



Barnet
Report for year ending December 31, 2025
Town Meeting March 3, 2026 10 a.m
At Barnet School



We proudly thank and congratulate Dave Shields on his 50th anniversary of service with Barnet Fire and Rescue.

Thank you, Dave, for your immense sacrifice, unwavering dedication, and extraordinary courage in protecting our town and beyond. Your legacy of service means more than words can express.

Contact Information, Etc.

Contact Information & Hours of Operation

Town Clerk's Office

Town Clerk: Benjamin Heisholt
Asst. Clerk: Samantha Zita Furbert
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

Dennis Marquise
Telephone: 603-359-3339

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.
Sunday: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 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

On the 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

On the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Municipal Calendar

March 3, 2026– Town Meeting/School Election (Office* closed)
April 1, 2026 – Dog Licenses due
May 24, 2026– Memorial Day Services
May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day (Office closed)
May 27, 2026– Transfer Station summer hours begin
July 3, 2026 – Independence Day Observed (Office closed)
August 2026 – Property Tax bills mailed out
September 2, 2026 – Transfer Station summer hours end
September 7, 2026 – Labor Day (Office closed)
Mid-October 2026 – Property Taxes due (see bill for date)
October 31, 2026 – Library Trunk or Treat Event
November 26, 2026 – Thanksgiving (Office closed)
November 27, 2026 – Office closed
December 24, 2026 – Christmas Eve (Office closing at noon)
December 25, 2026 – Christmas Day (Office closed)
December 31, 2026 – New Year's Eve (Office closing at noon)
January 1, 2027 – 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
Telephone: 917-971-3061

**Town of Barnet, Vermont
Annual Report
Year Ending December 31, 2025**

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Section 1

2026 Annual Town Meeting

**WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026**

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 3, 2026 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?
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- 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?
- ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) to Umbrella Inc.?
- 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. 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 21. 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 22. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated this 26th day of January 2026.

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Barnet:



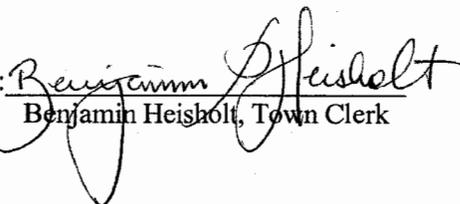
Dylan Ford, Co-Chair



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 1, 2026. 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**.

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>
Moderator	Dennis McLam	March 2026
Town Clerk & Treasurer	Benjamin Heisholt	March 2027
Selectboard	Dylan Ford	March 2026
	Benjamin Gates	March 2027
	Benjamin Adams	March 2028
Listers	Celina Wright	March 2026
	John Fairchild	March 2027
	Nancy Bishop	March 2028
Caledonia Cooperative School District School Directors (representing Barnet on three- town, nine-member board)	Heather Mulligan	March 2026
	Bobbie Roy	March 2027
	Brittany Korsh	March 2028
Auditors	Joseph Breidenstein	March 2026
	Dennis Kauppila	March 2027
	Jeffery Riley	March 2028
Delinquent Tax Collector	Jeremy Roberts	March 2026
1st Constable	Steve Mosher	March 2027
2nd Constable	David Stevenson	March 2027
Trustee of Public Funds	Merle Fitzgerald	March 2026
	George Coppenrath	March 2027
	William Graves	March 2028
Library Trustees	Jacquelyn Verley	March 2026
	Susan Wood	March 2027
	Rebecca Pedersen	March 2028
	Linda Cochrane	March 2029
	Hillary Cohen	March 2030
Justice of the Peace	Rebecca Boardman	February 2027
	Susan Coppenrath	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>
Beach Committee	Christen Emerson	
	Jennifer Kierstead	
	Susan Persson	
	Kathleen Monroe	
	Kylie Hutchins	
Dam Committee	George Copenrath	
	Robert Dufresne	
	Dylan Ford	
	Joseph Mangiapane	
	Richard Downer	
Emergency Management Coordinator	Ronald Morse	
Fire Chief	Ronald Morse	December 2026
Fire Warden	Christopher Bunnell	June 2028
Health Officer	Dylan Ford	March 2026
Health Officer, Deputy	Emil Pollak	October 2026
Library Director	Dylan Ford	
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Representative	William Douglas	
Road Foreman	Mark Chase	
Town Attorney	James Barlow	March 2026
Town Clerk & Treasurer, Assistant	Samantha Zita Furbert	
Transportation Advisory Committee Representative	Benjamin Gates	
Tree Warden	Stanley Robinson	March 2026
Zoning Administrative Officer	Dennis Marquise	March 2028
	Susan Sinclair	July 2026
Zoning Board/ Planning Commission	Dennis McLam	July 2026
	Daniel Deatrick	July 2026
	Benjamin Adams	July 2027
	Trent Roy	July 2027
	Bruce Denio	July 2027
	Jacob Stevenson	July 2028
	Zachary Mangione	July 2028
	Susan Sinclair	July 2029
	Eric Skovsted	July 2029

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MINUTES ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Barnet Elementary School gymnasium by Moderator Dennis McLam.

A headcount of attendees was taken; approximately 139 were counted.

The Moderator led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Before commencing the warned articles, the Moderator allowed a brief speech by Vermont Caledonia-1 Representative District legislator Debra Powers. Ms. Powers spoke regarding various recent actions and potential future actions of the legislature.

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator.

- Moderator stated that the one-year term of Dennis McLam is expiring.
- Dennis McLam nominated by William Biddle.
- 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.

Selectboard

- Moderator stated that the three-year term originally held by Mark Jefferson is expiring. Benjamin Adams was appointed in October 2024 to finish the term after Mr. Jefferson's resignation.
- Benjamin Adams nominated by Dylan Ford.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Benjamin Adams.

Auditor

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

Lister

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

Collector of Delinquent Tax

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

First Constable

- Moderator stated that two-year term of Steve Mosher is expiring.
- Steve Mosher nominated by David Stevenson.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Steve Mosher.

Second Constable

- Moderator stated that the two-year term of David Stevenson is expiring.
- David Stevenson nominated by Mark Gilleland.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.

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- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for David Stevenson.

Trustee of Public Funds

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

Library Trustee

- Moderator stated that the five-year term of Laura Goldberg is expiring.
- Hillary Cohen nominated by Jacquelyn Verley.
- Hearing no further nominations, Moderator announced that nominations would cease.
- Moderator instructed Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Hillary Cohen.

At this point in the meeting, the Moderator allowed an intermission for recognition of service of retiring Town Officers. Mark Jefferson was recognized for his time as a Selectboard member. Lisa Bowden was recognized for her sixteen years as Collector of Delinquent Taxes. Shirley Warden was recognized for her more than forty years of service, including as Zoning Administrative Officer, a position from which she will soon retire.

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

- Caroline Demaio moved to accept the report of the Town Auditors as it appears on page twenty-nine of the Town Report. Seconded by Christopher Morse.
- 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?

- Christopher Morse moved the article as warned. Seconded by Roseann Drew Leute.
- 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 Dennis Kauppila.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.
- Mona Marceau spoke, suggesting that if an appropriation requestor does not submit a report for the Town Report, they should provide information on how the funds are expended in some other way.

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?

- Dennis Kauppila moved the article as warned. Seconded by Rebecca Boardman.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

At this point in the meeting, the Moderator allowed a brief intermission to allow Neil Glassman, Barnet's representative to Northeast Kingdom Broadband Communications Union (NEKBB), an opportunity to speak about activities of the NEKBB. Mr. Glassman spoke of efforts to expand access to broadband internet in Barnet and throughout the NEKBB region.

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 Janet Heartson.
- 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?

- Michael Lamp moved the article as warned. Seconded by Janet Heartson.
- 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?

- Jael Luomala moved the article as warned. Seconded by Janet Heartson.
- 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?

- Jeremy Roberts moved the article as warned. Seconded by Rachel Siegel.
- 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.

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

- Jael Luomala moved the article as warned. Seconded.
- 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.?

- Janet Heartson moved the article as warned. Seconded by Rebecca Boardman.
- 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 Jay Abramson.
- 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?

- Celina Wright moved the article as warned. Seconded by Jeremy Roberts.
- 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?

- Jay Abramson moved the article as warned. Seconded by Jael Luomala.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

At this point in the meeting, the Moderator allowed an intermission for Vegan Abaronian, Director of Buddhist meditation center Karma Choling, to speak. Mr. Abaronian spoke of various programs and events at Karma Choling.

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

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

ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$280.00) to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

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

ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town of Barnet appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to the West Barnet Senior Meal Site?

- Jeremy Roberts moved the article as warned. Seconded by Christopher Morse.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town of 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?

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

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

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lawful official for the ensuing year.

- Jeremy Roberts moved that property taxes become due and payable in hand to the town Treasurer during business hours on or before October 18, 2025, 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.
- Janet Heartson asked if this motion is changed from the motion approved the previous year.
 - The Moderator indicated that the wording of the article was only changed as to the due date.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.

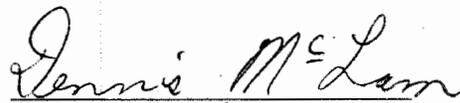
ARTICLE 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray the expenses and liabilities of the Town for the current year.

- Selectboard member Benjamin Gates moved to raise the sum of \$1,728,217.91 for the General Fund budget. Seconded by Dylan Ford.
- Motion was passed by voice vote.
- Selectboard member Benjamin Gates spoke. He reported that renovations of the Town Hall are nearly complete and town offices will be moving into the space soon. An open house will follow at a later date. He spoke about recovery efforts from the July 2024 flooding event, discussing its impact on Town roads and finances.

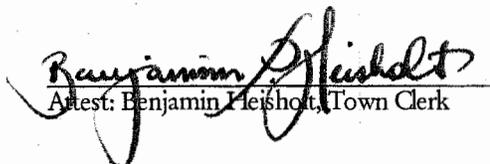
ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

- Discussion was had about damages to the Harvey's Lake Beach property caused by July 2024 flooding. Members of the Beach Committee spoke. A fundraiser is planned for 23 March 2025 to help fund repairs. A contractor is hired for major excavation repairs, and the Beach Committee plans to have the beach open for the beginning of the summer season.
- Mona Marceau thanked the Highway Department for repairing roads after the July 2024 flood.
- Mona Marceau also spoke in appreciation of Barnet emergency medical technicians for their training in automated external defibrillators (AEDs).
- Green Up Day Coordinator Allison Vernon spoke about Green Up Day activities planned for Saturday, 3 May 2025.
- Janet Heartson spoke in appreciation of the many Barnet citizens who helped her and her husband when their home was flooded in July 2024.
- Lisa Bowden spoke about the Church Street Meeting House (former Congregational Church), noting its participation in flood recovery efforts and its many community events.
- Lisa Bowden, just retired from the office of Collector of Delinquent Taxes, also spoke in appreciation of her predecessor in the office, Donald Nelson. She said that Mr. Nelson helped her a great deal in her tenure as Collector.

Hearing no further business, the Moderator announced that the meeting would adjourn. Meeting adjourned 11:01 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

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	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MIXED PAPER</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, & BROWN KRAFT BAGS</u></p> <p>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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TIN CANS</u></p> <p>Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic. *MUST BE RINSED*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS</u></p> <p>Labels OK. Flattening not required. NO snack bags, candy wrappers, coffee bags. *MUST BE RINSED*</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GLASS BOTTLES & JARS</u></p> <p>*Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin) * NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids, metal or wood.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BATTERIES</u></p> <p>All types including primary and rechargeable batteries. Please bag similar types together and bag damaged batteries separately.</p>
<p><u>PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 & #5 Food Containers</u></p> <p><u>REMOVE CAPS / MAX. SIZE- 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*</u></p> <p>Includes food containers, health/beauty product, and cleaner containers. #5 included <i>if it's a food container</i>. 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.</p>	

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

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, e-mail 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 as of**

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. units 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

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!**

***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.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

We have some new rules regarding the disposal of Mattresses!

The costs are as follows:

SMALL Mattresses are \$40.00 each

QUEEN size Mattresses are \$45.00 each

KING size Mattresses are \$50.00 each

PLEASE NOTE:

The cost of Mattress disposal is governed by our contractor Casella Waste Systems who handles Barnet's waste needs.

2026 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 9	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Maidstone, Town Hall
SATURDAY, MAY 16	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Corinth, Transfer Station
SATURDAY, MAY 23	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Jay/Troy, Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 6	9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.	Derby, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 20	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Glover, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Danville, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Waterford, Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Barnet, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lyndon, Recycling Center

The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection early in the event that we are at storage capacity. Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 25 gallons. If you have more than 25 gallons, please call our office to schedule an appointment at our Lyndonville facility, May 5 – October 1, 2026.

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 5, 2026 to October 1, 2026. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

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

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

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

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

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

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words:
Danger indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

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

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

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

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

Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

GARDEN SUPPLIES

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

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

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

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

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

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2025 Actual Taxes and Tax Rates - Caledonia County														
Town Name	Sub-Municipal District Name	Homestead Education Grand List	NonHomestead Education Grand List	Municipal Grand List	Education Homestead Taxes	Education Nonhomestead Taxes	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
Barnet		1,051,467	1,463,834	2,515,801	1,903,155	2,547,950	1,727,097	1.81	1.7406	0.6865	0.004	10,063	0	0
Barnet	<i>Barnet FD #1</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.81	1.7406	0	0	0	4,419	0.0575
Barnet	<i>Barnet FD #2</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.81	1.7406	0	0	0	12,621	0.0831
Barnet	<i>Barnet FD #3</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.81	1.7406	0	0	0	8,583	0.06
Barnet	<i>Barnet FD #5</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.81	1.7406	0	0	0	3,606	0.02
Burke		1,507,858	2,585,613	4,156,396	1,910,456	3,483,338	2,988,864	1.267	1.3472	0.7191	0.0008	3,325	0	0
Danville		2,015,027	1,391,885	3,416,906	3,499,900	2,350,893	2,226,115	1.7369	1.689	0.6515	0	0	0	0
Groton		574,877	732,530	1,308,327	1,005,805	1,407,556	985,563	1.7496	1.9215	0.7533	0.0028	3,663	0	0
Hardwick		2,052,656	1,289,555	3,392,547	2,558,225	1,540,116	3,413,920	1.2463	1.1943	1.0063	0.0037	12,552	0	0
Kirby		570,350	387,780	957,334	662,747	466,073	447,841	1.162	1.2019	0.4678	0.0008	766	0	0
Lyndon		2,038,145	1,687,827	3,722,012	3,557,786	3,132,777	3,623,379	1.7456	1.8561	0.9735	0.0065	24,193	0	0
Newark		358,764	589,665	946,929	574,776	1,004,494	685,008	1.6021	1.7035	0.7234	0.0027	2,557	0	0
Peacham		642,976	762,646	1,403,480	1,243,644	1,356,747	1,591,546	1.9342	1.779	1.134	0	0	0	0
Ryegate		710,468	651,936	1,364,054	1,080,125	1,088,472	1,150,852	1.5203	1.6696	0.8437	0.003	4,092	0	0
St. Johnsbury		3,945,770	4,460,415	8,443,867	4,194,748	5,233,404	6,288,148	1.0631	1.1733	0.7447	0.0016	13,510	0	0
St. Johnsbury	<i>St. J Spec Serv Dist</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0631	1.1733	0	0	0	1,579,400	0.4153
Sheffield		301,695	284,355	1,021,606	500,150	501,261	508,760	1.6578	1.7628	0.498	0	0	0	0
Stannard		193,128	138,484	330,712	214,314	143,843	224,884	1.1097	1.0387	0.68	0	0	0	0
Sutton		675,941	407,363	1,079,726	1,013,641	649,581	728,275	1.4996	1.5946	0.6745	0.0057	6,154	0	0
Walden		675,978	529,128	1,201,506	1,086,566	817,927	742,531	1.6074	1.5458	0.618	0.0048	5,767	0	0
Waterford		1,698,982	1,370,697	3,143,029	2,006,838	1,556,974	1,194,665	1.1812	1.1359	0.3801	0.002	6,286	0	0
Wheelock		413,111	252,140	661,602	725,175	470,619	709,436	1.7554	1.8665	1.0723	0.0054	3,573	0	0

Section 3

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

Selectboard Report 2025

2025 was another great year for the town of Barnet.

- The week of March 17th, 2025, the new Town Hall opened and the huge undertaking of moving all the record was completed and the Town Hall opened in the new capacity on March 24th. Thanks to all who pitched in and made the move go so smoothly. On May 17th we had an open house and that went really well. We dedicated the building to William Hoar, who was our town clerk for decades. Ben Green came from Preservation Trust and spoke about the importance of preserving the old historic buildings in the State of Vermont. We would like to thank all the community members that helped with this project, Black River Design, and Estes and Gallup, for completing this job right on budget, 1.2 million, which is saying something in this current economy of price fluctuations. The town of Barnet was able to complete this undertaking by using money from our building reserve fund, ARPA Funding and Vermont Preservation Trust, with no additional burden to the taxpayers of Barnet. We have the former Town Clerk's Office listed with Tim Scott Real Estate and look forward to selling that piece of property this year. Special thanks to Ben Heisholt for all his effort and patience getting into the new building.
- The aftermath of the July 2024 flooding continues. We have been meeting with FEMA weekly to try to get all the paperwork in line so we can be reimbursed for the expenses incurred by the town. The flooding cost the town about 3.1 million dollars to get everything put back to the way it was. We also had to do some work on the bridge on Patneau Lane because the erosion caused the old bridge to compromise the temporary bridge and make it unpassable. Austin Construction from Concord, Vermont was low bidder and was able to rectify the situation very quickly. We also did some stream remediation on areas that could potentially cause more road damage in the future- such as Cloud Brook by the school. DeMaio Road also needed some post flood work and that was completed. There will be many more projects that we will have to work with FEMA on in the future such as bridges and undersized culverts.
- The road crew was busy this year doing maintenance that was postponed last year because of the flooding. Chief Bogie, owner of Chief's Crushing and Excavation, was low bidder on the Roy Mountain Road project and we were able to get that completed just in the nick of time this fall before winter set in. We fixed the section of road from Bailey Farm Rd to the boating access of Harvey's Lake. This is a huge improvement to this road. Next year we plan to do some work to the West Barnet Road between Somer's Farm and West Barnet. These projects are funded through the State Roads Grants, which is a huge help in us keeping our roads in good shape.

- Finally, we would like to thank the many volunteers that make the Town of Barnet run as smoothly as it does. There is no way to keep track of the countless hours spent by caring community members. Our town employees all deserve a special thanks as well: Ben, and Sam in the Clerk's office, Mark as road foreman and the road crew including Jason, Barry, Glenn, and Chris. We look forward to serving the town in the best way we know how in 2026.

Sincerely,

Dylan Ford, Co-Chair

Benjamin Gates, Co-Chair

Ben Adams

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, 2025.

January 28, 2026



Joseph Breidenstein



Dennis Kauppila

BARNET LISTERS' REPORT

In 2025, the Board of Listers visited Barnet parcels to update our appraised values. We attended classes and webinars to stay up to date with best practices. Starting in 2026, Listers are required to become certified, which involves taking about a week of classes.

We started mailing sales verification forms to people who have purchased property in town. If you receive one, please complete it and return as this assists us in providing the most accurately assessed values for the Town. We answered many questions from Barent residents, property owners, realtors, etc.

This year there are 1,136 taxable properties in the Barnet Grand List, two less than last year due to combining adjacent parcels. Property totals in 2025 were \$267,278,900, up from \$263,570,300 last year. The higher value (\$3,708,600 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 2025 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 67.24%, which is down from last year's amount of 70.80%. A CLA of less than 100% indicates that in general the properties in town are assessed for less than the fair market value. The Town of Barnet's 2025 Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 21.58% up slightly from 20.88% in 2024. Our town-wide reappraisal is scheduled to begin in 2027.

We are seeing more applications for property tax exemptions for public, pious or charitable organizations. These are complicated and time-consuming submissions, which we work on with the help of our state district advisor and our town attorney.

Most Barnet residents know that if you are adding to your home or building/installing a garage or shed, a zoning permit is required. This ensures all regulations are being followed and adjoining property owners are notified.

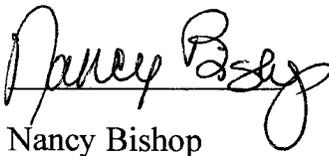
A reminder to file your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Credit Claim Forms annually when you file your income tax returns. (VT Forms HS-122, HI-144)

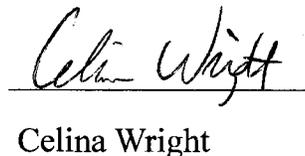
Our scheduled office hours are Wednesday mornings, from 9 am to 11am. You may reach us at the Town Clerks office, 802-633-2256 or by emailing listers@barnetvt.org. Contact us with any questions about your appraised property values.

Respectfully submitted,

Barnet Listers:


John Fairchild


Nancy Bishop


Celina Wright

Report of the Trustees for Public Funds, for fiscal year 2025

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 \$301,747.55 on December 31, 2025, and had a value of \$257,520.87 on December 31, 2024, and so had gained \$44,226.68 in value since December 31, 2024, at a positive 17.2% rate of total return. Investment income (such as dividends and interest) for 2025 was \$23,656.30.

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 5.68 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
2025 Financial Reports**

Activity Summary

Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2024	257,520.87
Income:	23,792.83
Gain (loss) in value of investments:	20,433.85
Assets withdrawn from account:	0.00
2025 Net Earnings or (Loss)	44,226.68
Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2025	301,747.55

Balance Sheet

Assets:	Dec. 31, 2024	Dec. 31, 2025
Cash	8,674.46	9,791.83
Corporate Bonds	0.00	0.00
Government Securities	0.00	0.00
Unit Trusts	16,830.36	17,004.60
Mutual Funds	232,016.05	274,951.12
Total Assets	257,520.87	301,747.55
Fund Equity:		
Fund Balance - Non-spendable	53,168.58	53,168.58
Fund Balance - Unassigned	204,352.29	248,578.97
Total Fund Equity	257,520.87	301,747.55

2025 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 Town Hall, 154 Church Street, Barnet, VT 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, 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.

There are 9 Board members appointed by the Selectboard to serve 4-year staggered terms expiring on July 31st. As of December 31, 2025, the members were: Benjamin Adams (Vice Chair), Dan Deatrack, Bruce Denio, Zachary Mangione, Dennis McLam (Chair), Trent Roy, Susan Sinclair (Secretary), Eric Skovsted, and Jacob Stevenson. During 2025, Adams, McLam and Sinclair were re-appointed to their respective officer positions.

Dennis Marquise was appointed Zoning Administrative Officer after Shirley Warden retired after 40 years of service. The Board extends its sincere thanks and gratitude to Shirley for her time and dedication during her term and also to Dennis for his insight and advice when supporting the Board.

The Board met 12 times in 2025, conducting 10 public hearings. During the public hearings, the Board approved 1 permit related to shoreland regulations and heard 7 conditional use permits and 2 requests for variance. During the course of the year, the Board received an update from the Northern Vermont Development Association regarding the State of Vermont’s regional development plan and continued discussion about potential revisions to the Zoning ByLaws.

2025 Annual Report of the Zoning Administrative Officer

In accordance with Barnet's land use regulations, no person shall commence land development without a permit issued by the Administrative Officer. To ensure compliance and avoid potential violations, residents are encouraged to review the following guidelines and activity summary for 2025.

Understanding Land Development

The term "**development**" is defined broadly. It includes the division of a parcel into two or more lots; the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation, or enlargement of any building or structure; any mining, excavation, or landfill activity; and any change in or extension of the use of land or structures.

- **Structures:** Defined as any assembly of materials for occupancy or use, including buildings, mobile homes, billboards, signs, walls, fences, and portable units such as shipping containers or prebuilt sheds.
- **Buildings:** Defined as walled and roofed structures (including above-ground storage tanks).
- **Maintenance vs. Development:** While interior renovations like replacing kitchen cabinets do not require a permit, reconstruction—specifically adding bedrooms or increasing square footage—does require formal approval.

Permit Exemptions

A zoning permit is not required, and setbacks are not applicable, for the following (provided they are not located within a **Special Flood Hazard Area**):

- **Fences, hedges, or walls:** Maximum 6 feet in height, provided they do not interfere with corner visibility or block flood flows.
- **Small Accessory Structures:** Floor areas not exceeding 50 square feet.
- **Residential Features:** Window and dormer awnings, handicap ramps, and residential playground structures.
- **Signs:** Specific exempt signs as outlined in **Section 415.02** of the Barnet Zoning Bylaws.

2025 Activity & Updates

Barnet experienced moderate growth this past year. Notable approvals included:

- **8** permits for new single-family homes.

- 4 two-lot subdivisions.
- Various permits for sheds, decks, and small additions.

Floodplain Management: Several unresolved floodplain issues are currently moving through the regulatory process. New Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are currently being prepared; once finalized (estimated within the next year), they will provide more accurate data regarding flood risk boundaries. Additionally, the State of Vermont is advocating for more robust Floodplain and River Corridor ordinances, which may impact future local regulations.

Applications and Inquiries

A new, streamlined application form is available. All applications must be complete, include the required fee, and provide a detailed site plan where applicable. You may access forms via the Barnet Town Website or at the Town Hall.

Because many projects fall into "grey areas," I strongly suggest contacting me for clarification before starting any work. While there is no physical zoning office, I am available via email at zoning@barnetvt.org or by phone at my home office 603-359-3339 (Call or text).

Respectfully submitted,

Zoning Administrative Officer

Town of Barnet, VT

Town of Barnet ~ 2025 Annual Report

Report of the Collector of Delinquent Tax
Jeremy Roberts, Collector
December 31, 2025

Year	Taxes Charged to Collector	Collected	Abated	Uncollected Tax as of 12/31/25
2020	\$ 306.95	\$ 306.95	0	0
2022	\$ 2585.98	\$ 2585.98	0	0
2023	\$ 23,638.39	\$ 15,017.90	0	\$ 8620.49
2024	\$ 68,361.67	\$ 42,216.42	0	\$ 26,145.25
2025	\$ 151,390.41	\$ 54,447.56	0	\$ 96,942.85

2023

492 Route 5 LLC	\$ 1,553.64
Kendall, James	3,626.69
Stacey, Justin D	2,520.96*
Walsh, Diane	919.20*

2024

492 Route 5 LLC	1,604.83
Day, Denise	647.23
Hoyt, Stewart	253.17
Kendall, James	4,199.06
Kendall, James	6,554.22
Kendall, James	2,163.44
Kendall, James S	2,142.16
Kendall, Marvin R	2,116.10
Laferriere, Scott	269.84
Lepardo, Sarah E	2,807.58
Smith, John	104.57*
Stacey, Justin D	968.07*
West Hill Homes LLC	1,905.44

2025

492 Route 5 LLC	1,648.29
Banbury, Lorraine L	7.67*
Bogie MT LLC	4,952.15
Braddock, John Bing	72.06
Brown, Jonathan	1,108.58*
C&C Bunnell Exca	4,755.23+
Conover, Majorie	921.60*
Conrad, MeganM	359.80
Cote, Kristy L& ER	539.70

2025 (Continued)

Darling, Kara L & G	1,447.31
Day, Denise	1,692.84
Edmunds, Tarcia	2,076.16
Hahr, Christopher W	2,655.63*
Hayes, Candace	761.96
Jones, James	12,675.76
Keareney, Marcia L	1,023.49
Kendall, James	4,312.77
Kendall, James	19.44
Kendall, James	6,731.71
Kendall, James	2,222.03
Kendall, Jere S	1,971.63
Kendall, Marvin	9.72
Kendall, Marvin R	2,156.38
Lanctot, Jr James	148.30
Larabee, Morrissett	4,672.57
Lepardo, Sarah E	1,141.60
Lizotte, Nichola	18,048.48
McGill, Tyler L	27.27
Mcgrew, Margaret	3,144.31*
Ouellette, William	712.32
Patneau, Robert	4,091.54
Powers, Thomas J	29.11
Rivard, Martha	7.27
Storosciak, Keith	1,514.57
Tetreault, Shawn E	3,883.83*
Walsh, Diane	953.30*
West Hill Homes LLC	1,957.03
Winsner, James T	2,489.44

+ Denotes paid in full by publication date

* Denotes Payment plan in place

2025 REPORT OF BARNET FIRE & RESCUE

I am proud to start this year's report with congratulations and sincere thank you to the recipient of the cover dedication of this 2025 Town of Barnet Report, Asst. Fire Chief David Shields. This is just one small way of recognizing 50 years and counting of service that David has provided to the Town of Barnet and Fire Service in general. There is not enough space on this page to list all his accomplishments, however this verse from the Fireman's Prayer seems to say it all, "*I want to fill my calling and give the best in me, to guard my neighbor and protect his property*". David, my friend and colleague, you have far exceeded this calling. On behalf of the Officers and Members of Barnet Fire & Rescue and the residents of the Town of Barnet THANK YOU.

Barnet Fire & Rescue responded to 172 incidents in 2025 compared to 210 for the previous year. Of the 172 incidents 121 were logged in as medical emergencies, 22 were motor vehicle accidents which required both an EMS and Fire response, and 29 were various fire related calls. The decrease in EMS incidents was due to a slight change in the demographics of the requests for assistance. Currently we are operating with 20 members. Operationally we have 4 EMTs, 1 VEFR, 4 FF/VEFRs, and 9 FFs, and 2 members awaiting EMS training.

The new 4WD Dodge Ram chassis that was purchased and received in 2024 to replace the 1984 GMC forestry vehicle was delivered to the manufacturer in December for construction of an aluminum fire body and expect to have it in service for this spring's brush 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 again that the grant was not awarded. The Department will continue applying to this program as long as it is made available. We are continuing to replace members Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards require replacement 10 years after the date of manufacture. A complete set of NFPA compliant PPE not including an air pack (SCBA) can cost in excess of \$5000.00.

Under the Air Pollution Control Regulations, the open burning of natural wood from property maintenance, cleaning up of property, and so forth is allowed without a permit from the Air Quality & Climate Division (AQCD), however you still are required need to obtain a permit from your local fire warden or other local officials. The open burning of some materials, including wood waste from demolition activities at a business, industry, farm or a private residence requires a permit from (AQCD). **If you wish to apply for a permit to burn construction, demolition or commercial waste, please call the Air Quality & Climate Division at (802) 661-8937.** You will also need to obtain an additional permit from your local fire warden or other local officials. The fire wardens operate under Forest and Parks Rules to prevent wildfires and are not responsible for the enforcement of Environmental Rules. If a permit is issued, except in extraordinary circumstances, it will be for the burning of wood only, and only in locations where the smoke will not cause a potential nuisance or health concern. Open burning of trash using a "burn barrel", "home-made incinerator", or simply in a pile on the ground, is not allowed in Vermont.

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, we will be in touch

BE FIRE SAFE

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald L Morse, Fire Chief

Barnet Fire and Rescue 2025 Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand January 1, 2025 \$ 10,738.97

Income

Donations	\$ 1,010.00
Interest	\$ 6.05
MiscCredits	\$ 20.00
BBQ receipts	\$ 3,530.00
911 Sign Sales	<u>\$ 476.00</u>

Total Income \$ 5,042.05

January 1st balance plus income \$ 15,781.02

Expenses

VT State FF Assoc. dues (2024/2025)	\$ 351.00
Trunk or Treat	\$ 65.60
Christmas Party	\$ 416.26
Member Recognitions	\$ 550.00
Member Reimbursements	\$ 167.34
Building Maint. Equip	\$ 17.90
Dept. Picnic/Dinners	\$ 348.43
911 Sign Supplies	\$ 310.07
Postage/POBox	\$ 100.60
Donations	\$ 270.00
BBQ expenses	\$ 1,281.05
Misc.	<u>\$ 205.27</u>

Total Expenses \$ 4,083.52

Balance on hand December 31,2025 \$ 11,697.50

Christopher Bunnell, Treasurer

Harvey Lake Beach Committee
Report for the Year Ending December 2025

The Beach Committee is pleased to report that Kirk Fenoff & Son Excavating completed repairs to the flood-damaged parking lot, grassy, and beachfront areas. Barnet residents, outlying community members, and visitors were, once again, able to enjoy sunny days at Harvey Lake Beach.

The Committee busied itself organizing flood repairs, crafting a handbook and daily checklist for employees, writing job descriptions, reviewing submissions for a new beach logo and rule signage, compiling a punchlist of maintenance chores, and supervising completion of upgrades, removal of unused equipment, door and toilet replacements, fresh paint, and Pavilion Rental.

An enjoyable, well-attended fundraising concert was held in March at the Church Street Meeting House. Ten thousand dollars was raised for beach repairs. Many gatherings are being considered for the 2026 season, including, but not limited to, a cornhole tournament, beach yoga and/or line-dancing classes, the annual ice cream social, fireworks display, concerts, etc. We are working in cooperation with the Lake Harvey Association for some of these events.

Rates will remain the same in 2026: \$4 per person for the day, and \$60 for a season pass for five people. The breakdown for passes means that if you buy a pass, you are only paying for three visits per person while getting unlimited visits. Only the people listed on the pass can use the pass. Ages 65+ or kids under five do not need to be listed on the pass and do not need to pay entrance fees.

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

The Beach Committee thanks the Seward and Cecelia Johnson Foundation for a generous donation dedicated to beach improvements. Additionally, we are grateful to Shane Stevenson and Shawn Timson for their unstinting donation of labor.

No boats, kayaks, paddleboards, or canoes are allowed within the roped-off swimming area. We ask that boaters not dock at nearby private docks.

To rent the Pavilion for your next event, contact: Samantha Zita Furbert 802-274-7095
sdzita23@gmail.com

Please visit our webpage: harveyslakebeach.net

Email us: harveyslakebeach@gmail.com

Committee Members:

Christen Emerson, Sue Persson, Jennifer Kierstead, Kathleen Monroe, and Kylie Hutchins

Beach Manager- Samantha Zita Furbert

Barnet Public Library - Librarian's Report 2025



What a year! 2025 brought about a shift in our direction here at the library. With our Seed Swap in January we heard a call for more resources to encourage a more resilient community. We decided to launch an idea we are calling One Foot Forward. We are building a library of books and other materials and educational resources to help us all be more independent and to strengthen our ties to each other. We started by building a seed library (many thanks to Ira for seeing this through); a very local vault of homegrown seeds from your neighbors that have proved to work here in Barnet. We are hoping to expand it even more this year. We planted a garden with donated plants by our farmers and saved seeds for 2026. We would love more participation in this endeavor. One Foot Forward has grown from there. We even presented this idea at a VT Library Conference in May. We hosted a Bike Tune-Up day with Ezra Goss readying bikes for the summer in our own front yard. He was kept busy all day! We also have a very popular Library of Things with everything from a projector screen to musical instruments for loan. 2026 will bring so much more in the way of resilience programming with funding from the VT Humanities Council for classes all year. Check out our website and social media.

The Barnet Library was the hub for Barnet's Green Up Day. We organized dump trailers in town and had snacks for participants and crafts for kids in the afternoon. We plan to continue this tradition in 2026. We were honored to be able to work with students from St. Johnsbury Academy in 2025. We hosted a Senior Capstone presentation and photo exhibit by a Barnet graduate. The installation featured Barnet residents. In the Fall, the SJA Robotics team ran a STEM workshop for elementary students here. We had about 15 participants join in the fun.

We held a school-wide CLiF presentation by children's author Lorian Tu at the Barnet School. All students pre-k through 6th grade received free books. Our very own Dr. Monarch (our dear friend, Allison) collected eggs and chrysalis on our porch for us. We had daily and weekly visitors in July and August to watch the monarchs' progression to butterflies. We had six hatch and fly right from our porch! We had many other events like Play Every Town Vermont, the Silver Circus for our summer reading program, our annual trunk or treat, and traditional Waffle Wednesdays. We welcome Barnet students after school to have snacks, relax and play. But perhaps one of the most notable shifts here has been the community's enthusiasm for using the library space for their own gatherings in yoga, meditation, and home herbalism. We are excited to be truly embraced as an extension of your own living room. Come see what we have for you!



Barnet Public Library 2025 Budget Status as of 12/31/25

Account	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2026 Budget
Income			
Town Tax Appropriation	35,000	34,000	38,000
Donations	1,500	4,980	1,500
Grants	300	5,140	300
Fundraisers	1,000	493	1,000
Annual Appeal	2,500	1,150	2,500
Interest on Bank Accts	0	51	
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	40,300	45,814	43,300
Expenses			
SALARIES			
Gross Wages	34,135	34,027	41,080
FICA Taxes (Soc. Sec.)	2,389	2,603	3,081
Workshops	200	0	200
FACILITIES EXPENSES			
Telephone	620	627	620
Internet Service	1,320	1,294	1,320
Maintenance & Renovation	400	17	400
LIBRARY OPERATIONS			
Audio/Video	150	52	100
Adult Books	2,200	3,145	2,200
Kid Books	1,100	908	1,100
Magazines/Newspaper	450	270	450
Ebooks	625	623	560
Website	500	84	500
Fundraisers	100	0	100
Software	400	568	400
Appeal Appeal Expenses	100	132	100
SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT			
Mileage	50	0	200
Office Supplies	650	547	650
Computer	500	0	500
Postage	500	532	500
SPECIAL PROGRAMS			
Special Events	900	974	900
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	47,289	46,402	54,961
 Net Income	 <hr/>	 <hr/>	 <hr/>
	(6,989)	(588)	(11,661)

Barnet Waste Management Report For the Year 2025

Well, we had another great year of recycling in Barnet. We had help from Donald Nelson, Rusty Ehlers, Shirley Warden and many others who continue to offer their support in providing us with information needed for the Good Neighbor Fund to help others.

I would like to, once again, thank everyone who has donated their returnable bottles to this worthy cause. Debbie King, of the West Barnet Quick Stop, continues to watch for any signs of residents who may need help from our Good Neighbor Fund. Casella and The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are always ready to help solve any problems that come up.

Our little dog pals are still enjoying a snack when they stop in for a visit and, like every year, some of them are no longer with us.

This year, Rusty along with Nancy McClure set up some shelves for our "Recycle Center Library". Rusty did this with wood, paint, screws and nails that were brought in for disposal. Again, we have saved more items from going to a landfill and this project, like most of the things we do at this facility, cost the tax payers zero dollars. Even all of the books were donated to get us started on this worth-while project. Dillon Ford has also brought in many of the books that we have set aside for folks in town to take home and read.

Please note:

We still ***need*** people to do a better job of putting items in the right place, and rinsing dirty items. As we have said many, many times before, when people don't follow the rules of recycling, it makes more work for the rest of us and Daniel "Rusty" Ehlers is spending a good part of each work day climbing in and out of the dumpsters to retrieve items that are in the wrong place. Please do your part in making Rusty's life more enjoyable (or at least bearable). His efforts prevent the town from being fined over what we are already charged by Casella to remove items that have been put in the wrong place, or that should have been thrown away and "paid for" not recycled. This extra time costs the tax payers at least one thousand dollars more per year!

Bruce Marston

Bruce Marston

Report of the Barnet Dam Committee January 15, 2026

The Barnet Dam Committee (BDC) includes Dylan Ford, George Copenrath, Joe Mangiapane, Richard Downer, Red Dufresne and Don Easter in memoriam. Don served on the BDC for many years and is sorely missed. Our goal remains to improve the water quality in Lake Harvey by reducing backflow from the South Peacham Brook during heavy storms and spring runoff. Progress toward this goal continued this year and the following items are listed below and more fully described herein:

1. Hydrologic engineering services regarding upstream hydrology and hydraulics and how different storms affect both the dam and the lake. These activities currently in progress will be compiled in a document referred to as the "Upstream H&H Study".
2. During construction of a concrete wall downstream of the dam on the west side, significant erosion and loss of material was observed near the downstream cutoff wall. This damage was repaired using riprap relocated from the east side of the dam.
3. We were notified by the State of Vermont that we were not to remove or adjust stopboards under any circumstances and that fines could be assessed for such activities. This notification caused us to cancel work on the safety railing.

Item 1: The Selectboard retained McFarland & Johnson to complete the upstream H&H study as this same firm completed the downstream H&H study and obtained the low hazard classification from the state. The contract was signed in late March of 2025, but work was postponed for several reasons. Flow over the dam and lake level was artificially high due to beaver activity in the spring and uncharacteristically low during the 2025 drought. The computer model was calibrated in September when lake levels returned to more normal levels. The model is developed using specific basin hydrologic characteristics from both the Lake Harvey and the South Peacham Brook watersheds and simulates various rainstorm events to determine the water level and flow in the lake, in the South Peacham Brook, and at the dam during these rare storm events up to and including a 100-year flood event. The model revealed that decades of siltation in both the lake outlet stream and the South Peacham Brook severely limited the ability to pass high storm events over the dam and down the Stevens River even with a bladder dam which could lower the dam by three feet. In light of this result, the BDC is in discussions with officials at the Vermont State Dam Safety Program to incorporate a large sluice gate (which opens near the bottom of the dam) in addition to a bladder. The sluice gate would substantially pass more water at higher velocities and be capable of maintaining the upstream channels by moving deposits of fine material downstream. Previous state studies have shown that the Stevens River downstream of the dam is deficit in fine material necessary for aquatic organisms. Many of you may recall the two sluice gates at the previous dam (before 1970) which were used to maintain a deep outlet channel suitable for recreation.

Item 2: During the abnormally low lake level in October, there were periods when no water was passing over the dam. This low level event coincided with the work repairing

the damage on the westerly area downstream of the dam caused by the flood in July of 2024. Shane Stevenson, while working to repair the downstream erosion damage noticed that almost all the riprap downstream of the cutoff wall had washed away. In addition, probing by dam committee members indicated there were small voids in some areas under the cutoff area. We received authority from the state to repair this damage without a permit as long as the work reflected the original design drawings and the work was completed.

Item 3: Lake water level has historically been a controversial topic. In the past, the Town was able to mitigate high lake level by removing stopboards and lower lake level to facilitate work on the waterfront by property owners. Last August, State officials notified Town officials that the lake level cannot be modified using the stopboards and any such activities would be subject to a fine. Since that notification, the stopboards have been left in place. High lake level will remain an issue due to storm events and beaver activity. Beaver dams on the outlet stream were removed by hand by the volunteer efforts of Phil Sorranteo (Lay Monitor for Lake Harvey) with assistance from time to time by dam committee members. In addition, the Town has now retained an on-call trapper to control beaver activity as needed.

Our goal for 2026 is to complete the upstream H&H study and incorporate this work into the state required Basis of Design (BOD) Report being compiled by Dam Committee members. After local review and endorsement, the report will be submitted to the state for review and approval. If approved, the BOD report will specifically depict the improvements proposed for design and construct to reduce back flow to the lake from South Peacham Brook. The design and construction would require significant capital outlay and activities would focus on local, state, and federal funding opportunities. Minutes of the Barnet Dam Committee meetings are available on the Town of Barnet web site.

Memorial Flags

Patricia McLam, Lisa Bowden and Judy Butson had charge of getting the flags and new standards from the Town Clerk. On May 22, 2025 they met the school bus at each cemetery and passed out the flags to the following 6th grade students, staff and bus driver.

Students: Kenzlee Sanborn, Ainsley Demers, Harper Darling, Eva Lamothe, Odessa Cheney, Elliott Adams, Jackson Zwalt, Ainsleigh Roy, Curtis Pilner, Marcy Roy, Max Bartlett, Austin King

Staff: Matt Smith, Amanda Babcock-Smith, Daniel Rachels

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.

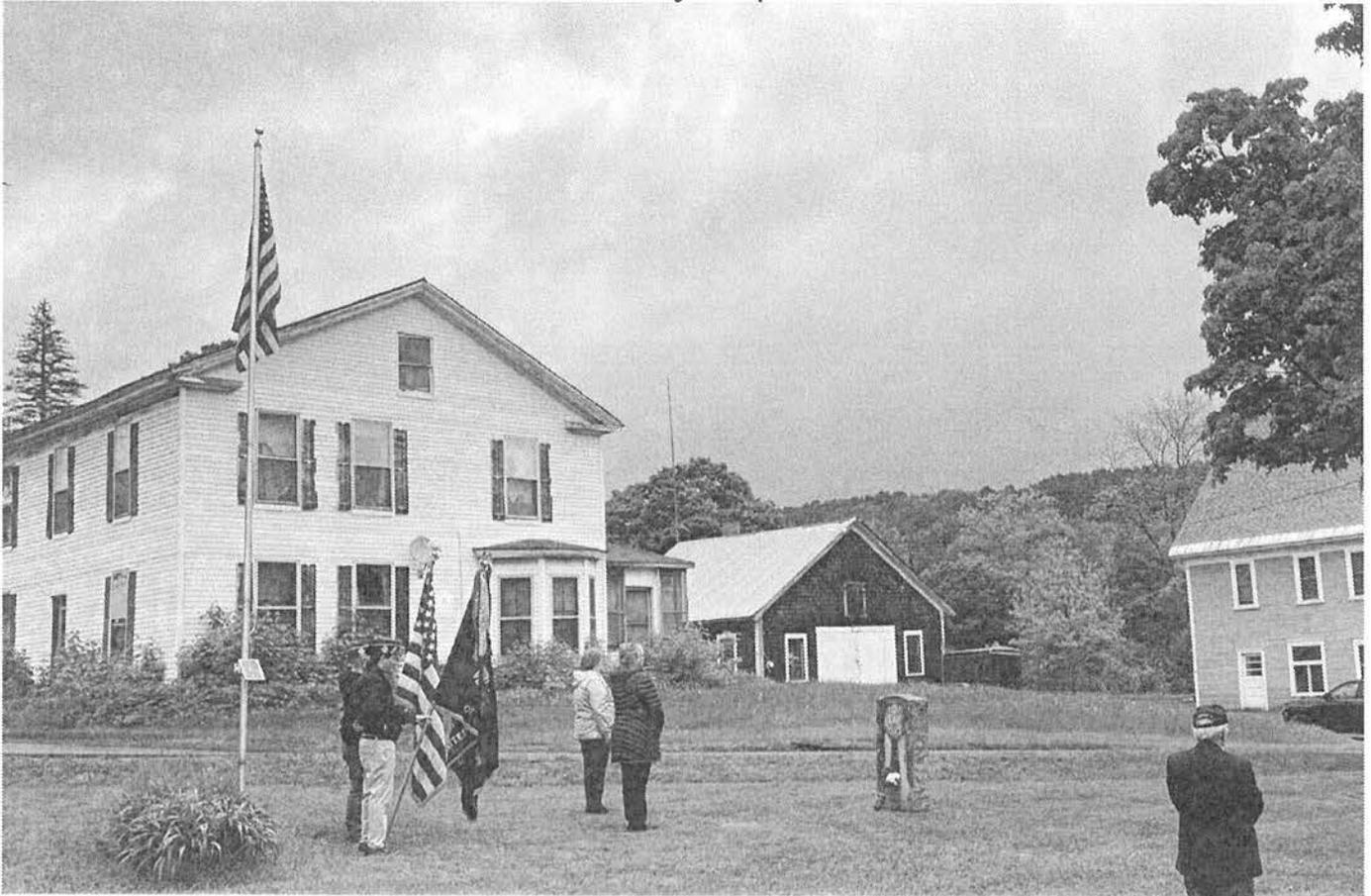
The following is the number of flags placed at each cemetery. 87 at McIndoes, 31 at Walter Harvey, 36 at West Barnet, 76 at Barnet Center, 11 at Stevens and 91 at Pleasant View plus 3 at the monument on the Barnet Village circle.

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

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

Patricia McLam,
Lisa Bowden
Judy Butson

Memorial Day Report 2025



The 2025 Memorial Day services were held Sunday, May 25 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 ceremonies began with a welcome by the 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. We were also joined by Mr. Haggett's Scout Troop 007. Debbie Smith played taps at both locations. Kathy Buck, of Peacham, played the bagpipe for us in both Passumpsic and Barnet Village. 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.

**2025 BOAT MONITOR REPORT
HARVEY'S LAKE BOAT ACCESS**

In 2025, seven trained greeters were employed at our greeter station between late May and mid September. Jackie and Sherm Sprague were also trained and provided support when needed. The table below gives the vessel statistics for the 2025 season.

GREETED - 993
INSPECTED - 757
DECONTAMINATED - 110
PRESSURE WASHED - 110
PRESSURE WASHED REJECTED - 64

TYPE OF VESSEL:

Outboard Motorboat	311
Kayak	203
Pontoon	158
Standup Paddleboard	137
Inboard Motor	62
Canoe	38
Other	34
Jet Ski/Waverunner	27
Sailboat	13
Rowboat	7
Wakeboat	3

LAST WATER BODY (LWB) totals for BOATS in the 2025 SEASON:

Harvey's - 771; Connecticut River C - 15; Joe's Pond C - 15; Molly's Falls - Marshfield Dam - 14; Ewell Pond - 10; Willoughby C - 9; Peacham Pond - 8; Keiser Pond - 7; Caspian Lake - 6; Fairlee C - 6; Crystal C - 5; Martin's Pond - 5; Moore Reservoir - 5; Shadow (Concord VT) - 5; Amherst - 4, Champlain - Burlington Bay C - 4; Ticklenaked Pond - 4; Bristol Pond - 3; Groton - 3; Lake Mascoma NH - 3; Miller Pond - 3; Lake Morey C - 3; Ricker Pond - 3; Waterbury Reservoir C - 3; Baker Pond - 2; Crystal Enfield NH - 2; Memphremagog C - 2; Old Marsh - 2; St Catherine's C - 2; Woodward Reservoir Vt - 2. The following lakes were the LWB before Harvey's once in 2025: Buck, Curtis, Eden, Forest, Grafton, Halls C, Harriman Reservoir, Kettle Pond, Lamoille River, Long Pond, Maidstone, Norton, Rood Pond, Silver, Tarleton NH, Upper Baker Pond.

A "C" indicates that the waterbody was listed as contaminated in some way in 2024.

The news that invasive milfoil was found at Joe's Pond in 2024 is a stern warning that we must continue to be vigilant about protecting the waters of Harvey's Lake. Fifteen boats reported Joe's Pond as their LWB in 2025.

Many thanks to our Select Board members and the residents of Barnet for supporting the costs of our greeter programs, our grant writers for their time and diligence and all residents and visitors who cherish our beautiful lake and treat it with care.

This report is dedicated to the memory of Kathy Wirthwein who compiled data and wrote this report for many years. Kathy passed away on July 23, 2025. She will be recalled for many outstanding qualities but especially for her devotion to Harvey's Lake.

Jan Parsons, Secretary, Lake Harvey Association.

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Town Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report

The financial statements of the Town of Barnet for the year 2025 reflect, to a degree, a return to normalcy. Most of the July 2024 flood infrastructure damages have been repaired and most major long-term projects are completed – notably with the opening of the newly renovated Town Hall. Major outlays have receded and the resulting budgetary decreases have helped to offset ongoing inflationary pressures on the budget.

July 2024 Flooding and Aftermath

The headline item remained the July 2024 flood event, which did continue to impact town finances throughout 2025. There were some large expenditures (totaling \$1,388,000) as the Town finished paying for repair work begun in 2024. Total cash expenditures for flood recovery to date are \$3,154,000. This total does not include costs for Town labor, equipment, and materials. It also excludes several large projects yet to be completed, including repair or replacement of bridges.

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 (FEMA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). In total, the Town anticipates receipt of reimbursement for FEMA-eligible projects of \$1,978,000 from the federal government (75% of total documented costs) and \$330,000 from the state government (12.5% of total documented costs). Anticipated revenue for FHWA projects is \$1,102,000 (100% of total documented costs). Thus far the town has received \$323,000 in FEMA funds, and no funds from the state government or FHWA. Total remaining anticipated reimbursement funding is \$3,087,000. Notably, anticipated total reimbursements exceed total flood recovery cash expenditures to date; the Town should return to its pre-flood financial condition once reimbursements are realized. The exact timeframe for receipt of remaining reimbursement from these government entities is uncertain at this time, but the Town expects full receipt of all remaining funding by 2026 year-end. This Town Report reflects that the Town borrowed funds from Passumpsic Savings Bank and Vermont Bond Bank to cover current cash flow in anticipation of reimbursement funding. At year-end, \$1,500,000 remains due to Vermont Bond Bank. Depending on the pace of receipt of reimbursement, re-funding (refinancing) notes for both the Passumpsic Savings Bank line of credit and the Vermont Bond Bank loan may be necessary.

General Fund Status

The General Fund returned a 2025 surplus of \$449,000, owing largely to revenues associated with anticipated flood recovery reimbursements from federal and state agencies. A cash flow shortage is created by the fact that expenditures are actual and revenues anticipated; this shortage is covered by the loan and line of credit referenced above. The total accumulated surplus at year-end is at the healthy sum of \$1,215,000. Following a 2025 overall budget increase, the 2026 budget appropriation request represents a decrease of \$16,800. Although many individual costs have increased due to inflation and other factors outside the Selectboard's control, the Selectboard was able to strategically trim the budget in other areas to offset these increases. Notably, the sunset of the Town's major building program, with the completion of the Town Hall project, allows for a decrease in the appropriation to the Municipal Building Fund.

Reserve Fund Activities

There were fewer Reserve Fund activities in 2025. Major expenditures were a highway construction grant project on Roy Mountain Road (\$340,000), which was offset by grant funding (\$200,000) and final costs for the Town Hall renovation (\$126,000). The overall fund balance was stable, decreasing from \$2,202,000 to \$2,178,000.

Government Accounting Basics

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 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.

Treasurer's Office News

The annals of the Town of Barnet will mark 2025 as the year the town offices moved into the newly renovated Town Hall. The move was smooth, with the help of many professionals and volunteers. The new space is very accommodating and pleasant. We are appreciative of the support of the taxpayers in bringing this project to fruition, giving us a fine new workspace.

The year also marked the departure of Assistant Treasurer (and Assistant Clerk) Catherine Roy from her regular position at the office. Her term of service, beginning in 2017, was marked by competence, work ethic, and neighborly helpfulness toward all who came seeking the services of the Town Clerk's and Treasurer's office. She is missed, but we continue to call on her services and expertise in meaningful, if less daily, ways. Meanwhile, we have welcomed new Assistant Treasurer (and Assistant Clerk) Samantha Zita Furbert, who is learning the ropes quickly.

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.

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

2026 General Fund Budget

Selectboard: Dylan Ford, Benjamin Gates & Benjamin Adams

(See pages following this report for schedules and notes)

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Note	Account	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Revenues					
<u>Selectboard Income</u>					
1	Taxes				
a	Selectboard Budget Tax Appropriation	1,643,871.06	1,728,217.91	1,727,097.56	1,711,404.70
b	Change in Deferred Property Tax Revenue	(7,160.69)		(32,769.42)	
	Total Taxes	1,636,710.37	1,728,217.91	1,694,328.14	1,711,404.70
2	Town Clerk's Office Fees				
	Recording Fees	12,447.00	13,000.00	13,630.00	13,000.00
a	General Office Fees	2,131.85	2,500.00	2,777.45	2,500.00
	Dog Licenses	1,025.00	1,000.00	956.18	1,000.00
	Dog Ordinance Violation Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b	Liquor Licenses	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00
	Other Licenses	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Town Clerk's Fees	15,773.85	16,570.00	17,433.63	16,570.00
3	Planning Commission & Zoning Board				
	Zoning Permit Fees	1,775.00	1,200.00	1,475.00	1,500.00
4	Transfer Station				
	Transfer Station Collections	73,264.75	70,000.00	75,278.50	75,000.00
5	Harvey's Lake Beach				
	Admission Charges	11,607.00	10,000.00	17,575.75	15,000.00
	Pavilion Rental	665.00	1,500.00	1,085.00	1,500.00
	Total Harvey's Lake Beach	12,272.00	11,500.00	18,660.75	16,500.00
6	General Selectboard Income				
a	Late Filing Fees - HS-122 forms	3,995.95	3,000.00	1,803.93	2,000.00
	Interest - Delinquent Taxes	7,887.83	10,000.00	9,605.35	10,000.00
b	Interest - Savings & Checking	52,138.05	5,000.00	17,253.68	20,000.00
	Highway Access Permits	20.00	0.00	40.00	0.00
c	State of VT - Current Use Payment (Selectboard's share)	48,528.00	45,000.00	41,783.00	45,000.00
	State of VT - Current Use Change Tax	4,035.00	1,000.00	605.00	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	20,553.00	9,000.00	17,665.45	9,000.00
	State of VT - Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant			6,675.00	
	FEMA Firefighter Grant	0.00	0.00	263.71	0.00
f	Rent - Barnet Public Library Building (formerly known as Village Partnership)	6,600.00	7,200.00	6,600.00	0.00
	District Court of VT - Local Fines	500.50	0.00	1,041.44	750.00

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Note	Account	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
	Insurance Claim - Fire & Rescue Dept	0.00	0.00	1,815.00	0.00
	Various Other Income	6.86	0.00	28.30	0.00
	Total General Selectboard Income	166,796.57	87,700.00	112,684.84	95,250.00
6.1	Reserve Fund Proceeds				
a	Proceeds from Education Tax Liability Credit Fund	93,078.79	93,078.79	93,078.79	93,078.79
	Total Reserve Fund Proceeds	93,078.79	93,078.79	93,078.79	93,078.79
7 a	Use of Prior Surplus	250,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Selectboard Income	2,249,671.33	2,008,266.70	2,012,939.65	2,009,303.49
	Highway Income				
9	State Aid				
a	State Aid to Roads	210,575.88	155,000.00	108,384.42	216,000.00
	Total State Aid	210,575.88	155,000.00	108,384.42	216,000.00
11 a	Flood Repair Proceeds				
	July 2024 Flooding Event - FEMA Projects - Federal Funds	1,324,954.39		653,274.37	
	July 2024 Flooding Event - FEMA Projects - State Funds	220,825.73		108,879.06	
	July 2024 Flooding Event - FHWA Projects - Federal Funds			1,101,556.04	
	July 2024 Flooding Event - Donations			15,000.00	
	Total Flood Repair Proceeds	1,545,780.12	0.00	1,878,709.47	0.00
12	Other Highway Income				
	State of VT - Current Use Payment (Highway share)	47,915.00	45,000.00	41,783.00	45,000.00
	Insurance Claim	2,008.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Various other receipts	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
	Total Other Highway Income	49,923.52	45,000.00	42,283.00	45,000.00
	Total Highway Income	1,806,279.52	200,000.00	2,029,376.89	261,000.00
	Total General Fund Income	4,055,950.85	2,208,266.70	4,042,316.54	2,270,303.49

Expenditures

Selectboard Expenditures

15	Payroll Benefits & Taxes:				
	FICA Taxes (Social Security)	12,160.34	13,000.00	14,640.49	16,000.00
	VT Childcare Contribution	1,853.87	1,900.00	3,754.38	4,000.00

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<u>Note</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>
	Health Insurance	34,889.89	40,600.00	40,279.38	36,908.89
a	Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
	Reserve Fund Appropriation				
b	Retirement	4,838.98	5,200.00	5,865.10	6,055.28
c	Unemployment Compensation	436.00	586.00	463.50	696.00
d	Dental Insurance	445.08	500.00	467.91	500.00
	Total Payroll Benefits & Taxes	56,624.16	63,786.00	67,470.76	67,160.17
16	Town Clerk's Office (formerly "Office Supplies"):				
	<u>Salaries (See Schedule A):</u>				
a	Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk & Treas.	77,352.29	80,000.00	82,330.40	83,500.00
b	Assistant Town Clerk & Treas.	20,868.11	25,000.00	35,108.22	25,000.00
c	Substitute Town Clerk	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Salaries	98,220.40	105,500.00	117,438.62	108,500.00
	Land Record Books & Supplies	646.67	700.00	1,169.40	700.00
d	Land Record Online Portal	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Copier Expenses	1,561.80	1,500.00	531.48	5,500.00
	Tax Bills	398.00	350.00	436.00	350.00
e	Software Service Agreement	6,547.58	6,000.00	6,744.01	7,000.00
f	Computer Maintenance, Supplies	10,267.55	5,000.00	5,257.60	5,000.00
	Postage	3,045.22	3,000.00	3,139.24	3,000.00
	Postage Meter Rental	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
	Advertising	1,882.80	1,500.00	1,254.00	1,500.00
	Digitization	257.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Various Office Supplies	1,604.72	1,500.00	1,556.15	1,500.00
	Total Town Clerk's Office	125,632.40	126,400.00	138,726.50	134,250.00
17	Listers' Office:				
a	Salaries (See Schedule B)	13,262.00	15,000.00	15,384.75	19,000.00
b	Contracted Services (professional appraiser)	522.50	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
c	Computer Maintenance & Supplies	1,342.08	1,500.00	3,669.07	6,000.00
	Training	1,301.10	1,000.00	1,091.58	1,000.00
d	Tax Map Maintenance	3,410.00	3,500.00	3,460.00	3,500.00
	Total Listers' Office	19,837.68	23,000.00	23,605.40	31,500.00
18	Planning Commission/Zoning Board:				
a	Administrative Officer Salary	4,250.00	7,500.00	9,650.00	7,800.00
b	Wages - Secretary	836.00	2,000.00	104.50	0.00
	Administrative Officer Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	398.18	1,000.00
	Advertising	1,500.00	1,000.00	984.00	1,000.00
	E911 Administrative Expenses	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
	Other	0.00	300.00	135.00	300.00
	Total Planning Commission/Zoning Board	7,586.00	11,850.00	11,271.68	10,150.00
19	Auditors:				
	Salaries	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00
	Printing Town Reports	2,594.60	2,430.00	2,572.10	2,600.00
	Total Auditors	2,594.60	3,230.00	2,572.10	3,400.00

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Note	Account	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
20	Landfill/Transfer Station:				
a	Salaries-Transfer Station (See Schedule C)	8,925.00	9,500.00	9,601.25	10,500.00
b	Environmental Compliance/ Post-Closure Testing	2,241.80	2,500.00	3,053.85	3,000.00
c	Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Annual Appropriation/Surcharge	9,673.83	9,500.00	11,421.58	11,500.00
	Supplies - Transfer Station	34.77	100.00	75.61	100.00
d	Dumping Fee	34,640.28	40,000.00	37,605.67	40,000.00
e	Hauling Fee	26,776.40	30,000.00	29,934.98	30,000.00
	Advertising - Transfer Station	72.00	150.00	72.00	150.00
f	Hired Equipment	390.00	400.00	420.00	400.00
	Total Landfill/Transfer Station	82,754.08	92,150.00	92,184.94	95,650.00
22	Barnet Recycling:				
a	Salaries (See Schedule D)	11,233.50	11,000.00	11,928.75	13,000.00
	Disposal Fees	2,597.00	3,000.00	2,885.00	3,000.00
	Compost Tote Fees	790.00	1,000.00	850.50	1,000.00
	Equipment & Supplies	150.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Recycling	14,770.80	15,000.00	15,664.25	17,000.00
23	Fire & Rescue:				
a	Volunteers' Reimbursement	13,627.65	14,000.00	12,278.30	14,000.00
b	Equipment & Supplies	14,043.45	12,100.00	11,425.37	12,100.00
c	Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	2,273.16	4,000.00	3,110.33	4,000.00
d	Mutual Aid Dues & Dispatching Service	5,008.50	5,000.00	5,308.44	5,500.00
e	Rescue Squad Expenses	1,639.80	3,200.00	1,421.43	3,200.00
	Insurance Claim Expense	0.00	0.00	1,815.00	0.00
	Regionalization	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00
	Annual Equipment Testing		2,000.00	1,780.82	2,000.00
	Other	81.80	600.00	311.14	600.00
	Total Fire & Rescue	36,674.36	42,000.00	37,450.83	41,400.00
24	Harvey's Lake Beach:				
	Salaries - Lifeguards & Gate Attendants (See Schedule E)	6,852.88	20,000.00	12,802.48	15,000.00
	Operating Supplies	491.46	500.00	368.42	500.00
	Rubbish Removal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Advertising	140.00	500.00	267.08	500.00
	Total Harveys Lake Beach	7,484.34	21,000.00	13,437.98	16,000.00
25	Police Services:				
	Constable Charges - Dogs	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Constable Charges - Other	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Animal Control Officer			1,188.00	1,000.00
	Sheriff's Patrol	3,370.50	7,500.00	5,260.50	7,500.00
	Other	32.69	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Total Police Services	3,403.19	8,000.00	6,448.50	9,000.00
26	Selectboard:				
a	Salaries	1,013.66	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
	Expenses	1,499.99	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00

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	Total Selectboard	2,513.65	3,000.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
27	Elections Expenses:				
	Ballot Clerks	1,825.02	500.00	206.65	1,000.00
a	Moderator	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Polling Place Custodian	520.00	520.00		0.00
	Advertising	528.00	400.00	552.00	550.00
	Supplies/Equipment	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
	Total Election Expenses	2,973.02	1,570.00	858.65	1,700.00
32	Buildings/Grounds Utilities & Maintenance				
	<u>Town Clerk's Office</u>				
a	Fuel Oil	1,944.55	1,000.00	1,766.70	1,000.00
	Electricity	1,635.43	800.00	1,309.78	800.00
	Water	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Telephone	1,209.86	500.00	346.26	0.00
	Internet	839.88	400.00	277.63	0.00
	Maintenance	2,642.07	0.00	2,488.72	0.00
	Cleaning	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Town Clerk's Office	8,511.79	2,900.00	6,189.09	2,000.00
	<u>Barnet Public Library Building:</u>				
a	Fuel Oil	6,389.30	8,500.00	7,051.57	7,500.00
	Electricity	892.22	900.00	1,051.78	900.00
	Water	1,642.12	1,700.00	1,642.12	1,700.00
	Maintenance	1,826.44	2,800.00	5,301.33	2,800.00
	Total Barnet Public Library Building	10,750.08	13,900.00	15,046.80	12,900.00
	<u>Town Hall</u>				
a	Propane		0.00	802.34	1,500.00
	Electricity	0.00	2,000.00	3,555.13	4,000.00
	Water	547.36	550.00	547.36	550.00
	Telephone	29.99	1,500.00	1,188.24	1,500.00
	Internet	129.98	1,000.00	1,606.91	1,500.00
	Cleaning		2,500.00	2,941.90	3,000.00
	Maintenance	1,010.00	1,000.00	3,317.92	1,000.00
	Total Town Hall	1,717.33	8,550.00	13,959.80	13,050.00
	<u>Transfer Station</u>				
	Utilities/Electricity	2,054.06	2,100.00	2,168.23	2,100.00
	Portable Toilet	0.00	55.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Transfer Station	2,054.06	2,155.00	2,168.23	2,100.00
	<u>Recycling Center</u>				
a	Fuel Oil	12.01	200.00	208.67	200.00
	Total Recycling Center	12.01	200.00	208.67	200.00
	<u>Fire & Rescue Station</u>				
a	Fuel Oil	5,187.79	5,500.00	5,599.46	5,500.00
	Electricity	1,788.40	1,800.00	2,033.67	1,800.00
	Telephone	2,523.71	1,800.00	2,263.25	2,300.00
	Internet	0.00	550.00	0.00	0.00

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	Maintenance	2,676.70	2,500.00	2,847.83	3,000.00
	Total Fire & Rescue Station	12,176.60	12,150.00	12,744.21	12,600.00
	<u>West Barnet Fire Station</u>				
	Electricity	35.75	100.00	0.00	0.00
	Total West Barnet Fire Station	35.75	100.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>Harvey's Lake Beach</u>				
	Electricity/Utilities	1,562.21	3,000.00	1,651.27	2,000.00
	Maintenance	2,475.00	2,750.00	1,690.00	2,750.00
	Total Harvey's Lake Beach	4,037.21	5,750.00	3,341.27	4,750.00
	Total Buildings/Grounds Utilities & Maintenance	39,294.83	45,705.00	53,658.07	47,600.00
33	Insurance & Bonds:				
	Vehicles, Buildings & Town Officer Bonds	17,458.75	16,544.00	23,244.29	23,000.00
	Workers' Compensation	5,509.06	4,492.00	6,231.65	6,500.00
a	Fire & Rescue Insurance	3,100.68	1,250.00	1,069.68	1,250.00
	Total Insurance & Bonds	26,068.49	22,286.00	30,545.62	30,750.00
34	Legal Expenses:				
	Tax Appeals	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Tax Collectors Items	0.00	500.00	765.00	500.00
	General	6,310.00	2,500.00	3,660.00	4,500.00
	Zoning	6,749.11	1,000.00	498.50	1,000.00
	Animal Control	2,700.00	1,500.00	3,465.00	1,500.00
	Total Legal Expenses	15,759.11	6,500.00	8,388.50	8,500.00
35	Interest on Loans:				
a	Tax Anticipation Borrowing Line of Credit	19,805.09	19,700.00	18,744.09	21,800.00
	Total Interest on Loans	19,805.09	19,700.00	18,744.09	21,800.00
36	Professional Services:				
	Auditing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
38	Tax Abatements & Credits:				
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
	Total Tax Abatements & Credits	146,414.60	146,414.60	146,414.60	146,414.60
39	Annual Appropriations:				
	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	30,909.00	31,421.10	31,421.10	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	0.00	0.00	0.00

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<u>Note</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>
	Kingdom Animal Shelter	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
a	Memorial Day	640.25	1,500.00	1,703.00	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
	Northeastern Vermont Development Association	1,414.00	1,580.00	1,580.00	1,580.00
	Rural Community Transportation	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
	Umbrella Inc.	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Vermont Center for Independent Living	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00
	Vermont League of Cities & Towns	3,392.00	3,467.00	3,467.00	3,568.00
	West Barnet Senior Meal Site (formerly known as Volunteer Senior Meal Site)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Total Annual Appropriations	53,710.25	55,323.10	55,526.10	55,424.10
40 a	Cemeteries:				
	Stevens Cemetery - Misc. Mowing	1,430.00	2,000.00	1,062.50	2,000.00
	Palmer Cemetery	680.00	1,000.00	1,062.50	1,000.00
	Pleasant View Cemetery Association	7,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00
	McIndoe Falls Cemetery	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
	Total Cemeteries	13,460.00	15,350.00	14,475.00	15,350.00
41	Appropriations to Other Funds:				
a	Fire Department Fund	10,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
	Municipal Buildings Fund	100,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	1,000.00
	Harvey's Lake Beach Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Harvey's Lake Dam Fund	30,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
	Library Fund	34,000.00	34,000.00	34,000.00	38,000.00
	Reappraisal Fund		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Fire District Grant Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
	Total Appropriations to Other Funds	177,000.00	112,000.00	112,000.00	90,500.00
42	Miscellaneous Selectboard Expenses:				
	Listers Expenses				
	Town Officers Meetings	565.92	1,000.00	105.00	1,000.00
	Health Officer Expense	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Harvey's Lake Dam Maintenance	0.00	500.00	2,200.00	500.00
	Harvey's Lake Dam Registration Fee	350.00	500.00	200.00	500.00
	Harvey's Lake Boat Wash/Monitoring (See Schedule F)	20,310.57	25,000.00	25,219.11	25,000.00
a	Ambulance Service	70,380.00	70,380.00	70,380.00	70,380.00
	Fire Districts		0.00		0.00
	Economic Development	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
	Local Hazard Mitigation Plan	8,900.00		0.00	0.00
	Other Various	451.68	2,000.00	301.68	2,000.00
	Total Miscellaneous Expenses	100,958.17	101,580.00	98,405.79	99,580.00
43 a	Contingency:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
44	Total Selectboard Expenditures:	955,318.82	935,844.70	950,349.36	946,128.87

Highway Expenditures

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<u>Section & Note</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>
45	Salaries - General Maintenance (See Schedule G)	328,728.34	330,000.00	340,916.48	365,000.00
46	Parts & Supplies:				
a	Blades & Chains	5,857.36	6,000.00	4,701.48	6,000.00
b	Tools	3,125.52	2,500.00	1,819.43	2,500.00
	Safety Supplies	257.05	1,000.00	112.40	1,000.00
	Shop Supplies	4,605.33	5,000.00	4,584.05	5,000.00
	Total Parts & Supplies	13,845.26	14,500.00	11,217.36	14,500.00
47	Payroll Benefits & Taxes:				
	FICA Taxes (Social Security)	27,431.05	21,000.00	26,730.27	28,618.59
	Health Insurance	82,196.26	136,200.00	138,554.81	123,861.53
	Health Insurance Declination Stipend	10,700.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
a	Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)	6,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	12,000.00
	Reserve Fund Appropriation				
	Uniforms	7,089.86	6,000.00	8,676.08	9,000.00
b	Retirement	20,190.47	22,500.00	24,366.10	26,462.50
c	Unemployment Compensation	436.00	586.00	463.50	696.00
d	Dental Insurance	1,779.96	2,100.00	1,871.52	2,100.00
	Total Payroll Benefits & Taxes	155,823.60	201,586.00	213,862.28	207,938.62
48	Town Garage				
	Propane	621.59	700.00	(108.20)	700.00
	Electricity	4,549.93	4,600.00	5,202.52	4,600.00
a	Telephone	1,232.86	1,100.00	1,288.48	1,100.00
b	Cellular Phone	585.00	550.00	540.00	550.00
	Internet Service	1,079.88	1,000.00	1,179.98	1,000.00
	Computer Maintenance & Supplies	660.13	500.00	1,062.83	500.00
	Building Maintenance	9,250.98	5,000.00	2,222.25	5,000.00
	Advertising	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Total Town Garage	17,980.37	13,650.00	11,387.86	13,650.00
48	Insurance				
	Vehicles & Buildings	12,722.74	11,332.00	8,497.92	11,332.00
	Workers' Compensation	17,944.79	18,504.00	14,458.38	18,504.00
	Claim Settlement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Insurance	30,667.53	29,836.00	22,956.30	29,836.00
50	Equipment Maintenance:				
	Dump Trucks	58,166.76	55,000.00	70,020.98	65,000.00
	Grader (2022)	9,047.95	10,000.00	4,890.33	10,000.00
	Loader (1991)	5,372.94	0.00	682.78	0.00
	Loader (2010)	3,185.47	5,000.00	461.76	5,000.00
	Loader (2024)	1,178.60	2,500.00	404.00	2,500.00
	Backhoe (2019)	2,109.02	5,000.00	2,599.47	8,000.00
	Roadside Mower Tractor	1,268.79	2,000.00	5,651.19	3,000.00
	Pickup (2024)	5,512.21	5,000.00	7,103.38	5,000.00
	Chainsaws	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Other Equipment	106.66	1,000.00	2,412.33	1,000.00
	Welding Supplies	503.90	1,200.00	1,123.63	1,200.00
a	Tires	7,521.15	15,000.00	13,527.00	15,000.00

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Note	Account	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
	Stock Items	2,714.89	0.00	1,593.98	0.00
	Total Equipment Maintenance	96,688.34	102,200.00	110,470.83	116,200.00
51	Gas & Oil:				
	Gasoline	744.47	300.00	0.00	300.00
a	Diesel fuel	83,872.30	85,000.00	71,715.01	85,000.00
	Oil	2,756.80	3,500.00	1,554.14	3,500.00
	Other Petroleum Products	3,858.53	4,000.00	5,590.09	4,000.00
	Total Gas & Oil	91,232.10	92,800.00	78,859.24	92,800.00
52	Contracted Services:				
a	Hired Equipment & Equipment Rental	250.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
b	Screening Winter Sand	6,689.67	16,000.00	11,184.81	16,000.00
c	Overburden Removal - Sand	3,190.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
d	Crushing	70,351.85	80,000.00	51,294.91	75,000.00
e	Overburden Removal - Gravel	23,702.00	15,000.00	41,744.00	0.00
	Overburden Removal - Sand & Gravel				22,000.00
	Permitting	1,350.00	2,500.00	1,350.00	2,500.00
	Highway Department Education	20.00	750.00	40.00	750.00
	Total Contracted Services	105,553.52	129,550.00	105,613.72	116,550.00
53	Operating Supplies:				
a	Salt	53,024.79	65,000.00	76,461.81	80,000.00
	Cold Patch/Hot Mix	1,030.00	2,500.00	2,172.00	2,500.00
	Specialty Aggregate	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Culverts	5,939.60	7,500.00	8,734.28	7,500.00
	Chloride	0.00	29,000.00	25,570.20	29,000.00
	Guardrails	0.00	5,000.00	3,487.00	5,000.00
b	Erosion Control	356.98	500.00	327.00	500.00
	Sign Maintenance Program (formerly in Selectboard Expenditures budget)	7,170.09	4,000.00	158.28	2,000.00
	Other	1,517.27		0.00	
	Total Operating Supplies	69,038.73	115,000.00	116,910.57	128,000.00
54	Bridge Repairs:				
	Bridge Fund Appropriation	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
	Total Bridge Repairs	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
55	Highway Construction Projects:				
	TH #9 - Barnet Center Road	141,870.21			
	TH #44 - Little France Road			29,082.03	
	TH #57 - Anderson Street			53,597.76	
	TH #58 - Sunnyside Lane			16,833.00	
	TH #99 - Mill Hill/Carter Street	23,258.17			
	TH #8 - Church Street	73,293.26			
a	Paving/Construction Projects	238,421.64	100,000.00	99,512.79	100,000.00
	Construction Fund Appropriation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Highway Construction Projects	238,421.64	100,000.00	99,512.79	100,000.00

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<u>Note</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>
56	Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts:				
a	Equipment Account	75,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
	Truck Account	125,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
	Highway Maintenance Account	8,300.00	8,300.00	8,300.00	4,700.00
	Total Appropriations to Other Reserve Accounts	208,300.00	118,300.00	118,300.00	114,700.00
57	Other Projects:				
a	July 2024 FEMA Flood Repair Projects				
	Contract Work	1,272,149.29		492,083.50	
	Materials	492,361.89		4,542.65	
	Financing	2,094.67		51,976.09	
	July 2024 FHWA Flood Repair Projects				
	Contract Work			839,021.29	
	Total Other Projects	1,766,605.85	0.00	1,387,623.53	0.00
58	Total Highway Department Expenditures	3,147,885.28	1,272,422.00	2,642,630.96	1,324,174.62
	Total General Fund Expenditures	4,103,204.10	2,208,266.70	3,592,980.32	2,270,303.49
	General Fund Surplus of (Deficit) (total general fund revenues less total general fund expenditures)	(47,253.25)	0.00	449,336.22	0.00

Town of Barnet
Schedules for General Fund Budget

Schedule A - Town Clerk's Office Salaries

Heisholt, Benjamin - Town Clerk & Treasurer	82,330.40
Furbert, Samantha Zita- Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	26,377.40
Roy, Catherine - Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	8,730.82
Total	117,438.62

Schedule B - Listers' Office Salaries

Bishop, Nancy	5,175.75
Fairchild, John	5,256.25
Wright, Celina	4,952.75
Total	15,384.75

Schedule C - Transfer Station Salaries

Bigelow, Michael	66.00
Nelson, Donald	8,644.25
Warden, Shirley	891.00
Total	9,601.25

Schedule D - Recycling Center Salaries

Bigelow, Michael	49.50
Ehlers, Daniel	8,384.25
Marston, Bruce - Supervisor	3,295.00
Nelson, Donald	200.00
Total	11,928.75

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

Kendall, Ainsley	2,268.75
Reeve, Magdalena	1,380.00
Stevenson, Lillian	2,370.00
Wright, Benjamin	2,655.00
Furbert, Samantha	2,831.23
Zwart, Jenesy	1,297.50
Total	12,802.48

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

Breidenstein, Joseph	2,826.00
Coursey, Darlene	4,290.00
Curtis, Mildred	4,000.00
Fairchild, Teresa	5,122.50
Montague, Zoe	900.00
Pontti, Caleb	2,700.00
Roy, Jennifer	3,344.00
Total	23,182.50

Schedule G - Highway Salaries

Bunnell, Christopher	55,595.82
Chase, Mark - Road Foreman	93,553.55
Fearon, Glenn	61,158.55
LeClair, Jason	68,512.04
Mosher, Steve	4,066.64
Snow, Barry II	63,229.88
Total	346,116.48

Town of Barnet, Vermont 2026 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 Karme 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. (inactive section)

9. State Aid

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

10. (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. (inactive section)

Expenditures

14. Salaries – Town Officers

15. Payroll Benefits & Taxes

- a. Appropriation to a reserve fund equaling \$3,00 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 7.500% as of July 1, 2026.
- 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.

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

- a. Benjamin Heisholt.
- b. Catherine Roy & Samantha Zita Furbert

- 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 Dennis Marquise.
- 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. 2026 rate: 113.36 per ton
- e. Casella charges per trip for MSW and for construction debris. 2026 rate: 419.82 per trip
- f. Mowing of former landfill to keep brush from growing.

21. Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District

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. (inactive section)

29. (inactive section)

30. (inactive section)

31. (inactive section)

32. Buildings Utilities & Maintenance

- a. Prices: December 31, 2025: Fuel oil: 3.499 per gallon

Town Clerk's Office

- a. Town Clerk's Office fuel usage: 571.4 gallons in 2025.

Barnet Public Library Building (formerly known as Village Partnership Building)

- a. Library Building fuel usage: 2,223.2 gallons in 2025.

Town Hall

- a. Town Hall fuel usage: 458.6 gallons in 2025

Transfer Station

Recycling Center

- a. Recycling Center usage: 106.52 gallons in 2025.

Fire & Rescue Station

- a. Bimson Road Fire Station usage: 1,763.5 gallons in 2025.

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.
 - 2025: borrowed \$531,346.28 from Passumpsic Savings Bank at a rate of 3.70%
 - 2026: to borrow \$617,115.99 from Community National Bank at a rate of 3.53%

36. Professional Services

37. (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 flagstuffs 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 \$3,000 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 7.500% as of July 1, 2026.
- 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.

51. Gas & Oil

- a. Diesel Fuel: 24,118.5 gallons in 2025. Price as of December 31, 2025 at 2.819 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.
- c. Expenses incurred to remove overburden to access sand at Town pit.
- d. Crushing of gravel at Town pit.
- e. Expenses incurred to remove overburden to access gravel at Town pit.

53. Operating Supplies

- a. Salt purchased from Cargill Salt Co. and Eastern Salt Company.
- 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 for contractors and materials as of year-end 2024 and 2025. Town labor, equipment, and materials not included in these totals.

58. Totals

**Town of Barnet
General Fund Balance Sheet**

Assets:	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2025</u>
Checking Account	207,951.72	135,501.42
Checking Account ICS	53,209.31	8.99
Passumpsic Savings Bank TAN Deposit Accounts	0.00	1,826.94
Community National Bank TAN Deposit Account	2,556.38	0.00
Delinquent Tax Collector Checking Account	2.80	2.80
Petty Cash	550.05	400.05
Undeposited Funds	6,539.15	6,926.09
Uncollected Delinquent Taxes	94,792.99	131,708.59
Current Taxes Receivable	0.00	3,671.83
Due from State for Aquatic Nuisance Grant	20,553.00	19,967.00
Due from FEMA - July 2024 Flooding	1,324,954.39	1,655,353.99
Due from State - July 2024 Flooding	220,825.73	329,704.79
Due from FHWA - July 2024 Flooding	0.00	1,101,556.04
Due on Tax Sale	0.00	0.00
Various Accounts Receivable	17,757.98	18,899.88
Due to/from Other Funds	6,616.37	176,643.40
Total Assets	1,956,309.87	3,582,171.81
Liabilities:		
Tax Anticipation Loan	0.00	531,346.28
Line of Credit - Passumpsic Savings Bank	1,000,000.00	0.00
Flood Recovery Loan - Vermont Bond Bank	0.00	1,500,000.00
Tax Appropriation Due to School District	26,743.13	26,147.04
Payroll Withholdings Payable	(4,681.42)	(3,039.28)
Various Accounts Payable	78,339.44	190,446.72
Fees due to Delinquent Tax Collector	2,918.60	2,937.33
Sales Tax Payable	74.78	0.00
Due to/from Other Funds	(388.71)	(1,075.97)
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	87,792.99	120,562.41
Total Liabilities	1,190,798.81	2,367,324.53
Fund Equity:		
Fund Balance - Unassigned (Accum. Surplus)	812,764.31	765,511.06
Current Operating Surplus or (Deficit)	(47,253.25)	449,336.22
Total Fund Equity	765,511.06	1,214,847.28
 Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	 1,956,309.87	 3,582,171.81

**Town of Barnet
Statement of Taxes Raised
Year Ended December 31, 2025**

Municipal Grand List Computation:

Real Estate	267,278,900.00
Add:	
Personal Property*	48,636.00
Less:	
Veterans Exemptions	(600,000.00)
Land Use	(13,320,100.00)
Contracts	(1,827,336.00)
Net Real Estate & Personal Property	251,580,100.00
Net Municipal Grand List (1% of Net Real Estate & Personal Property)	2,515,801.00

<u>Department</u>	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Homestead Rate</u>	<u>Non-Residential Rate</u>	<u>Taxes Raised</u>
Town:				
Town General	2,515,801.00	0.6865	0.6865	1,727,097.56
Total Town		0.6865	0.6865	1,727,097.56
School:				
Homestead	1,048,167.00	1.8100		1,897,182.27
Non-Homestead	1,461,549.36		1.7406	2,543,972.69
Local Agreement	2,515,801.00	0.0040	0.0040	10,063.34
Total Schools		1.8140	1.7446	4,451,218.30
Grand Total		2.5005	2.4311	6,178,315.86

Penalty added for late filing of Homestead Declarations: 1,803.93

*Personal property taxed at non-residential rate.

**Town of Barnet
Estimation of 2026 Town Tax Rate**

The following estimation of the 2026 Town tax rate is based on 2025 Grand List valuations and the proposed 2026 budget. School District tax rates are excluded.

	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
2025 Actual	2,515,801.00	1,727,097.56	0.6865
2026 Projected	2,515,801.00	1,711,404.70	0.6803

**Town of Barnet
General Fund - Statement of Loan Transactions
Year Ended December 31, 2025**

Tax Anticipation Loans:

Borrowed during 2025:

Passumpsic Savings Bank tax anticipation note (3.700%)	531,346.28
Repaid during 2025:	0.00
Balance as of December 31, 2025	531,346.28

Flood Recovery Borrowing:

Borrowed during 2024:

Passumpsic Savings Bank line of credit (5.03%) (max. \$1,500,000)	1,000,000.00
Repaid during 2024:	0.00
Balance as of December 31, 2024	1,000,000.00
Repaid during 2025:	1,000,000.00
Balance as of December 31, 2025	0.00

Borrowed during 2025:

Passumpsic Savings Bank line of credit (5.15%) (max. \$2,500,000) (refinance of 2024 line of credit)	2,450,000.00
Repaid during 2025:	2,450,000.00
Balance as of December 31, 2025	0.00

Vermont Bond Bank Municipal Climate Recovery Fund Loan (1.30%)	1,500,000.00
Repaid during 2025:	0.00
Balance as of December 31, 2025	1,500,000.00

**General Fund - Surplus or (Deficit)
Year Ended December 31, 2025**

Statement of Changes - Accumulated Surplus Account (total of years prior to 2025)

Total Accumulated Surplus as of December 31, 2023	812,764.31
Subtract: 2024 Operating Deficit	(47,253.25)
Total Accumulated Surplus as of December 31, 2024	765,511.06

2025 Surplus or (Deficit):

Income	4,042,316.54
Expenditures	3,592,980.32
General Fund Budget Surplus or (Deficit)	449,336.22

<u>Total General Fund Surplus as of December 31, 2024</u>	1,214,847.28
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Reserve Fund Reports

**Town of Barnet
2025 Reserve Fund Activities
(See following pages for Income and Expense Schedules)**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Add Appropriation</u>	<u>Add Other Income</u>	<u>Add Interest</u>	<u>Less Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2025</u>
● Act 27/Flood LEI Fund	0.00		50,000.00	79.96		50,079.96
● Act 60/Reappraisal Funds	104,596.04	10,000.00	11,210.00	1,637.14		127,443.18
● Harvey's Lake Dam Renovation	81,251.01	15,000.00		1,167.96		97,418.97
● Homeland Security Grants	203.02			2.93		205.95
● Land Record Restoration Fees	21,145.28		4,400.00	333.84		25,879.12
● Lister Education Funds	2,463.81			35.41		2,499.22
● Municipal Planning Grant Fund	0.00			0.00		0.00
● ARPA Funds	(0.00)			(75.84)		(75.84)
● 92 Surplus	83,952.72			1,206.79		85,159.51
● Education Tax Liability Credit Fund	283,386.73			4,073.56	93,078.79	194,381.50
● Highway Maintenance Fund	53,258.62	8,300.00		765.59		62,324.21
● Municipal Buildings Fund	238,893.52	25,000.00	33,808.30	2,562.95	127,227.98	173,036.79
● Fire District Grant Acct.	30,032.09	1,500.00		431.71		31,963.80
● Bridge Fund	438,080.13	25,000.00		6,319.55		469,399.68
● Equipment Account	22,102.01	20,000.00		317.72		42,419.73
● Fire Department Account	75,592.29	25,000.00		883.77	23,759.12	77,716.94
● Harvey's Lake Beach Fund	12,779.48	1,500.00	16,375.55	305.01	5,071.27	25,888.77
● Health Reimb. Acct. Fund	1,719.03	10,000.00	1,500.00	0.06	7,973.44	5,245.65
● Highway Construction Account	625,534.20		226,371.58	9,245.36	372,800.24	488,350.90
● Town Clerk's Office Paving Account	1,670.53			23.98		1,694.51
● Truck Account	125,000.00	90,000.00		1,796.84		216,796.84
● Flood Recovery Fund	26.60			0.33		26.93
Totals	2,201,687.11	231,300.00	343,665.43	31,114.62	629,910.84	2,177,856.32

Town of Barnet
Schedules for Reserve Accounts

Schedule A - Other Income

Act 27/Flood LEI Fund

State of Vermont - Funds allocated by the state to assist with secondary economic impact of 2024 flooding	50,000.00
Total	50,000.00

Act 60/Reappraisal Funds

State of Vermont - Reappraisal funds & Grand List Study (EEGL)	11,210.00
Total	11,210.00

Land Record Restoration Fees

Recording fee surcharge	4,400.00
Total	4,400.00

Municipal Buildings Fund

Sale of conference room chairs	50.00
State of Vermont - Park & Ride grant funds	33,758.30
Total	33,808.30

Harvey's Lake Beach Fund

Flood Repair Donations	15,598.00
Proceeds from popsicle sales	127.55
Donation from piano concert	615.00
Donations given at gatehouse	35.00
Total	16,375.55

Health Reimbursement Account Fund

Funds remaining from prior year plan	1,500.00
Total	1,500.00

Highway Construction Account

State of Vermont - 2024 Class 2 Roadway Grant for Roy Mountain Road project	200,000.00
	26,371.58
State of Vermont - 2023 Municipal Roads Grants in Aid	
Total	226,371.58

Total Other Income	343,665.43
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**Town of Barnet
Schedules for Reserve Accounts**

Schedule B - Expenditures

Education Tax Liability Credit Fund

Transfer to General Fund to offset expenditure for tax credit for Great River Hydro, LLC	93,078.79
Total	93,078.79

Municipal Buildings Fund

Town Hall property - renovations

Estes & Gallup LLC - Construction Manager	107,005.81
First Bankcard - credit card purchases for Town Hall supplies	3,782.44
Daniels Moving - Moving furniture, books, etc. from Town Clerk's office to the Town Hall	3,747.49
West Barnet Woodworks - Refurbish antique desk, table repair, and tax map rack	1,725.00
Acadia Insurance Co. - Builders insurance	304.00
Gordan's Window Décor- Window shades	1,489.00
Valhalla Corp. - Phone set up	1,200.00
Teak's Lock Service - Key all doors and vault combination change	1,195.00
J&S Waterworks LLC - Sewer & septic tank work	1,144.27
Alarmco Inc. - Service call for vault suppression	1,000.00
ATC Group Services - Petroleum clean-up	683.75
Black River Design - Architectural Services	673.95
Knox Company - Payment & document drop box	523.00
Northeast Kingdom Fire & Safety - Fire extinguishers	493.00
Flanders Signs - Town Clerk sign renovation	300.00
CED- Twin State Elec Supply - Electrical supplies	282.81
Green Mountain Power- Power for renovation	106.20
W.B. Mason Co - Bathroom equipment	90.04
<i>Town Hall total</i>	<i>125,745.76</i>

Harvey's Lake Beach - Beach house repairs

Mark Royle General Contractor - Install doors	1,100.00
Larrabee's Building Supplies - Doors and hardware	382.22
<i>Harvey's Lake Beach Total</i>	<i>1,482.22</i>

Total **127,227.98**

Fire Department Account

ATG Lancaster LLC - Fire truck engine	23,759.12
Total	23,759.12

**Town of Barnet
Schedules for Reserve Accounts**

Harvey's Lake Beach Fund

Beach Expenditures

Calex Ambulance Service- AED	595.00
Emerson, Christen - Reimbursement for utility wagon for pavilion	152.37
Furbert, Samantha Z - Reimbursement office supplies & popsicles	76.90
<i>Total Beach Expenditures</i>	<i>824.27</i>

Bass Pass Scholarships

120.00

Flood Recovery Donation Expenditures

Advantage Tennis - Fencing install and repairs	3,547.00
Michaud's Septic Service - Tank cleaning following flood event	580.00
<i>Total Flood Recovery Donation</i>	<i>4,127.00</i>

Total **5,071.27**

Health Reimbursement Account Fund

Employee qualified health care expenses paid through HRAs	7,973.44
Total	7,973.44

Highway Construction Account

Class 2 Roadway Grant- Roy Mountain Road

Pike Industries - Paving	157,968.08
Chief Crushing & Excavation - Excavation	125,232.40
Chief Crushing & Excavation - Crushing services	46,746.00
Arrow Central - Culverts	9,975.88
<i>Total Class 2 Roadway Grant</i>	<i>339,922.36</i>

Grants-In-Aid - County Hill Road

27,527.88

Kirby Mountain Lawns & Landscaping LLC- Excavating	27,527.88
<i>Total Grants-In-Aid</i>	<i>27,527.88</i>

Mathews Excavation - Streambank excavation

5,350.00

Total **372,800.24**

Total Expenditures **629,910.84**

Town of Barnet
Schedules for Reserve Accounts

Town of Barnet
Statement of Reserve Fund Loan Transactions
For Year Ended December 31, 2025

No Reserve Fund loans or loan transactions in 2025

**Town of Barnet
Reserve Fund Balance Sheet**

<u>Assets:</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2025</u>
Money Market Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	39,833.14	50,000.00
ICS Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	1,840,972.29	1,746,940.58
Passumpsic Financial Advisors - Cash	38,194.29	19,312.18
Passumpsic Financial Advisors - Investments	288,838.34	334,254.98
HRA Account - Passumpsic Savings Bank	2,928.42	6,454.98
Due from Other Funds	0.00	0.00
Due from State of Vermont - Class 2 Roadway Grant	305.71	200,305.71
Due from State of Vermont - Structures Grants	(1,554.09)	(1,554.09)
Total Assets	2,209,518.10	2,355,714.34
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Due to Other Funds	6,616.37	176,643.40
Accounts Payable	1,214.62	1,214.62
Total Liabilities	7,830.99	177,858.02
<u>Fund Equity:</u>		
<u>Restricted Fund Balances:</u>		
Act 27/Flood LEI Fund	0.00	50,079.96
Act 60/Reappraisal Funds	104,596.04	127,443.18
Harvey's Lake Dam Renovations	81,251.01	97,418.97
Homeland Security Grants	203.02	205.95
Land Record Restoration	21,145.28	25,879.12
Lister Education Funds	2,463.81	2,499.22
ARPA Funds	0.00	(75.84)
Total Restricted Fund Balance	209,659.16	303,450.56
<u>Committed Fund Balances</u>		
92 Surplus	83,952.72	85,159.51
Education Tax Liability Credit Fund	283,386.73	194,381.50
Highway Maintenance Fund	53,258.62	62,324.21
Municipal Buildings Fund	238,893.52	173,036.79
Fire District Grant Fund	30,032.09	31,963.80
Total Committed Fund Balance	689,523.68	546,865.81
<u>Assigned Fund Balances</u>		
Bridge Fund	438,080.13	469,399.68
Equipment Account	22,102.01	42,419.73
Fire Department Account	75,592.29	77,716.94
Harvey's Lake Beach Account	12,779.48	25,888.77
Health Reimbursement Account Fund	1,719.03	5,245.65
Highway Construction Account	625,534.20	488,350.90
Town Clerk's Office Paving Account	1,670.53	1,694.51
Truck Account	125,000.00	216,796.84
Flood Recovery Fund	26.60	26.93
Total Assigned Fund Balance	1,302,504.27	1,327,539.95
Total Fund Equity	2,201,687.11	2,177,856.32
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,209,518.10	2,355,714.34

Trust Fund Reports

**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, 2024	1,294.44
Add: Interest on savings account	7.78
Balance in Acct. Dec. 31, 2025	1,302.22

Palmer Cemetery Fund

Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2024	755.66
Add: Interest on savings account	0.60
Balance in Acct. Dec. 31, 2025	756.26

Balance Sheet

	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2025</u>
Assets:		
Esden Fund Investments (Edward Jones)	248,846.41	291,955.72
Esden Fund Cash (Edward Jones)	8,674.46	9,791.83
Stevens Cemetery Fund - Savings	1,294.44	1,302.22
Palmer Cemetery Fund - Savings	755.66	756.26
Total Assets	259,570.97	303,806.03
Fund Equity:		
<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
Total Non-spendable Fund Balance	54,518.58	54,518.58
<u>Unassigned Fund Balances</u>		
Esden Fund	204,352.29	248,578.97
Stevens Cemetery Fund	294.44	302.22
Palmer Cemetery Fund	405.66	406.26
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	205,052.39	249,287.45
Total Fund Equity	259,570.97	303,806.03

Section 5

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



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

December 23, 2025

Town of Barnet
PO Box 15
Barnet, VT 05821

Dear Community Leaders,

On behalf of the American Red Cross, I am writing to respectfully request your municipality's support for delivery of our humanitarian mission – preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of life's emergencies.

Each year, the Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters across the country—ranging from home fires to storms and floods—providing shelter, food, emotional support, and recovery assistance to those affected. In Northern New England, more than 1,800 trained volunteers work tirelessly to support local families, train residents in lifesaving skills, and ensure a safe and adequate blood supply for hospitals. In our most recent fiscal year, we:

- Responded to **525 disasters**, the majority of which were home fires, assisting nearly **2,200 people**.
- Trained more than **41,000 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills
- Collected over **137,000 blood products**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross to meet the need for lifesaving blood.
- Installed more than **2,800 free smoke alarms** to help keep local residents safe.

Your partnership is vital. *This year, we respectfully request consideration for a contribution of \$250.00.* With your support, we can continue to prepare local residents for life's emergencies, and when emergencies do happen, ensure that help is available at no cost to those impacted.

In making a contribution to the American Red Cross, your municipality will confirm via email:

- The contribution provided is not from federal funding, directly or indirectly
- No reporting agreement is required
- No reporting is required

Please send your response to Hira.Shahid@redcross.org and SupportNNE@redcross.org

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached service delivery summary. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Together in service,

Stephanie Couturier
Regional Executive

32 N. Prospect St.
Burlington, VT 05401

2 Maitland St.
Concord, NH 03301

524 Forest Ave.
Portland, ME 04101

www.redcross.org/nne

American Red Cross of Northern New England

Barnet Historical Society

2025 was a year of accomplishment and change for the Barnet Historical Society.

Long time Director and president Dave Warden retired after many years of service to the BHS. Dave and his father, Robert Warden, were founding members of the society in 1968. His contributions have been immense and his knowledge of Barnet history encyclopedic. We will continue to welcome Dave to any and all BHS activities.

At the annual election, John Fairchild was elected president, Richard Carilo and Jan Parsons elected Co-Vice Presidents, Nancy Bishop elected Secretary. Joe Breidenstein was appointed Treasurer and Director in September. Roseann Drew-Leute, Kara Denio and David Goodwillie, continue as Directors. Shellie Samuels is our Bookkeeper.

The BHS Annual Meeting was held on Saturday August 16 on the lawn of the Goodwillie House. Over thirty people attended and enjoyed an intriguing program. Local historian Beth Kanell described patterns of immigration into Barnet during the decades of the 1800s, a rarely studied time period. Beth included nostalgic musical interludes of the popular music in the time periods she covered.

A long discussed proposal to provide the Barnet Historical Society with space in the new Barnet Town Hall came to fruition in 2025. A series of appearances before the Barnet Select Board resulted in permission for BHS to share 25% of the storage space in the ground floor vault area. The BHS is paying for climate control measures which will benefit all users of that space. Dave Warden and the late Dr Alan Boye, a past president of the BHS, worked hard over a long period of time to have BHS gain access to a storage area in the renovated space.

In November, 2025, the Barnet Select Board voted to grant the BHS the use of the second floor of the Barnet Library, as of January, 2026. This option will provide office space for BHS board members and volunteers to work on cataloging, and record keeping, and meet with visitors and residents who want to explore Barnet history.

We have begun a project interviewing Barnet Elders: residents who are sharing their memories of growing up or living in Barnet for many decades. We have a new camera and microphone to facilitate this process and are delighted to have the equipment to preserve these memories.

The Goodwillie House had numerous improvements and updates during 2025, including a new dehumidifier and the installation of NEK broadband, enabling a new internet based security system. Six new smoke detectors have been installed, monitored by temperature sensors. The grounds around the Goodwillie house are being maintained and improved. Some tree work was in 2025 and more is planned in 2026. We are working with our neighbors to remove areas of invasive Japanese Knotweed.

Several objects were donated to our collection in 2025. Among them was a set of stemware crafted by Glassblower David Greuning, antique ice-cutting equipment from the Jurentkuff family and a US Military uniform from the Blaine family.

The Goodwillie House was open from mid-May to mid-October in 2025. There were six Open House days and numerous school and private tours this year. We welcomed several Barnet School Grade 8 students who served as docents, wearing period clothing, on Fall Foliage Day. One private tour included over twenty members of the Nelson family, in Barnet for a family member's at the Barnet Center Cemetery. Edwin Nelson, a current resident of Ryegate, was born in the Goodwillie House in 1931. It is always a treat to welcome past residents back to Barnet as well as our current residents and visitors. Hope to see you in 2026!



Northern Counties

HEALTH CARE

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice Visit Statistics for 2026 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 791 visits to 39 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.

2026 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics Barnet, VT

- # of residents served: **39**
- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW): **638 visits**
- Hospice (Nursing, Therapy, Personal Care, Respite): **109 visits**
- Long Term Care (Case Management, Personal Care, Respite): **38 visits**
- Maternal Child Health: **6 visits**

Total Visits in Barnet, VT = 791 visits

Testimonials

"We couldn't have asked for better people, better care. Every single person we met was kind, informative and so easy to deal with. I am so grateful to all of the staff for everything they did for my family. There aren't enough words to express my gratitude."

"I am very pleased with each person that is involved with my care, Great bunch of people all around. Love that when something is high or low, Miss Molly is right on top of it. Gives me peace & comfort to know my team is always there, checking up on me."

"We as a community are rich with organizations such as Caledonia Home Health. Seniors need this help. Many are not able to get out to get the care they need. There are so many issues seniors have that keep them homebound. I feel very fortunate that I can stay in my home where I feel secure and have this wonderful care. They are very good and knowledgeable in their profession."

To learn more about our programs and services please visit www.nchevt.org or call (802) 748-8116. Thank you!

Compassionate Care in Our Home or Yours

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 fax

Island Pond Health &
Dental Center

Northern Counties
Dental Center

Orleans Dental
Center

St. Johnsbury
Community Health Center

www.NCHCVT.org

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 May 2025, we reached our 50th anniversary year, and we have supporters like you to thank for every moment of it.

Looking back, it has been a year defined by vibrancy and connection. Were you able to join us at our 50th Anniversary Celebrations – in May at the Catamount Arts Creative Campus, or in November at Burke Mountain with the Wicked Smart Horn Band? Did you fall in love with Ukraine's incredible Balkan chanson group, Kommuna Lux, at Final Friday? Did you catch the Bob & Sarah Amos Band during one of the many Catamount Bluegrass Nights at Vermont State University-Lyndon, or the sold out Kat and Brett performance at the York Street Meeting House?

We hope you found yourself dancing to Afro-Andean Funk at Dog Mountain, laughing at Second City improv in St. Johnsbury, or cheering on our EPIC Music students at Make Music Day. Whether it was these moments or securing your tickets for The Nutcracker at Lyndon Institute, you helped make our region come alive this year.

On screen, we spanned genres and generations. We brought you the Metropolitan Opera's *The Magic Flute* and the National Theatre's *Vanya* with Andrew Scott. We celebrated local talent with the baseball nostalgia flick *Eephus*, revisited classics like *Poltergeist* and *Boomtown*, and screened powerful new releases like *No Other Land*. Perhaps most meaningfully, we screened Charlie Chaplin's *Limelight*—the very first film ever shown at Catamount way back in 1975—bringing our history full circle.

Off the stage and screen, your support deepened our community roots. We launched the 560 Railroad Community Artist program, housing nine visual and literary artists for month-long residencies. Each artist hosted community engagement events ranging from poetry readings and mixed media classes to public art projects. Our Arts Connect at Catamount Arts Juried Exhibition drew submissions from 80 artists, and our galleries showcased oversized portraits by Elly Barksdale, etchings from Gatto Nero Press, and a stunning textile collection curated by Harlan Mack.

And thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to offer free student admission to First Night North, allowing families across generations to celebrate the New Year with the arts for a full 8 hours. We also strengthened partnerships with other community organizations including Umbrella, the Vermont Humanities Council, and with our friends in northern New Hampshire.

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 want to thank the voters in the town of Barnet for your steadfast support. Thank you for being part of our Catamount Arts family. Here's to 50 more years!



**THE COMMUNITY
RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE CENTER**

December 2, 2025

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 2026 warning for the 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 programs include: Court Diversion, Transitional Housing, Reentry and Navigation Services, Free Legal Clinics, Parking Ticket appeals, Reparative Panels, Victim Services, Mediation Services, Opioid Remediation Services, free food and other resources for homeless residents in our county, and other services. Most services are free of charge.

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 CRJC have a 32% reduction in recidivism, according to a 2017 study. In the last fiscal year, The CRJC provided services to fifteen residents in our Reparative Probation Program, Crime Victim Services, Free Legal Clinics, and Court Diversion Programs. Appropriations from the Town of Barnet also support our free legal programs, crime victim services, mediation services, and more. These are all very valuable, free programs dependent on non-grant funding. 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 Essex counties.*

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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Neil Favreau, Executive Director
The Community Restorative Justice Center, Inc.



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

December 2, 2025

Dear Mr. Heisholt:

Dear Members of the Barnet Selectboard,

The Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article be placed on the 2026 Barnet Town Meeting warning:

“Shall the Town vote the sum of \$1700 to support the operation of the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Barnet residents?”

We warmly invite all Barnet residents to take full advantage of this benefit—free, unlimited general admission to explore the nature, beauty, and wonders of our world. Your municipal appropriation provides essential support for the care of our historic building and the stewardship of one of northern New England’s most remarkable educational collections. These collections, and the stories they tell, are among the region’s most treasured resources.

In 2025, free admission for Barnet residents was used by 375 visitors, a wonderful testament to the town’s engagement with the Museum.

Each year, we strive to offer new opportunities for exploration and discovery. In 2026, we are excited to present *Endangered & Extinct*, a stunning exhibition of insect macro-photography from the American Museum of Natural History. We’ll also debut new exhibits on bird nests and tree identification—perfect for families, naturalists, and lifelong learners alike.

As you know, the Fairbanks Museum plays a vital role in the region’s economic, educational, and cultural life. Through our exhibits, programs, and community partnerships, we are proud to contribute to the vitality of the Northeast Kingdom and to the attraction of visitors to our area.

The Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers of the Museum are deeply grateful for Barnet’s ongoing support, encouragement, and collaboration. We hope that, in turn, the Museum continues to provide meaningful programs, services, and opportunities that enrich the lives of Barnet’s residents and uphold the town’s exceptional quality of life.

With warm regards and appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

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. From September 15, 2024 through September 15, 2025, we took in 123 cats, and 96 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 by many of our 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 \$160,000 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
www.kingdomanimalshelter.com

November 15, 2025
P. O. BOX 15

BARNET, VT 05821

Dear Residents of Barnet

The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging is honored to support older Vermonters in Barnet and throughout the Northeast Kingdom as they age with dignity, independence, and connection. Thanks to the commitment of our communities, we were able to make a meaningful impact throughout Fiscal Year 2025.

Over the past year, we were privileged to support 4,810 unique older Vermonters across the Northeast Kingdom, including 126 of your neighbors right here in Barnet. Together, we achieved the following:

- Delivered 151,099 Home-Delivered Meals to older adults who rely on daily nourishment and safety checks
- Answered 4,136 calls through our statewide Helpline (800-642-5119), connecting people with fuel assistance, Medicare support, housing resources, crisis intervention, and more
- Provided personalized guidance and advocacy through 577 case-managed individuals, helping older adults remain safely in their homes with the dignity they deserve

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Winter in the Northeast Kingdom is beautiful—and brutal. Many older adults face the heartbreaking choice between heat and food, a decision no one should ever have to make. Our Fuel Assistance support prevents medical emergencies, protects older Vermonters from dangerous cold, and ensures dignity through the harshest months of the year.

Community matters. Compassion matters. And every story matters. When we stand together, no one struggles alone.

Thank you for supporting your neighbors and strengthening the spirit of Vermont community life.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact: Melinda Martin, Director of Communications & Development at mmartin@nekouncil.org • (802) 748-5182

With deep gratitude,



Meg Burmeister, Executive Director



November 18, 2025

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

RE: 2026 Town Meeting Appropriation Request and Fiscal Year 2025 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 2026 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 2025 Town Meeting and 1.87% of appropriation requests from 48 Northeast Kingdom towns. As a Designated Agency serving Vermont's system of care, we are responsible for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The 503 NKHS professional employees work to help others live fulfilling lives and contribute to their community. We offer confidential services that include 24/7 emergency mental health care with Enhanced Mobile Crisis response, walk-in support at the Front Porch Urgent Mental Health Care center, and call/text/chat mental health support through 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. NKHS also offers outpatient therapy for adults, children, and families through various programs and supports individuals with developmental disabilities, ensuring equal rights, respect, and dignity. For more information about our agency and services, please visit our website at <https://www.nkhs.org> or call our offices.

Between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, NKHS provided supportive services to 2724 individuals, 35 lived in the Town of Barnet benefiting from 1046 service hours. NKHS also provided 363 hours of community outreach with Starting Over Strong VT support, community meetings, and training impacting 6034 individuals. During this time, over 3,995 unique individuals benefitted from the 988-crisis line.

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

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

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Toll free 800-696-4979

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October 29, 2025

Dear voters of the Town of Barnet ,

At NEKLS, our Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program, our K-12 Tutorial program and our Ready, Set, Grow Childcare Center (RSG) are on a mission to provide dynamic and impactful educational experiences for the members of our communities, including residents of Barnet. Imagine a future where our adult education initiatives flourish and every individual can access high-quality learning opportunities to improve their skills and pursue their dreams. We believe that education is the key to a brighter future for our students, and we need your support to make that happen. Your appropriation of \$250.00 will directly fuel our efforts to enhance and expand our programs.

Our Adult Education and Literacy programs, available at learning centers located in Canaan, Hardwick, Island Pond, Newport and St. Johnsbury, have directly benefited Barnet residents who have earned their diplomas, GEDs, and work credentials with NEKLS. These include programs for residents age 16 and older who are not in high school and who are interested in:

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

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

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

Join us in making a difference by investing in the education of your community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Faust
Executive Director

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

2025 NEKYS Served 15 in Barnet

***NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975.
In 2025 NEKYS served 423 individuals throughout Caledonia and Southern Essex Counties.***

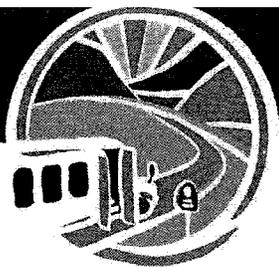
NEKYS Family Programs Provide:

- 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.



Town of Barnet
Barnet Vermont

12/13/2025

Dear Barnet Voters,

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

Article: Shall the Town of 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 the residents of the Town of Barnet.

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

In Fiscal Year 2025, RCT provided 1,380 rides, traveling 33,680 miles at a total cost of \$60,287.20 to Barnet residents. RCT continued to provide safety-focused, demand-based rides, and all buses operated fare-free.

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

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

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

RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION

PHONE 802.748.8170 ADDRESS 1677 Industrial Pkwy, Lyndonville, VT 05851



Activity Report for Town of Barnet
Fiscal Year 2026: July 2025 – June 2026
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 3 multifaceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

- **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 FY25, Advocacy supported approximately 1,172 survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- **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 FY25, Our Social Change programs provide prevention education and support to 2,751 youth in local schools with prevention education and supported 461 adults through workshops and training. Our Accountability Programs: served 65 individuals, and celebrated 33 program graduates.
- **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 FY25, Kingdom Child Care Connection program served 2,015 families. The Family Room, provided safe, supervised visits for 57 families.

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 85 people in the Town of Barnet were served by Umbrella in Fiscal Year 2025 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 Waterford's support.

Respectfully,

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

In FY'25 (10/2024-9/2025) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **126** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and our VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **229** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **96** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **71** individuals with information on assistive technology; **30** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **530** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **15** people and provided **11** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. A one-year grant through the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) enabled us to establish the Assistive Technology/Home Modifications (AT/HM) Fund for items to increase peer's independence (AT) and remove peers from our HAP waiting list for modifications (HM).

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

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

- Meals on Wheels (MOW) – resident newly enrolled at end of FY'25; meals continue in FY'26

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**.

West Barnet Senior Meal Site

P. O Box 134
Barnet Vermont 05821

December 12, 2025

Board of Selectman
P O Box 15
Barnet, VT 05821

Dear Friends,

Everyone here at the West Barnet Senior Meal Site are asking for your support to help us continue to provide nourishing meals to seniors. Our dining room is full on most days. We also provide meals to homebound seniors and we have a large number of seniors who order takeouts and pick them up at the mealsite.

In a typical year we register 250 seniors from various towns: Barnet, McIndoes, Monroe, Ryegate, St Johnsbury, Danville, Peacham, Waterford, Groton, Topsham, Corinth, Woodsville/Haverhill, and occasionally from as far away as Thetford. This also includes our several volunteers and drivers. These account for nearly 7,600 meals served per year. Some seniors attend nearly every day we serve, and some only come on a random basis. We deliver over 1800 meals per year to the home-bound seniors. Thus we typically serve approximately 9,400 meals per year.

This year we are respectfully requesting the usual contribution of \$4,000.00 as we have in the past years.

As with all things, our operating costs have gone up this year with the rising costs of food. Some of our food comes from the Vermont Food Bank. Many other items have to be purchased from other sources because their supplies are limited and varied. All of our expenses have gone up this year and no doubt will continue to rise next year.

Every contribution we receive is valued and put to good use. We also have several individuals who donate and speaks to our value in the community. Fellowship is also a big part of our service as well as food. Loneliness is a big factor in the wellbeing of our

seniors. We are a warm welcoming place and make sure that everyone feels welcome and valued.

We thank you in advance for your support of our non-profit organization.

Sincerely,

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Merle Fitzgerald, President

Board of Directors

West Barnet Senior Meal Site

Section 6

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



Sen. Scott Beck
Senate Minority Leader

Town Meeting Report

Serving the Caledonia District: Barnet, Danville, Groton, Hardwick, Newbury (Orange County), Peacham, Ryegate, Stannard, St. Johnsbury, Walden, Waterford, and Wheelock

Town Report Summary: Key Community Priorities

Education

There are ten public schools and one approved independent school in the Caledonia Senate District. Enrollment varies from less than 50 to 1,000; all play a vital role in their community and beyond. Vermont has lost 30% of its students, and current birth rates suggest that we will lose another 10-15%. Many Vermont schools have already lost over 50% of their students. The question confronting Montpelier is how to reform and transform our school districts and schools so that students will receive excellent educational opportunities and options at a price that property taxpayers can afford.

I don't have a crystal ball and can't predict what this reality will mean for our schools. I am committed to ensuring that local communities will have a say. Please attend school district meetings, especially budget meetings. Take the time to understand what is going on in your school district and help your school board members; they are making difficult decisions.

Housing Affordability

The legislature is committed to making housing more affordable and available. This is a monumental problem that has evolved into a crisis over the last 40 years. Efforts to slow development many decades ago were not revisited, and Vermont chronically underbuilt housing. Vermont is now trying to catch up. Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP) and Community and Housing Infrastructure Program (CHIP) are programs that will help, but the bigger problem to solve is how to reduce the cost to construct a home enough so that banks can lend without requiring very large downpayments that most Vermonters cannot afford. Smart deregulation, density, and competition are our allies.

Energy Affordability

The price of oil is down right now, thankfully. The cost of electricity is increasing too fast for Vermont family budgets. The best use of public assistance is efficiency, especially weatherization.

I continue to remain committed to repealing the Clean Heat Standard, which, if enacted, would add \$0.59 to a gallon of heating fuel. The acceleration of the Renewable Energy Standard is

projected to increase Vermont's electric costs by \$1B over 10 years. Our electric utilities already receive 97% of their kilowatts from carbon-generation.

Our area generation plant in Ryegate produces 7% of all Vermont electricity and is undergoing an upgrade to increase efficiency. This is great news for ratepayers and our area economy, especially the forest industry.

Healthcare

Vermont healthcare and hospitals are transforming rapidly. The Oliver Wyman report issued in 2024 recommended that hospitals seek efficiencies and reduce their budgets by \$300M by 2030, combined. Our hospitals have stepped up and already trimmed costs by \$200M and are expected to meet the final goal two years early.

Hospitals are doing this through shared services and cooperation. The legislature invoked reference-based pricing and pharmaceutical cost controls in 2025. The Green Mountain Care Board took dramatic steps to reform the UVM Medical Center and replaced senior leadership. There are many other important topics: mental health, addiction, public safety, transportation and many others. Please reach out if you would like to discuss any of them. I can be reached at sbeck@leg.state.vt.us.

CALEDONIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



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(802)748-6666

SHERIFF BRANDON THRAILKILL



The first half of 2025 was something our staff hopes never to endure again. In March we lost Sheriff James Hemond to a terrible disease which in multiple ways left our Department with a large void and not many clear answers. For nearly 2 months our Department was in what I would describe as “limbo mode” while maintaining a balance of our services. Following Sheriff Hemond’s passing, we also lost some staff which created an additional strain on our already vulnerable position.

At the end of April, I was appointed by Governor Phil Scott as Sheriff of the Caledonia County Sheriff’s Department. I have been with the Caledonia County Sheriff’s Department for approximately 4.5 years serving as a State Transport Deputy before being promoted to Lieutenant and then ultimately to Captain. I take this appointment seriously, pridefully and look forward to continuing the development of this exceptional Department for years to come.

Since May, we have hired 5 full-time Deputies. For the first time in approximately 18 years one of our full-time Deputies is slated to attend the Level III Basic Training Police Academy as another new Deputy will attend the Level II Academy in early 2026

2025 may have challenged us, and tested us on many levels, but it did not break our spirit or commitment to serving our communities. We pressed on and accomplished many great things. We acquired a new patrol contract with Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH), our monthly patrols across the 12 Towns that we are contracted with increased extensively and for the first time in several years the Caledonia County Sheriff’s Department provided security at the Caledonia County Fair without the assistance of outside agencies. We retained our ATV patrols and provided security at numerous weekend events. As we acquired full-time staff, we re-negotiated our Caledonia Court contract to provide 3 Deputies Monday through Friday.

While fulfilling our daily operations and obligations, we formed a strong working relationship with the Lyndonville Police Department where we assisted on multiple search warrants in the northern part of the County.

We are a drug takeback location and participate in the Prescription Drug Take Back days through the Vermont DEA.

We offer civil fingerprinting, by appointment for various career and coaching applications.

We also have a car seat technician available to answer questions regarding car seats.

This year we added our Department as a Santa Fund Drop-off location. We also offered a community-based Holiday gift certificate giveaway called, Where is the Cruiser? This has been a great way to engage with the people of our communities.

We applied for and received grants for Highway Safety to provide additional patrols throughout the County.

This Department has made an incredible comeback in a time where law enforcement Departments are struggling with recruitment. We thrive and will continue to grow effectively and responsibly. You can find us on Facebook where we work to provide consistent updates about Department events.

Respectfully,
Sheriff Brandon Thrailkill



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

We continue to experience trends with very busy inter-facility transports in 2025. We continue to see many of our tertiary care centers such as DHMC and UVMHC 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 646 Inter-facility transports in 2025, as compared to 652 2024. Our overall volume was down slightly in 2025 with 3,224 requests for service. We maintain 2.56 response time for our busiest volume in Saint Johnsbury and 8.96 response time for the remaining 9 other communities we serve. We have been covering Granby and this generated 5 responses this year with an average response time 40-45 minutes to some of these remote locations.

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 2025 –

- **Three Sudden Cardiac Arrest survivor success stories in 2025** – 2 STJ, 1 Danville. Outstanding work by all who responded or who assisted us such as our dispatchers, bystanders performing CPR and alerting 911. These are truly a team approach to a great outcome!
- **Expanded access to public AEDs** - We continue to focus on assisting our community partners with access to over 50 AED's in our community and surrounding communities by organizing a group purchase with a refurbished AED supplier. Public access AED's will save lives! Learn CPR today, visit us at www.calexambulance.org to learn more!
- **Active threat training collaboration** - Organized and participated in additional active threat training with our local and state law enforcement agencies.
- **VEFR Training for St. Johnsbury Police Department** — We provided a Vermont Emergency First Responder (VEFR) course to train St. Johnsbury Police Department officers in basic medical and traumatic care, better preparing them to assist during emergencies. SJPD has established a medical response policy and now responds to select critical medical calls alongside EMS and Fire, particularly in situations where officers may arrive sooner or provide additional support. Skills taught in this course included CPR, AED use, bleeding control, recognition and management of medical and traumatic emergencies, and patient care until EMS arrival. This collaboration enhances timely and efficient medical care for our community residents and visitors 24/7/365.
- **Recruitment & Retention** – Focused efforts on employees and support from our Board of Directors allowed for employee rate increases moving into 2026, along with continued support of our healthcare benefits. We cannot provide 24/7/365 emergency service without dedicated, well-trained employees.
- **Capital Expenses** – We will take delivery of our newest ambulances in March 2026 replacing: CALEX 2 (2019 - Over 208,000 miles) and CALEX 3 December 2026 (2021 - 213,000 current) We also completed several building upgrades and will continue moving into 2026 such as replacement windows, electrical upgrades, security upgrades, replacement carpet, and interior paint.

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 2,578 911 responses and 646 being Interfacility Transfers and Medical transports. 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 UVMHC and other hospitals across New England.

As we end 2025, 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 appreciate everyone's continued support and are pleased to provide no increases in any of our town contracts moving into 2026.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Wright, NRP
Chief Executive Officer

Riverbend Local River Subcommittee

of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

New Hampshire – Lancaster, Dalton, Littleton, Monroe, Bath, Haverhill

Vermont – Guildhall, Lunenburg, Concord, Waterford, Barnet, Ryegate, Newbury



Connecticut River – Riverbend Local River Subcommittee – Annual Report 2025

The Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets quarterly and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by riverfront municipalities, with allowance for alternates. Throughout 2025, the Subcommittee has maintained a hybrid meeting format where a quorum of participating municipalities is required to be present in person. Current members of Vermont are Bill Graves and John Fairchild from Barnet, Deborah Noble from Concord, Scott Labun from Newbury, Sally Wilson from Ryegate, William Piper and Roberta Gillotte from Waterford, and openings in Guildhall & Lunenburg. Current members of New Hampshire are Rick Walling from Bath, Gal Potashnick from Dalton, Pauline Corzilius and Howard Hatch from Haverhill, Rob Christie from Lancaster, Sean Doll from Littleton, Justin Bradshaw and Steve Sherman from Monroe. Those with one representative have an opening for a second volunteer. Those towns with one opening include Lancaster, Dalton, Littleton, Concord, Waterford, Ryegate, and Newbury. During 2025, Rob Christie maintained his position as chair. Meetings and events are open to the public.

Riverbend is one of the five subcommittees a part of the CRJC since 1989. The Subcommittees provide a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality, wildlife habitat, and appropriate development. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback on proposed permits and plans to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. In addition, CRJC is responsible for maintaining a bi-state watershed plan.

During 2025, Riverbend engaged on several topics. Permits that were reviewed included a Treatment Plant in Waterford, a Shoreland Protection Permit in Concord, a Stream Alteration General Permit in Newbury, a Lake Encroachment Permit and Shoreland Protection Permit in Barnet, and an Upper Connecticut River Tactical Basin Plan Presentation/Discussion.

In 2026, Riverbend will continue their activities in management, outreach, and learning for the Connecticut River. Riverbend welcomes local participation in permit reviews, educational events, watershed planning, and water quality monitoring. If you are interested, contact info@crjc.org.





2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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

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

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE

Projected Growth by Year

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

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

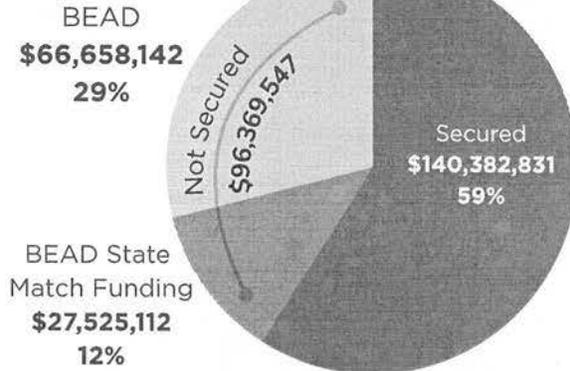
1,902 **NEKCV**
CUSTOMERS SERVED

BUILDING CAPACITY

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

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

TOTAL FUNDING



BUDGET SUMMARY

2025 Budget 2025 Forecast 2026 Budget

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

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

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

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) Year-End Financial Report for 2025

The NEKWMD ended 2025 with a deficit of \$17,728.98. Revenues in 2025 were 5.8% above projections, while expenses were 7.6% above projections. Revenues from tire disposal, scrap metal, electronics recycling, and the sale of basic recyclable materials were below projections. Equipment repair expenses were much higher than expected during the year. The surcharge revenue continues to slightly increase annually, and that trend continued in 2025. No fee increases to the surcharge (currently \$29.50/ton of trash) or per capita fees (\$1.16/person) are planned in 2026. Hauling fees to service recycling centers (\$55/stop) and schools (\$37/stop) will also remain unchanged in 2026. A possible increase in tire disposal fees will be evaluated in early 2026 to ensure the District is at least covering our costs.

The NEKWMD is entering 2026 with a budget of \$1,017,532 – a decrease of 1.3% compared to 2025. The NEKWMD ended 2025 staffed by nine full-time and three part-time employees. Staffing levels will likely remain unchanged in 2026.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2025. 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.

Chris Thompson
Executive Director
NEKWMD

2026 APPROVED BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
1	BUDGET ITEM	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2025	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
2	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
3	Advertising	\$200.00	\$132.00	\$200.00
4	Audit -- Financial	\$8,500.00	\$14,175.50	\$9,000.00
5	Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
6	Bank Charges	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
7	Cleaning	\$2,500.00	\$3,640.00	\$3,400.00
8	Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,376.86	\$1,500.00
9	Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$5,000.00	\$6,528.38	\$6,400.00
10	Heating Fuel	\$1,600.00	\$1,259.00	\$1,600.00
11	Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$21,000.00	\$19,244.71	\$21,000.00
12	Legal Fees	\$2,000.00	\$2,597.73	\$2,000.00
13	Professional Services- ED	\$8,000.00	\$9,754.11	\$0.00
14	Postage	\$2,000.00	\$1,936.99	\$2,500.00
15	Office Supplies	\$3,200.00	\$3,414.03	\$3,200.00
16	Secretary Stipend	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
17	Telephone/IT - Office	\$9,000.00	\$10,282.50	\$9,000.00
18	Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$218.12	\$500.00
19	Water/Sewer	\$1,400.00	\$1,339.83	\$1,500.00
20	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$69,525.00	\$76,499.76	\$64,925.00
21	Gross Wages	\$529,000.00	\$512,996.22	\$482,807.00
22	OT Wages--Warehouse	\$6,500.00	\$2,032.16	\$5,000.00
23	Fica (Employer Match)	\$34,637.00	\$31,052.46	\$30,000.00
24	Medi (Employer Match)	\$8,100.00	\$7,262.12	\$7,100.00
25	Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$5,250.00	\$6,948.06	\$7,000.00
26	VMERS (Retirement)	\$33,135.00	\$35,048.36	\$34,000.00
27	Health Insurance	\$55,000.00	\$72,014.02	\$60,000.00
28	Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$38,000.00	\$33,693.64	\$30,000.00
29	VT- Child Care Tax	\$2,500.00	\$2,223.91	\$2,500.00
30	Mileage - Employee	\$2,000.00	\$1,163.96	\$2,000.00
31	Life & Disability	\$9,000.00	\$11,960.69	\$10,000.00
32	Personnel Equipment	\$500.00	\$1,781.94	\$2,000.00
33	Training	\$800.00	\$50.00	\$1,500.00
34	TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$724,422.00	\$718,227.54	\$673,907.00
35	EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
36	Baler Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$16,876.54	\$7,500.00
37	Baler Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$8,750.00	\$10,000.00
38	Forklift Fuel	\$3,000.00	\$2,451.64	\$3,000.00
39	Forklift Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$16,351.46	\$8,000.00
40	Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$4,074.74	\$2,000.00
41	Skidsteer Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$1,375.43	\$2,000.00
42	Warehouse Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,897.69	\$2,500.00
43	Trucks--Diesel	\$24,000.00	\$19,217.62	\$24,000.00
44	Trucks- Repair	\$5,000.00	\$8,794.34	\$5,000.00
45	Truck Lease	\$50,000.00	\$50,782.91	\$50,000.00
46	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$100,500.00	\$131,572.37	\$114,000.00

2026 APPROVED BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
47	BUDGET ITEM	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2025	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
48	BUILDING EXPENSES			
49	Electricity	\$6,000.00	\$6,820.08	\$7,000.00
50	Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$2,600.90	\$8,000.00
51	Trash Removal	\$4,800.00	\$5,442.28	\$6,000.00
52	TOTAL BUILDING	\$11,800.00	\$14,863.26	\$21,000.00
53	PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
54	Composting	\$23,500.00	\$23,043.00	\$22,000.00
55	Composter/Bin	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
56	Education Outreach	\$7,000.00	\$11,647.87	\$7,000.00
57	Hazmat Disposal	\$40,000.00	\$68,609.97	\$50,000.00
58	Hazmat Supplies	\$4,500.00	\$4,308.10	\$4,500.00
59	Recyclables Processing	\$17,000.00	\$28,331.39	\$20,000.00
60	Special Collections	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61	Supplies	\$500.00	\$1,627.08	\$1,200.00
62	Tire Disposal	\$15,000.00	\$18,219.80	\$15,000.00
63	TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$112,750.00	\$155,787.21	\$123,700.00
64	SUB-TOTAL	\$1,018,997.00	\$1,096,950.14	\$997,532.00
65				
66	Capital Improvement Fund	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$20,000.00
67	TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$20,000.00
68				
69	TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$1,030,997.00	\$1,108,950.14	\$1,017,532.00
70	Grants--St of VT	\$117,000.00	\$119,049.60	\$90,000.00
71	Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$61,000.00	\$61,043.21	\$61,000.00
72	Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$5,000.00	\$2,537.81	\$2,000.00
73	Interest Income	\$50.00	\$72.35	\$50.00
74	Miscellaneous Income	\$2,000.00	\$2,954.03	\$2,000.00
75	Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
76	Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
77	Sale of Recyclables	\$110,333.00	\$78,619.49	\$85,000.00
78	Compost Income	\$20,000.00	\$21,643.65	\$22,000.00
79	Electronics Income	\$17,000.00	\$13,082.31	\$10,000.00
80	Scrap Metal Income	\$28,000.00	\$19,234.90	\$22,000.00
81	Battery Income	\$3,000.00	\$6,296.58	\$7,000.00
82	Tire Income	\$15,000.00	\$12,489.35	\$15,000.00
83	Truck Sale- 2017 International	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00
84	Per Capita Assessment	\$54,506.00	\$54,506.08	\$54,506.00
85	Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$597,458.00	\$696,741.80	\$646,826.00
86	TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$1,030,997.00	\$1,091,221.16	\$1,017,532.00



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.

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

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

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

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

Also in 2025, NVDA staff provided support regarding Barnet's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan which allowed the town to receive additional assistance from the state to support recovery efforts from the 2024 floods.

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

Sincerely,

David Snedeker
Executive Director

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 members 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 have exclusive access to the following range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services.

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt answers to thousands of questions on municipal operations and how to comply with state and federal legal requirements. A crucial information hub for local officials, VLCT creates topic-based FAQs, guidance, templates, and research reports to simplify the day-to-day work of municipal officials and staff. In 2025, VLCT updated its role-based handbooks – for selectboards, town clerks, town treasurers, and elected auditors – for members' full online access and also filed Amicus Curiae ("friend of the court") briefs with the Vermont Supreme Court supporting Burlington and Tunbridge in cases brought against them.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials.** VLCT provides information and training via webinars, classes at members' locations, and its annual member conference. In 2025, VLCT augmented member dues by using part of its USDA Rural Development grant to offer more than 100 of these trainings at no cost to members to, for example: help them prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters; prepare, adopt, and enforce legal ordinances; and comply with the latest changes in Vermont's Open Meeting law. Other grant funding is helping VLCT launch its new treasurer training program.
- **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 were instrumental in creating the \$2 billion Community Housing and Infrastructure Program, protecting municipal authority for legal trails, expanding municipal financing flexibility, and increasing local option tax revenues. 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.** VLCT's Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund 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 low group rates on desirable employee benefits. All of these are what municipalities need and ask for, and they help Vermont local governments stretch their budgets.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org. Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/vlct-board.

Section 7

**Real Estate Transactions
&
Vital Records Reports**

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2025 Real Estate Transactions

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Description
1/13/2025	Paddleford, Francesa & Bonnie	Van Gelder, David & Kristin	Dwl & land Garland Hill
1/24/2025	Bailey, Steven G	Wagner, Mary C	Dwl & Land Harvey Mountain Road
2/10/2025	Newboid, Scott & Martha	Greene, Marciel	Dwl & Land Bimson Drive
3/10/2025	Willey, Marieka	Jupen, Jill & Dana	Dwl & Land Garland Hill
4/10/2025	Stoiber, Laura M	Korsh, Jeremy & Brittany	Dwl & land Kitchel Hill Road
4/22/2025	Braddock, John B	Reinhold, Henry & Urbina-Torres, Leslie	Land Only East Peacham Road
4/29/2025	Stewart, Karen	Molina, Jose & Sarah	Dwl & Land Garland Hill Road
5/5/2025	Kristoff, David E & Eileen A	Deatrick, Daniel S. & Kucia, Margaret M	Barn & Land Tower Road
5/12/2025	Campbell, Robert G	May, David & Emily	Dwl & Land US Rte 5 S
5/22/2025	Weikert, Jeanne	Pollock, Scott & Erika	MHU Hillside Lane
6/3/2025	Heaney, Jeb	Roy, Jonathan & Jade	Land Garland Hill
6/6/2025	Wright, David & Lori	Wright, William	MHL US Rte 5
6/9/2025	Schlehofer, Mark & Maryke	Jones, Michael V & Winchester, Jennifer A	Land Symns Pond Road
6/19/2025	Kelley Jr., Raymond S & Tammy Lee	Moulton, Leighann	MHU Dike Lane
7/8/2025	Kendall, James	Donahue, Sean	Dwl & land Comerford Dam Rd
7/28/2025	Redman, Mary	McQuade, Peter	Dwl & Land Old Silo Road
8/7/2025	Locke, Raymond III	Locke, Bradford	Dwl & Land Old Silo Road
8/19/2025	Flick, William	Alvelo, Isabel	MHL US Rte 5 N
8/25/2025	Del Pazzo, Theresa	105 Bridge St, LLC	Dwl & Land Bridge Street
9/2/2025	West Hill Homes LLC	Stanford, Eric	Dwl & Land Cannon Lane
9/4/2025	Denio, Sylvanus	Simmer, Christopher	Dwl & Land Town Forest Rd
9/29/2025	Hamilton, Madeline Estate of	Craven, Jasper & Bastian, Lauren	Dwl & land Whitehill Road
10/3/2025	Burnett, Jason	Lilly, Connor & Kara	Dwl & Land West Barnet Road
10/3/2025	March, Jeremiah Estate of	Thresher, Patrick, Kelly, & Shane	Dwl & Land Smith Road
10/6/2025	Cross, Duane & Samantha	Percy, Timothy & Lebel, Susan	Dwl & Land Comerford Dam Road
10/10/2025	Hoar, Ila	Berwick, Jeanna	Dwl & Land West Main Street
10/27/2025	Dunklee, William & Lynn	Brochu, Scott Eric	Dwl & Land Ferguson Road
10/27/2025	Walsh, Michael K & Dunklee, Lynn	Dunklee, Lynn & William	Dwl & Land Morrison Hill
10/27/2025	Knights, Kevin	Rauschenberg, Carlton & Sara	Land Knights Lane
10/27/2025	Dunklee, William & Lynn	Sarette, Steven & Dawn	Land Ferguson Road
10/29/2025	Pollock, Scott & Erika	Payne, John & Jennifer	MHU Hillside Lane
11/12/2025	Ruggles, Marcia	Wasyluk, William	MHL US Rt 5 South
11/12/2025	Tatro, Stanley & Coney	Wasyluk, William	Land US Rt 5 South
11/17/2025	Welsh-Davis, Susan B & Davis, Jeffery	Margaret M Norden Trust	Dwl & Land Symns Pond Road
11/28/2025	Stan Robinson Wood Procurement LLC	Robinson, Stan & Kathy	Land US Rt 5
12/22/2025	Lang, Laurie & Patricia	Coolbeth, Laurie & Warren	MHU Shoreline Drive
12/24/2025	West Barnet General Partnership	Stevenson, Shane	Dwl & Land Stevenson Road

BIRTHS

Quimby, Amielia Grace to Quimby, Jenna Marie
Baker, Nova Adelaide to Smith, Lilliana & Baker, Michael
Lambert, Harvey Jo to Lambert, Kaylee-Anna & Travis
Lambert, Hudson Anthony to Lambert, Kaylee-Anna & Travis
Despathy, Weston James to Despathy, Destee & Miles
Fearon, Luke David to Bennett, Kristen & Fearon, Matthew
Sanders, Joley Mae to Sanders, Natasha & Andre
Strand, Maisie Dove to Strand, Kasey & Dylan

MARRIAGES

Como, Jodi A & Redfield, Gene R
Descoteaux, Richard A & Turner, Elaine C
Alexander, Samantha N & Scott, Zachary P
Stevens, Robert D & Shaeffer, Ann L
Dione, Dakota R & Carpenter, Justin J
Berry, Sara E & Jaynes, Mark E
Bradley, Christopher J & Fisher, Carrie A
Roberts, Abriel G & Santangelo, Joseph M
Tillotson, Lydia M & Sanborn, Zackary H

DEATHS

Rankin, Susan P. Age 76
Duncan, Jennifer L. Age 54
Downing, Harriet B. Age 93
Walsh, Kenneth E. Age 96
Russell, Colin S. Age 45
Meigs, Florence B. Age 95
Kauppi Sr., Robert A. Age 78
Brower, Edward N. Age 88
Lessard, Maria A. Age 71

Note: Not all births, deaths and marriages involving residents of Barnet, VT are reported here. Events occurring out of state are not reported unless requested by a resident who is party to the event. Also records are omitted when parties to the event so request.