



**BARNET**

**REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**TOWN MEETING MARCH 4, 2025 10AM**

**AT BARNET SCHOOL**



**Historic Barnet Town Hall renovated to become to William E. Hoar Municipal Building, 2023—2025**

## Contact Information, Etc.

### Contact Information & Hours of Operation

#### **Town Clerk's Office**

Town Clerk: Benjamin Heisholt  
Asst. Clerk: Catherine Roy  
Asst. Clerk: Samantha Zita  
Telephone: 802-633-2256  
Fax: 802-633-4315  
Email: townclerk@barnetvt.org  
Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Town Website: www.barnetvt.org

#### **Zoning Administrative Officer**

Shirley Warden  
Telephone: 802-633-4993

#### **Town Garage**

Road Foreman: Mark Chase  
Telephone: 802-633-4477

#### **Animal Control Officer**

Joy Morse  
Telephone: 860-818-4000

#### **Barnet Public Library**

Librarian: Dylan Ford  
Telephone: 802-633-4436  
Email: barnetlibrary1@gmail.com  
Hours: Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon  
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

#### **Board of Listers**

John Fairchild, Nancy Bishop & Celina Wright  
Telephone: 802-633-2256  
Email: listers@barnetvt.org  
Meetings: Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Town Office.  
Please call for an appointment.

#### **Transfer Station & Recycling Center**

Supervisor: Bruce Marston  
Hours: Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
During summer from the first Wednesday after Memorial Day  
until the last Wednesday before Labor Day open 3-7 p.m. on  
Wednesdays.

#### **Barnet School**

Telephone: 802-633-4978  
<https://barnet.ccsuvt.net>

#### **Vermont State Game Warden**

Will Seegers Cell: 802-498-5351  
Dispatcher: 802-748-3111

#### **Caledonia Central Supervisory Union**

Telephone: 802-684-3801

### Meetings

#### **Selectboard**

Second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

#### **Caledonia Cooperative School District Board of Directors**

Visit website for times and locations: <https://www.ccsuvt.net/>

#### **Planning Commission/Zoning Board**

Second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

### Municipal Calendar

March 4, 2025– Town Meeting/School Election (Office\* closed)  
April 1, 2025 – Dog Licenses due  
May 25, 2025– Memorial Day Services  
May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day (Office closed)  
May 28, 2025– Transfer Station summer hours begin  
July 4, 2025 – Independence Day (Office closed)  
August 2025 – Property Tax bills mailed out  
August 27, 2025 – Transfer Station summer hours end  
September 1, 2025 – Labor Day (Office closed)  
Mid-October 2025 – Property Taxes due (see bill for date)  
October 31, 2025 – Library Trunk or Treat Event  
November 27, 2025 – Thanksgiving (Office closed)  
November 28, 2025 – Office closed  
December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve (Office closing at noon)  
December 25, 2025 – Christmas Day (Office closed)  
December 31, 2025 – New Year's Eve (Office closing at noon)  
January 1, 2026 – New Year's Day (Office closed)

\*Office = Town Clerk's Office

### Other

#### **Dog Licenses**

All dogs six months of age or older must be licensed annually between January 1 through April 1. Licenses may be obtained in person at the Town Clerk's Office or through the mail. A current certificate of rabies vaccination must be on file, or presented.

Fees for license on or before April 1:

- \$11.00 for neutered/\$15.00 for unneutered

Fees for license after April 1:

- \$13.00 for neutered/\$19.00 for unneutered

#### **NEK Broadband**

Representative: Neil Glassman  
Email: [neil@neilglassman.com](mailto:neil@neilglassman.com)  
Telephone: 917-971-3061



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Annual Report  
Year Ending December 31, 2024**

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**Section 1**

**2025 Annual Town Meeting**

**WARNING  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025**

**The legal voters of the Town of Barnet, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Barnet School (163 Kid Row) in said Town on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business from the floor:**

- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect all other Town Officers as required by law and additional Town Officers as approved by the voters.
- ARTICLE 3. To consider and act upon the report of the Town Auditors.
- ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont?
- ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for maintaining the Goodwillie House?
- ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for conservation and preservation of collections of historical materials associated with the township of Barnet?
- ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) to Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice?
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- ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging?
- ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,775.00) to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.?
- ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.?
- ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?




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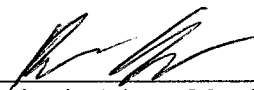
- ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00) to Rural Community Transportation?
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- ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$280.00) to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
- ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to the West Barnet Senior Meal Site?
- ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation the property owned by the Barnet Historical Society located at Barnet Center, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, pursuant to 32 VSA § 3840?
- ARTICLE 21. To see what arrangements the Town will vote for the collection of its taxes, and its portion of taxes for Caledonia Cooperative School District, and by what lawful official for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray the expenses and liabilities of the Town for the current year.
- ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

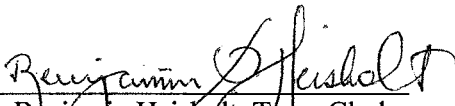
Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Barnet:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dylan Ford, Co-Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin Gates, Co-Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin Adams, Member

Attest:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk

## **NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Floor Annual or Special Meeting**

### **BEFORE MEETING DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by February 2, 2025. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to [olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us).

### **ON MEETING DAY:**

**If your name was dropped from the checklist in error**, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

**If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document**, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

**If you have physical disabilities**, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

**If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place** let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.**

### **NO PERSON SHALL:**

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION:** Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

**Section 2**

**General Town Information**

## Town Elected Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>Moderator</b>	Dennis McLam	March 2025
<b>Town Clerk &amp; Treasurer</b>	Benjamin Heisholt	March 2027
<b>Selectboard</b>	Benjamin Adams (appointed)	March 2025
	Dylan Ford	March 2026
	Benjamin Gates	March 2027
<b>Listers</b>	Nancy Bishop	March 2025
	Celina Wright	March 2026
	John Fairchild	March 2027
<b>Caledonia Cooperative School District School Directors (representing Barnet on three-town, nine-member board)</b>	Jessica Lynn Roy	March 2025
	Heather Mulligan	March 2026
	Bobbie Roy	March 2027
<b>Auditors</b>	Jeffery Riley	March 2025
	Joseph Breidenstein	March 2026
	Dennis Kauppila	March 2027
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b>	Lisa Bowden	March 2025
<b>1st Constable</b>	Steve Mosher	March 2025
<b>2nd Constable</b>	David Stevenson	March 2025
<b>Trustee of Public Funds</b>	William Graves	March 2025
	Merle Fitzgerald	March 2026
	George Copenrath	March 2027
<b>Library Trustees</b>	Laura Goldberg	March 2025
	Jacquelyn Verley	March 2026
	Susan Wood	March 2027
	Rebecca Pedersen	March 2028
	Linda Cochrane	March 2029
<b>Justice of the Peace</b>	Rebecca Boardman	February 2027
	Susan Copenrath	February 2027
	William Graves	February 2027
	Dennis McLam	February 2027
	Maurice Roberts	February 2027
	Stanley Robinson	February 2027
	Shellie Samuels	February 2027

## Town Appointed Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>Beach Committee</b>	Christen Emerson	
	Jennifer Kierstead	
	Susan Persson	
	Christopher Yancey	
<b>Dam Committee</b>	George Coppenrath	
	Robert Dufresne	
	Donald Easter	
	Dylan Ford	
	Joseph Mangiapane	
<b>Emergency Management Coordinator</b>	Ronald Morse	
<b>Fire Chief</b>	Ronald Morse	December 2025
<b>Fire Warden</b>	Christopher Bunnell	June 2028
<b>Flood Recovery Fund Advisory Committee</b>	Kyle Berge	
	Caroline DeMaio	
	Natalie Kitchel	
	Jan Parsons	
	Mary Scott	
	Joe Briedenstein (Fund Administrator)	
<b>Health Officer</b>	Dylan Ford	March 2026
<b>Health Officer, Deputy</b>	Emil Pollak	October 2026
<b>Library Director</b>	Dylan Ford	
<b>Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Representative</b>	William Douglas	
<b>Road Foreman</b>	Mark Chase	
<b>Town Attorney</b>	Steven Adler	March 2025
<b>Town Clerk &amp; Treasurer, Assistant</b>	Catherine Roy	
	Samantha Zita	
<b>Transportation Advisory Committee Representative</b>	Benjamin Gates	
<b>Tree Warden</b>	Stanley Robinson	March 2025
<b>Zoning Administrative Officer</b>	Shirley Warden	March 2025
	Susan Sinclair	July 2025
<b>Zoning Board/ Planning Commission</b>	Susan Sinclair	July 2025
	Eric Skovsted	July 2025
	Dennis McLam	July 2026
	Daniel Deatrck	July 2026
	Benjamin Adams	July 2027
	Trent Roy	July 2027
	Bruce Denio	July 2027
	Jacob Stevenson	July 2028
	Zachary Mangione	July 2028

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MINUTES  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. at the Barnet Elementary School gymnasium by Moderator Dennis McLam.

A voter was experiencing a medical emergency at the time the meeting was called to order. The Moderator announced that the meeting would be recessed until the medical emergency was resolved.

The Moderator called the meeting back to order at 10:18 a.m.

*Before commencing the warned articles, the Moderator allowed a brief speech by Vermont Caledonia-1 Representative District legislator (and Barnet voter) Robert (Bobby) Farlice-Rubio. Mr. Farlice-Rubio began by presenting Barnet resident Susan Roberts with a Public Service Award for her 42 years as a teacher at Barnet School and nine years on the local school board. Mr. Farlice-Rubio then spoke regarding various recent actions and potential future actions of the legislature and answered several questions from voters.*

**ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.**

- Moderator stated that one-year term of Dennis McLam is expiring.
- Dennis McLam nominated by Mark Bowen.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Dennis McLam.

**ARTICLE 2. To elect all other Town Officers as required by law and additional Town Officers as approved by the voters.**

Town Clerk

- Moderator stated that the three-year term of Benjamin Heisholt is expiring.
- Benjamin Heisholt nominated by Dawn Holtz.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Benjamin Heisholt.

Treasurer

- Moderator stated that the three-year term of Benjamin Heisholt is expiring.
- Benjamin Heisholt nominated by Roseann Leute.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Benjamin Heisholt.

Selectboard

- Moderator stated that the three-year term of Benjamin Gates is expiring.
- Benjamin Gates nominated by Benjamin Adams.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Benjamin Gates.

Lister

- Moderator stated that there are two years remaining on three-year term of a vacant Lister position, which expires March 2026.
- Celina Wright nominated by Michael Lamp.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Celina Wright.

Lister

- Moderator stated that the three-year term of John Fairchild is expiring.
- John Fairchild nominated by William Biddle.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for John Fairchild.

Auditor

- Moderator stated that the three-year term of Dennis Kauppila is expiring.

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- Dennis Kauppila nominated by Janet Heartson.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Dennis Kauppila.

### Collector of Delinquent Tax

- Moderator stated that the one-year term of Lisa Bowden is expiring.
- Lisa Bowden nominated by Mark Gilleland.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Lisa Bowden.

### Trustee of Public Funds

- Moderator stated that three-year term of George Coppentrath is expiring.
- George Coppentrath nominated by Mary Faris.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for George Coppentrath.

### Library Trustee

- Moderator stated that the five-year term of Linda Cochrane is expiring.
- Linda Cochrane nominated by Rebecca Pedersen.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Linda Cochrane.

### **ARTICLE 3. To consider and act upon the report of the Town Auditors.**

- Mary Faris moved to accept the report of the Town Auditors as it appears on page twenty-nine of the Town Report. Seconded by Roseann Drew Leute.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

### **ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont?**

- Caroline DeMaio moved the article as warned. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

### **ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for maintaining the Goodwillie House?**

- David Warden moved the article as warned. Seconded by Alan Boye.
- Historical Society member Alan Boye spoke: The Historical Society will hold an event featuring a topographer of local history on March 24, 2024 at the McIndoe Falls Academy. Also, the Historical Society is seeking volunteers to help catalog antiques in their collection.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

### **ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Barnet Historical Society to be used for conservation and preservation of collections of historical materials associated with the township of Barnet?**

- David Warden moved the article as warned. Seconded by Alan Boye.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

### **ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) to Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice?**

- Celina Wright moved the article as warned. Seconded by Kathleen Monroe.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

### **ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Catamount Arts?**

- Jay Sprout moved the article as warned. Seconded by Linda Warnaar.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

### **ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to The Community Restorative Justice Center?**

- Caroline DeMaio moved the article as warned. Seconded by Julia Fuller.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

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**ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) to Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium?**

- Alan Boye moved the article as warned. Seconded by Roseann Drew Leute.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Kingdom Animal Shelter?**

- Mary Joy Morse moved the article as warned. Seconded by Janet Heartson.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.
- Grace Gershuny spoke, indicating that Kingdom Animal Shelter's report, at the top of page 82 of the Town Report, indicates their request is for \$2,000. It was noted that this appears to be a typographical error, as in body of the report (last paragraph), the amount of \$500 is found, which is the same as the previous year's appropriation.

**ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging?**

- Kathleen Monroe moved the article as warned. Seconded by Roseann Drew Leute.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,775.00) to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.?**

- Caroline DeMaio moved the article as warned. Seconded by Seton Lindsay.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.?**

- Lisa Bowden moved the article as warned. Seconded by Janet Heartson.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?**

- Caroline DeMaio moved the article as warned. Seconded by Roseann Drew Leute.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00) to Rural Community Transportation?**

- Bradley Geddes moved the article as warned. Seconded by Caroline DeMaio.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) to Umbrella Inc.?**

- Julia Fuller moved the article as warned. Seconded by Roseann Drew Leute.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity in the Northeast Kingdom?**

- Dakota Butterfield moved the article as warned. Seconded by Jay Sprout.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$280.00) to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?**

- Dakota Butterfield moved the article as warned. Seconded by Roseann Drew Leute.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to the West Barnet Senior Meal Site?**

- Roseann Drew Leute moved the article as warned. Seconded by William Barbour.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 21. Shall the Town of vote to exempt from taxation the property owned by Lakeview Grange #359 located in West Barnet Village, for a period not to exceed 5 years,**



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pursuant to 32 VSA § 3840?

- Lisa Bowden moved the article as warned. Seconded by Mona Marceau.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 22. To see what arrangements the Town will vote for the collection of its taxes, and its portion of taxes for Caledonia Cooperative School District, and by what lawful official for the ensuing year.**

- Lisa Bowden moved that property taxes become due and payable in hand to the town Treasurer during business hours on or before October 19, 2024, with said taxes to be actually received by said Treasurer on or before the due date without regard to postmark; and thereafter said taxes shall be made payable to the Collector of Delinquent Tax with interest at the rate of 1% per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months, and thereafter at the rate of 1.5% per month or fraction thereof, plus the collector's fee of 8% as provided by law. Seconded by Mark Gilleland.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

*The Moderator allowed a brief intermission for comments by Transfer Station & Recycling Center attendant/Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden. Ms. Warden spoke about a scheduled Household Hazardous Waste collection date in July 2024, other recycling center matters, and zoning permit requirements.*


**ARTICLE 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray the expenses and liabilities of the Town for the current year.**

- Selectboard member Benjamin Gates moved to raise the sum of \$1,644,597.89 for the General Fund budget. Seconded by Dennis Kauppila.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.
- Selectboard member Dylan Ford spoke, thanking all the officers and volunteers who work behind the scenes to make the town run smoothly, including prudential committee members, Dam Committee members, listers, McIndoe Falls Academy trustees, and cemetery associations.

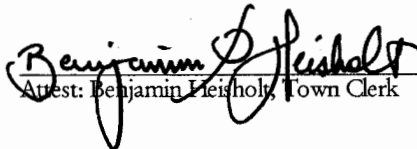
**ARTICLE 24. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.**

- Caroline DeMaio spoke, introducing new Karne Choling executive co-director Vegan Aharonian. Mr. Aharonian then spoke briefly about Karne Choling and their programs.
- Collector of Delinquent Tax Lisa Bowden spoke regarding two matters:
  - Ms. Bowden intends to retire from the office of Collector of Delinquent Taxes at the end of her sixteenth year, to which she was just elected. She urged candidates interested in the position next year to talk to her about the job.
  - The Church Street Meetinghouse (formerly Barnert Village Congregational Church) is no longer an active church but is now a public meeting place open for events. She invited inquiries and suggestions for events and programs at the building. Discussion ensued, with Ms. Bowden answering several questions regarding the use of the building.

Hearing no further business, the Moderator announced that the meeting would adjourn. Meeting adjourned 11:26 a.m.

  
Dennis McLam, Moderator

  
Dylan Ford, Selectboard Co-Chair

  
Attest: Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk

## **Barnet Transfer Station & Recycling Center.**

### **Staff, Location, Requirements and Hours of Operation.**

- **Staff:**
  - Bruce Marston, Supervisor & Recycling Center Attendant
  - Donald Nelson, Transfer Station Attendant
  - Daniel Ehlers, Recycling Center Attendant
  - Shirley Warden, Transfer Station Attendant
- **Hours of Operation:** Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., all year. During summer months from the first Wednesday after Memorial Day until the last Wednesday before Labor Day we will be open from 3-7 p.m.
- **Location:** 900 Town Forest Rd: At end of Town Forest Road. In Passumpsic Village, turn onto Bridge Street and cross the bridge over the Passumpsic River. As you come off of the bridge, take a right onto Town Forest Road and go the end of the road. Transfer Station will be on your left; Recycling Center will be straight ahead past the Transfer Station.
- **Requirements for use:** For rubbish generated by residences located within the Town of Barnet. A sticker is required to show the attendant that you are a resident or taxpayer of Barnet. This sticker can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
Bruce Marston

**January 1, 2022**

**PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT NOTICE**

***For the safety of yourself and others.....***

***Please do not put dangerous items in your household trash. People have been injured and even killed by unsafe items that have been disposed of improperly in trash bags. The following should NEVER be put into a trash compactor:***

***Gas cans, propane tanks, paint cans, sealed containers of any kind, all fluorescent light bulbs, any bulbs containing mercury, aerosol cans and chemicals of any kind.***

***Please remember that we collect the items listed above along with many others not listed and the Northeast Waste Management District can help you with the safe disposal of anything that you are not certain of.***

***You may call the district at 1-802-626-3532.***

***In order to make recycling work, it is essential that everyone rinse their items and not include any trash in with recyclables. If we all work together it won't be so difficult.***

***Thank you everyone,***

***Bruce P. Marston***

## Barnet Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

Barnet Transfer Station, End of Town Forest Rd, Saturdays 8:00am – 3:00pm,  
Additional Summer Hours (until Labor Day) Wednesdays 3:00pm — 7:00pm

### SORT ITEMS

RECYCLING MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY

#### MIXED PAPER

Newspapers, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored & white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper.  
**NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.**

#### CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, & BROWN KRAFT BAGS

FLATTEN BOXES. All Cardboard and Boxboard food packaging. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK.  
**NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam.**

#### TIN CANS

Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic.

**\*MUST BE RINSED\***

#### ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS

Labels OK. Flattening not required.

**NO snack bags, candy wrappers, coffee bags.**

**\*MUST BE RINSED\***

#### GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

\*Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin) \*  
**NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids, metal or wood.**

#### BATTERIES

All types including primary and rechargeable batteries. Please bag similar types together and bag damaged batteries separately.

#### PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 & #5 Food Containers

**REMOVE CAPS / MAX. SIZE- 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / \*MUST BE RINSED\***

Includes food containers, health/beauty product, and cleaner containers. #5 included *if it's a food container*.  
**NO plastic bags or films, black plastic, screw-top caps, motor oil bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes, or medical devices.**

### ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS at the BARNET TRANSFER STATION:

**#6 PLASTIC FOAM (STYROFOAM):** #6 Expanded Polystyrene Foam. Any color, size. Must be rigid, dry, clean.

**FOOD SCRAPS:** All food scraps, including meat, bones, dairy. **Remove PLU stickers. No plastics, metals, paper.**

**SCRAP METAL:** Metal appliances (stoves, washer/dryer, dishwasher), grills, water tanks, microwaves, metal roofing, pots and pans, bicycles. Any item that is mostly metal included. No fridges, freezers, A/Cs, dehumidifiers.

**ELECTRONICS:** TVs, computers (incl. mouse/keyboard/speakers), computer printers, radio/stereos, gaming systems, telephones, fax machines.

**SPECIAL WASTES:** Freon-containing appliances, metal aerosols cans, hard cover books, fluorescent bulbs. *Tires-fees apply.*

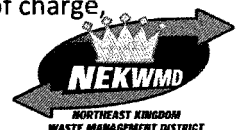
**TRASH AND BULKY WASTES:** \$2.00/30 gallon bag, other fees apply for Bulky waste items. Residents can contract with private waste haulers, find our Licensed Hauler List at [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org)

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** – May through the end of September **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** in Lyndonville, & special Saturday events throughout the District. Call for details.

**In addition to services provided at this location, district residents have access to disposal services at the Lyndonville Recycling Center, 224 Church St, Lyndonville.**

Recycling, Food Scraps, Scrap Metal, E-waste, Waste Oil, Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs, Freon-Containing Appliances (Refrigerators, Freezers, A/C units, and Dehumidifiers), Styrofoam, Stump Dump, all free of charge, and Tire Disposal, fees apply.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS – CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org), e-mail [outreach@nekwmd.org](mailto:outreach@nekwmd.org)



List of Common Items **NOT ACCEPTED** for Recycling

Please dispose of the following items in the trash unless otherwise stated.  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFELY AND PROPERLY DISPOSING OF A  
MATERIAL- CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM  
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

(802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. www.nekwmd.org, e-mail outreach@nekwmd.org

Unacceptable Plastics Include:

Any **black** plastic containers

Motor oil, gas containers

Pesticide containers

Styrofoam of any kind

Planting pots and trays

Plastic furniture

Plastic Toys

Coffee Makers

Coat hangers

Vinyl Siding

Maple Tubing

CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases

Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size

**Hard, rigid plastic** (if it shatters, it's not accepted)

Unacceptable Plastic Bags and Films

Any type

Unacceptable Cardboard

Pringles containers

Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind

Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes

Cardboard with metallic interior

Single-use coffee cups

Soiled Cardboard

Waxy Cardboard

Unacceptable Paper

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)

White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)

Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers

Paper plates, cups, bowls

Single-use cups

Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

Unacceptable Glass

Crystal

Incandescent light bulbs

Automotive lights

Pyrex

Porcelain

Unacceptable Aluminum

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers

Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)

Coffee Bags

Unacceptable Tin

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans

Large Pieces of Metal

Nails, Screws, Fasteners

Any tin that is a non-food container

Unacceptable Food Scraps

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)

"Biodegradable" bags, cutlery, bowls, plates

Food utensils

Plates, bowls, cups

Plastic bags

Styrofoam

Keurig cups

# **Barnet Transfer Station & Recycling Center**

## **Pricing**

### **Mixed solid household waste (MSW):**

- 13 gallon (kitchen) bag: \$2.00
- 30 gallon bag: \$3.00
- 42 gallon bag: \$4.00
- 55 gallon bag: \$6.00

### **Construction & demolition debris (C &D):**

- \$20.00 per cubic yard
- Bulkies: \$17.00 each
- Toilets, dishwashers, (if mostly plastic), refrigerators, freezers and A.C. unites are All \$5.00 each

### **Metal items: FREE!**

### **Tires: (automobile and pick-up trucks):**

- Without rims, less than 16.5": \$ 4.00 each
- With rims, less than 16.5": \$6.00 each
- Without rims, larger than 16.5": \$8.00 each
- With rims, larger than 16.5": \$10.00 each
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- **Large truck and farm tractor tires:**
- \$18.00 and up.

**Recycling Center: All acceptable items can be recycled at no charge. See the Recycling List, which contains most of the items below:**

- ***Electronic items, limited to the below list:***
  - ***Amplifiers, answering machines, boom boxes, cable converter boxes, CD players, clock radios, computer systems and components, digital converter boxes, DVD players, electronic games consoles, etc., fax machines, MP3 players, power cords and chargers, scanners, smart phones, etc, stereo equipment, telephones, televisions, and VCRs.***

***If you have any other questions regarding waste management, please call NEKWMD at (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602 or on the web at [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org)***

**TO ALL RESIDENTS:**  
**NOTICE OF A FINE**  
**FOR FAILURE TO**  
**COMPLY WITH**  
**REGULATIONS!**

**WE ARE FACING A \$155.00 FINE PER DRUM IF WE DO NOT  
STOP PUTTING UNWANTED ITEMS IN OUR GLASS DRUMS!**

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***The worst part of this problem is the fact that after just  
three drums that are considered contaminated, they will  
no longer pick up our glass! Then, what do we do?***

***Please help prevent this from happening!***

***Thank you for your cooperation!***

## **New compost guidelines for 2025!**

### **\$\$\$\$ How it works! \$\$\$\$**

New policy for contamination found in the compost is as follows:

PLU stickers, 'compostable' plastic bags, cups or utensils, milk or orange juice containers, and any store-bought flowers are not to be placed in with food scraps. Brown paper bags are still acceptable. This policy has not changed but will be enforced. If contamination is found, we will be given a warning. The first warning will mean our station will have two months from the date of the offense to inform our residents and hopefully, correct the problem. Final warning, if there are other offenses in the previous two months, we have two more months to educate residents on the importance of sorting. If the compost is kept free of contamination for this additional two-month period, the price per tote will remain the same. If not, and the contamination continues, the price per tote will increase \$2 per tote for the remainder of the contract period for our town. If there's a warning for our town, NEKWMD will then notify the station and keep track of the time allotment.

NOTE: Liquids, such as in soups, do not need to be composted. Please drain the liquid before composting the solid portion of the soup.

**For the following items below an automatic contamination fee of \$20 will be added to whatever the town's tote fee is. These items have been found this previous year in some of the compost picked up at stations. Remember, there will be no warning with these items and they will incur immediate penalty:**

### **\*ZERO TOLERANCE ITEMS.**

- \*Adult or child diapers
- \*Colostomy bags & tubing,
- \*Animal Mortality (dead animals that were never food)
- \*Plastic bags or food packaging in excess of 4 or more.



# 2025 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Collection Schedule

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

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](http://www.nekwmd.org)**

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# 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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2024 Actual Taxes and Tax Rates

Caledonia County

Town Name	Sub-Municipal District Name	Homestead Education GL	NonHomestead Education GL	Municipal GL	Education		Municipal Taxes	Homestead Tax Rate	Nonhomestead Tax Rate	Municipal Tax Rate	Local Agreement Tax Rate	Local Agreement Taxes Collected	Sub-Municipal District Taxes Collected	Sub-Municipal District Tax Rate
					Homestead Taxes	Nonhomestead Taxes								
Barnet		1,062,529	1,435,043	2,498,053	1,902,989	2,446,892	1,644,218	1.791	1.7051	0.6582	0.0037	9,243	0	0
Barnet	Barnet FD #1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.791	1.7051	0	0	0	4,454	0.0575
Barnet	Barnet FD #2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.791	1.7051	0	0	0	12,048	0.0825
Barnet	Barnet FD #3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.791	1.7051	0	0	0	8,583	0.06
Barnet	Barnet FD #5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.791	1.7051	0	0	0	3,597	0.02
Burke		1,418,731	2,637,481	4,119,240	1,847,471	3,670,319	2,271,761	1.3022	1.3916	0.5515	0.0008	3,295	0	0
Danville		1,960,948	1,441,540	3,412,482	3,330,866	2,342,790	1,979,581	1.6986	1.6252	0.5801	0	0	0	0
Groton		564,737	757,004	1,321,761	933,510	1,359,958	958,145	1.653	1.7965	0.7249	0.0038	5,023	0	0
Hardwick		1,127,863	823,214	1,998,184	2,235,312	1,701,748	3,051,427	1.9819	2.0672	1.5271	0.0122	24,378	0	0
Kirby		532,739	407,289	939,232	599,385	507,523	336,245	1.1251	1.2461	0.358	0	0	0	0
Lyndon		1,970,600	1,748,950	3,716,157	3,379,185	3,204,777	3,438,932	1.7148	1.8324	0.9254	0.0063	23,412	0	0
Lyndon	Lyndonville Village	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.7148	1.8324	0	0	0	0	0
Lyndon	Lyndon Highway	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.7148	1.8324	0	0	0	0	0
Newark		367,670	588,557	954,127	585,294	1,001,194	603,295	1.5919	1.7011	0.6323	0.0036	3,435	0	0
Peacham		684,849	727,617	1,410,324	1,351,002	1,217,667	1,216,969	1.9727	1.6735	0.8629	0	0	0	0
Ryegate		704,267	706,171	1,411,401	1,050,062	1,144,349	1,112,466	1.491	1.6205	0.7882	0.0035	4,940	0	0
St. Johnsbury		2,227,678	2,890,112	5,171,328	3,987,543	5,544,391	5,815,676	1.79	1.9184	1.1246	0.0033	17,065	0	0
St. Johnsbury	St. J Spec Serv Dist	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.79	1.9184	0	0	0	1,528,089	0.7024
Sheffield		288,092	297,890	1,021,210	489,555	540,938	518,060	1.6993	1.8159	0.5073	0	0	0	0
Stannard		90,035	102,951	192,386	151,772	167,903	263,569	1.6857	1.6309	1.37	0	0	0	0
Sutton		660,409	429,264	1,086,695	941,875	654,198	771,119	1.4262	1.524	0.7096	0.0057	6,194	0	0
Walden		668,269	542,453	1,206,822	1,093,889	845,359	678,234	1.6369	1.5584	0.562	0.0053	6,396	0	0
Waterford		1,012,111	1,188,722	2,275,277	1,752,369	1,959,371	1,228,877	1.7314	1.6483	0.5401	0.0027	6,143	0	0
Wheelock		407,313	263,203	666,561	677,647	467,949	618,569	1.6637	1.7779	0.928	0.0099	6,599	0	0

**Section 3**

**Reports of Town Officers,  
Boards, Committees & Departments**

## Selectboard Report 2024

2024 was certainly a memorable year here in Barnet. While the disastrous flooding event in July overwhelms our memories of the past year, it was not the only notable one. This year is a reminder that we are a community of folks willing to help each other and come together in times of crisis and in times of significance. It takes all of us in town willing to do their part to make Barnet the wonderful place it is. As always, we are so grateful to all the people that work tirelessly to help us to do our job.

The near completion of the old Town Hall for new Municipal Offices has taken up the majority of our time this year. Working closely with Estes & Gallup and Black River Design, we commenced interior demolition and restoration of the building. Last winter was spent painstakingly removing the old interior tin siding and wainscoting for re-application in the larger meeting space. This process was time-consuming but resulted in a beautiful finished product. We worked hard to create a balance of historic yet functional space by re-using old materials, some required of us by the Preservation Trust grant, and using new materials that were environmentally responsible and energy efficient. Many thanks to the St. Johnsbury Academy Electrical students for installing our wiring for lights, alarms and outlets. They were a professional and enthusiastic bunch led by our community member, ex-Selectman, and Clerk of the Works, Jeremy Roberts. Our front doors were done by local woodworking artist, Mike Lamp. Much gratitude to Claudia Heisholt and Catherine Roy for the many hours spent choosing paint colors, finding furniture and generally taking responsibility for the interior decorating of the new offices. It really was a local community effort to get us to the finish line. The result is a beautiful, bright, new office and meeting space in an old, historic building that represents the character of Barnet.

In order to create more parking for larger events at the Town Offices, like local and national elections, we created additional parking at the top of Church Street. The majority of this project was funded through a Park and Ride grant. The parking area was completed in the Fall.

Every year there are many less publicized issues that come in front of the Select Board that keep us busy year round. This year we spent a lot of time dealing with animal control issues. This resulted in two exciting improvements in town; we revised our Animal Control Ordinance to be much easier to navigate and to enforce, and we finally got a new Animal Control Officer. Welcome aboard and many thanks to Joy Morse for taking on this big job! In May we dedicated a new Veterans Memorial on the Barnet Village Circle. It was the first one since the Vietnam Memorial was placed.

And finally, July. While we didn't see this catastrophic event coming, our stalwart Road Crew led by our Foreman, Mark Chase, and many local sub-contractors worked day and night to make our roads passable and safe as quickly as possible. We are so grateful to have such a dedicated and hard-working group of people willing to come to our aid in times of disaster. By 5am on July 11, we had trucks, loaders and tons of material heading our way. Thanks to our surplus, we had cash on hand to pay these initial bills and to keep things moving ahead. On top of fixing up our town roads from the flood, our crew still managed to complete all the usual tasks required of them: crushing, screening and overburden removal in the pit, and MSHA certification for the whole crew, purchase of a new loader, mowing, and hauling for paving. It was a relief to get back to the normal tasks after much of the flood work was done.

We were asked to create a Barnet Flood Recovery Fund Committee to manage donations that came into the town after July. Many thanks to the volunteers that raised and managed the distribution of almost \$44,000.00 to people in the Barnet Community.

And finally, it is with heavy and very grateful hearts, that we offer our immense thanks for the untiring dedication of a few of our Barnet Town Employees and administrators that have spent years of their lives in service to our town. Their efforts and advocacy have directly resulted in positive changes in Barnet and they will be greatly missed. However, as with all

small towns, we hope they know they will never be fully off the hook; we will seek them out for advice, volunteering, and probably ballot clerking at some point.

Shirley Warden is retiring as Zoning Administrator. She has worked in various zoning positions for 43 years attending all the workshops, revising and rewriting countless Town Plans and generations of Zoning Policies and Bylaws. She is dogged in her pursuit for complete and accurate Zoning permits and compliance. She spearheaded recycling efforts in the Town and spent many years helping organize Green Up Day. She has also taken on the unending and thankless task of keeping the Select Board on task and accountable attending almost every Select Board meeting. While we absolutely believe she has earned her retirement, we will miss her terribly.

Lisa Bowden is stepping down as our Tax Collector. She started in this capacity in 2009 and for the past 16 years has managed our tax sales and helped people having trouble paying taxes to keep up with payment plans. She has been an empathetic and determined administrator and collector and will be greatly missed.

Catherine Roy came to the Town Clerk's office as an Assistant to Ben Heisholt 8 years ago. She helped manage the tricky and frustrating years of Covid and stayed with us, helping steer the ship through this next transition to the new Town Offices. We are very lucky to have had her and we are grateful she has kept a few hours a week with us. She is helping train our new Assistant Town Clerk, Sam Zita. Welcome to the family, Sam!

We would like to extend a very big thank you to Mark Jefferson. Mark joined the Select Board in 2019 and stepped down in October of 2024. Mark was with us through the tumultuous years of Covid and through the long, hard process of searching for a new home for the Town Offices. It is hard to sum up all the work that goes into being on the Select Board behind the scenes. It is hundreds of hours a year. Thank you, Mark! Ben Adams stepped in to finish out Mark's term. We are grateful for his willingness to jump in during budget season.

We could do none of our work as efficiently and as well without Ben Heisholt. He is our anchor. He works well beyond a 40 hour week, every week. He is always on top of what needs to be done. Barnet is so lucky to have him at the helm. Thank you, Ben, for all the dedicated hours you put into our town.

Thank you to everyone who works in all the areas of town government; as employees and as volunteers. We are indebted to you all for helping our town run smoothly. We look forward to seeing you all at Town Meeting and for our Town Hall dedication and Open House.

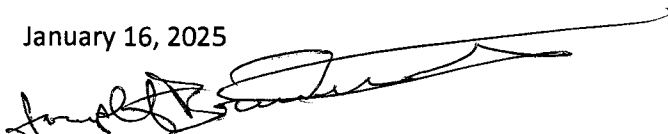
Sincerely,  
The Barnet Selectboard

**Town Auditor's Report**

In accordance with Title 24, Section 1681 of the Vermont Statutes, we have examined the accounts and records of the Town of Barnet.

To the best of our knowledge the financial statements in the Town Report represent the financial position of the Town of Barnet as of December 31, 2024.

January 16, 2025



Joseph Breidenstein



Dennis Kauppila

**BARNET LISTERS' REPORT**

As stated last year, we have been planning a town-wide reappraisal. We are in contract with New England Municipal Resource Center for this service. Due to the volume of State mandated reappraisals, our appraisal will begin in 2027 with a completion date of 2029. We will keep you posted as to the details when the time gets closer.

This year there are 1,138 taxable properties in the Barnet Grand List, the same as last year. Property totals in 2024 were \$263,570,300, up from \$258,668,500 last year. The higher value (\$4,901,800 more for this year) is a result of assessments for new construction, sub-divisions in town and an increase in court ordered assessment for the dam.

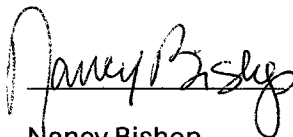
The Town of Barnet's 2024 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 70.80%, which is down substantially from last year's amount of 81.58%. A CLA of less than 100% indicates that in general the properties in town are listed for less than the fair market value. The Town of Barnet's 2024 Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 20.88% down from 24.14% in 2023.

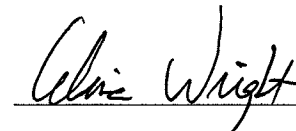
Data collection is an ongoing process as new homes are built, and additions or outbuildings are approved; we must get accurate dimensions to keep the town property assessments correct. Our visits are brief, and we appreciate all the help and support we've received over the years.

A reminder to file your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Credit Claim Forms annually when you file your income tax returns. (VT Forms HS-122, HI-144)

We look forward to helping Barnet residents with any questions they have regarding their property assessments, including Current Use and Homestead Declarations. Our office hours are Wednesdays from 9am – 11:30pm. You may email us at [listers@barnetvt.org](mailto:listers@barnetvt.org), or call 802-633-2256.

  
John Fairchild

  
Nancy Bishop

  
Celina Wright



Report of the Trustees for Public Funds, for fiscal year 2024

After this report, you will find a detailed financial report for the Esden Funds, as held by the Town per Oliver Esden's intent. The portion once held by the School District per Oliver Esden's intent is now held by the Caledonia Cooperative School District. The Trustees of Public Funds have oversight of the original, restricted principal for the Esden Funds, no matter where currently held.

Our investment plan has been to protect the original, restricted principal while the funds have opportunity to grow both by unrealized gain or accumulated value, and by reinvestment of earned dividends and interest. This plan has served well—the Town's share of Esden Funds had an accumulated value of \$257,520.87 on December 31, 2024, and had a value of \$218,346.64 on December 31, 2023, and so had gained \$39,174.23 in value since December 31, 2023, at a positive 17.9% rate of total return. Investment income (such as dividends and interest) for 2024 was \$3,610.

The beginning values over 15 years ago were \$53,168 for the Town, and \$53,168 for the School District. The Town's share of funds has increased by 4.85 times in these years.

The cooperative unified school district controlling the Barnet, Walden, and Waterford schools does access the Esden funds and does affect this report. The Cooperative School District Treasurer's name was added, and the Barnet School District Treasurer's name was deleted. There is no financial report for either the Barnet School District or for the Caledonia Cooperative School District in this report. The remaining School portion of the Esden fund has been designated by the **current** Caledonia Cooperative School District board for access and use only for the benefit of Barnet citizens/residents/students. The three Trustees of Public Funds named below do receive monthly reports regarding the assignment and value of the School District Esden funds. The Trustees service to the Caledonia Cooperative School District is by that District's request or permission only. The Trustees do assert a right to oversee the original, restricted principal.

The Trustees have chosen to leave the fund management over these years with the local Edward Jones Company. As the public caretakers of the Funds, we have at times made suggestions to the private fund manager. We believe our roles have evolved, and we ask that our advice be sought before actual draws from the Esden Funds assets are made by either Town or Cooperative School District boards. These Boards do have the choice and right by statute to spend any gains as may seem fitting.

The Trustees' original mission remains to hold sound investments for income and growth, while the original principal is always protected.

George Coppenrath  
Merle Fitzgerald  
William Graves

**Town of Barnet  
Esden Fund  
2024 Financial Reports**

**Activity Summary**

Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2023	218,346.64
Income:	17,280.53
Gain (loss) in value of investments:	21,893.70
Assets withdrawn from account:	0.00
<b>2024 Net Earnings or (Loss)</b>	<b>39,174.23</b>
<b>Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2024</b>	<b>257,520.87</b>

**Balance Sheet**

<b>Assets:</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2023</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2024</b>
Cash	7,593.30	8,674.46
Corporate Bonds	0.00	0.00
Government Securities	0.00	0.00
Unit Trusts	17,778.24	16,830.36
Mutual Funds	192,975.10	232,016.05
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>218,346.64</b>	<b>257,520.87</b>
<b>Fund Equity:</b>		
Fund Balance - Non-spendable	53,168.58	53,168.58
Fund Balance - Unassigned	165,178.06	204,352.29
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>218,346.64</b>	<b>257,520.87</b>

## **2024 Annual Report of the Town of Barnet, VT** **Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The Planning Commission and Zoning Board (Board) serves two distinct roles. The Planning Commission drafts and amends the Town Plan that “provides guidelines for orderly growth and intelligent appraisal of appropriate land use” for the well-being of the community. The Zoning Board focuses on maintaining the Town Plan’s provisions by drafting and amending Barnet’s Zoning Bylaws. It hears landowners’ appeals to denied permits, grants variances, approves conditional use, and handles waivers of dimensional requirements. Both the Town Plan and Zoning Bylaws require approval from the Selectboard.

The Board meets monthly at the Barnet Fire & Rescue Department, 151 Bimson Drive, generally every second Tuesday. Regular meetings are announced at least 7 days prior, and public hearings are announced at least 15 days prior. The agenda and meeting details are posted at the Town Clerk's office, Barnet Post Office, [barnetvt.org](http://barnetvt.org), and other public venues as needed. Public hearings are also published in The Caledonian Record. Meeting minutes are available for review five days after each session at [barnetvt.org](http://barnetvt.org).

There are 9 Board members appointed by the Selectboard to serve 4-year staggered terms expiring on July 31st. As of December 31, 2024, the members were: Benjamin Adams (Vice Chair), Dan Deatruck, Bruce Denio, Zachary Mangione, Dennis McLam (Chair), Trent Roy, Susan Sinclair (Secretary), Eric Skovsted, and Jacob Stevenson. During 2024, Adams, McLam and Sinclair were re-appointed to their respective officer positions. Dawn Holtz resigned from the Board and was replaced by Dan Deatruck. The Board extends its sincere thanks and gratitude to Dawn for her time and dedication during her term and also to Shirley Warden, the Zoning Administrative Officer, for her ongoing support and to the Board.

The Town Plan for Barnet Vermont was adopted by the Selectboard on January 8, 2024. On April 10, 2024 the Northern Vermont Development Association held a hearing to review the Plan and approved it at the same meeting.

The Board met 12 times in 2024, including 10 public hearings and heard 5 appeals. During the public hearings, the Board approved 1 waiver related to required frontage/access to public roads or waters, granted 7 conditional use permits and 3 requests for variance. Of the appeals heard, the Board upheld the Zoning Administrative Officer's denial 4 times and overturned 1 decision.

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2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BARNET ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Barnet zoning Bylaws, effective August 14, 2018, require "any land development (as defined by the Bylaws)" be issued a permit by the Zoning Administrative Officer(ZAO) before commencing the development. This included ALL "structures" defined as "an assembly of materials for use or occupancy," over 50 square feet (5'X10'). There is no exemption for "temporary structures".

These Bylaws require the appointed ZAO "administer the provisions of these Bylaws literally" The ZAO has 30 days to act on a completed application. The permit becomes effective 15 days after it is signed. Any act or decision of the ZAO may be appealed, within 15 days of the act or decision, by filing a notice of appeal, on the form provided with the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment. Appeals with the fee should be addressed to Susan Sinclair, P.O.BOX 4026, St. Johnsbury VT 05819.

I do not keep regular hours at the Town Clerk's office, therefore applications left there will delay the permit. I may be reached by phone at 802-633-4993, please repeat your number twice. My address is 521 Warden Road, Barnet VT 05821.

Application forms and "PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING THE ZONING APPLICATION FORMS" which are available at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website [www.barnetvt.org](http://www.barnetvt.org). The form should be dated January 2024 or newer. Applications must be submitted with the fee set by the Select Board, checks made to the "Town of Barnet".

In 2024 51 applications were submitted, ten were returned for more information of which one was not resubmitted. I denied six applications that did not meet the requirements of the Barnet Zoning Bylaws and lacked all the necessary information to consider them. Six of the denials were appealed, five were up held by the Board of Adjustment.

Five notices of violation were issued and nine late fees were charged for construction without a permit for which the fee is doubled.

Nine applications were referred to the Board for 5 conditional Uses, including 3 for non polluting commercial enterprise; one for repair of damage from the July flood; 2 for setback variance; and one each for class 4 road and small lot subdivision (to correct a boundary line).

Permits were issued for 9 decks; 8 porches; 6 dwellings & residential garages; 3 dwelling additions; 2 each of barns-lean toos - tent platforms- green houses & two lot subdivisions; and one each of the following: equipment building- shop- solar kiln to dry lumber- to convert a deck to dwelling addition- unlanded dwelling-move shed-convert 1 porch to 2 porches-breezway- add room to garage- Estonian style smoke sauna- mobile home- pavilion/hot tub- entry way- replace porch- restore pond- restore flood damage at the beach & utility exterior generator with a concrete pad.

There were four "Intent to build a qualifying agriculture structure" forms submitted for structures as follows: agricultural processing building; 2 greenhouses; 2 hoopouses; to convert an existing shed to a sugar house; garden shed; & a carport used to cove sap storage tank.

In 2024 four new 911 locatable address numbers were issued.

This will be my last report as your Zoning Administrative Officer (ZAO) my term ends on March 22, 2025 and I have asked not to be reappointed.

As of last September I have been the ZAO and for most of that time I was also the Secretary for the Board, first for the original Zoning Board of Adjustment then for the Planning/Zoning Board. That is 36+ years in these positions, I feel it is time for me to slow down and for someone with more up to date skills than I have to take over.

Thank everyone for the support and backing you have given me over the years.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Shirley Warden*

Shirley Warden  
Barnet Zoning Administrative Officer

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Report of the Collector of Delinquent Tax  
 Lisa J. Bowden, Collector  
 December 31, 2024

<u>Year</u>	<u>Taxes Charged to Collector</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Uncollected Tax as of 12/31/24</u>
2020	\$ 3,315.08	\$ 3,108.13	0	\$ 306.95
2021	990.35	990.35	0	0
2022	4,830.39	2,244.41	0	2,585.98
2023	79,996.48	56,358.09	0	23,638.39
2024	<u>156,761.38</u>	<u>88,399.71</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>68,361.67</u>
	\$ 245,893.68	\$151,100.69	0	\$ 94,792.99

Unpaid Tax Balances by Taxpayer:

2020

Hahr, Christopher \$ 306.95\*

2022

Alongi, Vito \$ 1,034.30\*

Lacourse, Dennis 1,551.68

2023

492 US Rte 5 LLC \$ 1,553.64

Alongi, Vito 2,816.26\*

Cooper, Teresa estate 2,446.43

Kendall, James 3,626.69

Kendall, Jere 1,892.78

Lacourse, Dennis 2,607.02

Larrabee Morrissette Tr 4,404.26\*

Stacey, Justin 2,875.57\*

Starosciak, Keith 421.64

Walsh, Diane 994.10\*

2024

492 Route 5 LLC \$ 3,158.47

Broughton, Marc 3,832.18

Bunnell, Trevor 51.40

Conover, Marjorie 2,766.47\*

Day, Denise 1,470.16\*

Edmunds, Tarcia 2,021.42+

Hahr, Christopher 2,648.68\*

Hayes, Candace 1,582.89\*

Hoyt, Stewart 253.17

2024 (Continued)

Kendall, James \$ 4,199.06

Kendall, James 2,163.44

Kendall, James 6,554.22

Kendall, James 2,142.14

Kendall, Jere 1,933.84

Kendall, Marvin 2,116.10

Lacourse, Dennis 3,072.37

Laferriere, Scott 269.84

Lanctot, James 144.39

Larabee Morrissette Tr 3,640.28\*

Lepardo, S/Ferrante, D 2,807.58

O'Donnell, Kevin 3,233.56

Ouellette, William 349.49

Patneau, Robert 3,983.66

Smith, John 1,159.61\*

Stacey, Justin 2,434.17\*

Starosciak, Keith 435.53

Sun Do 310.36+

Tetreault, Shawn 3,808.17

Walsh, Diane 442.08\*

West Hill Homes LLC 2,601.33

West Hill Homes LLC 1,905.44

Wisner, James 2,423.81

+ Denotes paid in full by publication date

\* Denotes payment plan in place

## **2024 REPORT OF BARNET FIRE & RESCUE**

Barnet Fire & Rescue responded to 210 incidents in 2024 compared to 213 for the previous year. On average 4 times a week or every other day members are taking time out of their day and night to assist their neighbors in one way or another. Of the 210 incidents 156 were logged in as medical emergencies, 17 were motor vehicle accidents, and 40 were various fire related calls. In July we hit with the flood and responded to several requests for evacuations and opened the station as a shelter for those individuals and any one else that needed it. We are currently operating with a roster of 16 members. Operationally we have 3 EMTs, 1 VEFR, 5 FF/VEFRs, and 7 FFs.

Currently we are running with 3 pieces of apparatus. A 1984 Chevrolet brush truck/tow vehicle, a 1989 GMC pumper/tanker, and a 2005 International pumper. We ordered and received a new 4WD Dodge Ram chassis to replace the 1984 GMC and will be delivering it to a manufacturer for construction of an aluminum fire body and expect to have it in service for this spring's fire season. In addition, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant funded through Homeland Security/FEMA for \$500,000.00 to replace the 1989 GMC was submitted and we received notice that the grant was not awarded. The program reopened in December and an updated grant request has been submitted. Several sets of our members' protective clothing have reached the end of their 10-year rated life span and we have begun a replacement cycle. 3 sets were replaced this year and will continue as needed.

How old is your Smoke Alarm or Carbon Monoxide detector? Many home fire deaths occur due to smoke alarms that aren't working. After 10 years, a smoke alarm has worked continuously for more than 87,000 hours. Does your cell phone, computer or even coffee maker work that long? Barnet Fire & Rescue reminds you that replacing your smoke alarms matters. Replace smoke alarms every ten years. Follow manufacturer's instructions if you have a 10-year smoke alarm which uses a long-life lithium battery. Install alarms on each floor, in living areas, and inside and outside of sleeping areas. Test all smoke alarms at least once a month, press the test button to be sure the alarm is working. It is also important to install a carbon monoxide (CO) detector in the right location. If only one CO detector is being installed, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends it be located near the sleeping area, where it can wake someone sleeping. Additional detectors on every level and in every bedroom of a home provide extra protection against CO poisoning. CO alarms do not last forever. Replace CO detectors every five to 10 years (depending on manufacturer). Check the manufacture date on the back of the detector, as well as the owner's guide for replacement recommendations.

Barnet Fire & Rescue is always looking to increase our membership. If you are interested or know of someone who might be please contact us or stop by the station for more information.

We are there on the first and third Tuesdays of the month or submit your interest via the website [Makemeafirefighter.org](http://Makemeafirefighter.org) we will be in touch

**BE FIRE SAFE**

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald L Morse, Fire Chief

## Barnet Fire Rescue 2024 Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand January 1, 2024 \$ 10,573.12

Income

Donations	\$	2,940.88
Interest	\$	5.08
MiscCredits	\$	31.98
BBQ receipts	\$	2,207.00
911 Sign Sales	\$	60.00
Paint Party	\$	560.00
Total Income	\$	5,804.94

January 1st balance plus income \$ 16,378.06

Expenses

Computer Antivirus (2024&2025)	\$	270.28
VT State FF Assoc. dues (2024/2025)	\$	580.00
Trunk or Treat	\$	66.45
Christmas Party	\$	546.39
Training	\$	600.00
Office supplies	\$	81.90
Member Reimbursments	\$	50.54
Building Maint. Equip	\$	212.18
July flood exp	\$	94.34
EMS Supplies	\$	-
Fire Equipment	\$	357.60
911 Sign Supplies	\$	-
Paint Party	\$	560.00
BBQ Pit	\$	775.00
BBQ expenses	\$	1,059.50
Postage & Box Rent	\$	84.00
Misc.	\$	300.91
Total Expenses	\$	5,639.09

\$ 5,639.09

Balance on hand December 31,2024 \$ 10,738.97

Christopher Bunnell, Treasurer

## Harveys Lake Beach Committee Report for year ending 2024

### THE GREAT NEWS...

#### THE BEACH WILL BE OPEN FOR 2025

As you all know our beach was devastated in the July flooding. After several months of working through permitting requirements and zoning by laws we are officially cleared to move ahead with the repairs. We did an invitation to bid for the repair work. The selectboard approved the bid from Kirk Fenoff and Son to complete the repairs. The deadline for repair completion is June 1. It is anticipated that the cost for repairs will be covered by FEMA funding.

Please stay tuned for events. We are going to reschedule our fundraiser, that was to be held last July, as a grand reopening. We will be looking for volunteers to help coordinate some of the activities.

### THE GOOD NEWS...

Passes that were purchased AFTER July 1, 2024 will be honored for this season. Rates will remain the same for 2025 being \$4 per person, and \$60 for a season pass for 5 people. The breakdown for passes means that if you buy a pass, you are only paying for 3 visits per person while getting unlimited visits per person. Only the people listed on the pass, can use the pass. Ages 65+ or -5 do not need to be listed on the pass or pay entrance fees.

We will be hiring for gate attendants who are 15 years or older. If you know of anyone looking for seasonal work, please encourage them to apply.

### OTHER NEWS...

Social media continues to play a huge part in our successes as well as having some negative effects. We hope you will speak to any of the volunteer committee members if you have questions or concerns about beach happenings. Understanding much of what we do is dependent on a range of circumstances, and sometimes out of our control.

As we say every year, we appreciate the support of our community, especially during this very tough time! We are looking forward to a successful season!

Please visit our webpage: [harveyslakebeach.net](http://harveyslakebeach.net)

Email us: [harveyslakebeach@gmail.com](mailto:harveyslakebeach@gmail.com)

#### Committee Members:

Christen Emerson, Sue Persson, Jennifer Kierstead, Chris Yancey, Aaron Hall

Beach Manager- Samantha Zita Furbert



Barnet Public Library Librarian's Report 2024



2024 was certainly a memorable year. It is fitting that the year we decided to rewrite our Mission Statement to highlight the library's role in town as the "...living room of the community..." we were able to embrace the opportunity, and provide a place for the Town and State government and State and Federal services to meet after the flood. The strength and goodness in our town is never more apparent than in a time of crisis. The July flood was devastating to our community but we are so grateful to be a part of this place where folks come together, support each other and don't hesitate to heed the call of service. We are so proud to be a part that web.

This year we kicked off community events at Maplemont Farm. Amber, Iris and Chris generously welcomed us again in April to mingle with their herd of wooly friends. We had over 60 people join us on this sunny, beautiful day. April also brought the eclipse for which we distributed over 500 free glasses to Barnet and beyond. The library was a popular viewing spot for this extraordinary event. In July we got to read books and kickoff summer reading at Mary and Eric's Joe's Brook Farm Strawberry Patch. Eric taught us all about strawberry farming while eating sweet and juicy Sparkles. Thank you to Barnet School to letting us use the property for our ever-popular Trunk or Treat Halloween event.

We were excited to receive a CLIF literacy grant for over 100 new children's books! Only twelve libraries around the state are awarded this prize. We are working with the Barnet School to hold programs promoting these new acquisitions.

Our new mobile shelving makes the library a perfect spot to hold larger classes, community discussions, playgroups and film series. We held many successful events this year for all ages. Our Waffle Wednesday afterschool cooking series were a blast! We hosted Jerry Schneider's BATS program in the Spring and VINS in the Fall for their 'raptors' class. We invited local pre-school parents in to meet some local principals to ask questions and learn what to expect of the next school year. Our Winter art classes continue to be full and lively evenings. Thanks to all the volunteers and participants that make these so enjoyable.

And finally, a huge welcome to our new Assistant Librarian, Ira Wolf! We are so excited to have his new energies and ideas benefit the library and the community. Thank you to our supportive and enthusiastic patrons. Let us know how we can better serve Barnet.

For more information: [www.barnetpubliclibrary.com](http://www.barnetpubliclibrary.com) , 633-4436, [barnetlibrary1@gmail.com](mailto:barnetlibrary1@gmail.com) or Facebook & Instagram

## Barnet Public Library

Budget Status as of

12/31/2024

Account	Budget	Actual	2025 Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Town Tax Appropriation	34,000	34,000	35,000
Donations	1,500	6,275	1,500
Grants	300	300	300
Fundraisers	1,000	847	1,000
Annual Appeal	2,500	2,947	2,500
Interest on Bank Accts		53	
	39,300	44,422	40,300
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>SALARIES</b>			
Gross Wages	37,733	30,752	34,135
FICA Taxes (Soc. Sec.)	2,641	2,353	2,389
Workshops	200	0	200
<b>FACILITIES EXPENSES</b>			
Telephone	620	527	620
Internet Service	1,320	1,022	1,320
Maintenance & Renovatic	400	10,373	400
<b>LIBRARY OPERATIONS</b>			
Audio/Video	150	138	150
Adult Books	2,200	2,816	2,200
Kid Books	1,100	1,056	1,100
Magazines/Newspaper	450	270	450
Ebooks	450	0	625
Website	500	0	500
Fundraisers	100	0	100
Software	200	476	400
Appeal Appeal Expenses		74	100
<b>SUPPLIES &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>			
Mileage	50	0	50
Office Supplies	650	602	650
Computer	500	270	500
Postage	325	671	500
<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>			
Special Events	900	864	900
	50,489	52,262	47,289
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(11,189)</b>	<b>(7,841)</b>	<b>(6,989)</b>

## **Barnet Transfer Station Report For 2024**

The year has passed and 2024 was another busy one at the Transfer Station. Construction debris and trash accounted for a total of 288.24 tons!

We would like to thank our crew members Donald Nelson, Rusty Ehlers, Michael Bigelow and Shirley Warden, for another year of hard work.

The Barnet Good Neighbor Fund hosted one Clothing Giveaway in August 2024 and the proceeds were deposited into the Barnet Good Neighbor Fund to help any of our neighbors who may need help in the future. Joyce Evans (my wife), along with Lisa Bowden, Heather Lindstrom, David and Ruth Anderson, Deborah Morse, Tom and Fran Flanagan, Alicia Langley, Chris Demers, Bonnie Ellis and her sister, Sue, who was visiting from Florida, Bonnie Easter, Laurie Somers, Kathy Goslant, Sylvester Goslant, Erica Perkins, Courtney Dobarts and her band of very strong young men, Rose and Iris Dedam, Grace Desrochers, Jan Sherman, Ashton and Carolhyn Giroux, Daphne Hsieh, Kathleen Monroe, Marlisa Cheney, Penny Parker, Melody Phelps Peterson, Stephanie and Gabe McCoy, and Annette Brick Dauscher helped to organize this events. The "Giveaway elves" completely filled the pews of the church with clothing for all in need. Over 100 families took advantage of these opportunities and we are grateful to all who contributed to make this possible. We, again, donated leftover clothing to local non-profit agencies throughout the Northeast Kingdom. This year's Giveaway will be held in late June or July.

The Barnet Good Neighbor Fund has had another great year. We would like to thank everyone who has donated their returnable bottles to this worthy cause and the churches who gave us donations throughout the year.

Debbie King of the West Barnet Quick Stop continues to watch out for any neighbors who may need monetary assistance from our Good Neighbor Fund. If you find yourself, or someone you know who is a Barnet resident, in need of financial assistance, please don't hesitate to ask one of our committee members: Bruce Marston, Shirley Warden, Tammy Carpenter or Tina Morrison, for help.

The folks at Casella, All Metals and The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are always ready to help solve any problems that arise and all of their employees are the best!

Our little dog pals are still excited to come to the transfer station to get their treat. As I say each year, we are always sad to hear about the loss of any of our little dog friends and this year was no exception.

We lost a few dogs again this year and after doing this for over 20 years, it still breaks my heart.

We appreciate those of you who have made an effort to arrive prior to 3:00 p.m. but there are still some who show up at 2:59 p.m. with loads that require 15 to 20 minutes to unload. Arriving **BEFORE 3:00 p.m.**, especially in the wintertime, allows Donald and Rusty, who have been at their posts since before 8 o'clock in the morning, to go home because they are chilled to the bone! It's not fair to expect them to stay past closing time.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bruce Marston*

**Also:**

***Please consider giving us items that can still be used by others, rather than throwing them away. Re-use is always better for our planet and its inhabitants. You might consider using the website **BUY NOTHING CALEDONIA**. It's incredible how many things get recycled from there. You can even make a request for something you need or want.***

***If you have any questions on the proper recycling of any item, you may call Bruce Marston at 1-802-748-1374 OR the Waste Management District in Lyndonville at 1-802-626-3532.***

## **Report of the Barnet Dam Committee 7-20-24**

The dam committee was established as an advisory group by the Barnet Selectboard to research and assist the Board in implementing a solution to reduce or eliminate the backflow of South Peacham Brook into Lake Harvey during storm events. Although the dam committee members are a Town Advisory Committee, all the members are active in the LHA which fosters a synergistic relationship with both the Town and LHA toward our common goal of protecting the water quality in Lake Harvey. The dam committee members include:

- Dylan Ford, Co-Chair of the Barnet Select Board
- George Coppentrath, adjacent Landowner and dam historian
- Joe Mangiapane, former operator at the Moore Dam
- Richard Downer, former Civil Engineer and another dam historian
- Red Dufresne, former Civil Engineer

The situation at the Harvey Lake Dam is unique in Vermont where a major watershed enters just downstream of a lake and just upstream of a dam. The placement of a dam at this location over 150 years ago was intentional to combine the two watersheds to impound more water for mills along the Stevens River. There is evidence of a dam at this location first constructed in about 1870. Since then, several dams have been built, and most earlier versions were destroyed by major floods. The current dam was constructed in 1970 and is the first dam owned by the Town. Soon after the construction of this dam, the backflow of water from South Peach Brook into the Lake was identified as a threat to the quality of Lake Harvey and considerable planning activity has taken place to consider alternatives to reduce the backflow. The history of the last 54 years of attempts to solve this issue is available on the LHA internet site (<http://lakeharvey.net/>).

The flood in July of 2024 was devastating in and around Barnet but demonstrated two important issues regarding the dam and the backflow situation including:

1. The dam is very stable and can pass a major flood with little damage
2. Harvey Mountain Road requires modifications to prevent South Peacham flood waters from short circuiting through the beach parking lot and over the beach.

Although the dam is owned by the Town, the State of Vermont requires certain permits in order to make any significant improvements to the dam. Completing the permit applications can be an arduous and lengthy process. In the past two decades the lengthy and expensive permit process has stalled all attempts to actually implement any measures to protect the quality of the lake and created frustration with both the state and local officials. However, with personnel changes at the State Dam Safety Program and consideration of a new alternative solution, forward progress has been made. The current concept is basically to improve the existing dam and not construct a new dam. The alternative improvements include modification of the dam crest to support a variable outlet gate. Current alternatives include a bladder dam, a crest gate, and two large shear gates. In addition to these alternative modifications (which require a State permit) several minor projects were allowed by the State to be completed without a permit. These included:

- Construction of a deck and walkway to increase safety when accessing the dam
- Repair of the lower drain gate to allow routine operation
- Installation of a safety cable and fall protection system when operating gates at the dam

With volunteer labor from Dam Committee members the deck was completed in 2023, and the lower drain gate improvements were completed in the fall of 2024. The Town has funded the materials for the deck and materials and specialty work in fabricating and installing a plate for the drain gate. Lake Harvey Association (LHA) has donated money to the Town for the safety cable and fall protection system to be completed this summer. Finally, Joe Mangiapane purchased and installed new stopboards to replace the old boards that were on their last legs. However, these activities do little to reduce backflow into the lake.

So, in parallel activities, in early 2023, the Town paid for a “downstream hydrology report” that was approved by the State which showed the dam to be a *low hazard* dam rather than a *significant hazard* dam. This change in status was critical to proceeding with actual and affordable improvements. In addition, hydrology work was completed that showed any of the alternative dam gates being evaluated will not adversely affect the FEMA 100-year flood plain. This finding should allow for a local zoning permit, crucial for the project. The next step is to complete the application for the dam alteration permit. The problem is that there are many necessary attachments required in the application. Some enclosures have been completed, but there are several that remain, including the Preliminary Engineering Report that includes a Basis of Design (PER). This document is necessary to ensure all regulators are aligned with the concept prior to spending money for detailed final design work. Currently an engineering firm has prepared a proposal to complete the “upstream hydrology” necessary for the Report. The dam committee has prepared a draft of the PER and will finalize the PER once the upstream hydrology report is completed. In addition, Fairbanks Mill staff completed a construction cost estimate for the project at no cost to the Town. Importantly, adjoining landowners including Mark and Darleen Cote and Michael Vereline have expressed support for the project and offered to assist in the implementation of the solution. This support will significantly reduce construction costs.

The schedule for the project will be developed in the PER but will likely be as follows:

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| • Complete the PER and BOD                          | December of 2025 |
| • State review and Approval of BOD and PER          | March 1, 2026    |
| • Local Bond Vote based on Preliminary Project Cost | April 1, 2026    |
| • Completion of the DAP                             | June 1, 2026     |
| • Approval of the DAP                               | August 1, 2026   |
| • Initiate Final design                             | October 1, 2026  |
| • Complete Final Design                             | February 1, 2027 |
| • State approval of Final Design                    | April 1, 2027    |
| • Advertise for Bids for Construction               | April 1, 2027    |
| • Complete Construction                             | November 1, 2028 |

## Memorial Flags

Patricia McLam, Lisa Bowden, Judy Butson and Diane Evans had charge of getting the flags and new standards from the Town Clerk. On May 22, 2024 they met the school bus at each cemetery and passed out the flags to the following 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, staff and bus driver.

Students: Jack Bearce, Adrianna Bickford, Jason Blanchard, Devin Davidson, Sophia Demers, Bristol Holcombe, Evan Lapierre, Skylar Lindsay, Kevin O'Donnell, Jack Pearl, Barrett Somers, Quinn Willard

Staff: Matt Smith, Amanda Babcock-Smith, Abriale Pratt

Bus Driver: Frieda Fournier

We would like to thank the students and staff at the Barnet School for their help and hope this tradition will continue.

The following is the number of flags placed at each cemetery. 87 at McIndoes, 31 at Walter Harvey, 36 at West Barnet, 75 at Barnet Center, 11 at Stevens and 91 at Pleasant View plus 3 at the monument on the Barnet Village circle.

We want to thank the following volunteers who collected the flags this fall.

Lisa Bowden, Mark Gilleland, Judy Butson, Diane Evans, Tony & Mary Faris, Claudia Heisholt & daughters Luisa & Clara.

Patricia McLam,  
Lisa Bowden  
Judy Butson  
Diane Evens

Memorial Day Report 2024



The 2023 Memorial Day services were held Sunday, May 26 by the VFW and the Barnet Selectboard. The first ceremony was held at the Passumpsic Monument at 9am, the second at the Barnet Village monument at 9:30am. The Barnet Village monument has a new plaque commemorating those who served their country in combat since 1975. The ceremonies began with a welcome by Selectboard member Dylan Ford and a prayer led by Benjamin Gates.

The speaker for both events was David Curtin. David served two years in Vietnam in the 173 Airborne Brigade, and as a civilian in the Defense Department for twenty-seven years.

Also participating was VFW Post 793 and the Auxiliary led by Commander Chris Haggett. This year we were joined by Mr. Haggett's Scout Troop 007. Debbie Smith played taps at both locations accompanied by Barnet School 8<sup>th</sup> graders Niobe Farlice and Benjamin Wright. Thank you to all for making this day special.

All are welcome to attend the Barnet Memorial Day ceremonies. They occur annually on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day.



## **2024 Boat Monitor Report**

**by Kathy Wirthwein**

This year boats were monitored between May 25 and September 15. The launched boats totaled 527 and retrievals 247 for total of 774 vs. 1007 (582 launches excluding extra kayaks + 409 retrievals in 2023). In July a major storm caused flooding which raised the lake 3 - 4 feet, destroyed the public beach, muddied our lake water and temporarily closed several roads. No boats (except one) were monitored between July 10 to July 16.

The watercraft types were 277 outboard motorboats, 149 kayaks, 118 pontoons, 86 standup paddleboards, 49 inboard motorboats, 40 canoes, 22 other, 19 Jet ski/ wave runner, 10 sailboats, 2 rowboats, and 2 wakeboats. We could estimate about 247 divided by 774 or a third of these were retrievals.

Fishing boats totaled 111 and government boat visits were 6 of our 527 launches.

Boats came from 61 places including our own Harvey's Lake. (594 entered or were retrieved from Harvey's). Contaminated locations included Lake Champlain (with zebra mussels which attach to boats indefinitely, and all other existing contaminants) (5 boats), Clyde Pond (1), Crystal Lake in Barton (9), Eligo (1), Elmore (1), Fairlee (5), Halls Lake (5), Memphremagog (4), Lake Morey (5), Shadow in Glover (1), Ticklenaked Pond (11), Waterbury Reservoir (4), Willoughby (9), Winooski River (1) and Joe's Pond (7). These total 69 visitors but some were less recent than the previous 2 weeks making death of contamination likely, so not all needed decontamination. The Connecticut River which has localized milfoil contributed 17 boats. We decontaminated 63 boats. I do not know how good the computer is at informing monitors which waterbodies are high risk. I believe we clean all boats not from our own lake and used within the last 2 weeks if not one of the many already owner washed.

Greeters now input data on smart phones. Though sometimes challenging on a busy day, computer ability to list waterbody visited choices is vastly superior to boat monitor memory. Hopefully the computer also flags "risk". Many boats are cleaned before arrival and this should be a computer category, as well as still encouraged. So far we continue to keep Lake Harvey waters pure. Thanks are due our Greeters, boaters, our Lake Harvey Association, our Barnet Selectboard and all residents who support our efforts and enjoy our lake environment. So far, so good. Prevention truly is the only cure.....

Due to personal and weather events, I did not get to Vermont before October this year. As author of this report I have attended online boat monitor training offered beginning in May, and invasive species presentations. Some of this information is available online. Please visit the websites mentioned below and read the relevant information. Our monitor approach is guided by Survey 123, and this is consistent with previous year approaches.

Go to [Vermontlakes.org/newsletters/](https://Vermontlakes.org/newsletters/) Click on “**Fall 2023 Newsletter**” and scroll down to page 12. Find and click on “**The Vermont Public Access Greeter Program**” Here you will find seemingly all information.

“**Greeter Training Materials**”: Survey 123 Watercraft Inspection Survey (1Phone, iPad), 2023 Vermont Infested Waterbodies List, Key to Vermont Aquatic Species 2021, Vermont Public Access Greeter Program Manual , Wakeboat Decontamination Fact Sheet 2024, many more manuals

**Also worth exploring is:**

[Anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IWIS/ReportViewer2.aspx?Report=LakeScorecardLinksTable&ViewParms=True](https://Anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IWIS/ReportViewer2.aspx?Report=LakeScorecardLinksTable&ViewParms=True)

This contains information about every lake in Vermont including plant and fish lists, depth, acres, and scorecard: water quality trends, mercury, shoreland conditions, and invasive species present or absent.

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BARNET FLOOD RECOVERY FUND  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Below is the final report of the BFRF Advisory Committee. We wish to thank all who contributed and those who assisted applicants and spread the word of the existence of this fund. Special thanks to Selectboard member Dylan Ford for her guidance and Chief Ron Morse and Deborah Morse who provided meeting space and hospitality for our committee meeting at the Fire and Rescue Department.

BARNET FLOOD RELIEF FUND  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FINAL REPORT  
DECEMBER 9, 2024

The BFRF (BARNET FLOOD RECOVERY FUND) was approved by the Barnet Selectboard on September 9, 2024.

Members are Kyle Berge, Caroline DeMaio, Natalie Kitchel, Jan Parsons and Mary Scott. Fund Administrator is Joe Breidenstein.

Warned Meetings were held on 20 September, 1 October, 10 October, 22 October, 30 October, and December 2 to design and publicize applications, circulate applications at various locations in Barnet and the St Johnsbury Athenaeum, and employ the use of social media and word of mouth among neighbors and friends. Later meetings involved reading and decision making to process the fourteen applications submitted.

Members of the committee appeared at the October 28, 2024 Selectboard meeting to report on its work and advise of the list of fourteen grant payments to be authorized by Purchasing Agent Ford. Checks totaling \$33,300 were processed and sent to recipients in mid November.

Additional generous donations to the BFRF, processed in November, enabled the committee to meet again on December 2 to vote to grant additional funds to several of the recipients most affected financially by the July floods. A new list of nine payments totaling \$10,575 is being processed for checks to be issued in mid December. The fund balance after these disbursements will be \$00.62, fulfilling the goal of distributing (almost) all donated funds by December 31, 2024.

Many thanks to the forty plus generous residents and neighbors of our town who donated close to \$44,000 either through Natalie Kitchel's Go Fund Me effort or the BFR Fund. We also greatly appreciate our neighbors in Peacham who provided valuable advice and support for us to adapt their very successful model for providing Emergency Recovery Funds to residents.

None of these grants would have been possible without the permission and support of the Barnet Selectboard or the outstanding cooperation of Town Clerk Ben Heisholt, who processed the contributions, answered lots of questions, issued the payments, and provided frequent reports to our Committee. Thank you all!

Sincerely:

Committee Members:

Kyle Berge, Caroline DeMaio, Natalie Kitchel, Jan Parsons, Mary Scott and Joe Breidenstein,  
Fund Administrator.

**Section 4**

**Town Financial Reports**

## Treasurer's Report

The July 2024 flooding event, which was catastrophic for so many of us, dealt a blow to the Town's finances as well. It is one from which the Town can and will recover though, with Federal and State assistance. A total of almost \$1.8 million was expended in 2024 in the heroic achievement of our Road Crew and many ever-ready local contractors in returning our roads to near pre-flood conditions before year-end. This total does not include costs for Town labor, equipment, and materials. It also excludes many other costs that are not yet incurred or tabulated, including for repair of roads administered through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (West Barnet Road, Comerford Dam Road, and Groton Road). Final total costs will certainly exceed \$2 million. Documentation, calculation, and categorization of expenses, etc. is an ongoing process; as it is completed, it is submitted for reimbursement through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and FHWA. This Town Report reflects estimated anticipated revenue for FEMA projects of \$1.3 million from the federal government (75% of total documented costs) and \$220 thousand from the state government (12.5% of total documented costs). FHWA projects are reimbursed at 100% of documented costs, but neither costs nor reimbursements are accounted for at this time. The timeframe for receipt of reimbursement from any of these government entities is unknown at this time. This Town Report also reflects that the Town borrowed funds from Passumpsic Savings Bank to cover current cash flow in anticipation of reimbursement funding. Thus far the Town has borrowed \$1 million of a \$1.5 million line of credit.

The General Fund returned a deficit (\$47,253.25) for the first time in a number of years, owing entirely to the above-referenced flooding costs. This figure reflects the above-referenced offset of actual expenditures and anticipated revenues. These are preliminary, estimated figures only. A cash flow shortage is created by the fact that expenditures are actual and revenues anticipated; this shortage which is covered by the line of credit referenced above. The same dynamic depleting the Town's cash reserves has caused an increase in the Selectboard's 2025 budget tax appropriation. In 2024 the Selectboard budgeted a \$250 thousand transfer from the surplus fund; in 2025 there are no surplus funds available and this budget number is zero (Section 7). The Selectboard did well to limit the overall budget increase, considering the lack of available surplus revenue and ever-increasing costs.

There were many Reserve Fund activities in 2024, with the primary driver being the main thrust of work to get the Town Hall project across the finish line. Expenditures for this project from the Municipal Building Fund (\$578 thousand) and ARPA Fund (\$347 thousand) contributed to an overall decrease in Reserve Fund assets from \$3.1 million to \$2.2 million.

The Town remains fiscally strong thanks to years of sound management; there remains a healthy accumulated surplus and no long-term notes payable. Both elements of Town finance result from the design of the Selectboard and the trust of the taxpayers.

Town financial documents are sometimes perplexing because they differ in presentation from those encountered in business and personal lives. Town finances are reported using Fund Accounting: monies are separated into various funds because the Town must demonstrate that expenditures comply with restrictions on the use of the money. These restrictions can be externally imposed, as when benefactors restrict the use of the principal in the Trust Fund – these balances are called *non-spendable* or *restricted*. Or the restrictions can be internally imposed, as with many of the Town's Reserve Accounts – these balances are called *committed* or *assigned* fund balances. Monies that can be expended without restrictions are referred to as *unassigned* fund balances. Fund accounting also allows the Town to demonstrate that the use of money complies with approved budgets, and with accounting standards imposed by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The following is a summary of the function of each of the Town's funds.

- General Fund: The general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources, except these required to be accounted for in another fund. The operating income and

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expenditures of the Selectboard, including the Highway Department, are included in the General Fund.

- Reserve Fund: Used to account for a collection of various accounts held in reserve by the Town for future projects. Most of these are set aside by the Selectboard, with the approval of the voters, to prepare for large future expenditures while incurring minimal debt. They are each reserved for specific purposes and generally cannot be used otherwise.
- Trust Fund: Used to account for various permanent trust accounts established for the benefit of the Town. In each of the three current accounts the principal donated is non-spendable.

I continue to appreciate the confidence committed to the Treasurer's Office by the voters, and the assistance of the many volunteer officers that help make the Town's fiscal policy operate effectively.

Respectfully submitted,  
Benjamin P. Heisholt, Treasurer

**Town of Barnet, Vermont**  
**2025 General Fund Budget**

Selectboard: Dylan Ford, Benjamin Gates & Benjamin Adams

(See pages following this report for schedules and notes)

<u>Section &amp; Note</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
<b>Revenues</b>					
<b><u>Selectboard Income</u></b>					
<b>1</b>	<b>Taxes</b>				
a	Selectboard Budget Tax Appropriation	1,828,693.46	1,644,597.89	1,643,871.06	1,728,217.91
b	Change in Deferred Property Tax Revenue	48,911.30		(7,160.69)	
	<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>1,877,604.76</b>	<b>1,644,597.89</b>	<b>1,636,710.37</b>	<b>1,728,217.91</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Town Clerk's Office Fees</b>				
	Recording Fees	14,695.00	15,000.00	12,447.00	13,000.00
a	General Office Fees	2,147.90	2,500.00	2,131.85	2,500.00
	Dog Licenses	1,095.00	1,500.00	1,025.00	1,000.00
b	Liquor Licenses	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00
	Other Licenses	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
	<b>Total Town Clerk's Fees</b>	<b>18,107.90</b>	<b>19,070.00</b>	<b>15,773.85</b>	<b>16,570.00</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Planning Commission &amp; Zoning Board</b>				
	Zoning Permit Fees	2,025.00	1,200.00	1,775.00	1,200.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Transfer Station</b>				
	Transfer Station Collections	68,406.00	60,000.00	73,264.75	70,000.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Harvey's Lake Beach</b>				
	Admission Charges	11,398.50	9,500.00	11,607.00	10,000.00
	Pavilion Rental	1,555.00	1,500.00	665.00	1,500.00
	<b>Total Harvey's Lake Beach</b>	<b>12,953.50</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>	<b>12,272.00</b>	<b>11,500.00</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>General Selectboard Income</b>				
a	Late Filing Fees - HS-122 forms	4,308.09	2,000.00	3,995.95	3,000.00
	Interest - Delinquent Taxes	90,124.58	15,000.00	7,887.83	10,000.00
	Interest - Tax Sale Redemption			15,026.40	
b	Interest - Savings & Checking	44,875.43	45,000.00	52,138.05	5,000.00
	Highway Access Permits	90.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
c	State of VT - Current Use Payment (Selectboard's share)	42,373.50	40,000.00	48,528.00	45,000.00
	State of VT - Current Use Change Tax	2,302.00	1,000.00	4,035.00	1,000.00
d	State of VT - Fish & Game Land	7,504.98	7,500.00	7,504.98	7,500.00
e	State of VT - Aquatic Nuisance Grant	9,140.00	7,000.00	20,553.00	9,000.00
f	Rent - Barnet Public Library Building (formerly known as Village Partnership)	7,200.00	7,200.00	6,600.00	7,200.00
	District Court of VT - Local Fines	146.50	1,500.00	500.50	0.00
	Various Other Income	2,092.31	0.00	6.86	0.00
	<b>Total General Selectboard Income</b>	<b>210,157.39</b>	<b>126,200.00</b>	<b>166,796.57</b>	<b>87,700.00</b>

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<u>Section &amp; Note</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Reserve Fund Proceeds</b>				
a	Proceeds from Education Tax Liability Credit Fund	93,078.79	93,078.79	93,078.79	93,078.79
	<b>Total Reserve Fund Proceeds</b>	<b>93,078.79</b>	<b>93,078.79</b>	<b>93,078.79</b>	<b>93,078.79</b>
<b>7 a</b>	<b>Use of Prior Surplus</b>	<b>200,000.00</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Total Selectboard Income</b>	<b>2,482,333.34</b>	<b>2,205,146.68</b>	<b>2,249,671.33</b>	<b>2,008,266.70</b>
	<b><u>Highway Income</u></b>				
<b>9</b>	<b>State Aid</b>				
a	State Aid to Roads	303,686.47	155,000.00	210,575.88	155,000.00
	<b>Total State Aid</b>	<b>303,686.47</b>	<b>155,000.00</b>	<b>210,575.88</b>	<b>155,000.00</b>
<b>11 a</b>	<b>Flood Repair Proceeds</b>				
	July 2024 Flooding Event - FEMA Projects - Federal Funds			1,324,954.39	
	July 2024 Flooding Event - FEMA Projects - State Funds			220,825.73	
	<b>Total Flood Repair Proceeds</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,545,780.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Other Highway Income</b>				
	State of VT - Current Use Payment (Highway share)	42,373.50	40,000.00	47,915.00	45,000.00
	Insurance Claim	0.00	0.00	2,008.52	0.00
	Scrap Metal Sales	446.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Other Highway Income</b>	<b>42,819.90</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>49,923.52</b>	<b>45,000.00</b>
	<b>Total Highway Income</b>	<b>346,506.37</b>	<b>195,000.00</b>	<b>1,806,279.52</b>	<b>200,000.00</b>
	<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>2,828,839.71</b>	<b>2,400,146.68</b>	<b>4,055,950.85</b>	<b>2,208,266.70</b>

**Expenditures**

**Selectboard Expenditures**

<b>15</b>	<b>Payroll Benefits &amp; Taxes:</b>				
	FICA Taxes (Social Security)	12,452.83	13,000.00	12,160.34	13,000.00
	VT Childcare Contribution			1,853.87	1,900.00
	Health Insurance	30,532.09	34,400.00	34,889.89	40,600.00
a	Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Reserve Fund Appropriation				
b	Retirement	4,881.04	5,200.00	4,838.98	5,200.00
c	Unemployment Compensation	394.00	437.50	436.00	586.00
d	Dental Insurance	431.64	500.00	445.08	500.00
	<b>Total Payroll Benefits &amp; Taxes</b>	<b>50,691.60</b>	<b>55,537.50</b>	<b>56,624.16</b>	<b>63,786.00</b>



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<u>Section &amp; Note</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
<b>16</b>	<b>Town Clerk's Office (formerly "Office Supplies"):</b>				
	<u>Salaries (See Schedule A):</u>				
a	Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk & Treas.	73,695.95	75,199.36	77,352.29	80,000.00
b	Assistant Town Clerk & Treas.	20,405.50	25,000.00	20,868.11	25,000.00
c	Substitute Town Clerk	680.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
	<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>94,781.45</b>	<b>100,699.36</b>	<b>98,220.40</b>	<b>105,500.00</b>
	Land Record Books & Supplies	0.00	700.00	646.67	700.00
	Land Record Online Portal	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
e	Copier Expenses	1,282.48	1,500.00	1,561.80	1,500.00
	Tax Bills	385.00	350.00	398.00	350.00
f	Software Service Agreement	6,304.01	6,000.00	6,547.58	6,000.00
g	Computer Maintenance, Supplies	3,889.79	5,000.00	10,267.55	5,000.00
	Postage	2,301.11	2,500.00	3,045.22	3,000.00
	Postage Meter Rental	296.23	300.00	0.00	150.00
	Advertising	1,224.00	1,000.00	1,882.80	1,500.00
	Digitization			257.66	
	Various Office Supplies	1,227.63	1,500.00	1,604.72	1,500.00
	<b>Total Town Clerk's Office</b>	<b>112,891.70</b>	<b>120,749.36</b>	<b>125,632.40</b>	<b>126,400.00</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Listers' Office:</b>				
a	Salaries (See Schedule B)	14,767.35	15,000.00	13,262.00	15,000.00
b	Contracted Services (professional appraiser)	0.00	2,000.00	522.50	2,000.00
c	Computer Maintenance & Supplies	1,653.66	1,500.00	1,342.08	1,500.00
	Training	1,231.07	1,000.00	1,301.10	1,000.00
d	Tax Map Maintenance	3,240.00	3,500.00	3,410.00	3,500.00
	<b>Total Listers' Office</b>	<b>20,892.08</b>	<b>23,000.00</b>	<b>19,837.68</b>	<b>23,000.00</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Planning Commission/Zoning Board:</b>				
a	Administrative Officer Salary	4,250.00	4,250.00	4,250.00	7,500.00
b	Wages - Secretary	986.00	2,000.00	836.00	2,000.00
	Administrative Officer Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Advertising	792.00	600.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
	E911 Administrative Expenses	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
	Town Plan Update	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Other	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
	<b>Total Planning Commission/Zoning Board</b>	<b>12,028.00</b>	<b>8,200.00</b>	<b>7,586.00</b>	<b>11,850.00</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Auditors:</b>				
	Salaries	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00
	Printing Town Reports	2,794.03	2,430.00	2,594.60	2,430.00
	<b>Total Auditors</b>	<b>2,794.03</b>	<b>3,230.00</b>	<b>2,594.60</b>	<b>3,230.00</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Landfill/Transfer Station:</b>				
a	Salaries-Transfer Station (See Schedule C)	8,475.25	8,500.00	8,925.00	9,500.00
b	Environmental Compliance/ Post-Closure Testing	2,361.40	2,500.00	2,241.80	2,500.00
c	Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Annual Appropriation/Surcharge	8,968.47	8,000.00	9,673.83	9,500.00

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	Supplies - Transfer Station	85.64	100.00	34.77	100.00
d	Dumping Fee	29,251.95	30,000.00	34,640.28	40,000.00
e	Hauling Fee	22,050.00	27,500.00	26,776.40	30,000.00
	Advertising - Transfer Station	72.00	150.00	72.00	150.00
f	Hired Equipment	390.00	400.00	390.00	400.00
	Equipment Maintenance	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Landfill/Transfer Station</b>	<b>71,664.71</b>	<b>77,150.00</b>	<b>82,754.08</b>	<b>92,150.00</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Barnet Recycling:</b>				
a	Salaries (See Schedule D)	11,062.75	10,000.00	11,233.50	11,000.00
	Disposal Fees	2,499.00	3,500.00	2,597.00	3,000.00
	Compost Tote Fees	920.00	1,000.00	790.00	1,000.00
	<b>Total Recycling</b>	<b>14,481.75</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>	<b>14,770.80</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Fire &amp; Rescue:</b>				
a	Volunteers' Reimbursement	7,426.95	12,000.00	13,627.65	14,000.00
b	Equipment & Supplies	13,161.49	12,100.00	14,043.45	12,100.00
c	Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	4,103.59	4,000.00	2,273.16	4,000.00
d	Mutual Aid Dues & Dispatching Service	3,835.50	4,000.00	5,008.50	5,000.00
e	Rescue Squad Expenses	3,752.26	3,200.00	1,639.80	3,200.00
	Regionalization	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00
	Annual Equipment Testing		2,000.00		2,000.00
	Other	334.85	600.00	81.80	600.00
	<b>Total Fire &amp; Rescue</b>	<b>32,614.64</b>	<b>39,000.00</b>	<b>36,674.36</b>	<b>42,000.00</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Harvey's Lake Beach:</b>				
	Salaries - Lifeguards & Gate Attendants (See Schedule E)	8,849.76	20,000.00	6,852.88	20,000.00
	Operating Supplies	433.57	500.00	491.46	500.00
	Advertising	457.60	500.00	140.00	500.00
	<b>Total Harveys Lake Beach</b>	<b>9,740.93</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>	<b>7,484.34</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Police Services:</b>				
	Constable Charges - Dogs	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Constable Charges - Other	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Sheriff's Patrol	4,072.50	7,500.00	3,370.50	7,500.00
	Other	78.86	200.00	32.69	200.00
	<b>Total Police Services</b>	<b>4,151.36</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>	<b>3,403.19</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Selectboard:</b>				
a	Salaries	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,013.66	1,500.00
	Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,499.99	1,500.00
	<b>Total Selectboard</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>2,513.65</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Elections Expenses:</b>				
	Ballot Clerks	160.02	1,000.00	1,825.02	500.00
a	Moderator	300.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Polling Place Custodian		520.00	520.00	520.00
	Advertising	600.00	400.00	528.00	400.00
	Supplies/Equipment	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00

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<b>Total Election Expenses</b>	<b>1,060.02</b>	<b>2,070.00</b>	<b>2,973.02</b>	<b>1,570.00</b>
<b>32 a Buildings/Grounds Utilities &amp; Maintenance</b>				
<u>Town Clerk's Office</u>				
Fuel Oil	2,576.99	2,000.00	1,944.55	1,000.00
Electricity	1,563.47	1,200.00	1,635.43	800.00
Water	0.00	400.00	0.00	200.00
Telephone	1,073.24	1,000.00	1,209.86	500.00
Internet	976.53	800.00	839.88	400.00
Maintenance	2,341.47	3,000.00	2,642.07	0.00
Cleaning	680.00	2,100.00	240.00	0.00
<b>Total Town Clerk's Office</b>	<b>9,211.70</b>	<b>10,500.00</b>	<b>8,511.79</b>	<b>2,900.00</b>
<u>Barnet Public Library Building:</u>				
Fuel Oil	7,438.56	8,500.00	6,389.30	8,500.00
Electricity	900.57	900.00	892.22	900.00
Water	1,642.12	1,700.00	1,642.12	1,700.00
Maintenance	3,820.83	2,800.00	1,826.44	2,800.00
<b>Total Barnet Public Library Building</b>	<b>13,802.08</b>	<b>13,900.00</b>	<b>10,750.08</b>	<b>13,900.00</b>
<u>Town Hall</u>				
Electricity	108.90	4,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Water	547.36	550.00	547.36	550.00
Telephone			29.99	1,500.00
Internet			129.98	1,000.00
Cleaning				2,500.00
Maintenance	1,001.00	1,000.00	1,010.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Town Hall</b>	<b>1,657.26</b>	<b>5,550.00</b>	<b>1,717.33</b>	<b>8,550.00</b>
<u>Transfer Station</u>				
Utilities/Electricity	1,903.64	2,100.00	2,054.06	2,100.00
Portable Toilet	0.00	55.00	0.00	55.00
<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>1,903.64</b>	<b>2,155.00</b>	<b>2,054.06</b>	<b>2,155.00</b>
<u>Recycling Center</u>				
Fuel Oil	141.85	200.00	12.01	200.00
<b>Total Recycling Center</b>	<b>141.85</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>12.01</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<u>Fire &amp; Rescue Station</u>				
Fuel Oil	6,489.05	5,500.00	5,187.79	5,500.00
Electricity	1,649.14	1,800.00	1,788.40	1,800.00
Telephone	2,249.00	1,800.00	2,523.71	1,800.00
Internet	345.31	550.00	0.00	550.00
Maintenance	2,768.73	2,500.00	2,676.70	2,500.00
<b>Total Fire &amp; Rescue Station</b>	<b>13,501.23</b>	<b>12,150.00</b>	<b>12,176.60</b>	<b>12,150.00</b>
<u>West Barnet Fire Station</u>				
Electricity	356.74	100.00	35.75	100.00
<b>Total West Barnet Fire Station</b>	<b>356.74</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>35.75</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<u>Harvey's Lake Beach</u>				

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	Electricity/Utilities	1,868.51	3,000.00	1,562.21	3,000.00
	Maintenance	1,359.63	2,750.00	2,475.00	2,750.00
	<b>Total Harvey's Lake Beach</b>	<b>3,228.14</b>	<b>5,750.00</b>	<b>4,037.21</b>	<b>5,750.00</b>
	<b>Total Buildings/Grounds Utilities &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>43,802.64</b>	<b>50,305.00</b>	<b>39,294.83</b>	<b>45,705.00</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>Insurance &amp; Bonds:</b>				
	Vehicles, Buildings & Town Officer Bonds	23,077.39	25,000.00	17,458.75	16,544.00
	Workers' Compensation	7,653.03	7,000.00	5,509.06	4,492.00
a	Fire & Rescue Insurance	898.00	1,250.00	3,100.68	1,250.00
	<b>Total Insurance &amp; Bonds</b>	<b>31,628.42</b>	<b>33,250.00</b>	<b>26,068.49</b>	<b>22,286.00</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>Legal Expenses:</b>				
	Tax Appeals	900.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Tax Collectors Items	774.50	500.00	0.00	500.00
	General	3,525.00	2,500.00	6,310.00	2,500.00
	Zoning	1,350.00	1,000.00	6,749.11	1,000.00
	Animal Control	0.00	1,500.00	2,700.00	1,500.00
	Legal Settlements	2,050.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Legal Expenses</b>	<b>8,599.50</b>	<b>6,500.00</b>	<b>15,759.11</b>	<b>6,500.00</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>Interest on Loans:</b>				
a	Tax Anticipation Borrowing	22,278.04	21,100.00	19,805.09	19,700.00
	Line of Credit				
	<b>Total Interest on Loans</b>	<b>22,278.04</b>	<b>21,100.00</b>	<b>19,805.09</b>	<b>19,700.00</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>Professional Services:</b>				
	Auditing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>38</b>	<b>Tax Abatements &amp; Credits:</b>				
a	Tax Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b	Tax Credits	146,414.60	146,414.60	146,414.60	146,414.60
	<b>Total Tax Abatements &amp; Credits</b>	<b>146,414.60</b>	<b>146,414.60</b>	<b>146,414.60</b>	<b>146,414.60</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>Annual Appropriations:</b>				
	American Red Cross	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
	Area Office on Aging	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Barnet Historical Society	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Caledonia Home Health Care	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
	Catamount Arts	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	County Tax	21,852.00	30,908.88	30,909.00	31,421.10
	Community Restorative Justice Center	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Fairbanks Museum	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
	Habitat for Humanity	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
	Kingdom Animal Shelter	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
c	Memorial Day	6,481.14	1,500.00	640.25	1,500.00
	Northeast Kingdom Human Services	1,775.00	1,775.00	1,775.00	1,775.00
	Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
	Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

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	Northeastern Vermont Development Association	1,281.00	1,414.00	1,414.00	1,580.00
	Rural Community Transportation Umbrella Inc.	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
	Vermont Center for Independent Living	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Vermont League of Cities & Towns	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00
	Vermont League of Cities & Towns	3,290.00	3,392.00	3,392.00	3,467.00
	West Barnet Senior Meal Site (formerly known as Volunteer Senior Meal Site)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
	<b>Total Annual Appropriations</b>	<b>50,259.14</b>	<b>55,069.88</b>	<b>53,710.25</b>	<b>55,323.10</b>
<b>40 a</b>	<b>Cemeteries:</b>				
	Stevens Cemetery - Misc. Mowing	879.00	2,000.00	1,430.00	2,000.00
	Palmer Cemetery	629.00	1,000.00	680.00	1,000.00
	Pleasant View Cemetery Association	7,750.00	7,750.00	7,750.00	8,750.00
	McIndoe Falls Cemetery	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
	<b>Total Cemeteries</b>	<b>12,858.00</b>	<b>14,350.00</b>	<b>13,460.00</b>	<b>15,350.00</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>Appropriations to Other Funds:</b>				
a	Fire Department Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	25,000.00
	Municipal Buildings Fund	225,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	25,000.00
	Harvey's Lake Beach Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Harvey's Lake Dam Fund	15,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	15,000.00
	Library Fund	32,000.00	34,000.00	34,000.00	34,000.00
	Reappraisal Fund				10,000.00
	Fire District Grant Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	<b>Total Appropriations to Other Funds</b>	<b>285,000.00</b>	<b>177,000.00</b>	<b>177,000.00</b>	<b>112,000.00</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Selectboard Expenses:</b>				
	Town Officers Meetings	47.00	1,000.00	565.92	1,000.00
	Health Officer Expense	45.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Harvey's Lake Dam Maintenance	203.66	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Harvey's Lake Dam Registration Fee	350.00	500.00	350.00	500.00
	Harvey's Lake Boat Wash/Monitoring (See Schedule F)	24,698.27	25,000.00	20,310.57	25,000.00
a	Ambulance Service	41,073.02	70,380.00	70,380.00	70,380.00
	Fire Districts		0.00		0.00
	Economic Development	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
	Local Hazard Mitigation Plan			8,900.00	
	Other Various	301.68	2,000.00	451.68	2,000.00
	<b>Total Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>66,718.63</b>	<b>101,580.00</b>	<b>100,958.17</b>	<b>101,580.00</b>
<b>43 a</b>	<b>Contingency:</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>44</b>	<b>Total Selectboard Expenditures:</b>	<b>1,003,069.79</b>	<b>981,006.34</b>	<b>955,318.82</b>	<b>935,844.70</b>
	<b>Highway Expenditures</b>				
<b>45</b>	<b>Salaries - General Maintenance (See Schedule G)</b>	<b>292,655.41</b>	<b>304,500.00</b>	<b>328,728.34</b>	<b>330,000.00</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>Parts &amp; Supplies:</b>				

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a	Blades & Chains	9,240.00	6,000.00	5,857.36	6,000.00
b	Tools	3,433.62	2,500.00	3,125.52	2,500.00
	Safety Supplies	119.11	1,000.00	257.05	1,000.00
	Shop Supplies	3,929.56	2,500.00	4,605.33	5,000.00
	<b>Total Parts &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>16,722.29</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>13,845.26</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>Payroll Benefits &amp; Taxes:</b>				
	FICA Taxes (Social Security)	23,229.89	21,000.00	27,431.05	21,000.00
	Health Insurance	71,929.74	81,000.00	82,196.26	136,200.00
	Health Insurance Declination Stipend	11,000.00	10,400.00	10,700.00	5,200.00
a	Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00
	Reserve Fund Appropriation				
	Uniforms	5,503.04	5,000.00	7,089.86	6,000.00
b	Retirement	19,637.54	17,500.00	20,190.47	22,500.00
d	Unemployment Compensation	394.00	437.50	436.00	586.00
	Dental Insurance	1,727.04	2,100.00	1,779.96	2,100.00
	<b>Total Payroll Benefits &amp; Taxes</b>	<b>139,421.25</b>	<b>143,437.50</b>	<b>155,823.60</b>	<b>201,586.00</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>Town Garage</b>				
	Propane	390.92	700.00	621.59	700.00
	Electricity	4,593.98	4,000.00	4,549.93	4,600.00
a	Telephone	1,097.24	1,100.00	1,232.86	1,100.00
b	Cellular Phone	585.00	550.00	585.00	550.00
	Internet Service	1,025.59	1,000.00	1,079.88	1,000.00
	Computer Maintenance & Supplies	1,272.80	500.00	660.13	500.00
	Building Maintenance	5,590.33	5,000.00	9,250.98	5,000.00
	Advertising	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
	<b>Total Town Garage</b>	<b>14,555.86</b>	<b>13,050.00</b>	<b>17,980.37</b>	<b>13,650.00</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>Insurance</b>				
	Vehicles & Buildings	15,707.54	12,410.84	12,722.74	11,332.00
	Workers' Compensation	25,602.22	19,892.00	17,944.79	18,504.00
	Claim Settlement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>41,309.76</b>	<b>32,302.84</b>	<b>30,667.53</b>	<b>29,836.00</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>Equipment Maintenance:</b>				
	Dump Trucks	55,678.70	55,000.00	58,166.76	55,000.00
	Grader	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Grader (2022)	7,734.44	10,000.00	9,047.95	10,000.00
	Loader (1991)	4,986.62	3,000.00	5,372.94	0.00
	Loader (2010)	7,896.89	5,000.00	3,185.47	5,000.00
	Loader (2024)			1,178.60	2,500.00
	Backhoe	63.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Backhoe (2019)	3,767.92	5,000.00	2,109.02	5,000.00
	Roadside Mower Tractor	1,130.36	2,000.00	1,268.79	2,000.00
	Pickup (2015)	5,171.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Pickup (2024)	4,185.82	5,000.00	5,512.21	5,000.00
	Chainsaws	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Other Equipment	186.93	1,000.00	106.66	1,000.00
	Welding Supplies	909.85	1,200.00	503.90	1,200.00
a	Tires	11,916.00	15,000.00	7,521.15	15,000.00

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	Stock Items	1,707.49	0.00	2,714.89	0.00
b	Repairs of Damaged Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Equipment Maintenance</b>	<b>105,336.09</b>	<b>102,700.00</b>	<b>96,688.34</b>	<b>102,200.00</b>
<b>51</b>	<b>Gas &amp; Oil:</b>				
	Gasoline	0.00	300.00	744.47	300.00
b	Diesel fuel	82,518.24	80,000.00	83,872.30	85,000.00
	Oil	3,713.65	4,000.00	2,756.80	3,500.00
	Other Petroleum Products	3,586.37	2,000.00	3,858.53	4,000.00
	<b>Total Gas &amp; Oil</b>	<b>89,818.26</b>	<b>86,300.00</b>	<b>91,232.10</b>	<b>92,800.00</b>
<b>52</b>	<b>Contracted Services:</b>				
a	Hired Equipment & Equipment Rental	750.00	300.00	250.00	300.00
	Sweeping Roads				
b	Screening Winter Sand	15,430.50	16,000.00	6,689.67	16,000.00
d	Overburden Removal - Sand	6,882.00	15,000.00	3,190.00	15,000.00
d	Crushing	70,203.00	80,000.00	70,351.85	80,000.00
e	Overburden Removal - Gravel	13,260.00	15,000.00	23,702.00	15,000.00
	Permitting	2,005.00	2,500.00	1,350.00	2,500.00
	Highway Department Education	30.00	750.00	20.00	750.00
	<b>Total Contracted Services</b>	<b>108,560.50</b>	<b>129,550.00</b>	<b>105,553.52</b>	<b>129,550.00</b>
<b>53</b>	<b>Operating Supplies:</b>				
a	Salt	64,104.60	70,000.00	53,024.79	65,000.00
	Cold Patch/Hot Mix	2,836.00	2,500.00	1,030.00	2,500.00
	Specialty Aggregate	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Culverts	5,330.40	7,500.00	5,939.60	7,500.00
	Chloride	27,047.37	29,000.00	0.00	29,000.00
	Guardrails	4,483.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
b	Erosion Control	149.00	500.00	356.98	500.00
	Sign Maintenance Program (formerly in Selectboard Expenditures budget)	730.05	4,000.00	7,170.09	4,000.00
	Other			1,517.27	0.00
	<b>Total Operating Supplies</b>	<b>104,680.42</b>	<b>120,000.00</b>	<b>69,038.73</b>	<b>115,000.00</b>
<b>54</b>	<b>Bridge Repairs:</b>				
	Bridge Fund Appropriation	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
	<b>Total Bridge Repairs</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>
<b>55</b>	<b>Highway Construction Projects:</b>				
	TH #1 - West Barnet Road/West Main St	183,560.28			
	TH #6 - North Monroe Road	13,120.00			
	TH #9 - Barnet Center Road			141,870.21	
	TH #99 - Mill Hill/Carter Street			23,258.17	
	TH #8 - Church Street			73,293.26	
a	Paving/Construction Projects	196,680.28	242,000.00	238,421.64	100,000.00
	Construction Fund Appropriation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Highway Construction Projects</b>	<b>196,680.28</b>	<b>242,000.00</b>	<b>238,421.64</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>

Town of Barnet ~ 2024 Annual Report

<u>Section &amp; Note</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
<b>56</b>	<b>Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts:</b>				
a	Equipment Account	125,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	20,000.00
	Truck Account	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	90,000.00
	Highway Maintenance Account	0.00	8,300.00	8,300.00	8,300.00
	<b>Total Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>	<b>208,300.00</b>	<b>208,300.00</b>	<b>118,300.00</b>
<b>57</b>	<b>Other Projects:</b>				
a	July 2024 FEMA Flood Repair Projects				
	Contract Work			1,272,149.29	
	Materials			492,361.89	
	Financing			2,094.67	
	<b>Total Other Projects</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,766,605.85</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>58</b>	<b>Total Highway Department Expenditures</b>	<b>1,384,740.12</b>	<b>1,419,140.34</b>	<b>3,147,885.28</b>	<b>1,272,422.00</b>
	<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>2,387,809.91</b>	<b>2,400,146.68</b>	<b>4,103,204.10</b>	<b>2,208,266.70</b>
	<b>General Fund Surplus of (Deficit) (total general fund revenues less total general fund expenditures)</b>	<b>441,029.80</b>	<b>(0.00)</b>	<b>(47,253.25)</b>	<b>0.00</b>



**Town of Barnet**  
**Schedules for General Fund Budget**

**Schedule A - Town Clerk's Office Salaries**

Heisholt, Benjamin - Town Clerk & Treasurer	77,352.29
Roy, Catherine - Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	20,868.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,220.40</b>

**Schedule B - Listers' Office Salaries**

Bishop, Nancy	6,151.25
Fairchild, John	6,061.00
Wright, Celina	1,049.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,262.00</b>

**Schedule C - Transfer Station Salaries**

Nelson, Donald	8,022.00
Warden, Shirley	903.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,925.00</b>

**Schedule D - Recycling Center Salaries**

Bigelow, Michael	240.00
Ehlers, Daniel	8,002.75
Marston, Bruce - Supervisor	2,815.75
Nelson, Donald	175.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,233.50</b>

**Schedule E - Harvey's Lake Beach Lifeguards, Etc. Salaries**

Blanchard, Ella	
Greyling, Amune	905.64
Lapete, Peyton	833.87
Palmer, Odin	941.25
Rijnbout, Amelie	42.51
Rijnbout, Milena	42.51
Stevenson, Lucia	1,113.60
Zita, Samantha	2,973.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,852.88</b>

**Schedule F - Harvey's Lake Boat Wash/Monitoring Program Salaries**

Breidenstein, Joseph	1,666.00
Curtis, Mildred	4,144.00
Isbell, Deborah	4,536.00
Pontti, Caleb	3,024.00
Roy, Jennifer	2,572.50
Vaal, Charlie	2,688.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,630.50</b>

**Schedule G - Highway Salaries**

Bunnell, Christopher	55,110.21
Chase, Mark - Road Foreman	81,375.75
Fearon, Glenn	52,722.71
Gibson, Paul	14,389.37
LeClair, Jason	63,294.81
Mosher, Steve	2,254.57
Snow, Barry II	59,580.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>328,728.34</b>

## Town of Barnet, Vermont 2025 General Fund Budget Notes

### Revenues

#### **1. Taxes**

- a. Net funds required for current-year operations for Selectmen's budget. For budget columns, this is the difference between total expenditures and non-tax revenues (including use of prior surplus).
- b. Actual amounts include adjustment for change in the balance of the deferred property tax revenue account.

#### **2. Town Clerk's Office Fees**

- a. Includes copier, fax service, vehicle registration fees, etc.
- b. Town receives \$70.00 of state licensing fee for each license.

#### **3. Planning Commission & Zoning Board**

#### **4. Transfer Station**

#### **5. Harvey's Lake Beach**

#### **6. General Selectboard Income**

- a. Penalty paid to Town for late filers of Homestead Declaration forms that were due by April 15th.
- b. Interest gained from savings accounts because of tax anticipation borrowing plus other accounts yielding interest of lesser sums.
- c. State payment to Town for loss in tax due to land enrolled in current use program. Uncertain funding due to legislative action.
- d. Payment from State of Vermont for Roy Mountain Wildlife Area.
- e. Grant to reimburse Town for a portion of expenses for Harvey's Lake boat wash/monitoring program.
- f. Rent paid by Karne Choling for second floor at library building.

#### **6.1 Reserve Fund Proceeds**

- a. Funds transferred from new "Education Tax Liability Credit Fund" in Reserve Fund. Fund created by credit from State of Vermont for refund of education tax to Great River Hydro due to settlement agreement. See section 38 for offsetting credit expenditure.

#### **7. Use of Prior Surplus**

- a. Use of built-up surplus in the general fund to reduce overall tax request.

#### **8. Taxes (*inactive section*)**

#### **9. State Aid**

- a. Funds received from State of Vermont based on mileage: Class 2 roads=52%, Class 3 roads = 48%.

#### **10. Reserve Fund Proceeds (*inactive section*)**

#### **11. Flood Repair Proceeds**

- a. Revenue for repair of road damage caused by declared disasters. Includes both funds received as of end of year and funds anticipated to be received in following year.

#### **12. Other Income**

#### **13. Use of Prior Surplus (*inactive section*)**

### Expenditures

#### **14. Salaries – Town Officers (*inactive section*)**

#### **15. Payroll Benefits & Taxes**

- a. Appropriation is made to a reserve fund equaling \$2,500 for each full-time employee. Employees can use these funds to cover out-of-pocket health care expenses.
- b. Mandatory for full-time employees. Fund managed by State of Vermont and similar to state employees and state teachers' retirement systems. Town rate increased to 7.250% as of July 1, 2025.
- c. Paid to the Vermont League of Cities & Towns Unemployment Trust.
- d. Beginning 2004: Dental plan through Delta Dental. Town pays employee cost; employee pays for rest of family if they wish.

#### **16. Town Clerk's Office (formerly "Office Supplies")**

- a. Benjamin Heisholt.

- b. Catherine Roy & Samantha Zita.
  - c. Occasional employee to keep office open when both Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk are unavailable.
  - d. Hosting of public online access to land records index and documents by New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC).
  - e. Includes: service contract on copier, copy paper, tax bills, toner.
  - f. Contract with New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) for service on municipal software (grand list, land records, accounting, etc.), offsite backup plan, and disaster recovery.
  - g. IT contract through RB Technologies, and various computer components and service.
- 17. Listers' Office**
- a. John Fairchild, Nancy Bishop & Celina Wright
  - b. Hired assessor to work with Listers in hybrid Lister-Assessor arrangement. 2022 quote from NEMRC appraisers based on proposed division of tasks and NEMRC hourly rates.
  - c. Service on Listers' mapping software.
  - d. Contract with CAI Inc. for maintenance of digital mapping (tax maps, planning & zoning maps).
- 18. Planning Commission/Zoning Board**
- a. Wages are annual salary for Shirley Warden.
  - b. Secretary Susan Sinclair.
- 19. Auditors**
- 20. Landfill/Transfer Station**
- a. Gate attendant. Works 7 hours per week regularly, 11 hours per week during summer.
  - b. Post-closure monitoring required as part of closure plan. This work done by Endyne Inc. of Montpelier.
  - c. Fee paid to Waste District to run program.
  - d. Charge for disposal by Casella Waste Management. 2025 rate: 113.36 per ton.
  - e. Casella charges per trip for MSW and for construction debris. 2025 rate: 419.82 per trip.
  - f. Mowing of former landfill to keep brush from growing.
- 21. Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (*inactive section*)**
- 22. Barnet Recycling**
- a. Total employee hours 8 hours per week regularly, 12 hours per week during summer.
- 23. Fire & Rescue**
- a. Wages for actual time at fires as submitted by Fire Chief paid at minimum wage.
  - b. Annual budget for equipment purchases by Fire Department. See Section 6 for grant income for equipment purchases.
  - c. Various minor repairs and maintenance to vehicles.
  - d. Dues paid to Twin State Mutual Aid System and Grafton County Sheriff's Department for dispatching services.
  - e. Equipment, supplies, medications, etc. used by rescue personnel.
- 24. Harvey's Lake Beach**
- 25. Police Services**
- 26. Selectboard**
- a. Selectboard each paid \$500 annually.
- 27. Election Expenses**
- a. Annual moderator salary for Dennis McLam.
- 28. Advertising & Postage (*inactive section*)**
- 29. Heat & Lights (*inactive section*)**
- 30. Telephones (*inactive section*)**
- 31. Building Maintenance (*inactive section*)**
- 32. Buildings Utilities & Maintenance**
- a. Prices: December 31, 2024: Fuel oil: 2.7546 per gallon
- 33. Insurance & Bonds**
- a. Accident & Sickness policy, a supplement to workers' compensation coverage.
- 34. Legal Expenses**
- 35. Interest on Loans**
- a. Tax anticipation borrowing. See revenues for offsetting income amount.
    - 2024: borrowed \$526,792.26 from Community National Bank at a rate of 4.000%
    - 2025: to borrow \$531,346.28 from Passumpsic Savings Bank at a rate of 3.70%

**36. Professional Services**

**37. Capital Expenditures (inactive section)**

**38. Tax Abatements & Credits**

- a. Abatements approved by the Board for the Abatement of Taxes.
- b. Tax credits due to taxpayers. As stipulated in the Settlement Agreement with Great River Hydro, LLC on a 2021 property tax appeal, the Town "agrees to apply a credit to each tax bill issued against the April 1, 2023 through April 1, 2027 Grand Lists in the amount of \$146,414.60 each year as an offset to the taxes owed in each tax year." See Section 6.1 for offsetting revenue.

**39. Annual Appropriations & Charges**

- a. Appropriation paid through expenditures associated with Town Memorial Day observance. Includes flags and flagstaffs for cemetery markers and advertising for Memorial Day services in Passumpsic Village and Barnet Village.

**40. Cemetery Appropriations**

- a. Stevens Cemetery and Palmer Cemetery maintained through agreement by the town with local contractor. Pleasantview Cemetery and McIndoe Falls Cemetery as private cemetery associations are appropriated funds per their requests.

**41. Appropriations to Reserve Accounts**

- a. Funds placed in reserve account for future purchase of fire truck.

**42. Miscellaneous Expenses**

- a. Beginning in 2019 Budget, Selectboard contracts ambulance service, rather than appropriation to CALEX.

**43. Contingency**

- a. Extra funds added to budget to cover unforeseen items.

**44. Total Selectboard Expenditures**

**45. Salaries – General Maintenance**

**46. Parts & Supplies**

- a. Blades, cutting edges, and chains for dump trucks.
- b. Small tools and parts replacements for small tools used in shop.

**47. Payroll Benefits & Taxes**

- a. An appropriation is made to a reserve fund equaling \$2,500 for each full-time employee. Employees can use these funds to cover out-of-pocket health care expenses.
- b. Mandatory for full-time employees. Fund managed by State of Vermont and similar to state employees and state teachers' retirement systems. Town rate increased to 7.250% as of July 1, 2025.
- c. Paid to the Vermont League of Cities & Towns Unemployment Trust.
- d. Dental plan through Delta Dental. Town pays employee cost; employee pays for rest of family if they wish.

**48. Town Garage**

- a. Two lines: telephone and dedicated alarm line.
- b. Cellular phone for Road Foreman.

**49. Insurance**

**50. Equipment Maintenance**

- a. Tires for dump trucks only.
- b. Repairs to Town equipment damaged in accidents resulting in insurance claims.

**51. Gas & Oil**

- a. Diesel Fuel: Price as of December 31, 2024 at 3.0907 per gallon.

**52. Contracted Services**

- a. Various equipment and contractors used for brief periods in non-employee role.
- b. Screening of winter sand at Town pit. 2024 Actual: Chief Crushing & Excavation (3,027 cubic yards at \$2.21)
- c. Expenses incurred to remove overburden to access sand at Town pit.
- d. Crushing of gravel at Town pit. 2024 Actual: Chief Crushing & Excavation - 3/4" minus crushed gravel (7,348 cubic yards), 3" minus base (2,259 cubic yards), 5" erosion stone (498 cubic yards); all products at \$6.72 per cubic yard.
- e. Expenses incurred to remove overburden to access gravel at Town pit.

**53. Operating Supplies**

- a. Salt purchased from Cargill Salt Co. and American Rock Salt Company. Price: \$95.75 per ton for the 2024-2025 season.

- b. Road fabric, grass seed, drainage, etc. used to control erosion.

**54. Bridge Repairs**

**55. Highway Construction Projects**

- a. Road construction projects including paving.

**56. Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts**

- a. Funds placed in reserve account to cover purchases of major road equipment other than trucks.

**57. Other Projects**

- a. Total expenditures as of December 2024 for contractors and materials as of year-end. Some contractor invoices not yet incurred. Federal Highway Administration project costs not yet incurred. Town labor, equipment, and materials not included in these totals.

**58. Totals**

**Town of Barnet  
General Fund Balance Sheet**

<b>Assets:</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2023</b>	<b>Dec. 31, 2024</b>
Checking Account	137,129.79	207,951.72
Checking Account ICS	0.79	53,209.31
Passumpsic Savings Bank TAN Deposit Accounts	1,375,780.29	0.00
Community National Bank TAN Deposit Account	0.00	2,556.38
Delinquent Tax Collector Checking Account	2.80	2.80
Petty Cash	324.40	550.05
Undeposited Funds	3,662.70	6,539.15
Uncollected Delinquent Taxes	89,132.30	94,792.99
Current Taxes Receivable	339.58	0.00
Due from State for Aquatic Nuisance Grant	0.00	20,553.00
Due from FEMA - July 2024 Flooding	0.00	1,324,954.39
Due from State - July 2024 Flooding	0.00	220,825.73
Due on Tax Sale	125,220.42	0.00
Various Accounts Receivable	18,781.95	17,757.98
Due to/from Other Funds	95,570.91	6,616.37
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,845,945.93</b>	<b>1,956,309.87</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Line of Credit - Passumpsic Savings Bank	0.00	1,000,000.00
Tax Appropriation Due to School District	20,989.55	26,743.13
Payroll Withholdings Payable	(4,400.27)	(4,681.42)
Various Accounts Payable	218,743.49	78,339.44
Fees due to Delinquent Tax Collector	2,701.79	2,918.60
Sales Tax Payable	114.85	74.78
Due to/from Other Funds	464,399.91	(388.71)
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	80,632.30	87,792.99
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>783,181.62</b>	<b>1,190,798.81</b>
<b>Fund Equity:</b>		
Fund Balance - Unassigned (Accum. Surplus)	621,734.51	812,764.31
Current Operating Surplus or (Deficit)	441,029.80	(47,253.25)
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>1,062,764.31</b>	<b>765,511.06</b>
 <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity</b>	 <b>1,845,945.93</b>	 <b>1,956,309.87</b>

**Town of Barnet  
Statement of Taxes Raised  
Year Ended December 31, 2024**

**Grand List Computation:**

Real Estate	263,489,800.00
Add:	
Personal Property*	80,500.00
Less:	
Veterans Exemptions	(560,000.00)
Land Use	(12,602,300.00)
Voted Exemptions	(655,500.00)
<b>Net Real Estate &amp; Personal Property</b>	<b>249,752,500.00</b>
<b>Net Grand List (1% of Net Real Estate &amp; Personal Property)</b>	<b>2,497,525.00</b>

<u>Department</u>	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Homestead Rate</u>	<u>Non-Residential Rate</u>	<u>Taxes Raised</u>
<b>Town:</b>				
Town General	2,497,525.00	0.6582	0.6582	1,643,871.06
<b>Total Town</b>		<b>0.6582</b>	<b>0.6582</b>	<b>1,643,871.06</b>
<b>School:</b>				
Homestead	1,062,064.00	1.7910		1,902,156.83
Non-Homestead	1,429,695.00		1.7051	2,437,773.02
Local Agreement	2,497,525.00	0.0037	0.0037	9,240.97
<b>Total Schools</b>		<b>1.7947</b>	<b>1.7088</b>	<b>4,349,170.82</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2.4529</b>	<b>2.3670</b>	<b>5,993,041.88</b>

Penalty added for late filing of Homestead Declarations: 3,995.95

\*Personal property taxed at non-residential rate.

**Town of Barnet**  
**Estimation of 2025 Town Tax Rate**

The following estimation of the 2025 Town tax rate is based on 2024 Grand List valuations and the proposed 2025 budget. School District tax rates are excluded.

	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
2024 Actual	2,497,525.00	1,643,871.06	0.6582
2025 Projected	2,497,525.00	1,728,217.91	0.6920



**Town of Barnet**  
**General Fund - Statement of Loan Transactions**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

**Tax Anticipation Loans:**

Borrowed during 2024:

Community National Bank tax anticipation note (4.00%)	526,792.26
Repaid during 2024:	526,792.26
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2024</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Flood Recovery Line of Credit**

Borrowed during 2024:

Passumpsic Savings Bank line of credit (5.03%) (max. \$1,500,000)	1,000,000.00
Repaid during 2024:	0.00
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2024</b>	<b>1,000,000.00</b>

**General Fund - Surplus or (Deficit)**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

**Statement of Changes - Accumulated Surplus Account (total of years prior to 2024)**

Total Accumulated Surplus as of December 31, 2022	621,734.51
Add: 2023 Operating Surplus	441,029.80
Subtract: Transfer from Accumulated Surplus to 2024 Income	(250,000.00)
<b>Total Accumulated Surplus as of December 31, 2023</b>	<b>812,764.31</b>

**2024 Surplus or (Deficit):**

Income	4,055,950.85
Expenditures	4,103,204.10
<b>General Fund Budget Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>(47,253.25)</b>

<b><u>Total General Fund Surplus as of December 31, 2024</u></b>	<b>765,511.06</b>
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**Reserve Fund Reports**

**Town of Barnet**  
**2024 Reserve Fund Activities**  
 (See following pages for Income and Expense Schedules)

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Add</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Add Other</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>Add Interest</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31,</u> <u>2024</u>
● Act 60/Reappraisal Funds	92,298.02		11,124.50	1,173.52		104,596.04
● Harvey's Lake Dam Renovation	67,340.29	30,000.00	5,000.00	576.42	21,665.70	81,251.01
● Homeland Security Grants	200.70			2.32		203.02
● Land Record Restoration Fees	26,861.06		4,028.00	221.11	9,964.89	21,145.28
● Lister Education Funds	2,436.01			27.80		2,463.81
● Municipal Planning Grant Fund	0.00			0.00		0.00
● ARPA Funds	351,957.33			1,146.93	353,104.26	(0.00)
● 92 Surplus	83,004.97			947.75		83,952.72
● Education Tax Liability Credit Fund	372,285.14			4,180.38	93,078.79	283,386.73
● Highway Maintenance Fund	44,451.09	8,300.00		507.53		53,258.62
● Municipal Buildings Fund	671,835.43	100,000.00	48,007.00	5,495.04	586,443.95	238,893.52
● Fire District Grant Acct.	28,210.01	1,500.00		322.08		30,032.09
● Bridge Fund	408,399.27	25,000.00		4,680.86		438,080.13
● Equipment Account	101,091.13	75,000.00		(89.12)	153,900.00	22,102.01
● Fire Department Account	143,609.47	10,000.00		1,040.82	79,058.00	75,592.29
● Harvey's Lake Beach Fund	9,835.28	1,500.00	1,552.25	121.90	229.95	12,779.48
● Health Reimb. Acct. Fund	38.38	8,000.00	3,000.00	0.04	9,319.39	1,719.03
● Highway Construction Account	651,309.29			7,189.39	32,964.48	625,534.20
● Town Clerk's Office Paving Account	1,651.69			18.84		1,670.53
● Truck Account	(0.00)	125,000.00		0.00		125,000.00
● Flood Recovery Fund	0.00		43,875.62	25.98	43,875.00	26.60
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,056,814.56</b>	<b>384,300.00</b>	<b>116,587.37</b>	<b>27,589.59</b>	<b>1,383,604.41</b>	<b>2,201,687.11</b>

**Town of Barnet**  
**Schedules for Reserve Accounts**

**Schedule A - Other Income**

**Act 60/Reappraisal Funds**

State of Vermont - Reappraisal funds & Grand List Study (EEGL)	11,124.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,124.50</b>

**Flood Recovery Fund**

Donations for flood recovery assistance individuals	43,875.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,875.62</b>

**Harvey's Lake Beach Fund**

Proceeds from Beach Committee fund-raisers & donations	1,552.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,552.25</b>

**Harvey's Lake Dam Fund**

Lake Harvey Association - donation	5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>

**Health Reimbursement Account Fund**

Funds remaining from prior year plan	3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>

**Land Record Restoration Fees**

Recording fee surcharge	4,028.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,028.00</b>

**Municipal Buildings Fund**

Preservation Trust of Vermont - grant for historic renovations to Town Hall	47,257.00
Sale of Town Hall window sashes	200.00
Sale of Town Clerk's Office conference room chairs	550.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,007.00</b>

<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>116,587.37</b>
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**Town of Barnet  
Schedules for Reserve Accounts**

**Schedule B - Expenditures**

**Equipment Account**

Anderson Equipment - purchase of Komatsu loader	153,900.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>153,900.00</b>

**Fire Department Account**

Crosstown Motors - new Dodge Ram 5500 cab chassis	79,058.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,058.00</b>

**Flood Recovery Fund**

Grants to individuals impacted by flood	43,875.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,875.00</b>

**Harvey's Lake Beach Fund**

Fundraiser expenses	229.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>229.95</b>

**Harvey's Lake Dam Renovations**

McFarland Johnson - hazard class analysis	17,500.00
Ted Faris Welding - repair work	4,165.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,665.70</b>

**Health Reimbursement Account Fund**

Employee qualified health care expenses paid through HRAs	9,319.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,319.39</b>

**Highway Construction Account**

State of Vermont Grants-in-Aid projects on Monroe Road and County Hill Road	32,964.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,964.48</b>

**Land Record Restoration Fees**

Kofile Preservation - Restoration of Land Records Books	9,964.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,964.89</b>

**Municipal Buildings Fund**

Town Hall property - renovations	578,548.33
Library Building - fence	945.00
Fire & Rescue Station - sign	1,546.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>581,039.33</b>

**ARPA Funds**

Barnet Congregational Church - grant	11,553.44
Town Hall property - renovation	346,955.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>358,508.88</b>

**Town of Barnet  
Schedules for Reserve Accounts**

<b>Education Tax Liability Credit Fund</b>	
Transfer to General Fund to offset expenditure for tax credit for Great River Hydro, LLC	93,078.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,078.79</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,383,604.41</b>

**Town of Barnet**  
**Schedules for Reserve Accounts**

**Town of Barnet**  
**Statement of Reserve Fund Loan Transactions**  
**For Year Ended December 31, 2024**

No Reserve Fund loans or loan transactions in 2024

**Town of Barnet  
Reserve Fund Balance Sheet**

<u>Assets:</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>
Money Market Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	46,615.63	39,833.14
ICS Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	2,336,788.77	1,840,972.29
Passumpsic Financial Advisors - Cash	28,996.81	38,194.29
Passumpsic Financial Advisors - Investments	275,831.52	288,838.34
HRA Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	1,247.81	2,928.42
Due from Other Funds	465,367.93	0.00
Due from State of Vermont - Class 2 Roadway Grant	305.71	305.71
Due from State of Vermont - Structures Grants	(1,554.09)	(1,554.09)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,153,600.09</b>	<b>2,209,518.10</b>
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Due to Other Funds	95,570.91	6,616.37
Accounts Payable	1,214.62	1,214.62
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>96,785.53</b>	<b>7,830.99</b>
<u>Fund Equity:</u>		
<u>Restricted Fund Balances:</u>		
Act 60/Reappraisal Funds	92,298.02	104,596.04
Harvey's Lake Dam Renovations	67,340.29	81,251.01
Homeland Security Grants	200.70	203.02
Land Record Restoration	26,861.06	21,145.28
Lister Education Funds	2,436.01	2,463.81
ARPA Funds	351,957.33	0.00
<b>Total Restricted Fund Balance</b>	<b>541,093.41</b>	<b>209,659.16</b>
<u>Committed Fund Balances</u>		
92 Surplus	83,004.97	83,952.72
Education Tax Liability Credit Fund	372,285.14	283,386.73
Highway Maintenance Fund	44,451.09	53,258.62
Municipal Buildings Fund	671,835.43	238,893.52
Fire District Grant Fund	28,210.01	30,032.09
<b>Total Committed Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,199,786.64</b>	<b>689,523.68</b>
<u>Assigned Fund Balances</u>		
Bridge Fund	408,399.27	438,080.13
Equipment Account	101,091.13	22,102.01
Fire Department Account	143,609.47	75,592.29
Harvey's Lake Beach Account	9,835.28	12,779.48
Health Reimbursement Account Fund	38.38	1,719.03
Highway Construction Account	651,309.29	625,534.20
Town Clerk's Office Paving Account	1,651.69	1,670.53
Truck Account	0.00	125,000.00
Flood Recovery Fund	0.00	26.60
<b>Total Assigned Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,315,934.51</b>	<b>1,302,504.27</b>
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>3,056,814.56</b>	<b>2,201,687.11</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity</b>	<b>3,153,600.09</b>	<b>2,209,518.10</b>

**Trust Fund Reports**

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**Town of Barnet  
Trust Funds**

**Transactions Detail**

**Esden Fund**

(See separate report with Trustees of Public Funds' Report)

**Steven's Cemetery Fund**

Balance in account Dec. 31, 2023	1,286.64
Add: Interest on savings account	7.80
<b>Balance in Acct. Dec. 31, 2024</b>	<b>1,294.44</b>

**Palmer Cemetery Fund**

Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2023	755.06
Add: Interest on savings account	0.60
<b>Balance in Acct. Dec. 31, 2024</b>	<b>755.66</b>

**Balance Sheet**

	<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Esden Fund Investments (Edward Jones)	210,753.34	248,846.41
Esden Fund Cash (Edward Jones)	7,593.30	8,674.46
Stevens Cemetery Fund - Savings	1,286.64	1,294.44
Palmer Cemetery Fund - Savings	755.06	755.66
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>220,388.34</b>	<b>259,570.97</b>
<b>Fund Equity:</b>		
<u>Non-spendable Fund Balances</u>		
Esden Fund	53,168.58	53,168.58
Stevens Cemetery Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Palmer Cemetery Fund	350.00	350.00
<b>Total Non-spendable Fund Balance</b>	<b>54,518.58</b>	<b>54,518.58</b>
<u>Unassigned Fund Balances</u>		
Esden Fund	165,178.06	204,352.29
Stevens Cemetery Fund	286.64	294.44
Palmer Cemetery Fund	405.06	405.66
<b>Total Unassigned Fund Balance</b>	<b>165,869.76</b>	<b>205,052.39</b>
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>220,388.34</b>	<b>259,570.97</b>



**Section 5**

**Reports for Articles Appearing on Town  
Meeting Warning**



**American Red Cross**  
Northern New England Region

December 26, 2024

Town of Barnet  
Attn: Benjamin Heisholt  
PO Box 15  
Barnet, VT 05821

Dear Benjamin,

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

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the Northern New England region:

- We made **626 homes safer** by installing **1,907** smoke detectors and educating **730** families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **39,492 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **131,800 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,400** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Barnet. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$250.00.* These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

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

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Jordan".

Lauren Jordan  
Development Coordinator

32 N Prospect St  
Burlington, VT 05401

2 Maitland St  
Concord, NH 03301

2401 Congress St  
Portland, ME 04101



## Northern Counties

HEALTH CARE

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice

### Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice Visit Statistics for 2025 Town Appropriations

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice (CHHC) is Northern Counties Health Care's (NCHC) certified Medicare and Medicaid comprehensive Home Care and Hospice division.

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice has proudly served the residents of Caledonia and Southern Essex counties since 1968. Our mission is to provide high quality, accessible, patient-centered health care, and our vision is to be a key partner in building healthy families and thriving communities.

In the last year, Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice was honored to provide 1377 visits to 40 residents of Barnet, VT.

While working with residents, we provided physical, occupational, and speech therapies. We provided physician, skilled nursing, physical and occupational therapy, medical social work, home health aide and homemaker visits. We work together with primary care physicians so that care is specific and structured to treatment goals.

#### 2025 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics Barnet, VT

- # of residents served: **40**
- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW): **778 visits**
- Hospice (Nursing, Therapy, Personal Care, Respite): **451 visits**
- Long Term Care (Case Management, Personal Care, Respite): **147 visits**
- Maternal Child Health: **1 visits**

**Total Visits in Barnet, VT = 1377 visits**

#### Testimonials

*If I hadn't had the support of all you wonderful people, I wouldn't have survived. Thank you doesn't seem like enough to show how much you all mean to me. I feel like I have my life back!"*

*"I felt very comfortable with everyone that helped us through this difficult experience. To me they were "friends" on a mission to guide, support and to be there for all that was to come. Thank you to each and every one of you. You were like "Family" to us and I am sending a big hug to you all for your love, kindness and support."*

*"This program is the most amazing program for both the patient and the family, I couldn't have asked for any more caring and compassionate individuals to help me take care of my mother"*

To learn more about our programs and services please visit [www.nchcvt.org](http://www.nchcvt.org) or call (802) 748-8116. Thank you!

#### *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](http://www.NCHCVT.org)

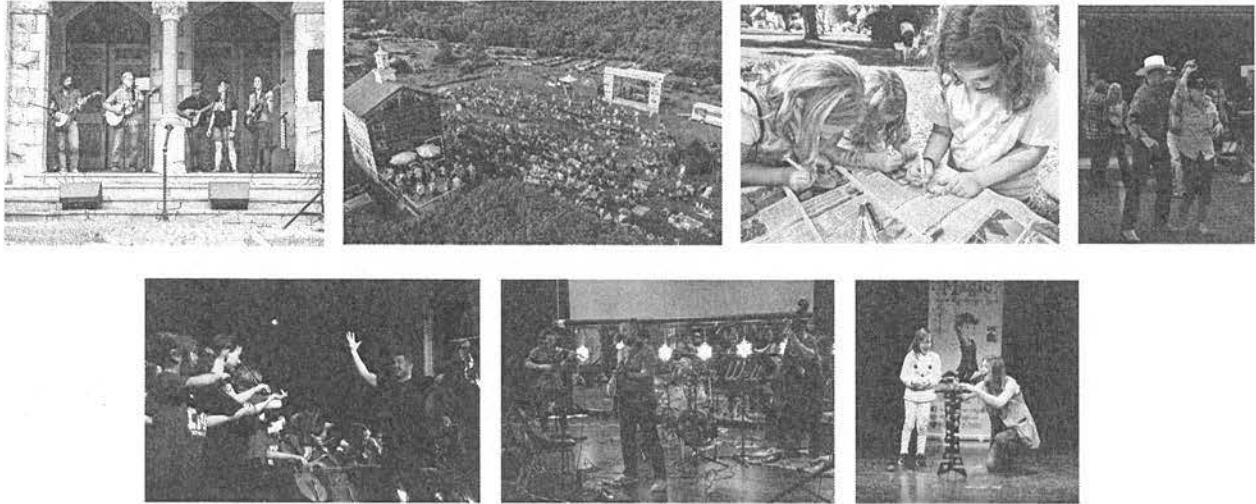
Island Pond Health &  
Dental Center

Northern Counties  
Dental Center

Orleans Dental  
Center

St. Johnsbury  
Community Health Center

## Catamount Arts



The residents and voters of Barnet have consistently played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts. Through your support at Town Meeting and by attending many of the 100+ events Catamount offers throughout the year, Barnet helps keep the Arts vital and available to all Northeast Kingdom residents, boosting our creative economy for a more vibrant, sustainable community!

In June 2023, Catamount Arts voluntarily closed our Eastern Avenue arts center due to concerns about environmental contaminants. We suspended film screenings, but continued all other programming without missing a beat, even opening a temporary box office on Railroad Street! In June 2024, after a year of intensive environmental remediation, the community joined us in a celebratory parade back into our safely rehabilitated Eastern Avenue Arts Center where we welcomed you back with live music and a gallery show!

For the remainder of 2024, we screened nearly 100 films and live performances (including live and encore screenings of Operas from The Met), offered camps and workshops ranging from EPIC Music to acting and mixed media, produced dozens of summer concerts, Catamount Bluegrass Nights, and other live performances (including many at the York Street Meeting House and Vermont State University), began the first half of the KCP Presents series (presenting another exhilarating season with international performance tours from Ireland, the United Kingdom, and the Czech Republic, bringing innovative step dancing, orchestral music, world-class a capella, and award winning theater), and, of course, presented First Night North in St. Johnsbury (bringing nearly 200 artists to a dozen venues for eight straight hours of family-friendly entertainment). We also strengthened partnerships with other community organizations including Umbrella, the Vermont Humanities Council, and with our friends in northern New Hampshire.

We want to thank the voters in the town of Barnet for your steadfast support.

In addition to integrating arts into the fabric of our community's daily life via live shows, screenings, classes, workshops, exhibitions, and more, Catamount programming generates more than \$5 million each year to the local economy, playing a key role in the Northeast Kingdom's long-term vibrancy and sustainability. We look forward to seeing all of you, the Catamount Arts community, at Catamount Arts in 2025!

Town of Barnet ~ 2024 Annual Report

Neil Favreau, Executive Director  
Mellisa Charest, Admin/Bookkeeper  
Susan Russell, Reentry Coordinator  
Emma Cataford, Reparative Panel  
Stephanie Rowe, Victim Outreach Liaison  
Lindsay Warren, Diversion / Pre-Trial Svcs.  
Amanda Robinson, Diversion / Pre-Trial Svcs.  
Alexis Eickleberry, Housing Coordinator  
Brittnee Dwyer, Housing Coordinator  
Michael Malick, Hardwick Reparative Panel

Programs:  
\*Mediation; Circles  
\* Court Diversion / Pre-Trial Services  
\*Free Legal Clinic / Information and Referral  
\*Restorative Justice Panels  
\* Restorative Reentry  
\* Transitional Housing  
\*Victim Outreach  
\* St J. Parking Violation Board



**THE COMMUNITY  
RESTORATIVE  
JUSTICE CENTER**

November 26, 2024

Select Board, Town of Barnet  
c/o Benjamin P. Heisholt, Town Clerk  
PO Box 15  
Barnet, VT 05821

Dear Select Board of Barnet:

The Community Restorative Justice Center respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the warning for the 2025 Barnet Town Meeting:

**Shall the Town vote the sum of \$500 to support the operation of The Community Restorative Justice Center during the ensuing year? The CRJC believes in preventing and resolving conflict in the community using victim and community needs as guiding information in repairing harm and restoring right relations. We work with schools, neighborhoods, and the criminal justice system to respond to community needs as it relates to justice being served and attending to the needs of victims and community. In this process, we use community members to work with their neighbors to resolve conflict and repair harm.**

In the last fiscal year, we served a total of 11 Barnet residents, of which, a total of 3 Barnet residents participated in our Free Legal Clinic. We have attorneys who offer their services for our once-monthly legal clinic and help guide our community members to the next step in resolving their legal issues. We also had 4 reparative panels, served 2 crime victims, and 2 cases were seen by the parking board. The Community Restorative Justice Center holds restorative justice panel meetings for cases referred directly from law enforcement as well as cases referred from the Department of Corrections. Cases that go through the reparative panels CRJC have a 32% reduction in recidivism.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Favreau".

Neil Favreau, Executive Director

*The CRJC mission states that we are committed to providing a safe environment for neighbors and parties to resolve conflict in our communities, to restore relationships, and to take responsibility to repair harms caused. We promote the principles of victim-informed restorative justice that transforms practices in workplace, school, institution, and living spaces throughout Caledonia and southern Essex Counties.*

576 Railroad St. Suite 2 \* St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 \* Telephone: (802) 748-2977

December 4, 2024

Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk  
Town of Barnet  
PO Box 15  
Barnet, VT 05821



Dear Mr. Heisholt:

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

**“Shall the Town vote the sum of \$1,700 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 Barnet residents?”**

The Fairbanks Museum invites Barnet 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



*Shall the Town of Barnet vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of Kingdom Animal Shelter to provide services to residents of the Town?*

**KINGDOM ANIMAL SHELTER MISSION STATEMENT:** Kingdom Animal Shelter is a limited access, **primarily volunteer, non-profit certified 501(c) (3), animal rescue organization.** Our mission is to facilitate the placement of rescued, abandoned, abused, or neglected animals into safe, life-long homes. We respect the inherent value of every animal in our care, and we strive to prevent overpopulation and cruelty to animals.

We provide many services to the area, including accepting stray and unwanted cats to our shelter, rescues from abusive and hoarding situations, and the trap/neuter/release (TNR) of feral and barn cats; these cats are a serious and ongoing problem in the communities we serve. We take in cats from Barnet, Waterford, Peacham, St. Johnsbury, Danville, Burke, Cabot, Lyndon, Passumpsic, Groton, Concord, Kirby, Walden, Hardwick, Sheffield, Sutton, Wheelock, and Ryegate. From September 2023 through September 2024, we took in 62 cats and 74 cats were placed in their forever homes. We work with the community to raise awareness of the importance of spay/neuter programs and the responsibilities of pet ownership. **Each cat that comes to the shelter costs an average of \$500 for vaccinations, testing, spay/neuter, other medical treatment, food, and lodging between intake and adoption.**

The cats in our care are with us until they are adopted. During their stay they are lovingly cared for, played with and socialized with our many volunteers. Any medical needs are tended to promptly and the cats are provided with vaccinations as appropriate. They are spayed or neutered before they go home with their forever family. We welcome cats of a wide variety of ages, colors, and personality types.

Our volunteers work tirelessly to raise the funds necessary to meet our annual operating expenses of approximately \$120,000 (excluding depreciation) which pays for veterinary bills, food, rent, utilities, and supplies. To help in our fundraising efforts, we attended Danville Autumn on the Green, have yard sales in the spring, summer, and fall; sell calendars at local businesses as a part of our calendar fundraiser in the fall; and have our Memorial Tree and Giving Tuesday fundraisers in the winter. In April we have a rabies vaccination clinic and pets, both dogs and cats, received a one or three-year vaccination as appropriate for \$25.00.

We operate with no federal or state funding, which means we depend on the generosity of towns and individuals to meet our operating expenses. We're asking for an appropriation of \$500 (**unchanged from previous year's requests**) to assist us in our mission of finding homes for unwanted or abandoned cats, and providing quality care and a safe, clean shelter for our cats until they are adopted. We welcome any assistance given to help our animals in need. We greatly appreciate your interest and support.

Kingdom Animal Shelter Board of Directors:  
Helen Morrison--President, Nancy Rivet, Rod Lauman,  
Kathy Bouffard, Caleb Stone, Julia Persch

1161 Portland Street  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
802-473-3377  
email: [info@kingdomanimalshelter.com](mailto:info@kingdomanimalshelter.com)  
[www.kingdomanimalshelter.com](http://www.kingdomanimalshelter.com)



December 11, 2024

Town of Barnet 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 142 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 1,0000.00 from the residents of the Town of Barnet. 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 \$1,000.00 to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to older Vermonters in the ensuing year."*

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

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

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





**NKHS**  
Northeast Kingdom Human Services

We're  
All About  
Being  
Human!

November 18, 2024

Town of Barnet Select Board  
P. O. BOX 15  
BARNET, VT 05821  
townclerk@barnetvt.org

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

Dear Town of Barnet 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 Barnet vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$1775 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 1.84% 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, **38** lived in the Town of Barnet benefiting from 1528 service hours. Your town was home to 11 NKHS employees 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

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

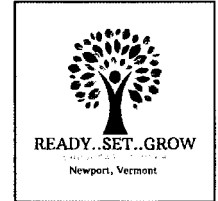
St. Johnsbury  
2225 Portland Street  
PO Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
802-748-3181 · Fax 802-748-0704  
Toll free 800-649-0118

**nkhs.org**



**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.NEKLSTV.org



November 26, 2024

Town of Barnet,

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 Barnet 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 \$250.00 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 Barnet.

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

**Town Report Summary**

**2024 NEKYS Served 16 in Barnet**

***NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975.  
In 2023 NEKYS served 417 individuals throughout Caledonia and Southern Essex Counties.***

**NEKYS Family Programs Provide:**

- After-hours emergency support to families in crisis.
- Supportive counseling for youth and families, case management, family mediation and support for youth and families within their schools.
- Summer Central Scholarship program offering scholarships for children to attend summer activities they otherwise could not afford.

**NEKYS Youth Programs Include:**

- After-hours emergency support for youth, families, and individuals in crisis.
- Support to local young people ages 15-22 that are homeless or at risk of homelessness; have current or past involvement with foster care; are pregnant and/or parenting; experiencing mental health issues; struggling with substance misuse; have current or past involvement with the criminal justice system.
- Programs that utilize a positive youth development, trauma-informed approach that is tailored to meet the needs of young people.
- Encouragement for each young person to identify their strengths and achieve goals related to housing, education, employment, and life skills.
- Access to short-term and long-term housing support that addresses the complex needs of young adults who are 18-22 years old. Young adults receive support which include in-home case management, rental assistance, landlord mediation, job skill development and educational advancement support.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services is a private, non-profit agency governed by a community-based, volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts, donations and appropriations from the towns we serve to continue our mission. Thank you for supporting the youth and families in our community. Please call our office at 748-8732 if you have any questions.



## Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1677 Industrial Parkway • Lyndonville, Vermont 05851

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

*"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"*

October 25, 2024

Town of Barnet  
Barnet Town Office

Re: Request for town appropriation

Dear Barnet Voters,

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2025 warning for the Town Meeting:

Article: Shall the Town of Barnet vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,100.00** for the support of **Rural Community Transportation, Inc.** to provide services to residents of the Town of Barnet.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex, and Lamoille Counties. In FY2024, RCT provided 13,093 rides, traveling 15,071 miles at a total cost of \$1,809.00. RCT continued to provide safety-focused, demand-based rides and all buses operated fare-free.

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

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

Sincerely,

Renee Stalczynski  
Office Administrator



Activity Report for Town of Barnet  
Fiscal Year 2025! July 2024 – June 2025  
Town Appropriation Request: \$1,200

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

- **Social Change** focuses on prevention education and initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, and creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. One of our strategies is to provide pathways for girls to work within this social change and prevention field through the Youth in Power Program. In FY24, Our Social Change programs saw extraordinary growth, doubling their reach to local schools to provide prevention education and support to 2,670 youth and conducting multiple training sessions and workshops for 1,369 adults.
- **Advocacy Program** serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation - which in total we characterize as gender-based violence. In our work, the client leads and we support them in any way they need us to including legal advocacy, housing advocacy, support with parenting after trauma and more. In FY24, Advocacy supported approximately 509 survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- **Family Based Services** focuses on child-care and strengthening family relationships. *Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC)* assists families in the Northeast Kingdom to receive subsidized child care, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. *The Family Room* offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In FY24, Kingdom Child Care Connection program served over 740 families. The Family Room facilitated safe, supervised visits for more than 90 children.
- **Economic Empowerment** serves women with significant barriers to employment in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties. Our *Cornucopia* program, and our social enterprise, *Dolcetti* each wrap around women to support them in building job readiness skills while helping them to address challenges in their lives so they are able to move towards financial self-sufficiency. In FY24, as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged nearly 39,509 meals to homebound seniors.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 49 households in the Town of Barnet were served by Umbrella in Fiscal Year 2024 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Cochrane".

Amanda Cochrane  
Executive Director

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

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

**Request Amount: \$280.00**

For over 45 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'24 (10/2023-9/2024) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **297** individuals to help increase their independent living skills. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **232** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **115** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **151** individuals with information on assistive technology; **43** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **507** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **40** people and provided **31** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier (although we are working from home as our office (along with so many others) was devastated in the July flood and we have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY'24, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- VT Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP)

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

WEST BARNET SENIOR MEAL SITE  
P.O. Box 139, Barnet, Vermont 05821

December 10, 2024

Barnet Town Clerk's Office  
P.O. Box 14  
Barnet, Vermont 05821

Dear Friends:

All the folks here at the West Barnet Senior Meal Site are asking for your support to help us continue our mission of providing nourishing meals to seniors. Our dining room continues to be full most days, we provide a large number of take-outs and we have a large number of homebound patrons who rely on us to deliver to them.

We enjoy the distinction of being one of most popular and most attended meal sites in the Northeast Kingdom. We presently have over 172 people in our current registration list, which includes several volunteers and drivers. Folks come from a total of 27 villages, with the highest numbers from St. Johnsbury (30) Barnet (28), Monroe (23), Ryegate (17) Groton (11) and Peacham (10) and many of the others with over five people coming. Even though not all of them come at once, many come regularly.

Our operating costs have continued to go up in 2024 with the increased costs of food. We get some of our food from the Vermont Food Bank but purchase many items from other sources because their supplies are varied and limited. With rent, insurance, and other operating costs continuing to rise, every contribution we receive is put to use and valued. We have several individuals who also give donations that speak to the importance of our place in the community.

We foster fellowship as well as food. It is well known that loneliness is a big factor for seniors and the relationships that exist between our patrons have a unique value. We do more than serve a meal – we also supply a welcome, warm place to be included.

We greatly appreciate your support again this year for our non-profit organization and thank you in advance for that support.

Respectfully,

Linda A. Choate  
Secretary



West Barnet Senior Site

## **Section 6**

# **Reports of Other Extra-Municipal Organizations & Representatives**



Senator Scott Beck

Caledonia District

Barnet, Danville, Groton, Hardwick, Newbury (Orange County), Peacham, Ryegate, Stannard, St. Johnsbury, Walden, Waterford, Wheelock

[sbeck@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:sbeck@leg.state.vt.us)

## 2025 Legislative Report

Greetings! I would be remiss if I didn't begin this legislative report by providing thanks for the honor that the 12 towns in the Caledonia District have entrusted me with. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to represent your community in Montpelier.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions or concerns that you might have.

As I write this Vermont's Legislature has been in session for only 7 days, with at least 16 more weeks to go before May's expected adjournment. Please look for legislative updates in local newspapers, online media, social media, and Front Porch Forum.

Voters spoke clearly on November 5th about their concerns related to affordability, housing, energy, and public safety. My focus this session will be on making progress on all of these important topics.

On Jan. 22 the Legislature will receive Governor Scott's public education reform proposal from Secretary Zoie Saunders. It is expected that this proposal will be comprehensive and propose significant changes to how Vermont funds and delivers education, including governance and accountability. Education is a very important and sensitive subject, please stay informed and in contact with your school board.

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, the Public Utilities Commission delivered its final report on the Clean Heat Standard. Their findings determine that a gallon fee of \$0.58 (starting at \$0.10) on heating fuel is required to meet the goals in the Global Warming Solutions Act. I am not supportive of an additional fee and will instead continue to support the use of Vermont General Fund monies to leverage federal programs and Energy Efficiency Vermont as partners in reducing Vermont's carbon footprint.

I continue to support housing initiatives focused on reducing the cost of housing for all Vermonters through public infrastructure investment, relaxing permitting and regulations, providing certainty to developers, and encouraging mass building and housing density.

Our judicial system and communities continue to struggle with drug crime and violence and repeat offenders. In 2024 Vermont passed legislation aimed at removing repeat offenders from our communities and reducing the backlog in our court system. These are starting to work, but we need to do more this year.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve! Be Well!

## **Caledonia County Sheriff's Department**

Sheriff James Hemond

970 Memorial Drive St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

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Email: caledoniasheriff.net

**We here at the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department continued to make improvements and provide needed services to the citizens of Caledonia County. Many of you may have noticed a lot of construction being completed during the spring and summer months. Many building improvements were completed to better serve not only the staff but the community as a whole. Our goal was to improve the building and provide a much safer, more accessible and inviting place to work and operate a business.**

**We added much needed services this year including restoring the Child Passenger Safety Technician to the department. We now offer not only roadside car seat inspections but also onsite inspections as well. Please call or stop by for all of your car seat and passenger safety needs.**

**We also added a full service AFIS Fingerprint machine. Fingerprints are mandatory for all those seeking employment in the education, federal and state level employment, state and federal licensing, nurses, sports coaches, and many other employment needs. We have had great success so far this year and are looking forward to continuing this service.**

**We continue to seek qualified, competent applicants to add to the department's depleted roster. We seek out training opportunities for the deputies and office staff to best serve the needs of the department and communities we serve. We continue to work and train with area Law Enforcement Fire, Emergency Services, Mental Health and Human Services Agencies not only in Caledonia County but Statewide.**

**We completed our annual financial audit for the year and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind.**

**The department was also contacted throughout the year by several towns for contracted patrols. Of the 17 towns in the county the department provides services to 10 of these towns. Due to staffing shortages it has been difficult to provide consistent services to these communities but we are working hard to improve as well as increase our presence to provide consistent, quality, and cost effective Law Enforcement Services to you all of you. As much as possible we maintain an active presence with local schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. We provided security for numerous community events, sports events, parades, fairs, festivals and functions to ensure public safety wherever needed. We participated in drills and evacuation plans with area schools, NVRH and assisted during flooding this summer. We continue to assist area public safety, emergency service, mental health agencies, and local business whenever needed. The department maintains a Take Back Drugs Location serving as a drop off for expired, unused and no longer needed Rx medications.**

**Your dedicated staff here at the Caledonia County Sheriffs' Department will continue to make our best effort to serve all of you in this wonderful community whether you live, work, play or raise a family. I am always available for any questions or comments here at the office and feel free to visit our Facebook page as well.**

**Respectfully;**

*James Hemond*

Caledonia County Sheriff





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 UVMC 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 UVMC 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 to 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  
EMS Chief / Chief Executive Officer

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



As of August 16, 2024 NEK Broadband and CVFiber merged under 30 V.S.A. 3052a forming one Communications Union District (CUD) dba NEKCV. NEK Broadband and CVFiber will continue to use their brands within their respective territories.


The district now includes 71 member communities in Caledonia, Essex, Orleans, Lamoille, Washington and Orange Counties. 50 of our towns currently have public fiber-optic infrastructure, and 57 towns have started pre-construction licensing work.

Broadband Nutrition Labels - In compliance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirement that Internet Service Providers (ISPs) display standardized broadband information labels, you will find these listed under the service offerings on NEK Broadband and CVFiber websites.

## CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE PROJECTED GROWTH BY YEAR

2024	33	Towns Served
	681	Miles to Date
	8,200	Addresses Passed
2025	50	Towns Served
Projected	1,165	Miles
	15,000	Addresses Passed

**8200**   
**SERVICE AVAILABLE**  
 WE NOW OFFER SERVICE TO 8200 ADDRESSES IN THE NEKCV.

**681**   
**MILES OF NETWORK**  
 AT THE END OF 2024, WE NOW HAVE 681 MILES OF FIBER NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE NEKCV.

**1199**   
**CUSTOMERS SERVED**  
 NEKCV MORE THAN DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS SERVED in 2024



## GRANTS & FINANCING

We were awarded \$2,847,276 through the Community Connect Grant program. This is in addition to the USDA ReConnect grant of \$17,474,000, which we received in 2023.

The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved an additional \$4M in construction grants and \$21M as a match for our Broadband Equity and Deployment Grant Application coming later this year. This brings our foundational support to over \$73 million for the Northeast Kingdom Region and over \$20 million in Central Vermont.

## BUILDING CAPACITY

We have doubled the size of staff, with a full-time staff of 13.

We have active warehouses in Danville, Montpelier and Brighton for the storage of construction materials.

In May we completed our first workforce development program, with 7 NEK residents receiving training to become Broadband Technicians/Installers.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

### NEKCV dba NEK Broadband & dba CVFiber Communications Union District - 2025 Budget / 2024 Budget to Actual

	2024 Combined NEKCV Budget Gov Board	Projected 2024 Year End at 9/30/24	2025 Proposed 2025 Budget
<b>Surpluses from Prior Fiscal Years</b>			<b>\$1,832,742</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Operations Revenue	852,455	874,871	2,047,769
Administrative Grant Revenue	1,885,621	3,442,342	3,856,318
Capital Grant Revenue	36,200,196	16,607,798	36,529,448
Other Revenue	\$0	\$1,837,490	\$1,467,290
<b>TOTAL CASH IN</b>	<b>\$38,938,272</b>	<b>\$22,762,502</b>	<b>\$43,900,825</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Operational Cost	\$378,912	\$823,330	\$1,247,036
Administrative Costs	\$1,885,621	\$2,935,997	\$3,856,318
Construction Costs	\$36,200,196	\$17,431,128	\$36,529,448
<b>TOTAL CASH OUT</b>	<b>\$38,464,729</b>	<b>\$21,190,454</b>	<b>\$41,632,802</b>
<b>Annual Net Cashflow</b>	<b>\$473,543</b>	<b>\$1,572,048</b>	<b>\$2,268,023</b>

## SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

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

## Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) Year-End Financial Report for 2024

The NEKWMD ended 2024 with a surplus of \$65,746.46. Revenues in 2024 were 22.3% above projections, while expenses were 15.4% above projections. Revenues from tire disposal, scrap metal, and the surcharge were responsible for strong revenues in 2024. Some fees used to generate revenues will increase headed into 2025. The surcharge will increase \$2.75/ton from \$26.75 in 2024 to \$29.50 in 2025. This represents a \$0.07 increase on a standard bag of trash. Hauling fees to service recycling centers and schools will be increasing as well in 2025. The rate for recycling centers will increase from \$49/stop to \$55/stop, and the rate for schools will increase from \$33/stop to \$37/stop. Fees for tires will remain unchanged in 2025 as will the per capita assessment (\$1.16/person).

The NEKWMD is entering 2025 with a budget of \$1,030,997 – an increase of 8.8% compared to 2024. The NEKWMD was staffed by eleven full-time and two part-time employees in 2024. The District will be adding a full-time employee in 2025.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2024. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only the Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

**Paul Tomasi**  
**Executive Director**  
**NEKWMD**

2025 NEKWMD BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
1	BUDGET ITEM	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2024	2025 PROPOSED BUDGET
2	<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>			
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	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$59,924.63</b>	<b>\$71,639.91</b>	<b>\$69,525.00</b>
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	<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$659,954.00</b>	<b>\$629,124.56</b>	<b>\$724,422.00</b>
37	<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSES</b>			
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	<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$77,500.00</b>	<b>\$169,522.96</b>	<b>\$100,500.00</b>

**2025 NEKWMD BUDGET**

	A	B	C	D
50	BUDGET ITEM	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2024	2025 PROPOSED BUDGET
51	<b>BUILDING EXPENSES</b>			
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	<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>\$10,700.00</b>	<b>\$14,189.78</b>	<b>\$11,800.00</b>
56	<b>PROGRAMS EXPENSES</b>			
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	<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$118,250.00</b>	<b>\$198,974.90</b>	<b>\$112,750.00</b>
68	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$926,328.63</b>	<b>\$1,083,452.11</b>	<b>\$1,018,997.00</b>
69				
70	Capital Improvement Fund	\$24,000.00	\$13,250.00	\$12,000.00
71	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,250.00</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>
72				
73	<b>TOTAL NEK EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$950,328.63</b>	<b>\$1,096,702.11</b>	<b>\$1,030,997.00</b>
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	<b>TOTAL NEK REVENUES</b>	<b>\$950,328.63</b>	<b>\$1,162,448.57</b>	<b>\$1,030,997.00</b>





To the Voters of Barnet:

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

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

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

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

The July floods of 2024 brought unwelcome challenges to local governments and businesses still navigating 2023 flooding and post-pandemic realities. In addition to our regular services, we actively participated in flood response. We also began helping our communities understand the requirements of Act 181 which made changes to Act 250 and land use mapping, while we continued assisting municipalities through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP).

How have we served your community recently? In 2024, our staff worked with local officials in response to the devastating July flooding. We helped to secure a consultant to complete a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for Barnet under a very tight deadline and assisted with the development of that plan. This helped to increase the funding that the Town of Barnet will receive to repair damaged infrastructure. Earlier in the year, our staff worked with the Town to update its Town Plan, which has been written to receive heightened consideration from the Public Utility Commission for the review and approval of renewable energy projects. We reviewed flood hazard bylaws for updated floodplain mapping.

NVDA dues are just \$0.95 per capita, with a maximum of \$3,965 and a minimum of \$565. We take great pride in serving the communities and businesses of the NEK. This additional contribution allows us to continue providing a high level of professional service. We work hard to keep communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at [tgonyaw@nvda.net](mailto:tgonyaw@nvda.net) to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,  
David Snedeker  
Executive Director

## Vermont League of Cities and Towns

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

**Member Benefits** – All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 140 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, and fire districts. As members, municipal officials and staff can tap into specialized benefits, expertise, and services, such as:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to thousands of questions on how to comply with state and federal requirements. VLCT also creates and publishes guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs to simplify the day-to-day work of municipal officials and staff. In 2024, members used VLCT's consultation, resources, and government-specific finance training to help them obtain federal infrastructure funding, respond to flooding, and manage grants. Staff even helped state leaders design and implement grant programs to be easier for municipalities to use.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials.** VLCT provides training via webinars, classes at members' locations, and its annual member conference. In the wake of the 2023 floods, VLCT became a crucial information hub for local officials, and in 2024 VLCT helped members understand the local effects of updates to the Open Meeting Law, Act 250, and other state laws. VLCT's Equity Committee assists local officials in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in their municipalities' decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped secure flood relief for municipalities, increase local transportation funding, expand remote meeting authority, improve emergency medical services, exempt downtowns from Act 250, and create local option tax authority. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Not-for-profit insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members group rates on desirable employee benefits. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.

**To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit [vlct.org](https://vlct.org).** Recent audited financial statements are available at [vlct.org/AuditReports](https://vlct.org/AuditReports).

**Section 7**

**Real Estate Transactions  
&  
Vital Records Reports**

## 2024 Real Estate Transactions

Date Grantor	Grantee	Description
1/16/2024 Roy, Chadwick	Palmer, Mackenna	Dwl & land Meeting House Hill
2/22/2024 Noble, Deborah etal	Fox, Joseph & McCarty, Bryna	Dwl & land Kitchel Hill
3/27/2024 Kendall, James	Snowdancer Barnet Forest LLC	Land only Comerford Dam Road/Denio Road
3/29/2024 Kogan, Yelena & Thomas, Chester	St James, Benjamin & Katherine	Dwl & land Somerhill Road
4/1/2024 Barnet, Town of	Somers, Charles B	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
4/1/2024 Town of Barnet	Somers, Charles	MHL Garland Hill
4/8/2024 Pike, James & Paul	Shriver, Gary & Stacey	Land only County Hill
4/8/2024 Sylvanus, Denio G	County Hill Properties, LLC	Land only US Rte 5 North
4/8/2024 Sylvanus, Denio G	County Hill Properties, LLC	Land only Grange Hall Lane
4/29/2024 Houde, David & Tina	Mackowiak, Brian & Vernon, Allison	Dwl & land Kitchel Hill
4/29/2024 Quimby, Timothy & Sandra	Cross, Duane & Samantha	Dwl & land Comerford Dam Road
4/29/2024 Ruggles Trust	Matte, Brandon & Rachel	Dwl & land Roy Mountain Road
4/29/2024 Stebbins, Toni & Casey, Timothy	Donna, Bailey & Dimock, Samuel	MHU Shoreline Drive
5/1/2024 Bowles, Jean	Taylor, Richard & Joanne	MHU Meadow Lane
5/2/2024 Bishop, John & Nancy	Bishop, Patrick & Katharine	Dwl & land West Barnet Road
5/6/2024 Berge, Wayne & Sherman, Jan	Dodge, Garrett & Kristen	Dwl & land Slayton Lane
5/15/2024 White, David	White, Terence & Tamantha	Dwl & land Rockledge Lane
6/3/2024 Kempton, Matthew & Dawn	Kempton, Amos & Jessica	Dwl & land
6/3/2024 Kempton, Matthew & Dawn	Kempton, Amos & Jessica	Dwl & land
6/5/2024 Shambhala USA	Silverstein, Michelle & Blume, Michael	Commercial Building
6/12/2024 Vear, James	MMPropertiesVT LLC	Dwl & land Gunnar Lane
6/20/2024 Bailey, Daniel etal	Sanborn, Carrie & Dereck	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
6/27/2024 Roy, Richard & Cathy	Lang, Patricia & Laurie	MHU Shoreline Drive
7/17/2024 Matte, Brandon & Rachel	Schwartz, Rachel	Dwl & land Old Silo Road
7/25/2024 Wacholder, Linda	Haynes, Andrea	Dwl & land Old Carrick Lane
7/29/2024 Dunbar, Harold J Jr Trust	Weber, Dennis & Helen	Dwl & land Pavilion Lane
7/31/2024 Bona, Armando, Estate of	Howell, Thomas & Sharon	Dwl & land County Hill
8/5/2024 Taylor, Richard & Joanne	Roy, Richard & Cathy	MHU Shoreline Drive
8/8/2024 Carcoba, Liam	Ruggles, Marcia	MHU US Rte 5 South
8/15/2024 Hall, Jennifer	Hall, Rylee	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
8/19/2024 Stark, Richard & Ginger Living Trust	Redfield, Gene & Sandra	Land only Bailey Farm Lane
8/19/2024 Rhind, Molnar & Samor	Adams, Benjamin & Caroline	Land only Joes Brook Road
8/19/2024 Kendall, Kevin & Katherine	Fearon, Matthew & Bennett, Kristen	Dwl & land US Rte 5 South
8/19/2024 Ransom, Geoffrey & Evans, Elizabeth	Englander, Brian & Jackson, Audrey	Dwl & land Morrison Hill
8/21/2024 Chase, Marlene	Cote, Kristy & Erika	MHU Shoreline Drive
8/23/2024 Carbonneau, Peter & Tuesdie	Simoneau, Sharmon	MHU Dike Lane

<b>Date Grantor</b>	<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Description</b>
8/29/2024 Mitchel, Stephanie & Ryan , Kyle	Heft, Victoria	Dwl & land Old Silo Road
9/6/2024 Anderson, Brian & Mason-Anderson, Penny	Bushey, Kenneth & Kelly	MHU Shoreline Drive
9/6/2024 Elliott, Jeffrey Sr	Gladstone, Walter & Margaret	Dwl & land Roy Mountain Road
9/11/2024 Leader, Andrew & Janet Revoc Trust	Stewart, Andrew & Tartaglia, Blair	Land only US Rte 5 South
9/23/2024 Starosciak, Keith	Bavone, Steven	Unlanded Camp Shoreline Drive
9/25/2024 Boardman, Brendan	Bradley, Amber & Noyes, Darek	Dwl & land
10/4/2024 Roy, Arthur & Debra``	Starosciak, Keith & Caron, Shelby	Dwl & land Garland Hill
10/4/2024 Collins, Lauren	Chandler, Susan J Trust	Dwl & land Church Street
10/7/2024 Frost, Veer-Tess	Austin, Ireland & Call, Joseph	MHL Grange Hall Lane
10/17/2024 Hilliker, Shawn	Despathy, Destee & Miles	Dwl & land US Rte 5 North
11/4/2024 Holden, Stephen	Jacobs, Gary	MHU Shoreline Drive
11/12/2024 Chapman, Mabel Ann Randall	Ugo, Paul	Land only Joe's Brook Road
12/5/2024 Braddock, John B	Carpenter, Jonathan & Tammy	Land only East Peacham Road
12/19/2024 Somers, Laurie	Locke, Raymond & Aimee	Land only Garland Hill

**BIRTHS**

McGorty, Rosemary Mae	to	McGorty, Levi & James
Lemieux, Augustus Lincoln	to	Lemieux, Kathryn & Lincoln
Nommik, Gabriella Jean	to	Lumbra, Libbie & Nommik, Aureon
Roy, Remington Wayne	to	Welch, Jena & Roy, Windsor
Gombas, Leo Neal	to	Gombas, Amanda & Dylan
Burke, Aletta Vale	to	Burke, Rebeckah & Josh
Mangione, Ada Louise	to	Littell, Olivia & Mangione, Zachary
Ela, Weston Wells	to	Ela, Alissa & Jeremy

**MARRIAGES**

Ellery, Donna	&	Shelton, Joseph P
Kelly, Eric Lee	&	Mendoza, Norma Leticia Gutierrez
Otis, David Bruce III	&	Baldwin, Noel Walters
Palmer, Mackenna Elizabeth	&	Reed, Aaron Lee
Beausoleil, Kylie Shayne	&	Hutchins, Jonah Cameron
Abramson, Ilana Esther Frank	&	Lichtman, Benjamin Harry
Taylor, Alexe	&	Rose, William Christopher
Underwood, Kelsey Anne	&	Lewis, Waylon Hart
Lamothe, Olivia Annaliese	&	Locke, Richard Steven
Locke, Brandon Butch	&	Taylor, Austin Craig

**DEATHS**

Kendall, Roger Wayne	Age 68	Boye, Alan Paul	Age 74
Stevenson, Paula M	Age 71	Bean, Lena Maria	Age 90
Goss, Lester E	Age 86	Minshull, William Kevin	Age 62
Norrie, Jessica Lynn	Age 27	Smith, Wayne Carroll	Age 82
Gillis, Bryana Marie	Age 28	Jewell, Sally Ruth	Age 79
Page, Jane	Age 78	Cokos, Alexander	Age 76
Bradley, John A	Age 70	Cross, Steven Cory	Age 37
Easter, Donald	Age 86	Guldenschuh, Vanna Rose	Age 78
Bailey, Virginia	Age 90		