

ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF
KIRBY
VERMONT



2025

For Year Ending December 31
BRING THIS COPY TO TOWN MEETING

Back in 1968, after my election as Moderator the previous year, the Auditors invited me to write a brief message to fill in the inside cover of the Town Report. I accepted – somewhat nervously – and have done so every year since.

My first priority has always been to recognize townspeople who have retired, or died, after giving commendable service to their neighbors and town government. Then came events like Kirby Day, and organizations like Kirby Quilters. Then came quotations and illustrations from history recognizing the importance of town meetings where citizens came together to practice their grassroots democracy. Finally, on a few occasions, I addressed current issues which posed a threat to our venerated tradition.

My contribution to the 1968 Town Report sounds highly relevant today:

“The problems of a little town like Kirby may seem insignificant today in a world of war, poverty, crime, racial tension and a breakdown in moral and spiritual values. Yet I firmly believe that those that seek solutions to problems such as these would do well to learn again the strength of rural and small town America. For it was here - in Vermont and Virginia, the Great Plains and golden West – that America took its shape and character. And if solving the problems of our time demands courage, vision, self-reliance, cooperative effort, generosity and decency, and faith in the common man, then here is the place for the leaders of our nation to repair to learn again what these simple virtues mean in daily life.”

In all my public years – including my 59 years as your Moderator – I have steadfastly tried to live by those civic ideals. I have often remarked that being elected Moderator is the most gratifying honor that has been bestowed on me over those many years. Depending on the progress of my health, the 2026 Town Meeting may be my last. If so, I will go to my reward satisfied that I honorably, fairly, and conscientiously served my friends and fellow citizens in our little town of Kirby, Vermont. For giving me that opportunity I am immensely grateful.

John McClaughry, Moderator

TOWN MEETING 2026

Town meeting will be called to order on Tuesday, March 3rd at 10:30 am.

There will also be a potluck following the meeting. We hope to see you there!

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TOWN OFFICIALS

Moderator	John McClaughry	2026
Town Clerk	Erin Patoine	2026
Town Treasurer	Erin Patoine	2026
Selectboard	Keith Isham	2027
	Jeffrey Hayes	2028
	Michael Bickford	2026
Road Commissioner	Michael Bickford	2026
Auditors	Emily Hartsock	2027
	Leslie Peters	2028
	Cheryl McMahan	2026
Tax Collector	Erin Patoine	2026
Agent to Convey Town Real Estate	Selectboard	2026
Trustee of Cemetery Funds	Erin Patoine	2026
Listers	Michael Wood	2028
	Marla Waring	2028
	Merle Thompson	2028
Sexton	Selectboard	2026
Planning Commission	Hilary DeCarlo	2027
	Jerry Toomey	2027
	Tracy Sherbrook	2028
	Victor Sherbrook	2028
	Annie Patoine	2028
	Martin Etter	2026
	Linda Gochie	2026
Justices of the Peace	Karen Moore	2026
	Timothy Peters	2026
	Tracy Sherbrook	2026
	Anne McClaughry	2026
	Flower Toomey	2026
Board of Civil Authority	Selectboard, Justices of the Peace, Town Clerk	
NEK Choice School District Kirby Officers	Miles Etter Cornelia Rath	

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	Marla Waring	
Notaries Public	Erin Patoine/Marla Waring	
Health Officer	Shawn McGarvin	
Environmental Officer	Shawn McGarvin	
Town Fire Warden	James Wood	2028
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Tracy Sherbrook	2028
	Victor Sherbrook	2028
	Annie Patoine	2028
	Martin Etter	2026
	Linda Gochie	2026
	Hilary DeCarlo	2027
	Jerry Toomey	2027
Administrative Officer	Amanda Gochie	2026
Road Foreman	John Ohina	Cell 802-229-8496

DATES TO REMEMBER

Town Meeting	First Tuesday of March
Dog Licenses	On or Before April 1 st
Town Listers	Start on April 1 st
Selectboard Meetings	First Monday of the month at 6 pm
School Board Meetings	Check with the Essex-North Supervisory Union
Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting	First Tuesday of the month at 6 pm
Town Clerk's Office (phone 802-626-9386)	Tuesday & Thursday 8-3 Email: townclerk.kirbyvermont@gmail.com
NEK Choice District Budget Vote	March 3, 2026

IMPORTANT FACTS

Town Chartered	October 1790
Area of Town	15,353.03 acres
Population of Town	575 – 2020 census
Town Website	Kirbyvt.gov – check for Meeting notices and minutes
School Supervisory Union	Essex-North Supervisory Union (802-266-3330)
Representative District	Caledonia-Essex
State Governor	Phil Scott
US Representative	Becca Balint
State Representative	Deborah Dolgin & Scott Campbell
US Senators	Peter Welch & Bernie Sanders
State Senator	Russ Ingalls
Senatorial District	Essex

WARNING
KIRBY TOWN DISTRICT MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

The inhabitants of the Town of Kirby, who are legal voters in the Town, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town House in said Kirby on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. to act upon the following:

ARTICLE

1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.
2. To elect a Town Clerk
3. To consider the Town Report and hear the report of the Auditors.
4. To elect the following:
 - Town Treasurer
 - Selectboard Member (3 yrs.)
 - Auditor (3 yrs.)
 - Delinquent Tax Collector
 - Agent to Convey Town Real Estate
 - Trustee of Cemetery Funds
 - Sexton
 - 2 Planning Commission Members – 3 year term
 - All other necessary Town Officers to fill any vacancies
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Kirby authorize the Selectboard to apply to 2026 current expenses Town and Highway surplus monies from 2025?
6. To see if the voters will authorize the Selectboard to apply to 2026 current expenses all monies received from 2024 and 2025 delinquent taxes, interest, and collector's fees.
7. To see what sum the Town will vote to meet current expenses for the year ensuing, and shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to set the rate necessary to raise said assessment based on the 2026 Grand List.
8. To see what method the Town will take to collect taxes, also setting date or dates when taxes are due, and rate of discount, if any.
9. Will the Town levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes on real and personal property of one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of taxes, as provided in 32 V.S.A., Section 5136?
10. Will the Town authorize its Selectboard to hire money in anticipation of taxes to meet current expenses, if necessary?
11. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$493.00 to support the operation of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Kirby residents?
12. Shall the Town of Kirby vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$518.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(c) (3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care?
13. Shall the Town of Kirby vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to Northeast Kingdom Youth Services to be used to support their work with youth and families in our community?

14. Shall the Town of Kirby vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$181.34 for the support of Rural Community Transportation, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town of Kirby?
15. Shall the Town of Kirby vote to appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to the Village Improvement Society for the purpose of supporting the operation of the Powers Park Summer Program in 2025?
16. Shall the voters of Kirby vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to the Lyndon Youth Baseball/Softball organization?
17. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to older Vermonters in the ensuing year?
18. Shall the Town of Kirby vote to appropriate \$500.00 to Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice to be used in providing health care services?
19. Shall the Town of Kirby vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$350.00 for the support of Umbrella to provide services to the residents of the Town?
20. Shall the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$250.00 in support of the NorthWoods Stewardship Center?
21. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$500.00 to continue the project to manage the spread of the invasive plant knotweed along roadsides and waterways in Kirby, to be carried out by the NorthWoods Stewardship Center?
22. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$1300.00 in support of the Cobleigh Public Library?
23. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 in support of Catamount Arts?
24. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$250.00 in support of the Community Restorative Justice Center?
25. Shall the Town vote the sum of \$50.00 in support of Green Up Vermont?
26. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

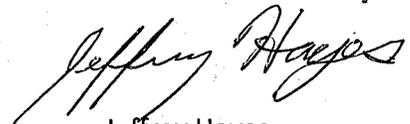
KIRBY SELECTBOARD



Keith Isham



Michael Bickford



Jeffrey Hayes

Attest:



Town Clerk

Dated:

11/22/26

	Proposed	To Date	Proposed
	2025	12/31/2025	2026
TOWN			
Auditors	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 967.50	\$ 1,200.00
Listers	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,402.81	\$ 5,000.00
Selectmen	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Town Clerk & Treasurer (includes Assistant)	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 25,988.50	\$ 28,000.00
Elections	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 307.50	\$ 1,000.00
Townwide Statistical & Maps Update	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
Website & IT Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 401.50	\$ 1,000.00
Fixed Charges-Town (includes S.Kirby Schoolhouse electric, phone,FICA, county tax, & annual dues)	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 33,842.38	\$ 40,000.00
Insurances-Town (Bond, Property-Town House & S.Kirby Schoolhouse,Workers Compensation, General Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Liability)	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 4,339.00	\$ 6,000.00
Legal Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,068.96	\$ 4,000.00
Printing (Ads & Notices)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,458.00	\$ 1,500.00
Town Hall Expenses (includes heating fuel, electric, supplies &,mowing lawns)	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,196.77	\$ 3,000.00
Miscellaneous-Town (includes fire costs, training costs, fuel-S.Kirby Schoolhouse, abatement costs, etc.)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 9,353.82	\$ 2,500.00
Fire Charges	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 10,000.00
Town Officials Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,305.49	\$ 7,500.00
Appropriations	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,042.34	\$ 7,000.00
Sheriff Contract	\$ 4,032.00	\$ 1,412.00	\$ 5,760.00
Planning Commission & Zoning Board*	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,151.06	\$ 3,500.00
Records Preservation*	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 839.36	\$ 1,000.00
New Equipment-Town	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Total Town Budget	\$ 144,232.00	\$ 107,976.99	\$ 141,960.00
	Proposed	To Date	Proposed
	2025	12/31/2025	2026
HIGHWAYS			
Deposit to Equipment Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Diesel Fuel & Oil	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 16,432.80	\$ 22,000.00
Fixed Charges-Highways (includes cell phone, retirement, & FICA)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,822.79	\$ 14,000.00
Garage Expenses(includes heating fuel,electric, & supplies)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,514.14	\$ 7,500.00
Insurances-Highways (Property-Garage, Workers Compensation, Auto, General Liability, Health)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,168.64	\$ 30,000.00
Vacation, Holiday, and Sick Pay	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,932.00	\$ 12,000.00

Municipal Roads General Permit	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous-Highways (includes use of personal vehicle stipend, training, printing, etc.)	\$ 5,000.00	\$406,829.49 (includes \$405,610.07 reimbursable FEMA costs)	\$ 5,000.00
Shop Supplies	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,170.38	\$ 7,000.00
Road Supplies (includes chloride, traffic cones, signs, etc.)	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 11,878.49	\$ 18,000.00
Grader Expenses (includes cutting edges & chains)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,652.86	\$ 10,000.00
Loader Expenses	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 957.00	\$ 1,800.00
Truck Expense (includes cutting edges & chains)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 14,148.82	\$ 25,000.00
New Equipment-Roads	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 306.08	\$ 5,000.00
Winter Maintenance*	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 57,528.41	\$ 85,000.00
General Highway Maintenance/Resurfacing & Construction*	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 121,159.54	\$ 135,000.00
Class IV	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,060.35	\$ 3,500.00
Total Highway Budget	\$ 370,300.00	\$ 716,261.79	\$ 396,800.00
CEMETERY			
Mowing	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Total Cemetery Budget	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
	Proposed	To Date	Proposed
	2025	12/31/2025	2026
TOTAL TOWN, HIGHWAY & CEMETERY BUDGETS	\$ 518,032.00	\$ 827,837.01	\$ 543,260.00
*LESS REVENUES			
State Aide To Highways	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 27,579.82	\$ 25,000.00
Grants in Aid-2025		\$ 12,000.00	
Grants in Aid-2026			
Reappraisal Fund		\$ 2,983.50	
Better Road Grant			
Estimated Zoning Permits	\$ 500.00	\$ 925.00	\$ 500.00
State Hold Harmless Payment & PILOT Program	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 34,897.84	\$ 30,000.00
From Records Preservation Fund	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
Surplus (Highways)	\$ (30,950.34)		\$ 58,491.60
Surplus (Town)	\$ 26,245.46		\$ 124,970.69
Interest from Cemetery CD	\$ 25.00		
From Surplus (Cemetery)	\$ 1,125.00		
Total Revenues	\$ 53,945.12	\$ 78,386.16	\$ 240,962.29
Total to be raised by taxes:			\$ 302,297.71
Divided by Grand List			957334
2025 Estimated Municipal Tax Rate			0.32

Selectboard Report 2025

The fiscal year 2025 was a bit more uneventful for the town of Kirby than the previous one. Most of our time was spent dealing with the remaining destruction from the 2024 flooding. We managed to get the bridge on the Ridge Road repaired and hopefully the rest of our roads will be repaired in 2026.

We used the remaining ARPA money in 2024 and secured a contract for a 2025 addition to the town garage. That project was completed in June by Maple Leaf Construction.

The Select Bd would like to thank Leslie Peters and Keith Wooster for their unselfish dedication, expertise, and time they have put forth, making sure all of our infrastructure damage paperwork is done timely and correctly, keeping the town on track to receive funding we absolutely need to get this community put back together.

Thank you to all who have volunteered in one way or another to help out our town. May 2026 be a safe, fun filled year for all Kirby residents and your families.

Keith Isham
Selectboard Chair

INVENTORY

Schoolhouse, South	\$10,000
Town House & Well	75,000
Town Garage	125,000
2 Safes	2,800
Chairs & Furniture	500
Filing Cabinets	600
1 Copier	2,000
3 Computers	1,500
4 Printers & Scanner	800
Generator Setup	12,000
Miscellaneous Items	500
TOTAL INVENTORY	\$230,700

ROAD EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Road Grader, Plow & Wing	\$200,000
Grader Chains	4,000
Loader & Plow	50,000
Old Truck, Body, Plow & Wing	100,000
Roller	30,000
New Truck, Body, Plow & Wing	275,000
Truck Chains	1,500
Sand Screen – Grizzly	5,000
Liquid Chloride Tank	1,500
Shop Tools & Supplies	5,000
Fuel Tank	250
Pressure Washer	2,000
2 Generators	1,000
Leaf Blower	5,000
Sand Shed	3,000
Miscellaneous Equipment & Supplies	3,000
TOTAL ROAD EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	\$685,250.00

CASH ASSETS

Town Department, Community National Bank Checkbook 1/1/2026	\$369,030.82
Town Department, Petty Cash on Hand 1/1/2026	85.47
FEMA Reimbursement account – Passumpsic Savings Bank	1,431,442.73
Highway Equipment Checking (for new truck warranty)	16,680.00
Community National Bank, Certificate of Deposit - Equipment Fund	16,833.46
Community National Bank, Certificate of Deposit-Equipment Fund2	56,851.72
Community National Bank, Certificate of Deposit Records Preservation Deposit of \$23,960 done in 2025 will be moved to equipment CD in 2026	40,781.61
Community National Bank, Certificate of Deposit – Listers Training Fund	3,229.84
Union Bank, Certificate of Deposit – Building Fund	12,718.74
Union Bank, Certificate of Deposit–Highway Department Improvement Fund	16,199.17
Union Bank, Certificate of Deposit – Road Improvement Fund	26,192.90
Community National Bank, Savings – Bicentennial Funds	303.59
Unpaid Taxes	43,095.84
Estimated Amounts due from State Treasurer, Class II & III	25,000.00
Estimated Town Inventory	230,700.00
Estimated Road Equipment & Supplies	686,250.00
	<u>2,975,395.89</u>

LIABILITIES

Bond Bank Loan (in anticipation of FEMA funding) .5% rate	\$ 850,300.00
Bond Bank Loan (in anticipation of FEMA funding) .5% rate	<u>329,786.00</u>
Total Liabilities	1,180,086.00

NET WORTH

Net Worth 12/31/2024 (does not include School funds)	\$ 549,509.86
Net Worth 12/31/2025 (does not include School funds)	<u>1,795,309.89</u>
Net Increase	1,245,800.03

GRAND LIST FOR PAST FOUR YEARS

2022 Grand List Municipal School	\$595,110.00
Homestead	349,849.00
Non-Residential	245,457.00
2023 Grand List Municipal School	\$595,356.00
Homestead	354,088.00
Non-Residential	241,464.00
2024 Grand List Municipal School	\$941,215.00
Homestead	551,256.00
Non-Residential	390,155.00
2025 Grand List Municipal School	\$957,334.00
Homestead	570,350.00
Non-Residential	387,780.00

TAX RATE

2022 Tax Rate		2023 Tax Rate	
Homestead (Residential)	\$2.0280	Homestead (Residential)	\$2.5848
Non-Residential	\$1.9993	Non-Residential	\$2.4444
2024 Tax Rate		2025 Tax Rate	
Homestead (Residential)	\$1.4831	Homestead (Residential)	\$1.6306
Non-Residential	\$1.6041	Non-Residential	\$1.6705

STATEMENT OF TAXES

Municipal Grand List	\$957,334.00	
Municipal Tax Rate	x .4686	
Total Municipal Taxes		\$448,606.72
Education Homestead Grand List	\$569,750.00	
Homestead (Residential) Tax Rate	x 1.1620	
Total Education Homestead Taxes		\$ 662,049.50
Education Non-Residential Grand List	\$387,780.00	
Non-Residential Tax Rate	x 1.2019	
Total Education Non-Residential Taxes		<u>466,072.82</u>
Total Taxes		\$ 1,576,729.04
Total to be Distributed:		
Town .0844		80,798.99
Highways .3809		364,648.52
Local Veterans Exemption .0008		765.87
Cemetery .0025		2393.34
School (Homestead) 1.1620	\$662,049.50	
(Non-Residential) 1.2019	<u>466,072.82</u>	
		<u>1,128,122.32</u>
		\$ 1,576,729.04
Accounted for as follows:		
Collected by Treasurer		1,403,238.10
Prebates		\$ 128,285.77
Delinquent Taxes to Collector (Nov.2)		49839.75
Minus Overpayments of Taxes		(3641.36)
Late Homestead Penalties		\$ (993.27)
		\$ 1,576,728.99

*Difference of .05 cents due to rounding of tax bills

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We, the Auditors, have this day, January 29, 2026 completed an audit of the books of the various Town Officers and find all books accurate and correct.

Emily Hartssock
EMILY HARTSOCK

Cheryl McMahon
CHERYL MCMAHON

Leslie Peters
LESLIE PETERS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(Expenses of the Town for the Past Five Years)

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

Town Expenses	
Town Disbursements	\$75345.96
Highway Disbursements	344,879.50
Other Disbursements – See Town & Highway Disbursement 2021 Town Report, Pages 27-28	837,643.25

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

Town Expenses	
Town Disbursements	\$ 89377.45
Highway Disbursements	359033.16
Other Disbursements – See Town & Highway Disbursement 2022 Town Report, Pages 25-26	902,045.42

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Town Expenses	
Town Disbursements	\$ 119886.38
Highway Disbursements	366475.53
Other Disbursements – See Town & Highway Disbursement 2023 Town Report, 25-26	1,015,169.26

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Town Expenses	
Town Disbursements	\$ 136,355.39
Highway Disbursements	2,083,571.59
Other Disbursements – See Town & Highway Disbursement 2024 Town Report, Pages 25-26	956,163.78

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Town Expenses	
Town Disbursements	\$ 102,457.24
Highway Disbursements	738,598.29
Other Disbursements – See Town & Highway Disbursement 2025 Town Report, Page 24	2,732,279.93

2025 TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand, January 1, 2025			\$255,019.29
TAXES:			
2025 Taxes (Includes Town Share of Prebates)		\$ 1,407,224.73	
Erin, Patoine Tax Collector			
Delinquent 2022 Taxes	\$ 4,107.53		
Delinquent 2022 Interest	\$ 1,663.87		
Fees - 2023 Taxes	\$ 328.60		
Delinquent 2023 Taxes	\$ 18,667.88		
Interest-2023 Taxes	\$ 4,611.04		
Fees- 2023 Taxes	\$ 1,423.55		
Delinquent 2024 Taxes	\$ 40,166.88		
Interest-2024 Taxes	\$ 2,709.03		
Fees-2024 Taxes	\$ 3,417.92		
Delinquent 2025 Taxes	\$ 22,620.33		
Interest-2025	\$ 218.42		
Fees-2025	\$ 1,806.81		
		\$ 101,741.86	
Total Taxes, Interest & Fees			\$ 1,508,966.59
TOWN FUNDS RECEIVED FROM STATE:			
State of Vermont, Act 60 (Homesteads)		\$ 351.00	
State of Vermont, Act 60 (Reappraisal)		\$ 2,983.50	
State of Vermont, Holdharmless Payment		\$ 33,246.00	
State of Vermont, Pilot Program, Darling State Park		\$ 1,651.84	
Total Town Funds Received From State			\$ 38,232.34
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME:			
Copies		\$ 136.70	
Clerk Fees		\$ 6,319.00	
Passumpsic Savings Bank, NOW interest		\$ 96.55	
Community National Bank, NOW Interest		\$ 149.52	
Dog Fees		\$ 1,077.00	
Records Preservation		\$ 2,288.00	
Vault Fees		\$ 55.00	
Unclaimed Property, Deposit overage		\$ -	
Posting Notice - Lutrus		\$ 5.00	
Posting Notice - Chase		\$ 5.00	
Posting Notice - Logan		\$ 5.00	
Posting Notice - Cloutier		\$ 5.00	
NEMRC Overpayment		\$ 289.00	
Verizon Refund		\$ 4.62	
School Reimbursement		\$ 20,866.58	
Overpayments (reimbursed)		\$ 37.37	
Donations		\$ 201.00	
Judicial Ticket refund		\$ 29.77	
Scrap Metal		\$ 268.80	
From Closed ARPA acct		\$ 55.81	
Total Miscellaneous Income			\$ 31,894.72

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Peckham	10.00		
R.K. Miles, Inc.	10.00		
Structural	10.00		
		\$ 210.00	
Total Highway Related Income			\$ 3,553,180.70
Total Receipts			\$ 5,133,199.35
TOTAL RECEIPTS & BEGINNING BALANCE			\$ 5,388,218.64
DISBURSEMENTS			
Town Disbursements		\$ 102,457.24	
Highway Disbursements		\$ 738,598.29	
Other Disbursements		\$ 2,732,279.93	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 3,573,335.46	
TOWN CASH UP			
Beginning Balance January 1, 2025		\$ 255,019.29	
Cash Received		\$ 5,133,199.35	
		\$ 5,388,218.64	
Minus Total Disbursements		\$ 3,573,335.46	
Ending Balance for December 31, 2025		\$ 1,814,883.18	
Plus Accounts Payable		\$ -	
Checkbooks Balances December 31, 2025		\$ 1,814,883.18	

2025 TOWN & HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS

TOWN DISBURSEMENTS			
Auditors			
Cheryl McMahon	360.00		
Emily Hartsock	232.50		
Leslie Peters	375.00		
		967.50	
Listers			
APEX Software	235.00		
NEMRC	409.97		
Marla Waring, Lister	2178.00		
Merle Thompson, Lister	252.00		
Michael Wood, Lister	144.00		
Lister Postage	40.00		
Lister Mileage	<u>143.84</u>		
		3402.81	
Selectmen			
Keith Isham	1000.00		
Jeffrey Hayes	1000.00		
Michael Bickford	<u>1000.00</u>		
		3000.00	
Town Clerk & Treasurer			
Erin Patoine	19797.75		
Marla Waring, Assistant	2438.00		
Leslie Peters, Assistant	2497.50		
Judi Bourque, Assistant	1255.25		
		25988.50	
Election Expenses			
Annie Patoine	153.75		
Carol Chase	153.75		
		307.50	
Town Hall Expenses			
Dead River Company	877.88		
Brookfield Service	452.00		
Walmart	195.54		
Flags Express	145.14		
Absolute Pest Control	250.00		
Lyndonville Hardware	151.21		
Donald Patoine	<u>125.00</u>		
		2196.77	
Fixed Charges-Town			
Community National Bank (IRS)-Social Security (Town Share)	\$ 2485.18		
Community National Bank (IRS)-Medicare (Town Share)	618.94		
State of VT Child Care Tax	187.20		
Green Mountain Power, South Kirby School	322.65		

Lyndonville Electric	977.47		
Lyndonville Hardware	12.34		
Consolidated Communications	748.33		
Napa Auto Parts	171.96		
NEK Broadband	1657.92		
Lyndon Rescue, Inc., Dues	12308.17		
NEMRC	2981.13		
NEKWMD, Dues	667.00		
Vermont League of Cities & Towns, Dues	1978.00		
Northeastern Vermont Development Association, Dues	565.00		
County Treasurer, Caledonia County - Tax	<u>8165.49</u>		
		33846.78	
Insurances-Town			
VLCT PACIF, Unemployment Insurance	24.00		
VLCT PACIF Property & Casualty	4156.00		
VLCT PACIF, Workers Compensation	<u>159.00</u>		
		4339.00	

Printing			
The Caledonian-Record	1338.00		
The Sign Depot	<u>120.00</u>		
		1458.00	
Legal Expenses			
Primmer Piper & Eggleston	<u>6068.96</u>		
		6068.96	
Town Miscellaneous			
Town of Concord Fire Dept.	375.00		
Town of Lyndon Fire Dept	525.00		
Community National Bank Fee	14.00		
Transfer from Passumpsic Savings Bank to Community National Bank	55.81		
John Ohina – Reimbursement	95.00		
Caledonia County Sheriff's Department	1890.00		
Keith Isham – Reimbursement	30.73		
Visual Edge IT	610.40		
Cindy Cady	196.11		
NEKWMD	195.00		
VT Dept of Tax	100.00		
Northwoods Stewardship	994.00		
VT State Treasurer – Dog fees	560.00		
State of VT Tax correction	.62		
		5641.67	
Town Official Supplies			
Erin Patoine, Supplies	\$ 62.65		
Adams Tax Forms	83.74		
Postmaster, Postage	1045.19		
Staples	809.79		
Intuit Quickbooks	3947.44		

Walmart		72.26	
Amazon		113.94	
IDS, Dog Tags & Books		<u>170.48</u>	
			6305.49
Appropriations			
Northwoods Stewardship Center	\$	250.00	
Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium		493.00	
Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice		500.00	
Lyndon Youth Baseball/Softball		200.00	
Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging		300.00	
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.		518.00	
Village Improvement Society (Powers Park)		1000.00	
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services		250.00	
Rural Community Transportation		181.34	
Umbrella, Inc.		350.00	
Cobleigh Library		1200.00	
Catamount Arts		500.00	
Community Restorative Justice Center		250.00	
Green Up Vermont		<u>50.00</u>	
			6042.34
Website			
Northeast Kingdom Online		<u>401.50</u>	
			401.50
Planning Commission & Zoning Board			
Amanda Gochie, Zoning Administrator	\$	607.50	
Amanda Gochie, Mileage		209.56	
Annie Patoine		285.00	
Marla Waring		<u>49.00</u>	
			1151.06
Records Preservation Expenses		<u>839.36</u>	
			839.36
Building Fund			
Town of Kirby (Union Bank)	\$	<u>500.00</u>	
			<u>500.00</u>
Total Town Disbursements			\$102,457.24

HIGHWAY DISBURSEMENTS			
Diesel Fuel & Oil			
Dead River, Co., Diesel Fuel	14453.87		
Dead River, Co., Oil	1436.04		
KMJ Precision Fuels	<u>542.89</u>		
		16,432.80	
Fixed Charges-Highways			
Community National Bank (IRS), Medicare	1041.96		
Community National Bank (IRS), Social Security	4616.62		
John Ohina, Cell Phone	550.00		
VMERS DB, Employer Share of Retirement Fund	5117.99		
Lyndonville Electric	1180.02		
VT Child Care Tax	<u>316.20</u>		
		12,822.79	
Garage Expenses			
Appalachian Supply	106.99		
John Ohina - Maintenance	3828.00		
Dead River Co., Heating Oil	1124.50		
Sticks & Stuff	3169.67		
Jeff Hayes - Reimbursement	33.44		
HS Supplies	207.10		
Lyndonville Hardware	<u>44.44</u>		
		8514.14	
Grader Expenses			
United Construction	2397.20		
Surplus Center	171.66		
Reed Supply	1905.00		
John Ohina, Maintenance	2004.00		
Donald Patoine	<u>175.00</u>		
		6652.86	
Loader Expenses			
John Ohina, Maintenance	<u>957.00</u>		
		957.00	
Insurances-Highways			
BCBSVT, Health Insurance for John Ohina	\$ 16120.28		
Delta Dental, Dental Insurance for John Ohina	543.34		
VLCT Pacif – Workers Compensation	5382.33		
VLCT Pacif – General Liability	1000.00		
VLCT Pacif – Garage	<u>2122.69</u>		
		25,168.64	
Vacation, Holidays, & Sick Pay			
Holidays	3144.00		
Sick Pay	1848.00		
Vacation	<u>5940.00</u>		
Total Vacation, Holidays & Sick Pay		10,932.00	
Miscellaneous-Highways			
John Ohina, Mileage	1144.42		
Clarke Atwell	1200.00		

Ascent Consulting	58000.00		
Truline Land Survey	1590.00		
Donald Patoine	75.00		
Ruggles Engineering	15140.00		
Contech Engineering	72036.60		
Maple Leaf Construction	9150.00		
JA McDonald	242610.00		
VT Bond Bank – Interest Payments	7083.47		
		408,029.49	
Shop Supplies			
Tools Plus Industries	112.48		
Airgas USA, Cylinder Lease & Supplies	342.00		
Ville Auto Supply	1546.63		
Lyndonville Hardware	325.78		
Dad's 4 By Tool & Supply	417.62		
Kimball Midwest	1123.25		
KMJ Precision Fuels	2081.70		
ATS Machine Safety	62.30		
Napa	13.99		
John Ohina – Reimbursement	46.15		
HS Supplies	98.48		
		6170.38	
Road Supplies			
HS Supplies	563.50		
All State Construction	10584.00		
Lyndonville Hardware	730.99		
		11,878.49	
Truck Expenses			
John Ohina, Maintenance	6121.50		
Donald Patoine	50.00		
New England Truck	1662.22		
KMJ Precision Fuels	2073.50		
Russell Riendeau	110.00		
Black Bart's Welding	490.00		
HP Fairfield	629.85		
B&B Towing	517.50		
Ville Auto Supply	520.76		
Surplus Center	453.97		
Wright's Towing	800.00		
Fisher Auto Parts	567.54		
ATG Lancaster	75.99		
		14,072.83	
Line of Credit			
Passumpsic Bank, Pay off	20,212.49		
		20,212.49	
New Equipment			
Uline	72.47		
ATG Lancaster	233.61		

		306.08	
Municipal Roads General Permit Expenses			
State of Vermont, Fees	\$	<u>700.00</u>	
		700.00	
Winter Highway Maintenance (for details see page 29)		57528.41	
General Highway Maintenance/Resurfacing & Construction (for details see pages 29)		121159.54	
Class IV (for details see page 30)		1060.35	
Roads Improvement Fund (Union Bank)		500.00	
Highway Department Improvement Fund (Union Bank)		500.00	
Equipment Fund (Union Bank)		<u>15,000.00</u>	
Total Highway Disbursements			\$738,598.29
Total Town & Highway Disbursements			\$841,055.53

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS			
(Includes funds transferred to savings accounts, taxes transferred to School, funds received and designated to be paid out, etc.)			
To FEMA Reimbursement Account			
Passumpsic Savings Bank	1,431,442.73		
Taxes to Other Departments			
NEK Choice School District, Share of Taxes	\$926,317.49		
Town of Kirby – Cemetery share of tax (deposited in January 2026)	<u>2391.22</u>		
		<u>2,360,151.44</u>	
Funds received and paid out			
Erin Patoine, Clerk Fees	6297.00		
Erin Patoine, Share of Dog Licenses	156.00	(4.00 unpaid)	
Overpayments Reimbursed	<u>3726.36</u>		
Vermont State Treasurer Unclaimed Property	<u>.13</u>		
Total Funds received and paid out		10,179.49	
Total Other Disbursements			\$2,370,330.93
Disbursements from other accounts			
Maple Leaf Construction – Garage Bay (ARPA)	83,850.00		
RR Charlebois Inc – New Truck (Equip CD)	173102.00		
HP Fairfield – Truck Accessories (Equip CD)	104995.00		
Transfer from Community National to Passumpsic Savings Bank	<u>2.00</u>		
			\$361,949.00
TOTAL TOWN, HIGHWAY, & OTHER DISBURSEMENTS			\$3,573,335.46

TOWN DEFICIT/SURPLUS			
Town Related Income			
Surplus from 2024	26,245.46		
Share of Taxes	80,798.99		
Minus 2025 Delinquent Taxes	(49839.75)		
Amount Paid On Delinquent Taxes (includes principal, interest & fees)	101,741.86		
Holdharmless Payment	33246.00		
Pilot Program Payment	1651.84		
Act 60 Homestead Payment	351.00		
Share of Dog Licenses	357.00		
Zoning Permit Fees	925.00		
Miscellaneous Income (copies, NOW Interest, vault fees, etc)	\$ 31,894.74		
Total Town Income			227,372.14
Minus Town Expenses			\$102,457.24
TOWN SURPLUS			\$124,914.90

FEMA EXPENSES

July 9-11 Storm Total \$86,839.06

July 30th Storm Expenses (To date) \$1,190,819.73

BOND BANK LOANS FOR FEMA EXPENSES

\$1,180,086.60 To date

FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED

\$1,431,442.73

Reimbursements exceed expenses due to Federal rates for Labor and Equipment

The town has been advised not to pay off the Bond Bank loans with current reimbursements, as we will need more funding for the upcoming projects, and borrowing money from a local bank VS the Bond Bank would greatly increase the interest rate on borrowed money.

Town of Kirby 2024 Flood Damage Repair Costs and FEMA/Vermont Reimbursement

The Town of Kirby suffered severe road and bridge damage during the 9-11 July and 31 July 2024 storms. To date we have repaired 42% of the estimated damage to our roads and bridges.

Completed repairs totaled \$85,782 for flood damages from the 9-11 July 2024 flooding.

Completed repairs total \$1,912,390 for the 31 July 2024 storm flooding and total \$1,998,172 for both storms.

Remaining flood damage repairs include the Brook Road with large culvert replacement; Town Hall Road and Bridge #6 over Barnes Brook; the Barnes Brook embankment by the sand pile; the shift of Ridge Road required to repair the embankment; and the replacement of Bridge #15 over Sheldon Brook.

Preliminary estimated remaining costs for the remaining repairs total \$2,723,717.

The estimated total cost of repairs for both storms is \$4,721,889.

FEMA is a reimbursement program that provides States with funding to reimburse municipalities after all repairs are completed to State and Federal standards. Under the current laws the Federal reimbursement rate is 75% of the allowable repair costs and the State cost share is 17.5% of the total repair costs.

The estimated Federal and State reimbursement to the Town is \$4,367,747.

The Town of Kirby taxpayers would be responsible for the remaining 7.5% or \$354,142.

The State of Vermont only reimburses their share after all repair projects have been completed, inspected and closed out with the State.

Both FEMA and Vermont State representatives provided exceptional assistance navigating the bureaucratic rules required by Federal law under the reimbursement process. They facilitated our reimbursement as quickly as possible.

With their assistance the Town of Kirby received \$1,431,442.00 Federal reimbursement to date.

We expect to receive an additional \$248,000 this spring reimbursing the Ridge Road Bridge #4 repairs completed in September.

Federal reimbursement for the repairs of the upcoming summer repair projects is unlikely before the summer of 2027. State of Vermont reimbursement after all projects are closed out is expected late next year.

Of note, thanks to Leslie Peters whose detailed repair cost accounting facilitated the completion of the Town's flood damage submission and FEMA's quick reimbursement.

Keith Wooster
Kirby Emergency Manager

DELINQUENT TAXES

2024 Taxes		
Bartlett, Stanley	Real Estate	257.00
Bassett, Bonnie	Real Estate	1451.71
E-A-K Trust	Real Estate	202.72
Nemeth, Lester/Istavan Gyuro	Real Estate	2061.27
James O'Brien	Real Estate	5288.72
Mulhern, Kathryn (Shields)	Real Estate	3942.87
Page, Carey	Real Estate	2672.13
		\$15,876.42
2025 Taxes		
Bassett, Bonnie	Real Estate	1511.80
Camisa, Timothy/Rooney, Michael	Real Estate	420.97
Caspersen, Todd	Real Estate	3812.09
E-A-K Trust	Real Estate	1799.13
Eikenberry, David (Late state revision)	Real Estate	110.25
Emmi, Anthony	Real Estate	123.31
Hollander, Ashley	Real Estate	2642.24
Mooney, Brian & Sharon	Real Estate	589.10
Mulhern, Kathryn (Shields)	Real Estate	4106.09
Nemeth, Lester	Real Estate	2146.59
O'Brien, James	Real Estate	5507.63
Ranney, Richard & Susan	Real Estate	905.41
Richmond, Katherine	Real Estate	3003.56
Teracino, Laura	Real Estate	541.25
		\$27,219.42
Total Delinquent Taxes		\$43,095.84

AMOUNT PAID ON DELINQUENT TAXES

	1/1/2025 Balance Due	Amount Paid	1/1/2026 Balance Due
2022	\$ 4107.53	\$ 4107.53	\$ ---
2023	18667.88	18667.88	---
2024	56043.30	40166.88	15876.42
2025, November 2	49839.75	22620.33	27219.42
	\$ 128,658.46	\$ 85,562.62	\$43095.84

Road Commissioner Report

Mother Nature was good to us in 2025. In regards to that, the Ridge Road bridge replacement was completed in 2025. Engineering resumes for 2026 projects and reimbursement continues to feed in from FEMA. As time goes on, we will move cautiously to secure funding to move forward on the remainder of the pending projects.

We have a new town truck to add to our fleet of equipment, which was much needed. We used the equipment fund savings to avoid the need for financing to purchase the truck.

I thank John for doing such a good job on the roads, and keeping the equipment well maintained.

Mike Bickford
Road Commissioner

WINTER HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE				
	Class II	Class III	Total	Labor
John Ohina, Labor	\$ 4,240.50	\$ 14,074.50	\$ 18,315.00	\$19,690.00
Wayne Tanner, Labor	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,375.00	
Gingue Construction	\$ 4,179.30	\$ 12,537.90	\$ 16,717.20	Materials & Trucking \$22,308.41
Bickford Construction	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 4,200.00	
Pike Industries -Gravel & Stone		\$ 1,391.21	\$ 1,391.21	
Town Roller		\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	
Town Loader	\$ 170.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 750.00	Town Equipment \$15,530.00
Town Grader	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 900.00	
Town Truck	\$ 2,715.00	\$ 11,090.00	\$ 13,805.00	
Total Winter Highway Maintenance	\$ 15,229.80	\$ 42,298.61	\$ 57,528.41	
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE/RESURFACING & CONSTRUCTION				
	Class II	Class III	Total	Labor
John Ohina, Labor	\$ 5,122.50	\$ 24,852.00	\$ 29,974.50	\$30,124.50
Donald Patoine, Labor		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	
Bickford Construction	\$ 600.00	\$ 5,535.00	\$ 6,135.00	
Calkins Rock Products - Gravel & Ledge		\$ 3,472.44	\$ 3,472.44	Gravel, Trucking, Excavation, Guardrails, & Etc. \$69,270.04
Peckham Industries	\$ 2,185.62	\$ 503.92	\$ 2,689.54	
JBL Logging - Trucking & Excavating		\$ 14,535.00	\$ 14,535.00	
Manchester Brook Materials		\$ 11,440.80	\$ 11,440.80	
Pete's Equipment - Tractor & Mower Rental	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	
Gingue Construction		\$ 1,092.00	\$ 1,092.00	
Pike Industries		\$ 20,883.37	\$ 20,883.37	
Dad's 4X Tool and Supply	\$ 154.23	\$ 462.66	\$ 616.89	
Lafayette Highway		\$ 4,905.00	\$ 4,905.00	
Town Loader	\$ 625.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 3,075.00	Town Equipment \$21,765.00
Town Grader	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 10,220.00	\$ 12,460.00	
Town Truck	\$ 1,207.50	\$ 5,022.50	\$ 6,230.00	
Total General Highway Maintenance	\$ 13,634.85	\$ 107,524.69	\$ 121,159.54	

CLASS IV

	General Highway Maintenance	Total	
John Ohina, Labor	\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00	Labor \$132.00
Calkins- Gravel	\$ 788.35	\$ 788.35	Gravel & Sign \$788.35
Town Truck	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	Town Equipment \$140.00
Town Grader	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	
Total Class IV	\$ 1,060.35	\$ 1,060.35	

ROAD SUMMARY REPORT

John Ohina	48421.50
Wayne Tanner, Labor	1375.00
Donald Patoine, Labor	150.00
Pike Industries	22274.58
Calkins Rock Products	4260.79
Peckham Industries	2689.54
JBL Logging	14535.00
Manchester Brook Materials	11440.80
Pete's Equipment – Tractor Rental	3500.00
Lafayette Highway	4905.00
Bickford Construction	10335.00
Gingue Construction	17809.20
Dad's 4X Tool and Supply	616.89
Town Roller	75.00
Town Truck	20105.00
Town Grader	13430.00
Town Loader	3825.00
TOTAL Winter Maintenance, General Maintenance/Resurfacing & Construction, Class IV	\$179748.30
<i>All Other Road Expenses (Does not include FEMA expenses)</i>	<i>161189.92</i>
TOTAL ALL HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$340,938.22
ROAD RELATED INCOME	
Deficit from 2024	(30950.34)
Share of Taxes	364648.52
State of Vermont, State Aid to Highways	27579.81
Overload Permits	210.00
Grants in Aid	12000.00
Sale of Red Truck	6000.00
Passumpsic Bank Payoff	19941.83
TOTAL ALL HIGHWAY INCOME	\$399,429.82
HIGHWAY SURPLUS	58,491.60

*** These figures do not include FEMA income/expenses or new truck purchase.

CEMETERY REPORT

Balance on Hand January 1, 2025		\$4871.90
Receipts		
Town of Kirby, Share of Taxes - Deposited January 2026		0.00
Amount \$2391.22		
<i>Total Receipts</i>		0.00
Disbursements		
Waterford Lawn Care-Mowing North & South Kirby Cemeteries		\$3000.00
MRM Landscape and Fencing		450.00
<i>Total Disbursements</i>		3450.00

CEMETERY CASH UP - DECEMBER 31, 2025

Balance on Hand January 1, 2025		4871.90
Total Receipts		<u>0.00</u>
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance		\$ 4871.90
Total Disbursements		<u>3450.00</u>
Checkbook Balance, December 31, 2025		1421.90

TOWN OF KIRBY CEMETERY FUNDS

Community National Bank, Certificate of Deposit		
Balance as of January 1, 2025		\$ 12998.50
Deposits		
Interest earned 2025	\$57.30	
Total Deposits		\$ 57.30
Balance as of December 31, 2025		\$ 13055.80

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS & SPECIAL FUNDS

TOWN EQUIPMENT FUND CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Community National Bank (1)

Balance as of January 1, 2025		\$ 144342.40
Deposits		
Interest Earned 2025	2368.61	
Hourly equipment charges deposited	17565.00	
Withdrawal for purchase of truck		<u>147442.55</u>
Total Deposits		
Balance as of December 31, 2025		\$ 16,833.46
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Community National Bank (2)		
Balance as of January 1, 2025		188252.66
Deposits		
Interest Earned 2025	5021.51	
Hourly equipment charges deposited	10910.00	
Withdrawal for purchase of truck		<u>147332.45</u>
<small>(deposit of 23,960.00 went in records preservation, will be moved to this acct in 2025)</small>		
Balance as of December 31, 2024		\$56,851.72
TOTAL EQUIPMENT FUNDS		\$73,685.18

TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION FUND CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Community National Bank

Balance as of January 1, 2025		\$ 16458.14
Deposits	23960.00*	
Interest Earned 2025	363.47	
Total Deposits	24323.47	
Balance as of December 31, 2025		\$40,781.61
<small>*this deposit should have gone to equipment fund and will be moved in 2025</small>		

LISTERS TRAINING FUNDS CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Community National Bank

Balance as of January 1, 2025		3215.66
Interest Earned 2025	14.18	
Balance as of December 31, 2025		\$3,229.84

TOWN BUILDING FUND CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - Union Bank

Balance as of January 1, 2025		\$ 11749.86
Deposits	500.00	
Interest Earned 2025	468.88	
Total Deposits	968.88	
Balance as of December 31, 2025		\$12,718.74

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENT FUND
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT – Union Bank**

Balance as of January 1, 2025		\$ 15098.77
Deposits	500.00	
Interest Earned 2025	600.40	
Total Deposits	1100.40	
Balance as of December 31, 2025		\$16,199.17

**ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT – Union Bank**

Balance as of January 1, 2025		\$ 24710.27
Deposits	500.00	
Interest Earned 2025	982.63	
Total Deposits	1482.63	
Balance as of December 31, 2025		\$26,192.90

**BICENTENNIAL FUNDS
SAVINGS – Community National Bank**

(Funds left from the Town's Bicentennial (200th) Celebration - to be used towards the Town's
Semiquincentennial (250th) or Tricentennial (300th) Celebration)

Balance as of January 1, 2025		\$ 303.56
Interest Earned 2025	\$.03	
Balance as of December 31, 2025		\$303.59

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS
(Part of funds included in the Passumpsic Savings Bank Checking Account)**

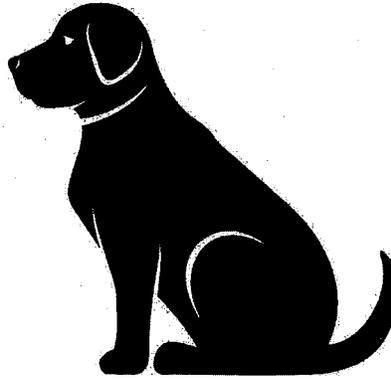
Beginning Balance January 1, 2025		\$ 83077.27
Interest Adjustment		96.55
Funds remaining in prior account		779.78
Expenses paid out from Fund		
Garage Bay	83850.00	
Withdrawal to close account	103.60	
Total Expenses	83953.60	
Balance as of December 31, 2025		0

EQUIPMENT CHECKING

Beginning Balance January 1, 2025		0
Deposits	294775.00	
Withdrawals		278,097.00
Balance as of December 31, 2025		\$16,680.00

FEMA REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance January 1, 2025		0
Deposits	1,431,442.73	
Balance as of December 31, 2025		\$1,431,442.73

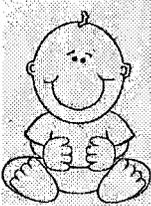
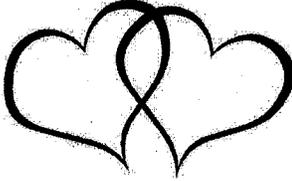


DOG REVENUE 2025

#	Type License	Cost Per	Total
10	Males/Females	\$15.00	150.00
1	Late Males/Females	19.00	19.00
46	Spayed Females/Neutered Males	11.00	506.00
21	Late Spayed Females/Neutered Males	13.00	273.00
2	Special Licenses (10 Dogs for Breeding)	60.00	120.00
	(and # of dogs over 10 dog limit)	3.00	\$9.00
	TOTAL		1077.00
80	Town Treasurer's Fee	-2.00	\$160.00
80	State Treasurer's Fee	-7.00	\$560.00
	<i>Town Received</i>		\$357.00

Abigail, Alibi, Apollo, Arthur, Asher, Bart, Bella, Bo, Bohdi, Buckley, Calvin, Cindy, Collin, Cooper, Curry, Dubh, Elsa, Fergie, Finley, Gracie, Hope, Indigo, Jersey, Jimmy Dawg, Jane, Joe, KC, Knut, Leo, Lucky, Lupa, Maggie G, Maisie Maple, Maple, Match, Matilda, Maya, Mick, Micki, Millie, Missy, Mitzi, Molley, Molly Clonikada, Nemo, Norah, Notch, Ollie, Oreo, Otis, Otto, Penny, Pepperoni, Pippens, Pippi, Pochini, Poppy, Radar, Raven, Remi, Riot, Rip, Rogan, Ruby, Sage, Sally, Sam, Samson, Savannah, Scotlyn, Scout, Sherman, Sissy, Sophie, Sundance, Teago, Terra, Thor, Tika, Tilly, Timmy, Tinker, Walter, Willa Jean, Willow, Winnie, Winston, Xena, Zena, Zeus

VITAL STATISTICS

		
BIRTHS	MARRIAGES	DEATHS
Redding Michael Palmieri Parents: Tony and Kaitlyn Palmieri		Jess Canale Rodie Age 45
		Ruth Iva Houghton Age 93

*For births outside of Vermont – Please notify the Town Clerk



2025 Property Transfers



SELLER	BUYER	DESCRIPTION
Pinkava, Gretchen	Hastings, Joseph	Dwelling and 5.2 acres
Swinehart, Meghan & Jonathan	James & Marcella Crone Family Trust	Dwelling & 10.39 acres
Sargent, William & Catherine	Sargent, Catherine & Tyler	Dwelling & 239.84 acres
Kurtz, Agnes Trustee	Kurtz, Agnes Trustee	154 Acres open land
Hunter, Cole & Keane, Mary	Bishop, William & Sierra	Dwelling & 10.00 acres
Quimby, Bruce	Bruce M Quimby Revocable Trust	10.22 Acres open land
Leslie, Margaret & Thomas	Hollander, Ashley	Dwelling & 20.2 acres
Estate of Bradley Whitehill	McMahon, Cheryl & Whitehill, Donna	Dwelling & 63.63 acres
Garfield, William	Garfield, Jacob	10.10 Acres timberland
Lawson, Joanne; Wood, Daniel; Roy, Katrina	Izzo, Christopher & Alexis	Dwelling & 3.5 acres
Corriveau, Russell & Diana	Tornquist, Stefan & Kane, Cath	Dwelling & 19 acres
Hayes, Wendy	Wolfel, Kiley & Ry	6.53 Acres open land
Mougey Demaio, Ninette	Trefethen, Sarah & Jonathan	Dwelling & 10.10 acres
Lajoie, Kevin	Sacklow, Nathan & Autumn	Dwelling & 6.65 acres
Tutwiler, Robert III & Rosencrantz, Anita	Combs, Katherine & Harkins, Natt	Dwelling & 19.7 acres
Marcy, Thumperlee	Minshull, Michael & Felicia	Dwelling & 10.3 acres
Lacaillade, Danielle & Chad; Towns, James & Sandra	Lacaillade, Danielle Lacaillade, Chad	Dwelling & 4.6 acres
Sherburne, Helen	Roy, Cynthia & John III	Dwelling & 85 acres
Crawford, John	Crawford, John & Marilyn	Dwelling & 1.7 acres
Crawford, John	Crawford, John & Marilyn	197.5 Acres open land
Emmons Kirby Holdings	Cooper, Nicholas & Palthey, Zea	Seasonal Dwelling & 80 acres
Vermont Land Trust Inc	Ryan, Logan	40.17 Acres open land
Ryan, Logan	Vermont Land Trust Inc	38.17 Acres open land
Goodwin, Aaron	Goodwin, Aaron & Ball, Caitlyn	Dwelling & 5 acres
Sherburne, Helen	Atwell, Clarke & Eyler, David	56.9 Acres timberland
Davis, Michael	Carleton, Robert Jr & Chalfant, Nicole	Dwelling & 16.5 acres
Mougey Demaio, Ninette	Nixon Berry, Laura & Berry, Sean	Dwelling & 28.4 acres

Town Clerk Report 2025

After the flood damage of 2024, it doesn't seem like there's much to report this year. The first of the large projects was completed by JA McDonald, so my drive to work is much shorter now. The roads are much improved, and there's more to come in spring 2026.

There were some other notable projects in Kirby this year. One was the new Kirby Pantry at the town hall. Where I normally put garden veggies in the summer/fall, we have some residents donating food and household items so that hopefully no one in our community goes without. There is also a white board to write down any items that are needed, and not available. I love seeing neighbors helping neighbors, and believe the residents of Kirby tend to be kind, generous, helpful people.

In 2025, we used some of our Equipment funds to purchase a new truck. The town equipment is paid an hourly rate, which is put into a CD to help with future equipment purchases. There was enough in these accounts to avoid financing the new truck, which is great news for all of us.

There is also a Kirby Community Facebook page, which is a great place to watch for information on your town, or to ask questions of other locals. If you are on social media, I highly recommend that you join the page to stay connected.

As always, thank you to the residents volunteering their time, energy, and resources to keep this little town running. Here's to a great 2026.

Erin Patoine
Town Clerk/Treasurer

2025 LISTERS' REPORT

We have two newly elected Listers in 2025.

Mike Wood, who has Lister experience. Mike was a huge help with the Grievances. Thank you Mike.

Merle Thompson, who is very eager to learn. She has helped processing the Property Transfers. She has been very reliable for last minute appointments that had come up over the year. Thank you Merle.

In maintaining the Grand List there were 26 Property Transfers this year. There are 17 properties transferred to new owners, and the rest were to Self/Trust/Life Estates.

There were 14 Permits submitted this year. Four (4) were for new houses. Currently in Town there will be 24 properties to inspect this spring

Please remember to file your Homestead Declaration (HS122) with your taxes. The Listers use this information to classify properties in the Town's Grand List. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marla Waring

Planning/Zoning Commission Report 2025

The Kirby Planning/Zoning Board spent 2025 working on the amended Town Plan, reviewing permits and discussing other routine business. We sent out a survey with tax bills asking residents and land owners various questions about their vision for Kirby, as well as opinions on certain matters. There is a compilation of the returns as an addendum to the new and revised town plan.

As of this writing, our board is full, but since that tends to change rather frequently, please feel free to contact Erin Patoine at townclerk.kirbyvermont@gmail.com or one of the current board members listed below if you are interested in serving on the board.

Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm. The meetings are open to you and we encourage you to attend.

Hilary De Carlo, Planning Board Chair
Martin Etter
Annie Patoine
Linda Gochie
Jerry Toomey
Victor Sherbrook
Tracy Sherbrook

KIRBY FIRE WARDEN REPORT 2025

Dear Kirby Residents:

Vermont's 2025 drought was severe and widespread. By late September, 100% of the state was under drought conditions, with significant portions in severe or extreme drought. Record-low streamflows and groundwater levels were reported, causing many private wells to run dry, forcing residents to haul water. Farmers also experienced major crop and pasture losses. Fire danger was a significant concern, as prolonged dry periods weakened and killed off vegetation, creating dry fuel that ignited easily and increased wildfire risk.

On September 22, 2025, the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation issued a statewide burn ban due to the severe drought and high fire danger. The ban was lifted on October 24, 2025, after rainfall reduced the fire risk. While conditions have improved, the cumulative rainfall deficit means that significant replenishment is still needed after the spring melt.

Currently, all open burning in town requires a burn permit from the Fire Warden. Only natural vegetation such as wood (logs, boles, trunks, branches, limbs, and stumps), brush, weeds, grass, and leaves may be burned. Materials may not be burned if they have been altered in any way by surface applications or injections of paints, stains, preservatives, oils, glues, or pesticides. The burning of any solid waste (household rubbish) by open fire or incineration in the State of Vermont is prohibited §2645.

A burn permit is not required as long as snow covers the ground. A person is not required to have a permit for a campfire (any fire for cooking or warming) on their land. All other burn requirements remain in effect. The person setting the fire must at all times have sufficient help and tools present to control the fire. The fire must not be left unattended until it is entirely extinguished, and high wind conditions must be considered. Restricted materials cannot be used to ignite natural wood materials. A warden may refuse to issue a permit if, in their judgment, the weather or the site conditions create a dangerous situation. This past year, 38 burn permits were issued. For further information, refer to [Vermont forest fires and fire prevention](#).

Please call or text the Kirby Fire Warden with any questions or to request a burn permit at James Wood, 802-535-5585, or Jennifer Wood, 802-279-6326.

Respectfully submitted,

James Wood

Kirby Green Up Report 2025

Green Up Day is on the first Saturday of May! May 2, 2026! (Feel free to Green Up all year, though!)

Bags will be available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours the two weeks leading up to Green Up Day. You may also contact the coordinator for details or bags. Our one big challenge is that some waste haulers still charge for the bags and the town has graciously picked up the tab on those in the past. Donations to cover this expense are welcomed (payable to the Town of Kirby).

Adopt a road section and let me know if you want to Green Up that road each year in our beautiful town. For example, I have "adopted" Willey Farm Road, Shirley Lane, and North Kirby Road from its intersection with Sheldon Brook Road to Willoughby View Road.

Let me know if you are interested in adopting part of all of a road in Kirby for Green Up or if you would like to make a donation to the town to help cover the cost of disposal.

Thank you.

Coordinator: Tracy Sherbrook, 802.535.5198

TOWN OF KIRBY, VERMONT DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE

The Board of the Selectmen of the Town of Kirby hereby establish the following ordinance regarding the Control of Dogs and Wolf-hybrids, for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of, and visitors to, the Town of Kirby in accordance with 24 V.S.A 2291 (10,15), 20 V.S.A 3549 and 24 V.S.A 1971, et seq.

Section 1: Definitions:

1. "Dog" shall mean dogs, wolf-hybrids, or any animal of the canine species.
2. "Excessive noise" shall mean noise created by a dog that interferes with neighbors' enjoyment of their property, or that continues for more than 15 minutes duration between the hours of 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM.
3. "Running at Large" shall mean any activity of a dog when such dog is (i) off premises of the owner and (ii) not under control of the owner or some other person designated by the owner.
4. "Owner" shall mean any person who owns or who has actual or constructive possession of a dog.
5. "Pound keeper" shall mean a person or persons appointed by the selectmen to enforce this dog control ordinance and to hold or destroy stray and other dogs as required by this ordinance. Also referred to as Animal Control Officer.
6. "Vicious Act" shall mean any action by an unrestrained dog, not within an enclosure, which causes any person to reasonably fear a bodily injury by threatening to immediately attack or by attacking any person, other than persons who are entering upon the premises of the owner.

Section 2: Vaccinations and Licensing

7. Owners of dogs in the Town of Kirby shall cause their dogs to be inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with title 20 of Vermont Statutes Annotated, sections 3581, 3581a and any other applicable state laws.
8. Owners of dogs in the Town of Kirby shall cause their dogs to be licensed by the Town and shall attach the license to the animal's collar in accordance with title 20 of Vermont Statutes Annotated, sections 3581 and 3582.
9. The Selectmen may ask the Town Clerk to notify owners who fail to license their dogs by April 1st, by certified mail, e-mail, by telephone, or by hand delivery that they have two weeks to license their dog or they will be fined.
10. The Selectmen may, at any time, issue a warrant for the pound keeper or police officer to seize, impound and destroy dogs that have not been licensed according to state law and this ordinance. The owner shall pay the Town's cost of seizing the dog, keeping it and/or humanely destroying it.
11. Owners shall keep any unvaccinated dogs over 6 months of age confined in a secure location (ie: indoors or in a completely enclosed cage) until vaccinated and licensed.
12. The Pound Keeper may impound and have vaccinated any unlicensed dogs 6 months old or older that he or she reasonably suspects are not properly vaccinated for rabies, and may require the owner to pay an impounding fee and the costs of vaccination, care,

and keeping the dog prior to releasing the dog, subject to the requirements of Section 7, below.

Section 3: Disturbances and Nuisances

13. Owners of dogs in the Town of Kirby shall not allow their dogs to make excessive noise or to create a public nuisance, including but not limited to:
 - A. Damaging personal property, other than the owner's.
 - B. Scattering garbage on property other than the owner's.
 - C. Harassing any person, including pedestrians, bicyclists or other passerby.
 - D. Obstructing Traffic
14. An owner or keeper shall not permit a female dog in heat to be outside a building or secured enclosure.
15. Persons who are injured by disturbances or nuisances created by dogs, shall notify the Selectboard by written complaint. The complaint shall describe the incident, date, identity of the owner, description of the dog and shall list any injuries the person suffered.
16. Penalties for violations of these provisions will be subject to Animal Control Officer, hired by Selectboard.
17. The Pound Keeper may impose a fine or impound a dog where the dog has created a public nuisance in his or her presence, or which the owner admits to the Pound Keeper the dog created.

Section 4: Vicious Dogs

18. Owners shall not allow their dogs to commit vicious acts or destroy or damage property or domestic animals or fowl not belonging to the owner.
19. Any person may kill or capture any dog acting viciously or to prevent the dog from injuring domestic animals or fowl, pursuant to 20 V.S.A section 3545. If a person captures a dog, he or she shall give the dog to the pound keeper as soon as possible. The dog will be impounded and the injured party may notify the Selectboard in writing of the incident.
20. Any person who has been bitten, such that they required medical attention, may notify the Selectboard by written complaint. The complaint shall include a description of the incident, date, identity of the owner, the dog, any injuries the person suffered and the medical attention required. Upon receiving a written complaint, the Selectboard shall within 7 days, conduct an investigation and thereafter impose fines and dispose of the dog in accordance with 20 V.S.A. sections 3546 and 3550.
21. The Pound Keeper may impound a dog for committing a vicious act or for committing property destruction in the Pound Keeper's presence, or which the owner admits the dog committed.

Section 5: Running at Large

22. The Pound Keeper shall immediately impound any dog found running at large and if the owner is known, shall notify the owner of the impoundment by phone, mail, or in person. If the owner cannot be determined, the Pound Keeper shall post a notice providing a description of said dog, the date and location where the dog was found, the telephone number and address of the pound keeper, and that the owner should reclaim their dog within 7 days, in the Kirby Town Clerk's office and in two public locations in town. If a

local newspaper and/or radio station advertises lost animals, they shall be provided with a copy of the notice and other information they require to advertise the animal.

23. Any dog impounded under the provisions of this ordinance, shall be released only upon the payment of any fees owed to the Animal Control Officer, including impounding fee, boarding fee, and any fines or licensing/vaccination fees necessary for return to owner. No dog shall be released to owner until all fees and costs are paid in full.
24. Any dog not reclaimed by its owner within 7 days after receipt of notification is returned to the town, or after posting of public notice, shall be disposed of by the Pound Keeper in a humane way, either by giving it to a family, a humane society, or by humanely destroying it.
25. Owners who notify the Town they want to reclaim their dog within ten days after the dog is first impounded, shall be entitled to reclaim their animal, if living, from the family or humane society in as-is condition, after paying the Animal Control Officer the required amounts, and after reimbursing the family or humane society their out of pocket costs for care and keeping of the animal.
26. The Town shall not be liable to any owner or any person, in any way, for its' actions relative to this ordinance or State Law, including for changes in the condition of any animal, whether dead or alive, spayed or neutered, or any other change in the animal's condition while in the care of the Town, Animal Control Officer, or any family or humane society.
27. The Pound Keeper may require the owner to pay the impounding and boarding fees in full prior to releasing the dog from impoundment.

Section 6: Action of Selectboard

28. The Selectboard or Animal Control Officer hired by the Selectboard pursuant to 20 V.S.A. section 3550 by the commissioner of agriculture may fine owners who violate any of the above provisions a civil penalty of up to \$500 per violation in accordance with the provisions of 20 V.S.A. section 3550. Provided, however, that where a specific penalty is provided for a particular violation of this ordinance, the Selectboard or Officer shall not impose a higher fine or a penalty that is inconsistent with the specific penalty.
29. Any action by the Selectboard may be appealed to the Caledonia Superior Court by providing a written notice of appeal specifying i) a description of what action is being appealed from (i.e. impoundment or a fine); ii) the date impoundment commenced, or fine was imposed; iii) a brief statement why the impoundment or fine should not be continued or imposed ("Notice of Appeal"), to the Town Clerk and by filing a complaint in the Caledonia Superior Court within 30 days from the Selectboard issuing a written decision or providing notice of its' intended action.

Section 7: Action by the Pound Keeper

30. An owner may appeal fines or impoundment by the Pound Keeper to the Selectboard by, within 7 days of commencement of impoundment or the fine being imposed; providing to the Kirby Town Clerk a Notice of Appeal.
31. Except for dogs running at large who are unclaimed within the allowed period, the Pound Keeper may not dispose of a dog by killing it, until authorized to do so by the Selectboard.

Section 8: Civil Ordinance

This is a civil and not a criminal ordinance. Liability for violating provisions of this ordinance shall be limited to those provided in the ordinance.

Section 9: Severability

If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

Section 10: Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective (60) days after its' adoption by the Kirby Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. section 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

Section 11: Notice

This ordinance shall be entered into the minutes of the town records and shall be posted in at least five conspicuous places in town. A concise summary accompanied by information as to where the full text may be examined, the right of voters to petition for a vote, and the name, address and telephone number of a person who is available to answer questions about the ordinance shall be published in The Caledonian Record within fourteen days of its' adoption.

This ordinance shall become effective sixty days after its' adoption unless a petition signed by five percent of the qualified voters in the Town of Kirby asking for a vote on the question of disapproving the ordinance is filed with the Town Clerk or Selectboard within forty-four days after the adoption of the ordinance. If such a petition is filed, the Selectboard shall call a special meeting to vote on that question and the ordinance shall become effective at the end of that meeting unless a majority of those voting on the question disapproves the ordinance or sixty days after its' adoption.

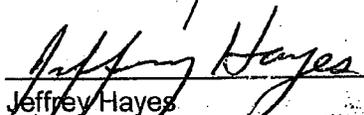
SELECTMEN, TOWN OF KIRBY



Keith Isham, Chair

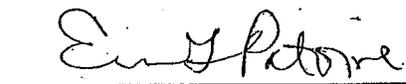


Michael Bickford



Jeffrey Hayes

Dated: Oct 6, 2025



Erin Patoine, Town Clerk

**ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
NEK CHOICE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
For the year ending December 31, 2025**



INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, February 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Maidstone Town Hall

Call in remotely with phone number 312-626-6799

Zoom Meeting ID: 813 5042 5855 Passcode: 2rb1K8

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

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

NEK CHOICE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of NEK Choice Unified School District are hereby duly notified and warned to meet at their respective individual voting locations below, to vote for Articles One (1) through Five (5) by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, with the polls open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the NEK Choice Unified School District approve the Board of Directors to expend \$7,594,091 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,736 per weighted pupil. This projected spending per weighted pupil is 10% lower than the current year. (Australian Ballot)

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

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

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

Given unto our hands this 21th day of January 2026.

Miles Etter

Miles Etter, Chair

Patricia Brown

Patricia Brown

Rita Laferriere

Rita Laferriere

Cornelia Rath

Cornelia Rath

Melanie Jacques-Staats

Melanie Jacques-Staats

Bethany Bond

Bethany Bond

Sharon Ellingwood-White

Sharon Ellingwood-White

Susan Graves

Susan Graves

Sonia Peters

Sonia Peters

Lyn Schmucker

Lyn Schmucker

Rachel Cliche

Rachel Cliché

Northeast Kingdom Choice Unified School District Annual Report

Hello Community Members of the NEK Choice School District:

Looking at the coming school year and planning for our students' and families' futures has been a tough task for your school board this year. Hopefully, most of you are aware of, and keeping an eye on, the challenges and ideas being considered to address the system of education in our state. Much work has been done by your board and superintendent to advocate for fulfilling our mission to serve the children of NEK Choice School District, which involves supporting and collaborating with neighboring SU's of the Northeast Kingdom. We also were able to meet with legislatures in Montpelier to testify and advocate for our work and our needs.

A larger, louder voice resulted in a visit to the NEK from the Senate ED Committee this past fall in Canaan, the first visit of their tour. A few parents and board members from our district were able to testify and advocate for their children's educational needs. We also had many, over 30 people, attend a forum held in Maidstone. They were able to share their stories, ask questions, gain some insight, and advocate their hopes for their children's educational needs. Your awareness, involvement, and advocacy, are vital to helping our children continue their development and growth.

We have had much support from the weighted formula, currently in use, to aide our budget outcomes. Several board members have spoken loudly about our financial need to legislative members and this has helped immensely to maintain fiscal responsibility. Our budget has been impacted by towns improved CLA' s and the added Average Daily Membership count the weighted formula provides. We have also been able to contribute funds to offset taxes yet still maintain the financial stability to encumber funds for unexpected tuitions, which happens often. School funding in Vermont is different and tough to grasp. We encourage you to reach out with questions and concerns. Our website is improving and we will continue to work on it to strive to meet your needs. Our Annual Meeting is Thursday February 24th in Maidstone at 6:00. Please attend if at all possible - in person or remotely. Check the website for the Link.

On behalf of the NEK Choice School Board: Thank You for allowing us to support your families and children. We look for your support this spring to ADVOCATE for the educational needs of our children.

Respectfully,

Miles Etter
NEK Choice Chair

Report of the Superintendent

Across 10 micro-rural communities, the NEK Choice School District proudly serves 320 students, helping families find the schools that best match each child's unique needs. Our mission—to acknowledge each student's individuality and provide school choice to ensure the most rewarding and successful educational experience—guides everything we do. Without a central campus, our focus is on connecting students to programs where they can thrive, whether in advanced academics, STEM, the arts, vocational training, or enrichment opportunities like internships and mentorships.

This year, we worked to strengthen communications with families and communities, including improvements to the NEK Choice website, making school options, enrollment steps, and resources easier to access. We also hosted well-attended community forums on legislative advocacy and the importance of school choice, giving families a voice and fostering understanding of the opportunities available to students.

In addition, NEK Choice engaged directly with state senators and representatives, sharing the district's unique challenges, highlighting our strengths, and demonstrating the strong connections we maintain with students, families, and partner schools. These conversations help ensure that policymakers recognize the value of school choice in our region.

The district continues to emphasize fiscal responsibility, accurate data reporting, and collaboration with partner schools, ensuring every student can access high-quality programs while keeping enrollment and support seamless.

Looking ahead, NEK Choice will continue to empower families, expand educational opportunities, strengthen communications, advocate for school choice, and collaborate with schools and policymakers. In our micro-rural communities, choice is opportunity—and opportunity is the foundation for a brighter future for every student.

Thank you for your continued support of the NEK Choice School District.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lawcewicz
Superintendent
Essex North Supervisory Union

Director of Student Support Report

Emily Cooney

As Director of Student Support for ENSU District, my work this year has focused on ensuring that all students receive appropriate, individualized, and timely supports so they can access their education meaningfully. A significant portion of my role involves completing required state reports and maintaining compliance with special education procedures, while also ensuring that these requirements translate into high-quality, student-centered programming. This year began with an especially high volume of referrals, evaluations, and scheduling needs. I worked closely with our school psychologist, Stephanie Wales, to coordinate testing and evaluations efficiently while meeting all required timelines. This collaboration has been an invaluable partnership and has allowed us to respond thoughtfully to student needs despite a very busy start to the year.

Currently, we are overseeing **87 students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)**, including **five students participating in a small, highly individualized life skills curriculum, 3 in therapeutic day program schools**, as well as **32 students with 504 plans**. In addition, we are actively managing **10 new referrals** at various stages of the evaluation process. I work closely with our mental health providers to support students' social, emotional, and behavioral needs, ensuring continuity of care and collaboration between school-based teams and outside agencies. A key focus of my role has been identifying and securing the best possible placements for students with diverse needs, both within the district and through collaboration with our NEK choice schools. This includes regular communication and problem-solving with NEK school staff and support teams, as well as ongoing collaboration with Beth Lemnah, Assistant Director, to ensure our choice students receive appropriate and consistent support.

Within Canaan, I work closely with my special education staff and general education teachers to personalize learning for individual students, ensuring that instructional approaches align with students' strengths and needs. Upholding and strengthening our life skills programming remains a priority, with an emphasis on small class sizes, individualized approaches, and meaningful skill development. In addition, I have focused on building community partnerships to provide students with real-world experiences that enhance learning and independence. I continue to seek out and coordinate professional development opportunities for staff across the district, with the goal of deepening our collective understanding of personalized learning, special education, and student mental health needs. This work is collaborative, ongoing, and rooted in our shared commitment to supporting all ENSU students in reaching their full potential.

I would like to thank our students, families, staff, and community partners for their continued collaboration and trust. The work we do is truly a team effort, and I am grateful for the dedication, flexibility, and care shown by everyone involved in supporting our students. It is a privilege to serve the ENSU community, and I appreciate the ongoing support that makes this work possible.

Sincerely,
Emily Cooney
Director of Student Support



Proven Expertise & Integrity

January 20, 2026

Board of Directors
NEK Choice School District
Canaan, Vermont

We were engaged by the NEK Choice School District and have audited the financial statements of the NEK Choice School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2025 financial statements:

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NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 894,381	\$ 894,381	\$ 894,381	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Intergovernmental:				
State support	6,531,757	6,531,757	6,507,374	(24,383)
Other	-	-	26,303	26,303
Interest income	1,000	1,000	8,091	7,091
Miscellaneous	-	-	20,276	20,276
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>7,427,138</u>	<u>7,427,138</u>	<u>7,456,425</u>	<u>29,287</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Regular instruction	6,116,470	6,116,470	5,917,643	198,827
Special education	96,865	96,865	115,545	(18,680)
Administrative and support services	319,422	319,422	302,555	16,867
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>6,532,757</u>	<u>6,532,757</u>	<u>6,335,743</u>	<u>197,014</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 894,381</u>	<u>\$ 894,381</u>	<u>\$ 1,120,682</u>	<u>\$ 226,301</u>

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NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,281,395
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	130,324
Prepaid items	5,249
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,416,968</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 296,286
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>296,286</u>
FUND BALANCES	
Nonspendable	5,249
Restricted	-
Committed	-
Assigned	-
Unassigned	1,115,433
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,120,682</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,416,968</u>

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NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund
REVENUES	
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 6,533,677
Interest income	8,091
Miscellaneous revenues	<u>20,276</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>6,562,044</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
Regular instruction	5,917,643
Special education	115,545
Administrative and support services	<u>302,555</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>6,335,743</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	226,301
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>894,381</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 1,120,682</u>

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NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Regular instruction -				
Tuition:				
Pre-k	\$ 54,840	\$ 54,840	\$ 81,172	\$ (26,332)
Elementary	2,385,325	2,385,325	2,722,599	(337,274)
Secondary	3,620,030	3,620,030	3,081,646	538,384
Contractual services	56,275	56,275	32,226	24,049
	<u>6,116,470</u>	<u>6,116,470</u>	<u>5,917,643</u>	<u>198,827</u>
Special education -				
Assessment	96,865	96,865	115,545	(18,680)
	<u>96,865</u>	<u>96,865</u>	<u>115,545</u>	<u>(18,680)</u>
Administrative and support services -				
Supervisory union assessment	282,592	282,592	280,967	1,625
School board	35,360	35,360	10,965	24,395
Fiscal services	1,470	1,470	10,623	(9,153)
	<u>319,422</u>	<u>319,422</u>	<u>302,555</u>	<u>16,867</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 6,532,757</u>	<u>\$ 6,532,757</u>	<u>\$ 6,335,743</u>	<u>\$ 197,014</u>

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**NEK Choice School District
2026-2027 (FY27) Preliminary**

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Approved Budget (FY29)	Proposed Budget (FY27)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Supervisory Union Assessment	297,978	314,409	16,431
Total Superintendent's Office:	297,978	314,409	16,431

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

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

REGULAR EDUCATION: PreK Tuition	# of Students			
Tuition-Location TBD PreK \$4000	14	60,000	60,000	-
Total PreK Tuition :	14	60,000	60,000	-

REGULAR EDUCATION: Elementary Tuition	# of Students			
Tuition-Location TBD New K-6	4	215,000	79,800	(135,200)
Tuition-Barnet K-6	1	21,500	26,250	4,750
Tuition-Brighton Elementary K-6	1	21,500	21,000	(500)
Tuition-Burke Town K-6	3	43,000	71,905	28,905
Tuition-Canaan K-6	12	193,500	270,900	77,400
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary K-6	7	107,500	141,539	34,039
Tuition-Concord K-6	7	86,000	167,778	81,778
Tuition-Good Shepherd K-6	5	129,000	33,071	(95,929)
Tuition-Groveton Elementary K-6	5	43,000	116,792	73,792
Tuition - Heartwood Public Charter School K-6	4	64,500	67,200	2,700
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary K-6	8	107,500	203,616	96,116
Tuition - Lunenburg School K-6	1	64,500	23,968	(40,532)
Tuition-Lupine Montessori K	1	-	7,809	7,809
Tuition-Lupine Montessori 1-4	2	43,000	17,867	(25,133)
Tuition-Lupine Montessori 5-6	1	-	9,381	9,381
Tuition-Lyndon, Town K-6	10	172,000	239,684	67,684
Tuition - MacDuffie School K-6	1	-	20,076	20,076
Tuition-Newark K-6	5	86,000	119,842	33,842
Tuition-Riverside K-6	47	967,500	943,572	(23,928)
Tuition-St. John Paul II School K-6	9	172,000	133,535	(38,465)
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School K-6	8	193,500	159,600	(33,900)
Tuition-Stratford K-6	3	43,000	72,787	29,787
Tuition-Sutton K-6	1	21,500	23,226	1,726
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens K-6	5	43,000	100,380	57,380

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Tuition-Waterford K-6	8	129,000	210,000	81,000
Tuition-Woodland Community K-6	1	-	20,076	20,076
Total Elementary Tuition :	160	2,967,000	3,301,653	334,653

REGULAR EDUCATION: Secondary Tuition (7-8/9-12)	# of Students	Approved Budget (FY26)	Proposed Budget (FY27)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Tuition-Location TBD New 7-12	12	399,500	264,600	(134,900)
Tuition-Barnet 7-8	1	23,500	26,250	2,750
Tuition-Burke Mountain Academy 7-8	1	-	10,978	10,978
Tuition-Burke Town School 7-8	1	23,500	23,968	468
Tuition-Canaan 7-8	4	122,500	100,800	(21,700)
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary 7-8	0	23,500	-	(23,500)
Tuition-Concord 7-8	2	70,500	47,937	(22,563)
Tuition - Good Shepherd School 7-8	1	47,000	6,541	(40,459)
Tuition-Groveton Middle 7-8	1	-	23,358	23,358
Tuition - Heartwood Public Charter School 7-8	2	47,000	33,600	(13,400)
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary 7-8	4	117,500	101,808	(15,692)
Tuition-Lyndon Town 7-8	4	94,000	95,873	1,873
Tuition-Newark 7-8	2	70,500	47,937	(22,563)
Tuition-Riverside 7-8	14	352,500	307,377	(45,123)
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School 7-8	1	23,500	19,950	(3,550)
Tuition-Stratford Public 7-8	2	94,000	48,525	(45,475)
Tuition-Sutton 7-8	1	-	23,226	23,226
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens 7-8	5	70,500	109,778	39,278
Tuition-Waterford 7-8	1	23,500	26,250	2,750
Tuition - Arlington School 9-12	1	70,500	22,050	(48,450)
Tuition-Burke Mountain Academy 9-12	1	23,500	21,956	(1,545)
Tuition-Canaan 9-12	4	141,000	100,800	(40,200)
Tuition-Colebrook Academy 9-12	0	47,000	-	(47,000)
Tuition-Danville 9-12	0	47,000	-	(47,000)
Tuition - East Burke School 9-12	1	23,500	21,956	(1,545)
Tuition-Groveton High 9-12	4	141,000	97,377	(43,623)
Tuition-Lyndon Institute 9-12	18	493,500	476,318	(17,182)
Tuition - North Country Union HS 9-12	2	-	43,050	43,050
Tuition-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12	44	1,127,000	1,136,520	9,520
Tuition-Vermont Academy 9-12	1	-	21,956	21,956
Tuition-White Mountain Regional 9-12	11	258,500	254,447	(4,054)
Total Secondary Tuition :	146	3,975,500	3,515,183	(460,317)
Total Pre K, Elementary & Secondary Tuition :	320	7,002,500	6,876,836	(125,664)

Total Non Special Education Services:		23,860	33,183	9,323
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**NEK Choice School District
2026-2027 (FY27) Preliminary Budget**

Total Special Education Services:		269,075	332,833	63,758
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Grand Total of NEK Choice School District		7,630,243	7,594,091	(36,152)
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Revenue Statement NEK Choice School District	Approved Revenue (FY26)	Est. Revenue (FY27)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Prior Year Surplus	-	-	-
Education Fund	7,629,243	7,473,091	(156,152)
US Forest Grant	-	-	-
Prior Year Surplus/Deficit	-	120,000	-
Interest	1,000	1,000	-
Total Revenue:	7,630,243	7,594,091	(156,152)

District: Northeast Kingdom Choice USD		U065			Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$8,849 of spending per pupil
SU: Essex North		Essex County			\$8,849 <-- See bottom note	1.00
FY25 was the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY23 & FY24. LTWADM are the new counts to use.					12,154	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	
1.	Adopted or warned union district budget (including special programs and full technical center expenditures)	\$6,866,796	\$6,532,757	\$7,630,243	\$7,594,091	
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at union district meeting	-	-	-	-	
3.	Adopted or warned union district budget plus articles	\$6,866,796	\$6,532,757	\$7,630,243	\$7,594,091	
4.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	
5.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	
6.	Total Union Expenditures	\$6,866,796	\$6,532,757	\$7,630,243	\$7,594,091	
7.	S.U. assessment (included in union budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in union expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	
Revenues						
9.	Union revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, federal, etc.)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$121,000	
10.	Total offsetting union revenues	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$121,000	
11.	Education Spending	\$6,865,796	\$6,531,757	\$7,629,243	\$7,473,091	
12.	Northeast Kingdom Choice USD pupils	296.66	520.24	539.03	586.75	
13.	Education Spending per Pupil	\$23,143.65	\$12,424.31	\$14,153.65	\$12,736.41	
14.	minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per pupil	-	-	-	-	
15.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$66,446 for an individual (per pupil)	-	-	-	-	
16.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per pupil)	-	-	-	-	
17.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per pupil)	-	-	-	-	
18.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per pupil)	-	-	-	-	
19.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)	-	-	-	-	
20.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per pupil)	-	-	-	-	
21.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per pupil)	-	-	-	-	
22.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	-	
23.	plus Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$22,204	threshold = \$23,193	threshold = \$15,926	threshold = \$16,470	
24.	plus Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	\$15,926.00	\$16,470.00	
25.	plus Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$23,144	\$12,424	\$14,154	\$12,736.41	
26.	Union spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	149.865% based on yield \$9,443	125.587% based on yield \$9,785	164.654% based on \$8,596	143.931% based on \$8,849	
27.	Anticipated equalized union homestead tax rate to be prorated [\$12,736.41 + (\$8,849 / \$1.00)]	\$1.4987 based on \$1.00	\$1.2559 based on \$1.00	\$1.6465 based on \$1.00	\$1.4393 based on \$1.00	
28.	Tax rate "cent discount" (FY25-FY29) adjusted by statewide adjuster of 70.33%	-	-	-	-	
29.	Cent discount adjusted anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate	-	-	-	\$1.4393	
Prorated homestead union tax rates for members of Northeast Kingdom Choice USD						
		FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY27 Pe
T021	Bloomfield	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T035	Brunswick	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T064	East Haven	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T083	Granby	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T088	Guildhall	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T108	Kirby	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T111	Lemington	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T118	Maidstone	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T144	Norton	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T216	Victory	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
30.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated from Northeast Kingdom Choice USD [((\$12,736.41 + \$12,154) x 2.00%)]	2.64% based on 2.00%	2.46% based on 2.00%	2.33% based on 2.00%	2.10% based on 2.00%	
Prorated union income cap percentage for members of Northeast Kingdom Choice USD						
		FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY27 Pe
T021	Bloomfield	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T035	Brunswick	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T064	East Haven	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T083	Granby	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T088	Guildhall	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T108	Kirby	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T111	Lemington	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T118	Maidstone	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T144	Norton	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T216	Victory	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%

- Using the revised December 1, 2025 Education Fund Outlook FY27 forecast, the FY27 education fund need results in a property yield of \$8,849 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$12,154 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.785. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

NEK CHOICE ESTIMATED TAX RATES FY27

ESTIMATED Tax Rates for FY27 with Variance to FY26 Tax Rates	FY26	Estimated FY27	Variance
Total Budget	\$7,630,243	\$7,594,091	-\$36,152
Local Revenues	\$1,000	\$121,000	\$120,000
Education Spending	\$7,629,243	\$7,473,091	-\$156,152
Equalized Pupils	539.03	586.75	47.72
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$14,154	\$12,736	-\$1,418
Dollar Equivalent Yield (Tax Commissioner's Recommendation)	\$8,596	\$8,849	\$253
NEK Choice Towns Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.6465	\$1.4393	-\$0.2072

NEK Choice Towns	Actual FY26 Tax Rate	FY27 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	FY27 Estimated Tax Rate	Variance
Bloomfield	1.1123	144.68%	0.9948	-0.1175
Brunswick	1.2133	136.95%	1.0508	-0.1625
East Haven	1.6300	83.89%	1.7155	0.0855
Granby	1.6615	85.84%	1.6765	0.0150
Guildhall	1.2528	134.74%	1.0681	-0.1847
Kirby	1.1620	136.76%	1.0523	-0.1097
Lemington	1.6651	90.99%	1.5816	-0.0835
Maidstone	1.1451	119.51%	1.2042	0.0591
Norton	1.3989	101.22%	1.4218	0.0229
Victory	1.8129	95.69%	1.5039	-0.3090

Current FY26 NEK Student Population by Town & Grade

NEK Choice Town	Pre-K	K-6	7-12	Total
Bloomfield	2	18	6	26
Brunswick	0	4	3	7
East Haven	1	18	25	44
Granby	0	0	0	0
Guildhall	0	25	16	41
Kirby	10	69	65	144
Lemington	0	1	4	5
Maidstone	0	9	8	17
Norton	2	4	5	11
Victory	0	3	5	8
Total for District	15	151	137	303

SCHOOL YEAR 25-26 NEK CHOICE SCHOOLS AND ENROLLMENT COUNT

<u>NEK CHOICE SCHOOL</u>	<u>ENROLLMENT</u>
Arlington School	2
Balch Nature School	1
Barnet Elementary	1
Brighton Elementary	2
Burke Mountain Academy	2
Burke Town School	4
Canaan Elementary	13
Canaan High School	8
Colebrook Elementary	5
Concord Graded/Middle	9
Good Shepherd Catholic School	7
Groveton Elementary	5
Groveton High School	5
Heartwood Public School	6
Kids of the Kingdom	2
Lancaster Elementary	12
Little Dipper Doodles	1
Lunenburg School	1
Lyndon Institute	20
Lupine Montessori	4
Lyndon Town School	14
MacDuffie School	1
Newark Street School	7
NEKLS	1
North Country Union High School	2
Riverside School	66
Seven Hills	1
Spectrum Services	1
St. John Paul II School	9
St. Johnsbury Academy	43
St. Johnsbury School	11
Stratford Public School	5
Sutton School	1
Thaddeus Stevens School	9
Vermont Academy	1
VLACs	1
Waterford Elementary	7
White Mountain Regional	11
White River Valley School	1
Woodland Community School	1

Total # of Schools 40

Total # of Students 303

**Essex North Supervisory Union
2026-2027 (FY27) Proposed Budget**

Expenditures SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Approved Budget (FY26)	Proposed Budget (FY27)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Superintendent Salary	\$124,260	\$126,260	\$2,000	\$63,130	\$63,130		
Treasurer Stipend	\$1,890	\$1,890	\$0	\$945	\$945		
Business Administrator Salary	\$85,000	\$87,000	\$2,000	\$43,500	\$43,500		
Salary (AP/Admi Assist/PR/HR)(1.80 FTE)	\$96,096	\$106,122	\$10,026	\$53,061	\$53,061		
Benefits	\$158,667	\$174,462	\$15,795	\$87,231	\$87,231		
Advertising	\$900	\$500	(\$400)	\$250	\$250		
Audit Services	\$22,000	\$28,300	\$6,300	\$14,150	\$14,150		
Contracted Services	\$27,047	\$27,458	\$411	\$17,916	\$9,542		
Dues & Fees-Registrations/Memberships	\$14,300	\$16,000	\$1,700	\$8,000	\$8,000		
General Supplies/Books/Misc.	\$4,400	\$4,600	\$200	\$2,300	\$2,300		
Legal Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500		
Postage	\$2,500	\$2,600	\$100	\$1,300	\$1,300		
Prof/OLT Liab. Insurance	\$10,500	\$10,000	(\$500)	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Repairs/Maintenance	\$3,500	\$1,000	(\$2,500)	\$500	\$500		
Software	\$23,100	\$24,000	\$900	\$12,000	\$12,000		
Telephone/Internet	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500		
Travel Expenses	\$6,000	\$5,500	(\$500)	\$2,750	\$2,750		
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Total Supervisory Union Expenditures:	\$596,160	\$631,692	\$35,532	\$320,033	\$311,659	\$0	\$0

Expenditures TRANSPORTATION	Approved Budget (FY26)	Proposed Budget (FY27)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Bus Service-Student Transportation Cont.	\$239,400	\$251,280	\$11,880	\$0	\$251,280		
Bus Service-Athletic Transportation, Cont.	\$30,000	\$0	(\$30,000)	\$0	\$0		
Bus Service-Field Trips Trans., Cont.	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$12,000		
Bus Service-CTE Transportation	\$10,000	\$5,000	(\$5,000)	\$0	\$5,000		
Total Transportation Expenditures:	\$289,400	\$268,280	-\$21,120	\$0	\$268,280	\$0	\$0

Expenditures NON SPECIAL ED	Approved Budget (FY26)	Proposed Budget (FY27)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Salaries-Dir./Asst Dir./Subs	\$99,741	\$107,228	\$7,487	\$26,356	\$80,872		
Benefits-Dir./Asst Dir./Subs	\$13,315	\$16,247	\$2,932	\$6,577	\$9,670		
Contracted Serv.-504s -Deaf/PT/OT/SP/Vis.	\$10,000	\$5,000	(\$5,000)	\$0	\$5,000		
General Supplies/D& F-504 Students	\$2,000	\$500	(\$1,500)	\$250	\$250		
Total Non Special Ed Services:	\$125,056	\$128,975	\$3,919	\$33,183	\$95,792	\$0	\$0

Expenditures SPECIAL EDUCATION / SERVICES	Approved Budget (FY26)	Proposed Budget (FY27)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Salaries-Dir./Asst Dir./Teach./Ad. Asst./Paras	\$762,396	\$737,471	(\$24,925)	\$95,121	\$630,995		\$11,355
Benefits-Director/Asst/Teachers/Paras	\$470,737	\$417,102	(\$53,635)	\$39,741	\$370,916		\$6,445
Advertising	\$700	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$700		
Contracted Ser.-(IDEA-B & IDEA PreK Grant)	\$165,260	\$165,260	\$0	\$82,630	\$82,630		
Contracted Serv.-PT/OT/SP/Vis./Deaf/PD	\$923,645	\$1,009,865	\$86,220	\$991,845	\$18,020		
Dues & Registrations	\$8,430	\$8,430	\$0	\$1,990	\$6,440		
Equipment	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$1,470	\$1,530		
General Supplies/Books/Software	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$0	\$4,156	\$8,844		
Postage	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$98	\$102		
Transport.-Out of District Placements	\$121,500	\$82,900	(\$38,600)	\$62,500	\$20,400		
Travel-Director/Asst Director	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$500	\$735	\$2,265		
Tuition-Out of Dist. Place./ Tuition	\$661,445	\$538,445	(\$123,000)	\$412,445	\$126,000		
Total Special Education Expenditures:	\$3,132,813	\$2,979,373	(\$153,440)	\$1,692,731	\$1,268,842	\$0	\$17,800

Expenditures GRANTS/Medicaid Funds	Approved Budget (FY26)	Proposed Budget (FY27)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Salaries	\$239,662	\$221,048	(\$18,614)	\$46,166	\$174,882		
Benefits	\$144,509	\$132,709	(\$11,800)	\$24,636	\$108,073		
Contracted Services, Supplies, Equipment	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$0	\$918	\$4,482		
Total Grant/Medicaid Expenditures:	\$389,571	\$359,157	(\$30,414)	\$71,720	\$287,437	\$0	\$0

Grand Total of All Expenditures:	\$4,533,000	\$4,367,477	-\$165,523	\$2,117,668	\$2,232,010	\$0	\$17,800
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Revenue Statement SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE/TRANSPORTATION	Revenue (FY26)	Estimated (FY27)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Transportation Aid Revenue from State	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$120,000		
Interest	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$125	\$125		
SU Assessments	\$592,910	\$621,442	\$28,532	\$314,909	\$306,533		
Transportation Assessment	\$169,400	\$148,280	(\$21,120)	\$0	\$148,280		
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$3,000	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Total Supers Office/Trans. Rev.:	\$885,560	\$899,972	\$14,412	\$320,034	\$579,938	\$0	\$0

Revenue Statement NON SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revenue (FY25)	Estimated (FY27)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Contracted Services-PD to ENSU	\$125,056	\$128,975	\$3,919	\$33,183	\$95,792		
Total Non-Special Ed Revenue:	\$125,056	\$128,975	\$3,919	\$33,183	\$95,792	\$0	\$0

Revenue Statement SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revenue (FY26)	Estimated (FY27)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
EEE Assessment from District	\$74,787	\$12,984	(\$61,803)	\$6,492	\$6,492		
EEE Grant from State	\$51,309	\$53,538	\$2,229	\$26,769	\$26,769		
Special Ed Reimbursement from District	\$1,011,916	\$1,043,858	\$31,942	\$332,833	\$693,225		\$17,800
Census Block Grant	\$1,044,644	\$1,057,194	\$12,550	\$687,176	\$370,018		
Special Ed Extraordinary Reimb. - State	\$784,897	\$646,539	(\$138,358)	\$556,831	\$89,708		
IDEA-B Grant Ages 3-21	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$80,000		
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	\$5,260	\$5,260	\$0	\$2,630	\$2,630		
Total Special Ed Revenue:	\$3,132,813	\$2,979,373	(\$153,440)	\$1,692,731	\$1,268,842	\$0	\$17,800

Revenue Statement Grants/Medicaid	Revenue (FY26)	Estimated (FY27)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
CFP Grants	\$317,111	\$316,594	(\$517)	\$53,820	\$262,774		
Medicaid Grant	\$72,460	\$42,563	(\$29,897)	\$17,900	\$24,663		
Total Grants/Medicaid Revenue:	\$389,571	\$359,157	(\$30,414)	\$71,720	\$287,437	\$0	\$0

Grand Total All Revenues:	\$4,533,000	\$4,367,477	-\$165,523	\$2,117,668	\$2,232,009	\$0	\$17,800
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To the Voters of Kirby:

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 technical assistance on emergency planning.

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



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 UVMMC that we commonly transfer overwhelmed and unable to accept, requiring us to travel longer distances such as Portsmouth, Concord NH, as well as Albany NY. We completed 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 UVMMC 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,

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"CARING FOR THE KINGDOM"

November 2025

Dear Selectboard Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Lyndon Rescue, I'm pleased to share our proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. This budget reflects our continued commitment to providing high-quality emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of the communities we serve, while planning prudently and responsibly for the future.

During the past year, Lyndon Rescue has seen significant successes. We've strengthened our staffing levels to support more interfacility transfers, ensuring that our residents receive seamless care when they need to be transported to larger regional hospitals for advanced treatment. This has helped our patients remain under the care of local professionals they trust, while also improving system-wide efficiency.

Our team has responded to an incredibly diverse range of incidents this year - from mountain biking and skiing injuries, to profoundly ill patients, to community-wide emergencies and natural disasters. Beyond emergency response, we continue to invest in prevention and education through CPR courses, car seat checks, and public outreach. We also provide event coverage, both paid and volunteer, to local schools and organizations to support community health and safety.

We're proud of the partnerships we've built with our neighboring EMS agencies and healthcare partners to strengthen the region's emergency medical system. Our organization's strength lies in our people - seven Paramedics, twelve Advanced EMTs, and eleven EMTs - who are dedicated professionals serving their communities both on and off duty. They are the backbone of Lyndon Rescue, ensuring that help is there when our communities need it most.

Financially, we continue to plan carefully. While we've adjusted our fees to reflect the true cost of service delivery, we've done so with the goal of minimizing the burden on local taxpayers. Unfortunately, like most rural EMS providers, we face significant reimbursement challenges. On average, we lose roughly 45% of what we bill for Medicare and Medicaid patients, payments that simply don't cover the cost of care. Despite these challenges, we've managed our operations responsibly and maintained strong service levels for all our towns.

We deeply appreciate your continued support and partnership in keeping our region safe and healthy. If you have any questions about this budget or our operations, please reach out to your town's representative on our Board of Directors. If they're unavailable, you're always welcome to contact me directly.

Thank you for your trust and continued investment in Lyndon Rescue's mission of *Caring for the Kingdom*.

Respectfully,

Anthony Skelton
Director of Operations - NR-AEMT

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Key Points for FY Budget Consideration

Interfacility transfers continue to grow.

- Our transfer volume has increased by nearly 4%, and these calls now make up about one-quarter of our total call volume. These transports are important for continuity of care and help keep patients within the local system as long as possible.

Reimbursement shortfalls remain a major challenge.

- We experience combined losses totaling 51% of billed costs, driven by:
 - 45% from Medicare and Medicaid fee schedule reductions
 - 4% from uninsured patients
 - 2% from patients who are unable to pay their bill

Medicare's annual Inflation Factor does not match real-world inflation.

- While Medicare increases are small and often below cost-of-living adjustments, EMS costs rise 6–10% per year, including labor, fuel, medical supplies, maintenance, and equipment.

We prioritize local 911 coverage above all else.

- Our stance remains firm: **municipal access to high-quality local EMS care is paramount.**
- Interfacility transfers are accepted when resources allow.
- We continue adjusting staffing models to meet both emergency and transfer needs while keeping 911 coverage stable.

Primary drivers of the per-capita rate increase:

- Rising cost of medical supplies
- Replacing aging or end-of-life equipment
- Competitive wages and benefits needed for paramedics, AEMTs, and EMTs
- Increases in insurance and operational expenses

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Lyndon Rescue 2026 Budget

Expenses	FY 2025	FY 2026	Percent Change	Per Capita - 2026
Operations Expenses	\$1,046,639.92	\$1,300,292.80	24.2%	\$56.82
Administration Expenses	\$345,767.18	\$388,707.27	12.4%	
Facilities Expenses	\$37,560.00	\$26,400.00	-29.7%	
Vehicle Expenses	\$120,200.00	\$130,800.00	8.8%	Per Capita - 2025
CPR, First Aid and Education Expenses	\$6,950.00	\$8,700.00	25.2%	
Total Expenses	\$1,557,117.10	\$1,854,900.07	19.1%	\$50.22
Income				
	\$1,022,500.00	\$1,250,000.00	22.2%	
Net Revenue	-\$534,617.10	-\$604,900.07	-11.6%	
Town - Lyndon	\$275,771.02	\$312,025.01	13.1%	
Town - Burke	\$82,917.13	\$93,817.76	13.1%	
Town - Sheffield	\$34,251.65	\$38,754.52	13.1%	
Town - Wheelock	\$38,118.78	\$43,130.03	13.1%	
Town - Granby	\$351.56	\$397.77	13.1%	
Town - Kirby	\$14,464.04	\$16,365.54	13.1%	
Town - Sutton	\$45,853.02	\$51,881.05	13.1%	
Town - Newark	\$29,329.86	\$33,185.69	13.1%	
Town - East Haven	\$13,560.04	\$15,342.70	13.1%	

CALEDONIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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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 Thraikill



Erin Patoine, Town Clerk
Town of Kirby
346 Town Hall Road
Lyndonville VT 05851

December 2, 2025

Dear Ms. Patoine:

Dear Members of the Kirby Selectboard,

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

“Shall the Town vote the sum of \$493 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 Kirby residents?”

We warmly invite all Kirby 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 Kirby residents was used by 97 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.

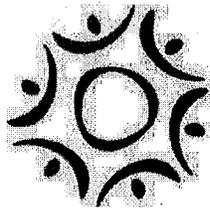
As you know, the Fairbanks Museum plays a vital role in the region’s economic, educational, and cultural life. Through our exhibits, programs, and community partnerships, we are proud to contribute to the vitality of the Northeast Kingdom and to the attraction of visitors to our area.

The Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers of the Museum are deeply grateful for Kirby’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 Kirby’s residents and uphold the town’s exceptional quality of life.

With warm regards and appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

Adam Kane, Executive Director



NKHS
Northeast Kingdom Human Services

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

November 18, 2025

Town of Kirby Select Board
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townclerk.kirbyvermont@gmail.com

RE: 2026 Town Meeting Appropriation Request and Fiscal Year 2025 Summary Report

Dear Town of Kirby 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 Kirby vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$518 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 0.55% 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, 7 lived in the Town of Kirby benefiting from 828 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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October 1, 2025

Town of Kirby
Erin Patoine
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Lyndonville, Vermont 05851

Dear Appropriations Committee,

Please include Northeast Kingdom Youth Services' appropriation request of \$250.00 on the warning for the Kirby Town Meeting.

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

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

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

Historically NEKYS has served at least 8 Kirby residents per year.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Trina LaBounty
Fiscal Officer

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Shawn Timson, Vice President/Treasurer
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Town Report Summary

2025 NEKYS Served 2 in Kirby

***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.



September 25, 2025

Town Of Kirby
Kirby Town Office
346 Town Hall Road
Kirby VT

Re: Request for town appropriations

Dear Kirby Voters,

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

Article: Shall the Town of Kirby vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$181.34 for the support of **Rural Community Transportation, Inc.** To provide services to the residents of the Town of Kirby.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2025, RCT traveled 160 miles at a total cost of \$ 286.40. 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 Kirby.

Sincerely,

Renee Stalczynski
Office Administrator

RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION

PHONE 802.748.8170 ADDRESS 1677 Industrial Pkwy, Lyndonville, VT 05851

Powers Park

December 2025

Town of Kirby
1192 VT-122
Lyndonville, VT 05851

Via email: townclerk.kirbyvermont@gmail.com

Dear Town of Kirby,

As President of the Powers Park Board, I wish to request \$1,000.00 in appropriations from the Town of Kirby during its Annual Meeting in March of 2026. The funding requested will go directly towards our operating expenses for the Summer of 2026.

I am attaching a summary of our program and Statement of financial activity to date from this past summer.

We greatly value our partnership with the Town and look forward to a successful year ahead! Please let me know if you have any questions. On behalf of the Board, thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Heather Tanner

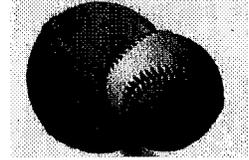
Heather Tanner
President, Village Improvement Society

Enclosure

Statement of Activity
Village Improvement Society
January 1-December 23, 2025

Distribution account	Total
Income	
Appropriations	13,700.00
Donation	
Capital Campaign	3,350.00
General Donation	15,503.86
Total for Donation	\$18,853.86
Event Income/Fundraising	4,098.10
Rental	4,915.35
Summer Program Registration	52,108.72
Total for Income	\$ 93,676.03
Gross Profit	\$93,676.03
Expenses	
Chemicals	19,847.25
Electricity	6,290.80
Event Expense	818.40
Insurance	2,007.02
Job Supplies	902.80
Legal & Professional Services	164.21
Office Supplies & Software	5,220.41
Other Business Expenses	
PortaPotty	900.00
Total for Other Business Expenses	\$36,150.89
Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	3,821.41
Wages	45,011.11
Total for Payroll Expenses	\$48,832.52
Phone and Internet	1,141.96
Repairs & Maintenance	4,899.51
Staff Certifications	650.00
Trash	752.00
Water	2,127.58
Total for Expenses	\$94,554.46
Net Operating Income	-\$878.43
Net Income	-\$878.43

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Lyndon Youth Baseball/Softball
PO Box 1146
Lyndonville, VT 05851-1146

November 10, 2025

Town of Kirby
346 Town Hall Rd
Lyndonville, VT 05851

Dear Town of Kirby,

Please find our request to be placed on the ballot for appropriations. We have also included a second page that is information about our organization.

Lyndon Youth Baseball and Softball was fully operational in 2025 and **5 children from Kirby joined us!**

LYBS held a successful Tag Day fundraiser, again joining baseball and softball to fundraise on the same weekend and kids were excited to be out in the community supporting the league. Fundraising done during the 2025 season were the VT beef jerky fundraiser, Coin Drop, Coins for Community at Whites and cook shack profit.

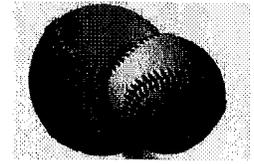
As in the year prior, the operating expenses, uniform/hat expenses, equipment expenses and food expenses continued to increase. We were able to obtain sponsors for each league, T-ball to Babe Ruth, from local businesses to offset the expense for uniforms and hats. All funds from donations, registration fees, appropriations along with fundraising were used to maintain operation and the season necessities. The biggest barrier and a large expense we incur annually is the upkeep of mowing/weed whacking as well as the need for new fencing on the property. This will cost us nearly \$75000 by being contracted out. The board has attempted to offset this by Board Members along with volunteers mowing weekly at little to no cost. This proved to be a struggle, so we will attempt to address that barrier in a fiscally responsible way while maintaining the property appropriately.

Our goal as a league is to always keep our registration fees affordable so everybody has the ability to play if they choose! To continue to do so, **we would greatly appreciate your support in the amount of \$200 for the 2026 season.** Kirby has always shown generous support of our program for which we are endlessly grateful and appreciative. Thank you for your careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Simpson - Signed Electronically

Jen Simpson
LYBS President



LYBS Overview

Lyndon Youth Baseball/Softball (LYBS) is a non-profit organization who generally serves over 400 children ages 4 to 18 every year. A typical season for LYBS runs from May into July and includes Babe Ruth teams, Little League Majors teams, Minor League teams, Coach Pitch teams, and Tee Ball teams. In addition to our regular season, we also host and attend district, state and regional All-Star tournaments in all of our major divisions (2024 LYBS hosted 16U Babe Ruth Baseball District and State resulting with Lyndon's 16U Baseball team traveled to Augusta Maine for Regionals for the fourth year in a row!). Our program operates in the vast majority by the work of more than 100 selfless individuals who volunteer countless hours.

LYBS holds practices offering skills instruction starting at the tee ball level (league age 5) and grows children's skills as they age through our programs. This year we will continue to build a new program Little League is offering for children age 4 (weekly skills). We utilize many area local fields/locations for practices and games (Fisher Field, Lyndon Institute, Northern VT University, West Burke/East Burke fields, Shonyo Park, Lyndon Town School, The Royer Family Field, Kingdom Campground Field and the Caledonia County Fairgrounds) and are appreciative of the community support offered to us.

LYBS contracts their own concessions stand at the Fisher Field location providing food and drinks to spectators and has the support of a few volunteers to keep it operating. LYBS utilizes local volunteer umpires to oversee games and all baseball and softball Managers and Coaches in our league are also volunteers. LYBS attempts to contract out annually for mowing and striping of Fisher Field and Shonyo Park.

LYBS currently operates by a 13-person active Board of Directors. The board is composed of local community members who share a passion for supporting our local children in a sport that they all love and the board currently has one open position.

We give thanks to the many devoted parents, families and friends who are actively involved in our program. Without each and every volunteer, we wouldn't be able to operate this great program.

November 15, 2025

Town of Kirby
346 TOWN HALL RD
LYNDONVILLE, VT 05851

Re: **FY2026 Appropriation Request**

Dear **Erin Patoine** and Members of the Selectboard:

The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging respectfully requests continued financial support from the Town of Kirby to assist older residents in living safely, independently, and with dignity in their own homes and communities.

In **FY2025**, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging supported **8 older adults in Kirby**, providing **11 service interactions** that connected individuals with resources such as fuel and food assistance, Medicare guidance, case management, transportation coordination, caregiver support, and evidence-based wellness programs. Through our network of nutrition partners, we also coordinated **0 home-delivered meals**, ensuring that our older neighbors received nutritious food and critical daily safety checks.

Every day, older residents of Kirby reach out to us through our **Statewide Helpline (1-800-642-5119)** seeking support during moments of need. Our staff and volunteers respond with compassion, urgency, and respect—ensuring that no older Vermonter is left without assistance.

As demand for services continues to grow and the cost of essential supports increases, the Town's partnership is vital. We respectfully request \$ 300 in municipal funding to maintain and strengthen services for older adults in Kirby.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your continued commitment to supporting your older neighbors.

Sincerely,



Meg Burmeister
Executive Director, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

Questions or Additional Information: Melinda Martin, Director of Communications & Development
mmartin@nekouncil.org • (802) 748-5182



Northern Counties
HEALTH CARE
Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice

November 28, 2026

Kirby Town Clerk
346 Town Hall Road
Kirby, VT 05851

Dear Town Clerk and Selectboard,

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

“Shall the Town of Kirby vote to appropriate \$500.00 to Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice to be used in providing health care services.”

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

Please advise if you would like me or a local member of our Board of Directors to attend the Selectboard meeting at which our warning article will be considered. If we do not hear otherwise we will assume that the above article will appear on the Warning for the March 2026 Town Meeting.

We greatly appreciate the support from your town.

Sincerely,

Treney Burgess
Director
Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice

Compassionate Care in Our Home or Yours

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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 33 visits to 3 residents of Kirby, 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 Kirby, VT

- # of residents served: 3
- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW): 25 visits
- Hospice (Nursing, Therapy, Personal Care, Respite): 8 visits

Total Visits in Kirby, VT = 33 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.nchcvt.org or call (802) 748-8116. Thank you!

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November 28, 2025

Town of Kirby
Erin Patoine
346 Town Hall Rd
Lyndonville, VT 05851

Dear Erin,

We at Umbrella thank you and your town voters for supporting our agency services in the past. We are asking for your support again to be added to the 2026 Town Meeting Warning.

Shall the Town of Kirby vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$350 for the support of Umbrella to provide services to residents of the Town?

Please find that we have sent the town report and financials with this request and we would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

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

Amanda Cochrane
Executive Director

Main Office 1330 Main St. | St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 | 802-748-1992 79
Coventry Street | Newport, VT 05855 | 802-
3340148 | www.umbrellanek.org



Activity Report for Town of Kirby
Fiscal Year 2026: July 2025 – June 2026
Town Appropriation Request: \$350

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 20 people in the Town of Kirby 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Cochrane", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Amanda Cochrane
Executive Director

Umbrella Inc. was incorporated in 1981 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose mission is:
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December 1, 2025

Town of Kirby
346 Town Hall Road
Lyndonville, VT 05851

Dear Members of the Kirby Selectboard,

NorthWoods Stewardship Center respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2026 warning for the Town Meeting:

Article: Shall the Town of Kirby vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$250.00 for the 2026 annual support of NorthWoods Stewardship Center.

NorthWoods offers widespread conservation and educational services throughout the region and is supported through the generosity of private individuals, local communities, charitable grants, and fee-for-service contracts. We provide reduced-cost educational programs (including camps, After School Programs, and natural science activities); summer Conservation Corps jobs for local youth; and a variety of practical workshops for adults throughout the year.

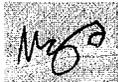
Additionally, NorthWoods hosts many programs in the Burke area – including camps and outdoor education programs. NorthWoods works closely with state recreation teams to advocate for and maintain multi-use access on public lands surrounding Kirby.

NorthWoods' Forest Stewardship staff worked with landowners in Kirby to prepare forest management plans, to recommend or implement invasive species removal projects, and to implement projects that have benefits for recreation and the environment.

NorthWoods Stewardship Center is a local organization and we invite all Kirby residents to visit NorthWoods to enjoy a ski, paddle, or nature hike or to join us for one of our youth camps or landowner education programs. This year, we improved our parking lot to welcome visitors and school groups more safely. This, in combination with the ADA compliant All Person's Trail - is an extra reason to come visit for a roll or stroll! Support from the Town of Kirby is critical to the success of these programs and *we appreciate your support!*

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

Sincerely,



Maria Young
Executive Director

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

www.northwoodscenter.org

January 8th , 2026

Town of Kirby
346 Town Hall Road
Lyndonville, VT 05851

Dear Kirby Selectboard,

As representatives of the Kirby Knotweed Action Committee, we respectfully request that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2025 warning for Kirby Town Meeting: "Shall the Town vote the sum of \$500 to continue the project to manage the spread of the invasive plant knotweed along roadsides and waterways in Kirby, to be carried out by The NorthWoods Stewardship Center?"

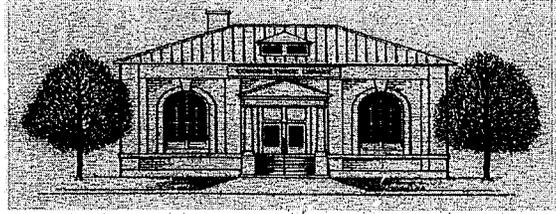
Knotweed is an invasive plant that can quickly take over, causing problems such as erosion, loss of native plant diversity, and damage to wildlife habitats. This problem is especially common along streams and roadsides. In areas where knotweed is widespread, property values can be negatively impacted, as the plant grows through cracks in concrete and pavement causing issues with infrastructure, utilities, drainage, septic systems, walls, and foundations. Knotweed spreads mainly when root and stem fragments are moved to new sites, typically through excavating, ditching, mowing, or ice flows/flooding on rivers and streams. It is difficult to control if it becomes well established, but proactive treatment of small patches can be very successful.

The project to manage the spread of knotweed in Kirby was initiated by several town residents, with support from the NorthWoods Stewardship Center, County Forester Matt Langlais, and the Town of Kirby. A protocol for roadwork was developed by NorthWoods and Matt Langlais and agreed to by the Selectboard of Kirby. This protocol includes avoiding mowing and ditching where knotweed is present; when mowing or ditching is necessary, thoroughly cleaning the machines before moving to an uninfected area, to prevent spreading fragments and causing new infestations. Recommendations for carefully managed treatment of areas of knotweed infestation were proposed by The NorthWoods Stewardship, in consultation with the State of Vermont.

Since the 2023 Town Meeting, residents have voted to support the project and accept the recommendations for the management of existing knotweed and the prevention of further spread. Led by NorthWoods, and with the help of volunteers including the scouts from Troop 007 of the NEK, the treatment began in the Summer of 2023, with the permission of landowners, and is anticipated to continue this Summer and be a 5-year project.

Sincerely,

Dana Caspersen and Melanie Finn
Kirby Knotweed Action Committee



Cobleigh Public Library
14 Depot Street, P.O. Box 147, Lyndonville, VT 05851
(802) 626-5475 / info@cobleighlibrary.org

November 19, 2025

Dear Voters of Kirby,

The Director and the Trustees of the Cobleigh Public Library would like to thank you for approving our request for funding this past year. We currently have over 200 active library card holders from Kirby, and your annual appropriation allows us to continue offering programs and services for your town and the rest of the community. For 2026, we are requesting a contribution of \$1,300, which is only \$100 more than we requested last year.

Kirby's annual contribution benefits our library in several key ways. First of all, in addition to our collection of over 35,000 physical books, we also provide access to the state and national interlibrary loan networks, and downloadable ebooks and audiobooks available through the Libby app. Likewise, we provide free public internet access (including Wi-Fi inside and outside the building), and patrons can use our public desktop computers to print, copy, and scan documents. We offer technology assistance through our weekly Tuesday Computer Class or by drop-in, and we even have ten cell-phone charging stations.

For families, we offer fun and educational programs every day of the week. Just this past summer alone, we had over 400 kids participate in our Summer Reading Program, and this fall, we are currently offering a Mahjong Club on Mondays, Dungeons & Dragons on Tuesdays/Thursdays, a virtual reality (VR) headset event on Wednesday afternoons, Chess Club on Thursdays, and a Bridge Club/French Club on Saturdays, not to mention that we have a free storytime for babies and toddlers every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Our services also help support a large number of area preschools and daycares, students in the Kingdom East School District, the Riverside School, and early education students at VTSU-Lyndon, plus our beloved "Books on Wheels" bookmobile visits several different locations in the Northeast Kingdom every day, bringing stories and smiles everywhere it goes.

The library lends a wide array of unconventional items that people might not be aware of, including snowshoes, fishing poles, board games, state park passes, museum passes, puzzles, concert tickets, and even a blood pressure cuff. All of these items are completely free, since we do not charge fines or fees for any of our resources. With town appropriations, we are able to offer these services to thousands of patrons each year. The Cobleigh Library strives to be a vital resource for everyone in the community, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the residents of Kirby. Thank you for considering our request!

Sincerely,

Director Kaitlin Wood & Cobleigh Trustees: Jessica Simpson, Paula Pearce, Sylvia Dodge, Bruce Starbuck, and Mary Thomas. Thank you, and we are wishing you well this holiday season!



December 2, 2025

Selectboard
Town of Kirby
346 Town Hall Road
Lyndonville, VT 05851

Dear Selectboard:

Thank you for the opportunity to have Catamount Arts appropriations support request included on the Town Meeting ballot for 2026.

Please consider this letter our official request to have the following article appear on the ballot:

Catamount Film and Arts, 115 Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819, respectfully requests the voters of the Town of Kirby, Vermont, an appropriation for 2026 in the amount of \$500 to be approved at the annual Town Meeting.

Under your watchful care, the Town of Kirby has become a positive model for how a town can and should encourage the Arts. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ashley Van Zandt
Director of Development and Communications

Jody Fried
Executive Director

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December 2, 2025

Select Board, Town of Kirby
c/o Erin Patoine, Town Clerk/Treasurer
346 Town Hall Rd.
Lyndonville, VT 05851

Dear Select Board of Kirby:

The Community Restorative Justice Center respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2026 warning for the Kirby Town Meeting:

Shall the Town vote the sum of \$250 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 and programs for cases referred directly from law enforcement, the State's Attorney, and from Probation and Parole. Cases that go through the CRJC have a 32% reduction in recidivism. In the last fiscal year, the CRJC held one reparative panel that allowed for reparations from a responsible party to the victim of their crime. Five more Kirby residents received services through the Court Diversion programs. Appropriations from the Town of Kirby would also give technical support to mediation referrals, other crime victim services as requested. The CRJC mission states that we are *committed to providing a safe environment for neighbors and parties to resolve conflict in our communities, to restore relationships, and to take responsibility to repair harms caused. We promote the principles of victim-informed restorative justice that transforms practices in workplace, school, institution, and living spaces throughout Caledonia and southern Essex Counties.*

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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



"The biggest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."

~ Robert Swan, Explorer

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Appropriation Request Letter

Oct. 15, 2025

Dear Residents of Kirby

Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. The stats above show the continued success of keeping litter off our roadways and out of waterways. Our businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued and our healthy way of life cherished.

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

As Green Up rolls into our 56th year, we are again requesting the level funding support of a \$50.00 appropriation.

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

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

For 2026 we are planning an innovation challenge called *greenSTEM* for all Vermont students grades 7 to 12. Our goal is to promote creative thinking and action for environmental solutions. We look forward to sharing results.

Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day May 2, 2026**

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

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

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

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

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 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

2026 NEKWMD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 5	Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection by appointment in Lyndonville begins
MAY 9	Maidstone HHW Collection, Town Hall, 508 VT RT 102 8am-12pm
MAY 16	Corinth HHW Collection, Corinth Transfer Station 8am-12pm
MAY 16	Guildhall Bulky Day, 5635 VT RT 102 (Highway Salt Shed, Guildhall) 8am-12pm
MAY 23	Jay HHW Collection, Jay/Troy Recycling Center 8am-12pm
MAY 23	Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30am-1pm
MAY 29 & 30	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD facility Lyndonville, Appointment required
JUNE 6	Derby HHW Collection, Derby Recycling Center, 9am-1pm
JUNE 13	Brunswick Bulky Day, Brunswick Town Offices, 8am-12pm
JUNE 20	Glover HHW Collection, Glover Recycling Center, 8am-12pm
JUNE 27	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Hatchery Brook Rd., Averill, 8am-12pm
JULY 18	Maidstone Bulky Day, 1342 RT102 Maidstone 8am-12pm
AUGUST 1	Unified Towns and Gores Bulky Day, Rte. 105 UTG Building, Ferdinand, 8am-12pm
AUGUST 8	Danville HHW Collection, Danville Recycling Center 8am-12pm
AUGUST 15	Waterford HHW Collection, Waterford Transfer Station, 8am-12pm
AUGUST 22	Barnet HHW Collection, Barnet Transfer Station, 8am-12pm
SEPTEMBER 4 & 5	Sutton Bulky Days, NEKWMD facility Lyndonville, Appointment required
SEPTEMBER 12	Bloomfield Bulky Day, VT Route 102 Bloomfield, 8am-12pm
SEPTEMBER 19	Cabot Bulky Day, Cabot Recycling Center, 8am-12pm
SEPTEMBER 26	HHW Collection, NEKWMD Office, No appointment necessary, 8am-2pm
OCTOBER 1	HHW Collection by appointment in Lyndonville ends
OCTOBER 3	Albany Bulky Day, Albany Transfer Station, 8:30-1pm
OCTOBER 17	Brunswick Bulky Day, Brunswick Town Offices, 8am-12pm
<p>For information on these events and others, contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District at (802) 626-3532, 800-734-4602, by e-mail at adminasst@nekwmd.org or check the updated calendar of events at www.nekwmd.org</p>	

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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St. Johnsbury Local Health Office Annual Report: 2025

There are twelve Local Health Offices in Vermont, linking communities to the Department of Health. The St. Johnsbury office covers towns in Caledonia, Southern Essex, and parts of Orange counties. Below are some highlights from 2025. For more details, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/st-johnsbury. If you need help accessing or understanding this information, contact AHS.VDHStJohnsbury@Vermont.gov.

Supporting Children and Families



- Supported more than 750 of our pregnant neighbors, infants and children under the age of 5 each month in our WIC program. WIC offers healthy foods, breastfeeding help, nutrition advice and links to community programs.
- Joined community partners at events that provided educational, recreational, healthcare and social connection opportunities for children, youth and families.
- Partnered with Salvation Farms to provide free seasonal produce to families.
- Hosted the infant comfort station at the Caledonia County Fair, providing a clean and quiet space for breastfeeding, diaper changing and other family needs.

Resilient and Responsive

- Vaccinated uninsured and underinsured children and adults for flu, COVID and other infectious diseases.
- Provided guidance to daycares, schools, healthcare facilities and individuals on how to limit the spread of disease, prevent and respond to outbreaks, and enhance health across the lifespan.
- Held Emergency Preparedness Neighbor Up! Nights with the Medical Reserve Corps and the St. Johnsbury Community HUB. Here we shared strategies for how to be ready for future emergencies like floods, storms and other unexpected events, providing “go-kits” for community members to take home.



Working Together to Build Healthier Communities



- Participated in our region’s accountable health community, NEK Prosper!, and supported initiatives like the Gear Lending Library and the collaborative Community Health Needs Assessment.
- Our staff served on boards, advisory panels and executive committees of community organizations such as: kuRRve, NKHS, Northeast Vermont Prevention Consortium, Northeastern Vermont Prevention Coalition, NEK Community Advisory Board of BC/BS of Vermont.



HealthVermont.gov/local/st-johnsbury
802-748-5151





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 
SERVICE AVAILABLE

1,055 
MILES OF NETWORK

1,902 
CUSTOMERS SERVED



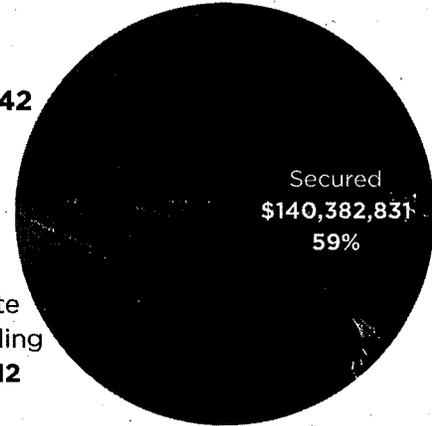
BUILDING CAPACITY

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.

TOTAL FUNDING

BEAD
\$66,658,142
29%

BEAD State
Match Funding
\$27,525,112
12%



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	\$30,004,847	\$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

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.

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), a statewide program, is currently administered by VT Economic Services. Income challenged Vermonters can print an application from their website (VSNIP) or call for an application: 802-241-0589

In October 2025, the state began a wait list for vouchers, lacking funds. Vouchers issued for VSNIP is now determined according to the funds appropriated for the program for that fiscal year. Vermonters called Governor Scott asking for \$300,000.00. As one senator said, "that was a pittance amount". When our (VT Volunteer Services for Animals; VVSA) statewide program was moved to the state to assure viability, a \$4.00 fee added to the registration of dogs funded VSNIP. Currently, if there are no available VSNIP vouchers at the time the Department receives an application, the applicant is placed on a waitlist. However, our animals can't wait.

PLEASE CONSIDER: LOW COST SPAY NEUTER CLINICS IN VT & NH

Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793: Schedule on FFFVT.org

Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden County 802-923-9028

Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793 Schedule on FFFVT.org

Homeward Bound: Addison County Humane Society "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: in West Windsor: 802-484-5829

Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter Orleans: 802-754-2228 Cats only

Riverside Rescue, Lunenburg: 802-524-9550

Rutland CTY Humane Society: 802-483-6700; Spay the "Mom" for free, kittens adopted.

Second Chance Animal Center: Shaftsbury 802-375-2898

Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc: Littleton, NH 603-259-3244

Springfield Humane Society: Springfield 802-885-3997

Sullivan CTY Humane Society: Claremont, NH 603-542-3277

Upper Valley Humane Society: Enfield NH 603-448-6888

Windham CTY Humane Society: Brattleboro 802-254-2232

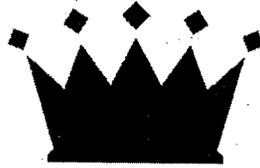
VT-CAN: Middlesex 802-223-0034

N.E. Kingdom Spay Neuter Program: Orleans Essex CTY 802-334-7393

** Community Animal Aid Wellness Clinic: (No surgeries) Exams, vaccinations, parasite treatment, minor illnesses, wounds & injuries. 1X monthly: E. Barre Fire Station 2nd Saturday of the month. 10 AM – Noon animalaidvt@gmail.com 802-734-025

VVSA drafted modifications to help serve VSNIP applicants: adding rabbits, slightly increasing the co-payment and the dog registration fee to VSNIP running. We now know there was never an intention of passing this bill. One senator said, very frankly, "no one was going to support this bill, that they were telling us to your face they would, but would not".

Economic Services Commissioner: Miranda Gray, VT-CAN: Pamela Krauz, owner, and Dept of Agriculture spoke to the Committee objecting to these changes, supported by applicants and VSNIP veterinarians. Senators Alison Clarkson, Joe Major and Becca White knew the bill Clarkson "sponsored" was pre-determined to die. Politics at its worst. Hopefully VSNIP will survive. VVSA Humane Society, former administrator and originator, thanks to Lynn Murrell, DVM and the 80 initial participating offices that changed the euthanasia "solution" to the overpopulation in our state. You are the backbone of this program. Thank you all, sincerely.



KINGDOM TRAILS

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Dear Kirby Community Members,

Kingdom Trails remains dedicated to our mission of providing world-class recreation while serving as a responsible steward of the land and a supportive partner to our community. This past year we opened an exciting new trail, we also rerouted some un-sustainable sections of trail throughout the network in addition to conducting our routine maintenance.

We welcomed visitors from around the country and around the world, we offered opportunities for youth to gain skills and give back through trail work days, we provided opportunities to gather together, and opportunities for silent reflection. Our trail network is an important community asset and we are committed to its stewardship.

Looking ahead, we want to focus our resources on projects that improve connectivity and move trail users off town roads and onto safer, more enjoyable trails.

2026 Priorities:

- **Improving connectivity and reducing bike traffic on roads:** We are identifying and prioritizing new trail segments specifically designed to bypass busy stretches of road, significantly reducing the mileage riders must spend sharing space with vehicular traffic. The result will increase safety and provide a better experience for riders and drivers.
- **Extreme-weather Resilience:** We continue to transition toward sustainable trail designs that manage water effectively, protecting the natural environment and enhancing the trail-user experience.
- **Community Engagement**
 - **Community Chats:** We invite all residents to join us for our **Community Chats**, hosted by various **local businesses** and moderated by our Interim Executive Director, **Georgia Gould**. These informal gatherings are a vital space for transparent communication, allowing us to share updates, answer questions and listen to your feedback. Upcoming Chat dates can be found on the events page of the Kingdom Trails website.

We are deeply grateful to our private landowners and the residents of the town of Kirby. Your generosity allows this regional economic driver to flourish while preserving the rural character of our home. We look forward to another year of working together to make our trail network a safe and vibrant resource for all.

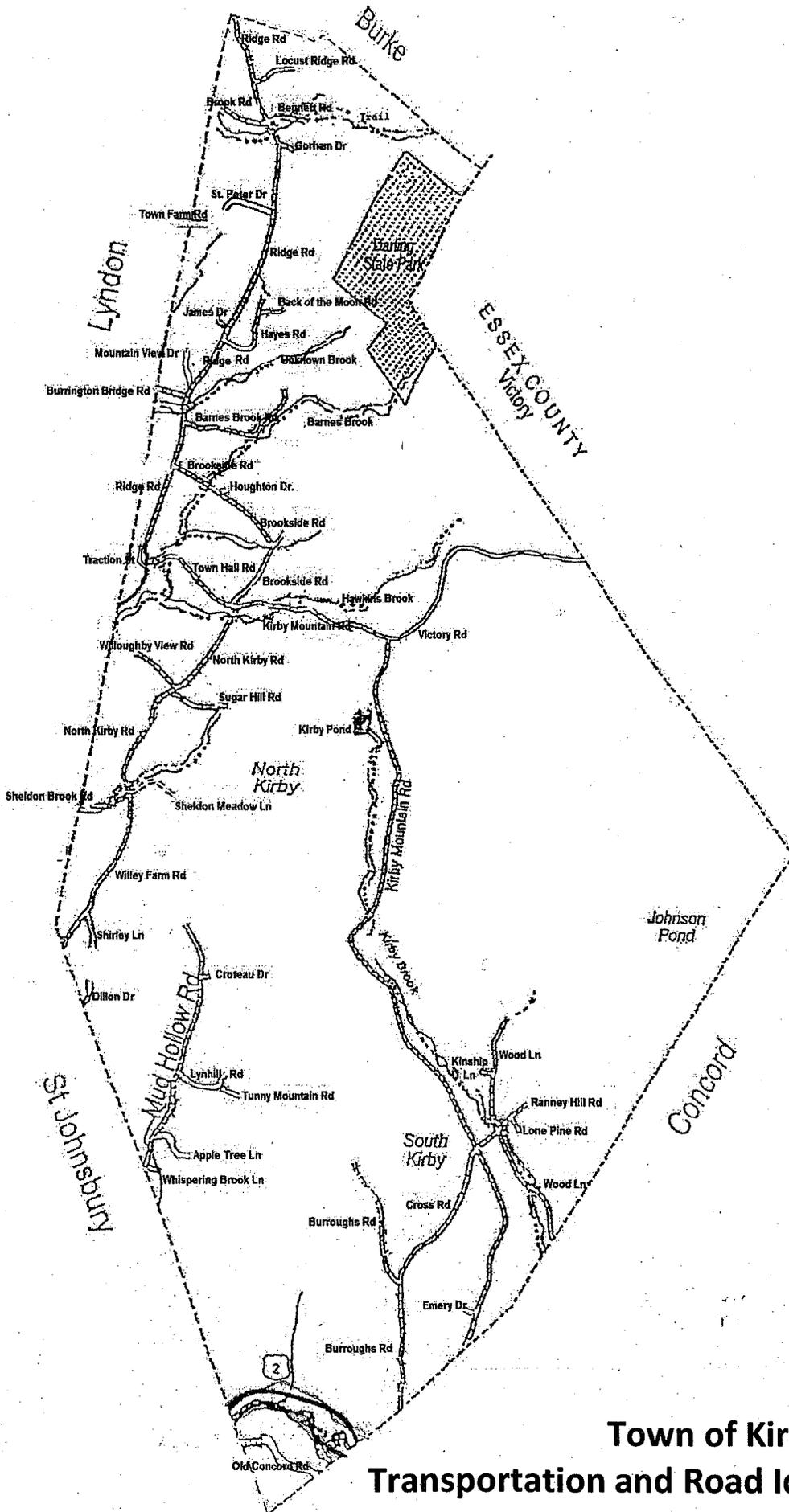
Thank you,

Georgia Gould (Interim Executive Director) on behalf of the KTA Team and Board of Directors



The Kirby Quilters have not been holding meetings nor have they been engaged in quilt making this past year. They do still assemble Kirby Cheer Bags in December, and are joined by wonderful townspeople (new members and Deb Dolgin came to help!).

If you would like to participate in cheer bag day, please keep an eye on the Kirby Community Facebook page for event details.



CLASS	ROAD NAMES
3-4	Apple Tree Ln (18)
Private	Back of the Moon Rd
3	Barnes Brook Rd (6)
4/Trail	Bennett Rd (3)
3	Brook Rd (2)
3	Brookside Rd (7)
3	Burrington Bridge Rd (5)
3	Burroughs Rd (23, 24)
3	Cross Rd (24)
3	Croteau Dr (16)
3	Dillon Dr (14)
3	Emery Dr. (34)
3	Gorham Dr (32)
3	Hayes Rd (31)
3	Houghton Dr. (33)
Private	James Dr
3	Kinship Ln (27)
3	Kirby Mtn Rd (25, 29)
3	Locust Ridge Rd (28)
3	Lone Pine Rd (22)
3-4	Lynhill Rd (17)
Private	Mountain View Dr.
3	Mud Hollow Rd (15)
3	North Kirby Rd (10)
4	Old Concord Rd (26)
3	Ranney Hill Rd (21)
2	Ridge Rd (State Aid 1)
3	Sheldon Brook Rd (12)
4	Sheldon Meadow Ln (13)
4	Shirley Ln (14)
Private	St Peter Dr
Private	Sugar Hill Rd
Private	Town Farm Rd
3	Town Hall Rd (29)
3(4)	Traction St (30)
Private	Tunny Mountain Rd
4	Victory Rd (9)
Private	Whispering Brook Ln
3	Willey Farm Rd (10)
3	Willoughby View Rd (11)
3-4	Wood Ln (19, 20, 29)

ROAD MILEAGE	
Class 2:	4.010
Class 3:	20.170
Class 4:	3.790
State Highway:	0.967
Trail:	.750
Total Miles:	29.687

**Town of Kirby
Transportation and Road Identification Map**

NOTES

