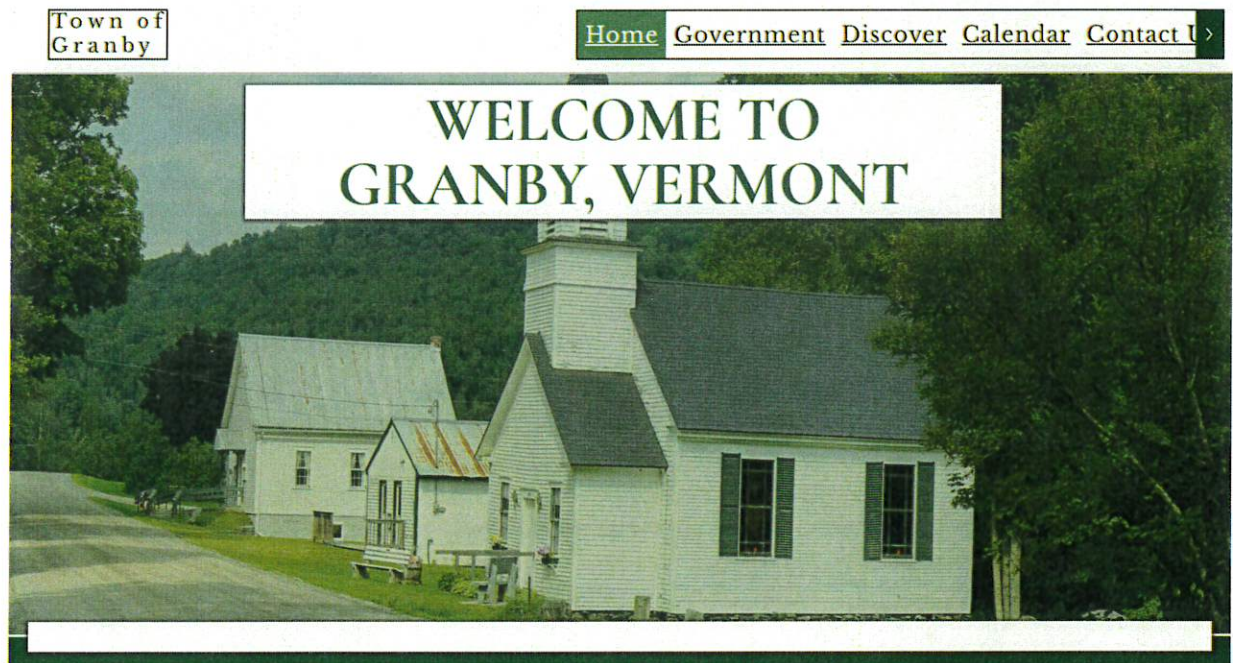


ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF GRANBY VERMONT AND NEK SCHOOL CHOICE DISTRICT



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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

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C. Beige Berryman

C. Beige Berryman, aged 44, passed away on November 6th after a courageous battle against cancer. Beige was a beloved daughter, wife, sister, and friend, known for creativity, sincerity, and positivity that brightened the lives of all who knew her. The values of community and mindful design guided Beige in a brilliant career. She showed her vivacious spirit in all she did.

Beige was born in 1980 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. She grew up in rural Vermont

where she developed her independence, sense of adventure, and love of nature. She spent her summers performing in the Vermont Children's Theater. In 1994 Beige graduated from The Riverside School in Lyndonville, Vermont. She attended high school at St. Johnsbury Academy where she excelled academically and played several sports. Beige pursued her passion for design in studying architecture at Philadelphia University. After graduating, Beige joined her future husband in Los Angeles where she decided to study urban design / city planning at the University of Southern California.

In 2008 Beige returned to Philadelphia as a city planner where her talents, determination, and leadership led to a speedy professional ascent. To be closer to home and seek new professional challenges, Beige accepted the position of Director of City Planning and Economic Development in Saratoga Springs in 2023. Beige's professional contributions extend from the facilities of the Los Angeles Zoo to the bike paths and commercial developments of Philadelphia to the historic districts of Saratoga Springs.

Despite her dedication to her work, Beige's journey also reflects a personal life filled with joy, special relationships, and passions. Those who knew her remember an imaginative artist, an avid cyclist, a talented crafter, a lover of dogs, an expert pie baker, and an enthusiastic adventurer. She will continue to spread joy through the Pond Jump! board game which she created. Whether she was cooking with friends, traveling with her husband, crafting with her sister, or planning special events with her parents, Beige knew how to live.

Mike Towle (husband), Dr. and Mrs. Berryman (parents), and Nina Berryman (sister) will host a celebration of life at Tunison Funeral Home Saratoga Springs, New York on December 7th to remember her wonderful spirit.



Tina Sharon Stewart

It is with a heavy heart we announce that Tina passed away on Easter morning after a courageous 3-year battle with cancer. Tina grew up in the town of Granby. Where she attended a one-room schoolhouse with mostly cousins through the sixth grade. That is where she started her journey in getting her second-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Her Tae Kwon Do family was a huge part of her life growing up. She spent many summers at Lake Willoughby for summer camp. This last summer her sister Lisa took her back up to Lake Willoughby so she could reminisce. From the one-room schoolhouse, she went to Concord High School, graduating in the Class of 1997. Where you would find

her on the soccer field. She was an aggressive soccer player. Always putting 110%.

After graduating, Tina worked as a waitress in Concord at what is now known as the Mooselook Diner. This is where she met her first husband John Stewart Jr. They moved to Illinois where they had their firstborn son, Cole. After a few years, she made her final move back to Vermont to be closer to her family. She and John had two more sons, Evan and Gunner. They settled down in [Lunenburg, VT](#). She worked at several convenience stores in the Littleton NH area, but for many years she was a stay-at-home mom. She then found her calling as a liquid load builder at Irving Energy where she excelled for many years until her health deteriorated and she was no longer able to do it. Irving Energy is where she met her Best Friend and husband Chris Wood. Together Tina and Chris had a little girl, Raelee Anne Wood. They then were married on July 13, 2019, and united their two families together. Tina now had two stepsons, Graelen and Abram Wood. All though they only spent time here on vacations. Tina loved them as her own. Tina loved animals of all kinds. She always had a house full. She was especially fond of her Boxers and her little Pug, Ada, as well as her Chug, Bella. Her children were her life. Tina put everything into her family. She was an amazing mother and wife. She was an honest and caring sister, an energetic loving Aunt, and a feisty adoring daughter. She loved spending weekends on Cow Island at Lake Winnepesaukee and sunset boat cruises with friends. Vacations with her family at Old Orchard Beach were cherished by her. Last summer there was a family trip to OOB so her little girl could see the ocean for the first time. She loved spending time watching the Red Sox and Canadiens games with her husband and daughter.

Tina is survived by her husband, Chris Wood from Northfield; her parents Cindy and Leonard Bilodeau of Granby; her sister, Lisa Ware and husband Will of East Burke; her grandmother, Pauline Bilodeau of Lunenburg; three sons, Cole Stewart, and Evan Stewart and Gunnar Stewart and a daughter Raelee Wood. Stepsons Graelen Wood and Abram Wood of Cannada and a Stepdaughter Shelby Stewart of IL. She also had many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. Tina is predeceased by her brother, Timothy Bilodeau of Granby.

Tina will be missed by many. In lieu of flowers, please donate in her name to the [American Cancer Society](#). Her celebration of life will be at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home, Lancaster NH. For more information or to send an online condolence, please go to www.baileyfh.net.

WARNING
TOWN OF GRANBY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 4, 2025

The legal voters of the Town of Granby are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Granby Town Hall in said Town on March 4, 2025, at 7:15 p.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the term of one year.

Article 2: To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

Town Clerk for the term of three years. (By paper ballot)
Town Treasurer for the term of three years. (By paper ballot)
Selectman for the term of three years. (By paper ballot)
Lister for the term of three years. (By paper ballot)
Auditor for the term of three years. (By paper ballot)
First Constable for the term of one year.
NEK Choice School District Director for the term of one year.

Article 3: To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to collect its 2025 taxes by the Treasurer in two installments, with the first installment due on August 15, 2025, and the last installment due on November 15, 2025.

Article 5: Will the Town vote to levy an interest charge of one percent per month from the due date of each installment?

Article 6: Will the Town vote to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent taxpayers?

Article 7: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$8,743.00 to the following social service agencies, in the amounts requested by each agency, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

A. Essex County Natural Resources	\$1,000.00
B. Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium	\$87.00
C. Green Up Vermont	\$50.00
D. Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$300.00
E. Northeast Kingdom Human Services	\$176.00
F. Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	\$150.00
G. Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	\$100.00
H. Northern Counties/Caledonia Home Health & Hospice	\$75.00
I. NorthWoods Stewardship Center	\$250.00
J. Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$105.00
K. Vermont Family Network	\$250.00
L. Vermont Association of Conservation Districts – Rural Fire Protection Program	\$200.00
M. Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord Senior Meals on Wheels and Meal Site Meals	\$5,000.00
N. Riverside Rescue	\$1,000.00

Article 8: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed Town General Fund Budget of \$101,833.00 for the ensuing year?

Article 9: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed Town Highway Fund Budget of \$89,300.00 for the ensuing year?

Article 10: Will the Town vote to hold the Annual Town Meeting in the evening on the first Tuesday of March?

Article 11: To conduct any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town Meeting.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2025

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Granby:

Reginald A. Bunnell

Tyler Fournier

R. Terry Williams

Attest: Terri Lynn Williams
Terri Lynn Williams, Town Clerk

Received for Record

Terri Lynn Williams Town Clerk
February 5th, 2025

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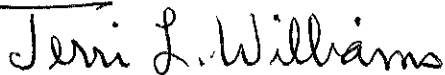
Dear Folks of the Town of Granby,

Terri L. Williams here. I am your newly appointed Town Clerk and Treasurer. I acquired this role after our dear Sheryl Brown moved out of town. I have held the office since the 1st day of September 2024. Thank you, Sheryl, for helping me transition into this position. I sincerely appreciate all the patient phone calls and emails you have responded to, especially in helping me get my very first town report out to the community.

I am the granddaughter of the late Ceylon and Sallie Shores who spent their entire married lives living at the top of Shores Hill in the house that Ceylon's uncle Ethen Shores built when he came back home in 1865 from fighting in the Civil War. I now live in that home. I have spent many many days and nights in this community visiting my grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins over the years. There was a time in my childhood that I could name every member of town.

I have spent a lifetime serving the people of our local area, the district and our state. I am pleased to now settle in as your Town Clerk and Treasurer. It has been quite a learning curve, and I want to thank all of you for your assistance and patience in helping me adjust, especially to auditors Sonia Peters and Devon Fulton for giving me guidance as I learn the ins and out of our software program and other required functions that I need a listening ear to help me get through and to our unofficial IT guy, Mark Fulton for ironing out the kinks of technology here at the office. I am loving this position and hope to continue to serve this wonderful town of Granby in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Terri L. Williams

TOWN UPDATE 2024

Town Plan

With the assistance of NVDA the Granby Town Plan was completed and accepted. The process included two public meetings, a survey, a hearing, and a regional approval process. The planning commission made every attempt to make the plan consistent with public comments received since the town instituted a planning process in 1988. A copy of the plan can be found in the Town Clerk's office or at www.granbyvt.gov. The zoning regulations will be updated in 2025.

Website

Granby finally has its own website. The website was created by Jared Hogan and will be maintained by Mark Fulton. There is a lot of useful information available on the site, such as; office hours, meeting minutes, a community calendar, and a discovery page. Please check it out.

Northeast Kingdom Broadband

Message from Kitty: This is the year that we are plunging in to build all over Essex County, thanks to the ReConnect 4 grant we received. That makes it a really important time to share this great news with your fellow town residents during Town Meeting Day and encourage them to pre-register in CrowdFiber. As you know, pre-registration means signing up for updates (no obligation) and a quicker install once we activate service.

It's exciting to think about Granby getting service either this year or early next year. The wait is almost over!

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

		Term Expires
Moderator	Bruce Berryman	2025
Town Clerk	Sheryl Brown	2025
	Terri L. Williams (appt 9/1 to fill vacancy)	2025
Treasurer	Sheryl Brown	2025
	Terri L. Williams (appt 9/1 to fill vacancy)	2025
Selectboard	Reginald Bunnell	2027
	R Terry Williams	2025
	Tyler Fournier	2026
Listers	Debra Bunnell-Chairman	2026
	Sheryl Brown	2025
	Ryan Houde (appt 9/24 to fill vacancy)	2025
	Cindy Bilodeau	2027
Auditors	Sonia Peters	2026
	Dorene Brown	2025
	Devon Fulton	2027
First Constable	Bonnie Sult	2025
NEK Choice School District Director	Sonia Peters	2025

Selectboard In Charge of Highways

Justices of the Peace

Bruce Berryman*
 Reginald Bunnell*
 Robert Peters
 John Noble
 Sonia Peters*

Elected on 11/09/2022
 Terms expire 2/01/2025

*Notary's



APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Delinquent Tax Collector	Sheryl Brown Terri L. Williams - 09-01-2024 to fill vacancy	
Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	Vacant	
Town Fire Warden & Town Tree Warden	John Noble	
NVDA Representatives	Bruce Berryman	
Energy Coordinator	Bruce Berryman	
Health Officer appointed by State	Robert Peters-2025	
Animal Control Officer	Bonnie Sult	
Town Service Officer	Robert Peters	
NKWMD Supervisor	John Laferriere	
Civil Defense Chairperson	Reginald Bunnell	
Lyndon Rescue Representative	Bruce Berryman	
E911 Coordinator	Sheryl Brown Terri L. Williams - 09-1-2024 to fill vacancy	
Town Emergency Management Agency	Robert Peters-Chairman, Sonia Peters, Selectboard	
Road Commissioner	R. Terry Williams	
Road Foreman	Casey Houghton	
Planning Commission Members:	Term Expires:	
Tom Duffy-Chairman		2027
Debra Bunnell-Secretary		2028
John Noble		2025
Sonia Peters		2025
Bruce Berryman		2026
Zoning Board of Adjustment Members:		
John Noble-Chairman		2025
Tom Duffy-Chairman		2027
Cara Berryman		2026
Debra Bunnell		2028
Sonia Peters		2028
Zoning Administrator:	Mark Fulton	
Conservation Commission Members:		
Bruce Berryman-Chairman		2026
David Faris		2025
John Noble		2027
Victor Tremblay		2027
Patrick O'Conner		2028
Cow Mtn. Pond Management Committee		
John Noble-Chairman		
Bruce Berryman -Vice Chairman		
Ryan Houde -Secretary, Sheryl Brown -Treasurer duties		
Reginald Bunnell, John Irwin Jr., Tom Goss - Honorary member		

LastName, FirstName Middle Suffix	Address
AINSWORTH, OWEN M	56 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
AINSWORTH, VANCE K	56 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
BERRYMAN, BRUCE	367 LUND LN, GRANBY, VT
BERRYMAN, CARA	367 LUND LN, GRANBY, VT
BILODEAU, CINDY	100 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
BILODEAU, LONDON MICAH	100 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
BILODEAU, LEONARD	100 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
BROWN, BETTY B	472 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
BROWN, DORENE	8912 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
BROWN, EDWIN	8749 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
BROWN, JEFF	8912 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
BROWN, TAWNYA L	8749 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
BUNNELL, DEBRA	8955 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
BUNNELL, REGINALD	8955 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
COY, TESSA R	9018 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
DAVIS, BONNIE	8792 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
DAVIS, MATTHEW GERRY	8792 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
DUFFY, DREW	5191 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
DUFFY, NATALIE	5191 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
DUFFY, SHANNON R	5191 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
DUFFY, THOMAS	5191 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
DUNHAM, ROLAND E.	719 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
DUNHAM, SHELIA M.	719 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
FARIS, DAVID	79 MATTHEWS KNL, GRANBY, VT
FOURNIER, TYLER	6451 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
FULTON, DEVON	367 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
FULTON, MARK	367 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, FREDRICK JR	576 FELKER RD, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, JERRY	324 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, JOHN W.	6173 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, K-LEIGH RENEE	6173 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, NICOLE E.	6173 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, PATRICIA	324 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
HODGDON, PRISCILLA	72 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
HOUE, RYAN	155 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
HOUE, SHELLY	155 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
HUNT, ANDREW J	1841 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
LAFERRIERE, JOHN C	354 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
LAFERRIERE, SUSAN	354 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
LAMOUREUX, JOHN	6451 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT

LastName, FirstName Middle Suffix	Address
MARTELLUCCI, LINDA TRINN	6451 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
METEVIER, BRANDON	9130 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
NEWTON, LUTHER JR	132 BUZZELL GAP RD, GRANBY, VT
NOBLE, JOHN	9130 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
OCONNOR, PATRICK DENNIS	382 LUND LN, GRANBY, VT
PETERS, MICHAELA E.	1071 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
PETERS, ROBERT	1071 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
PETERS, SONIA	1071 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
POWELL, ADAM M	155 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
SHORES, VERNON E.	6336 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
SPICER, ROBERT G. JR	9018 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
ST. LAURENT, JAMES Z	9130 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
STAHLER, HOWARD H JR	498 LUND LN, GRANBY, VT
SULT, BONNIE	6313 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
TREMBLAY, LOIS	1594 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
TREMBLAY, VICTOR	1594 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
TREMBLAY-STYLES, DAWN	1446 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
WALKER, HENRY	6170 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT
WILLIAMS, RAYMOND TERRY	1171 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
WILLIAMS, TERRI LYNN	1171 SHORES HL, GRANBY, VT
WILLSON, GARY A.	467 PORRELL RD, GRANBY, VT
WOMBLE, JOSHUA DAVID	5191 GRANBY RD, GRANBY, VT

Total number of voters: 62

TOWN OF GRANBY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Granby are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Granby Town Hall in said Town on March 5, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

Meeting called to order at 7:25pm by Moderator Bruce Berryman Sixteen (16) voters in attendance.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the term of one year.

Bruce Berryman was nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Bruce Berryman was elected by voice vote.

Article 2: To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

Selectman for a term of three years

Reg Bunnell was nominated and seconded. No other nominations. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot.

Selectman for a term of two years

Tyler Fournier was nominated and seconded. No other nominations. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot.

Selectman for a term of one year

R Terry Williams was nominated and seconded. No other nominations. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot.

Lister for a term of one year

Sheryl Brown was nominated and seconded. No other nominations. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot.

Auditor for the term of two years.

Sonia Peters was nominated and seconded. No other nominations. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot.

First Constable for the term of one year.

Bonnie Sult was nominated and seconded. No other nominations. The clerk was instructed to cast one ballot.

Article 3: To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Clerk/Treasurer Sheryl Brown gave a brief report on town affairs. Deb Bunnell gave a report on CLA drop and incoming reappraisal. No further discussion.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to collect its 2024 taxes by the Treasurer in two installments, with the first installment due on August 15, 2024 and the last installment due on November 15, 2024.

Motion was made and seconded that we do. No further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 5: Will the Town vote to levy an interest charge of one percent per month from the due date of each installment?

Motion was made and seconded that we do. No further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 6: Will the Town vote to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent taxpayers?

Motion was made and seconded that we do. No further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 7: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$3,853.00 to the following social service agencies, in the amounts requested by each agency, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

A. Vermont Family Network	\$250.00
B. Green Up Vermont	\$50.00
C. Northeast Kingdom Human Services	\$176.00
D. Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District	\$1,000.00
E. Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium	\$87.00
F. Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	\$150.00
G. Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$300.00
H. Northwoods Stewardship Center	\$250.00
I. Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	\$100.00
J. The Community Restorative Justice Center	\$250.00
K. VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00
L. Caledonia Home Health & Hospice	\$75.00
M. NVDA	\$1,065.00

Motion made and seconded to approve all appropriations totaling \$3,853.00. No further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 8: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed Town General Fund Budget of \$84,564.83 for the ensuing year?
Motion made and seconded to accept the budget of \$84,564.83. No further discussion. Budget passed by voice vote.

Article 9: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed Town Highway Fund Budget of \$77,000.00 for the ensuing year? It was decided to add \$5,000 for ditching.
Motion was made and seconded to accept the highway budget of \$72,500.00 No further discussion. Budget passed by voice vote.

Article 10: Will the Town vote to hold the Annual Town Meeting at 7:15pm in the evening on the first Tuesday of March?
Motion was made and seconded that we do. No further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 11: To conduct any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town Meeting.
No non-binding business to discuss.

A legislative report was given by Terri L. Williams. Terri was thanked for her service. She will not be running again. She received a round of applause. Terri L. Williams thanked Robert Peters for 20 plus years of service as selectman. Bob received a standing round of applause.

No further business. The meeting was adjourned by the Moderator.

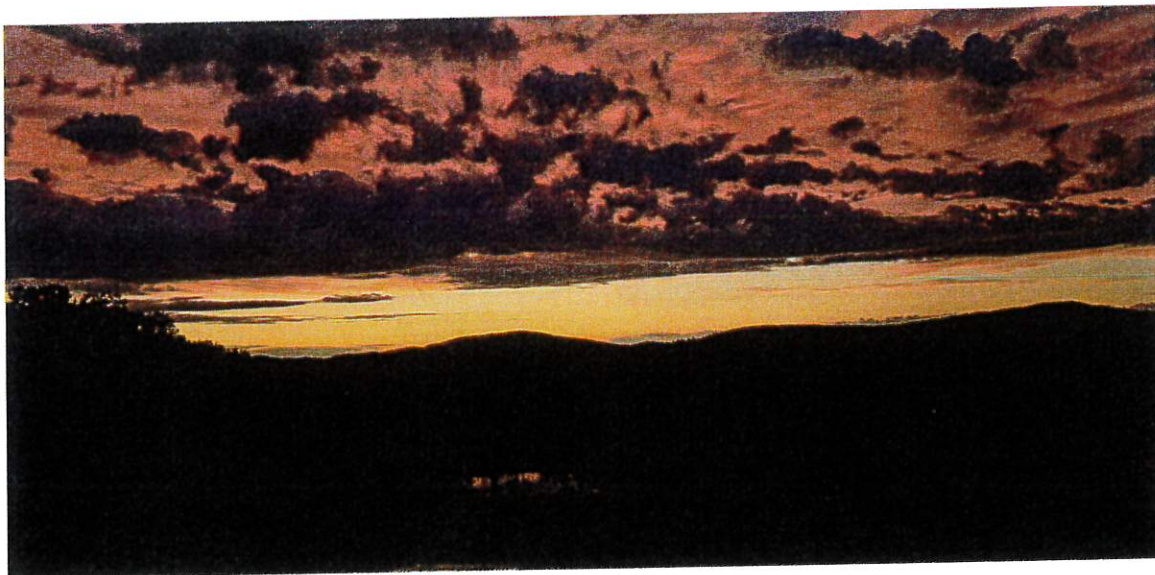
Respectfully submitted

Sheryl Brown, Town Clerk

Approved By:

_____ Title _____ Date: _____

_____ Title _____ Date: _____



AUDITOR'S REPORT

We, the Auditors of the Town of Granby, have examined all accounts of the Town and to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and report of the receipts and disbursements present the financial position the Town of Granby, as of December 31, 2024.

Devon Felton

Devon Felton

Sonia A. Peters

Sonia Peters



NOTE: The financial records for the Town of Granby are audited by the Town Auditors and reports placed in the town report. These reports are typed up by the Town Clerk and all other documents, pictures, etc. are collated together and presented as the Town Report by the Town Clerk. We work as a team on deciding the cover picture and story. We decided to put in the home page of the website (www.granbyvt.gov) to bring awareness of this resource. If there are any other items that you feel you would like to see in the report please let me know and we can discuss. Thank you.

Terri L. Williams, Town Clerk and Treasurer

Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2024

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>
2024	Brown, Jeff & Dorene (camp)
	Hodgdon, Jerry & Patricia
	Walker, Henry

Total Collected as of 12/31/2024

\$2,962.25

Individual amounts are not displayed
Just the total received and unpaid in the year.

Delinquent Taxes unpaid as of December 31, 2024

2022	Noble, Justin
	Noble, Calvin & Nellie Estate

2023	Noble, Justin
	Noble, Calvin & Nellie Estate

2024	Brown, Jeff & Dorene
	Noble, Justin
	Noble, Calvin & Nellie Estate
	Victory/Granby Preservation Group
	Ware, Lisa

Total

19,091.10

2024 Statement of Taxes Raised

2023 Municipal Grand List	\$182,647.00	
General Fund Tax Rate	0.2748	\$50,191.40
Road Fund Tax Rate	0.01543	\$28,182.43
Local Option Tax Rate	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Municipal Tax Bill	\$0.4291	\$78,373.83
2024 Education Grand List-Homestead	\$37,868.00	
Statewide Education Tax Rate-Homestead	1.6151	\$61,160.61
2023 Education Grand List-Nonresidential	\$145,406.00	
Statewide Education Tax Rate-Nonresidential	1.7822	\$259,142.57
Late homestead penalty payment		\$0.00
Total		<u>\$398,677.01</u>
Current taxes collected by Treasurer		\$370,335.22
HS 122 education payments from State		\$20,973.00
Late homestead penalty		\$0.00
2024 Delinquent taxes turned to collector		<u>\$19,091.10</u>
		\$410,399.32
Received from:		
US Forest In Lieu of Taxes *		\$5,678.00
Vermont ANR in Lieu of Taxes*		\$617.46
Current Use Hold harmless payment*		\$26,506.00
State of VT-municipal tax adjustment		<u>\$836.00</u>
		\$33,637.46

Grand List Tax Rate Five Year Comparison 2020 - 2024

Year	Tax Rate		Tax Rate	
2020	1.1318	homestead	1.5917	non-residential
2021	1.2179	homestead	1.6152	non-residential
2022	1.5322	homestead	1.5044	non-residential
2023	1.6401	homestead	1.5220	non-residential
2024	1.6151	homestead	1.7822	non-residential

Note: *When setting the general fund tax rate the following receipts are used to offset the amount to raise. Plus the amount that is sold for trash tags from the previous year.

01/16/2025
01:53 pm

Granby 2024 Billed Grand List
Form 411 - (Town code: 252)
Main District

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Listers

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	15	1,476,300	956,000	520,300	1,476,300
Residential II R2	18	3,074,500	2,388,900	685,600	3,074,500
Mobile Homes-U MHU	1	41,600	0	41,600	41,600
Mobile Homes-L MHL	8	637,800	508,000	129,800	637,800
Seasonal I S1	23	778,000	0	778,000	778,000
Seasonal II S2	26	3,125,300	0	3,125,300	3,125,300
Commercial C	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	3	6,400,200	0	6,400,200	6,400,200
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	0	0	0	0	0
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	39	7,188,500	312,200	6,876,300	7,188,500
Miscellaneous M	1	6,800	0	6,800	6,800
TOTAL LISTED REAL	134	22,729,000	4,165,100	18,563,900	22,729,000
P.P. Cable	0	0		0	0
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	0	0		0	0
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		22,729,000	4,165,100	18,563,900	22,729,000
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	0/0	0	0	0	0
Veterans >10K		0			
Total Veterans		0	0	0	0
P.P. Contracts	0	0			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	0/0	0	0	0	0
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	32/32	4,464,300	190,800	4,273,500	4,464,300
Special Exemptions	0		0	0	0
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		4,464,300	190,800	4,273,500	4,464,300
Total Exemptions		4,464,300	190,800	4,273,500	4,464,300
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		182,647.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			39,743.00	142,904.00	182,647.00
NON-TAX	11 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411				

Tax Rate Spread Sheet For 2024

General Fund		Budget for General Account			Tax Rates
Estimated Income:				Voted budget 2024 Town Report	
VT Dept Forest & Parks	\$617.46			minus Estimated income (rounded to nearest dollar)	
Current Use	\$27,991.00				
US Forest Service	\$5,678.00				
Rubbish Tag Sales	\$80.00	\$34,366.46			
	\$34,366.46	<u>\$50,198.37</u>			0.2748
		<u>\$50,199.00</u>	Town		
Roads		Budget for Road Account			
Estimated Income	\$	77,500.00			
State of VT State Aid	\$49,083.75			Total moneys needed to maintain Roads	
Road Overweight Permits	\$160.00			minus estimated income	
Interest	\$68.63	49,312.38			0.1543
	\$49,312.38	<u>\$28,187.62</u>			
		<u>\$28,188.00</u>	Road		
			State Homestead Education		1.6151
			Total Homestead Taxes		<u>2.0442</u>
			State Nonhomestead Education		1.7822
			Total Nonhomestead Taxes		<u>2.2113</u>

Selectmen Signatures:

Raymond T. Bell 7-13-24
Raymond T. Bell 7/13/24
John F. Fori 7/13/24



State of Vermont
Department of Taxes
133 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-1401

Phone: (802) 828-5860

Agency of Administration

December 26, 2024

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Town Clerk
Town of Granby
PO Box 56
Granby, VT 05840

2024 Equalization Study Results

This letter serves as notification of the results of Property Valuation and Review (PVR)'s 2024 equalization study. Every year we are required to certify the equalized education property value (EPPV or EEGL) and coefficient of dispersion (COD) for each Vermont town (32 V.S.A § 5406). This letter also communicates the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for your town and explains how it will impact your homestead and nonhomestead education tax rates.

Education Grand List (from 411):	\$18,264,700
Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL):	\$25,468,709
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):	71.71% or 0.7171
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):	11.88%
2024 Statewide Adjustment (SA):	72.36% or 0.7236
2024 SA Applied to Your Tax Rates:	$[0.7171]/[0.7236] = 99.10\% \text{ or } 0.9910$

New for 2025

In 2024 the Vermont Legislature passed Act 183, which updates the adjustment factor applied to education tax rates starting with the 2025-2026 property tax year, beginning on July 1, 2025.

Historically, education tax rates were adjusted by a municipality's CLA from the Equalization Study. Going forward, the new adjustment factor applied to education tax rates will be the CLA divided by a single "statewide adjustment." The "statewide adjustment" is the average level of appraisal for all of Vermont.

For example, if a municipality has a CLA of 60%, and the statewide adjustment is 75%, then the adjustment factor applied to the municipality's education property tax rates will be $0.60 / 0.75 = 0.80$ or 80%.

All Vermont property will still be taxed at 100% of fair market value, but the factor applied to education property tax rates will be calculated differently. More information is available at tax.vermont.gov/statewide-adjustment.

Key Definitions

The **education grand list** in VTPIE is what your municipality reported to the state on the 411 form and includes (if applicable) your municipality's cable and/or tax increment financing (TIF) amounts.

The education grand list represents the municipality's total property value subject to the education property tax (from the most recent grand list available) and serves as the numerator in the computation of the CLA.

The **equalized education grand list (EEGL)** represents PVR's statutorily mandated estimate of your municipality's education grand list total fair market value. It serves as the denominator in the computation of the CLA.

The **common level of appraisal (CLA)** is determined by dividing the education grand list by the equalized education grand list (32 V.S.A. § 5401). A number over 100% indicates that property in your municipality is generally listed for more than its fair market value. A number less than 100% indicates that property is generally listed for less than its fair market value.

The **coefficient of dispersion (COD)** is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within your municipality. It reflects the average deviation of sales ratios (assessed value ÷ sale price) from the median. A high COD means many taxpayers in your municipality are paying more than their fair share, and many are paying less than their fair share. **A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal** (32 V.S.A. § 4041a).

Appeals

A municipality may petition the director of PVR for a redetermination of its EEPV and/or COD (32 V.S.A. § 5408). All petitions must be in writing and signed by the chair of the municipality's legislative body. Petitions should contain a plain statement of matters being appealed and a statement of the remedy being sought. Submissions can be made by sending a PDF of the appeal to tax.pvr@vermont.gov or by mailing to Department of Taxes, Attn: **PVR; 133 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-1401**. **PVR must receive petitions by the close of business on the 35th day after the mailing of this letter.**

Additional Information

If you have questions about your results, please contact your District Advisor or call 802-828-5860. To get answers to many common questions about tax rates and how they are determined, and to see how the current year property tax rates for your municipality were calculated, please see the Department's education tax resources at tax.vermont.gov/education-tax-rates.

To learn more about how the equalization study is conducted, how to read the certified sales report, and additional instructions on how to appeal your results, please see the "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study" document at tax.vermont.gov/municipal-officials.

Municipal officials can view your municipality's final computation sheet and final certified sales report in your VTPIE account. Complete Statewide results can be found here: [Equalization Study | Department of Taxes](#).

Sincerely,



Jill Remick, Director
Property Valuation and Review

cc: Chair, Board of Listers
Chair, School Board
Chair, Selectboard
Superintendent of Schools SU019

General Fund Expenditures 2024

Appropriations

Caledonia Home Health & Hospice	\$75.00
Essex County Natural Resources	\$1,000.00
Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium	\$87.00
Green Up Vermont	\$50.00
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$300.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	\$176.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	\$150.00
Northwoods Stewardship Center	\$250.00
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	\$100.00
NVDA	\$565.00
The Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$105.00
Vermont Family Network	\$250.00
Ambulance Contracts	\$4,034.60
Attorney Fees	\$1,176.00
Essex County Taxes	\$8,116.20
Listers expenses (software, mailing, etc)	\$1,811.44
Mowing expenses (cemeteries,town hall,etc)	\$3,825.00
Payroll Expenses	
Auditors	\$423.78
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$0.00
Elections (ballot clerks/officers)	\$837.97
Listers	\$783.29
Selectmen	\$2,500.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer	\$16,500.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$565.00
Taxes (Federal,VT, Medicare, Social security)	\$3,428.71
Town Hall Related Expenses	
Electricity	\$829.68
Heating fuel	\$2,644.76
Internet	\$409.88
Maintenance & cleaning	\$1,801.28
Office expenses & supplies	\$4,595.23
Telephone	\$2,078.34
Trash Removal Expenses	
District assessment fee to landfill (NEKWMD)	\$535.75
Trash pick-up, recycling & tipping fees	\$21,974.95
State of VT Education Property Tax Liabilities	\$453,472.50
State of VT Fish & Wildlife	\$0.00
State of VT Rabies, Spay/Neuter Programs	\$232.50
Tax Levy transfer to Road Account	\$82,751.25
VLCT annual dues	\$2,442.00
VLCT PACIF (property,WC,Unemployment insurance)	\$4,022.39
Un accounted for	\$245.00
 Total Disbursements	 \$625,145.50

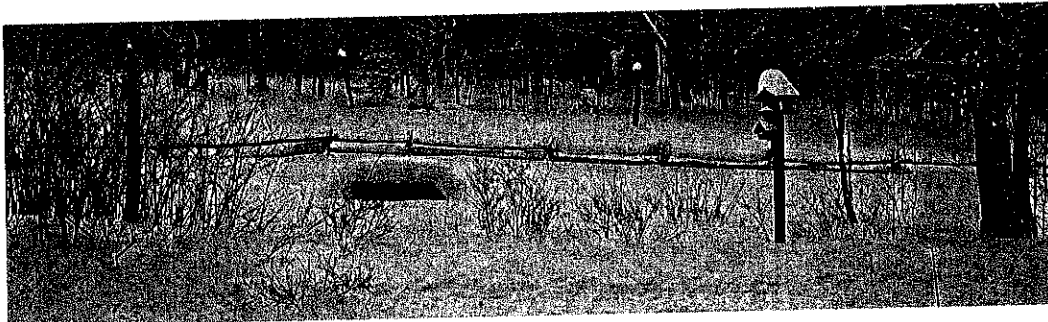
**General Fund - Treasurer's Report
2024**

Beginning Balance January 1, 2024 **\$309,071.60**

2024 Receipts	\$272.09
Checking Account interest - Union Bank	\$2,856.22
Delinquent Taxes received	\$301.75
Delinquent Tax interest received	\$363.33
Delinquent Tax Collection fees	\$0.00
Deposits to keep accounts active	\$36.00
Dog Licenses	\$203.00
Fish & Game Licenses	\$7.20
Interest earned on sub-accounts	\$8.00
To keep accounts open	\$6,295.46
PILOT Payment	\$367,970.19
Property Taxes	\$106.03
Property Taxes Previous Year	\$26,506.00
State of VT - Current Use/Hold Harmless payment	\$144.00
State of VT - Education Equalized Grand List tax adjustment	\$836.00
State of VT - Municipal Tax adjustment	\$1,224.00
State of VT - deposits to Reappraisal Fund Acct.	\$105.00
State of VT - Record Preservation fees from recordings	\$30.00
Town Clerk fees	\$142.00
Trash Tag sales	\$10.00
Zoning Permits	\$29,685.80
Misc Closed Accounts	\$437,102.07
Total Receipts	

2024 Disbursements	\$542,149.25
Paid orders 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	\$0.00
State of VT portion of Dog Licenses	\$232.50
State of VT portion of Fish & Game Licenses	\$82,751.25
Tax Levy transfer to Road Account	\$12.50
Penalties	\$625,145.50
Total Disbursements	

Ending Balance December 31, 2024 **\$121,028.17**



Animal Control Officer/Health Officer Fund

Beginning balance 01/01/2024	\$1,422.52
Deposits	\$1.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Interest accrued	\$0.28
Ending balance 12/31/2024	\$1,423.80

Appleton Cemetary Perpetual Care Fund

Beginning balance 01/01/2024	\$4,366.83
Deposits	\$1.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Interest accrued	\$0.87
Ending balance 12/31/2024	\$4,368.70

Cow Mountain Pond Forest Project Fund

Beginning balance 01/01/2024	\$105,865.11
Deposits	
Disbursements	\$247.00 trail signs
Interest accrued	\$106.73
Ending balance 12/31/2024	\$105,724.84

Essex County Sheriff's Dept. Fund

Beginning balance 01/01/2024	\$507.29
Deposits	\$1.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Interest accrued	\$0.10
Ending balance 12/31/2024	\$508.39

General Account Savings

Beginning balance 01/01/2024	\$421.05
Deposits	\$1.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Interest accrued	\$0.08
Ending balance 12/31/2024	\$422.13

Municipal Conservation Savings Account

Beginning balance 01/01/2024	\$305.16
Deposits	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Interest Accrued	\$0.24
Ending balance 12/31/2024	\$305.40

Planning Commission Fund

Beginning balance 01/01/2024	\$1,004.17
Deposits	\$1.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Interest accrued	\$1.50
Ending balance 12/31/2024	\$1,006.67

Reappraisal Fund

Beginning balance 01/01/2024	\$16,801.41
Deposits	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Interest accrued	\$3.35
Ending balance 12/31/2024	\$16,804.76

Restoration Fund

Beginning balance 01/01/2024	\$1,680.01
Deposits	\$1.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Interest accrued	\$0.33
Ending balance 12/31/2024	\$1,681.34

Town Office Equipment Fund

Beginning balance 01/01/2024	\$1,811.16
Deposits	\$1.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Interest accrued	\$0.36
Ending balance 12/31/2024	\$1,812.52

Unanticipated Ambulance & Fire Department Fund

Beginning balance 01/01/2024	\$1,656.16
Deposits	\$1.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
Interest accrued	\$0.33
Ending balance 12/31/2024	\$1,657.49

All accounts were consolidated into the general account with the exception of Cow Mt Pond and Municipal Conservation

SELECTMEN'S PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2025

	2025 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Expenditures	Difference for 2024
Town Hall Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,801.28	\$198.72
Electricity	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$829.68	-\$29.68
Heating fuel	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,644.76	\$855.24
Telephone/Internet	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,488.22	-\$488.22
Town Office Supplies/equipment/training/travel	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$4,595.23	-\$845.23
Town Clerk & Treasurer Salary	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$16,500.00	\$1,500.00
Assistant Town Clerk-Treasurer/clerical/office help	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Auditors & Expenses	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$423.78	\$126.22
Constable & Expenses	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Listers & Expenses/CAPTAP/off site backup	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,594.73	-\$594.73
Selectmen's Salary & Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
FICA taxes	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,065.00	-\$65.00
Essex County Taxes	\$7,500.00	\$6,100.00	\$8,116.20	-\$2,016.20
Attorney Fees/Property Transactions	\$1,200.00	\$200.00	\$1,176.00	-\$976.00
Insurances : Property/WC/Unemployment/Liability	\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,022.39	-\$22.39
VLCT-dues	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,442.00	-\$442.00
NVDA-dues	\$600.00	\$565.00	\$1,130.00	-\$565.00
Elections	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$837.97	\$162.03
Ambulance Contract	\$4,500.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,699.96	\$0.04
Care of Cemeteries - flags/signs	\$4,000.00	\$3,850.00	\$3,825.00	\$25.00
Trash Removal/Recycling/Tags/NEKWMD Surcharge	\$25,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$21,974.95	\$25.05
Green Up Day Supplies	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Animal Control Officer/Health Office Expenses Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Restoration Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Unanticipated Ambulance/Fire Dept.Fund	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Vermont Family Network	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Green Up Vermont	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	\$176.00	\$176.00	\$176.00	\$0.00
Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium	\$87.00	\$87.00	\$87.00	\$0.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Northwoods Stewardship Center	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
The Community Restorative Justice Center	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Caledonia Home Health & Hospice	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Lyndon Rescue Inc.		\$321.83	\$334.64	-\$12.81
VT Center For Independent Living	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$0.00
Animal Rescue	\$1,000.00			\$0.00
Gilman, Lunenburg, Concord Senior Center/Meals on Wheels	\$5,000.00			\$0.00
				\$0.00
Total	\$101,833.00	\$84,469.83	\$86,544.79	-\$2,074.96

Proposed Road Account Budget for 2025	
Chloride	\$5,000.00
Gravel	\$3,000.00
Winter sand	\$8,000.00
Winter salt	\$2,500.00
Grader rental/operator	\$15,000.00
Labor/equipment	\$5,000.00
MRGP operating fee	\$800.00
Plowing & sanding	\$35,000.00
Trucking	\$8,000.00
Roadside mowing/leaf blowing	\$3,000.00
Culverts	\$2,500.00
Survey work	\$1,000.00
Signage	\$500.00
Total	\$89,300.00

Road Fund - Treasurer's Report 2024	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2024	\$37,545.16
2024 Receipts	
Checking Account interest - Passumpsic Bank	\$58.78
Highway Supplement/Regular State Aid - State of VT	\$34,131.75
Over weight permits	\$130.00
Tax Levy transfer from General Account	\$82,751.25
Total Receipts	\$117,071.78
2024 Disbursements	
Paid orders 01/01/2024 - 12-31-2024	\$66,191.77
FEMA	\$47,333.79
Total Disbursements	\$113,525.56
Ending Balance December 31, 2024	\$43,159.81

Road Account Expenditures 2024	
Chloride	\$5,100.00
Culverts	\$0.00
Gravel	\$9,467.77
Houghton Excavation - Grading	\$2,310.00
Houghton Excavation - Plowing/Sanding	\$14,050.00
Labor/Equipment/Roadside Mowing (including Granby Rd grant work)	\$12,583.60
State of VT MRGP annual operating fee	\$916.67
Winter sand	\$7,412.04
Winter salt	\$2,126.61
Trucking	\$10,746.25
Survey work	\$1,065.00
Signage	\$413.83
Total Disbursements	\$66,191.77

Grants Written and Received or Pending for Roads 2025

Location	Pending or Received	Town's Share
Matthew Knoll	\$26,000	5,200.00
FEMA	\$46,000	11,500.00
MRGP	\$2,000	400.00
BB Roads	\$31,000	11,000.00
Hazard Mitigation	\$76,605	19,151.00
Totals	\$181,605	47,251.00

Matthew Knoll

ditching, culvert, resurfacing

FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Agency

flood repair of washed out roads

MRGP = Municipal Roads General Permit

update status of roads on state mapping program

BB = Better Back Roads

ditching, culvert, resurfacing on portions of Granby Road

Hazard Mitigation

stoning ditches to help prevent future flood damage

Submitted by Road Commissioner - R. Terry Williams



MERP – Municipal Energy Resilience Program

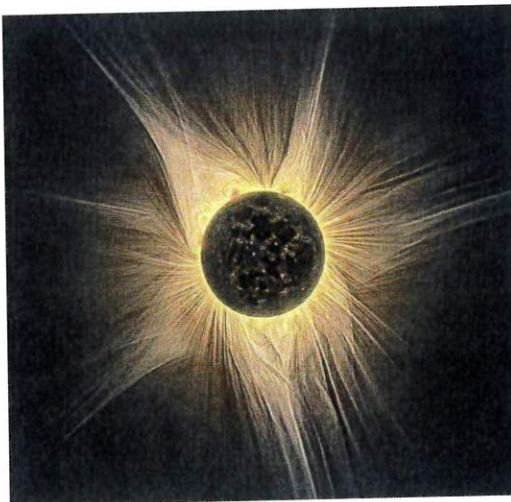
Through blood, sweat and tears (not really but close) the town was successful in procuring a Municipal Energy Resilience Grant.

The first part of the award was successful, and we received \$4,000. This was used to help inform the community and to get community input on what the bigger portion of the grant could be, should be used for. To date \$2000.61 of the smaller grant has been spent on support services needed to get the final grant written and submitted. It was also used for a kiosk that is now located on the Victory/Granby property line on Lund Road to help keep that section of town informed on town affairs. The unused balance of that grant is now \$1,999.39.

The specific use of the larger grant is to be spent on energy efficiency in our municipal buildings. The grant submission included three of our buildings; the town hall, the town garage, and the schoolhouse. We were successful in receiving that portion of the grant in the amount of \$318,519.46 and it will be used for the town hall and the town garage. We did not get monies for the schoolhouse.

The state put us in a time frame bind as they didn't give us the go ahead until late in the game to get the grant submitted. We reached out to contractor Dana Young to ask for a quote with a quick turnaround. We are so thankful that he was willing to oblige. Because of Dana's willingness to work with us, and the fact that he has a great working reputation, we reached out to Dana to do the actual work. He has accepted the job. The deadline to get the project completed is 12/31/2026.

A copy of the grant is located in the town clerk's office. If anyone is interested in taking a look, come on in. We can go over the specifics.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Granby Town Clerk's/Treasurer's Office

9005 Granby Road

Granby, VT 05840

Phone: (802) 328-3611 Fax: (802) 328-2200

Email: townofgranby@myfairpoint.net

Drop off box for payments, documents, etc. are next to Town Office door

Office Hours are Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 to 2:00 or by appointment.

In case of emergency please feel free to call me at home Ph# 802-535-4704

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS: Applicants must be 62 years of age or older and be a legal resident of the town. Fee: \$2.00. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

FISH & GAME LICENSES: Licenses can be processed at the Town Office. Licenses are now done online so we can also do permanent licenses and reprints, lost licenses-no matter where you may have purchased your original from. For those of you that have permanent licenses remember that you should get an up to date copy each year, so you have the current year on your tags. I can do those for you. In order to get your permanent license, you must now be 66 years old and pay a one-time fee of \$60. Law books are available at the Town Office.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS/VAST: Most vehicle renewals can be done at the office; cars, trucks, trailers, all terrain, motorcycle, motor home, tractors, special trucks, etc. along with snowmobiles and boats. A \$3 Town Clerk fee will also be charged. You need to pay the registration fee with a check or money order. Town clerk fee must be paid separately. Local snow machine club memberships and VAST memberships need to be done online.

Selectboard Meetings

Last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office

DRIVEWAY/CURB CUT PERMITS

This is a permit required that the Selectboard adopted in 2011. Applications are available at the Town Office. Permit is free but it needs to be recorded in the Land Records and that fee is \$15.

DOG LICENSES

All dogs must be licensed by April 1st. You may do so at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours or by appointment. I will be happy to help you. You will be charged a fine should you neglect to license your dog. The license cost is \$9.00 for spayed/neutered dogs, \$13.00 for those who are not spayed/neutered.

TRASH REMOVAL:

HOURS: Every other Saturday morning from 9:00 –10:00 a.m. (in front of Bunnell's garage)
Mandatory recycling is in effect. Remember: black plastic and items 5-7 are not recyclable. We know that some of you might not like to deal with the recycling but: **the more that we recycle, the less it costs us for tipping fees at the landfill and also for the NKWMD.** If you need to know if the trucks are coming in or if it's the correct day, PLEASE call the Selectboard Chair, as he is the one that will be notified. The town has a pay

per bag system of \$2 per bag... Extra tags may be purchased from the Town Clerk. The town will provide residents with the first 52 tags and part time residents with the first 26 tags at no charge.

Zoning Commission/Planning Commission Meetings

Meetings are called as needed.

REMEMBER: ZONING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED IN GRANBY

Contact the Zoning Administrator, Mark Fulton at 860-306-9451 or the Town Clerk to get an application. All questions need to be directed to the ZA. Application fee is \$25 for residential and \$40 for commercial (includes \$15 recording fee), plus the cost of any notices that have to be published in the newspaper regarding your permit if it's a conditional use, change of use, or variance, etc. and will be billed to the applicant. Copies of the Granby Zoning By-Laws are available at the Town Office.

Permits issued in 2024: 1

E911

Please be sure your number is displayed on or very near your house/camp. Number signs may be purchased from the East Burke Fire Dept. for \$30. Please call Fire Chief Joshua Willey at 802-473-0543 about purchasing. The signs can be vertical or horizontal and come prepunched with two holes. If you need to reach the service providers for Granby, directly use the numbers below. Dial 911 for emergency use only!

VT State Police	1-802-748-3111
Essex County Sheriff's Dept.	1-802-676-3500
VT Fish & Game	1-802-748-3111
Lancaster Ambulance	1-603-788-3323
East Burke Fire Dept.	1-802-748-8924 (dispatched out of St. Johnsbury)
CALEX or Lyndon Rescue	1-802-748-3111

Forest Fire Warden

John Noble 1-802-535-4222 Permits are required for all outside fires except in contained fireplaces/fire pits. Different rules apply when there is snow on the ground. But you should still contact John you are burning.

Vital Statistics

Births

0

Deaths

0

Marriages

0



Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District

5396 State Route 105, Brunswick VT, 05905

essexnrcd@gmail.com www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/essex-county

November 4, 2024

Town of Granby
9005 Granby Rd
Granby, VT 05840

Dear Granby Selectboard,

On behalf of Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District, I kindly ask you to consider us when voting for appropriations for the upcoming 2025 fiscal year. I am asking you to vote to support us with funding in the amount of \$1,000 at the next town budget meeting. The funds will be used to assist in applying for road maintenance grants, including the Better Roads grant and Grants-in-Aid in the upcoming year, each covering up to 80% of town roads project costs.

The Essex County NRCD is administered by a locally elected Board of Supervisors including Bill Manning (Island Pond), Chris Von Alt (Maidstone), Ursula Johnson (Canaan) Timothy White (Maidstone), and Dan Kilborn (Island Pond).

This year we assisted the Town of Granby with getting a \$20,000 Better Roads grant and expect to assist in submitting for a similar grant this winter. We also offer assistance to farm and forest producers in accessing grants for business and environmental improvements. We hope to continue this relationship and increase funding for future projects.

Thank you very much for your consideration and for your support. Please feel free to contact me by email if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Sam Mayne, District Manager

December 5, 2024

Sheryl Brown, Town Clerk
Town of Granby
PO Box 56
Granby, VT 05840



Dear Ms. Brown:

The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2025 warning for Granby Town Meeting:

"Shall the Town vote the sum of \$87 to support the operation of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Granby residents?"

The Fairbanks Museum invites Granby residents to take full advantage of their unlimited free general admission to the Museum to explore the nature, beauty, and wonders of our world. Your municipal appropriation provides essential support for the care of the Museum's historic building and the maintenance and exhibition of the most extraordinary educational collections in northern New England. These are among our region's most prized assets. Each year the Museum offers new opportunities for exploration and discovery, so do come for a visit!

In 2024, we transformed our campus with the opening of our new Tang Science Annex full of hands-on exhibits. In addition, we opened a 500 acre nature preserve at Matsinger Forest in Danville and created the EarthWalk-Fairbanks village for camps, Forest School, and adult programming. The April eclipse was the largest event in Museum history and could not have been more spectacular. Our outdoor classroom was again transformed into a butterfly house for the summer, and Franklin's Guides led the way to further discovery for our visitors. Campers learned about plants, animals, drones, and robots. We debuted new engaging movies in our planetarium, and we welcomed artist/author Rosemary Mosco for a residency and Eddy Lecture, as well as world-renowned musician Paul Winter. With community support, the Museum is fully engaged in community economic, educational, and cultural development initiatives and contributes significantly to the attraction of visitors to our region. Your appropriation this year will support unlimited access to our new Science Annex.

The Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers of the Museum are tremendously grateful for the support, encouragement, and collaborative planning that keep our programs relevant and vital. We aim to ensure the Museum delivers services, programs, and a commitment to community development that benefit your town's residents and visitors, as well as contribute to a remarkable quality of life.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Kane".

Adam Kane, Executive Director

1302 Main Street • St. Johnsbury VT • 05819-2224
tel 802-748-2372 • www.fairbanksmuseum.org



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

~ Dr. Jane Goodall

Town of Granby
P.O. Box 56
Granby, VT 05840

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

Your contribution makes a difference
#togetherwecan #greenupVT

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

www.greenupvermont.org

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

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

Appropriation Request Letter

Oct. 15, 2024

Dear Residents of Granby

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

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

As Green Up rolls into our 55th year, we are again requesting your support for the usual \$50.00 appropriation.

The amount requested is based on town population and funds go directly back into your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

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

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

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

I am honored to serve your community and look forward to working with you again.
Thank you so very much!

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



December 11, 2024

Town of Granby Select Board,

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

During the last fiscal year we provided services to 7 residents and services included;

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

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

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

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

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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meg Burmeister".

Meg Burmeister
Executive Director
www.nekcouncil.org



NKHS
Northeast Kingdom Human Services

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

November 18, 2024

Town of Granby Select Board
P. O. BOX 56
GRANBY, VT 05840
townofgranby@myfairpoint.net

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

Dear Town of Granby Select Board and Community Members:

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

ARTICLE: Shall the Town of Granby vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$176 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care?

This request is the same amount as voted at the 2024 Town Meeting and 0.18% of appropriation requests from 48 Northeast Kingdom towns. As a Designated Agency serving Vermont's system of care, we are responsible for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The 512 professional employees work to help others live fulfilling lives and contribute to their community. We offer confidential services for Emergency Mobile Crisis, mental health, addiction, and developmental disabilities in the Derby and St. Johnsbury offices, Front Porch Mental Health Urgent Care, satellite offices, telehealth, homes, schools, and throughout the Northeast Kingdom. For more information about our agency and services, please visit our website at <https://www.nkhs.org>, or call our offices. Emergency Services are available 24/7.

Between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, NKHS provided supportive services to 2826 individuals, 5 lived in the Town of Granby benefiting from 1373 service hours. Your town was home to 1 NKHS employee in Fiscal Year 2024. NKHS also provided 332 hours of community outreach, including Starting Over Strong VT support, and training in the Northeast Kingdom impacting 6244 individuals.

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

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

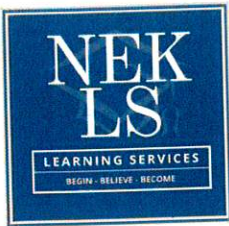
Derby

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

nkhs.org

St. Johnsbury

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



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



November 26, 2024

Town of Granby,

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

We envision a future where all individuals can access the education they need to enhance their skills and achieve their goals. Your support is essential in making this vision a reality. A town appropriation of **\$150.00** will directly contribute to expanding and improving our programs.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Youth Services

63 Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Phone: (802) 748-8732 • Fax: (802) 748-2383
Email: nekys@nekys.org

September 17, 2024

Town of Granby
Sheryl Brown
9005 Granby Road
Granby, Vermont 05840

Dear Appropriations Committee,

Please include Northeast Kingdom Youth Services' appropriation request of **\$100.00** on the warning for the Granby Town Meeting.

Enclosed you will find the information about our services for inclusion in your Town Report.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services' (NEKYS') mission is to create opportunities for youth, adults, and families to strengthen life skills and resiliency in the face of adversity.

NEKYS's staff relies on appropriations from the area towns it serves to enable them to provide vital case management supports and services through its varied programs. NEKYS' Family and Youth Programs staff is available 24/7 to support youth and their families at times of crisis. Additionally, we can help mediate during family conflict as well as support youth as they transition into adulthood.

Historically NEKYS has served at least 2 Granby residents per year.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Trina LaBounty
Fiscal Officer

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Northern Counties
HEALTH CARE
Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice

November 5, 2024

Granby Town Clerk
PO Box 56
Granby, VT 05840

Dear Town Clerk and Selectman,

As in previous years, Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice would like to place an Article on your Town Warning to read as follows:

"Shall the Town of Granby vote to appropriate \$75.00 to Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice to be used in providing health care services."

Caledonia Home Health Care's financial picture continues to be unpredictable given constant changes in the reimbursement policies of the government and private insurance plans. One hundred percent of this appropriation will be utilized for direct patient services.

Please advise if you would like me or a local member of our Board of Directors to attend the Selectman's meeting at which our warning article will be considered. If we do not hear otherwise we will assume that the above article will appear on the Warning for the March 2025 Town Meeting.

We greatly appreciate the support from your town.

Sincerely,



Treney Burgess

Director

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice

Compassionate Care in Our Home or

Administrative
Office
Concord
Health Center

Danville Health
Center
Hardwick Area
Health Center

Caledonia Home
Health Care & Hospice
161 Sherman Drive
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
802-748-8116 tel • 802-748-4628

www.NCHCVT.org

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Community Health Center

NORTHWOODS STEWARDSHIP CENTER

Connecting people and place through science, education and action

December 15, 2024

Town of Granby
PO Box 56
Granby, VT 05840

Dear Members of the Granby Selectboard,

I am writing to express our sincere thanks for your past support and to respectfully request that the Town of Granby renew its support for NorthWoods Stewardship Center through an annual appropriation of \$250 at Town Meeting.

NorthWoods offers conservation and educational services throughout the area and is supported through the generosity of private individuals, local communities, charitable grants and fee-for-service contracts. We provide reduced-cost educational programs, summer Conservation Corps jobs for local youth, and a variety of practical workshops for adults throughout the year.

On the NorthWoods property, trails were maintained and improved to keep the 1500-acre demonstration forest and trails accessible to the community. This winter season, we open the new ADA compliant All Person's Trail. NorthWoods offers the facility, at no charge, to host the annual Youth Hunter Education Course, which trains many young hunters and their families – an excellent way to connect and learn about the natural environment. NorthWoods' Forest Stewardship staff also assisted landowners in preparing maps and forms for Current Use and the Tree Farm Program, while providing recommendations for sustainable forest management practices.

Please join us throughout the year for a ski, paddle, or nature hike or to join us for one of our landowner education programs, and if you know of an outdoor-loving youth between the ages of 15 and 25 who are looking for a summer job, please encourage them to apply for a Conservation Corps position. NorthWoods continues to partner with both state, municipal, and private organizations on sustainable trail and natural resource protection projects throughout the Granby and Victory area – a special part of the Northeast Kingdom!

We invite all Granby residents to visit NorthWoods to enjoy a ski, paddle, or nature hike or to join us for one of our youth camps or landowner education programs. Continued support from the Town of Granby is critical to the success of these programs and we appreciate your support!

Thank you. I am happy to respond to any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Maria Young
Executive Director

PO Box 220 / 154 Leadership Drive, East Charleston, VT 05833 802-723-6551

www.northwoodscenter.org

January 10, 2025

Terri Williams, Town Clerk
Town of Granby
9005 Granby Road
Granby, VT 05840

Dear Ms. Williams 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 Granby for our FY'25.

Annual support from over 125 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Granby 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 **\$105.00** from the Town of Granby 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'25 budget.

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

Sincerely,



Sarah Launderville
Executive Director
slaunderville@vcil.org

Enclosures



November 25, 2024

Town of Granby
Terri Williams
PO Box 56
Granby, VT 05840

Dear Select Board,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Katie Keidel
Development Officer



Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

Our Land ~ Our Water ~ Our Future

November 27, 2024



INVOICE

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

\$200

Please make payment to:

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

Thank You!

Questions?

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

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



PO Box 38, Gilman VT 05904

October 28, 2024

To Selectmen:

The Lunenburg, Gilman & Concord Senior Citizens Board of Directors would like to thank the taxpayers and voters in Essex County for their continued support.

Currently, we are requesting the Town include \$5000 in the Proposed Budget to help continue our mission to provide a safe meal site and meals on wheels program to Senior and Community Members.

Respectfully,

Pam Kathan, Treasurer

Please consider supporting our Seniors.

Sharon Eaton



236 Riverside Avenue, Lunenburg, VT 05906

802-892-5300 www.riversideanimalrescue.org

Riverside Rescue, Inc. received its non-profit status in January 2005 and was able to lease space in Riverside Boarding & Grooming until December 31, 2023, when Brad and Sharon Eaton closed the business with retirement plans in place. Riverside Rescue was offered the opportunity to purchase the building, and gladly accepted knowing that the need in the North Country was necessary and is the only active Dog and Cat Shelter in our area. (Essex County, Caledonia County, VT; Coos County and Northern Grafton Counties, NH). Other Shelters are taking limited pets from our area because of overcrowding or transport from other States.

During this time Riverside Boarding & Grooming's employees took care of these animals and made sure they were adopted into new loving homes. After Riverside Boarding closed, Riverside Rescue has taken on all the expenses of running a shelter (payroll and building expenses) as well as the continued expenses to prepare these pets for new loving homes.

The average non-profit cost for Vet Care prior to adoption is Female Dog \$360, Male Dog \$300 and Female Cat is \$195 and Male Cat is \$175.

We are requesting that your Town include in its annual budget \$1000 to help us continue caring for the dogs and cats coming from your community as a stray or owner surrender.

Sincerely,

Riverside Rescue, Board of Directors

Cathy Dorr, Cheryl Ziembrowski, Sharon Eaton, Stacy Jewell, Timothy Connolly, Kim Doolan, Tricia Gainer, Theresa Reynolds

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka "VSNIP"

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

TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Representative John Kascenska

Essex/Caledonia District

Bloomfield, Brunswick, Burke, East Haven,
Ferdinand, Granby, Guildhall, Lunenburg,
Maidstone, and Victory.

House Committee on Appropriations

House Canvassing Committee

VT National Guard and Veterans Affairs Caucus

VT Rural Caucus

Contact Information

P.O. Box 41, East Burke, VT 05832

802-274-4112

Email: jkascenska@leg.state.vt.us

Dear Residents,

I am very honored to have been elected to serve as your State Representative in Montpelier. Your support during the 2024 election year was greatly appreciated and my pledge to all communities that comprise the Essex/Caledonia District is to do my best to bring your voice to the Statehouse on the issues that have an impact on your lives and those from across the State. I am grateful for the support received from Representative Terri Williams from Granby, who honorably served your community representing the everyday needs of the Northeast Kingdom. Thank you, Terri.

In 2024, I made it known that to be an effective legislator, it takes dedication to community; leadership experience; strong communication skills; the ability to work in a collaborative and effective manner; make informed decisions; and the commitment to be sure the real needs of our small towns in the Northeast Kingdom and across the state are listened to and acted upon for the benefit of all Vermonters. During my travels across the Essex-Caledonia District, residents in each town voiced common concerns about statewide issues affecting them locally. Education funding, available and affordable housing, increases in property taxes, and the cost and availability of healthcare were the concerns that rose to the top of the list.

In his Inaugural Address on January 9, 2025, Governor Scott directly called upon the Legislature to listen to the voices of our constituents; and work together to provide what Vermonters need and what they can afford. My appointment to serve on the House Committee on Appropriations highlights the essential need for me and my legislative colleagues to be laser focused on affordability in all legislative matters as we consider appropriating money from the Treasury to adequately fund our current obligations without the need to add additional tax burdens on hardworking Vermonters. Do not hesitate to reach out to me with your questions concerning legislation and any assistance needed for your community.

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2024

St. Johnsbury Local Health Office | 107 Eastern Ave. Suite 9 St. Johnsbury

There are twelve Local Health Offices in Vermont, linking communities to the Department of Health. **The St. Johnsbury Office covers towns in Caledonia, southern Essex, and part of Orange counties.** Below are some highlights from 2024. For more details, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/st-johnsbury



Pregnant People, Infants and Children

In 2024, our WIC Program supported over 775 pregnant people, infants, and kids under 5.

- We offer healthy food, breastfeeding help, nutrition advice, and community links.
- With Salvation Farms, we provide free seasonal produce to families.
- Our team offers services through tele-WIC and at clinics. We also collaborate with NEKCA/Lyndon Institute Early Education at their new Family Resource Center.



Collaborations and Collective Impact

Our team is actively collaborating in the community. Here are some 2024 highlights:

- We partnered with NVRH and others for a community health needs assessment.
- We reached out at the St. Johnsbury Community Hub.
- We assessed walking and biking safety in rural areas.
- We partnered with St. Johnsbury School to enhance health and mental health services.



Prepared and Responsive

Our team is ready for community needs and health threats. In 2024, we:

- Vaccinated uninsured people against COVID, flu, and Mpox, teaming up with St. Johnsbury Community Hub, Bridges to Health and others.
- Gave out free water test kits after historic flooding.
- The Northeast Kingdom Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) held preparedness events and Stop the Bleed classes. It also helped with shelter and recovery after floods.





Compassionate professionals delivering the highest quality emergency medicine, specialty care, and training to our providers and communities.

2024 has been very busy, both increased 911 as well as Inter-facility transports. As we continue to monitor post pandemic trends / volumes, we experienced record breaking months with an increase in inter-facility transports in 2024. We continue to see many of our tertiary care centers such as DHMC and UVMMC that we commonly transfer overwhelmed and unable to accept, requiring us to travel longer distances such as Portsmouth, Concord NH, as well as Albany NY. We completed 652 Inter-facility transports in 2024.

2024 there were 844 non-billable responses down from 2023 1,047. Responses such as lift assist, medical aid, treat/release calls we are now billing Medicaid and other insurances. We have been able to see increased revenues in 2024 as a result. Unfortunately, at this time Medicare does not allow for billing of non-transports and they are our most commonly billed provider. We are hopeful that we will see some changes in the future.

Many EMS systems are struggling around the state and nationally with funding due to rising costs to provide the service, along with reimbursements are not keeping up with those increases. In a recently published Medicare Ground Ambulance Data collection system report (Year 1 and Year 2 Analysis) mean cost per transport across all services was - \$2,673. The average reimbursement across all payers for that same transport was \$1,147. We continue to monitor and support any opportunities to ensure EMS is an essential service. We aim to provide our workforce professionals that stand ready 24/7/365 the pay and benefits they deserve for this highly demanding profession.

We are looking forward to beginning another EMT course in early January with St. Johnsbury Academy Adult Education and are hopeful for some additional staffing from this program for our region. We continue to host regular EMS training courses to keep our professionals ready to meet the jobs continuous advancing of both clinical knowledge and skill competencies.

Some highlights in 2024 -

- Help provide our community partners with access to over 50 AED's in our community and surrounding communities by organizing a group purchase with Zoll Medical. Public access AED's will save lives!
- Organized and participated in the first ever large-scale hospital based active shooter exercise in the State of Vermont - several agencies participated and responded to a simulated active shooter within a hospital setting.
- Working closely with SJFD we supported our local, state and federal partners with tactical EMS - supporting high risks warrants in the surrounding area, and most recent nearly 36-hour manhunt for the officer involved shooting in STJ. With some grant funding we were able to outfit our personnel with tactical equipment - ballistic vests, helmets and other specialized equipment to operate in the warm zone and stand ready at these high threat incidents. It is paramount that with the increase in incidents of violence we are responding to, our staff is protective as much as possible.
- We continue to have conversations with our partners at SJFD and are actively exploring Fire-Based EMS, more to come in 2025. We continue to always explore ways to improve upon the services we provide and to recruit and retain high quality professionals.

CALEX continues to provide the highest quality of prehospital care to all the towns we serve, providing 911 coverage at the Paramedic level 24/7/365. We continue and proudly serve 10 towns - Saint Johnsbury, Waterford, Barnet, Concord, South Kirby, Victory, Granby, Danville, Walden and Peacham. CALEX responded to 2,704 911 responses and 652 being Interfacility Transfers and Medical transports. Our average response time to the scene for our entire service area 7.71 minutes. Overall, our agency responded to 3,356 requests for service. These interfacility transports are a critical part of our service, reducing any delays of getting our patients to definitive care whether it be trauma services, cardiac care, or other specialty services at a higher-level care facility such as DHMC or UVMMC and other hospitals across New England.

As we end 2024, I look forward to a safe and successful year of providing the very best pre hospital care to our communities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced team providing care for when it is needed. We hope you will continue to support us and approve our funding requests so we can continue providing the very best Emergency Medical Care for the region. Lastly, please take some time and learn CPR /AED use, we would be glad to assist you. You could save a life!

In closing, I would like to thank all of our staff, their families, and the CALEX Board of Directors and our dedicated dispatchers for their continued support and dedication to the Agency's mission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Wright, NRP
Chief Executive Officer

2025 NEKWMD BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
1	BUDGET ITEM	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2024	2025 PROPOSED BUDGET
2	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
3	Advertising	\$300.00	\$324.00	\$200.00
4	Audit -- Financial	\$9,000.00	\$11,050.00	\$8,500.00
5	Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
6	Bank Charges	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$25.00
7	Surplus	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	Cleaning	\$2,000.00	\$2,995.00	\$2,500.00
9	Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,410.61	\$1,500.00
10	Deficit 2023	\$2,899.63	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$6,500.00	\$6,199.28	\$5,000.00
12	Heating Fuel	\$1,500.00	\$1,059.28	\$1,600.00
13	Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$16,000.00	\$26,802.38	\$21,000.00
14	Legal Fees	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
15	Professional Services- ED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
16	Postage	\$2,000.00	\$1,889.87	\$2,000.00
17	Office Supplies	\$3,500.00	\$4,409.53	\$3,200.00
18	Secretary Stipend	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
19	Telephone/IT - Office	\$7,500.00	\$13,533.26	\$9,000.00
20	Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$67.55	\$500.00
21	Water/Sewer	\$1,400.00	\$1,224.15	\$1,400.00
22	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$59,924.63	\$71,639.91	\$69,525.00
23	Gross Wages	\$457,414.00	\$443,887.44	\$529,000.00
24	OT Wages--Warehouse	\$9,000.00	\$9,827.97	\$6,500.00
25	Fica (Employer Match)	\$28,918.00	\$27,245.36	\$34,637.00
26	Medi (Employer Match)	\$6,763.00	\$6,371.74	\$8,100.00
27	Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$7,150.00	\$7,585.55	\$5,250.00
28	VMERS (Retirement)	\$30,709.00	\$29,520.85	\$33,135.00
29	Health Insurance	\$72,000.00	\$39,169.69	\$55,000.00
30	Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$34,000.00	\$51,856.87	\$38,000.00
31	VT- Child Care Tax	\$0.00	\$1,050.22	\$2,500.00
32	Mileage - Employee	\$5,000.00	\$1,939.32	\$2,000.00
33	Life & Disability	\$7,750.00	\$9,949.85	\$9,000.00
34	Personnel Equipment	\$750.00	\$694.70	\$500.00
35	Training	\$500.00	\$25.00	\$800.00
36	TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$659,954.00	\$629,124.56	\$724,422.00
37	EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
38	Baler Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$3,709.78	\$4,000.00
39	Baler Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$8,337.25	\$5,000.00
40	Box/Truck- Insurance	\$0.00	\$12,400.00	\$0.00
41	Forklift Fuel	\$3,000.00	\$2,790.69	\$3,000.00
42	Forklift Repairs	\$3,500.00	\$7,782.29	\$4,000.00
43	Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
44	Skidsteer Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$11,492.30	\$2,000.00
45	Warehouse Supplies	\$3,500.00	\$7,070.34	\$2,500.00
46	Trucks--Diesel	\$28,000.00	\$20,141.92	\$24,000.00
47	Trucks- Repair	\$27,500.00	\$95,798.39	\$5,000.00
48	Truck Lease	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
49	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$77,500.00	\$169,522.96	\$100,500.00

2025 NEKWMD BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
	BUDGET ITEM	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2024	2025 PROPOSED BUDGET
50				
51	BUILDING EXPENSES			
52	Electricity	\$5,400.00	\$5,856.93	\$6,000.00
53	Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$2,655.99	\$1,000.00
54	Trash Removal	\$3,800.00	\$5,676.86	\$4,800.00
55	TOTAL BUILDING	\$10,700.00	\$14,189.78	\$11,800.00
56	PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
57	Composting	\$23,000.00	\$22,340.00	\$23,500.00
58	Composter/Bin	\$3,500.00	\$6,812.01	\$5,000.00
59	Organics VT Grant	\$0.00	\$61,521.06	\$0.00
60	Education Outreach	\$8,000.00	\$7,840.25	\$7,000.00
61	Hazmat Disposal	\$40,000.00	\$45,089.43	\$40,000.00
62	Hazmat Supplies	\$5,500.00	\$2,278.19	\$4,500.00
63	Recyclables Processing	\$22,500.00	\$32,584.08	\$17,000.00
64	Special Collections	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
65	Supplies	\$500.00	\$1,889.08	\$500.00
66	Tire Disposal	\$15,000.00	\$18,620.80	\$15,000.00
67	TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$118,250.00	\$198,974.90	\$112,750.00
68	SUB-TOTAL	\$926,328.63	\$1,083,452.11	\$1,018,997.00
69				
70	Capital Improvement Fund	\$24,000.00	\$13,250.00	\$12,000.00
71	TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$24,000.00	\$13,250.00	\$12,000.00
72				
73	TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$950,328.63	\$1,096,702.11	\$1,030,997.00
74	Grants--St of VT	\$111,000.00	\$112,081.16	\$117,000.00
75	Grants--Organics	\$0.00	\$61,521.45	\$0.00
76	Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$59,000.00	\$56,756.00	\$61,000.00
77	Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$5,000.00	\$5,290.29	\$5,000.00
78	Interest Income	\$30.00	\$65.06	\$50.00
79	Insurance- Truck Claim	\$0.00	\$44,836.40	\$0.00
80	Miscellaneous Income	\$2,500.00	\$2,814.52	\$2,000.00
81	Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,500.00	\$530.00	\$500.00
82	Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
83	Sale of Recyclables	\$100,000.00	\$97,228.49	\$110,333.00
84	Compost Income	\$23,000.00	\$19,337.50	\$20,000.00
85	Deficit 2023	\$2,899.63	\$0.00	\$0.00
86	Electronics Income	\$19,000.00	\$17,169.13	\$17,000.00
87	Scrap Metal Income	\$18,000.00	\$30,976.94	\$28,000.00
88	Battery Income	\$5,000.00	\$2,938.50	\$3,000.00
89	Tire Income	\$15,000.00	\$20,920.00	\$15,000.00
90	Per Capita Assessment	\$54,506.00	\$54,503.76	\$54,506.00
91	Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$533,743.00	\$635,404.37	\$597,458.00
92	TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$950,328.63	\$1,162,448.57	\$1,030,997.00

2025 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 10	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Newbury, Town Garage
SATURDAY, MAY 17	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Guildhall, Salt Shed
SATURDAY, MAY 24	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Bloomfield, Town Office
SATURDAY, JUNE 7	9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.	Derby, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 21	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Westfield, Recycling Center
SATRUDAY, AUGUST 2	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Brighton, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16	9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.	Marshfield, Town Office
SATURDAY, SEPT. 27	8:00 a.m. – 2:00p.m.	Lyndon, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, OCTOBER. 4	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Albany, Recycling Center

The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection early in the event that we are at storage capacity. Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 25 gallons. If you have more than 25 gallons, please call our office to schedule an appointment at our Lyndonville facility, May 6 – Oct. 2, 2025.

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 6, 2025 to October 2, 2025. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

****HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS****

What are *Household Hazardous Products*? They are consumer products that contain ingredients that **may be**:

Toxic- poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin

Corrosive- can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin

Reactive- creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words:

Danger indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

Caution/Warning is put on all other hazardous substances that are a somewhat lesser hazard, but are still dangerous if the directions are not followed closely.

Conditionally Exempt Generator businesses can also use the Lyndonville collections for the actual cost of the disposal of their materials. Please call ahead for pricing and an appointment.

CONTACT THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEM'S YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY
802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or www.nekwmd.org

The NEKWMD hazardous waste collection program is made possible in part by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. This year's grant totaled \$73,093.00

Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- AEROSOLS
- AIR FRESHENERS
- AMMONIA
- ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES
- BLEACH
- CLEANERS (INCLUDES: DRAIN, OVEN, FLOOR, WINDOW, TOILET, RUG, ETC.)
- DISINFECTANTS
- METAL & FURNITURE POLISH
- MOTHBALLS
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS
- NAIL POLISH & REMOVER
- NI-CD, LITHIUM, MI-MH, AND BUTTON CELL BATTERIES
- SPOT & STAIN REMOVERS
- ALKALINE BATTERIES *

GARDEN SUPPLIES

- CREOSOTE
- DIOXINS
- FERTILIZERS
- FLEA KILLERS
- FUNGICIDES
- HERBICIDES
- INSECT SPRAYS
- MURIATIC ACID
- NO-PEST STRIPS
- PESTICIDES
- RODENT KILLERS

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

- ENGINE DEGREASERS
- FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS *
- GASOLINE/DRY GAS
- KEROSENE
- LEAD-ACID CAR BATTERIES *
- LIGHTER FLUID
- OIL-BASED PAINT
- LATEX-BASED PAINT
- PAINT THINNER
- PROPANE CYLINDERS
- SEALANTS
- STAINS/STRIPPERS
- SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS
- TRANSMISSION FLUID *
- WOOD PRESERVATIVES
- USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS *

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- ASBESTOS
- EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING GUN POWDER, AMMUNITION
- FLARES
- INFECTIOUS WASTE
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
- RADIOACTIVE WASTE, INCLUDING SMOKE DETECTORS
- UNKNOWN GAS CYLINDERS
- EMPTY CONTAINERS

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2025 NEKWMD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 6	Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection by appointment in Lyndonville begins
MAY 10	Newbury HHW Collection, Town Garage, 8am-12pm
MAY 17	Guildhall HHW Collection & Bulky Day, 5635 VT Route 102 (HWY Salt Shed) 8am-12pm
MAY 24	Bloomfield HHW Collection & Bulky Day, VT Route 102 Bloomfield, 8am-12pm
MAY 24	Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30am-1pm
MAY 29 -May 31	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD facility Lyndonville, Appointment required
JUNE 7	Derby HHW Collection, Derby Recycling Center, 9am-1pm
JUNE 14	Brunswick Bulky Day, Brunswick Town Offices, 8am-12pm
JUNE 21	Westfield HHW Collection, Westfield Recycling Center/Town Garage, 8am-12pm
JUNE 28	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Hatchery Brook Rd., Averill, 8am-12pm
JULY 19	Maidstone Bulky Day, 1342 Rte. 102 Maidstone 8am-12pm
AUGUST 2	Brighton HHW Collection, Brighton Recycling Center 8am-12pm
AUGUST 9	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Rte. 105 UTG Building, Ferdinand, 8am-12pm
AUGUST 16	Marshfield HHW Collection, Town Clerk's Office, 9am-1pm
AUG 28-30	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD Facility, Lyndonville, Appointment required
SEPTEMBER 13	Bloomfield Bulky Day, VT Route 102 Bloomfield, 8am-12pm
SEPTEMBER 27	Cabot Bulky Day, Cabot Recycling Center, 8am-12pm
SEPTEMBER 27	HHW Collection, NEKWMD Office, No appointment necessary, 8am-2pm
OCTOBER 2	HHW Collection by appointment in Lyndonville ends
OCTOBER 4	Albany HHW Collection & Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30-1pm
OCTOBER 18	Brunswick Bulky Day, Brunswick Town Offices, 8am-12pm
For information on these events and others, contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District at (802) 626-3532, 800-734-4602, by e-mail at progmgr@nekwmd.org or check the updated calendar of events at www.nekwmd.org	

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Fiscal Year 2025-2026

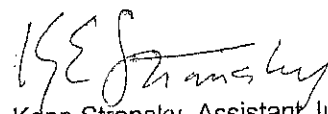
COUNTY BUDGET SUMMARY FORM

YEAR	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025	2024-2025	2025 - 2026
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual To Date	Proposed Budget
REVENUE					
Town Taxes	269,510.00	271,884.01	343,970.00	349,133.93	334,150.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,711.13	5,000.00
Fees-Community Septic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Leases/rentals	2,000.00	2,551.20	2,000.00	2,251.20	2,000.00
Small Claims	1,800.00	1,357.50	1,000.00	900.00	1,000.00
Interest	30.00	103.70	30.00	78.02	50.00
Loan (heating system upgrade)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc. other	500.00	3,984.47	500.00	690.00	500.00
Meeting House	0.00	200.00	0.00	250.00	100.00
Unification Project	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,178.17	0.00
Total Revenue	273,840.00	280,080.88	347,500.00	387,192.45	343,000.00
EXPENDITURES					
Employee Benefits	34,224.00	22,724.13	10,400.00	5,556.46	7,700.00
Personnel Costs	79,416.00	79,159.85	125,000.00	89,881.12	125,000.00
Professional Services	4,000.00	3,750.00	8,500.00	8,350.00	15,000.00
Contract Services	11,000.00	14,300.00	15,000.00	12,898.12	25,500.00
Building Expenses	5,600.00	903.48	17,500.00	7,199.29	5,300.00
County Operating Expenses	30,600.00	35,426.89	42,350.00	43,641.69	46,200.00
Unification Project	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	30,712.46	1,000.00
Sheriff's Dept. Building/Garage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00
Probate Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Sheriff's Department	94,500.00	94,500.00	94,500.00	77,604.68	93,500.00
Debt Retirement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Justice Center	7,900.00	8,355.05	17,650.00	15,226.01	8,500.00
Meeting House	5,600.00	4,418.27	15,400.00	5,325.95	7,800.00
Total Expenses	273,840.00	263,537.67	347,500.00	296,395.78	343,000.00

We the undersigned Assistant Judges do hereby attest that the foregoing uniform proposed budget as presented is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge.

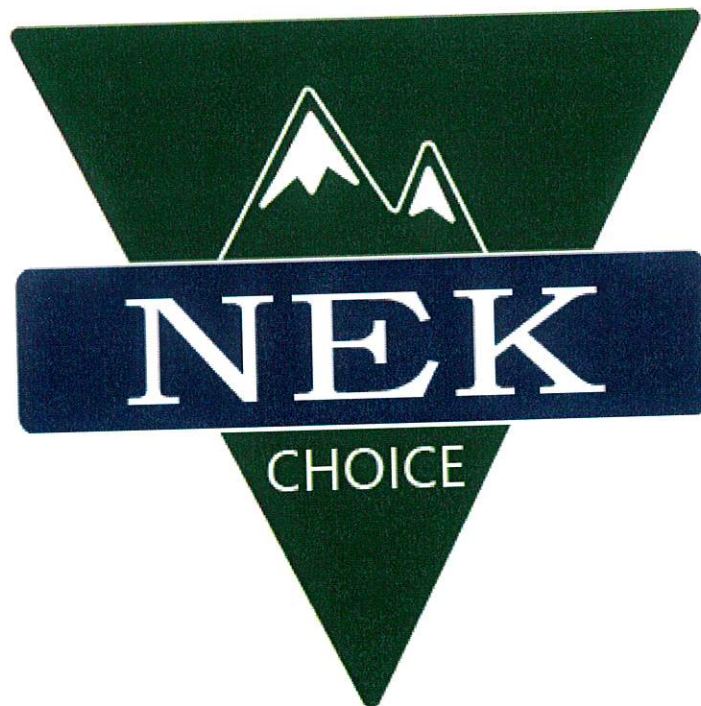
Dated in Chambers at the Essex County Courthouse, Guildhall, VT the 31st day of December 2024.


Hon. Evan Hammond, Assistant Judge


Hon. Kenn Stransky, Assistant Judge

A detailed copy of the budget may be had by contacting the Essex County Treasurer at 802/676-3910.

**ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
NEK CHOICE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
For the year ending December 31, 2024**



INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Maidstone Town Hall

Call in remotely with phone number 312-626-6799

Zoom Meeting ID: 835 8275 1829 Passcode: sLJ6h1

Our mission of the NEK Choice Unified School District is to acknowledge each student's individuality and provide school choice to help ensure the most rewarding and successful educational experience and environment.

Bloomfield, Brunswick, East Haven, Granby, Guildhall, Kirby, Lemington, Maidstone, Norton, Victory

NEK CHOICE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of NEK Choice Unified School District are hereby duly notified and warned to meet at their respective individual voting locations below, to vote for Articles One (1) through Five (5) by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, with the polls open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Town of Brunswick: Brunswick Community Office Building
Town of Bloomfield: Bloomfield Town Hall
Town of East Haven: East Haven Community Building
Town of Granby: Granby Town Office
Town of Guildhall: Guildhall Town Office
Town of Kirby: Kirby Town Office
Town of Lemington: Lemington Town Hall
Town of Maidstone: Maidstone Town Office
Town of Norton: Norton Town Office
Town of Victory: Victory Town Office

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters of NEK Choice Unified School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation to pay tuition expenses? (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of NEK Choice Unified School District authorize the Board of School Directors to withdraw from the reserve fund in order to pay unanticipated tuition expenses? (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the NEK Choice Unified School District approve the Board of Directors to expend \$7,630,243 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,665 per weighted pupil. This projected spending per weighted pupil is 17% higher than for the current year. (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 4. To elect all School District Officers, as required by law. (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Northeast Kingdom Choice Unified School District voters advise the School Board, the General Assembly, and the Governor that:

- For generations, students throughout our district have benefited from the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of public and independent school options.
- The ability for families to choose a school that meets the unique needs of each student is an important feature of our system that has led to greater opportunity and increased equity among our students.
- The Electorate does not support the funding of any school that discriminates against students or staff on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
- The Electorate opposes any effort to curtail choice and the educational opportunities that have been available in our communities for generations and strongly supports the continued autonomy of independent schools. (Australian Ballot)

Given unto our hands this 27th day of January 2025.

Miles Etter
Miles Etter, Chair

Patricia Brown
Patricia Brown

Rita Laferriere
Rita Laferriere

Lloyd Thompson
Lloyd Thompson

Melanie Jacques-Staats
Melanie Jacques-Staats

Bethany Bond
Bethany Bond

Sharon Ellingwood-White
Sharon Ellingwood-White

Susan Graves
Susan Graves

Sonia Peters
Sonia Peters

Lyn Schmucker
Lyn Schmucker

Rachel Cliche
Rachel Cliché

Northeast Kingdom Choice Unified School District School Board Annual Report

Hello, Community Members of the NEK Choice School District.

As we prepare for the challenges we face in 2025, we are afforded a chance to reflect on the work accomplished in 2024. School Boards statewide presented budgets to voters and a third of them were rejected. There were many impacts in creating these budgets as you know. We were fortunate to have overcome many of these impacts. The COVID funds attained by our SU helped offset significant unbudgeted expenses created by COVID-19. We were also able to contain SU expenses and present a reasonable budget that you supported. Good work by our SU staff and the NEK board contributed greatly to decreasing the impact on taxes.

Our website improvement began with hiring a school-focused communication group that analyzed our current system, gathered feedback from multiple parties, and then offered options for improvement. We were able to do all this with the aid of COVID funds and look for a change soon. Despite the narrative statewide, we felt positive about what we were able to do and appreciated the community support received during the year.

This budget year brings continued challenges that face greater pressures. Some of these, healthcare insurance, salaries, cost of living, and property values are difficult for NEK to impact directly. We gained truer representation of our students and communities by the state with your participation in completing the Income Declaration. A revised weighted formula for determining student count and eligibility resulted in more support for our SU and District in these last two budgets. It has a noteworthy impact on lowering our school taxes; please continue to support our endeavors by completing the annual forms sent.

We worked hard to prepare and present a responsible budget. Many conversations between Board Members and SU Administrators concerning our challenges have resulted in interactions and help from Legislatures, AOE Directors, and various organizations that impact state education. This will be necessary to meet the responsibilities of the mission for NEK Choice School District. An improved website and consistent work to better communicate with you will result in better understanding and support of our District.

The years of challenges we've faced regarding educational funding and the quality of education have overshadowed our students' tremendous accomplishments and achievements in their different schools. We have had numerous Green and Gold Recipients, awards in sports, arts, music, academics, student service to various organizations, and more. We would like to share these with the NEK Community. Please help this effort by sending a note through a board member, a message to the superintendent, or by contacting the SU office.

Respectfully on Behalf of the NEK Choice Board,

Miles Etter, NEK Choice Board Chair

Northeast Kingdom Choice School District

Report of the Superintendent

As I reflect on the 2024-25 school year, I celebrate the collective efforts of our educators, staff, students, and the community in making significant strides towards our mission to acknowledge each student's individuality and provide school choice to help ensure the most rewarding and successful educational experience and environment.

As superintendent, I have been attending meetings with legislators and community leaders to advocate for the needs of our unique school district. As one of the smallest, poorest, and most rural districts in the state, we have benefited significantly from the pupil weighting under Act 127 and I am fighting to keep that weighting in place.

Enrollment in the NEK choice district has remained stable since last year with an enrollment of 330 pupils as of June 2024, the exact amount budgeted for. This year, we have 309 pupils enrolled as of January 2025, with new students enrolling monthly. These students attend 38 public and independent schools in Vermont and New Hampshire. We have experienced an increase in enrollment of students with significant special education needs, which has impacted our special education budget for FY 26. Tuition rates continue to increase steadily as well. We have paired back all non-essential costs at the central office to minimize the assessment to NEK.

As a taxpayer in the NEK Choice District, I greatly value the opportunities afforded to our children through school choice and strive to maintain affordability of choice for us all. I'm looking forward to working with you all in the years to come as we continue to improve opportunities for our children.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lawcewicz
Superintendent
Essex North Supervisory Union

Report of the Director of Student Support

Erika Proulx

Introduction

As the Director of Student Services for Essex North Supervisory Union, I am honored to present this comprehensive update on the progress and achievements of our department during my second year in this position. Our unwavering commitment to delivering quality education to all students, including those with special needs, continues to guide our work. This report highlights the initiatives, developments, and outcomes from the past year that reflect our dedication to fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Program Developments

Building on the foundational work of my first year, we continue to enhance and expand our special education programs to address the diverse needs of our students.

- **Life Skills Development:** Our on-site life skills program continues to provide students with hands-on opportunities to build independence and practical abilities for daily living in the community. We continue to explore individualized approaches to customize learning opportunities.
- **Intervention Strategies:** We have refined our intervention strategies, ensuring that every student receives targeted support tailored to their individual needs. Collaborating with general education teachers remains a priority, enabling us to create cohesive, student-centered plans.
- **Social and Emotional Support:** Recognizing the critical importance of mental health, we have further expanded our counseling services to meet the social and emotional needs of all students.
- **Sensory Regulation Room:** we were able to access Title IV grant monies to procure many items to outfit a sensory room that students can access to help regulate themselves. Some items include a cocoon swing, sensory tiles, weighted objects, thera-putty, flexible seating options, and many more. The goal is to help students identify what they need in order to regulate and return to the classroom ready to learn.

Professional Development

Continuous learning remains a key focus for our department. Over the past year, our team has engaged in meaningful professional development opportunities to enhance their skills and knowledge:

- **Multi-Modal Reading Instruction:** Our team began exploring and integrating multi-modal reading instruction techniques. This approach is designed to support diverse

learning styles and strengthen students' reading development. Using grant funding, we were able to train our special educators in the Orton Gillingham approach to reading.

- **Collaborative Curriculum Alignment:** We continued to work closely with general education teachers to align curriculum standards and ensure consistency across classrooms. This collaboration fosters an inclusive learning environment where all students can thrive.
- **Crisis Prevention and Intervention:** I have been trained as a trainer in Crisis Prevention and Intervention, allowing me to train our staff in practices that help identify levels of dysregulation and the appropriate and effective intervention techniques. This allows the district to have trained staff while also serving as a cost savings by providing the training in-house.

By investing in professional growth, our educators are better equipped to meet the unique needs of our student population, ensuring the delivery of high-quality education.

Future Directions

Looking ahead, the ENSU Special Education Department is excited to build upon the progress of the past two years:

- **Program Refinement:** We will continue to refine our programs, focusing on evidence-based practices, customization, and innovative approaches to education.
- **Community Engagement:** Expanding community outreach remains a priority, as we aim to strengthen partnerships with families and local organizations to better support our students.
- **Inclusivity and Innovation:** Embracing a culture of inclusivity and leveraging innovative tools and techniques will be central to our efforts to help every student reach their full potential.

Conclusion

Reflecting on my second year in this role, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to lead and collaborate with such a dedicated and passionate team. The progress we have made is a testament to the commitment and hard work of our staff, the support of our community, and the resilience of our students. Together, we will continue to advance toward our shared goal of an inclusive and equitable educational experience for all students.



Proven Expertise & Integrity

January 22, 2025

Board of Directors
NEK Choice School District
Canaan, Vermont

We were engaged by the NEK Choice School District and have audited the financial statements of the NEK Choice School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2024 financial statements:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
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Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule B

RHR Smith & Company

RHR Smith & Company, CPAs

NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 182,138	\$ 182,138	\$ 182,138	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Intergovernmental:				
State support	6,855,029	6,855,029	6,855,030	1
Other	-	-	569,658	569,658
Interest income	1,000	1,000	442	(558)
Miscellaneous	-	-	148,439	148,439
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>7,038,167</u>	<u>7,038,167</u>	<u>7,755,707</u>	<u>717,540</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Regular instruction	5,853,244	5,853,244	5,987,344	(134,100)
Special education	656,193	656,193	558,374	97,819
Administrative and support services	346,592	346,592	315,608	30,984
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>6,856,029</u>	<u>6,856,029</u>	<u>6,861,326</u>	<u>(5,297)</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 182,138</u>	<u>\$ 182,138</u>	<u>\$ 894,381</u>	<u>\$ 712,243</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 687,086
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	600,162
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,287,248</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 392,867
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>392,867</u>
FUND BALANCES	
Nonspendable	-
Restricted	-
Committed	145,645
Assigned	-
Unassigned	748,736
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>894,381</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,287,248</u>

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STATEMENT E

NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund
REVENUES	
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 7,424,688
Interest income	442
Miscellaneous revenues	148,439
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>7,573,569</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
Regular instruction	5,987,344
Special education	558,374
Administrative and support services	315,608
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>6,861,326</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	712,243
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>182,138</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u><u>\$ 894,381</u></u>

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NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Regular instruction -				
Tuition:				
Pre-k	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,385	\$ (67,385)
Elementary	2,583,335	2,583,335	2,776,194	(192,859)
Secondary	3,211,447	3,211,447	3,111,714	99,733
Contractual services	58,462	58,462	32,051	26,411
	<u>5,853,244</u>	<u>5,853,244</u>	<u>5,987,344</u>	<u>(134,100)</u>
Special education -				
Assessment	656,193	656,193	558,374	97,819
	<u>656,193</u>	<u>656,193</u>	<u>558,374</u>	<u>97,819</u>
Administrative and support services -				
Supervisory union assessment	285,971	285,971	285,971	-
School board	45,810	45,810	12,758	33,052
Fiscal services	14,811	14,811	16,879	(2,068)
	<u>346,592</u>	<u>346,592</u>	<u>315,608</u>	<u>30,984</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 6,856,029</u>	<u>\$ 6,856,029</u>	<u>\$ 6,861,326</u>	<u>\$ (5,297)</u>

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NEK Choice School District

2025-2026 (FY26) Preliminary

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Supervisory Union Assessment	282,592	297,978	15,386
Total Superintendent's Office:	282,592	297,978	15,386

SCHOOL BOARD			
Board Members Stipend	10,700	10,700	-
NEK Choice Clerk	50	50	-
NEK Choice Moderator	50	50	-
Payroll Taxes	900	900	-
Audit Services	15,000	15,000	-
Legal Services	3,500	3,500	-
Advertising	1,000	1,000	-
Postage, Printing & Publishing	750	750	-
Dues & Fees-VSBA Data/Dues/New Member Trainings	3,400	3,400	-
Total School Board:	35,350	35,350	-

TREASURER			
Treasurer	1,365	1,365	-
Payroll Taxes	115	115	-
Total Treasurer:	1,480	1,480	-

REGULAR EDUCATION: PreK Tuition			
Tuition-Location TBD PreK \$4000 (15)	54,840	60,000	5,160
Total PreK Tuition (15 students):	54,840	60,000	5,160

REGULAR EDUCATION: Elementary Tuition			
Tuition-Location TBD New K-6 (10)	80,000	215,000	135,000
Tuition-Barnet K-6 (1)	21,000	21,500	500
Tuition-Brighton Elementary K-6 (1)	-	21,500	21,500
Tuition-Burke Town K-6 (2)	-	43,000	43,000
Tuition-Canaan K-6 (9)	172,000	193,500	21,500
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary K-6 (5)	47,320	107,500	60,180
Tuition-Concord K-6 (4)	93,675	86,000	(7,675)
Tuition-Good Shepherd K-6 (6)	12,060	129,000	116,940
Tuition-Groveton Elementary K-6 (2)	41,840	43,000	1,160
Tuition - Heartwood Public Charter School K-6 (3)	68,250	64,500	(3,750)
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary K-6 (5)	111,625	107,500	(4,125)
Tuition - Lunenburg School K-6 (3)	74,940	64,500	(10,440)
Tuition-Lupine Montessori K-6 (2)	25,530	43,000	17,470
Tuition-Lyndon Town K-6 (8)	225,000	172,000	(53,000)
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North K-6 (0)	114,030	-	(114,030)
Tuition-Newark K-6 (4)	93,675	86,000	(7,675)
Tuition-Riverside K-6 (45)	789,480	967,500	178,020
Tuition-St. John Paul II School K-6 (8)	-	172,000	172,000
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School K-6 (9)	53,550	193,500	139,950
Tuition-Stratford K-6 (2)	72,200	43,000	(29,200)
Tuition-Sutton K-6 (1)	18,740	21,500	2,760
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens K-6 (2)	70,380	43,000	(27,380)

NEK Choice School District
2025-2026 (FY26) Preliminary Budget

Tuition-Waterford K-6 (6)	176,400	129,000	(47,400)
Tuition-Woodland Community K-6 (0)	23,630	-	(23,630)
Total Elementary Tuition (143 students):	2,385,325	2,967,000	581,675
REGULAR EDUCATION: Secondary Tuition (7-8/9-12)	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Tuition-Location TBD New 7-12 (17)	-	399,500	399,500
Tuition-Barnet 7-8 (1)	22,050	23,500	1,450
Tuition-Burke Town School 7-8 (1)	37,500	23,500	(14,000)
Tuition-Canaan 7-8 (5)	117,500	122,500	5,000
Tuition - Charleston Elementary School 7-8 (0)	17,850	-	(17,850)
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary 7-8 (1)	23,660	23,500	(160)
Tuition-Concord 7-8 (3)	56,205	70,500	14,295
Tuition-Danville 7-8 (0)	44,100	-	(44,100)
Tuition - Good Shepherd School 7-8 (2)	3,015	47,000	43,985
Tuition-Groveton Middle 7-8 (0)	40,060	-	(40,060)
Tuition - Heartwood Public Charter School 7-8 (2)	-	47,000	47,000
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary 7-8 (5)	69,285	117,500	48,215
Tuition-Lyndon Town 7-8 (4)	74,940	94,000	19,060
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North 7-8 (0)	32,580	-	(32,580)
Tuition-Newark 7-8 (3)	37,500	70,500	33,000
Tuition-Riverside 7-8 (15)	268,520	352,500	83,980
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School 7-8 (1)	71,400	23,500	(47,900)
Tuition-Stratford Public 7-8 (4)	72,200	94,000	21,800
Tuition-Sutton 7-8 (0)	18,740	-	(18,740)
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens 7-8 (3)	-	70,500	70,500
Tuition-Waterford 7-8 (1)	44,100	23,500	(20,600)
Tuition-Woodland Community 7-8 (0)	11,815	-	(11,815)
Tuition - Arlington School 9-12 (3)	19,950	70,500	50,550
Tuition-Barnet 9-12 (0)	22,050	-	(22,050)
Tuition - Bellows Falls Union High School 9-12 (0)	23,625	-	(23,625)
Tuition-Burke Mountain Academy 9-12 (1)	38,400	23,500	(14,900)
Tuition-Burke Town School 9-12 (0)	37,500	-	(37,500)
Tuition-Canaan 9-12 (6)	184,800	141,000	(43,800)
Tuition-Colebrook Academy 9-12 (2)	190,120	47,000	(143,120)
Tuition-Danville 9-12 (2)	-	47,000	47,000
Tuition - East Burke School 9-12 (1)	38,400	23,500	(14,900)
Tuition-Groveton High 9-12 (6)	100,150	141,000	40,850
Tuition-Lyndon Institute 9-12 (21)	611,260	493,500	(117,760)
Tuition - Lyndon Town School 9-12 (0)	18,750	-	(18,750)
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North 9-12 (0)	16,290	-	(16,290)
Tuition-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 (46)	827,820	1,127,000	299,180
Tuition-Waterford 9-12 (0)	66,150	-	(66,150)
Tuition - Waterville Valley Academy 9-12 (0)	19,215	-	(19,215)
Tuition-White Mountain School 9-12 (0)	19,200	-	(19,200)
Tuition-White Mountain Regional 9-12 (11)	323,330	258,500	(64,830)
Total Secondary Tuition (172 students):	3,620,030	3,975,500	355,470
Total Pre K, Elementary & Secondary Tuition (320 students):	6,060,195	7,002,500	942,305
Total Non Special Education Services:	56,275	23,860	(32,415)

**NEK Choice School District
2025-2026 (FY26) Preliminary Budget**

Total Special Education Services:	96,865	269,075	172,210
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Grand Total of NEK Choice School District	6,532,757	7,630,243	1,097,486
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Revenue Statement NEK Choice School District	Approved Revenue (FY25)	Est. Revenue (FY26)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Prior Year Surplus	-	-	-
Education Fund	6,531,757	7,629,243	1,097,486
US Forest Grant	-	-	-
Misc. Refund	-	-	-
Interest	1,000	1,000	-
Total Revenue:	6,532,757	7,630,243	1,097,486

- Using the revised December 1, 2024 Education Fund Outlook FY26 forecast, the FY26 education fund need results in a property yield of \$8,553 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$12,260 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.791. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.

NEK CHOICE ESTIMATED TAX RATES FY26

ESTIMATED Tax Rates for FY26 with Variance to FY25 Tax Rates

	FY25	Estimated FY26	Variance
Total Budget	\$6,532,757	\$7,630,243	\$1,097,486
Local Revenues	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Education Spending	\$6,531,757	\$7,629,243	\$1,097,486
Equalized Pupils	520.24	520.24	0.00
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$12,555	\$14,665	\$2,110
Dollar Equivalent Yield (Tax Commissioner's Recommendation)	\$9,893	\$8,553	-\$1,340
NEK Choice Towns Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.2559	\$1.7146	\$0.4587

NEK Choice Towns	Actual FY25 Tax Rate	FY26 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	FY26 Estimated Tax Rate	Variance
Bloomfield	1.6451	98.67%	1.7377	0.0926
Brunswick	0.9451	135.70%	1.2635	0.3184
East Haven	1.5497	101.01%	1.6974	0.1477
Granby	1.6091	99.10%	1.7302	0.1211
Guildhall	1.2373	131.43%	1.3046	0.0673
Kirby	1.1251	141.69%	1.2101	0.0850
Lemington	1.5035	98.88%	1.7340	0.2305
Maidstone	1.1070	143.30%	1.1965	0.0895
Norton	1.3163	116.35%	1.4736	0.1573
Victory	1.5578	90.82%	1.8879	0.3301

Current FY25 NEK Student Population by Town & Grade

NEK Choice Town	Pre-K	K-6	7-12	Total
Bloomfield	2	15	12	29
Brunswick	1	3	4	8
East Haven	7	15	22	44
Granby	0	1	2	3
Guildhall	2	24	16	42
Kirby	11	66	63	140
Lemington	0	2	8	10
Maidstone	0	7	7	14
Norton	3	3	4	10
Victory	1	2	6	9
Total for District	27	138	144	309

SCHOOL YEAR 24-25 NEK CHOICE SCHOOLS AND ENROLLMENT COUNT

<u>NEK CHOICE SCHOOL</u>	<u>ENROLLMENT</u>
ABC AND LOL CHILDCARE CENTER	1
ARLINGTON SCHOOL	2
BARNET SCHOOL	2
BRIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1
BURKE MOUNTAIN ACADEMY	3
BURKE TOWN SCHOOL	4
CANAAN SCHOOLS	24
CHARLESTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1
COLEBROOK SCHOOLS	12
CONCORD SCHOOL	6
CORNERSTONE SCHOOL	1
DANVILLE SCHOOL	1
EAST BURKE HIGH SCHOOL	1
GILMAN HEAD START	1
GOOD SHEPHARD SCHOOL	9
GROVETON SCHOOLS	9
HEARTWOOD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL	5
KIDS OF THE KINGDOM	1
LANCASTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	12
LITTLE DIPPER DOODLE CHILDRENS CTR	3
LUNENBURG SCHOOL	3
LUPINE MONTESSORI	3
LYNDON INSTITUTE	19
LYNDON TOWN SCHOOL	14

NEKLS	1
NEWARK SCHOOL	7
NORTH COUNTRY CHARTER ACADEMY	1
RIVERSIDE	68
SAINT JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL	8
ST JOHNSBURY ACADEMY	39
ST JOHNSBURY SCHOOL	12
SEVEN HILLS AT CROTCHED MOUNTAIN	1
STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL	7
SUTTON SCHOOL	2
THADDEUS STEVENS	5
WATERFORD	9
WATERVILLE VALLEY ACADEMY	1
WMRHS	10
TOTAL # OF SCHOOLS: 38	TOTAL # OF STUDENTS: 309

NEK Choice School District 2024-2025 Student Count

Town	PK	K-6	7-12	Total of Students by Town
Bloomfield	2	15	12	29
Brunswick	1	3	4	8
East Haven	7	15	22	44
Granby	0	1	2	3
Guildhall	2	24	16	42
Kirby	11	66	63	140
Lemington	0	2	8	10
Maidstone	0	7	7	14
Norton	3	3	4	10
Victory	1	2	6	9
Total for District	27	138	144	309

Annual Reports
of the Essex North Supervisory Union
Canaan, VT



**Essex North Supervisory Union
2025-2026 (FY26) Proposed Budget**

Expenditures SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Superintendent Salary	\$120,640	\$124,260	\$3,620	\$61,509	\$61,509	\$1,243	
Treasurer Stipend	\$1,890	\$1,890	\$0	\$936	\$936	\$19	
Business Administrator Salary	\$73,500	\$85,000	\$11,500	\$42,075	\$42,075	\$850	
Salaries: AP/Admin Assist/PR/HR (1.8 FTE)	\$93,704	\$96,096	\$2,392	\$47,568	\$47,568	\$961	
Benefits	\$150,138	\$158,667	\$8,529	\$78,540	\$78,540	\$1,587	
Advertising	\$1,750	\$900	(\$850)	\$446	\$446	\$9	
Audit Services	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$0	\$10,890	\$10,890	\$220	
Contracted Services	\$20,463	\$27,047	\$6,584	\$17,892	\$8,891	\$264	
Dues & Fees-Registrations/Memberships	\$13,500	\$14,300	\$800	\$7,079	\$7,079	\$143	
General Supplies/Books/Misc.	\$5,100	\$4,400	(\$700)	\$2,178	\$2,178	\$44	
Legal Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$2,475	\$2,475	\$50	
Postage	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$500	\$1,238	\$1,238	\$25	
Prof/OLT Liab. Insurance	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$0	\$5,198	\$5,198	\$105	
Repairs/Maintenance	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	\$1,733	\$1,733	\$35	
Software	\$22,000	\$23,100	\$1,100	\$11,435	\$11,435	\$231	
Telephone/Internet	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$4,455	\$4,455	\$90	
Travel Expenses	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$2,970	\$2,970	\$60	
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$990	\$990	\$20	
Total Supervisory Union Expenditures:	\$562,685	\$596,160	\$33,475	\$299,603	\$290,602	\$5,955	\$0

Expenditures TRANSPORTATION	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Owned Bus-Salary	\$10,500	\$0	(\$10,500)	\$0	\$0		
Owned Bus-Benefits	\$855	\$0	(\$855)	\$0	\$0		
Owned Bus-All other costs	\$20,135	\$0	(\$20,135)	\$0	\$0		
Owned Bus-Lease	\$26,200	\$0	(\$26,200)	\$0	\$0		
Bus Service-Student Transportation Cont.	\$227,880	\$239,400	\$11,520	\$0	\$239,400		
Bus Service-Athletic Transportation, Cont.	\$35,000	\$30,000	(\$5,000)	\$0	\$30,000		
Bus Service-Field Trips Trans., Cont.	\$19,000	\$10,000	(\$9,000)	\$0	\$10,000		
Bus Service-CTE Transportation	\$22,500	\$10,000	(\$12,500)	\$0	\$10,000		
Total Transportation Expenditures:	\$362,070	\$289,400	-\$72,670	\$0	\$289,400	\$0	\$0

Expenditures NON SPECIAL ED	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Salaries-Dir./Asst Dir./Subs	\$87,335	\$99,741	\$12,406	\$19,264	\$80,477		
Benefits-Dir./Asst Dir./Subs	\$14,175	\$13,315	(\$860)	\$3,606	\$9,709		
Contracted Serv.-504s-Deaf/PT/OT/SP/Vis.	\$20,000	\$10,000	(\$10,000)	\$0	\$10,000		
General Supplies/D&F-504 Students	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$990	\$1,010		
Total Non-Special Ed Services:	\$123,510	\$125,056	\$1,546	\$23,860	\$101,196	\$0	\$0
Expenditures SPECIAL EDUCATION /SERVICES	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Salaries-Dir./Asst Dir./Teach./Ad. Asst./Paras	\$697,776	\$762,396	\$64,620	\$187,776	\$536,007	\$1,260	\$37,354
Salaries-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$5,850	\$0	(\$5,850)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits-Director/Asst/Teachers/Paras	\$310,400	\$470,737	\$160,337	\$101,216	\$345,791	\$933	\$22,797
Benefits-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$2,200	\$0	(\$2,200)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Advertising	\$700	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$700	\$0	\$0
Contracted Ser.-(IDEA-B & IDEA PreK Grant)	\$126,650	\$165,260	\$38,610	\$82,630	\$82,630	\$0	\$0
Contracted Serv.-PT/OT/SP/Vis./Deaf/PD	\$390,039	\$923,645	\$533,606	\$769,045	\$133,000	\$21,600	\$0
Dues & Registrations	\$5,280	\$8,430	\$3,150	\$1,630	\$6,800	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$4,900	\$3,000	(\$1,900)	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$0	\$0
Contracted Services - Learning Center	\$5,000	\$0	(\$5,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Supplies-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$2,080	\$0	(\$2,080)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Supplies/Books/Software	\$15,450	\$13,000	(\$2,450)	\$4,240	\$8,760	\$0	\$0
Postage	\$1,300	\$200	(\$1,100)	\$80	\$120	\$0	\$0
Telephone	\$1,000	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transport.-Out of District Placements	\$139,200	\$121,500	(\$17,700)	\$67,500	\$14,000	\$40,000	\$0
Travel-Director/Asst Director	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$600	\$1,900	\$0	\$0
Tuition-Out of Dist. Place./ Tuition	\$685,100	\$661,445	(\$23,655)	\$423,445	\$126,000	\$112,000	\$0
Total Special Education Expenditures:	\$2,394,425	\$3,132,813	\$738,388	\$1,639,362	\$1,257,507	\$175,793	\$60,151
Expenditures GRANTS/Medicaid Funds	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Salaries	\$242,975	\$239,662	(\$3,313)	\$54,106	\$185,556		
Benefits	\$163,480	\$144,509	(\$18,971)	\$31,567	\$112,942		
Contracted Services, Supplies, Equipment	\$5,405	\$5,400	(\$5)	\$918	\$4,482		
Total Grant/Medicaid Expenditures:	\$411,860	\$389,571	(\$22,289)	\$86,591	\$302,980	\$0	\$0
Grand Total of All Expenditures:	\$3,854,550	\$4,533,000	\$678,450	\$2,049,416	\$2,241,685	\$181,748	\$60,151

Revenue Statement SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE/TRANSPORTATION	Revenue (FY25)	Estimated (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Transportation Aid Revenue from State	\$124,000	\$120,000	(\$4,000)	\$0	\$120,000		
Interest	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$125	\$125		
SU Assessments	\$559,435	\$592,910	\$33,475	\$297,978	\$288,977	\$5,955	
Transportation Assessment	\$238,070	\$169,400	(\$68,670)	\$0	\$169,400		
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500		
Total Supers' Office/Trans. Rev.:	\$924,755	\$885,560	(\$39,195)	\$299,603	\$580,002	\$5,955	\$0

Revenue Statement NON SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revenue (FY25)	Estimated (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Contracted Services-PD to ENSU	\$123,510	\$125,056	\$1,546	\$23,860	\$101,196		
Total Non-Special Ed Revenue:	\$123,510	\$125,056	\$1,546	\$23,860	\$101,196	\$0	\$0

Revenue Statement SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revenue (FY25)	Estimated (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
EEE Assessment from District	\$1,537	\$74,787	\$73,250	\$37,099	\$37,688		
EEE Grant from State	\$45,626	\$51,309	\$5,683	\$22,576	\$28,733		
Special Ed Reimbursement from District	\$590,847	\$1,011,916	\$421,069	\$231,976	\$684,218	\$35,571	\$60,151
Census Block Grant	\$988,635	\$1,044,644	\$56,009	\$699,912	\$323,840	\$20,892	
Special Ed Extraordinary Reimb. - State	\$631,000	\$784,897	\$153,897	\$565,169	\$100,398	\$119,330	
IDEA-B Grant Ages 3-21	\$132,570	\$160,000	\$27,430	\$80,000	\$80,000		
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	\$4,210	\$5,260	\$1,050	\$2,630	\$2,630		
Total Special Ed Revenue:	\$2,394,425	\$3,132,813	\$738,388	\$1,639,362	\$1,257,507	\$175,793	\$60,151

Revenue Statement Grants/Medicaid	Revenue (FY25)	Estimated (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
ARP ESSER	\$60,374	\$0	(\$60,374)	\$0	\$0		
CFP Grants	\$292,872	\$317,111	\$24,239	\$53,909	\$263,202		
Medicaid Grant	\$58,614	\$72,460	\$13,846	\$32,682	\$39,778		
Total Grants/Medicaid Revenue:	\$411,860	\$389,571	(\$22,289)	\$86,591	\$302,980	\$0	\$0

Grand Total All Revenues:	\$3,854,550	\$4,533,000	\$678,450	\$2,049,416	\$2,241,685	\$181,748	\$60,151
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