



Town of Brighton
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2023

Annual Report
Town of Brighton, VT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2023

Annual Report

of the Town and the Officers of

Brighton, Vermont



Oath of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands
one nation under God, indivisible
with liberty and justice for all

For the year ending December 31,

2023

In Memoriam



Stephanie Nagle

May 11, 1942 - July 8, 2023
Board of Listers & Justice of the Peace



Gloria Gaboriault

August 11, 1944 - September 22, 2023
Library Staff & Former Auditor

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Community Information

Monday, March 4, 2024 - School and Town Informational Meetings -

Brighton Municipal Building
School Meeting at 7:00 PM
Town Business Meeting at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - Town Meeting Elections -

Brighton Municipal Building:
9:00AM to 7:00 PM

Monday, April 1, 2024 - Last day to license dogs

General Information

Date of Charter: August 31, 1781

Population: 1,157 (per 2020 Census Records)

Size: 34,368 acres

2023 Educational Grand list: **\$ 1,416,428.08**

2023 Municipal Grand List: **\$ 1,418,147.78**

Town Clerk Office Hours

Monday through Thursday - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Brighton Recycle Center Hours

Saturday and Monday – 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

VOTER REGISTRATION & ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

Voters may register to vote in person at the Town Clerk's office at 49 Mill St. Ext., Island Pond, during business hours (8-5 Mon-Thur.) or online at the VT Secretary of State Elections Office. Voters can register to vote at the Clerk's office right up to the day before the election, and at the polls the day of the election. Absentee ballots can be obtained by calling the Town Clerk's office at 723-4405, or by coming to the office in person.

Auditor's Report

As auditors for the Town of Brighton, we have carefully reviewed all Town accounts for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. Our findings are reported with each account we have listed in this town report. We continue to strongly advise the computerization of all the Town of Brighton accounts/bookkeeping procedures to both save time and help eliminate the possibility of error.

Thank you,

Jocelyne Gervais and Judith Castonguay

Town of Brighton

WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2024

The legal voters for the Town of Brighton and the Brighton Water System are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall in Island Pond at 49 Mill Street Ext. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM to transact the following business by Australian Ballot:

1. To elect the following Town and Water System Officers: A Moderator and Delinquent Tax Collector for a one-year term each; One Select Board member, one Cemetery Commissioner, one Water Commissioner, two Listers and one Auditor for a three-year term each; and one Library Trustee for a five-year term.
2. To elect the following School District officers: A Moderator for a one-year term. One School board director for a two-year term, and two school board directors for three-year terms each.
3. Shall the voters authorize the addition of two new members to the Selectboard for terms of one year each in order to create a five-member selectboard?

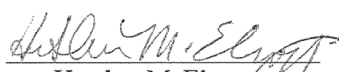
The following articles are to be considered at the business meeting portion of the Annual Town Meeting, to be conducted on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 7:30 P.M. in the town hall:

4. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. To hear the reports of the town officers for the past year and to take action thereon.
6. To hear the report of the Water Commissioners for the past year and to take action thereon.
7. To see if the voters shall fix the number of installments and the payment due dates for the collection of taxes as authorized in Title 32, V.S.A. Section 4872. Recommended payments to be due on August 19, September 19, and November 19.
8. To see if the voters shall authorize collection of 2024 taxes through the treasurer as provided for in Title 32, V.S.A. Sections 4792 and 4793.
9. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$2,169,765.64, of which \$1,657,002.67 shall be raised by taxes and \$5,634.37 by non-tax revenues?
10. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Brighton, County of Essex and State of Vermont, this 2nd day of February, 2024.

BRIGHTON SELECTBOARD


Jeanne Gervais, Chair


Heather McElroy

Mike Testut

Dated at Brighton, County of Essex and State of Vermont, this 2nd day of February, 2024.

Town of Brighton Selectboard Report - 2023

The year 2023 marked significant accomplishments by the Town of Brighton and its dedicated Selectboard. This report aims to capture the essence of the town's progress, highlighting a commitment to community well-being and sustainable development.

In public safety and services, the town's commitment was reinforced by the annual contract with the Essex County Sheriff's Department. The Harvey Coe Scholarship, Munibilling, and the online payment system showcased forward-thinking measures to support education and streamline utility billing processes. Safety initiatives, including installing a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and approving a dry hydrant, further contributed to community well-being.

Administratively, the appointment of Beth Rodondi to pivotal roles, meticulous review of conflict-of-interest policies, and successful contract negotiations underscored the Selectboard's dedication to efficient leadership and ethical governance.

Community development efforts included expanding the recycling center, initiating waste management programs, and working on transformative projects like the Lakeside Park upgrades, Wastewater Treatment Facility Refurbishment, Water Treatment Facilities Upgrades, Third Floor Project, and Wood 4 Good. These initiatives signify the town's strategic foresight in planning for future development.

Strategic personnel appointments, such as the Library Director and Library Assistant/Social Media Writer, exemplify the Selectboard's commitment to cultivating a skilled team for effective governance. The enactment of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives aligns seamlessly with statewide efforts, fostering a welcoming and inclusive community.

Financial stewardship was enhanced through the incorporation of the Cash Receipts Module, solidifying the town's commitment to responsible financial management, transparency, and accountability.

A robust communication strategy, including establishing a Facebook page and active participation in community events, fortified citizen engagement. Selectboard involvement in events like the Community Event, Business Meeting, Vermont's Button Up Program, NEK Marathon, and Brighton Summer Program underscored the commitment to nurturing community spirit and active participation.

Noteworthy infrastructure projects and plans, such as the Town Hall Sewer Project, Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade, Water Plant Upgrades, Service Line Inventory, Zoning Bylaws review, and All Hazard Mitigation Plan, spotlighted the town's unwavering commitment to maintaining and improving essential infrastructure, ensuring a resilient foundation for community growth.

Engagement with entities like the Vermont Land Trust, discussions with VTrans on railway transportation, and active participation in meetings on rural development underscored the Selectboard's commitment to fostering collaborative partnerships and contributing to regional development.

In conclusion, the Town of Brighton's Selectboard Report for 2023 reflects a tapestry of accomplishments, strategic planning, and community engagement. These comprehensive efforts underscore the town's commitment to effective governance and continuous development. The Selectboard expresses profound gratitude to the community for their steadfast support and eagerly anticipates building upon these achievements in the coming year.

Town Officers

		Term Limit	Term Expires
Moderator	* Bruce Rumball-Petre	1 year	2024
Town Clerk/Treasurer	** Teresa DeBonville		
Ass't. Clerk/Treasurer	** Lisa Moore		
	** Tara Martin		
Town Manager	** Noah Bond		
Selectboard	* John Manning	3 years	2024
	** Michael Testut	3 years	2024
	Jeanne Gervais	3 years	2026
	Heather McElroy	3 years	2025
Listers	Tara Martin	3 years	2025
	Vacant	3 years	2025
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Library Trustees	Krystyna Kurzej	5 years	2028
	Janet Osborne	5 years	2024
	Jocelyne Gervais	5 years	2025
	Judy Valente	4 years	2025
	Susan Vera	5 years	2026
Cemetery Commissioners	Wayne Cole	3 years	2024
	John Manning	3 years	2025
	Carmen Murray	3 years	2026
School Directors	Judy Castonguay	2 years	2024
	Bruce Rumball-Petre	2 years	2025
	Gayle Cornelius	3 years	2025
	David Yasharian	3 years	2024
	Bradley Beth	3 years	2024
School Director (NCUHS)	Gayle Cornelius	3 years	2025
Auditors	Jocelyne Gervais	3 years	2025
	Judith Castonguay	2 years	2025
	Vacant		
Delinquent Tax Collector	Lucille Stevens	1 year	2024

Water Commissioners	Andy Martin	3 years	2025
	Mark Vaillancourt	3 years	2024
	Bruce Rumball-Petre	3 years	2026
Sewer Commissioners	** Andy Martin	3 years	2025
	** Mark Vaillancourt	3 years	2024
	** Bruce Rumball-Petre	3 years	2026
Town Administrator	** Joel Cope		
Health Officer	** Beth Rodondi	1 year	2024
Zoning Administrator	* Joel Cope	3 years	12/16/2024
	** Beth Rodondi	3 years	1/17/2024
Development Review Board	* Margaret Muraca	3 years	4/1/2024
	** Marilyn Maxwell	3 years	4/1/2024
	** Peder Pederson	3 years	4/1/2024
	** Stacey Roese	3 years	4/1/2024
	** Michael Clarke	3 years	4/1/2024
	** Alan Wing	3 years	4/1/2024
	** Alan Magoon (alternate)	(alternate)	4/1/2024
Planning Board	** Jeanne Gervais	4 years	9/1/2026
	** Anne Budrewicz	4 years	9/1/2027
	** Mark Vaillancourt	4 years	9/1/2027
	** William Hawkins	4 years	9/1/2024
	** Michael Strait	4 years	9/1/2025
Justice of the Peace	* David Robbins	2 years	2024
	* Dolores Robbins	2 years	2024
	Susan Pederson	2 years	2024
	Peder Pederson	2 years	2024
	Janet Osborne	2 years	2024
	Krystyna Kurzej	2 years	2024
Town Service Officer	** Lisa Moore (appointed)		

** APPOINTED

* RESIGNED

Brighton Thrives in 2023: Progress and Community Drive Success

2023 was a year of remarkable progress for Brighton, fueled by an unwavering commitment to a vibrant and sustainable community. Public safety remained a top priority, evident in renewed partnerships with the Sheriff's Department. Residents enjoyed simplified utility billing thanks to MunicIPAY's implementation. Ethical governance was strengthened through strategic appointments and responsible policy approvals.

Sustainability efforts flourished through initiatives focused on preserving Brighton's natural beauty and historic charm. Waste management programs and a recycling center expansion exemplified progress in infrastructure and environmental initiatives. Inclusivity was championed by strategic hiring, ensuring a diverse and representative workforce, while ongoing community engagement kept residents informed and involved.

Financial responsibility was unwavering, demonstrated by thorough reviews and Cash Receipts Module approval. Essential infrastructure received necessary attention through the Town Hall Sewer Project. Environmental well-being was furthered by initiatives like the waste management sticker program and others.

Collaboration remained central to success, with partnerships like the Vermont Land Trust, VTTrans discussions, and rural development meetings solidifying regional development efforts. Progress on Town Plan goals was evident in natural resource bylaws, ongoing road employee training, and community meetings to foster economic growth.

2023 stands as a testament to Brighton's dedication and progress. With heartfelt gratitude to the community for their unwavering support, Brighton remains committed to holistic and strategic development through an interconnected approach to daily operations, governance, and Town Plan goals. As we move forward, the pursuit of excellence continues, anticipating continued progress in the upcoming year.

Noah Bond
Town Manager

2023 Actual and 2024 Proposed Budget

		Proposed 2023	Actual 2023	Proposed 2024
	ROAD DEPARTMENT			
010	Personnel			
020	Road Foreman	\$58,231.74	\$56,555.51	\$60,561.01
021	Road Maintenance Worker	42,251.98	42,608.36	43,942.06
022	Road Maintenance Worker	42,251.98	42,289.50	43,942.06
025	Overtime	15,000.00	20,979.30	15,000.00
030	Social Security	12,066.78	15,060.47	12,503.55
040	Retirement	19,914.13	21,341.05	21,341.05
050	Mileage	100.00	91.87	100.00
060	Training	200.00	-	500.00
070	Health & Life Ins.	57,110.64	52,455.07	50,679.04
099	Total Personnel Costs	247,127.25	251,381.13	248,568.76
100	Roads & Streets			
101	Salt & Chloride	14,000.00	14,962.02	15,000.00
102	Gravel	20,000.00	17,889.50	18,000.00
103	Sand, Stone & seed	7,000.00	9,750.50	8,000.00
104	Asphalt Patch	1,200.00	2,532.30	1,200.00
105	Paving	25,000.00	91,760.09	15,000.00
106	Culverts	5,000.00	10,781.27	10,000.00
107	Survey & Engineering	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
108	Bridge & Rd Cnstrct.	11,000.00	4,499.64	10,000.00
109	Sidewalks	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
110	Foot Bridge	10,000.00	6,337.48	7,000.00
111	Supplies & Materials	6,500.00	7,609.02	7,000.00
112	Street Signs	1,500.00	1,062.10	1,500.00
113	Contracted services	15,000.00	19,010.00	15,000.00
114	Infrastructure reserve Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
115	Total Roads & Streets	151,200.00	216,193.92	142,700.00
116	Garage			
117	Electricity	2,000.00	1,999.27	2,000.00
118	Heating Fuel	4,000.00	5,545.95	5,000.00
119	Telephone	2,000.00	2,822.47	2,000.00
120	Bldg. Maint. & Rep	3,000.00	7,626.93	3,000.00
121	Total Garage	11,000.00	17,994.62	12,000.00

		Proposed 2023	Actual 2023	Proposed 2024
122	Equipment			
123	Equipment Purchase	10,000.00	10,653.58	10,000.00
124	Maint. & Repair	40,000.00	45,194.77	40,000.00
125	Fuel	25,000.00	37,184.83	30,000.00
126	Equip. Reserve Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
127	Grader		-	54,000.00
128	Total Equipment	125,000.00	143,033.18	184,000.00
130	TOTAL ROAD DEPT.	534,327.25	628,602.85	587,268.76
200	TOWN CLERK & TREASURER			
210	Clerk & Treasurer Salary	56,272.32	56,264.02	58,523.21
220	Asst. Clerk & Treasurer 1	35,026.99	35,026.99	36,428.07
225	Asst. Clerk & Treasurer 2	8,006.17	5,250.92	8,326.42
230	Social Security	7,596.87	7,422.04	7,900.74
240	Retirement	12,537.32	11,718.70	13,555.20
250	Mileage	100.00	163.08	100.00
260	Telephone/FAX	1,200.00	1,309.24	1,300.00
270	Training	150.00	-	250.00
280	Health Insurance	42,546.36	44,412.29	33,880.56
299	TOTAL CLERK & TREAS.	163,436.03	161,567.28	160,264.21
300	TOWN MANAGER			
305	Salary			86,320.00
310	Social Security			6,603.48
315	Retirement			11,329.50
320	Mileage			250.00
325	Telephone			100.00
330	Training			1,000.00
335	Health Insurance			22,341.56
340	Equipment			300.00
350	TOTAL TOWN MANAGER			128,244.54
360	ADMINISTRATOR			
365	Salary	18,341.86	26,665.91	22,443.20
370	Social Security	2,598.43	2,423.60	1,716.90
375	(ARPA funding)		(9,188.31)	
380	Health Insurance	160.00	160.00	372.12
385	Mileage	500.00		
390	Telephone	1,000.00	1,528.77	1,000.00

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2023	2023	2024
395	Training	200.00	1,814.00	250.00
396	Equipment	100.00		500.00
399	TOTAL ADMIN	22,900.29	23,403.97	26,282.22
400	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
410	Record keeping		506.85	
420	Wages	98,280.00	38,042.67	98,280.00
430	Telephone	2,500.00	2,621.76	2,500.00
499	TOTAL POLICE DEPT.	100,780.00	41,171.28	100,780.00
500	MUNICIPAL BUILDING			
580	Supplies	4,000.00	4,464.60	4,000.00
582	Electricity	6,000.00	6,847.93	6,000.00
583	Heating Fuel	9,000.00	10,156.50	10,000.00
584	Water	2,640.00	2,430.00	2,640.00
585	Sewer	3,552.00	3,130.00	3,552.00
586	Rubbish Removal	2,500.00	1,669.82	2,500.00
587	Bldg. Maint & Repair	8,000.00	3,142.59	6,000.00
588	Bldg Paint fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	
589	Bldg. security	1,000.00		1,500.00
590	Town Hall Sewer Cleanup	10,000.00	29,389.50	-
599	TOTAL MUN. BLDG.	56,692.00	71,230.94	36,192.00
600	RAILROAD STATION			
681	Supplies	300.00	1,586.37	300.00
682	Electricity	3,000.00	2,814.35	3,200.00
685	Heating Fuel	9,500.00	11,469.57	10,500.00
686	Alarm System	1,500.00	1,646.84	1,500.00
687	Water	528.00	855.00	600.00
686	Sewer	710.40	1,211.00	800.00
687	Maint. & Repair	4,000.00	1,578.48	3,000.00
699	TOTAL RR STATION	19,538.40	21,161.61	19,900.00
700	RESCUE SQUAD CONTRACT	59,746.00	62,511.00	69,706.00
705	FIRE DEPT.			
710	Wages	18,600.00	18,595.32	25,000.00
711	Officers	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,968.00
712	Social Security	1,935.45	1,904.47	2,445.55

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2023	2023	2024
713	Records & Reporting	500.00	500.00	500.00
714	Mileage	500.00	549.67	500.00
715	Electricity	2,000.00	2,119.46	2,500.00
716	Heating Fuel	8,000.00	8,957.08	8,500.00
717	Telephone	3,200.00	4,094.64	4,000.00
718	Water	480.00	483.00	600.00
719	Sewer	518.40	626.00	650.00
720	Training	3,000.00	280.90	3,000.00
721	Equip. Purchase	12,000.00	4,972.01	12,000.00
722	Maint. & Repair Bldg.	3,000.00	1,786.14	3,000.00
723	Equip. Maint. & Rep.	7,500.00	7,316.51	7,500.00
724	Equipment Fuel	150.00	-	200.00
725	Fire Watch	2,000.00	230.96	2,000.00
726	Mutual Aid & VSFA dues	700.00	100.00	750.00
727	Banquet & Awards	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,500.00
728	Forest Fire Warden	300.00	300.00	300.00
729	Fire Station Addition	25,003.26	25,027.35	-
730	Communications/tower	5,200.00	9,821.17	9,000.00
731	Fire Truck Reserve Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
799	TOTAL FIRE DEPT.	112,487.11	105,564.68	100,913.55
800	MAINTENANCE DEPT.			
820	Wages	41,221.44	41,800.53	42,870.30
825	Overtime	2,000.00	3,492.00	2,000.00
830	Social security	3,306.44	3,464.95	3,432.58
840	Retirement	5,456.71	5,796.55	5,889.23
845	Telephone	300.00	264.00	300.00
850	Health Insurance	19,627.32	19,763.91	22,516.80
860	Tractor	11,256.34	11,256.34	11,256.34
899	TOTAL MAINT. DEPT.	83,168.25	85,838.28	88,265.24
900	LIBRARY			
920	Wages	59,590.81	59,502.98	61,974.45
930	Social security	4,558.70	2,068.59	4,741.05
940	Library Service	13,770.00	13,770.00	13,770.00
950	Retirement	7,523.34	4,615.41	8,134.15
960	Health Insurance	10,305.12	10,076.28	32,641.92
999	TOTAL LIBRARY	95,747.97	90,033.26	121,261.56

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2023	2023	2024
1000	RECREATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT			
1020	Wages	18,044.00	64,045.18	74,755.20
1030	Social security	1,380.37	3,324.33	5,718.77
1035	Retirement		9,064.62	9,811.62
1045	(Grant funding)		(40,000.00)	(50,000.00)
1050	(ARPA funding)		(37,757.88)	
1060	Telephone	300.00		300.00
1070		100.00		100.00
1080	Health insurance		24,949.45	22,573.36
1099	TOTAL RECREATION DEPT.	19,824.37	23,625.70	63,258.95
1100	GENERAL FUND			
1101	Selectmen	8,000.00	7,333.30	8,000.00
1102	Listers	2,000.00	1,725.50	2,000.00
1103	Listing Services	21,300.00	22,669.65	26,000.00
1104	Auditors	1,000.00	1,185.75	1,200.00
1105	Zoning Administration	6,480.00	6,028.62	6,000.00
1106	Planning Commissioners	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
1107	Health Officer	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,500.00
1108	Board of Civil Authority	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
1109	Development Review Board	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
1110	Library Trustees	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
1111	Social Security	5,000.00	4,354.28	4,000.00
1112	Town Officers Mileage	500.00	601.14	500.00
1113	Town Officers Training	500.00	458.00	500.00
1114	General Insurance	35,000.00	46,000.25	35,000.00
1115	Unemployment Ins.	2,500.00	216.00	2,000.00
1116	Animal Control	1,000.00	2,880.85	2,200.00
1117	Tax Mapping	2,500.00	10,910.00	5,000.00
1118	Street Lights	22,500.00	23,737.60	24,000.00
1119	Lakeside Park	15,000.00	30,746.67	35,000.00
1120	Downtown Engineering Match	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
1121	County Tax	45,000.00	48,125.58	50,000.00
1122	Long Term Debt	150,000.00	150,000.00	350,000.00
1123	Interest Expense	2,500.00	5,015.34	5,000.00
1124	Town Meeting-Elections	4,000.00	3,434.10	5,000.00
1125	Office Supplies	12,500.00	21,330.95	13,000.00
1126	Office equip. & maint.	5,000.00	16,346.46	10,000.00
1127	Legal Services	6,000.00	5,123.45	6,000.00
1128	CPA & Consultants	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00

		Proposed	Actual	Proposed
		2023	2023	2024
1129	Waste management	10,000.00	8,470.14	10,000.00
1130	Advertising	2,000.00	818.85	3,000.00
1131	VLCT	2,800.00	2,622.00	3,000.00
1132	NVDA	983.00	983.00	1,000.00
1133	NEK Human Services	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
1134	Home Health Services	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
1135	Adult Education	200.00	200.00	200.00
1136	Area Agency on Aging	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
1137	Umbrella	700.00	700.00	700.00
1138	VT. Independent Living	150.00	150.00	150.00
1139	Brighton Community Forum	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
1140	Prevent Child Abuse	300.00	300.00	300.00
1141	Cemetery	1,000.00	8,000.00	5,000.00
1142	Miscellaneous	2,000.00	2,431.99	2,200.00
1143	911 Emergency Service	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
1144	Restoration of Records	500.00	-	500.00
1145	Vt Symphony Orchestra	100.00	100.00	100.00
1146	Emergency Mgmt.			-
1147	Red Cross	250.00	250.00	250.00
1148	Green-Up Day	100.00	100.00	100.00
1149	VABVI	500.00	500.00	500.00
1150	NEK Youth Corps	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
1151	Fireworks for July 4th	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00
1152	Parade & Winter Carnival	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
1153	Frontier Animal Society	200.00	200.00	200.00
1154	Cemetery Reserve Fund	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
1155	Essex Co. Nat. Res. Dist	500.00	500.00	500.00
1156	Preservation Trust	100.00	100.00	100.00
1157	RSVP	500.00	500.00	500.00
1158	RCT	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1159	SASH	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1160	Lake Protection	8,000.00	8,659.91	8,000.00
1161	State Property tax	8,000.00	8,333.88	8,300.00
1162	Farm to School		1,000.00	1,000.00
1163	Town Banners	1,000.00	-	1,200.00
1164	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	435,563.00	499,043.26	687,300.00
1165	TOTAL ROAD FUND	534,327.25	628,602.85	587,268.76
1166	TOTAL DEPARTMENTS	734,320.41	686,108.00	915,068.28
1167	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$1,704,210.66	\$1,813,754.11	\$2,189,637.04

Proposed	Actual	Proposed
2023	2023	2024

2024 Expected Revenues & 2023 Actual Revenues

	ROAD DEPARTMENT			
1170	Property Tax	\$452,327.25	\$452,327.25	\$505,268.76
1171	State Aid for Roads	82,000.00	120,513.78	82,000.00
1172	Equipment Rental			
1173	Miscellaneous			
1174	Total - Road Dept.	534,327.25	572,841.03	587,268.76
1175	GENERAL FUNDS			
1176	Property taxes	833,123.70	553,743.47	1,151,733.91
1177	Town Clerk's Fees	20,000.00	18,479.86	20,000.00
1178	Sewer Service Fee	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
1179	Water Service Fee	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
1180	Dog Licenses & Fees	500.00	252.00	500.00
1181	Building Rents	60,000.00	69,674.67	63,745.08
1182	Railroad Tax	3,889.29	3,889.29	3,889.29
1183	Other Earned Interest	3,000.00	2,271.22	2,500.00
1184	Emergency services	11,000.00	18,892.87	15,000.00
1185	Police Fines	3,000.00	3,518.98	3,000.00
1186	Licenses	5,000.00	4,349.75	5,000.00
1187	Refunds & Reimbursements	20,000.00	17,523.14	100,000.00
1188	Misc. Revenue	5,000.00	7,180.94	5,000.00
1189	Delinquent Taxes	170,000.00	166,373.43	200,000.00
1190	Del. Tax Interest	7,000.00	8,235.94	10,000.00
1191	Beginning Cash on Hand	5,687.42		
1192	Total - General Funds	1,069,200.41	896,385.56	1,602,368.28
1193	Total - Roads	534,327.25	572,841.03	587,268.76
1194				
1195	TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,603,527.66	\$1,469,226.59	\$2,189,637.04

Statement of Taxes Raised

	Tax Rate	Grand List	Total Raised
Non-residential - School Tax	\$1.6205	\$970,394.08	\$1,572,523.90
Residential - School Tax	1.4125	446,034.00	\$630,023.46
Highway Tax	0.3193	1,418,147.78	\$452,814.63
Town Tax	0.4622	1,418,147.78	\$655,455.19
Local Agreement Tax	0.0057	1,418,147.78	\$8,083.60

Total Tax			\$3,319,724.43
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Amount billed	\$3,319,724.43
State (Hold-Harmless)	67,165.00
Pilot Program (State)	18,943.17
Adj.to billing	3,350.98

Total to be collected	\$3,409,183.58
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Collected	3,047,431.39
State payment to the School	204,556.84
Delinquent Taxes turned over	170,683.76
Refunds/overpayments	(13,596.99)
Total collected	\$3,409,075.00

Tax Rate Breakdown

	Resident 2021	Non-Resident 2021	Resident 2022	Non-Resident 2022	Resident 2023	Non-Resident 2023
Town	0.356	0.356	0.46	0.46	0.4622	0.4622
Highway	0.277	0.277	0.2817	0.2817	0.3193	0.3193
School	1.4984	1.4913	1.4888	1.4787	1.4125	1.6205
Local Agreement Rate	0.005	0.005	0.0054	0.0054	0.0057	0.0057
Total Tax Rate	2.1364	2.1293	2.2359	2.2258	2.1997	2.4077

Statement of Delinquent Taxes

Year	Beginning Bal.	Collected	Adjustment	as of 12/31/23
2021	\$80,394.08	\$78,786.39		\$1,607.69
2022	\$128,034.79	\$125,998.18		\$2,036.61
2023	\$170,683.76	\$89,240.10		\$81,443.66
TOTAL	\$379,112.63	\$294,024.67		\$85,087.96

Delinquent Property Taxes

(As of Dec. 31, 2023)

Alcantara, Kavika	Maxwell, Brian (000TR7.02DR)
Angel Above Realty	Maxwell, Brian (RT105E.02L)
Bailey, Peter	Maxwell, Brian (00TR18.06L)
Barbaso William	Maxwell, Brian (0DERST.39R)
Bouchard, Meaghan (Rt114S.02AL)	Means, Patricia
Bouchard, Meaghan (Rt114S.02BL)	Mitchell, George (00MTST.21R)
Bouchard, Meaghan (Rt114S.03L)	Mitchell, George (00MTST.24A)
Boudreau, Robert	Nash, Jesse
Boutin, Donald	O'Keefe, Michael
Brattesani, David	Orlowski, Alexander
Brault, Donna (00TR11.10R)	Ouimet, Michael F.
Brault, Donna (00TR11.10RA)	Phelps, Keith & Maria
Brunoli, Shawn	Pierce, Kellie
Buchman, Avery Scott	Pinsonneault, Laurie
Costa, David	Popinko, Noreen
Dittner, Danny	Reutter, Shanon
Eagle Spire Realty	Rimi, Frank
Evans, Jason	Roberto, Joseph
Felguth, Arnette	Rowe, John
Finn, Michael	Santaw, Raymond
Franklin, Pamela	Shaw, Justin
Gerstel, David	Sims, Philip
Ginsburg, Linda	Ste. Marie, Peter
Kertenis, Jason	Stacey, Stephen
King, Russell	Stone, Michelle (Est)
Kinney, Catherine	Storer Family Trust (0TR5HP.01R)
Little, Peter	Storer Family Trust (0TR5HP.03L)
Marsden, Pauline (Est) (2021/2022/2023)	Ubelhoer, Damian

Grand Total Delinquent Taxes as of

December 31, 2023: \$87,745.18

Wastewater Facility Upgrade Account

CNB CHECKING ACCT#.....1701

Account Opened November 30, 2023

\$500.00

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023

\$0.08

Balance as of December 31, 2023

\$500.08

Water Department Proposed Budget

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
Income			
Cash on hand: PSB Ckg. Acct.#.....0072	\$66,385.83	\$66,385.83	\$54,576.06
Water Rents	323,565.74	323,670.47	\$361,778.00
Interest	200.00	55.40	200.00
Sale of Materials	500.00	407.96	500.00
Refunds		22.00	
New Connections	2,000.00		2,000.00
Miscellaneous	-	396.79	
Reconnection Fee	250.00		250.00
Total Income	\$392,901.57	\$390,938.45	\$419,304.06
Expenses			
Labor	\$12,000.00	12,150.00	\$13,000.00
Social Security	\$918.00	918.00	\$-
Commissioners stipend	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,150.00
Insurance	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Electricity	6,200.00	5,816.30	6,200.00
Equipment purchase	10,000.00	19,997.40	1,000.00
Equipment maintenance	1,000.00	1,914.14	1,000.00
Equipment hire	8,000.00	3,380.00	8,000.00
Tools	500.00	-	500.00
Paving	5,000.00	2,574.83	5,000.00
Operating Supplies	5,000.00	8,772.09	9,000.00
Legal Services	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Town service fee	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Advertising	200.00	-	200.00
Plant Operations	146,122.58	146,122.58	156,913.07
Rent	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	14.00	1,000.00
Bond payment - Vt Bond Bank	44,603.61	-	-
Bond payment - (Lakeshore Drive)	33,232.92	33,232.92	33,232.92
Hydrant repair	8,000.00	-	8,000.00
Water testing	2,500.00	3,580.00	4,000.00
Permit fees	2,000.00	2,644.45	2,700.00
Reservoir Maintenance	10,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
Engineering Services	15,000.00	4,858.00	15,000.00
Reimbursement to sinking fund	-	-	-
Building Maintenance	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Truck Reserve Fund	10,000.00	12,325.38	12,325.38
Infrastructure Improvement Fund	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Secretary/Minutes	425.00	425.00	425.00
Total Expenses	\$391,702.11	\$336,225.09	\$361,646.37

Sewer Department Proposed Budget

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
Income			
Cash on hand: PSB Ckg.#.....0073	\$57,715.74	\$57,715.74	\$613.57
Sewer rents	278,023.42	264,345.67	344,760.00
Miscellaneous		4,105.81	154,000.00
Interest from Delinquencies	100.00	17.95	100.00
Sewer permits	-		
NSF Returned Checks		(476.00)	
Total Income	335,839.16	325,709.17	499,473.57
Expenses			
Labor	12,000.00	\$12,150.00	4,000.00
Social Security	918.00	\$918.00	-
Commissioners stipend	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,150.00
Town service fee	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Insurance	1,062.00	1,062.00	1,062.00
Electricity	15,000.00	15,146.86	16,000.00
Equipment & Supplies	30,000.00	30,154.21	30,000.00
Miscellaneous	3,700.00	557.00	3,700.00
supplies	500.00	812.00	1,000.00
Water Rent	480.00	726.22	500.00
Discharge Permit	1,200.00	2,700.00	1,200.00
Sludge Removal Fund	-	4,936.00	-
Contract Services	\$5,000.00	61,879.34	\$7,000.00
Plant Operations	146,122.58	\$146,122.58	156,913.07
Sewer capital account	-		8,000.00
Engineering Services	15,000.00	186,296.12	15,000.00
Plant Improvements	1,000.00	4,620.17	-
Secretary/Minutes	425.00	425.00	425.00
Bond payment (Dale Ave.)	9,842.76	9,842.76	9,842.76
Truck Reserve Fund	10,000.00	12,325.39	12,325.39
Loan Payment	69,464.95	64,464.95	64,464.95
Total Expenses	\$256,250.34	569,138.60	\$345,583.17

Water Engineering Services Reserve Account

PSB Savings Acct #.....1314

Balance of of January 1, 2023

\$23,144.20

REVENUES:

Interest earned in 2023

\$18.49

TOTAL REVENUES for 2023

\$18.49

Balance as of December. 31, 2023

\$23,162.69

Water-Sewer Operations Account

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
Income			
Cash on hand (CNB Ckg. #.....2601)	\$4,743.84	\$4,743.84	\$2,388.82
Water payments	146,122.58	\$146,122.58	156,913.07
Sewer payments	146,122.58	\$146,122.58	156,913.07
Interest earned			
Refunds (Miscellaneous)			
Total Income	\$296,989.00	\$296,989.00	\$316,214.96

Expenses			
Contract Operations	\$248,089.00	\$248,088.00	\$258,426.14
Labor & Overtime	1,000.00	\$745.00	1,000.00
Administration	500.00	\$258.00	500.00
Utilities	7,400.00	\$6,881.75	7,400.00
Propane/Fuel	5,000.00	\$5,318.61	6,000.00
Vehicle Allowance	2,000.00	\$2,419.94	2,500.00
Maintenance & Supplies	15,000.00	\$13,679.27	15,000.00
Line Maintenance	5,000.00	\$672.50	5,000.00
Chemicals	7,000.00	\$10,920.79	12,000.00
Truck Expenses	5,000.00	\$3,930.10	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	\$78.75	1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$296,989.00	\$292,992.71	\$313,826.14

Water Sinking Fund

CNB CD Acct #.....8170

Balance as of January 1, 2023 **\$83,522.61**

REVENUES:

Interest earned in 2023 \$312.82

Balance as of December 31, 2023 **\$83,835.43**

PSB SAVINGS Acct #.....1260

Balance as of January 1, 2023 **\$28,368.73**

REVENUES:

Transfer from CNB Acct #5213 \$5,000.00

Interest earned in 2023 \$18.44

Total Revenues in 2023 **\$5,018.24**

EXPENSES:

Transfer to Acct #0072 to cover Expenses \$(28,000.00)

Balance as of December 31, 2023 **\$5,387.17**

GRAND TOTAL OF ACCTS as of 12/31/2023 **\$89,222.60**

Delinquent Water and Sewer Users

(as of December 31, 2023)

Kavika Alcantara	\$416.70	James Kinney	\$530.00
Bryan & Sonya Ashman	\$1,145.26	Harris Kinsey	\$874.00
Christopher Bissonette	\$20.00	Richard Lavoie	\$261.34
James Bone	\$723.08	Tammi Letourneau, c/o USDA	\$1,355.40
Roland Barney c/o Terry Walker	\$636.00	Scott & Maggie Machinist	\$123.00
Maurice Connary	\$603.58	Francis Manning	\$513.00
Gary Dauphan	\$606.00	Francis Manning	\$318.00
Daniel Delabruere	\$123.00	Denise Marsden	\$4,581.21
Marion Deslandes	\$300.00	Shawn & Jennifer McGarvin	\$366.00
Maude Desrochers, Est.	\$387.57	Patricia Means	\$123.00
Beryle Dittner	\$239.74	Matthew Moore	\$366.00
Danny Dittner	\$355.09	David & Casey Myers	\$100.00
Michael Finn	\$49.00	Alexander Orłowski	\$123.00
George Foy	\$567.08	Kellie Pierce	\$318.00
Ezra Glodgett	\$468.00	Duane Powers	\$432.12
Emma Gunn	\$272.22	Shannon Reutter	\$1,350.00
David Haberfeld	\$318.00	John Risi	\$1,835.44
William Hawkins	\$400.07	Joseph Roberto	\$636.00
Michael Hawkins/Jana Leigh	\$318.00	Donald Sackett	\$1,375.68
Brett Hedges	\$137.58	Raymond Santaw	\$874.00
Rebecca Hinton	\$437.66	Peter Ste. Marie, Jr.	\$2,460.36
Edwin Jones	\$451.40	Alan Tillinghast	\$123.00
Martin & Lauren Jones	\$246.00	James VanMetter	\$148.00
Raymond & Marsha Joseph	\$123.00	Jason Waldo	\$1,557.40
Craig Kaplan	\$1,112.00	George Wilcox	\$422.81
Jason Kertenis	\$366.00	Gwyn Worthington	\$186.00
Alson Kinney	\$110.66	Richard Zibold	\$476.13

TOTAL DUE:

\$32,761.58

Water Capital Improvement Account

PSB Savings Acct #.....0241

Balance of of January 1, 2023 \$52,351.65

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023 \$29.60

Transfer from Gen. Acct#....5213 (repay loan) \$30,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES for 2023 **\$30,029.60**

EXPENSES

Transfer to Gen. Acct# 5213 (loan to cover
expenses in lieu of taxes) \$(30,000.00)

TOTAL EXPENSES for 2023 **\$(30,000.00)**

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 **\$52,381.25**

Water Reservoir Maintenance Account

PSB Savings Acct. #.....1193

Account Balance Jan. 1, 2023 \$55,393.31

REVENUES:

Interest earned in 2023 \$15.39

Reserve Funds from 2022 \$40,000.00

Reserve Funds from 2023 \$20,000.00

Total Revenues for 2023 **\$60,015.39**

EXPENSES:

Transferred to Water/Sewer Account to cover
engineering expenses for water/sewer upgrades \$(91,000.00)

\$(91,000.00)

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 **\$24,408.70**

Water Equipment Reserve Fund

PSB Savings Acct. #.....1194

Account Balance Jan. 1, 2023 \$31,048.92

REVENUES:

Interest earned in 2023 \$14.60

Repayment of loan to Gen. Acct. #5213 \$25,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES for 2023 **\$25,014.60**

EXPENSES:

Loan to Gen. Acct #5213 in lieu of taxes \$(25,000.00)

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 2023 **\$(25,000.00)**

Grand Total as of December 31, 2023 **\$31,063.52**

Sewer Capital Improvement Fund

CNB CD Account #.....1470

Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$19,832.69	
Interest earned in 2023	<u>\$74.28</u>	
Balance as of Decemberr 31, 2023		\$19,906.97

PSB CD Account #.....0496

Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$5,436.45	
Interest earned in 2023	<u>\$32.72</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2023		\$5,469.17

PSB N.O.W. Acct. #.....1288

Balance as of January 1, 2023	\$545.10	
Interest earned in 2023	<u>\$0.54</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2023		<u>\$545.64</u>

TOTAL SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 12/31/2023		<u>\$25,921.78</u>
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Sewer Sludge Removal Fund

CNB CD Acct. #.....5970

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2023	\$8,873.31	
Interest earned in 2023	<u>\$33.23</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2023		\$8,906.54

PSB CD Account #.....0534

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2023	\$5,183.35	
Interest earned in 2023	<u>\$20.78</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2023		\$5,204.13

PSB N.O.W. Acct. #.....1290

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2023	\$996.18	
Interest earned in 2023	<u>\$0.49</u>	
Balance as of December 31, 2023		<u>\$996.67</u>

TOTAL SEWER SLUDGE REMOVAL FUNDS

as of December 31, 2023		<u>\$15,107.34</u>
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Miscellaneous Funds

ARPA FUNDS

CNB CHECKING ACCT#.....6901

BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023 **\$222,315.33**

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023 \$76.94

Total Revenues for 2023 **\$76.94**

EXPENSES

Transferred to Acct.#.....5213 **\$(222,392.27)**

Balance as of December 31, 2023 **0.00**

Brighton Culvert Fund

PSB Savings Acct #.....0942

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2023 **\$11,645.53**

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023 \$9.32

Balance as of December 31, 2023 **\$11,654.85**

Better Connections Grant Match Reserve Account

PSB Savings Acct #.....1316

Balance as of January 1, 2023 **\$7,535.37**

Interest earned in 2023 \$6.03

Balance as of December 31, 2023 **\$7,541.40**

Brighton Ambulance Account

CNB Ckg Acct. #.....9701

Balance as of January 1, 2023 **\$157.23**

Expenses

Funds transferred to Gen. Acct# 5213 \$(157.23)

ACCOUNT CLOSED ON DEC. 26, 2023 **\$-**

Building Paint Reserve Account

PSB SAVINGS ACCT#...1064

BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023 **\$35,016.14**

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023 \$28.10

2023 Appropriations \$10,000.00

Total Revenues for 2023 **\$10,028.10**

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 **\$45,044.24**

CPA Reserve Account

CNB Savings Acct. #.....2218

Balance as of January 1, 2023 \$9,008.81

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023 \$4.55

Town Appropriations for 2023 \$7,500.00

Total Revenues for 2023 \$7,504.55

Balance as of December 31, 2023 \$16,513.36

Downtown Engineering Reserve Account

CNB Savings Acct. #.....8418

Balance as of January 1, 2023 \$6,906.08

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023 \$3.49

2023 Town Appropriations \$5,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES \$5,003.49

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 \$11,909.57

Emergency Generator Fund

PSB Savings Acct #.....1256

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2023 \$383.47

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023 \$0.32

TOTAL REVENUES for 2023 \$0.32

EXPENSES

Transfer to Gen. Acct.#...5213

Account closed on December 27, 2023 \$(383.79)

TOTAL EXPENSES for 2023 \$(383.79)

Balance as of December 31, 2023 \$0.00

Fire Department Equipment Fund

PSB Savings Acct #.....0459

Balance as of January 1, 2023 \$6,020.40

REVENUES:

Interest earned in 2023 \$4.84

TOTAL REVENUES \$4.84

Balance as of December 31, 2023 \$6,025.24

Equipment Reserve Fund

PSB Savings #.....1008

Balance as of January 1, 2023 \$67,866.28

REVENUES:

Interest earned in 2023 \$25.00

2023 Town Appropriations \$50,000.00

Loan funds for dump truck \$110,000.00

Repayment of loan to Gen. Acct.# 5213 \$16,250.00

Total Revenues for 2023 \$176,275.00

EXPENSES

Loan to Gen. Acct# 5213 to cover expenses \$(16,250.00)

Funds transferred to Gen. Acct. to cover overage
of grader purchase \$(43,750.00)

Total Expenses for 2023 \$(60,000.00)

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 \$184,141.28

Fire Truck Capital Reserve

PSB Savings Acct #.....1257

Balance as of January 1, 2023 \$60,654.90

Interest earned in 2023 \$26.60

Repayment of Loan to Gen. Acct # 5213 \$50,000.00

Town Appropriation 2023 \$10,000.00

Total Revenues for 2023 \$60,026.60

EXPENSES

Loan to Gen. Acct #5213 to cover expenses \$(50,000.00)

Total Expenses for 2023 \$(50,000.00)

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 \$70,681.50

Heating System Reserve Account

PSB SAVINGS ACCT#...1067

BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023 \$15,008.05

REVENUES:

Interest earned in 2023 \$12.02

Total Revenues for 2023 \$12.02

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003 \$15,020.07

Heavy Equipment Fund

PSB SAVINGS ACCT#.....4212

Balance as of January 1, 2023 \$10,253.73

REVENUES:

Interest earned in 2023 \$8.21

Total Revenues in 2023 \$8.21

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 \$10,261.94

Infrastructure Reserve Funds

PSB Savings Acct #.....1315

Balance as of January 1, 2023 \$140,256.52

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023 \$34.22

Town Appropriations 2023 \$25,000.00

Repayment of Loan to Gen. Acct #5213 \$20,000.00

Reserve funds from Water Acct #0073 \$40,000.00

Total Revenues for 2023 \$85,034.22

EXPENSES

Loan to Gen. Acct. #5213 to cover expenses \$(20,000.00)

Transfer of funds to Sewer acct. #0073 to cover
cost of Back Street pump stations \$(111,000.00)

Total Expenses for 2023 \$(131,000.00)

Balance as of December 31, 2023 \$94,290.74

Lister Training Fund

PSB Savings Acct #.....0528

Balance as of January 1, 2023 \$5,388.82

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023 \$4.33

Equalization study deposit 2023 \$1,098.00

Total Revenues for 2023 \$1,102.33

Balance as of December 31, 2023 \$6,491.15

Paving Project Account

CNB Preferred Savings Acct #.....7718

Balance as of January 1, 2023 \$40,057.56

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023 \$19.84

Total Revenues in 2023 \$19.84

EXPENSES

Transfer to Gen. Acct #5213 to cover expenses
for Fitzgerald Ave. /Lake St. project \$(23,449.50)

Total Expenses in 2023 \$(23,449.50)

Balance as of December 31, 2023 \$16,627.90

Sidewalk Account

CNB Preferred Savings Acct #.....4818

Balance as of January 1, 2023 \$40,062.88

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023 \$19.92

2023 Town Appropriation \$5,000.00

Revenue as of December 31, 2023 \$5,019.92

EXPENSES

Transfer to Gen Acct# 5213 to cover expenses
on Pleasant Street Project \$(18,619.63)

Expenses as of December 31, 2023 \$(18,619.63)

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 \$26,463.17

Miller Building Account

PSB Savings Acct. #.....1192

Account Balance January 1, 2023 \$203,243.51

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023 \$19.68

Repayment of loan to Gen. Acct # 5213 \$200,000.00

Total Revenues for 2023 \$200,019.68

EXPENSES

Loan to General Acct #5213 to cover expenses in
lieu of taxes \$(200,000.00)

Total Expenses in 2023 \$(200,000.00)

Balance as of December 31, 2023 \$203,263.19

Lakeside Park

CNB Checking Acct. #.....9201

BALANCE as of January 1, 2023 **\$4,737.44**

REVENUES:

Earned Interest in 2023 \$2.08

Town Appropriations \$15,000.00

Total Revenues as of December 31, 2022 **\$15,002.08**

Expenses:

Operating expenses \$(9,702.03)

Electricity \$(1,206.23)

Equipment Maintenance & repair \$(1,517.28)

Skating Rink \$(1,212.48)

Ball Park \$(2,473.77)

Adjustment to fund balance 2022 \$(3.29)

TOTAL EXPENSES as of December 31, 2023 **\$(16,115.08)**

BALANCE as of December 31, 2023 **\$3,624.44**

Reappraisal Accounts

PSB CD Acct. #.....0436

Balance as of January 1, 2023 **\$38,100.22**

Interest earned in 2023 \$152.70

Balance as of December 31, 2023 **\$38,252.92**

PSB CD Acct. #.....0552

Balance as of January 1, 2023 **\$10,778.67**

Interest earned in 2023 \$64.84

Balance as of December 31, 2023 **\$10,843.51**

PBS STMT SAVINGS Acct#...1070

Balance as of January 1, 2023 **\$21,230.00**

Interest Earned in 2023 \$17.07

Transferred from Acct #5213 \$9,333.00

Balance as of December 31, 2003 **\$30,580.07**

GRAND TOTAL OF REAPPRAISAL ACCOUNTS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 **\$79,676.50**

Brighton Recreation Account

PSB CKG Acct#...1812

Balance as of January 1, 2023 **\$11,755.81**

REVENUES

Opiod Grant Funds	\$2,364.59	
Foosball	\$600.00	
Marathon	\$5,915.23	
Fishing Tournament	\$11,008.26	
Pond-A-Thon	\$5,599.84	
Donations	\$455.00	
Swim Lessons Grant	\$1,000.00	
Raffle	<u>\$1,120.00</u>	
Total Revenues as of December 31, 2023		\$28,062.92

EXPENSES

Equipment/Supplies	\$(1,535.25)	
Fishing Tournament	\$(9,781.60)	
Skating Rink	\$(177.24)	
Kids Summer Program	\$(318.23)	
Swim Lessons	\$(2,235.00)	
Marathon	\$(6,310.41)	
Pond-A-Thon	\$(4,922.31)	
Zumba	\$(260.00)	
Maplefest	\$(350.00)	
Donation/Baseball Regional	\$(400.00)	
Circuit Training	<u>\$(193.48)</u>	
Total Expenses as of December 31, 2023		<u>(\$26,483.52)</u>

BALANCE as of December 31, 2023 **\$13,335.21**

Cemetery Reserve Fund

PSB Savings Acct. #.....1056

Balance as of January 1, 2023 **\$3,017.70**

REVENUES

Interest earned in 2023	<u>\$2.46</u>	
Total Revenues for 2023		<u>\$2.46</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2023		<u>\$3,020.16</u>

Brighton Recreation Report 2023

Brighton Recreation has had a busy year filled with new and expanded programming, events and partnerships. With the help of incredible volunteers, we continue to strive to create and expand recreational opportunities in our beautiful community and region.

Brighton Recreation hosted their traditional slate of annual events including the “Tri-County Kids Fishing Tournament,” which saw 150 anglers spending time out on the ice, the “Maple Fools 5K Run”, the “Pondathon,” our local favorite biking/running race around the lake, with a record-setting 177 registrations, “Human Foosball Tournament”, and “Great Island Pond Canoe Race”. Additionally, regular program offerings such as circuit training classes, junior hoops basketball, as well as a series of Zumba classes and a hike to the Moose Bog to feed the birds. The Brighton Kids Club Summer Program ran for 6 weeks of free programming, and despite some challenges due to flooding, swim lessons were made available at a reduced cost as a result of a grant from the Ben & Jerry Foundation.

Brighton Recreation also partnered with Northwoods Stewardship Center for the First Day Hike and looks forward to working with them on future programming options. Speaking of future programming, the committee is always looking for feedback from residents as to what kinds of programs they would like to see offered. Contact us at info@brightonrecreationvt.org or join a meeting and help make Brighton Recreation even better.

Brighton Recreation wants to sincerely thank its many dedicated volunteers and also encourage residents to make use of the department’s website, www.brightonrecreationvt.org, to stay up to date on program and event offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Strait

Director of Recreation and Economic Development

Gladys Brooks Foundation Grant Report

PSB CD Acct. #.....0020

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2023	\$40,023.79
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REVENUES

Interest earned in 2022	\$300.60
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EXPENSES

Transfer to PSB Chg Acct # ...0112	<u>\$(297.20)</u>
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Balance CD Acct as of Dec. 31, 2023	\$40,027.19
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PSB Chkg. Acct. #.....0112

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2023	\$2,837.83
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REVENUE

Transfer from PSB CD #.....0020	<u>\$297.20</u>
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Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u>\$3,135.03</u>
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TOTAL Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u>\$43,162.22</u>
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2023 Librarian's Report

This year the Library said goodbye to our longtime Library Director, John Zuppa. He left some big shoes to fill, but we feel we're on the right track to keep providing the level of service our patrons have come to expect from us.

We have been focused on making the Library even more accessible to all. We want our Library to be a welcoming environment. We've added a puzzle table for adults and a craft area for children to use their creativity while parents use a computer or look for books. We've also updated our website and have a more active presence on Facebook so our Patrons can engage with us more easily.

We did several programs this year, including kayaking, archery, rock painting, holiday crafts and an art show. We've reached out to Sunrise Manor and hope to have more programming with their residents as well. We want to thank Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux for the use of their space.

Our ongoing commitment to Early Literacy is a big focus of our work. Students from Headstart come by once a week for story time and a craft or activity. We have once again been funded by the Turrell Fund and the Winnie Belle Learned Fund to better help our young patrons and their families with books and materials. We plan on continuing our work with the families from Headstart and Early Headstart.

We want to thank all our Patrons for their continued support and donations. Also, a huge thank you for all the donations from local businesses and clubs and to the Town of Charlestown and the UTG for their generous appropriations. We also send a special shout-out to Bruce Rumball-Petre, who makes himself available to move and/or re-home the Library's no longer needed contents.

You are welcome to follow us on Facebook or on our website www.islandpondpubliclibrary.com for all up-to-date information and access to our online services, such as GMLC for audio and ebooks. Feel free to call us at 802-723-6134 for more information of any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Michelle Wilcox, Library Director

Katie Mientka, Assistant Librarian, Betty Storm, Library Services, Jane Moulton, Cleaning Services

Cemetery Trust Funds and Savings

George Putnam shares (22241.69 shares @\$22.94)		\$51,419.30
Wellington Fund (1453.965 shares @ \$41.35)		\$60,121.45
Consolidated Gas CNB CD Acct #.....9670		
BALANCE AS OF Jan. 1, 2023	\$770.34	
Interest earned in 2023	<u>\$3.27</u>	
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2023		\$773.61
CNB CD Acct#.....4870		
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023	\$1,944.40	
Interest earned in 2023	<u>\$7.28</u>	
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$1,951.68
PSB CD Acct#.....0001		
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023	\$3,948.92	
Interest earned in 2023	<u>\$23.77</u>	
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023		<u>\$3,972.69</u>
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS, CDS, SAVINGS 12/31/2023		<u>\$118,238.73</u>

Brighton Library Report

CNB Checking Acct #.....1601

Balance as of Jan. 1, 2023 **\$28,927.99**

Revenues

Town Appropriations	\$13,770.00
Winnie Bell Grant	\$500.00
Turrell Fund Grant	\$2,000.00
Donations	\$1,772.75
Refunds/Reimbursements	<u>\$308.19</u>

Total Income for 2022 **\$19,450.94**

Expenses

Books	\$(4,638.09)
Newspapers/magazines	\$(459.69)
Programs	\$(1,744.03)
Equipment Purchase/repair	\$(6,030.22)
World Books	\$(1,204.00)
Cleaning	\$(4,154.00)
Office supplies	\$(1,712.87)
Telephone	\$(817.72)
Turrell Funds	\$(63.00)
Miscellaneous	<u>\$(152.00)</u>

Total Expenses for 2023 **\$(20,975.62)**

Balance as of December 31, 2023 **\$27,403.31**

Cemetery Report

CNB Checking Acct #.....5801

Balance as of January 1, 2023 **\$156.73**

Revenues

Putnam Fund dividends	\$564.85
Wellington Fund dividends	\$1,655.70
Transfer from General Acct#.....5213	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

Total Revenues as of December 31, 2023 **\$5,220.55**

Expenses:

Maintenance	\$(3,600.00)
Preparation of burial plots	\$(250.00)
Commissioners stipend (2022)	\$(300.00)
Commissioners stipend (2023)	<u>\$(900.00)</u>

Total Expenses as of December 31, 2023 **\$(5,076.98)**

Balance as of December 31, 2023 **\$300.30**

Town of Brighton Indebtedness

	Balance 1/1/2023	Borrowed 2023	Amt. Paid Principal	Maturity Date	Balance 12/31/2023
General					
Fire Station - CNB Loan #.....9550	\$24,084.76		\$(24,084.76)	10/14/2023	0
CNB Loan#....6750	\$42,346.03		\$(10,205.86)	10/24/2026	\$32,140.17
CNB Loan#....1950	\$150,000.00		\$(150,000.00)	12/31/2023	0
CNB Loan#....4250	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$350,000.00</u>	<u>\$-</u>	12/31/2024	<u>\$350,000.00</u>
Totals	\$216,430.79	\$350,000.00	\$(184,290.62)		\$382,140.17
Water Department					
Water imp. Loan #RF-3-167	\$852,920.28	\$-	\$(33,232.92)	12/1/2039	\$819,687.36
PSB Loan #7068003280 new trucks		109,201.99	<u>(21,261.44)</u>	<u>11/15/2027</u>	<u>\$87,940.55</u>
Totals	\$852,920.28	\$109,201.99	\$(54,494.36)		\$907,627.91
Sewer Department					
Dale Ave. Project - Loan RF-162	\$103,481.78		\$(7,916.17)	12/1/2033	\$95,565.61
CNB Loan# 188728950	<u>\$300,000.00</u>		<u>\$(49,194.95)</u>	12/27/2027	<u>\$250,805.05</u>
Totals	<u>\$403,481.78</u>		<u>\$(57,111.12)</u>		<u>\$346,370.66</u>
Road Department					
USDA #77124 Dump truck Grant		\$110,000.00			\$110,000.00
Tax Ex. Leas. Corp #3361801 grader		<u>\$400,000.00</u>		6/15/2033	<u>\$400,000.00</u>
Totals		<u>\$510,000.00</u>			<u>\$510,000.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$1,472,832.85</u>	<u>\$969,201.99</u>	<u>\$(295,896.10)</u>		<u>\$2,146,138.74</u>

2023 Northeast Kingdom Marathon

This past September, Island Pond saw its third annual Northeast Kingdom Full and Half Marathon take place. Our streak of good luck for weather continued as runners were treated to a cool, albeit blustery, day out on the course. The race drew just over 200 participants representing 20 states, with runners traveling from as far as Washington, Wisconsin, Georgia and New Mexico, as well as a few international runners from just across the border in Quebec. The race could not have been a success without the tireless volunteer help of the amazing Brighton Recreation crew, as well as 28 other incredible volunteers who assisted in a variety of capacities including managing the medical tent, water stops, course marshals and much more. This year also marked the beginning of partnerships with two generous sponsors - Sweet Tree, who treated runners and spectators to fresh and delicious pancakes all day and made a financial contribution to support the race, and Community National Bank - who also donated to help cover the basic safety costs of the race. We got lots of feedback from runners who appreciated the beauty of the racecourse and downtown area. Runners also appreciated the pop-up aid stations and the friendliness of local business owners and vendors.

I'm grateful that Island Pond continues to support the Northeast Kingdom. The goal of this race is to continue to draw runners into the heart of the NEK to experience Island Pond and to spend generously while in town supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs. Next year's race is slated for Sunday, September 22nd 2024.



Planning Commissioners Report

The Brighton town plan serves as a dynamic and essential reference tool, embodying a living, working document shaped by community input garnered through public meetings, fact-finding sessions, and insights from residents actively participating in locally elected bodies. The Planning Board convenes on the first and third Monday of each month (excluding federal holidays) at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Hall, providing an open forum for public engagement.

In recent activities, Joel has been deeply involved in handling various permits while collaboratively reviewing and updating the Zoning Bylaws alongside members of the Planning Commission. The Selectboard has appointed Beth Rodondi as the town's new Zoning Administrator, with Joel actively assisting her smooth transition into the role.

Additionally, Noah has been dedicated to the comprehensive review and update of the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. This critical plan is imperative for the Town's eligibility to receive FEMA funding both before and after disasters, underscoring the town's commitment to proactive disaster preparedness and recovery.

Respectfully,

Anne Budrevicz, Chair

Board Members: Jeanne Gervais, Mark Vaillencourt, Bill Hawkins, and Mike Strait

Essex County Sheriff's Department Report to Brighton Select Board for the period of January 01, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Our current contract in Brighton is for an average of 40 hours per week. During 2023, we responded to 141 incidents in Brighton. We wrote over 114 tickets and 257 warnings for motor vehicle violations in Brighton. Throughout the county we responded to 648 incidents. We did not spend the hours in Brighton we wanted to due to staffing shortages and hope to increase patrol hours for the town to meet their requested contract hours in 2024. The contract is based upon hourly billing so unexpended funds remain with the town.

During 2023, the Sheriff's Department officers issued over 463 traffic citations and 691 warnings. Our Department continues to conduct Special Investigations Unit Services for the Essex county cases of sexual assault and child abuse. We are continuing another year of patrolling V .A. S. T. trails through a contract with V.A.S.T. This year we will be conducting Occupant Safety Checks, distracted driving patrols, and DUI patrols under grants from Vermont Highway Safety. These grant programs enhance the services delivered to your community. Our court security contract this year accounted for a quarter of all of our contract time. The courts are continuing to resolve cases in an effort to remove the backlog of cases. This impacts our small department by requiring testimony and service of subpoenas in addition to serving as court security. Many of our contracts this year were under-spent due to staffing levels and new increased contract levels.

We continue to be somewhat below an optimal staffing level. We had a part-time officer get done, one full-time officer retire, and our dedicated long time office manager pass away. The transition has been challenging. Our court officer stepped in to assist me in taking on the load and we have another person supporting the office three days a week. We hired 4 new officers one full-time and three part-time. We also retired some older cruisers and purchased some new-to-us retired cruisers. We also purchased in car cameras for several cruisers. In 2024 we will be returning to having officers carry body cameras. While I am leery of the statewide policy, I feel our department needs them for evidence purposes. I was able to obtain a \$20,000 grant to cover the cost for the cameras. This year we also added a website you can view at <http://www.ecsdvt.com/>.

Our year continued to be one of challenges trying to keep up with changing directives from legislature and needs of the communities. Our dedicated team put in over 10,000 hours of time serving on the department.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sheriff Trevor Colby

Newport Ambulance Service

With the Completion of our new Troy Station Newport Ambulance has become one of the largest regional ambulance services in the state of Vermont. Newport Ambulance employs over 60 employees and has 4 stations covering 16 towns, 5 Gores and Grants and 786sq miles. Our call volume increased from 4500 calls in 2022 to 5300 calls in 2023.

Newport Ambulance's facilities are located at 830 Union St in Newport, 8437 RTE 111 in Morgan, 6719 RTE 100 in Troy and 62 Wilson Rd in Johnson.

Currently Newport Ambulance has 6 crews providing 24/7 service. Newport Ambulance has 10 ambulances and a Paramedic first response car that are stocked and available to respond at the Advanced Life Support level at any time.

Newport Ambulance's Morgan station houses a crew that is available to respond 24/ 7, serving parts of Derby, Holland, Morgan, Charleston, and Brighton.

In 2023 Newport Ambulance responded to 153 emergency calls in the Town of Brighton and transported 24 Town residents from North Country Hospital to receive care in other facilities. We have also responded to a total of 51 calls for mutual aid.

In 2023 Newport Ambulance secured a Vermont state education grant that will help cover the cost of 6 current members to advance their education and acquire their Paramedic certification. This certification has an estimated cost of over \$20,000 per student. Newport Ambulance will also use these funds to help with continuing education of our other EMS providers. Newport Ambulance Service thanks you for your support and looks forward to serving you and your community.

Respectfully

Jeffrey J. Johansen,

Executive Director

Newport Ambulance Service Inc

Northeast Kingdom Community Action

Brighton Office

2023 Data

The NEKCA office in Brighton, Vermont served 68 households (approx. 136 individuals) from Brighton, Charleston, W. Charleston, Derby, Morgan, Norton, Bloomfield, and Maidstone, Vermont. Ages ranged from 2 to 94 years. We helped put food on tables and helped to keep the power and heat on. With our help, people were able to stay in their homes. We've assisted with applications for SNAP benefits, Seasonal Fuel Assistance, and furnace repairs and/or replacements.

Our Food Shelf took in a total of 40,401.96 pounds (about 18326.01 kg) of food. Broken down, it was 5,300 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables, 6117 pounds of food donated by the USDA, 14,309.05 pounds of food acquired through the Vermont Food bank, and 14,675.91 pounds of food and items donated by area individuals and businesses.

Rural Community Transportation

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2023, RCT provided 3,905 rides to 72 residents of Brighton and Island Pond, traveling 75,502 miles at a total cost of \$51,841.18. RCT continued to provide safety-focused, demand-based rides and all buses operated fare-free.

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

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

Sincerely,

Jessy Pelow
Office Administrator

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS)

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

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

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

- earning their high school diploma or GED
- gaining skills to transition into a new career
- improving their academic skills in reading, writing and math
- becoming workforce training 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.

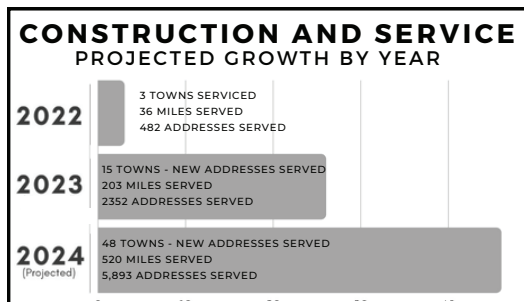
Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Faust
Executive Director


2023 ANNUAL REPORT





DELIVERING ON OUR PROMISE

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



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

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

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

NEK 
BROADBAND

GRANTS & FINANCING

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

BUILDING CAPACITY

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

BUDGET SUMMARY

OVER \$21,590,000 HAS BEEN INVESTED IN NEK
COMMUNITY-OWNED BROADBAND.

2023 BUDGET TO ACTUAL (PROJECTED)			2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	
	Budget	Actual 2023 (Projected)	Projected Surplus from 2023	\$355,546
Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,252,718	\$996,599	Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,564,532
Operations Revenue	\$747,767	\$222,790	Operations Revenue	\$852,455
Capital Grant Revenue	\$28,785,288	\$10,311,147	Capital Grant Revenue	\$36,200,196
Total Cash In	\$31,785,773	\$11,530,536	Total Cash In	\$39,617,183
Administrative Cost	\$1,847,194	\$852,862	Administrative Cost	\$1,885,621
Operational Cost	\$586,601	\$235,395	Operational Cost	\$678,912
Construction Cost	\$28,785,288	\$10,311,147	Construction Cost	\$36,200,196
Total Cash Out	\$31,219,083	\$11,399,404	Total Cash Out	\$38,764,729
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$682,205	\$131,132	Annual Net Cash Flow	\$852,455
Increase in Capital Assets	\$28,785,288	\$10,311,147	Increase in Capital Assets	\$36,000,196

ABOUT NEK BROADBAND

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

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, fill out the form at get.nekbroadband.org.

Vital Statistics - Births – 2023

Name	Date	Mother's Name	Father's Name
Kayson Martin O'Keefe	02/23/23	Ashley Dawn Martin	Lucas Jack O'Keefe
Hunter Matthew Morey	05/11/23	Ciera Rainwater Ordway	
Dexter Michael Brown	07/23/23	Alizay Aleishua Day	Gabriel Lucius Brown
Cypress Q Sheltra	07/28/23	Ashley Lee Bergdoll	
Ava Mae Norris	08/12/23	Samantha Marie Norris	Cameron Robert Norris
Roman Gregory Oropeza	11/17/23	Haley Michelle Wilcox	Dylan Oropeza-Bresciani

Vital Statistics - Marriages – 2023

Bride	Residence	Groom	Residence	Date
Ashley Samantha Fauteux	VT	Michael Lindsey Sumner, Jr	VT	05/13/23
Maria May Paul	VT	Joshua Michael Kuhaneck	VT	04/27/23
Lori Diane Jones	VT	James Keith Beckett	VT	07/01/23
Jessica Anne Corey	VT	James Michael Geary	VT	08/12/23
Kelsey Ann Worth	NY	James Taylor Graham Solomons	NY	10/07/23

Vital Statistics- Deaths – 2023

Name	Date	Age	Place of Death
Steven Phillip Machia	01/04/23	75	Newport City, VT
Stephen J. Mooney	01/15/23	71	Newport City, VT
Lynne Worth	02/22/23	58	Island Pond, VT
Claire H. Raymond	03/23/23	81	Newport City, VT
Ira R. Daniels	07/09/23	74	Brighton, VT
April Ann Hudson	07/28/23	80	Newport City, VT
William Wallace Glover	08/22/23	77	Barton, VT
William Hickey	08/31/23	65	Brighton, VT
Gloria Jean Gaboriault	09/22/23	79	Newport City, VT
Walter Allen Raymond	09/28/23	78	Colchester, VT
Luwina Allard	10/24/23	98	Brighton, VT
Virginia A. Lancaster	10/31/23	90	St. Johnsbury, VT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2023

The Town of Brighton's annual meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM to transact the following business.

Bruce Rumbal-Petre, Acting Moderator, explained that Articles 1-4 would be voted on by Australian Ballot on March 7, 2023, from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM at the Brighton Town Hall, at 49 Mill Street Extension in Island Pond, Vermont.

Bruce read Articles 1-4.

1. To elect the following Town and Water System Officers: A Moderator and Delinquent Tax Collector and One Select Board member for a one-year term. One Cemetery Commissioner, One Select Board member, One Water Commissioner, one Lister and one Auditor for a three-year term.
2. To elect the following School District officers: A Moderator for a one-year term. One School board member for two-year term, and one NCUHS School Director for the remaining two-year term.
3. Shall the voters approve borrowing an amount not to exceed \$400,000 over ten years for the purchase of a road grader.
4. Shall the Town authorize cannabis retailers and retail portions in integrated licensee operations in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. Section 863?

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

The following Articles were read aloud by Bruce and considered at the business meeting portion of the Annual Town Meeting.

5. To hear the reports of the town officers for the past year and to take action thereon. Joel Cope made a motion to move this Article to the floor. Seconded by Mark Vaillancourt. The Town's people discussed whether they should spend up to \$400,000 for a new grader or repair the one we have or buy a used one or to lease one. Andy Martin explained that the road crew has 42 miles of roads to take care of and only seven of those are asphalt. They need a reliable grader that they can depend on year around.

Craig Goulet made a motion to bring Article 4 to the floor. Seconded by John Manning. Molly Cook said that if a cannabis retailer was allowed in our Town that we could never prohibit another from coming in. She would like to see an ordinance in place to ban these. Mike Hatin, Newport resident, asked to be able to speak on this Article. The Town's people voted by a show of hands on whether he should be allowed to speak. There were 17 Ayes in favor and 18 Nays not in favor. The Nays have it.

6. To hear the report of the Water Commissioners for the past year and to take action thereon. Craig Goulet made a motion to bring this Article to the floor. Seconded by Mark Vaillancourt. Craig said for years we have wanted to have the Water/Sewer Department turned back over to the Town rather than to spend the money on contracting with a company. Mark Vaillancourt said that we are very reasonably charged by the company that we are contracted with and they are able to oversee all areas and understand all new state regulations. Annie Budrewicz questioned the Labor items being \$12,000 each in this year's budget for Water and Sewer Departments. This money is for Michael Strait and Joel Cope for all the work they do for the Water and Sewer Department.
7. To see if the voters shall fix the number of installments and the payment due dates for the collection of taxes as authorized in Title 32, V.S.A Section 4872. Recommended payments to be due on August 19, September 19, and November 19. Craig Goulet made a motion to bring this Article to the floor. Seconded by Andy Martin. Carried by voice vote. The Ayes have it.
8. To see if the voters shall authorize collection of 2023 taxes through the treasurer as provided for in Title 32, V.S.A. Sections 4792 and 4793. This Article was brought to the floor by Mark Vaillancourt. Seconded by Andy Martin. Carried by voice vote. The Ayes have it.
9. Shall the Town of Brighton appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc. to support the Brighton School Garden and Farm-to-School Program? Craig made a motion to bring this Article to the Floor; seconded by Andy Martin. This was voted on by a show of hands. 19 in favor and 9 not in favor. The Ayes have it.
10. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a town clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A. Section 2651e? Andy Martin made a motion to bring this Article to the floor. Seconded by Craig Goulet. It was explained to the voters that a pending state law would prevent people from holding two elective offices at once. If enacted it would require the current Clerk and Treasurer, Teresa DeBonville, to give up one of her jobs and would force the town to hire another person. Jonah Rumbal-Petre said it takes the power away from the people to vote if given to the Selectboard to decide. Erica Petre addressing Joel Cope asked, "So you're saying the selectboard is more qualified to select a clerk, but the voters are not?" Joel Cope said since a town clerk needs a lot of skills the selectboard has

a better idea of what the job entails and more time to check out candidates. Teresa Debonville, Town Clerk, said she was okay with being appointed. Carried by voice vote. The Ayes have it.

11. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a town treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. Section 2651f? Craig made a motion to bring this Article to the floor. Seconded by Andy Martin. Carried by voice vote. The Ayes have it.
12. Shall the Town provide notice of the availability of the annual report by publishing notice of the availability in the newspaper of record, by posting the notice around town and on the town website at least 30 days before the annual meeting instead of mailing or otherwise distributing the report to voters of the town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1682(a)? Andy Martin made a motion to bring this Article to the floor. Carried by voice vote. The Ayes have it.
14. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operation expenses of \$1,603,527.66, of which \$1,185,450.95 shall be raised by taxes and \$418,076.71 by non-tax revenues? Andy Martin made a motion to bring this Article to the floor. Seconded by John Furino. Carried by voice vote. The Ayes have it.
15. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting. Janet Osborne pointed out that John Zuppa did a great job before retiring from the Library and he did not get any recognition for this.

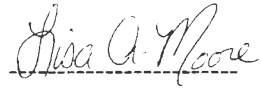
Pierre Gervais asked Noah Bond what his vision was for the Town for the next five years. Noah said that he would like to have all of the community involved with creating a master plan first and then he will do his best to carry it out.

Tiffany Niles wanted to know why the gym can't be used in the summer. The Town's people pay taxes for it so they should be able to use it. Doug Niles explained that there are some really talented kids playing basketball that may have the opportunity to do Varsity basketball but they need to be able to practice inside the gym. The outside basketball court is subject to wind, rain and the ball bounces differently than if they were playing in a real game environment. Noah explained that it is hard to keep track of the building and keys and to keep the building secure. It also costs money to keep the gym open. Beth Rodonhi said that the school used to budget for use of the gym and now they do not. Noah said that he would be glad to sit down with the schoolboard and discuss this matter.

Anne Budrewicz asked whether the recreation coordinator position is still being advertised. Erica Rumbal-Petre said they need to make the position appealing by offering a fulltime position. The position is still being advertised. Noah Bond said that he

would like to hire a part time person first. Tiffany Niles expressed that the Brighton Recreation Committee would like to be involved when hiring a new recreation coordinator.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 PM.



Lisa A. Moore
Ass't. Town Clerk



Jeanne Gervais
Selectboard Chair



Bruce Rumbal-Petre
Acting Moderator

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

BRIGHTON RECYCLE CENTER HOURS

Saturday and Monday: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Telephone Numbers

Ambulance Emergency.....	911
Fire Emergency	911
Police Emergency	911
Animal Control Officer	723-5464
Brighton Elementary School.....	723-4373
Fire Station.....	723-4444
Fire Warden.....	723-6290
General Information.....	723-4405
Health Officer.....	723-4405
Island Pond Health Center	723-4300
Library.....	723-6134
NEKCA Head Start.....	723-6231
North Country Union High School.....	334-7921
Poison Control Center.....	1-800-222-1222
Police/Sheriff..... Dispatch (802) 334-8881, Office-Business Hrs (802) 676-3500	
Probate Court	676-3910
Road Foreman.....	673-6698
State Police.....	334-8881
Sunrise Manor Senior Center.....	723-6130
Town Administrator.....	723-4753
Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office.....	723-4405
Town Garage.....	723-5039
Town Manager	723-4405
Water/Sewer Emergency	626-5939/274-1915
Welcome Center.....	723-9889
Zoning Administrator.....	723-4753