer was about 7 to 8 years.
- Troy Adams spoke to the townspeople about his understanding of what the sheriff's department represents to him. His understanding is that they are enforcing the state law but not the town for there is no ordinance for traffic. His opinion is that the general public is going to be paralyzed. He stated that another town paid \$50,000 for ordinance enforcing and that they rely on the state police. He feels that the town should be putting these ordinances in place so that we as townspeople can get that money back for our town.
- Darren, selectboard chair, stated that the townspeople could vote to suggest the Board put these ordinances together to help our town.
- David DiZazzo stated that he feels that no one is thinking that they want to be able to speed. He feels that the sheriff's department would be an asset and that the board should put the traffic ordinance together.
- Lyse stated that the town needs to feel protected, and that our town would be fine looking after our own. She feels people should really think about it before choosing to keep the sheriff's department in our town.
- Motion to call the question, voice vote/carried
- More than 7 voters wanted paper ballots.
- **Results by paper ballot: Yes-46 No-25**

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

2023

- a) \$300 to AMERICAN LEGION JAYPEAK POST #28, INC.
- b) \$800 to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC.
- c) \$1000 to LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
- 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) \$754 to NORTHEASTERN VT. DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- i) \$250 to ORLEANS COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
- j) \$200 to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
- k) \$500 to ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION-(OCFA)
- l) \$550 to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- m) \$700 to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- n) \$825 to UMBRELLA
- o) \$100 to VACD – VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
- p) \$200 to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- q) \$90 to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

- r) \$350 to VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK
- s) \$100 to VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**\$9,227.00 Totals for above appropriations**

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

- Motion made and seconded.
- Motion was made to reduce appropriations to 50%, No Second
- A question was asked what VACD was for. The Fire Chief stated that this company is where the Fire department gets Hydrant grants from.
- **ARTICLE PASSED AS WRITTEN BY VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 13:** *To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.*

- Lyse McAllister asked if there were any updates on the four corners traffic issue? Jennifer Blay, Selectperson, voiced that we as a Board are working on this. The State will only do what they feel is necessary. Jennifer also found the email from the State and read it aloud for the townspeople to hear for themselves.
- Kitty Ufford-Chase spoke about starting a Lowell Energy Committee. This committee would be to help town residents get proper weatherization to bring down their heating cost.
- Sonja Blodgett asked the Clerk to change the date of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade bingo fundraiser to March 25, 2023 on the town website.

**ARTICLE 14:** *TO ADJOURN*

- The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting; voice vote / carried.
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:15 P.M.**

**Attest:**

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

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

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

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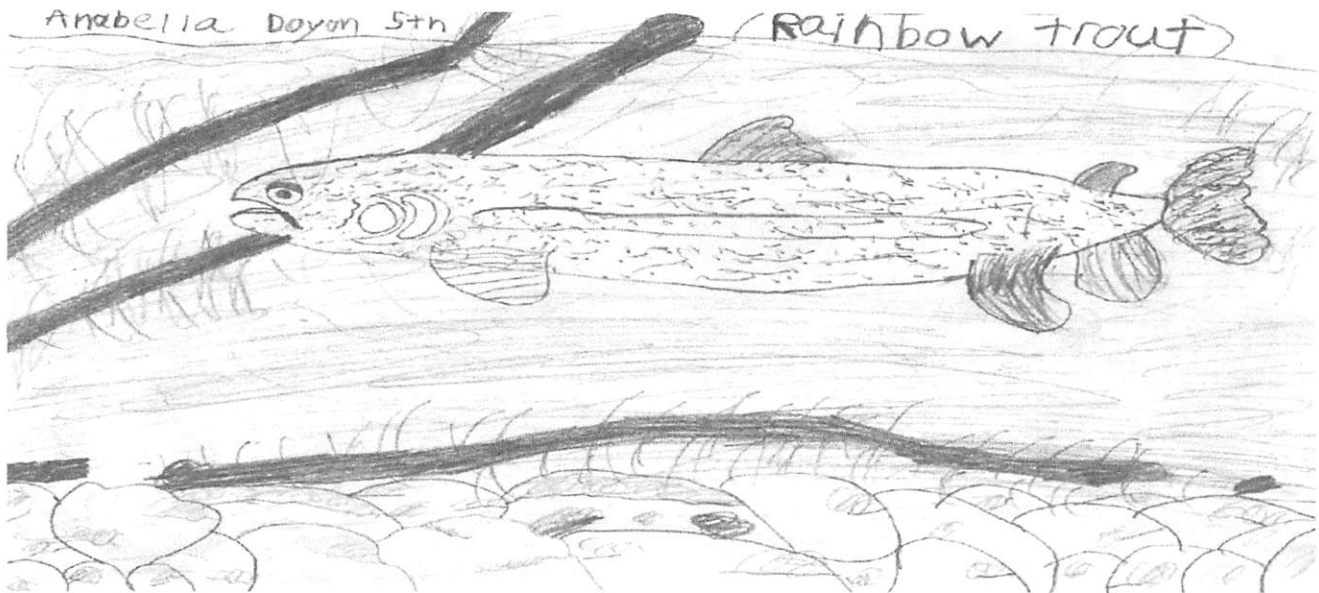
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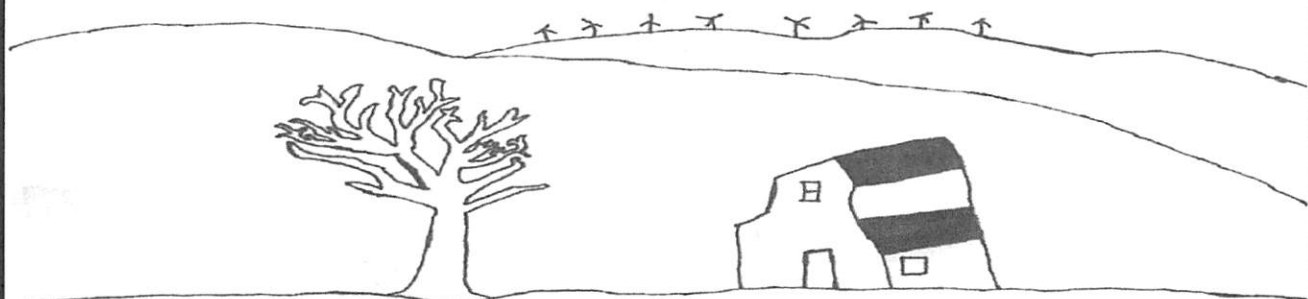
Cajun Snack Bar By David Champney-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Anabella Doyon 5<sup>th</sup>

(Rainbow trout)



Rainbow Trout By Anabella Doyon-5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Between The Trees Farm

Between the Trees Farm by Vivianna Waldenville-6<sup>th</sup> Grade



