

2025

ANNUAL REPORT



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Willey's Sugarhouse
on Sugar House Road**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**PLEASE HAVE THIS REPORT WITH YOU FOR
THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Monday, March 2, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

2026

Informational Meeting

(Time: March 2, 2026 06:30 PM Eastern Time) (US and Canada)

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NEW TOWN GARAGE



The Town Garage is moving along well, most of the site work and concrete work was completed in 2025. The structure is currently being built, as that is being completed we will start the interior work. This will include the plumbing, electrical, and mechanical work. As we get further into the spring and summer the remaining exterior work will be completed. Once the building is complete, we will start moving operations from the old garage to the new garage.

The Sand/Salt Shed will be going out to bid in March and we are anticipating this structure will be constructed and completed by fall of 2026.

FLOOD DAMAGE 2025

CALENDAR BROOK ROAD



CALENDAR BROOK ROAD



MARSHALL NEWLAND ROAD



MARSHALL NEWLAND ROAD



NEWARK STREET



NEWARK STREET



CARTER ROAD



CARTER ROAD



2023 FLOOD



BROOK ROAD BRIDGE 2023

BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION



COMPLETED BROOK ROAD BRIDGE 2025



**TOWN OF BURKE WARNING
TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2026**

The legal voters of the Town of Burke are hereby warned and notified to meet, Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. for an Informational Meeting to discuss articles to be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 AUSTRALIAN BALLOT (ARTICLES 1 - 29). VOTING WILL BE IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE 212 SCHOOL STREET, WEST BURKE FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. ALL ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.

Australian Ballot - Articles 1 - 29 - Polls will be open Tuesday, March 3, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. in the Community Building at Town Clerk's Office at 212 School Street, West Burke VT.

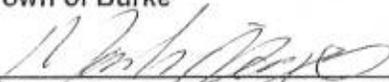
**TOWN OF BURKE ANNUAL MEETING
March 3, 2026**

1. Shall the voters of Burke accept the Town Report?
2. Shall the voters of Burke authorize the Selectboard to have all taxes paid into the Treasury as provided by law and if so, to establish Friday, November 6, 2026 by 4:00 p.m. as the due date?
3. Shall the voters of Burke vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of revenues?
4. To elect all necessary Town Officers as required by law (Australian Ballot)
 - Town Moderator Selectperson
 - Constable Agent to Convey Real Estate
5. Shall the voters of Burke vote to accept the proposed 2026 Town Budget Of \$3,309,180.87 for the ensuing year to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate to provide the same?
6. Shall the Town of Burke establish a reserve fund to be called the Capital Road Projects reserve fund to be used for future road projects in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?
7. Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to fund the Capital Road Projects reserve fund?

8. Shall the Town of Burke establish a reserve fund to be called the Village Infrastructure reserve fund to support the villages public safety in accordance with 24 V.S.A § 2804?
9. Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to fund the Village Infrastructure reserve fund?
10. Shall the Town of Burke establish a Town Forest Expense reserve fund to be used for infrastructure expenses for the town forests in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?
11. Shall the town appropriate the unexpended funds from the Conservation Commission Budget into the Town Forest Expense reserve fund?
12. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to The East Burke Volunteer Fire Brigade?
13. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to the West Burke Volunteer Fire Department?
14. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$93,817.76 to Lyndon Rescue, Inc?
15. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,250.00 to help support the services of Caledonia Home Health Care?
16. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the services of Catamount Arts?
17. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Cobleigh Public Library?
18. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,571.00 for the operation of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium?
19. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the support of the Kingdom Animal Shelter?
20. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball?

21. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging?
22. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.?
23. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.?
24. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?
25. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the NorthWoods Stewardship Center?
26. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to Powers Park/Village Improvement Society?
27. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 to RCT (Rural Community Transportation, Inc.)?
28. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to Umbrella Inc.?
29. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to Burke Fire District #1?

Selectboard for the
Town of Burke



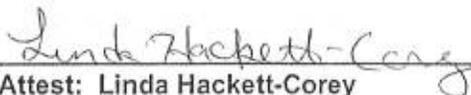
Mark Daigle, Selectboard Chairman



Gerald (Jerry) Booth, Selectboard Member



Joseph Allard, Selectboard Member



Attest: Linda Hackett-Corey
Town Clerk
January 30, 2026

BURKE TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED		TERM ENDS	PHONE
Town Clerk	Linda Hackett-Corey	2027.....	802-467-3717
Treasurer	Cathi Feeley	2027.....	802-467-3717
Delinquent Tax Collector	Cathi Feeley	2027... ..	802-467-3717
Trustee of Public Funds	Cathi Feeley	2027.....	802-467-3717
Moderator	Jennifer Barone	2026.....	802-535-2268
Select Board			
	Mark Daigle (Chair)	2028.....	802-535-9733
	Jerry Booth	2027.....	802-839-0266
	Joseph Allard	2026.....	802-535-4520
First Constable	Will Garfield	2026.....	802-745-7964
Agent to Convey Real Estate Select Board		2026.....	802-467-3717
Assessors	New England Municipal Consultants.....2026 Bill Krajeski – Owner Matthew Krajeski, Assessor Kresten Sterling, Assistant John Guerton, Assistant		

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	Gail Weed	802-535-5698
Health Officer(3 years) 2028	Joe Allard	802-535-4520
Town Administrator	Jim Sullivan.....	978-846-0467
NEK Community Broadband (CUD)	Patricia Vanderhoop	
2026	Paiva.....	802-274-7282
2026	Brian Pilcher.....	603-568-9482

PLANNING COMMISSION	TERM ENDS	PHONE NUMBER
Jennifer McKenna	2028	802-291-6742
Lynn Norris	2028	802-467-1029
Jim Sullivan (Secretary)	2027	978-846-0467

Keith Clark	2027	.....802-467-1042
Zoe Gascon (Chair)	2028	..... 802-535-7475
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)		
Ed Guest	2026	.....571-247-6577
Nikki Peters	2028	.....802-473-2690
Rodney Machell, Chair	2027	.....802-535-7497
Eleanor Kenworthy, Vice Chair	2027	.....802-238-7249
Scott Chappell	2028	.....802-626-3165
Frank Cuccia	2028	.....508-367-8865
Jennifer Barone	2026	.....802-535-2268
Secretary – Linda Corey		
BURKE CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Cathie Wheeler	2026	.....802-626-5029
Elise Lawson,(Chair/Vice)	2026	.....603-444-9806
Chris Manges	2027	.....802-467-1109
Brandon Mapes	2028	.....970-389-5743
Lindley van der Linde	2028	.....802-535-2375
Dusty Labarr (resigned)	2028	.....970-215-4935
Hank Butler	2027	.....802-467-3987
Diane Wells,(Vice/Chair)	2029	.....802-274-7698
Curt Busto	2028	.....203-241-0341
TOWN FOREST SUBCOMMITTEE		
Hank Butler	2026	.....802-467-3987
Sara Bresnick	2026	.....617-470-8448
Don Hale	2027	.....802-467-8841
Dusty Labar (Resigned)	2027	.....970-215-4935
Brandon Mapes (Resigned)	2027	.....970-389-5743
Cliff Pierce	2027	.....860-614-6698
Elise Lawson	2028	.....603-444-9806
Diane Wells (Chair)	2028	.....802-274-7698
Robert Gondar	2028	.....802-467-3292
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR		
Mike Harris	2028	.....802-376-3706
CEMETERY SEXTON		
Ricky Hackett	2026	.....802-467-8316
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		
Candace Dane	2026	.....802-535-7109
FENCE VIEWERS		
Tom Blake	2026	.....802-467-3349
George Wagner Sr.	2026	.....802-467-1122
TREE WARDEN		
Select-Board	2026	.....603-915-3336
FIRE WARDEN		
Wayne Greer	2026	.....802-626-5484

JUSTICE'S OF THE PEACE

Term Begins February 1, 2025

Republican elected at General Election

Susan Carr 802-626-8608
John Kascenska 802-274-4112

Independent elected at General Election

Wendy Bean 978-846-0468
Kathleen Feeley 802-467-3717
Joel Gilbert 802-626-4565
Joan Harlowe 802-467-3701
Anthony (Tony) Demasi 802-467-1295 Deceased

These terms will expire January 31, 2027

FEDERAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES

State Governor

Philip Scott - Phone: 802-828-3333
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Peter Welch - Phone: 800-642-3193
SenatorWelch@senate.gov

Bernard “Bernie” Sander
<http://www.Sanders.senate.gov>
phone: 800-337-9834

Representative to Congress

Becca Balint
Phone: 802-652-2450

State Senators

John Morley III, Orleans –Essex/ Caledonia
jmorley@leg.state.vt.us

Essex-Caledonia District Representatives

John Kascenska
jkascenska@leg.state.vt.us
Phone: 802-274-4112

2026 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

Because the reports from organizations asking for appropriations cover many pages they have been condensed. There is a short description of what the organization does for the people of Burke and, if the information is available, the number of people that have received help. There will be a representative from some of the organizations at the informational meeting. Summaries are in the order of articles asking for money. Every taxpayer who is interested in how their money is spent should take the time to look at the financial statements of those asking for tax dollars. The complete reports are available and certainly would give the taxpayer an indication of the amount of money spent on different aspects of health care, recreation, education, and development in the area. These full reports are at the Town Clerk's Office and are available for your inspection Monday - Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Because the Fire Departments and Lyndon Rescue depend heavily on the Town for funds the full reports are printed as submitted.

ARTICLE 12. - East Burke Volunteer Fire Brigade – Request - \$50,000.00.

This request increased from last year. Please see full report elsewhere in the Town Report.

ARTICLE 13. - West Burke Volunteer Fire Department – Request - \$50,000.00.

This request increased from last year. Please see full report elsewhere in the Town Report.

ARTICLE 14. - Lyndon Rescue Squad - Request - \$93,817.76.

This request is an increase of \$10,875.78 from last year. Please see full report elsewhere in the Town Report.

ARTICLE 15. – Caledonia Home Health Care – Request - \$2,250.00.

This request is the same as last year. Caledonia Home Health made 1191 visits to 63 Burke resident during 2025, which includes Home Care (therapy, nursing, MSW) visits 983; Maternal Child Health 11; Hospice 197.

ARTICLE 16. - Catamount Arts - Request - \$500.00.

This request is the same as last year. Catamount Arts was able to present over 100 community events, in large measure due to the generosity of the voters of Burke. Burke helps keep the Arts vital and available to all Northeast Kingdom residents, boosting our creative economy for a more vibrant sustainable community. In May 2025 we reached our 50th anniversary year and we have supporters like Burke to thank for every moment of it.

ARTICLE 17. - Cobleigh Public Library – Request - \$2,000.00

This request is a \$500.00 increase over last year. It will help continue the Library's many programs and services for all area towns. The Cobleigh Public Library in Lyndon is committed to serving individuals and families, with printing and copying services. Internet access including Wi-Fi inside and outside, Storytime for children, Summer Reading programs, special events throughout the summertime and we also offer a Public meeting space. The Library has long served the residents of all towns in the area.

ARTICLE 18. - Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium – Request - \$1,571.00

This request is the same as last year. The Fairbanks Museum invites Burke residents to take full advantage of their unlimited free general admission to the museum to explore the nature, beauty and

wonders of our world. In 2025, 306 Burke residents attended. A wonderful testament to the town's engagement with the Museum. In 2026, we are excited to present Endangered & Extinct, a stunning exhibition of insect macro-photography from the American Museum of Natural History.

ARTICLE 19. – Kingdom Animal Shelter-Request \$500.00

This request is a new request. The \$500.00 will help to pay for shelter costs , vaccinations, testing, spay/neuter, other medical treatment, food and lodging between intake and adoption. Volunteers work tirelessly to raise the funds necessary to meet our annual operation expenses of approximately \$160,000. We greatly appreciate your interest and support.

ARTICLE 20. - Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball. - Request - \$1,000.00

This request is an increase of \$250.00 over last year. Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball (LYBS) is run by an all-volunteer Board of Directors and 100 selfless volunteers. The program entertains over 400 area youth from ages 4 to 18 (72 from Burke in 2025), during the late spring and early summer months. The appropriation from the Town of Burke will help with our goal to reach estimated \$75,000.

ARTICLE 21. - Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging - Request - \$1,000.00

This request is the same as last year. To assist the Agency in providing services to senior citizens in the ensuing year. The Agency supported 95 older adults in Burke, providing 64 service interactions that connected individuals with resources such as fuel and food assistance. The Agency also coordinated 2743 home-delivered meals ensuring that our older neighbors received nutritious food and critical daily safety checks.

ARTICLE 22. –. Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. - Request \$1,650.00

This request is the same as last year. This request is to help in assisting with providing mental health and developmental services to adults and children; substance abuse services to adolescents and adults; and 24-hour crisis intervention to the general public. 70 Burke residents were served in 2025. In 2025, 2724 individuals of all ages in our service area utilized support services.

ARTICLE 23. – Northeast Kingdom Learning Services - Request - \$1,000.00

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

ARTICLE 24. - Northeast Kingdom Youth Services - Request - \$750.00

This request is the same as last year. Northeast Kingdom Youth Services (NEKYS) is available to teens and their families twenty-four hours a day every day. NEKYS has provided crisis intervention and outreach programs to families for 48 years. Programs include shelter, Court Diversion of Caledonia and Essex Counties, a Parent Support group, Transitional Living, and Independent Living, as well as Outreach to Schools and communities. NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975. In 2025 NEKYS served 17 in Burke.

ARTICLE 25. - NorthWoods Stewardship Center – Request \$750.00

This request is the same as last year. NorthWoods is a non-profit conservation and education organization located in East Charleston. NorthWoods continues its active role in the Burke community,

offering outdoor education and recreation programs at a discounted cost for Burke Town School. Camp scholarships are offered to local families who are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Northwoods Partners, with Kingdom Trails and Burke Mountain on outreach events and community offerings to help sustain a dynamic community.

ARTICLE 26. — Powers Park/Village Improvement. Society- Request \$1,000.00

This request is the same as last year. Your appropriation will help to maintain and improve Powers Park and offer many free events. Money received is utilized in the following areas. The Playground, Pool, Tennis Courts/Basketball Court, Pavilion and helps run the summer program.

ARTICLE 27. — Rural Community Transportation (RCT) - Request—\$1,750.00

This request is the same as last year. RCT is a non-profit corporation providing transportation to the elderly, handicapped and disabled through a volunteer service. RCT provided 3069 rides, traveling 54,377 miles.

ARTICLE 28. — Umbrella –Request-\$1,200.00

This is the same request as last year. Umbrella, Inc. serves victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children, families seeking child care and child care providers. Umbrella served at least 270 Burke households in 2025.

ARTICLE 29. —Burke Fire District #1 Water Company-Request—\$30,000.00

This request is a new one time request. Your appropriation will help with the cost that was incurred with the East Burke sidewalk improvement project.

****There are 18 requests for appropriations for 2026 for a total of \$240,738.76

The Town of Burke is asked annually to contribute to the Hand-to-Hand program.

HAND TO HAND

This year Hand to Hand assisted several families from the Towns of Burke, East Haven, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton, and Wheelock providing food baskets, with turkeys, and gifts for family members. The Town of Burke contributes \$1,000.00 to the Hand to Hand Fund each year.

The Town of Burke would like to thank coordinators Lynn Welch, Jackie Zaun, and Andrea Stauffeneker. Along with their many helpers for volunteering to make this program a success. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the people of Burke.

NOTE: The Selectboard have decided that anyone who submits requests for an appropriation will not have to get signatures on a petition if the appropriation is the same as it was approved for the prior year. If you decide to increase your request, you will be required to submit a petition containing signatures of 5% of the LEGAL voters of the Town of Burke. All new requests will require a petition.

You will still be required to submit a letter of request and a financial statement each year.

Town Informational Meeting
March 3, 2025
Town of Burke
212 School Street
West Burke, VT 05871
802-467-3717
Email:burke@burkevermont.org
Burke Community Building

Jen Barone called the meeting to order at 6:30. She noted the purpose of the meeting and reminded the group that these are non-binding discussions. She noted that the meeting was being recorded and that we are on zoom. Polls open at 8:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM on March 4th, 2025

She opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jen asked for a moment of silence for Burke residents who have passed in the last year.

Jen explained the format: she will read the articles and asked folks to follow this format which will also be in effect for the non-binding portion of the meeting.

She introduced State Representatives Sam Douglas and John Kascenska to speak for a few moments.

Representative Kascenska noted that the House of Reps have been very busy, he is on the Appropriations Committee that does the first draft of the state budget which is over 9 Billion. They are now "marking up the budget" which ensures that the state can fund current obligations and then will consider new budget items. He noted that there are a lot of "hot topics" relative to housing, property taxes, Affordable Heat Care Act, etc. Sam Douglas spoke; he is on the Health and Welfare (assigned) and the Institutions Committees. That committee is generally working on the capital bill that handles state appropriations. He feels strongly about maintaining rural hospitals. Representative Douglass submitted a bill to study recreational trails and compensation for property owners that allow recreational activities on their property, an important issue for the Kingdom Trails community.

There was a question re: Act 46 and it was noted that construction bonds are critical. Representative Kascenska stated that he would look into accessing the data, and agreed that school facilities and infrastructure issues across the state need to be tackled.

Jen then read the articles: a typo regarding the selectboard personnel was noted on page 3.

Articles 1-3: No discussion.

Article 4: To elect necessary Town Officers as required by law; Jennifer added that she would like to meet the 9 year mark for being elected as Town Moderator and would appreciate your vote.

Mark Daigle also spoke about his tenure with the selectboard, the board has had a lot to deal with the back to back storms, and Mark is up for another 3 year term and asked for support.

Article 5: Shall the voters accept the town budget: Jerry Booth spoke about the town budget. The budget as a whole has increased, he presented the issues that are driving the increase: Brook Road bridge, Brook Road, Mountain Road and Kirby Road all need engineering and major repairs. Lower Burke Hollow and Burke Hollow Road Bridge are also due for upgrades. We need to continue paving, the roads take a lot of traffic.

Jerry noted that the people that run the town are doing an outstanding job and got a round of applause.

A question was asked if the Kirby Road issues are a result of the water project that went in years ago, is there any liability due to that? Mike Harris stated that the road bed there is just in bad shape.

A question arose about making Brook Road one way to relieve expenses. Jerry noted that the town needs support to complete these projects; Jim Sullivan is working the FEMA programs, but funding is uncertain. If there is no FEMA money we will need to apply for grants. Jim Hinman noted that Bridge Road being closed is a major handicap to emergency services and it was also noted that the road closure impacts the school bus run.

Tax increases were also mentioned, Jerry stated that if we need to rectify the budget and if we don't take care of the projects we will never be able to catch up. The town needs to be proactive in taking care of these infrastructure issues. The neglect is cumulative and proposes a liability to the town. Joe Allard noted that FEMA has funded 90% of what the town has spent in repairs.

Insurance for town employees was also discussed, it was explained that 80% of town employees do not need to pay a deduction on their insurance.

A local option tax was brought up; typically this is a fixed tax percentage on rooms & meals, alcohol purchase etc., this is a way to leverage the tourist trade to help support the town. Jerry noted that 5 towns in VT are voting on this tomorrow. It has been looked into, the tax affects everyone, not just tourists. This idea is not supported by everyone, as it affects small business and their bottom line as well. A question was asked about keeping this tax for an established time frame. Another question was asked about the municipal tax rate, which is about \$2.00 per \$100. This year it is about a 7.9% rate increase.

Articles 6 & 7: no discussion.

Article 8: Lyndon Rescue Squad request \$82,941.88. Lynn Norris noted that the Rescue Squad provides an invaluable service to the community.

Articles 9 & 10: no discussion.

Article 11: Cobleigh Public Library requesting \$2000 ; can this be amended to last year's appropriation? (no).

Article 12: no discussion.

Articles 13 & 14: Shall the town vote to appropriate funds for the parks in East and West Burke? Mike Harris spoke and shared conceptual drawings for the Village of West Burke park. He explained the improvements to the playground including a new surface and equipment, he needs the appropriation to demonstrate the support of the town which is necessary for the grant. East Burke Park will be the focus next year. The West Burke Park is about 50 years old and needs the upgrades, it would be a huge improvement. The basketball court will need to be resurfaced at another time. It was also noted that there are more and more young families moving into West Burke, a nice looking park and neighborhood is also a draw for families considering a move to the area. Cathi Feeley noted that the East Burke Park was built in the 1990's and described the park as potentially dangerous. The 2 parks together add one cent to the tax rate. She urged people to look at the big picture. A question was asked about accessibility; Mike noted that the equipment is designed so that children of varying abilities will be able to engage with the equipment.

Article 15: Burke Mountain Club request to establish a dedicated children's library area. Christine Emmons asked for the town's support for the East Burke Clubhouse. She described the history and plans to renew the building to include a children's library, and to make the space more of a community center.

Article 16: Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball request: Joe Allard noted that the amount asked for these youth teams has been the same for years and is a great organization.

Articles 17&18: NEK Council on Aging and NEK Human Services; A question was asked about how to find more info on each of the proposals, Ms. Barrone pointed out that they are in the town report.

Articles 19 & 20: no discussion.

Article 21: Northwoods Stewardship Center requesting \$ 750.00. Joe Allard noted that Northwoods is a great organization, Cathi added that more detailed information on their projects is always available at the town office.

Article 22: Powers Park improvement requesting \$1000. Dan Tanner spoke regarding Powers Park, and that the appropriation goes into the operating budget.

Articles 23& 24: no discussion

Desiree Hertz publicly thanked the Burke Conservation Committee.

Dan Tanner described the Side by Side (ATV) proposal and noted that there is a survey that can be filled out to gauge the interest of amending the current ordinance which bans the use of these vehicles on the town roads. He advocated for all the town roads to be open to be fair to both sides of town.

It was asked if some of the heavy equipment and trucks that use the roads make them worse; Mark Daigle stated that the road bases around town are substandard, there is damage that is done but the road base is the major issue.

Alyssa May asked for support for the school budget. She noted that the schools are doing more and need community support.

East Burke School was also presented as needing support.

A question was asked about accessing the town office; that is now by appointment only. Mark invited Town Clerk Linda Hackett – Corey to address the question. Linda noted that there are a lot of interruptions and that prevents the staff from getting their tasks taken care of. It was reiterated that all are welcome, but an appointment is necessary at this time.

James Sullivan asked for a motion to adjourn; Jerry Booth seconded. Informational meeting was closed at 8:08.

An Informational Meeting on the Town Garage Bond

Jen called the next segment of the meeting to order at 8:12.

Mike Harris opened this portion by giving an overview of the town garage project; he explained the typical process for how projects come to fruition, this project is different as it will manage the sub-contractors rather than a general contractor. The Select Board decided to commit to a wooden rather than steel building. The estimated cost is 2.9M. There is over 800k (including 200k from ARPA) saved towards this project. The monies in the budget items have already been written into the budget. The cost of the payment has been built into the budget. The loan request will go to 3 different banks. There are banks already contacting the town to offer their services.

The 8 bay building is 60'x195. There is separate entrance and office space. There will be radiant heat and the skirt area will be heated as well, to be used as necessary. There will be a service pit with a hydraulic floor lift, which will cover the entire floor. There will be (2) unfinished bays, to be utilized as cold storage. A question was asked about the unfinished bays and their value in protecting equipment from the weather and theft; those areas will be priced out separately in the current plan. Dave Kaufman asked about just adding tin to enclose the open bays. Mike noted that the old site is not at all safe or a real viable option. A question was raised about selling the old town garage, there are issues with the river corridor and also the quality of the site. It was asked about why the Morton building was chosen and not put out to bid. Morton came in with a below market square foot charge. The 2 open bays are set to have a staymat floor.

There was also a question about informational meetings, this meeting meets the legal requirement for informational meetings. There was a question about the amount of equipment and the number of bays, the town is growing and at this time some of the equipment may need to be outside. Jerry Booth noted that the project needs to be feasible; it was also noted that this is a good and practical design and a huge improvement over what the town has now. It was observed that the need for a new town garage has been a conversation that has been going on for many many years.

Mike Harris then went on to describe the sand and salt shed which is a hoop style building. There is a concrete wall with a galvanized, powder coated steel frame wrapped in fabric type panels that typically has a 30 year life span. That building is set up to house the year's purchase of sand and salt. Mike then described the leach fields adjacent to the town buildings; the site of these does allow for expansion. There is abutting property that could be purchased in the event of necessary expansion. Mike stated that the town has over 4M to put towards the public wastewater system. The leachfields adjacent to the proposed town garage will have capacity to manage the majority of properties in West Burke; there will be capacity for 20 more households. A question was asked about heating with solar, that will be explored once the building is erected. It was noted that the demands of the town are greater and require "more of everything".

The meeting adjourned at 9:03.

Respectfully Submitted
Valarie Desmarais, Minutes Clerk

**TOWN OF BURKE
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS
MARCH 4, 2025**

- Article 1. Shall the voters of Burke accept the Town Report? Yes – 291- NO – 6
Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted - 1 – TOTAL 298
- Article 2. Shall the voters of Burke Authorize the Selectboard to have all taxes paid into the Treasury as provided by law and if so, to establish Friday, November 7, 2025 by 4:00pm as the due date? Yes – 295 - NO – 1 - Overvoted – 0 -
Undervoted – 2 – TOTAL 298
- Article 3. Shall the voters of Burke vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of revenues? Yes – 258 - NO – 34 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted
-6 – TOTAL 298
- Article 4. To elect all necessary Town Officers as required by law?
- MODERATOR - Jennifer Barone –273- Write-in – 4 – Overvoted – 0
Undervoted – 21 - Total 298
- SELECT-BOARD – Mark Daigle–236 Write-in- 7- Overvoted–0- Undervoted –55-
Total 298
- CONSTABLE – 1 Year – William Garfield – 262 - Write-ins –2- Overvoted – 0-
Undervoted – 34 – Total 298
- AGENT TO CONVEY REAL ESTATE – 1 YEAR TERM – Selectboard – 182– Write-In –
5 - Overvoted -0 – Undervoted – 111 - Total 298
- Article 5. Shall the voters of Burke vote to accept the proposed 2025 Town Budget of \$3,309,096.73, for the ensuing year to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and to authorize the Select board to set a tax rate to provide the same? Yes – 255- NO - 41 - Overvoted – 0 Undervoted – 2 TOTAL 298
- Article 6. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to the East Burke Volunteer Fire Brigade? Yes – 282- NO -14 - Overvoted – 1 - Undervoted – 1 – TOTAL 298
- Article 7. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to the West Burke Volunteer Fire Department? Yes – 285- NO –13 - Overvoted –0- Undervoted –0
TOTAL 298

- Article 8. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$82,941.98 to Lyndon Rescue, Inc.? Yes – 274 - NO – 20 - Overvoted –0- Undervoted – 4 – TOTAL 298
- Article 9. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,250.00 to help support the services of Caledonia Home Health Care? Yes – 273 - NO – 25 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – TOTAL 298
- Article 10. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the services of Catamount Arts? Yes – 235- NO –63- Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted –0- TOTAL 298
- Article 11. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Cobleigh Public Library? Yes – 248 - NO – 49 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted –1 – TOTAL 298
- Article 12. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,571.00 for the operation of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year? Yes -270 NO – 26 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 2 – TOTAL 298
- Article 13. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the support of the Henry G Darling Memorial Park in East Burke? Yes – 236 - NO – 58 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 4 – TOTAL 298
- Article 14. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the support of the West Burke Village Park? Yes – 243- NO – 51- Overvoted –0 - Undervoted – 4– TOTAL 298
- Article 15. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the support of the Burke Mountain Club? Yes -242-- NO -50- Overvoted - Undervoted --6 TOTAL 298
- Article 16. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball? Yes – 244 - NO –47 - Overvoted – 3 - Undervoted – 7 – TOTAL 298
- Article 17. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum \$1,000.00 to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging? Yes – 267- NO –28 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 3 – TOTAL 298
- Article 18. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.? Yes – 245 - NO – 50 - Overvoted –0 Undervoted – 3– TOTAL 298
- Article 19. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.? Yes – 240 - NO – 52 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted –6 – TOTAL 298

- Article 20. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Youth Services? Yes – 243- NO – 50- Overvoted – 0-- Undervoted – 5 – TOTAL 298
- Article 21. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the NorthWoods Stewardship Center? Yes – 243 - NO – 48 - Overvoted – 2- Undervoted –5 – TOTAL 298
- Article 22. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to Powers Park/Village Improvement Society? Yes – 248 - NO – 46 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 4 – TOTAL 298
- Article 23. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 to the RCT (Rural Community Transportation, Inc.)? Yes –256 - NO – 37 - Overvoted –0- Undervoted – 5 – TOTAL 298
- Article 24. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to Umbrella, Inc.? Yes – 243- NO – 51 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted –4 – TOTAL 298

ARTICLE

Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Burke in an amount not to exceed Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,900,000) subject to reduction for the Receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid and the application of available Reserves, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of a new town garage in the Town of Burke, the aggregate estimated cost of such improvements being Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,900,000)?

In Favor	239
Opposed	<u>59</u>
Total	298

TOWN OF BURKE
TOWN CHARTER GRANTED - FEBRUARY 26, 1782
FYI

Pursuant to Federal Regulations 51.55(e) (k) (6) the Town of Burke does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in admission to, or treatment of employment in its programs or activities.

The Burke Board of Selectboard is hereafter-designated Coordinator of Burke's Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**OFFICE HOURS FOR THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICES
MONDAY – FRIDAY - 8:00 A.M. 'TIL 4:00 P.M.**

A schedule of all Meetings can be found on the town website.

The Selectboard meets the first Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Community Building – 212 School Street, West Burke.

The Burke Conservation Commission (BCC) meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Building.

The Development Review Board (DRB) meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Building – 212 School Street, West Burke.

The Planning Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Building – 212 School Street, West Burke. If you wish to be put on the agenda, please call.

Town Forest Subcommittee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Building – 212 School Street, West Burke. If you wish to be put on the agenda, please call.

Assessor's Office – Hours for public viewing of records –Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. –4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Rubbish – NEK RUBBISH (802-535-1430) is available to take rubbish at the Recycling Building on Wednesday 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Thursday 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. NEK Rubbish is pay per bag.

Recycle Hours – Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. until noon. You may NOT leave any recyclable materials without an attendant present.

FYI (Continued)

Bulky Item Drop-Off – Third Saturday of each month beginning in May through October, from 8:00 a.m. until Noon, by appointment ONLY. *There will be a \$35.00 charge for bulky. This fee will be collected when you make your bulky appointment and is non-refundable if you do not show up.* You may not drop off any items without an attendant present. **NO RUBBISH BAGS.** We will not be scheduling this service during the winter months.

Household Hazardous Waste Days are scheduled four times during the year. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office for the locations & dates.

Voter Registration – Same Day Voter Registration went into effect in the State of Vermont in 2017. All persons wishing to participate in Town elections may register to vote on the Vermont Secretary of State's "My Voter Page" (mvp.sec.state.vt.us) before the election, at the Town Clerk's Office or at the polling place on the day of the election.

Population for the Town of Burke 2020.....	1,651
Registered voters as of 12/31/25.....	1247
Acres in the Town of Burke.....	19,115
Total Number of Parcels.....	1266
Latitude.....	44.60157°N
Longitude.....	-71.97179°E
Burke Town Roads.....	Miles
CLASS II.....	17.46
CLASS III.....	33.84
CLASS IV.....	5.36
STATE HIGHWAYS.....	9.99
Total miles in the Town of Burke.....	66.65



Blast from the past
Hotel on Depot Street



EAST BURKE VOL. FIRE BRIGADE

PO Box 203

EAST BURKE VT 05832

During the calendar year of 2025, we surpassed our previous annual incident record for the 3rd year in a row, operating at 115 dispatched incidents. This involved emergencies in East Burke, calls for mutual aid to assist neighboring towns, multiple remote rescues, and medical incidents that we assist Lyndon Rescue with such as CPR in progress. We also assisted emergency management coordinating state level swift water teams to the Burke area, with 8 incidents in 4 hours at what has become an annual flooding/natural disaster event to affect our area.

2025 response statistics:

- Dispatch to first apparatus responding: 8:53
- Dispatch to first apparatus arriving on scene: 13:13
- Average number of members responding per incident: 6
- Average time on scene: 58:22

The department currently has 21 members serving who participated in a combined 544 hours of training in the past year. This includes in-house monthly trainings and state level certifications such as VT Fire Academy FF1 & FF2 that require over 140 hours of involvement.

Our incident record proves a silent testament to the growth of our town when comparing early 2000 era call volume of 35 annual incidents for the same coverage area. This increase in incidents unknowingly taxes our emergency infrastructure, equipment and apparatus. This proved true this past year, with our main response fire engine suffering catastrophic mechanical failure during a "routine" incident. In addition, we experienced issues with several pieces of vital equipment. We face a constant battle to maintain a careful balance between fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers and providing safe, modern equipment for essential services.

In the year 2026, East Burke Vol. Fire Brigade will be requesting a \$50,000 appropriation from the town of Burke. This will provide us with the ability to continue operation, as well as purchase modern gear and equipment, and provide training, for the safety of our volunteers. Also, it will help enable us to provide much needed maintenance of our trucks and current equipment, again for the safety of our volunteers and to be able to provide emergency responses to our community.

Thank You, we look forward to our continued relationship together of service to the community.

Chief Joshua M. Willey

Assistant Chief James P. Hinman

Beginning Checkbook Balance January 1, 2025	\$114,706.76
INCOME	
Town of Burke Appropriation	\$40,000.00
Town of East Haven Appropriation	\$15,000.00
Kingdom Trails	\$3,100.00
Call Reimbursement (Granby)	\$7,450.00
Donations	\$3,209.18
Interest	\$43.99
Adj Prior to 2024	\$2,982.03
Total 2025 Income	\$71,785.20
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$186,491.96
EXPENSES	
Electricity	\$3,039.25
Propane	\$353.01
Truck Fuel	\$1,916.32
Insurance	\$8,546.19
Water	\$1,200.00
Supplies	\$4,759.21
Building Maintenance	\$228.98
Apparatus Maintenance	\$11,746.88
Remote Rescue Expense	\$1,499.66
Loan - Addition and Bank Fees	\$12,637.62
Equipment	\$35,663.99
Turn Out Gear	\$3,721.14
Training	\$1,500.00
Software/Lic Fees	\$756.55
Equipment Testing/Certification	\$2,377.50
Internet	\$1,015.46
Other	\$2,384.50
Total 2025 Expenses	\$93,346.26
Ending Checkbook Balance, December 31, 2025	\$93,145.70
Proposed Budget for 2026	
Electricity	\$3,500.00
Propane	\$500.00
Truck Fuel	\$2,000.00
Insurance	\$9,000.00
Water	\$1,200.00
Supplies	\$5,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$1,000.00
Apparatus Maintenance	\$15,000.00
Equipment	\$35,500.00
Turn Out Gear	\$3,000.00
Training	\$2,000.00
Internet/Software Lic	\$1,500.00
Equipment Testing/Certification/Aerial/State	\$2,500.00
Other	\$2,500.00
Remote Rescue Expense/Fund	\$5,000.00
Apparatus Fund	\$28,800.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$118,000.00



WEST BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

As we start a new year, we want to take a moment to thank our dedicated volunteers for all they do. Not only did we respond to 89 calls for service (our most ever), our 100% volunteer members spent time meeting every other week, training, doing equipment and building maintenance, participating in public events and helping the local road crew and community members navigate another summer of catastrophic flooding.

We also want to thank the taxpayers of Burke for supporting our budget, which covers our expenses, but unfortunately will not completely cover major repairs or large equipment replacement as our partners on the other side of town are dealing with now. Grants aren't as accessible now so if it is ever brought to voters to replace a truck, please keep in mind it will only be if it is absolutely necessary. And speaking of the other side of town. We can't thank the East Burke Fire Brigade enough for all the help throughout the year, as well as all the agencies and our great Dispatchers.

If becoming a volunteer firefighter sounds like something you are interested in, please reach out.

Happy New Year from all of our Officers and Members.

Thank you for your continued support,

Tom Villeneuve, Fire Chief

Steve Parker II, Assistant Chief

Call Breakdown:

Fires (structure & chimney) – 9

Motor vehicle accidents – 19

Alarm activations – 26

Grass/wildland – 9

Medical assists – 12

Tree/power lines down – 6

Investigations – 3

Service calls – 2

Station coverage – 1

Vehicle fires - 2

**West Burke Volunteer Fire Department
2025**

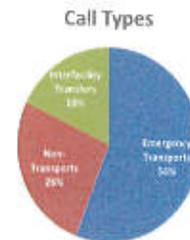
Beginning Checkbook Balance January 1, 2025		\$76,033.35
INCOME		
Town of Burke 2025 Appropriation	\$40,000.00	
Donations	\$900.00	
Fire assistance in Granby	\$1,375.00	
Total Funds Available	\$42,275.00	
		\$118,308.35
Expenses:		
Electricity	\$1,113.71	
Heating Fuel	\$2,689.94	
Services	\$1,971.62	
Equipment	\$5,525.85	
Gear	\$7,740.00	
Supplies	\$598.65	
Repairs	\$2,967.86	
Training	\$487.00	
Total 2025 Operating Expenses	\$23,094.63	
		\$
Ending Checkbook Balance,		95,213.72
	2026 Proposed Budget	
Electricity	\$2,500.00	
Heating Fuel	\$4,000.00	
Fuel-Diesel	\$3,000.00	
Equipment Replacement & Maintenance	\$25,000.00	
Services	\$2,500.00	
Training	\$1,500.00	
Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00	
Radio Replacements	\$15,000.00	
Fire Gear (replaces 2 PPE)	\$6,000.00	
Dress Uniforms	\$5,000.00	
Pager Replacements	\$5,000.00	
Wildland Gear	\$20,000.00	
Grant Writer fee	\$2,000.00	
2026 Proposed Operating Budget	\$96,500.00	



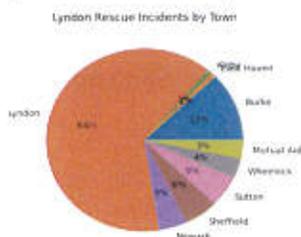
“CARING FOR THE KINGDOM”

Lyndon Rescue Annual Report

Lyndon Rescue continues to meet the growing emergency and medical transport needs of our communities. In 2025, our crews responded to nearly 11,600 incidents and transported almost 1,200 patients for medical care. In doing so our ambulances logged nearly 24,800 loaded miles, safely delivering patients to hospitals and specialty facilities across the region. Our staffing remains strong and focused on high-quality care. We currently have 11 EMTs, 10 AEMTs, and 6 Paramedics.



To further strengthen advanced life support capabilities, four additional providers are currently enrolled in paramedic school, ensuring continued access to high-level prehospital care for our region.



To meet rising demand for both emergency calls and interfacility transports, Lyndon Rescue staffed a second daytime crew six days per week, improving response readiness and reducing strain on our already busy mutual aid partners.

This year also brought major equipment and safety investments. We:
 Purchased new cardiac monitors to replace aging equipment and improve patient diagnostics and treatment
 Placed a new ambulance (Unit 92) into service

- Outfitted all providers with ballistic vests to enhance crew safety during increasingly unpredictable responses

Community outreach remains a core part of our mission. In 2025, Lyndon Rescue:

- Trained more than 450 community members in CPR
- Provided child passenger seat education to parents and caregivers, and supplying eligible families with free car seats through a Vermont Department of Health program

While these advancements strengthen emergency care in our towns, they come with significant cost. Ambulance reimbursement remains a major challenge. In 2025 Lyndon Rescue collected only 42.8% of what was billed, with the vast majority adjusted off by insurance and government payers. At the same time, expenses for insurance, medical supplies, equipment, fuel, and staffing continue rise.



To help offset these pressures while maintaining reliable emergency coverage and modern clinical equipment, the per-capita assessment rate has increased to \$56.82

The Board of Directors remains committed to supporting our crews, maintaining safe operations, and ensuring financial responsibility on behalf of the communities we serve.

Your town’s representative on the Lyndon Rescue Board of Directors: Lynn Norris

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Director of Operations at: director@lyndonrescue.net Lyndon Rescue remains proud to serve our region with dedication, professionalism, and compassion, and we thank our towns for their continued support.



2025 Year in Review-Select Board Letter

In 2025 we had a fairly large agenda of items to get done. We needed to get a Bridge Replacement on the Brook Road. Finish out the Burke Hollow Road into East Burke, culvert replacements and paving. Finished cleaning the site for the New Town Garage and got that underway. We accomplished and finished all of this and more.

The Town Garage is underway and going well. There's been a few delays with weather, but still moving forward. We couldn't of hand picked a better group of contractors to do this project. They have all worked well together and are doing an amazing job. Thank you all. You'll also see the new sand/salt shed going up this year.

The West Burke Wastewater system also will be going in.

Thank you Michael Harris for coordinating all these projects at the same time. Everything should be up and running late summer, Early this fall 2026.

AGAIN July 10th came and AGAIN the Town was hit with more damage. Once again our local contractors, were called and within hours, arrived early the next day to get things put back together.

A huge thank you to Derrick Berry Forestry, Simpson Dirtworx, Wagner Construction, Mike Bickford Construction, TBC Trades, The Town of Burke Road Crew, The Town of ST Johnsbury (sent 3 trucks) and of course the office staff. Linda Corey, Town Clerk, Gail Weed , Assistant clerk & treasurer, Cathi Feeley Treasurer, Jim Sullivan, Town Administrator.

The Burke Mountain Club House for the Food donations.

2026 will be a busy year as we continue with more paving/ bridge work/ and culvert improvements.

Thank you all for supporting us, through the year.

Mark Daigle, Selectboard Chair,

Joe Allard, Selectboard

Jerry Booth, Selectboard



Nea

Frequent office visitor



Milo

Meeting Mascot



Message from the Town Clerk

The Northern Lights picture above was taken by Jim Hinman. This shows that the Northeast Kingdom is a special place.

Another Year gone by, so quickly. The office continues to stay very busy. We do our best to provide everyone with the information they request.

In 2025 we registered 168 Dogs. You can register your dog by mail, or in person. We also have a drop box by our front door, for your convenience. We will need current rabies information along with a check. This needs to be done by April 1st. each year.

We ask that you make an appointment to do research. We think that this works good when other people need to use the room for meetings. This prevents conflicts and provides researchers with a quieter environment. Don't forget our land records are available on-line.

The Hotspot is hooked up for the public to access the internet from their cars out back by the Community Building.

On Tuesday's and Thursday's from February 2, 2026 thru April 15, 2026, AARP offers free income tax preparation for area residents. This is held at the Community Building. They require you to make an appointment. For appointment please call 802 -467- 0155. We continue to rent out the Community Building for Birthday Parties, Showers etc. There is \$75.00 charge. Please call the office to schedule your function.

We have a new website. It is always being updated. It is www.burkevermont.org.

This year's Town Informational Meeting is in person on Monday night, March 2, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. The Australian Ballot voting will be held on Tuesday March 3, 2026 from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Community Building. You can also vote early by requesting an absentee ballot. These are available 20 days prior to Town Meeting. You can fill out your ballot at home or in the office. If you want to insert the ballot into the tabulator machine yourself on the day of the vote you may come and do that, or you may return it by mail in the envelope we have provided to you. Having your ballot filled out early can save you time. We also have a secure drop box by the front door at the town clerk's office.

We do motor vehicle registrations. We charge a \$3.00 fee to do the registration. We can do hunting and fishing licenses for you on-line. We also notarize documents. We issued (18) Marriage Licenses. Cathi , who is also a Justice of the Peace has married couples in the office, when they request it. We recorded 8 Birth's and 15 Death's. We also do certified copies of Birth's, Death's & Marriages. You will need to fill out a two page form to obtain a Birth or Death record, and have current Identification. This is required by the State. Gail recorded 1911 pages in our land records. Also she has processed 116 Property Transfers.

Linda Hackett-Corey -Town Clerk, Cathleen Feeley-Treasurer and Gail Weed- Assistant

Town Administrator's Report 2025

As I begin my fifth year serving Burke as Town Administrator I would have to say 2025 has been the most challenging year, yet. It was also one of the most productive years in terms of road and bridge repair. Every year our Road Foreman prioritizes where in Burke we need to focus on road and bridge repair as well as paving. VTrans has annual grants such as the Better Roads Grant, Grants in Aid, along with Structure Grants and Class 2 Roadway Grants. Each year we apply for these grants and they are very helpful in keeping these very expensive projects affordable. Unfortunately, we do not always get them and that brings on some very tough decisions.

This year we able to do more ditch work and upgrade two culverts on Victory Road with a \$20,000.00 Better Roads Grant. We used the \$16,000.00 from the Grants in Aid to ditch and upgrade two culverts on Calendar Brook Road. We got a Structures Grant to make some very much needed infrastructure repairs on the Passumpsic River Bridge on Burke Hollow Road in East Burke Village. That was an expensive project and the grant covered \$65,700.00 of the expense. We were not awarded a Class 2 Roadway Grant to finish paving the last portion of Burke Hollow Road this year. This is where the tough decisions come in. After a long discussion about safety, cost, and potential inflation the Select Board decided that the project must be completed. As a resident I thought that was a very wise decision and that our Select Board are true stewards of our Town. I want to thank Joe, Mark, and Jerry for their concern for our tax dollar in every decision they make.

July 10th. was not kind to Burke once again this year. The Town suffered extensive damage on Brook Road, Carter Road, Old Farm Road, Newark Street, Calendar Brook and Marshall Newland Road. We were very lucky to have Berry Forest Products, Simpson Dirtworx, TBC Custom Trades, and Wagner's Construction, who drop everything to put our roads back together again. As of this time there has been no word about this event being declared a Federal Emergency. The State did file for reconsideration and we are anxiously waiting for a response. The 2024 storms on July 10th and July 30th were covered by FEMA. The bridge on Brook Road that was destroyed was replaced this Fall. A big thank you to Nate Sicard from Ruggles Engineering and Darrell Mathews of Mathews Excavating for their assistance and dedication to this project.

I want to thank our Road Crew, David Kaufman, Jim Hinman, Will Ware, and Landon Bildeau for their work ethic and dedication to our Town. Every day they are up early plowing and sanding our roads, replacing culverts, ditching, mulching, grading, replacing signs, or anything else that comes up. Burke is lucky to have such a great crew.

The Town is also very lucky to have Linda Hackett-Corey as our Clerk, Cathi Feeley our Treasurer, and Gail Weed as our Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. As you all know whenever you come to the Clerk's Office they all go above and beyond to assist you with whatever you need. They really make a great team.

I look forward to 2026. Burke is a great Town and I am so proud to be part it. Thank you to everyone that volunteers, sits on our boards and commissions, and those that serve the people in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Sullivan, Jr.
Burke Town Administrator

**SERVICES OFFERED BY
THE TOWN OF BURKE**

The following is a list of services provided to the taxpayers and residents of the Town of Burke. If there is something that is not listed and you want to know about it, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

Recycling Center - The Recycling Center is located at 214 School Street behind the Town Clerk's Office. The hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

The following materials are accepted:

#1, #2, and #3 thru #7 plastics, mixed paper, boxboard, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, aluminum cans, tin cans, tinfoil pie plates, glass of all colors and electronics. **NO BLACK PLASTICS OR PLASTIC BAGS** Look for a more detailed listing of acceptable recycle material on pages further on in this Town Report. Also check our Website at www.burkevermont.org

Electronics- TV's, computers and printers

Fund Raisers - Returnable bottles and cans are collected and given to various groups as fundraisers.

If someone needs something specific collected and saved, we try to accommodate them.

Composters — Available for sale in the Recycle Building. \$55 each

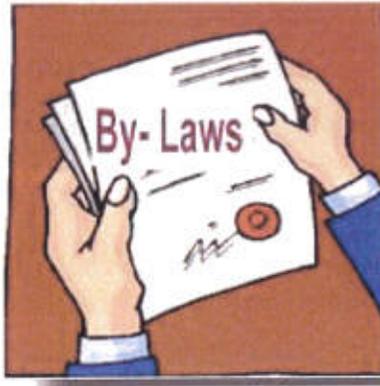
Bulky Waste Day - ***there is a \$35.00 Charge for Bulky Day***. Bulky days are held the third Saturday of each month from May to October, to give everyone the opportunity to get rid of big items such as beds, furniture and yard stuff. You must get an authorization slip from the Town Clerk's office. You are allowed to bring up to one pickup load of bulky items. In addition, the Town also accepts car batteries, rechargeable batteries, batteries from battery-operated tools, and florescent light bulbs. There is a **\$25 charge for refrigerators and freezers** and extra **\$45 each for box spring and mattress**. Because it costs the Town to dispose of tires, there is a handling fee. **Bike tires \$2.00 - 16" - \$8.00, 19.5" - \$10.00 and tractor/trailer tires are \$20.00**. Used Oil can be dropped off at the Recycle Center or the Town Garage when they are open. Metal can be left at the dumpster at the Town Garage when they are open.

Haz-Mat Day - The Town of Burke will hold two Household Hazardous Waste Days in 2026 at the Burke Town Garage. We will also share 2 events with the Town of St. Johnsbury. Call the Town Clerks Office for locations and dates.. All collection days will be advertised in the Caledonian Record, on the Burke web page and posted in 5 or 6 places around Town.

DMV Motor Vehicle Renewals -The Town Clerk's Office renews vehicle registrations for a processing fee of \$3.00. You must have your current renewal form generated from the State of VT, or we can do the renewal on line with a credit card and drivers license number or plate number.

Fish and Wildlife Licenses - You may buy your fishing and hunting licenses during regular office hours.

Notary Public — There are three Notary Publics in the Town Office who can notarize your very important documents. This service is free to the public. You must show Identification



Zoning Administrators Report

This past year was a very busy year with building permits, and rental registrations: we had 59 permits and an additional 19 rental registrations.

If you are considering any development plans feel free to contact me any time and I can help answer questions or help guide you through the different permits that might be required for your project.

As part of my responsibilities I work with the Planning Commission to assist them with a variety of items that they are working on. Currently they have updated the current Town Plan and will be starting on a more extensive update. This will look at updating and have a more current Goals and Strategies of the Town.

I also work with the Development Review Board and the permit applicants to help ensure an efficient process through the permit process.

Some other items that I have been working on include:

A new crosswalk in East Burke village this year.

In West Burke Village we have completed a feasibility study for making improvements around the Route 5A, Church Street, and Route 5 area. These improvements include new sidewalks, improving parking around the park area, crosswalks, and new pedestrian railing on Church Street.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Harris

Burke Town Zoning Administrator



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board (DRB) meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Community Building, 212 School Street, West Burke VT. Mike Harris serves as the Zoning Administrator. Currently we have 7 members. Rodney Machell (chair) Eleanor Kenworthy Vice – Chair, Frank Cuccia, Nikki Peters, Scott Chappell, Jennifer Barone and Ed Guest.

In 2025, Tony Demasi passed away, He was a member of the DRB. He will be sadly missed.

In 2025, we had a total of 59 Building Permits that were acted on. The Zoning Administrator has approved permits for single family homes, garages, addition, barns, a greenhouse. The Development Review Board approved permits for many short & long term rentals: Bear Path 4 Unit Condo Building, garage, pavilion, signs, new salt shed for the Town of Burke, and off grid home, and a primitive cabin. The board approved 1 Subdivision Permit. The Board welcomes and encourages residents to attend any meeting. The Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Zoom is also available. The email for the office is burke@burkevermont.org. Phone 802-467-3717.

In July 2024, the short & long term rental ordinance went in effect. This rental registration applies to all property owners that have rental units, regardless of when that use began. This registration needs to be applied for each year. When you register your rental you may be required to go before the DRB for a permitted use review if you have not already done so.

DRB Clerk

Linda Hackett-Corey



Vermont Department of Public Safety
DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY

45 State Drive Waterbury, VT 0567 * 800-640-2106

www.firesafety.vermont.gov



STATE BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED

Independent of the towns planning and zoning requirements, The owner, or a designated representative, of a building or premises shall obtain a state construction permit before beginning any new construction, addition, alteration, modification, renovation, demolition, or installation of fixed building equipment within a public building as defined by state statute 20 V.S.A. § 2730 and the Vermont Fire and Building Safety Code.

Public Building Definition— In its simplest terms, a public building can be defined as any building in the State of Vermont with the exception of single-family owner-occupied homes, registered home daycares, and some agricultural buildings. Some examples of structures that are considered public buildings are:

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| Apartment buildings | One- and Two-family Rentals | Hotels / Motels | Businesses |
| Inns and B&B's | Ski houses | Store / Retail buildings | Repair Garages |
| Restaurants / Bars | Schools | Storage buildings | |
| Town / Municipal buildings | | | |

HOW TO OBTAIN A STATE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT



- 1) Develop a project scope and construction documents, such as plans and specifications relating to the proposed construction work or equipment installation under consideration
- 2) Fill out a State DFS Construction Permit Application form in its entirety, and submit it to the DFS regional office with the required permit fee and above-mentioned plans and specifications
- 3) The project will be reviewed by division staff and work can commence on the proposed project once the applicant receives a plan review letter and permit poster back in the mail.
- 4) It is always important to consult with your local town office to ensure compliance with any required local permits.

ADDITIONAL STATE PERMIT AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS



The Division of Fire Safety Permit Applications and Trade Licenses, Certification and Renewals are Now Available Online at www.firesafety.vermont.gov



	State Construction Permit	State Electrical		State Plumbing	
		Permit	License	Permit	License
		Required			
Single Family Owner-Occupied	No	No	No	Yes*	Yes*
All Public Buildings Excluding One- and Two-family Rentals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
One- and Two-Family Rentals	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

* Permit ONLY required for those on Public Water and/or Sewer. Those on private systems are not required to obtain a state Plumbing permit.

For additional information regarding permitting requirements, safety codes or to obtain information out more about additional programs and services offered by the division, please contact your regional Division of Fire Safety office.

<p>Williston Regional Office 3380 Hurricane Lane, Suite 101 Williston, VT 05495 Phone: (800) 366-8325, or 802-879-2300 Fax: (802) 879-2312</p>	<p>Waterbury Regional Office 45 State Drive Waterbury, VT 05671 802-479-4434 or 1-888-870-7888 fax: 802-479-4446</p>	<p>Rutland Regional Office 56 Howe Street Bld. A, Suite 200 Rutland, VT 05701-3449 Phone: (888) 370-4834, or 802-786-5867 Fax: (802) 786-5872</p>	<p>Springfield Regional Office 100 Mineral Street, Suite 307 Springfield, VT 05156-3168 Phone: (866) 404-8883, or 802-885-8883 Fax: (802) 885-8885</p>
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Assessors Report

New England Municipal Consultants (NEMC) completed another year as contracted Assessor for the Town of Burke. NEMC has worked as a consultant to the Town since 2006 and as the Assessor since 2017. NEMC has completed town-wide reappraisals in Burke for grand list years 2006, 2015 and 2023. The Assessor's Office is typically staffed Wednesdays with a representative from NEMC on site. Call (802) 467-3717 or email listeners@burkevermont.org. We are happy to assist with any requests or inquiries.

In the spring of 2025, NEMC conducted a number of property inspections throughout the community. Most of these inspections were as a result of an under construction credit or an active building permit associated with a property. NEMC issued roughly 77 change of appraisal notices to property owners in the summer 2025. Many were the result of building progress taking place in the community. A few property owners chose to file a formal grievance with the Assessor, with no one appealing beyond that level. Overall, it was another successful year with the timely filing of the grand list. The CLA that was applied for 2025 was 91.47% and the COD was 15.01%.

The proposed CLA for Grand List 2026 is 80.87% and the COD is 23.41%. The stability of the CLA and COD are both important in minimizing changes in the educational tax and measuring fairness in assessments.

A number of reminders to all property owners and taxpayers;

1. In Vermont, the property owner is responsible for ensuring that the data concerning their property assessment is correct. You should periodically ask to see your assessment record and make sure the data is correct.
2. Homestead Declarations continue to be required every year by April 15th. We continue to see many late filers which unfortunately results in a penalty for the property owner. We would encourage everyone to file their Homestead Declaration by April 15th even if you aren't filing your taxes at that time. If you qualify for Property Tax Adjustments you must file the claim (HS-145) as well as HI-144, Household Income.
3. Anyone planning to build a new building or add to an existing one (porch, deck, etc.) is reminded they need to get a permit before starting.
4. In general, Grievance appeals must be filed in late May or early June each year. Please call our office in May to verify the appeal period.

2025 Statistics

2025 Listed Real Value = 428,215,700 Total Parcels= 1,274

Residential Homes = 839

Condominiums = 206

Commercial = 48

Vacant Land = 174

Matthew Krajeski, NEMC

Assessor for the Town Burke

West Burke Park



Last year with the approval of an appropriation request along with additional funding sources we were able to put the new playground equipment with a special pour n play material in the immediate area of the equipment. Last year we also replaced a damaged table, as well as replaced the table tops and seats.

This year we will be reinstalling the existing swing set just south of that area. We also will be replacing and enlarging the bath house surroundings to accommodate ADA accessibility. We will be focusing on the basketball court and backstops next as well as cleaning the pvc fencing.

East Burke Park



Last year we replaced the slide that was worn out and damaged. While we were working with Kompan Play Equipment we had them reassess the existing play equipment. The existing equipment while dated is in good condition and we will start replacing the other short slide as well as replace the tube slide that was removed a few years ago.

Kompan Play Equipment has put together a few conceptualls for Darling Memorial Park as well as a conceptual for the Burke Senior Mealsite that includes a Pavillion with exercise equipment for the general public to use.

Property Transfers 2025

Seller	Buyer	Property Location	Sale Price
Mary Dewan East Falmouth, MA	Brian Mahoney Jr Boston, MA	House & 42.60 Acres 1449 Carter Road	Life Estate
Frances Knights Glastonbury, CT	Frances Knights & Donald Knights Trustees The Frances Knights Revocable Trust Glastonbury, CT	House & 1 Acre 682 Kirby Road	Trust
Samuel & Meagan Corrow West Burke, VT	Samuel Corrow West Burke, VT	House & 3.25 Acres 3314 Burke Hollow Road	Fee Simple
Richard & Amanda Anderson East Burke, VT	Richard Anderson West Burke, VT	House & 1.3 Acres 1422 Bugbee Crossing Road	Fee Simple
Bear Path Investment Group LLC Fall River, MA	Andrew & Iris Marquis Living Trust Concord, MA	Condo Unit 26 301 Bear Path Lane	\$1,100,000.00
Donald & Karen Ball 474 Abrahams Path Amagansett, NY	Donald Ball Irrevocable Trust & Karen Ball Irrevocable Trust Amagansett, NY	House & 18.5 Acres 2185 Gaskell Hill Road	Trust
Traci McDowell PO Box 3 Jericho, VT	Town of Burke West Burke, VT	Building and .09 Acres 184 VT Route 5A	Waste Water Easement
Bear Path Investment Group LLC 45 N Main Street Fall River, MA	Michael & Jillian Pustelniak, Township of Washington , NJ Kevin & Julianne Pustelniak, Neptune City, NJ Nicholas & Casey Tarta, Pompton Lakes, NJ Ronald & Theresa Pustelniak, Riverdale, NJ	Condo Unit 26 301 Bear Path Lane	\$749,000.00
Claire & Scott Chouinard New Boston, NH	Paul Martinus South San Francisco, CA	House and .50 Acres 233 Depot Street	\$262,500.00
Bear Path Investment Group LLC Fall River, MA	Jason & Kathleen Moore Hingham, MA	Condo Unit 24 Bear Path Lane	\$749,000.00
Adam & Susanne Norwood East Burke, VT	William & Ellery Norwood 243 Orchard Road East Burke, VT	House and .83 Acres 243 Orchard Road	Life Estate
Marc & Sarah Santos Lincoln, RI	The Marc Santos Living Trust The Sarah Santos Living Trust Lincoln, RI	Condo Unit 10 239 Bear Path Lane	Trust
Allen Jr, & Nancy Rogers Byfield, MA	Allen Rogers III & Sarah Bonafede Byfield, MA	Camp & 5.3 Acres 11 Bear Ridge Road	Fee Simple

Seller	Buyer	Property Location	Sale Price
Bear Path Investment Group LLC Fall River, MA	McEvoy Family Revocable Trust 2017 North Hampton, NH	Condo Unit 23 Bear Path Lane	\$1,150,000.00
Michael & Sally Blain Palm Bay, FL	Jack Schrupp Hanover, NH	House & 10.32 Acres 1039 Burke Green Road	\$513,000.00
Frederick Conroy Lexington, MA	Jacob & Nicole Macneill Hampstead , NH Haillie Jenness Nashua, NH	Condo 14 48 Burkeside Road	\$575,000.00
Charles & Carolyn Gargone Greenfield, MA	S&H Land Investment Group LLC Queen Creek, AZ	11 Acres Burke Green Road	\$24,397.00
Burkeside Realty Trust Charlestown, MA	Paul & Joann Schold Leicester, MA	Condo Unit 102 #2 24 Burkeside Road	\$150,000.00
Dayami Garcia. Homestead, FL Dayerine Garcia, Lyndon, VT Daysi Garcia, Littleton, NH	Town of Burke West Burke, VT	.50 Acres 45 Vermont Route 5A	Waste Water Easement
Jeffrey Baroni Brewster, MA	Medelise Reifsteck Kingston, RI	3.11 Acres Washburn Road Lot 5D	\$175,000.00
Scott & Elaine Wentzell East Hardwick, VT	Kelly Hicks , Princeton, MA Craig Zottoli, Princeton, MA	House & 6.1 Acres 601 East Darling Road	\$840,000.00
Nicole Albright & Ross Lavoie West Burke, VT	Town of Burke West Burke, VT	House & .06 Acres Depot Street	Waste Water Easement
Jeffrey & Michelle Cleveland Burke. VT	Cleveland Family Living Trust Burke, VT	House & 3.93 Acres 96 Mitchell Drive	Trust
James Duff Stowe, VT	James Duff Trust Annmarie Duff Trust Stowe, VT	16.10 Acres High Ridge Road	Trust
J. Matthias Walz & Joanna Charmant Shrewsbury, MA	J. Matthias Walz Revocable Trust Joanna Charmant Revocable Trust Shrewsbury, MA	House & 4.80 Acres 1391 Pinkham Road	Trust
David Calcagni Bolton, MA	David Calagni Trust Bolton, MA	House & 10.16 Acres 106 Flower Brook Road	Trust
US Bank Trust National Association Dallas, TX	Icon Realty LLC Boston, MA	House & 1.10 Acres 1289 Bugbee Crossing Road	\$186,500.00
Richard & Patricia Wagner East Burke, VT	Ann Nygard, West Burke, VT James L Wagner, East Burke Richard Wagner, Waterbury, VT Steven M Wagner, West Danville, VT	Condo Unit 504 119 Powderhorn Road	Life Estate
Ezra Wolfe & Terrilyn McCormick Philadelphia, PA	EZTM Revocable Trust Philadelphia, PA	House & 34 Acres 1240 Pinkham Road	Trust

Seller	Buyer	Property Location	Sale Price
Darlene Kulzyck East Burke, VT	Double U Investments LLC North Benton, OH	10.18 Acres Burke Green Road	\$70,000.00
Burke 2000 LLC 223 Sherburne Lodge Road East Burke, VT	Bear Den Partners LLC St. Johnsbury, VT	SKI RESORT 1608.3 Acres 223 Sherburne Lodge Road 1608.3 Acres	\$10,000,000.00
Burke 2000 LLC 223 Sherburne Lodge Road East Burke, VT	Bear Den Partners LLC St. Johnsbury, VT	1.46 Acres Mountain Road	Fee Simple
Burke 2000 LLC 223 Sherburne Lodge Road East Burke, VT	Bear Den Partners LLC St. Johnsbury, VT	1.06 Acres Mountain Road	Fee Simple
Burke 2000 LLC 223 Sherburne Lodge Road East Burke, VT	Bear Den Partners LLC St. Johnsbury, VT	20.32 Acres 1675 VT Route 114	Fee Simple
Mountain Road Management Company, 223 Sherburne Lodge Road East Burke, VT	Bear Den Partners LLC St. Johnsbury, VT	27.16 Acres Vermont Route 114	\$100,000.00
Golub Michael & Jo Berkeley, CA	Elizabeth & Charles Leatherbee Hingham, MA	House & 1.1 Acres 437 High Meadow Road	\$770,000.00
Monarch Trailside Cabins LLC Hanover, MA	Jay & Amy Boesner Flanders, NJ	House & 5.6 Acres Lot 2 Pine Ridge Trail	\$400,000.00
Samuel Nicholson & Dani Brunelle Nantucket, MA	Travis & Emily Gross Hilliston, MA	Condo Unit 127 Burkeside	\$340,000.00
Paul & Jennifer Barone Burke, VT	Barone Paul & Jennifer Barone Trust Burke, VT	House & 10.2 Acres 158 Tamarack Road	Trust
Daniel Evans Hull, MA	Stephen & Catherine Bennett Stratham, NH	House & 1.10 Acres 314 Moonlight Drive	\$67,000.00
Daniel & Judy Newland East Burke, VT	Daniel Zentz, Manassas, VA Darren Newland, Sheffield, VT Debra Fournier, Lyndonville, VT Derek Newland, East Burke, VT	House & .39 Acres 2653 VT Route 114	Fee Simple
Estate of Stacy Spencer Marana, AZ	Steven Brooks West Burke, VT	House & 23 Acres 467 Gaskell Hill Road	\$119,900.00
Walter & Garland Kincaid Chatham, MA	Walter Kincaid Chatham, MA	1.10 Acres 167 Walker Road	Fee Simple
William Garfield West Burke, VT	Jacob Garfield Lyndonville, VT	House & 4.03 Acres 195 Old Farm Road	Life Estate
Karen & Katherine Goetz West Burke, VT	Katherine Goetz West Burke, VT	House & 3.3 Acres 99 Newark Street	Fee Simple
Rebecca Goss West Burke, VT	Rebecca L Goss Living Trust West Burke, VT	House & 5 Acres 268 Cross Cut Road	Trust

Seller	Buyer	Property Location	Sale Price
Stephen & Wanda Wilkie West Burke, VT	Jason Wilkie, Newport, VT Jared Wilkie, West Burke, VT	House & 2 Acres 3385 US Route 5	Life Estate
Burke 48, LLC Duxbury, MA	Robert & Rosa Pion Westfield, MA	Condo Unit 110 48 Burkeside Road	\$490,000.00
Paul Brosseau Stuart, FL	Matthew Brosseau, Ofallon, MO Kathleen Eastman, Jensen Beach, FL Lyne Huffman, Edmond, OK	House & 5 Acres 97 Before Auto Drive	Life Estate
Heather Brubaker East Burke, VT	Heather Brubaker Revocable Trust East Burke, VT	House & 12.5 Acres 149 Marshall Newland	Trust
Melanie Trudeau East Burke, VT	Brooke Green East Burke, VT	House & 2.47 Acres 298 Orchard Road	\$625,700.00
Kingdom Trail Association INC East Burke, VT	Ronald & Robin Semp St. Johnsbury, VT	House & .25 Acres 549 Vermont Route 114	\$450,000.00
Kingdom Trail Association INC East Burke, VT	Ronald & Robin Semp St. Johnsbury, VT	House & .25 Acres 549 Vermont Route 114	Fee Simple
Kelly Wyand Ciardelli Trust 7 Greenleaf Street Merrimack, NH	Thomas & Diane Volberg Farmingdale, NY	Condo Unit 7 207 Bear Path Lane	\$925,000.00
Michael & Karen Moylan East Burke, VT	Cristina Dulay & Derek Benn Hoboken, NJ	Condo Unit 22 2164 Mountain Road	\$185,000.00
Thomas & Diane Volberg Farmingdale, NY	Emma & Colin Koch Cohasset, MA	Condo Unit 605 117 Powderhorn Road	\$627,500.00
Kenneth O'Rourke, W.Rutland VT Amanda O'Rourke, Waterford, VT	Amanda O'Rourke Waterford, VT	6.31 Acres 714 Carter Road	Fee Simple
Beaupre Family Trust East Burke, VT	3265 LLC East Burke, VT	House & 3 Acres 3265 Darling Hill Road	Fee Simple
Beaupre Family Trust East Burke, VT	2171 LLC East Burke, VT	House & 15 Acres 2171 Vermont Route 114	Fee Simple
Beaupre Family Trust East Burke, VT	287 LLC East Burke, VT	House & 2 Acres 287 Vermont Route 114	Fee Simple
Robin & Allen Beaupre East Burke, VT	146 LLC East Burke, VT	House & 2 Acres 146 Wafers Lane	Fee Simple
Robin & Allen Beaupre East Burke, VT	166 LLC East Burke, VT	House & 3.6 Acres 166 Wafer's Lane	Fee Simple
Mary & Erik Maurer Waterford, VT	Judith Anastasia East Burke, VT	Condo Unit 204 37 Powderhorn Road	\$445,000.00
Burke Mountain Water Company Fort Lauderdale, FL	Bear Den Water Utility Company LLC East Burke, VT	East Burke	Water System
Peter & Elisabeth Foukal Nahant, MA	Elisabeth Foukal 2011 Family Trust Nahant, MA	House & 10.10 Acres 5124 Darling Hill Road	Trust
John & Andrea Kupetz East Burke, VT	McKenna Living Trust Westford, MA	2.02 Acres Maple Lane	\$150,000.00

Seller	Buyer	Property Location	Sale Price
Michael Mathers East Burke, VT	Stephanie Davis & Jean-Pierre Daigneault Orford, NH	Houses & .50 Acres 693 & 695 Vermont Rte 114	\$830,000.00
Lucas & Cheryl Joannides West Burke, VT	Lucas Joannides West Burke, VT	House & 22.92 Acres 132 Old County Road	Fee Simple
Richard & Amy Cassidy Hopkinton, MA	Michael Conn, Essex, VT Jane Vanslette, Highgate Springs, VT	2.30 Acres White School Road	\$215,000.00
Ronald & Ann Marie Cole Westfield, MA	The Cole Family Trust Westfield, MA	Condo Unit 11 26 Wintergreen Road	Trust
Lawrence & Lisa Perna The Villages, FL	Jennifer MacLean Hardwick, VT	House & 11.76 Acres 200 Old Farm Road	\$250,000.00
Paul & Beverly Bergstrom Truro, MA	P & B Realty Trust Truro, MA	Condo Unit 105 24 Burkeside Road	Trust
Mary Noyes Bradford, ME	Emily Rolinger & Timothy Overton Beverly, MA	Mobile Home & 1.50 Acres 3993 Vermont Route 114	\$205,000.00
Sevren Brewer & Kayleigh Norton North Concord, VT	Thomas & Christina Goodman Scurry, Texas	House & 13.10 Acres 4452 Vermont Route 114	\$535,000.00
Shelly & Chad Watts Lyndonville, VT	Neil Greene & Vanessa Webb Boston, MA	House & 1.07 Acres 427 High Meadow Road	\$960,000.00
Gerard & Helen Stork Lyndonville, VT	Gerard & Helen Stork, Lyndonville, VT Amy Stork , Portland, OR Benedict Stork, Bellingham, WA Katharina Blaher, Greensboro, MD	Camp & 11.50 Acres 522 Brook Road	Life Estate
William & Christine Booker East Burke, VT	Booker Family Trust East Burke, VT	House & 23.10 Acres 828 Marshall Newland Road	Trust
Jaime-Faye Bean Astoria, NY	Ian Bennett Red Bank NJ	House & 1.30 Acres 2697 VT Route 114	\$210,000.00
Richard & Sandra McHugh East Burke, VT	Thomas Yennerell 2020 Trust Springfield, VT	House & 2 Acres 15 School Street	\$425,000.00
Craig Zottoli & Kelly Hicks Princeton, MA	Brigitte Appleton Marco Island, FL	601 East Darling Hill Road	Easement
David & Katharine Navins Norwich, VT	Andrew O'Brien Living Trust Sonja Anderson Living Trust Stowe, VT	House & 9.44 Acres 3585 Darling Hill Road	\$1,295,000.00
Linda Kane Montpelier, VT	Shelly Watts East Burke, VT	House & 20.16 Acres 5198 Darling Hill Road	\$765,000.00
Donald Ball & Mary Bushey Westmore, VT	Dakota Ball, Burke, VT Margaret & Philp Brown, Sutton VT	House & 1.5 Acre 4722 Burke Hollow Road	\$175,000.00
Laurie & Eladio Aviles West Burke, VT	Anthony Venuto & Jayme Champagne, Barton, VT Jaelynn Gallagher-Champagne, Barton VT	House & 1.24 Acres 3887 US Route 5	\$399,000.00

Seller	Buyer	Property Location	Sale Price
Margaret Niles East Burke, VT	Kelly Lamb Hyde Park, VT	Mobile Home & 2.40 Acres 84 Apple Tree Lane	\$225,000.00
Bryan & Sarah Frank Wentworth, NH	Frank Family Trust Wentworth, NH	House & 1 Acres 845 Wilderness Road	Trust
Cheryl Patouhas Merchantville, NJ	Linda Rondeau Lebanon, CT	House & 3.54 Acres 1019 Bugbee Crossing RD	\$108,000.00
Myerson Rental Property LLC Littleton, NH	Michael & Hannah Pinckney Colchester, VT	10.30 Acres Pinkham Road	\$42,000.00
Burkeg Properties LLC Keene, NH	Hisham Barradah Brookline, MA	5.13 ACRES 1130 Burke Green Road	\$160,000.00
Brigette Appleton Marco Island, FL	Jessica & Denis Connell Berwyn, PA	12.2 Acres East Darling Hill Road	\$390,000.00
Melanie Trudeau East Burke, VT	Scott & Mildred Chappell East Burke, VT	.06 Acres 298/260 Orchard Road boundary line adj	\$5,516.00
Kenneth Williams Pasco, WA	Blane & Kary Casey South China, ME	House & 3.65 Acres 29 Roundy Brook Road	\$385,000.00
Liliane & Joseph Kasprzak East Burke, VT	Benjamin & Margaret Jalowsky Fort Meyers, Florida	House & .5 Acres 603 Vermont Route 114	\$478,950.00
Robert Dudek Berlin, CT	Susan Saulnier Burke, VT	House & 6.2 Acres 432 Kirby Road 1/2 interest	\$238,050.00
Susan Saulnier Newark, VT	Kelly O'Neill & Erin Kennedy Barnet, VT	House & 6.2 Acres 432 Kirby Road	\$477,000.00
Bradley & Amy Wall Edwards, CO	Bradley Wall & Amy Wall Revocable Trust Edwards, CO	House & 2.16 Acres 143 Pinkham Road	Trust
Eric Hudson Concord, VT	Christina Winn Dover, NH	House & 1 Acres 734 Vermont Route 114	\$420,000.00
Virginia Harrison Zephyrhills, FL	Virginia Harrison Zephyrhills, FL	Condo Unit 12 23 Mountain Brook RD	Fee Simple
Joseph Kasprzak East Burke, VT	Joseph & Liliane Kasprzak East Burke, VT	House & 1.95 Acres 65 Bumps Road	Fee Simple
Ryan Murphy & Katherine Anderson East Burke, VT	Joshua Macculloch & Elizabeth Fox East Burke, VT	House & .75 Acres 499 Vermont Route 114	\$495,000.00
James & Cheryl Miceli Dayton, OH	Kathy Teece Revocable Trust West Burke, VT	210 Acres 1508 Sugarhouse Road	Easement
James & Sarah Newell Newark, VT	Town of Burke West Burke, VT	60.30 Acres Newark, VT	\$60,000.00
Town of Burke West Burke, VT	New England Forestry Foundation Inc. Littleton, MA	60.30 Acres Newark, VT	Easement
Amanda O'Rourke Waterford, VT	Carter Ridge Holdings LLC Ridgefield, CT	6.31 Acres 714 Carter Road	\$60,000.00

Seller	Buyer	Property Location	Sale Price
Estate of James Ball Rutland, VT	Patricia Aron Excelsior, MN	House & .50 Acres 104 Vermont Route 5A	\$119,900.00
Michelle Green East Burke, VT	Green Trust Dated October 11, 2025 East Burke, VT	House & 2.59 Acres 151 Orchard Road	Trust
Constance Charron East Burke, VT	Quincy & Christian Charron , Kirby, VT Anne Charron, Lyndonville, VT	House & 7.77 Acres 268 Maple Lane	Life Estate
Claudette Kostek South Windsor, CT	Tracie Scott & Robert Nielson Woodstock, CT	Condo # 10 23 Mountain Brook Road	\$259,000.00
Henry & Helen Gross Derby, VT	Nadine Davey-Rogers & Shaun Rogers Miami Shores, FL	House & 5.80 Acres 1315 Sugarhouse Road	\$450,000.00
Matthew Coughlan & Amanda Royce Parsonsfield, ME	Sarah & William Kempton Groton, VT	Condo # 33 2164 Mountain Road	\$185,000.00
Elaine Willey West Burke, VT	Connor Mello Burlington, VT	House & 1 Acres 2153 Sugarhouse Road	Life Estate
Kingdom Trail Association INC East Burke, VT	Michael Manzella & Anna Georgiopoulos Newton MA	House & .5 Acres 527 Vermont Route 114	\$400,000.00
Durwood & Sandra Legacy East Burke, VT	Alan Legacy, Williamstown, VT Christine Young-Rineer, Thornton, NH Jennifer Legacy-Gray, Danville, VT Sandra Legacy, East Burke, VT	House & 80.43 Acres 73 Legacy Lane	Life Estate
Karie Finn, Guardian of Erin Kvam Waterford, VT	Erin Kvam Waterford, VT	44.99 Acres Vermont Route 114	Fee Simple
Matthew Laferriere, Norton, VT Meghan Laferriere, West Burke, VT	Meghan Laferriere West Burke, VT	House & 1 Acre 4735 Burke Hollow Rd	Fee Simple
Ian Bennett Red Bank, NJ	Gator Tree LTD CO. East Burke, VT	House & 1.3 Acres 2697 Vermont Route 114	Fee Simple

Town of Burke
Planning Commission Report 2025

Commission Members: Jennifer McKenna, Zoe Gascon (Chair), Lynn Norris, and James Sullivan (Secretary)

Advisor: Michael Harris; Zoning Administrator

Thank you to all the volunteers who serve on the Planning Commission and other community members who attend our meetings to provide insight and feedback. Special thanks to Diane Wells from the Conservation Commission who has been particularly active this year in volunteering her time and expertise to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will be looking for new volunteers to join us in the coming year.

The Planning Commission continued to update the Town Plan in 2025. The Town Plan is required to be updated every 8 years and expired in November of 2025. The Town Plan is used to guide zoning decisions and is required for grants and other funding streams. The Town Plan is required, by statute, to be consistent with state and municipal planning goals. While we hoped to engage in a thorough overhaul of the Town Plan to ensure its usefulness and relevance as a guide for the future of our town, time constraints necessitated a more limited process and we have edited the old Town Plan to serve the town until we can engage in a deeper process that brings in the voices and concerns of all residents of Burke. More in-depth work to draft a meaningful and comprehensive Town Plan will begin this year and will likely take us well into 2027. Please stay tuned for how you can be involved and provide your input.

The Planning Commission hosted a Community Mapping Session in February. We had a great turnout and participants mapped key places of historical, environmental, and recreational interest as well as community gathering spaces and beautiful places. Thanks to Alison Lowe and the team at the NVDA for facilitating this process and creating the maps that will inform our Town Plan.

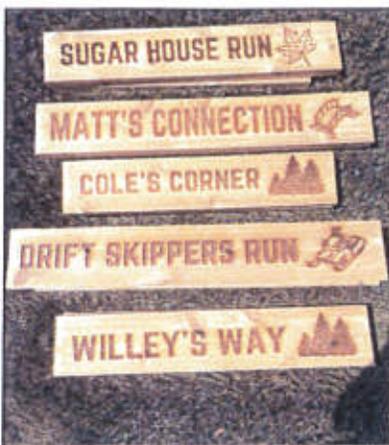
As always, we welcome guests and their comments throughout the year at our monthly meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month in the Town Clerk's Office at 6:00 PM. Guests can also join by zoom and the agenda and zoom link are posted in advance of each meeting on the town website.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoe Gascon, Chair

Burke Conservation Commission and Community Forest Subcommittee 2025 Annual Report

The Burke Conservation Commission's mission is to maintain the rural character of Burke by identifying, conserving, and enhancing the Town's natural and cultural resources and encouraging the understanding of these resources and conservation needs through education. The Burke Community Forest Subcommittee is responsible for the planning, management, administration and care of our two community forests. This past year, we worked on a variety of projects in an effort to fulfill those duties.



Willey Woods Community Forest received considerable attention and in various ways. A sign was placed at the entrance to the forest, an information kiosk built by Burke Town School students was installed at the parking lot, trails were named, and trail signs were made and strategically placed at trail junctions. In June the Town's road crew significantly improved Sugar Maple Lane (the road leading to the Forest) by replacing culverts, ditching, and laying road fabric and gravel.

In March, thanks to County Forester Matt Langlais, Willey Woods was awarded a Landscape Scale Restoration Grant (\$15,230) from Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation (FPR) for wildlife habitat and timber stand improvement and restoration. In July, these funds led to a partnership with the NorthWoods Stewardship Center on a bird

habitat structural diversity project for shrubland birds, and contractor Mike Bickford was hired to clear roughly 5 acres of old farmland with his brontosaurus, releasing mature apple trees and improving woodcock habitat. All of this work was approved and coordinated with our easement holders and adhered to best practices in conservation.

This fall the Town officially acquired the 60-acre Newell parcel thanks to generous funding from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. Roundy Brook flows between the original 283 acres of Willey Woods and this new addition and anticipating the need for a foot bridge, the Forest Subcommittee met with Jaron Borg (Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Stream Alteration Engineer) to assess options for bridge placement and potential permitting requirements. In November the Subcommittee submitted a pre-application for the FPR 2026 Recreational Trails Program grant to help fund bridge



and trail construction. The application was approved and we were invited to submit a full grant application, due February 1, 2026.

Progress was also made with the Town's second community forest, North Pasture. The Forest's stewardship plan was approved by the conservation easement holder, Vermont Land Trust, the boundary was freshly flagged, and preliminary discussions on creating an off-road parking area in potential partnership with Kingdom Trails have begun.



A Natural Resource Inventory of Burke has been in the works for most of this year by Elise Lawson, owner of Watershed to Wildlife, a natural resource consulting company. This has been an exciting project to follow as field work and mapping data emerge and reveal just how rich our town is with respect to water resources, natural communities, wildlife and more. Elise is working with the Planning Commission to develop a final document and series of maps to be used as a tool for Town planning. Stay tuned for a public listening session to learn more about what Elise discovered.

In May we had many volunteer boots on the ground for a riparian planting project on private land along the West Branch of the Passumpsic. We worked closely with the Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District (CCNRCD) and managed to plant 200 stems of riparian shrubs and trees purchased using Trees for Streams program funds. Volunteers included not only members of the BCC but also NEK Trout Unlimited, Americorps, and Burke Town School students.



Additional highlights from this past year include:

- A spring bird walk at Willey Woods, led by Burke resident Kevin Mack
- An August Butterfly Atlas workshop, in partnership with the Vermont Center for Ecostudies, to recruit and train volunteers for a statewide butterfly mapping effort.
- The start of an annual tradition to sponsor a Burke youth to attend one of VT Fish & Wildlife's summer conservation camps.

Lastly, it has been a great year for collaboration with various groups and organizations who share an interest in conservation in Vermont. We held forest walks and talks with the NorthWoods Stewardship Center and the Northern Forest Center, hosted a NEK Town Forest gathering sponsored by the Northern Forest Center, attended regional gatherings sponsored by the CCNRCD and the VT Association of Conservation Commissions, and participated in one of four statewide input sessions for all those interested in the development of Vermont's Conservation Plan.

We would like to extend a warm thank you to all of our volunteers and the following folks: the Town of Burke Road Crew for their fantastic job improving Sugar Maple Lane; Matt Langlais for his time and dedication to our Town Forests; Bob Gondar for his donation of time and materials and his craftsmanship and attention to detail on the Willey Woods kiosk, trail signs, and trail log; The Foundry at Lyndon Institute for working with us and engraving our trail and entrance signs at Willey Woods; Christine Emmons and the Burke Mountain Club for generously allowing us to use one of this Town's historic and beautiful spaces; Cathi Feeley, Town Treasurer, for her patience and assistance in helping us manage our funds and for donating her photography to help raise funds for our Town Forests (items on display at the Town Office); Mike Harris, our Town's Zoning Administrator, for his time, knowledge, and assistance with the purchase of the Newell parcel; Curt Busto for all the time he donated to develop the awesome trail map of Willey Woods; Maria Young and the NorthWoods Stewardship Center for helping and donating in various ways when it came to managing Willey Woods; and to the Selectboard for regularly lending an ear and working with us on much of what we do.

We would also like to thank Sara Bresnick for her service on the Forest Subcommittee and Dusty Labarr for his service on the Forest Subcommittee and BCC. Your contributions are greatly appreciated, your presence has been missed.

The BCC meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6 pm, and the Forest Subcommittee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm. If you have an interest in the outdoors and donating some time (any time) with a fun group of people, we are always looking for new volunteers.

BCC Members: Hank Butler, Elise Lawson, Chris Manges, Brandon Mapes, Diane Wells, Cathie Wheeler, and Lindley van der Linde.

Town Forest Subcommittee Members: Hank Butler, Bob Gondar, Don Hale, Cliff Pierce, Elise Lawson (Alternate), and Diane Wells (Alternate).





KINGDOM TRAILS

PO Box 204 East Burke VT 05832
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www.kingdomtrails.org

Dear Burke 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 Burke. 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



Burke Meeting House



Woodmont



Burke Green

2025 Cemetery Report

We cleaned the headstones at Woodmont Cemetery.

We trimmed the cedar trees at Woodmont Cemetery.

We raised and strengthened headstones.

Please don't dig around headstones to plant flowers. What happens is it will make the foundation shift.

Then the headstone starts to slide off the foundation.

As a reminder, after purchasing a burial lot, corner makers are required.

Thank you, Cemetery Sextons

Rick & Marcia Hackett

Hillside



Howland



We Recycle!



MESSAGE FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER

Burke is “Zero Sort”. Residents no longer have to sort their recycling into separate categories. All recycling can be mixed together except for cardboard and boxboard. All items must be clean and we no longer accept soft plastic of any type and we also do not accept any black plastic. We hope this change will make recycling easier for everyone and will increase the amount of materials that are recycled. In 2025 the Recycling Center shipped 90.13 tons of recyclables, this included 21 tons of compost.

If you would like to compost at home, we sell composters at the Recycling Center. They cost \$55.

Returnable deposit bottles and cans donated at the recycling center, brought in about \$3800 for several different non-profit organizations this year. This money helps groups like the Burke Senior Meal Site, the East Burke and West Burke Fire Departments and the East Burke and West Burke Libraries and NEK Cans. Each month a different group gets the money.

Please be aware that Burke is not a member of the NEKWD- Burke residents may not bring recyclable to the waste district in Lyndonville. You must bring them to Burke.

We also save egg cartons for the public to pick up and use.

Thank you to the people of Burke for your support of the recycling center in 2025

Recycling-Hours:	Wednesday	3 P.M. to 6 P.M.
	Thursday	3 P.M. to 6 P.M.
	Saturday	8 A.M. to 12 P.M.





BREAKDOWN OF RECYCLING CATEGORIES

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
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1 MIXED PAPER – Newspapers, with inserts, telephone books, Magazines, catalogues. Junk mail, white paper, mixed office, white classroom paper, fax paper, construction paper, egg cartons, shredded paper. Please open junk mail to take out any contaminants.

NO WAXED COATED BOXBOARD (EXAMPLE HALF & HALF BOX)

2 OLD CORRUGATED CONTAINERS – brown corrugated cardboard. Pizza boxes, brown paper bags, wet board, brown box board, (when ripped, brown inside) , single layer cardboard, white or gray box board . Staples are OK, tape is OK, please remove the plastic shipping list. No Duct Tape.

3 GLASS – Bottles and Jars only

4 #1 PETE – #2 HDPE NATURAL #2 HDPE COLOR #3 thru 7 PLASTIC Clear water bottles, Gatorade, Ice Tea, etc. Any clear plastic with a molded center on bottom, Natural milk containers and water bottles, household detergent and personal care bottles. Hood light block milk jugs. **No plastic grocery, pellet bags or black plastic even if it has a number on it.**

5 ALUMINUM – Cans, aluminum pie plates, aluminum foil, soda cans, V-8 cans

6 TIN CANS - All tin cans.

7 BOOKS – Hardcover and Soft Cover

8. ELECTRONICS, COMPUTERS, TV'S,

We also recycle used batteries, cell phones, aerosol cans, smoke alarms, mercury thermometers, used oil, propane tanks (1 pound and 20 pound) and fluorescent light bulbs.

Oil containers and hazardous product containers are not acceptable. Also no automotive, animal care, lawn and garden or medical product containers. (Bring these to Hazardous Waste Day)

All containers must be empty, clean, and HAVE A RECYCLING SYMBOL ON IT

NO FOOD CONTAMINATION AT ALL
NO STYROFOAM OF ANY KIND
NO LED LIGHTS BULBS
NO INCANDESCENT LIGHTS



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The Town of Burke will be having four HHW Days in 2026. Two in Burke and Two in St. Johnsbury. Call the Town Clerks Office for the dates, they will be in West Burke at the Town Garage. We will also partner with the Town of St. Johnsbury. All of the Collection Days will be advertised in the Caledonian Record, the Burke website and posters will be placed at various locations around town.

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY?

Household Hazardous Waste is any discarded household material that can be classified as toxic, corrosive, flammable, or reactive/explosive. *Paint, *Acids/bases, *Hobby Chemicals, *Pesticides, *Cleaning Products, *Batteries, *Thinners/strippers.

There may be both short-term and long-term harmful effects to humans and the environment from improper use and disposal of household hazardous waste.

To protect human health and the environment, the Town of Burke is sponsoring this one-day collection event two times per year. These two events will be held in West Burke at the Town Garage off School Street.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

Only the residents of the Towns of Burke and St. Johnsbury. These special days are designed for collection of household generated materials only. Business waste will not be accepted during the hours of collection without prior arrangement. There will be a charge for accepting business waste. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 467-3717 for more information.

We are sorry, but due to the cost of offering this event, we must limit participation to the residents from the Towns of Burke and St. Johnsbury. Please follow these instructions:

**** Keep all products in their original containers with labels intact.**

**** Place individual containers in sturdy cardboard boxes for transportation to the collection event. You may want to use newspaper or cardboard to keep items from tipping or hitting each other during transportation. Make sure all lids are on tight.**

**** Wrap leaking containers in newspapers and place in clear plastic bags. Make sure lids are tight.**

**** Do not mix any chemicals or pesticides together. Place any chemicals that might react with each other in separate areas of the vehicle.**

**** Do not leave products in hot, unventilated vehicles for an extended period of time.**

****Do not smoke near any chemical products. Smoking and eating are prohibited on site.**

**** Participants are discouraged from bringing small children or pets to the collection event.**

****Please be patient. There may be a waiting line.**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (Continued)

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Acids	Mothballs or Flakes
Adhesives	Motor Oil
Aerosols	Muriatic Acid
Antifreeze	Nail Polish
Asbestos Materials	Nail Polish Removers
All Batteries	No-Pest Strips
Boric Acid	Oven Cleaners
Brake Fluids	Paints – Latex or Oil-Based
Cements	Paint Removers
Charcoal Lighters	Paint Thinners
Chlorine	PCB's
Cleaning Fluid	Pentachlorophenol
Corn and Wart Removers	Permanent Solutions
Degreasers	Pesticides
Dioxin Insect Pesticides	Photo Chemicals
Disinfectants	Pool Chemicals
Drain Cleaners	Dry Gas
Epoxies	Rat Poisons
Dyes	Rug & Upholstery Cleaners
Fiberglass Resins	Rust Solvents
Flea collars and Powders	Solvents
Furniture Strippers	Spot Removers
Hair Removers	Toilet Bowl cleaners
Herbicides	Tub & Tile cleaners
Inks	Turpentine
Insecticides	Varnish
Insect Repellents	Weed Killers
Lacquers	Wood Polishers
Lubricants	Wood Preservatives
	Wood Stains

WASTES THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

>>>> Explosives; shock-sensitive materials and water/air reactive materials (Dynamite, ammunition)

>>>> Pathological Wastes; Infectious Wastes (disease-causing organisms); Medicines (medical wastes)

>>>> Radioactive Wastes (including smoke detectors)

THE TOWN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY MATERIAL, WHICH IS NOT DEEMED ACCEPTABLE BY THE MANAGING CHEMIST ON SITE.

Household Hazardous Waste collection dates for 2026 not yet scheduled. Please Check with Town Clerks Office for dates 802-467-3717.

FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU MAY CONTACT:

Linda Hackett-Corey, Burke Town Clerk

467-3717 – Days
burke@burkevermont.org

Joe Allard, Selectboard

535-4520 – Evenings
joeallard60@gmail.com

Mark Daigle, Selectboard (chair)

535-9733- Evening
mj.daigle@live.com

Jerry Booth, Selectboard

839-0266 – Evenings
lowery1571@outlook.com

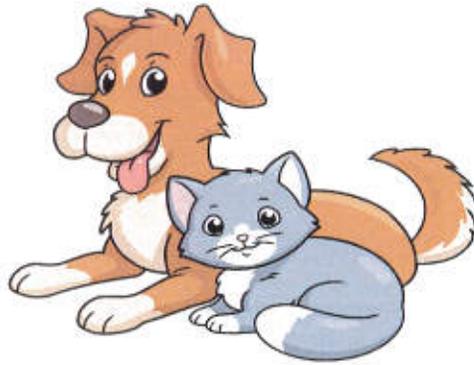
Jim Sullivan Town Administrator

978-846-0467
townadmin@burkevermont.org

Steve Smith, Recycling Attendant
Walt Bickford Recycling Attendant
(retired)

467-3717 – Days
burke@burkevermont.org





ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Town of Burke
Candace Dane
802-535-7109

End of the Year – 2025 – Report

2025 from beginning to end was again relatively quiet for the Town of Burke's animals. There were some calls regarding loose dogs, but they managed to get home without help.

The continuing theme in every town seems to be potential animal cruelty and abandonment. If you see something, say something. Stand up to the abusers, be observant, look around you, see what is happening, pay attention and make the damn call so we can stop the madness. BUT observe, DON'T ASSUME. Really look, try to see all of the situation, not just the part that bothers you.

It is also that time of year when all dogs need to have a valid rabies vaccination and a town license. Please try to get this done in a timely manner and also make sure the Town Clerk has your updated contact information, lost dogs get home faster with this info.

IMPORTANT: If you feel you are in a bind, are having trouble feeding your animals or simply cannot keep your animals anymore, don't let them starve and don't dump them! CALL ME/CALL THE TOWN, there is no shame in asking for help and it is kept private. Need food, hay, whatever, call and ask. There are resources to resolve situations which are beneficial to everyone.

Let's all do what we can to make 2026 a positive year for the animals and the humans in the Town of Burke.

Sincerely,
Candace Dane
Animal Control Officer



APRIL 1st
IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING
Don't forget to register your dogs!!

In Vermont, all dogs over six months old must be licensed annually by April 1.

Vaccination Requirements: Before obtaining a license, owners must provide a certificate from a licensed veterinarian showing that the dog has received a current rabies vaccination. All dogs over three months of age must be vaccinated against rabies.

Animal License Fees Up to April 1

Dogs who are spayed or neutered \$17.00

Dogs who are not spayed or neutered \$22.00

Animal License Fees after April 1

Dogs who are spayed or neutered \$19.00

Dogs who are not spayed or neutered \$26.00

You can license your dogs by mail, in person or by using the drop box by the front door. Please include a copy of your most recent rabies certificate.

Burke Senior Meal Site

The Burke Senior Meal Site is located in the Town office building on School Street in West Burke and on Monday – Wednesday and Friday provides nutritious lunches to the seniors who stop in and to those who get Meals on Wheels. In addition to the meals, juice and sometimes milk, the seniors on our Meals on Wheels route get to see a friendly face and have someone who cares know that they are all right.

This year we were able to rebuild the gardens for the Meal Site and provided fresh tomatoes, lettuce, zucchini and other vegetables for our tables and for our seniors. A huge thank you to Honest to Goodness Farm and everyone who contributed plants, seeds, time and energy to this project. We are looking to be bigger and better in the upcoming year!

In addition to meals, the Meal Site offers exercise class on Monday and Wednesday. This class has a huge following and helps to keep our seniors healthy and mobile.

On the first and third Wednesday of the month line dancing is held beginning at 1 o'clock. This activity is enjoyed not only by participants of the Meal Site, but if you stop by you will often find a full house tapping their feet to the tunes.

On Mondays at 1 p.m. you will find a large and devoted group of seniors waiting patiently for their number to be called in BINGO. A big thank you to Peter and Rita Martin and all our volunteers for keeping this up and running.

On any given day you may hear local musicians such as Esther Hood, Joanne and Tommy Gilman or Darren Gilman providing entertainment.

There are a talented group of crafters who often share their skills and projects over a cup of coffee or tea. Feel free to reach out to find out what might be happening at any time.

This year a trip to Fryeburg Fair was organized and enjoyed by many. While it was a long day and people came home tired, a great time was had by all.

We had the need to replace one of our freezers this year and we also purchased a dish washer to aid the kitchen staff and free up time for baking and other duties.

The Board of the Meal Site is constantly looking for new and better ways to raise fund to support the Meal Site. Our standard fund-raising activities include the annual fund-raising letter, our Golf Tournament, our August Calendar raffle, smaller raffles through the year, pizza/bingo evenings and dinners such as a chicken pie dinner. All of these events take a great deal of preparation and work and everyone who assists in any way is greatly

appreciated. We can't forget a huge thank you to Mike from the Tiki Bar who donates food items that we use for our pizza/bingo night.

On the third Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. you will find the community gathering to listen to a wide variety of local musicians who come to the Country Music JAM to share their talents. Guests are able to enjoy the music and company of others and enjoy the delicious snacks provided by the Meal Site.

We count on volunteers to help pack our Meals on Wheels bags and serve and clear after lunch.

Our volunteers are vital in scheduling fun social events such as tea parties, working on crafts, updating our decorations from season to season and so much more.

The community generously donates extra garden produce and other food items to support our program. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

This year Kerri Leblanc returned to a full-time position at the Pines and Christina Young joined our team as our Manager, welcome Christina. In a short time Christina has made her mark by updating forms and reorganizing.

Almost as soon as you enter the building you can smell the delicious food being created in our kitchen by Melissa Bedor and Carol Butynski. We are lucky to have such a talented pair in our kitchen!

If you have a few hours a week that you want to fill, give the Meal Site a call about a volunteer opportunity. If you have an interest in supporting a program that is here for our local seniors, consider joining the Board. If you have a talent or skill you would like to share, give us a call.

If you want to borrow a book or a puzzle to keep busy on some of these long winter days and nights, feel free to stop in.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2026

The Board of the Burke Senior Meal Site

One Burke
Waste Water Project
For West Burke Village
Project Update

The waste water project for the Village of West Burke is making progress. The designs are nearing completion with bidding expected in March 2026. Depending on the timing the project could start as early as June 2026 and will be completed by June of 2027. It is expected that the project will start at the Town Garage property with the leach fields and associated equipment for the system. After that they will start installing the main line through the Village and connecting the users of the system to the main line.

The project is currently planned to provide wastewater service to 27 properties along US Route 5, VT Route 5A, Church Street, and Depot Street with some additional capacity for more connections or increased use of existing connection in the future.

Town Maintenance Facility

The Town Garage is moving along well, most of the site work and concrete work was completed in 2025. The structure is currently being built, as that is being completed we will start the interior work. This will include the plumbing, electrical, and mechanical work and as we get further into the spring and summer the remaining exterior work which will be completed. Once the building has been completed we will start moving operations from the old garage to the new garage.

The Sand/Salt Shed will be going out to bid in March and we are anticipating this structure will be constructed and completed by fall of 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Harris

Account Description	2026 Proposed	2025 Voted Budget	2025 Actual	Variance
Property Taxes				
Delinquent Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 355,419.75	\$ (355,419.75)
State of VT Town Prepay	-	-	(500,583.99)	500,583.99
Refund of School Tax	-	-	51,771.08	(51,771.08)
Current Property Tax Abatement	-	-	6,026,500.69	(6,026,500.69)
Total Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,933,107.53	\$ (5,933,107.53)
ADMINISTRATION INCOME				
Clerk Fees	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 21,580.75	\$ (1,580.75)
Liquor Licenses	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,430.00	70.00
Interest on Line of Credit	20,000.00	20,000.00	38,500.95	(18,500.95)
Interest On Cking Accounts	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,985.38	(985.38)
Marriage Licenses	-	-	255.00	(255.00)
Interest From Del. Taxes	5,000.00	5,000.00	16,603.67	(11,603.67)
Penalty on Del Tax	20,000.00	20,000.00	30,528.94	(10,528.94)
Land Records Restoration	-	-	7,105.00	(7,105.00)
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	6,029.00	(6,029.00)
Total Administration Income	\$ 67,200.00	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 124,018.69	\$ (56,518.69)
ASSESSOR OFFICE				
Income to Listing	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,294.00	\$ (294.00)
Reappraisal Reserve Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,999.00	(999.00)
Total Income to Listers	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 12,293.00	(1,293.00)
GENERAL SERVICES INCOME				
Traffic Fines	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 610.38	\$ 289.62
Dog Licenses	-	1,500.00	1,785.00	(285.00)
Dog Fines To Town	-	-	143.00	(143.00)
Pilot-State of Vermont	10,000.00	10,000.00	13,700.47	(3,700.47)
Current Use Program/State Bike Lane Grant	50,000.00	50,000.00	64,167.00	(14,167.00)
Total Income to General Services	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 62,400.00	\$ 80,405.85	\$ (18,005.85)
COMMUNITY BUILDING INCOME				
Misc. Community Bldg. Income	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,625.00	\$ (1,425.00)
Total Income to Community Building	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,625.00	\$ (1,425.00)

Account Description	2026 Proposed	2025 Voted Budget	2025 Actual	Variance
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD				
Building Permits	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 9,597.25	\$ (2,097.25)
Subdivision Permits	-	-	145.00	(145.00)
Short Term Rental Fees	-	-	915.00	(915.00)
Advertising Inc-Zoning	-	-	1,035.00	(1,035.00)
Total Income to DRB	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 11,692.25	\$ (4,192.25)
PLANNING INCOME				
Multi use Bike Path Grnt	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income to Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CONSERVATION COMMISSION INCOME				
Transfer from Reserve	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Willey Woods Mngmet Fund	-	-	-	-
Misc Income	-	-	\$ 4,100.00	(4,100.00)
Total Inc to Conservation Commission	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ (2,100.00)
CEMETERY INCOME				
Misc. Cemetery Income	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 19,629.75	\$ (3,629.75)
Jacob McNeal Trust Income	-	-	-	-
Sale of lots	-	-	900.00	(900.00)
Total Income to Cemetery	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 20,529.75	\$ (4,529.75)
BURKE HOLLOW CEMETERY				
Misc. BH Income	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Trans From Deth Saving	-	-	-	-
Total Income to BH Cemetery	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
WOODMONT CEMETERY INCOME				
Sale of lots	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,750.11	\$ (1,750.11)
Vanguard Dividends	750.00	750.00	999.10	(249.10)
Wells Fargo Dividends	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 10,053.95	\$ (3,853.95)
Gibson Inc.	1,000.00	875.00	875.00	-
Total Woodmont Cemetery Income	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 7,825.00	\$ 13,678.16	\$ (5,853.16)
RUBBISH INCOME				
Hazardous Waste Program	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Bulky Day Fees	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,276.00	(776.00)
Total Rubbish Income	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,276.00	\$ (776.00)
RECYCLING INCOME				

Account Description	2026 Proposed	2025 Voted	2025 Actual	Variance
		Budget		
Trans From Reserve Income to Recycling	\$ - 4,000.00	\$ 10,000.00 4,000.00	\$ - 5,349.43	\$ 10,000.00 (1,349.43)
Total Recycling Income	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 5,349.43	\$ 8,650.57

DARLING FUND ACCOUNT

Vanguard Income	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,559.11	\$ (59.11)
Darling Trust Income	4,000.00	4,000.00	6,892.21	(2,892.21)
Total Darling Fund Accounts	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 8,451.32	\$ (2,951.32)

MISC. REVENUE

Wastewater Project Inc			\$ 154,740.79	\$ (154,740.79)
WB Sidewalk Income	\$ -	\$ -	11,177.68	\$ (11,177.68)
Total Misc Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,918.47	\$ (165,918.47)

Total Budgeted Income

\$ 193,650.00	\$ 204,425.00	\$ 6,392,445.45	\$ (6,188,020.45)
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EXPENSE

ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Wages	\$ 236,070.52	\$ 225,252.75	\$ 228,238.82	\$ (2,986.07)
Selectboard	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Sel Brd Minutes Clk	1,800.00	1,500.00	1,200.00	300.00
Election Assistants	1,923.48	1,781.64	118.95	1,662.69
FICA-MEDI Expense	18,573.74	17,712.38	18,112.50	(400.12)
Administrative Health Ins.	108,861.12	137,011.56	104,220.03	32,791.53
General Office Expense	28,000.00	27,000.00	27,203.54	(203.54)
Election Expense	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,365.00	1,635.00
Postage	6,000.00	5,000.00	5,733.93	(733.93)
Advertising	3,200.00	3,000.00	2,914.60	85.40
Computer Upgrades	4,000.00	3,000.00	3,171.20	(171.20)
Bookkeeping Audit	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
New Office Equipment	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00
Restoration Reserve Exp		-	7,097.00	-
Land Records/Restoration	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,511.16	3,488.84
Employee Appreciation Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,450.53	49.47
Miscellaneous Expense	-	-	-	-
CTCL Election Grnt Exp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Administration	\$ 438,428.86	\$ 451,258.33	\$ 420,337.26	\$ 30,921.07
Receipts to Administration	\$ 67,200.00	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 124,018.69	\$ (56,518.69)
Tax Expense	\$ 371,228.86	\$ 383,758.33	\$ 296,318.57	\$ 87,439.76

Account Description

2026 Proposed

2025 Voted

2025 Actual

Budget

Variance

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Assessors Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Software License	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,014.00	486.00
Mapping Program	3,500.00	3,500.00	1,579.72	1,920.28
Assessor/Consultant	48,000.00	48,000.00	48,000.00	-
Reappraisal Expense	-	-	-	-
Reappraisal Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
Total Assessors Office	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 61,593.72	\$ 2,406.28
Receipts to Assessor's Office	11,000.00	11,000.00	12,293.00	(1,293.00)
Tax Expense	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 49,300.72	\$ 3,699.28

TOWN OFFICES

Janitor Wages	\$ 6,515.60	\$ 6,026.10	\$ 6,058.58	\$ (32.48)
Water Operator Wages	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)
General Fica-Medi	613.19	461.00	563.53	(102.53)
Electricity/Town Office	8,000.00	7,000.00	7,192.12	(192.12)
Telephone/Internet	8,500.00	7,000.00	8,166.95	(1,166.95)
Fuel/Town Office	9,000.00	9,000.00	7,112.01	1,887.99
Mileage Reimbursement	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Water Testing Supplies	700.00	700.00	455.00	245.00
Town Office Mowing	2,200.00	1,500.00	2,200.00	(700.00)
Water Systems Operator Fees	1,500.00	900.00	-	900.00
Maintenance-Town Offices	10,000.00	9,000.00	7,738.23	1,261.77
Total Town Office	\$ 49,528.79	\$ 42,587.10	\$ 41,986.42	\$ 600.68

GENERAL SERVICES

Animal Control Wages	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Constable Wages	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Health Officer Wages	500.00	500.00	275.00	225.00
General Services Fica-Medi	114.75	114.75	-	114.75
Child Care Contribution	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,326.42	673.58
VT State Police	12,500.00	10,000.00	12,203.53	(2,203.53)
Constable Expenses			100.00	(100.00)
Caledonia County Sheriff	12,000.00	10,000.00	10,786.50	(786.50)
Dues/Fees	3,651.00	13,000.00	6,475.50	6,524.50
Legal Fees	25,000.00	30,000.00	46,769.55	(16,769.55)

Account Description	2026 Proposed	2025 Voted Budget	2025 Actual	Variance
Genl Serv. Worker's Comp.	-	-	2,516.57	(2,516.57)
W. Burke Village Park	1,500.00	1,300.00	1,338.35	(38.35)
Dog Pound Fees & Supplies	750.00	750.00	270.29	479.71
Animal Control Fund	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
Interest Paid on LOC	20,000.00	20,000.00	50,406.11	(30,406.11)
Fire Dept. Dispatch	11,000.00	10,000.00	10,494.25	(494.25)
Caledonia County Tax	42,657.23	39,497.23	39,497.23	-
Total General Services	\$ 134,172.98	\$ 139,661.98	\$ 183,959.30	\$ (44,297.32)
Receipts to General Services	60,000.00	62,400.00	80,405.85	(18,005.85)
Tax Expense	\$ 74,172.98	\$ 77,261.98	\$ 103,553.45	\$ (26,291.47)

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Building Expense	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,027.85	\$ (2,027.85)
Repairs & Maintenance Building	-	-	390.00	(390.00)
Total Community Building	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,417.85	(2,417.85)
Receipts to the Community Bldg	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,625.00	(1,425.00)
Tax Expense	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 5,792.85	(992.85)

INSURANCE

PACIF (Bildds & Auto)	\$ 15,883.45	\$ 14,558.00	\$ 14,587.97	(29.97)
Worker's Comp	7,687.00	10,066.28	6,595.34	3,470.94
General Fund Unemp.	2,124.00	948.00	948.00	-
Fire Dept. Workers Comp Ins.	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,218.00	82.00
Total Insurance	\$ 26,994.45	\$ 26,872.28	\$ 23,349.31	\$ 3,522.97
Receipts to the Insurance	-	-	-	\$ -
Tax Expense	\$ 26,994.45	\$ 26,872.28	\$ 23,349.31	\$ 3,522.97

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Secretary Wages	\$ 3,707.50	\$ 3,607.50	\$ 3,779.80	\$ (172.30)
Zoning Administrator Wages	30,945.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	-
DRB Member Stipend	2,100.00	2,100.00	800.00	1,300.00
Fica-Medi	2,812.00	2,731.62	2,631.73	99.89
Office Expense-Zoning Board	1,600.00	-	1,643.16	(1,643.16)
DRB Consultant	-	-	-	-
Zoning Outside Contractors	-	-	-	-
ZA Supplies	100.00	100.00	-	100.00
Total Development Review Board	\$ 41,264.50	\$ 38,539.12	\$ 38,854.69	\$ (315.57)
Receipts to Development Review Board	7,500.00	7,500.00	11,692.25	(4,192.25)
	\$ 33,764.50	\$ 31,039.12	\$ 27,162.44	\$ 3,876.68

Account Description	2026 Proposed	2025 Voted Budget	2025 Actual	Variance
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PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Secretary Wages	\$ 601.02	\$ 1,665.00	\$ 588.30	\$ 1,076.70
Planning Board Stipend	1,500.00	1,500.00	100.00	1,400.00
Fica-Medi	160.72	242.12	50.07	192.05
Office Expense - Planning	4,000.00	-	3,866.48	(3,866.48)
Town Plan Update	10,000.00			
Nat Res Inventory(mapping)	-	12,100.00	6,200.00	5,900.00
E Darling Bike Ped Stdy Exp	-	-	-	-
Total Planning Commission	\$ 16,261.74	\$ 15,507.12	\$ 10,804.85	\$ 4,702.27
Receipts to Planning Commission	-	-	-	-
Tax Expense	\$ 16,261.74	\$ 15,507.12	\$ 10,804.85	\$ 4,702.27

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Advertising	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Administrative Expense	100.00	100.00	50.00	50.00
Educational Projects	600.00	600.00	-	600.00
Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00	387.07	1,612.93
Conservation Reserve Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00	4,500.00	(2,000.00)
Town Forest	14,700.00	5,000.00	4,750.00	250.00
Willey Woods			100.00	(100.00)
Newall Land Exp	-	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
Trans to Reserve	-	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Willey Woods	-	-	393.56	(393.56)
Total Conservation Commission	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 14,300.00	\$ 12,180.63	\$ 2,119.37
Receipts to Conservation Comm	-	2,000.00	4,100.00	(2,100.00)
Tax Expense	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 8,080.63	\$ 4,219.37

CEMETERY

Hillside/Howland and B Green

Cemetery Sexton	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,189.50	\$ 810.50
FICA-MEDI Expense	153.00	153.00	90.99	62.01
Unemployment - Cemetery	-	75.00	-	75.00
Equipment-Oper/Maint.	2,000.00	-	1,964.01	(1,964.01)
Repairs to Grounds	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,577.49	222.51
Outside Contractors	35,000.00	16,000.00	19,112.08	(3,112.08)

Account Description	2026 Proposed	2025 Voted	2025 Actual	Variance
		Budget		
Operating Supplies	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Total Cemetery	\$ 43,453.00	\$ 22,528.00	\$ 25,934.07	\$ (3,406.07)
Receipts to Cemetery	16,000.00	16,000.00	20,529.75	(4,529.75)
Tax Expense	\$ 27,453.00	\$ 6,528.00	\$ 5,404.32	\$ 1,123.68
Darling Trust- Burke Hollow Cem				
BH Church Wages	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 58.50	\$ 941.50
FICA-MEDI Expense	76.50	76.50	4.46	72.04
Electricity-Church	800.00	800.00	656.30	143.70
Unemployment Insurance		50.00	-	50.00
Oper/Maint Equipment	250.00	-	250.00	(250.00)
Repairs to Grounds	600.00	600.00	-	600.00
Outside Contractors	9,100.00	8,000.00	6,900.00	1,100.00
Total Burke Hollow Church Expenses	\$ 11,826.50	\$ 10,526.50	\$ 7,869.26	\$ 2,657.24
Receipts to Meeting House - Darling Fund	7,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Tax Expense	\$ 4,826.50	\$ 5,526.50	\$ 2,869.26	\$ 2,657.24
WOODMONT CEMETERY				
Woodmont Wages	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,670.25	\$ (3,670.25)
FICA-MEDI Expense	76.50	76.50	357.34	(280.84)
Equipment Oper/Maint	700.00	-	681.96	(681.96)
Outside Contractors	15,000.00	8,000.00	8,970.00	(970.00)
Repairs to Grounds	1,550.00	1,550.00	5,002.74	(3,452.74)
Total Woodmont Cemetery Expenses	\$ 18,326.50	\$ 10,626.50	\$ 19,682.29	\$ (9,055.79)
Receipts to Woodmont Cemetery	9,750.00	7,825.00	13,678.16	(5,853.16)
Tax Expense	\$ 8,576.50	\$ 2,801.50	\$ 6,004.13	\$ (3,202.63)
RUBBISH REMOVAL				
Bulky Day Wages	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,843.00	\$ 2,067.39	\$ 2,775.61
Haz Waste Day Wages	800.00	800.00	309.93	490.07
Bulky Days Fica-Medi	382.50	370.49	155.82	214.67
Haz Waste Day Fica-Medi	61.20	61.20	22.95	38.25
Tipping Fees- Rubbish	-	-	20.00	(20.00)
Tipping Fees - Bulky Day	6,000.00	5,000.00	5,463.10	(463.10)
Green up	700.00		609.50	(609.50)
Hazardous Waste Days	30,000.00	30,000.00	24,541.25	5,458.75
Total Rubbish Removal	\$ 42,943.70	\$ 41,074.69	\$ 33,189.94	\$ 7,884.75
Receipts to Rubbish Removal	4,500.00	4,500.00	5,276.00	(776.00)
Tax Expense	\$ 38,443.70	\$ 36,574.69	\$ 27,913.94	\$ 8,660.75

Account Description	2026 Proposed	2025 Voted	2025 Actual	Variance
		Budget		
RECYCLING				
Recycling Wages	\$ 34,400.00	\$ 30,012.84	\$ 24,261.66	\$ 5,751.18
Fica-Medi	2,601.00	2,296.00	1,856.16	439.84
Education	-	-	-	-
Electricity	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,085.62	214.38
Heating Fuel Recycle Building	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,731.64	(231.64)
Recycling Dues	500.00	3,500.00	132.08	3,367.92
Recycle-Oper/Maint	4,000.00	5,000.00	3,154.78	1,845.22
Outside Maint/Repairs	5,000.00	12,500.00	13,790.42	(1,290.42)
Recycle Supplies	-	-	-	-
Recycle Hauling	10,000.00	10,000.00	8,175.88	1,824.12
Outside Contactor	-	-	280.00	(280.00)
Composting Fees	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,584.00	216.00
Cassella SWIP	-	-	-	-
Total Recycling	\$ 63,101.00	\$ 69,908.84	\$ 58,052.24	11,856.60
Receipts to Recycling	4,000.00	14,000.00	5,349.43	8,650.57
Tax Expense	\$ 59,101.00	\$ 55,908.84	\$ 52,702.81	\$ 3,206.03
Darling Park				
Darling Park Electricity	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 165.34	\$ 134.66
Darling Park Op/Mnt	6,000.00	6,000.00	7,189.70	(1,189.70)
Park Lawn Mowing	5,000.00	4,500.00	5,060.00	(560.00)
Darling Park Reserve Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
Total Darling Park	\$ 21,300.00	\$ 20,800.00	\$ 22,415.04	\$ (1,615.04)
Receipts to Darling Park	5,500.00	5,500.00	8,451.32	(2,951.32)
Tax Expense	\$ 26,800.00	\$ 26,300.00	\$ 13,963.72	\$ 12,336.28
Darling Trust Expense				
Hand to Hand/Poor unfortunate	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Receipts to Darling Trust	-	-	-	-
Tax Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Total Budgeted Expenses	1,002,602.02	975,190.46	969,626.87	\$ 5,563.59
Total Budgeted Revenues	193,650.00	204,425.00	6,392,445.45	(6,188,020.45)
	\$ 808,952.02	\$ 770,765.46	\$ (5,422,818.58)	\$ 6,193,584.04
MISCELLANEOUS				
Appropriations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,612.97	\$ (220,612.97)

Account Description	2026 Proposed	2025 Voted Budget	2025 Actual	Variance
School Property Taxes	-	-	4,931,931.53	(4,931,931.53)
Burke Mountain Club	1,500.00	-	-	-
East Burke Water	-	30,000.00	30,000.00	-
Waste Water Project	-	-	154,740.79	(154,740.79)
West Burke Sidewalks Project	-	-	13,972.10	(13,972.10)
Total Unbudgeted Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 5,351,257.39	\$ (5,321,257.39)
Total Misc & Budgeted Expenses	\$ 1,004,102.02	\$ 1,005,190.46	\$ 6,320,884.26	\$ (5,315,693.80)
Total Misc & Budgeted Revenue	193,650.00	204,425.00	6,392,445.45	(6,188,020.45)
Tax Expense	\$ 810,452.02	\$ (800,765.46)	\$ 71,561.19	\$ (872,326.65)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INCOME

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Road Permits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 630.00	\$ (630.00)
Miscellaneous Income		-	3,980.22	(3,980.22)
State of Vermont Highway	137,000.00	137,000.00	142,391.07	(5,391.07)
St of Vt Grants		197,000.00	36,000.00	161,000.00
Misc Grant Inc		-	-	-
Carter Road FEMA		-	-	-
Better Back Roads Grnt			20,000.00	(20,000.00)
Trans from Reserve		-	701,671.55	(701,671.55)
Better Back Roads Grnt	-	-	-	-
Total Budgeted Income	\$ 137,000.00	\$ 334,000.00	\$ 904,672.84	\$ (570,672.84)
Fema Flood Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 268,493.41	(268,493.41)
Total Flood Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 268,493.41	\$ (268,493.41)
Property Taxes Collected	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,968,467.01	(1,968,467.01)
Total Un-Budgeted Income	-	-	-	-
Total Income Highway Department	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,968,467.01	\$ (1,968,467.01)
	\$ 137,000.00	\$ 334,000.00	\$ 3,141,633.26	\$ (2,807,633.26)

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES

Highway Wages	\$ 232,522.80	\$ 227,511.04	\$ 208,306.13	\$ 19,204.91
Highway OT Wages	44,128.00	42,410.00	42,307.27	102.73
Highway Benefit Wages	23,922.56	21,404.40	31,690.36	(10,285.96)

Account Description	2026 Proposed	2025 Voted Budget	2025 Actual	Variance
Fica-Medi	22,970.91	22,286.40	22,381.63	(95.23)
Health/Dental Insurance	112,763.32	88,322.52	87,985.77	336.75
Uniforms Expense	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,222.38	1,777.62
Mileage Reimbursement	1,000.00	1,000.00	838.18	161.82
Stormwater Permit Fees	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,516.54	(2,016.54)
Small Equipment	25,000.00	24,450.00	5,630.25	18,819.75
Worker's Comp - Highway	27,854.00	18,694.52	18,681.62	12.90
PACIF Insurance	17,547.97	14,558.04	14,547.97	10.07
Unemployment Insurance	1,507.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Operations & Maintenance	80,000.00	70,000.00	136,081.95	(66,081.95)
Fuel - Town Trucks	50,000.00	50,000.00	49,092.37	907.63
Outside Contractors	30,000.00	30,000.00	210,732.07	(180,732.07)
East Burke Side Walk Plowing	14,000.00	12,000.00	14,450.00	(2,450.00)
Equipment Replacement	150,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	-
2015 Grader Payment		27,960.00	28,121.79	(161.79)
Excavator Lease		35,109.35	35,109.35	-
Town Garage Res. Fun		150,000.00	-	150,000.00
Equipment Grant Expense	-	-	-	-
Total General Highway Expenses	\$ 840,716.56	\$ 945,706.27	\$ 1,016,195.63	\$ (70,489.36)

TOWN GARAGE

Electricity	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,812.39	\$ (12.39)
Telephone/Town Garage	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,286.00	114.00
Fuel - Town Garage	14,000.00	14,000.00	18,449.09	(4,449.09)
Supplies & Repairs	-	-	35.00	(35.00)
Total Town Garage	\$ 18,200.00	\$ 18,200.00	\$ 22,582.48	\$ (4,382.48)

NEW TOWN GARAGE

Project Manger	\$ 30,945.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (20,000.00)
Project Manager Fica	2,367.29	-	1,530.00	(1,530.00)
Due and Fees		-	34,874.00	(34,874.00)
NTG Legal fee		12,000.00	1,116.00	10,884.00
Outside Contractors	28,000.00	28,000.00	743,283.63	(511,629.85)
Design		-	539,629.85	(539,629.85)
Site work		150,000.00	567,170.17	(417,170.17)
Estimate payment NTG	270,000.00	-	-	-
Total New Town Garage	\$ 331,312.29	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 1,907,603.65	(1,717,603.65)

Account Description	2026 Proposed	2025 Voted	2025 Actual	Variance
		Budget		
Salt Shed	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 23,822.64	(23,822.64)
Total Salt Shed	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 23,822.64	\$ (23,822.64)

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Roadside Mowing	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 2,600.00
Culverts	25,000.00	25,000.00	31,142.14	(6,142.14)
Capital Bridge Projects/Repairs	150,000.00	250,000.00	119,136.40	130,863.60
Winter Salt	80,000.00	100,000.00	132,894.53	(32,894.53)
Magnesium Chloride	60,000.00	50,000.00	61,279.14	(11,279.14)
Winter Sand	-	-	-	-
Gravel Resurface	100,000.00	50,000.00	125,153.68	(75,153.68)
Crack Seal	10,000.00	10,000.00	6,122.98	(490,039.73)
Retreatment	350,000.00	500,000.00	500,039.73	(39.73)
Equipment Rental	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Matching Grant Funds	-	-	-	-
Structures Grant Expense	-	-	-	-
Bridge Replace	-	150,000.00	150,000.00	-
Capital Road Projects Fund	200,000.00	-	-	-
Village Infrastructure Fund	25,000.00	-	-	-
Total Road Maintenance	\$ 1,015,000.00	\$ 1,150,000.00	\$ 1,133,168.60	\$ 16,831.40

Road Upgrade GRNT Exp

MRGP Exp	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -	1,350.00
Structures Grnt=Petes Pond	-	-	-	-
Total Road Upgrade Grant Expense	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -	1,350.00

FEMA FLOOD

FEMA Outside Contractor	-	-	327,959.80	(327,959.80)
FEMA Materials	-	-	15,485.51	(15,485.51)
Total FEMA Flood	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 343,445.31	\$ (343,445.31)

Total Expense - Highway Department	\$ 2,306,578.85	\$ 2,305,256.27	\$ 4,446,818.31	\$ (2,141,562.04)
Total Revenues - Highway Department	137,000.00	334,000.00	3,141,633.26	(2,807,633.26)
Tax Expense Highway	\$ 2,169,578.85	\$ 1,971,256.27	\$ 1,305,185.05	\$ 666,071.22

Town of Burke
2026 Anticipated Tax Rate

2026 Town General Fund Budget	\$ 1,004,102.02
2026 Highway Fund Budget	\$ <u>2,306,578.85</u>
	\$ 3,310,680.87

2026 Anticipated Receipts - General Fund	\$ 193,650.00
General Fund Surplus	\$ 71,561.19
2026 Anticipated Receipts-Highway	<u>137,000.00</u>
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$ 402,211.19

Estimate amount to be raised by taxes	\$ 2,908,469.68
Veterans Exemption Tax (8)	3,791.28
Appropriation Requests	<u>240,738.76</u>
Total estimated tax expense	\$ 3,152,999.72

Divide estimated expense by last published Grand List of 4/1/2025 (Municipal Only)	\$ 4,156,396.00
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Results	0.7586
Anticipated Town Tax Rate 2026	

Breakdown of 2026 Anticipated Tax Rate

Highway (\$2,306,578.85-\$137,000.00) = \$2,169,578.85	0.5220
General Fund (\$1,004,102.02 -71,561.19 - \$193,650.00) =\$738,890.83	0.1778
Appropriations (\$240,738.76)	0.0579
Veterans Exemption (8) (\$3791.28)	0.0009

Anticipated 2026 Town Tax Rate	0.7586
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	Residential	Non-Residential
Total Town Tax Rate	0.7586	0.7586
Total Education Tax Rate	<u>1.4021</u>	<u>1.5507</u>
Total Proposed Tax Rate School and Town	2.1607	2.3093

CLA is 115.11 using new state calculations (8.939% drop)

**DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS
ALL YEARS**

Name	Tax Year	Name	Tax Year
Augeri, Seth & Megan	2022	Mello, Rayanne	2024
Augeri, Seth & Megan	2023	Mello, Rayanne	2025
Augeri, Seth & Megan	2024	Mont Vert GLC Solar	2025
Augeri, Seth & Megan	2025	Mont Vert LLC	2025
Bailey, Howard	2023	Moore, Jason & Kathleen	2025
Bailey, Howard	2024	Morehouse, Tucker & Brown, Brooke	2024
Bailey, Howard	2025	Morehouse, Tucker & Brown, Brooke	2025
Baroni, Jeffrey	2025	Murphy, Cooper & Burrington ,Raven	2025
Baroni, Jeffrey	2025	* Newland, Lance & Maria	2024
Brannen, Heidi	2024	* Newland, Lance & Maria	2025
Brannen, Heidi	2025	Nichols, Michael II	2019
Carr, Cheri & Maximov Julie	2025	Nichols, Michael II	2020
Cartier, Matthew & Victoria	2024	Nichols, Michael II	2021
Cartier, Matthew & Victoria	2025	Nichols, Michael II	2022
Cartier, Matthew	2024	Nichols, Michael II	2023
Cartier, Matthew	2025	Nichols, Michael II	2024
Chieppo, Timothy	2025	Nichols, Michael II	2025
Daigle, Ronald III	2024	** Pustelniak, Michael	2025
Daigle, Ronald III	2025	** Reynard, Andrew	2025
* Darling, Daniel	2025	Rumbinas, Eric	2025
* DJ Commercial LLC	2025	Sanborn, Robert & Tina	2025
* Duda, Sally	2025	* Simpson, Estelle Norlander John	2025
* Howell, Patrick & Laurie	2025	** Spencer Estate Stacy	2025
* Kascenska, John	2025	** Strout, Daniel	2023
Kinell, Susan & Jeffrey	2025	* Strout, Daniel	2024
* Koopman, Peter	2025	* Strout, Daniel	2025
Kulzkyck, Darlene	2025	** West Burke GLC	2025
* Lapointe, Terrance & Nicole	2025	** WH Burke Properties 2 Inc	2024
* Luczkow, Matthew & Motch Lidney	2025	WH Burke Properties 2 Inc	2025
* Luczkow, Matthew & Motch Lidney	2025		
Lyons, Jeffrey	2025	2019 Balance as of 12/31/2025 = \$	1,145.16
Manners, Sean & Stephanie	2025	2020 Balance as of 12/31/2025 = \$	1,203.91
Marshall, James & Lindsay	2025	2021 Balance as of 12/31/2025 = \$	1,240.52
Martinus, Paul	2025	2022 Balance as of 12/31/2025 = \$	1,739.35
* McDowell, Meagan	2022	2023 Balance as of 12/31/2025 = \$	7,012.10
* McDowell, Meagan	2023	2024 Balance as of 12/31/2025 = \$	17,354.87
* McDowell, Meagan	2024	2025 Balance as of 12/31/2025 = \$	130,928.69
* McDowell, Meagan	2025	TOTAL DUE as of 12/31/2025 = \$	160,624.60
		*Making Payments	**Paid in Full

Statement of Taxes Raised
December 31, 2025

GRANDLIST 2025

Municipal		\$	4,156,396.00
Education - Residential			1,505,358.24
Education - Non-Residential			2,585,712.90

TAXES TO BE RAISED

	Grandlist		Rate	Amount Raised
Town - General	\$4,156,396.00		0.1925	\$ 800,107.76
Vet Exempt	\$4,156,396.00	x	0.0008	3,325.14
Highway	\$4,156,396.00	x	0.4736	1,968,467.01
Appropriations	\$4,156,396.00	x	<u>0.0530</u>	<u>220,289.58</u>
Town Residential		x	0.7199	\$ 2,992,189.49
School - Residential	1,470,079.70		1.2670	<u>\$ 1,907,289.10</u>
		x		
School - Non-Residential	2,579,164.91		1.3472	<u>\$ 3,483,472.39</u>
		x		
Total Tax Billing				\$ 8,382,950.98

2025 Taxes Collected		\$	8,251,899.58
Delinquent Taxes To Be Collected			130,928.69
Adjustment			<u>122.71</u>
		\$	8,382,950.98

2025 TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance on hand January 1, 2025	\$	544,018.59
Property Taxes		5,933,107.53
Administrative		124,018.69
Assessor's Office		12,293.00
General Services		80,405.85
Community Building Income		2,625.00
Development Review Board		11,692.25
Conservation		4,100.00
Cemetery Fund		20,529.75
Cemetery Darling Trust		5,000.00
Woodmont Cemetery Trust		13,678.16
Rubbish		5,276.00
Recycling		5,349.43
Darling Fund		8,451.32
Wastewater Reimbursement		154,740.79
West Burke Sidewalk Reimbursemet		11,177.68
Highway		3,141,633.26
Total Revenues	\$	9,534,078.71
Total Available Cash	\$	10,078,097.30
2025 Disbursement		
Administrative	\$	420,337.26
Assessor's Office		61,593.72
Town Offices		41,986.42
General Services		183,959.30
Community Building		8,417.85
Insurance		23,349.31
Development Review Board		38,854.69
Planning Board		10,804.85
Conservation Commission		12,180.63
Cemetery		25,934.07
Burke Hollow Cemetery & Meeting House		7,869.26
Woodmont Cemetery		19,682.29
Rubbish Removal		33,189.94
Recycling Building		58,052.24
Darling Park		22,415.04
Darling Trust		1,000.00
General Highway		4,446,818.31
School Property Taxes		4,931,931.53
Appropriations		220,612.97
Wastewater Project		154,740.79
Fire District #1 (water)		30,000.00
West Burke Sidewalk		13,972.10
Total Disbursements	\$	10,767,702.57
Cash Balance at December 31, 2025	\$	10,078,097.30
Balance on Hand January 1, 2025	\$	544,018.59
2025 Receipts		9,534,078.71
		<u>10,078,097.30</u>
Less 2025 Disbursements	\$	10,767,702.57
Balance on Hand December 31, 2025	\$	(689,605.27)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Accounts	\$	961,506.13
CNB Arbitrage		65,130.48
VCDP Grant		101.58
Due To / From		591,623.52
Account Receivable		389,116.95
Vanguard CD		7,709.94
Cemetery CD		80,954.80
Jacob McNeal Trust		4,418.26
Town Office Renovation CD		44,359.75
Recycling Building Fund		14,518.51
Reappraisal Fund		99,147.78
Rubbish Truck Fund		104,115.24
Land Conservation CD		11,250.36
Tax Sale Escrow		101.47
Animal Fund		3,214.27
Deth Meeting House Trust		14,144.11
Restoration Reserve		15,635.37
Willey Woods		20,736.70
North Pasture		2,005.75
Town Forest		2,092.01
Cemetery Equipment Saving		4,843.55
Darling Park CD		40,506.94
Sylce Memorial Fund		2,070.09
Highway Due To/From		(592,609.52)
Highway Acct Receivable		463,153.40
Bridge Replacement Fund		2,616.36
Highway Equip Fund		3,002.87
Town Garage Fund		110,501.22
Total Assets	\$	2,465,967.89
Account Payable	\$	458,057.71
Current Liabilities		1,018,250.96
Community National Bank LOC		117,753.23
State of VT Fish & Game		(27.50)
Fica-Medi W/F		(1,099.99)
Vanguard		7,709.94
Cemetery Perpetual Care		80,954.80
Jacob McNeal Trust		4,418.26
Town Office Renovations		44,359.75
Recycling Building Revocations		14,518.51
Reappraisal Fund		99,147.78
Rubbish Truck Replacement Fund		104,115.24
Land Conservation Fund		11,250.36
Tax Escrow		131.57
Animal Fund		3,214.27
Deth Mtg. House Trust		14,144.11
Restoration Reserve		15,651.37
Willey Woods		20,736.70
North Pasture		2,005.75
Town Forest		2,092.01
Cemetery Equip Saving		4,843.55
Recreation (Darling Park) Fund		40,506.94
Sycle Memorial Fund		2,070.09
Accounts Payable		974,647.30
Bridge Fund		2,616.36
Equipment Replacement Fund		3,002.87
Town Garage Fund		110,501.22
Total Liability	\$	3,155,573.16
Fund Balance at December 31, 2025	\$	(689,605.27)

2025 Town of Burke Assets
PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, AND TRUST FUNDS

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Town Offices, Recycle Bldg, Community Bldg & Land (3.6 Ac)	\$ 1,057,300.00
Town Garage and Land (3.5 Acres)	151,500.00
Meeting House/Burke Hollow Cemetery (1.5 Acres)	536,600.00
Hillside Cemetery (18 Acres)	193,900.00
Howland Cemetery (4.6 Acres)	63,300.00
White School Road (.63 Acres)	6,700.00
Burke Green Cemetery (1.25 Acres)	125,000.00
Darling Memorial Park (22.7 Acres/shed)	154,800.00
Woodmont Cemetery (5 Acres and Shed/Vault)	113,400.00
Willey Woods Community Forest (343 Acres)	560,600.00
US Route 5 Land for Town Garage (10 Acres)	216,200.00
North Pasture Community Forest(102 Acres)	169,800.00
Total Property	\$3,349,100.00

EQUIPMENT

Highway	\$ 1,668,320.00
Cemetery	12,734.00
Office	112,840.00
Darling Park	8,094.36
Recycling Equipment	42,764.80
Total Equipment	\$ 1,844,753.16

TRUST FUNDS

Burke Cemetary Fund Acct #0648 - Ridgeline	\$ 179,720.25
Burke Cemetary Fund Acct #3607 -Ridgeline	605,079.10
Burke Mtng Hse and Burke Hollow Cem-Edw Jones	336,230.84
Woodmont Cem-Florence Gibson Trust -Edw Jones	57,657.94
Woodmont Cem-Acct # 5248 -Ridgeline	238,214.13
Woodmont Cem Acct # 7312 -Ridgeline	11,832.30
Woodmont Cem Acct # 3314- Ridgeline	19,074.16
Woodmont Cem-Vanguard Investment Shares	97,064.89
Inhabitants Poor or Unfortunate-Stifel Nicolaus Advisors	330,516.25
Inhabitants Poor or Unfortunate-Vanguard Investement Shares	150,147.17
Total Trust Funds	\$ 2,025,537.03

OFFICIALS YOU SHOULD CONTACT ABOUT THE
RISING COSTS OF PROPERTY TAXES

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109 State St, Pavilion
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Secretary of Education

Zoie Saunders
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Representative John Kascenska

Essex/Caledonia District

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

House Committee on Appropriations

House Canvassing Committee

Joint Carbon Emissions Reduction Committee

VT National Guard and Veterans Affairs Caucus

VT Rural Caucus

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Dear Residents,

I am very honored to serve as your State Representative following the 2024 election, and by my appointment to the Appropriations Committee plus two added Committee appointments by the Speaker of the House for 2025. During the first year of the current biennium, I made sure that the NEK communities of the Essex/Caledonia District were well-represented by establishing a respected presence among my committee members and colleagues in both the House and Senate. Equally important, I made sure that I stayed connected to each town by attending as many community meetings as possible to provide legislative updates and address questions and concerns. My appropriations committee work has been a positive experience and helped me better understand the inner workings of the state budget and the policy and operational practices of the state agencies and departments that provide the services that support all Vermonters. That meant setting aside substantial financial resources to avoid increases in taxes statewide in the current fiscal year. We anticipate following that same model again knowing that federal support may be less in certain state program areas than in previous years.

In addition to my committee responsibilities, I am fortunate to work with a strong group of Representatives and Senators who are committed to supporting the well-being of the residents we serve in the NEK. We work together to keep pace with state issues that impact our communities to determine best pathways to address available and affordable housing; maintain quality education in the most affordable manner possible; support disaster relief measures to the towns impacted from flooding episodes; support adequate resources for public safety officials to keep our communities safe; and support access to quality healthcare. One recent development for 2026 is that Vermont has received a significant federal award (\$195 million/per year for 5 years) to support rural health transformation needs across a range of healthcare areas. In closing, I want to thank you for your support, and for the excellent work you do to move your communities forward. Do not hesitate to continue reaching out to me with your questions, concerns, and ideas to help strengthen our towns.

2025 BIRTHS



<i>Date</i>	<i>Child</i>	<i>Parent</i>	<i>Parent</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>Olivia</i>	<i>Sorcha Johnston McWilliams</i>	<i>Jacob Olsott</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>Adelynn</i>	<i>Anna Bell Blake</i>	<i>Evan Stewart</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Bodie</i>	<i>Alyssa Belcher</i>	<i>George Barnes</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Jasper</i>	<i>Annabelle Doucet</i>	<i>Brandon Stone</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Olivia</i>	<i>Samantha Leonard</i>	<i>Brian Leonard</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Lila</i>	<i>Susan Schroeder</i>	<i>Richard Anderson</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Maddox</i>	<i>Anna Hoffmann</i>	<i>Dakota Ball</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Rowan</i>	<i>Mikayla Allard</i>	<i>Patrick Spencer</i>

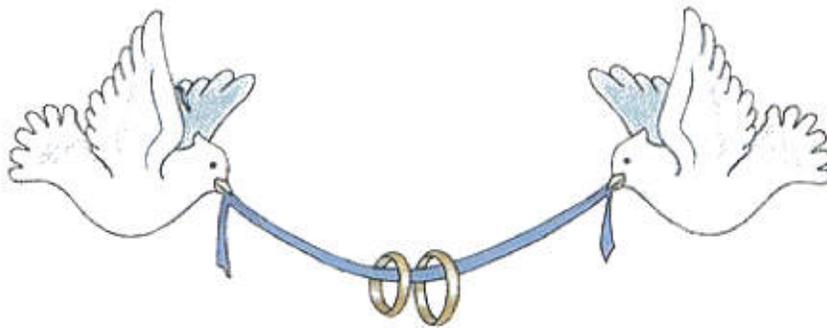




MARRIAGES

2025

<i>February</i>	<i>Terrance Klein</i>	<i>Clare Jordan</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Austin Kruth</i>	<i>Mariela Ortiz</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Evan Boches</i>	<i>Jennifer Miller</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Nicholas Ferreri</i>	<i>Annie White</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>John Broderick</i>	<i>Laura Seago</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Tristan Tuite</i>	<i>Allison Maher</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Nader Ramezanbeigi</i>	<i>Dakota Woodworth</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Austin Kruth</i>	<i>Mariela Ortiz</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Eric Bollman</i>	<i>Margaret Aldrich</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Benjamin Adams</i>	<i>Sara Silvestro</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Zachary Berkow</i>	<i>Emma Miller</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Evan Leonard</i>	<i>Katarina Franz</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Kevin Malone</i>	<i>Francesca Ceppetelli</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Andrew Torres</i>	<i>Katherine Smith</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Benjamin Duncan</i>	<i>Sydney Blanchard</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Jason Durand</i>	<i>Haley Dennis</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Steven Olone</i>	<i>Anne McCaffrey</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Christopher Dupay</i>	<i>Caitlin Schlesinger</i>





2025 DEATHS

<i>February</i>	<i>Evelyn Dudek</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>East Burke</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Linda Gauvin</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>East Burke</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Irene Richardson</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>West Burke</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Clara Melcher</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>West Burke</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Linda Dickey</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>East Burke</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Daniel Newland</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>East Burke</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Nicole Brosseau</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>West Burke</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Jeffrey Lewis</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>West Burke</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Anthony DeMasi</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>West Burke</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Floyd Willey</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>West Burke</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Lorraine Newland</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>West Burke</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Virginia Elliott</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>East Burke</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Nancy Aiken</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>West Burke</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Carlos Bean</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>East Burke</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Vernell Forthun</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>West Burke</i>



VSNIP

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

ROADS IN TOWN OF BURKE VERMONT

RD #	Road Name	Location	Class	Miles
#1	Newark Street	VT Route 5A to the Newark Town Line	2	2.38
#2	Burke Hollow Road	VT Route 5A to the Route 114	2	4.95
#3	Calendar Brook Road	US Route 5 to the Sutton Town Line	2	1.4
#4	Burke Hill Road	Depot Street (TH #36) to Sutton Town Line	2	1.24
#5	Victory Road	VT Route 114 to Victory Town Line	2	3.41
#6	East Darling Hill Road	Darling Hill Road (TH #46) to Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	2	1.1
#7	Mountain Road	VT Route 114 to the Toll Road	2	1.95
#8	Kirby Road	Mountain Road (TH #7) to Kirby Town Line	2	1.03
#9	Sugar House Road	Newark Street (TH #1) to Sutton Town Line	3	1.67
#10	Old County Road	Off Sugar House Road (Untraveled)	4	0.3
#11	Old County Road	Off Newark Street ending in woods (Untraveled)	Trail	0.5
#12	Old County Road	Off Sugar House Road ending in woods (Untraveled)	4	0.1
#13	Brook Road	Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to Newark Town Line	3	2.82
#14	Carter Road	Brook Road (TH #13) to Burke Green Road (TH #15)	3	0.95
#15	Burke Green Road	Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to Newark Town Line	3	2.9
#16	Rice Road	Burke Green Road (TH 15) to Newark Town Line	3	0.2
#17	Carter Road	Brook Road (TH #13) to Marshall Newland Road (TH #19)	3	1.25
#18	Walter Road	Carter Road (TH #17) to East Haven Town Line	3	0.5
#19	Marshall Newland Road	White School Road (TH #39) to VT Route 114	3	1.98
#20	Old County Road	VT 114 to Marshall Newland Road (TH #19) discontinued 2021	4	0.32
#21	Old County Road	Victory Road (TH #5) to Portland Pipeline (Untraveled)	4	0.06
#22	Flower Brook Road	Victory Road (TH #5) to end of no where	3	0.65
#23	An Old County Road	Victory Road (TH #5) to end of Darling State Forest (Untraveled)	4	0.62
#24	Pine Ridge Trail	Victory Road (TH #5) to end of no where (Untraveled)	4	0.55
#25	Old County Road	Victory Road (TH #5) to end of no where (Untraveled)	4	0.3
#26	Old Farm Road	Newark Street (TH #1) to Sugar House Road (TH#29)	3	0.65
#27	Old County Road	Sugar House Road (#29) to end of no where	4	0.25
#28	McDowell Road	Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to Farm House and Barn	3	0.08
#29	Sugar House Road	Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to Newark Street (TH #1)	3	2.24
#30	North Ridge Road	VT Route 5A to Sutton Town Line	2	0.07
#31	Hayden Crossing Road	US Route 5 to Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	2	0.31
#32	School Street	Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to VT Route 5A	3	0.43
#33	Bridge Street	School Street (TH #32) to VT Route 5A	3	0.1
#34	Church Street	VT Route 5A to VT Route 5	2	0.2
#35	High Street	US Route 5 to Depot Street (TH #36)	3	0.13
#36	Depot Street	US Route 5 to VT Route 5	2	0.16
#37	An Old County Road	US Route 5 to Burke Hill Road (TH #4)	2	0.79
#39	White School Road	VT Route 114 to Burke Green Road (TH #15)	3	1.43

ROADS IN TOWN OF BURKE VERMONT

#40	Old County Road	White School Road (TH # 39) to Marshall Newland Road	4	0.02
#41	Pinkham Road	Mountain Road (TH#7) to VT Route 114	3	3.38
#42	Gaskell Hill Road	Burke Hill Road (TH #4) to VT Route 5	3	1.85
#43	Crosscut Road	Gaskell Hill Road (TH #42) to Calendar Brook Road (TH #3)	3	1.1
#44	Bugbee Crossing Road	US Route 5 to Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	3	1.71
#45	Bumps Road	Bugbee Crossing Road (TH #44) to West Darling Hill Rd (TH #58)	3	0.55
#46	Darling Hill Road	East Darling Road TH #6) to Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	3	1.7
#47	Old County Road	Darling Hill Road (TH # 46) to W. Darling Hill Road (TH #58) (UT)	4	0.4
#48	Maple Lane	Kirby Road (TH # 8) to Lyndon Town Line	3	0.52
#49	Legacy Lane	Kirby Road (TH # 8) to end	3	0.2
#50	Dashney Road	Mountain Road (TH#7) to end	3	0.83
#51	Alpine Lane	Mountain Road (TH #7) to end .03 class 4 Road	3	0.35
#52	Belden Hill Road	VT Route 114 to Maple Lane (TH #48)	4	0.14
#53	Post Office Road	VT Route 5A to Church Street	3	0.05
#54	Chase Hill Road	School Street (TH #32) to end	4	0.15
#56	Worden Road	VT Route 114 to end	3	0.15
#57	An Old County Road	Alpine Lane (TH #51) to end	4	0.03
#58	West Darling Hill Road	Bugbee Crossing Road (TH #44) to Darling Hill Road (TH #56)	3	1.47
#59	Smith Hill Road	VT Route 114 to end	3	0.14
#60	Rexford Road	Pinkham Road (TH #41) to end	3	0.15
#61	Orchard Road	Rexford Road (TH #60) to end at Caldesuc	3	0.35
#62	Dishmill Brook Road	Mountain Road (TH #7) to Orchard Road (TH # 61)	3	0.09
#63	Washburn Road	Pinkham Road (TH # 41) to end	3	1.05
#64	Joanne Drive	Washburn Road To End	3	0.15
#65	Walker Road	Off Kirby Road	3	
	STATE ROADS			
	US Route 5			
	VT Route 5A			
	VT Route 114			
	PRIVATE ROADS			
	A-Frame Drive	Off SugarHouse Road (TH #29)	PVT	
	Apple Tree Lane	Off Burke Green	PVT	
	Armstrong Road	Off Gaskell Hill Road (TH #42)	PVT	
	Bear Path Lane	Off High Meadow Road	PVT	
	Bear Ridge Road	Off Bugbee	PVT	
	Before Auto Drive	Off US Route 5	PVT	

ROADS IN TOWN OF BURKE VERMONT

Big Mountain Estate	Off US Route 5	PVT
Birch Tree Lane	Off of Burke Green (TH #15)	PVT
Black Bear Hollow	Off Marshall Newland Road	PVT
Bow Hill	Off High Meadow Road	PVT
Brindle Terrace	Off Locust Ridge Road	PVT
Burkeland Lane	Off Church Street (TH #34)	PVT
Burkeside Road	Off Sherburne Lodge Road	PVT
Cabin Place	Off VT Route 114	PVT
Camp Road	Off Flower Brook Road which is off the Victory Road (TH #5)	PVT
Carr Drive	Off VT Route 114	PVT
Chase Hill Road	Off School Street (TH #32) to end	PVT
Chapman Drive	Off SugarHouse Road (TH #9)	PVT
Cottage Lane	Off US Route 5	PVT
Deer Run Lane	Off West Darling Hill Road (TH#6)	PVT
Devon Road	Off Calendar Brook Road (TH #3)	PVT
Dixi Drive	Off East Darling Hill Road (TH#46)	PVT
Evergreen Lane	Off Gaskell Hill Road (TH #42)	PVT
Forest Lane	Off Victory Road (TH #5)	PVT
Gator Alley	Off Burke Hollow Road (TH # 2)	PVT
Garden Drive	Off East Darling Hill Road (TH#46)	PVT
Glenwood Estates	Off Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	PVT
Hamel Beer Drive	Off Camp Road	PVT
Herb Hill	Off East Darling Hill Road (TH#46)	PVT
High Meadow Road	Off Sherburne Lodge Road which is off Mountain Road (TH #7)	PVT
High Ridge Road	Off SugarHouse Road (TH #29)	PVT
Highland Way	Off Burke Green	PVT
Hoffecker Hill	Off School Street (TH #32) to end	PVT
Joanne Drive	Off Washburn Road (TH # 64)	PVT
Lilac Lodge Lane	Off Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	PVT
McQuade Lane	Off Bugbee Crossing Road (TH # 44)	PVT
Mill Road	Off Depot Street (TH #36) Into Sutton	PVT
Mitchell Drive	Off Calendar Brook Road (TH #3)	PVT
Monash Road	Off Carr Road from VT Route 114	PVT
Mountain Brook Road	Off Alpine Lane (TH #51)	PVT
Pine Ridge Trail	Off VT Route 114	PVT
Powderhorn Road	Off Sherburne Lodge Road off Mountain Road (TH #7)	PVT
Roundy Brooke Road	Off Bugbee Crossing Road (TH # 44)	PVT
Sherburne Lodge Road	Off Mountain Road (TH #7)	PVT
Slippery Hill	Off Brook Road (TH #13)	PVT
Sugar Maple Lane	Off SugarHouse Road (TH #9)	PVT

ROADS IN TOWN OF BURKE VERMONT

Sweetwater Lane	Off Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	PVT	
Tamarack Road	Off the Victory Road (TH #5)	PVT	
Tardif Drive	Off Gaskell Hill Road (TH #42)	PVT	
Toll Road	Off Burke Mountain Road (TH # 7)	PVT	
Town Garage Road	Off School Street (TH #32)	PVT	
Wafer Lane	Off East Darling Hill Road (TH #46)	PVT	
West Branch Drive	Off US Route 5	PVT	
White Birch Acres	Off Sugarhouse Road (TH #29)	PVT	
Wilderness Drive	Off Victory Road (TH #5)	PVT	
Wintergreen Road	Off High Meadow Road	PVT	
Winters Way	Off Alpine Lane (TH #51)	PVT	
Woods Trail	Off Mountain Road (TH #7)	PVT	

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 Thrailkill

EAST BURKE SCHOOL

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Greetings from the little blue schoolhouse!



It has been a busy year for the Burke community in general, and East Burke School has been no exception. We have welcomed new students, a new teacher, and a new baby. Our students wrote their own new technology policy, and our building got a new exterior and roadfront sign.

The core of what we do here, though, remains as it has been for 22 years: proving daily that a high-quality,



small-scale high school education does not have to come at a high cost. In fact, our tuition is almost \$2000 less than the per-pupil cost of educating K-8 students in our district's public schools, and our scale allows us to offer more one-on-one support, attention, and personalized enrichment than any school in the region.

By the time you read this, students have completed their annual multi-day field trip (this year to Philadelphia!) and are a month into second semester classes, where they will build an aquaponics system in consideration of sustainable space travel, speak introductory Russian as they study



the rise and fall of the Soviet Union, ferment their own foods, discuss the ancient philosophy behind our modern "pursuit of happiness," and analyze the use of statistics in propaganda throughout the last century.

Despite our low price tag, experienced faculty, and rigorous curriculum, there are some people (mostly from



Chittenden County and the State House) whom you just can't make happy. Last year's legislative session took away School Choice tuition from all but 18 independent schools, and the false narrative that rural schools and small classes are to blame for our state's financial crisis continues this year. We ask our community to stand with us—and with all rural schools—by telling state officials why School Choice to local

schools like EBS matters to you.

Thank you for supporting the students and teachers of our brave little school. If you don't know us and want to see what we're about, come visit. We're always looking for kindred spirits seeking a community where every child is well-known by every teacher, where truth matters more than validation, and where students find courage in each other to overcome adversity and face the future together. We hope that includes you.

In solidarity,

Megan Durling & Nathan Bradshaw

Teachers & Heads of School



*Kingdom East Unified Union
School District*



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2026 WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING
KINGDOM EAST UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Revised 2/3/26

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Article 3: To elect nine (9) school directors from the nominees to serve on the Kingdom East Unified Union School District Board. (Australian Ballot)

- One (1) school director who is a resident of Burke for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Concord for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Lunenburg for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Lunenburg for a one-year term
- One (1) school directors who is a resident of Lyndon for a three-year term
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Lyndon for a two-year term
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Lyndon for a one-year term
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Newark for a three-year term
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Sheffield for a two-year term

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Kingdom East Unified Union School District approve the Board of School Directors to expend \$53,401,362 which is the amount the Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Kingdom East District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$14,867, which is 7.99% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year. (Australian Ballot)

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Kingdom East Unified Union School District authorize the School Board to transfer and split the total amount of surplus funds, if any, in the school year ending June 30, 2026 to the KESD Educational Facilities Reserve Fund (40%), the Tax Stabilization Fund (40%) and to the KESD Educational Technology Reserve Fund (20%)? (Australian Ballot)

Article 6: Shall the voters of the district authorize the Board of School Directors to accept and expend such grant monies as may from time to time become available to the school district? (Australian Ballot)

Article 7: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2026.



Lindsay Carpenter

Chair, Kingdom East Unified Union School District, Board of School Directors

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Notice to Voters:

Residents of the Kingdom East Unified Union School District (the "District"), comprising the voters of the Towns of Burke, Concord, Lyndon, Lunenburg, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton, and Wheelock, who are not already on the voter checklist, may register to vote up to and including the date of the vote, March 3, 2026.

For Australian Ballot issues, registered voters may apply for an early voter ballot at the Town Clerk's Office of their resident town during the office's regularly scheduled hours. (See Warning Addendum)

Warning Notice:

The Legal Voters of the Kingdom East Unified Union School District (the "District"), comprising the voters of the Towns of Burke, Concord, Lyndon, Lunenburg, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton, and Wheelock are hereby notified and warned to meet at **Hilton Hall, 64 Campus Lane, Lyndon Center** on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m to hold the Kingdom East Unified Union School District Informational Meeting on Articles One (1) through Article Seven (7). Voting for Articles One (1) through Article Six (6) will be by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at the following voting locations and times

Burke, Burke Community Building, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Newark, Newark Street School, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Concord, Concord Town Hall, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Sheffield, Sheffield Town Hall, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Lunenburg, Lunenburg School, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Sutton, Sutton Village School, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Lyndon, Lyndon Municipal Building, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Wheelock, Wheelock Town Hall, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Information on how to access the meeting remotely: (For Viewing and Public Comment ONLY)

- By telephone: Dial 1-309-205-3325. When prompted enter the meeting ID: **849 1458 2615**
- By computer: Download meeting software here: zoom.us/download. Join the meeting by visiting <http://www.zoom.us/join>. You may be prompted to enter a meeting ID: **849 1458 2615**
- By smartphone, tablet, or other device: Download and open the **ZOOM Cloud Meetings** app. You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the meeting ID: **849 1458 2615**

Article 1: To elect the following officers to serve from their election and qualification for one year or until the election and qualification of their successors. (Australian Ballot)

- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer

Article 2: To approve compensation, to be paid to District Officers. (Australian Ballot)

- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer

**WARNING ADDENDUM
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
KINGDOM EAST UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

March 2, 2026 at 5:00p.m.

Town Clerk Office Hours by Town

Burke	Monday-Friday	8:00am-4:00pm
Concord	Mon, Tues, Thurs	8:00am-4:00pm
Lunenburg	Mon, Wed, Thurs	8:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm
	Tuesday	8:00am-1:00pm 5:00pm-7:00pm
Lyndon	Monday-Friday	7:30am-4:30pm
Newark	Tues, Wed, Thurs	8:00am-3:00pm
Sutton	Monday-Thursday	8:00am-3:00pm
Sheffield	Mon, Wed, Fri	9:00am-4:00pm
Wheelock	Tuesday, Thursday	8:30am-3:00pm
	Wednesday	10:30am-5:30pm

Kingdom East School Board Report

Kingdom East School District Community,

We greatly appreciate your continued support of all of our KESD schools! We exist to provide rigorous and engaging learning across a variety of environments to ensure the academic and social-emotional growth of ALL KESD students. In addition, we continue to focus on attracting and retaining high-quality staff to contribute to the growth of our students, and the vibrancy of our schools and communities. The KESD School Board is thankful for the heroic efforts of staff, parents and students to make our schools caring places that foster and support the character development and strong social and emotional health of our students.

Specifically, the KESD School Board would like to express our gratitude to board members Chad Simpson-Lyndon, Abbie Montgomery-Burke, and Jim Peyton-Lunenburg, for their amazing contributions to their schools, communities and our district, as they leave our school board.

The school board completed a review this past October of KESD's Strategic Priorities:

Quality & Robust Academics

Character Development & Social-Emotional Health

Community Connections

Effective & Efficient Management of Resources

The school board will continue to develop concrete and measurable metrics for each priority to measure progress. This report highlights our district programs, individual schools, and all of the details of the Board's proposed FY27 budget. Every policy, decision, and strategy considers our students, staff, and community following the KESD mission statement that guides our efforts:

"In partnership with the community, staff, and students, the Kingdom East School District is committed to providing a collaborative and equitable environment of educational excellence through rigorous learning experiences that develop individual and diverse talents and abilities of all our students to prepare them for successful lives as contributing, responsible citizens. "

On behalf of our entire team of board members, and administrators we thank you for your commitment to the Kingdom East School District and we look forward to serving the needs of our students and community now and into the future.



Lindsay Carpenter
School Board Chair



Sean McMannon
Superintendent of Schools



Burke Town School

Sophie Branson-Gill, Principal



In 2026 we look forward to continuing important traditions: a focus on community; student-centered learning; student-led-conferences; outdoor learning opportunities; winter activities; KSOP; family engagement events; community joy; and a focus

on professional collaboration. These events and priorities are what make Burke such a special place for staff and families. Top priorities to meet student needs, support families, and provide opportunities for all children to grow and thrive.

Community connections continue to be a mainstay. Back to School Night which was well attended and let families come into our school before the year began. The Pumpkin Run was a total blast! The student council and PTO worked to make the Fall Festival a success, and carried that into the Gloaming in East Burke. Our middle school took many field trips in the fall, working with community partners to get out and into nature. The PTO held a hugely successful Ski Swap, which will allow our students to participate in Winter Activities. We hosted a Learn With Burke Night focused on social-emotional learning and family fun. Most recently, the Winter Sing Along brought in many families and our young performers stole all of our hearts. These moments of connection between school and the community are highlights for all of us.

Our robotics club is headed to states once again! Our KEAP program is thriving, with almost 1/3 of our students attending. Middle School students have been completing projects with topics of their choosing, presenting video news casts, mini-performances, slide shows and artistic representations. Second graders researched animals of their choosing, and created dioramas that they presented to younger students. Kindergarten-grade 5 are participating in new literacy programs, resulting in increasing students reading scores by helping to build more confident young learners. Our teachers are participating in Vertical Content Teams to make sure our understanding of content is continuous and deep so we can meet students where they are in their learning progression. Academic rigor, matched with student-focused opportunities, continues to bring our learners forward every year.

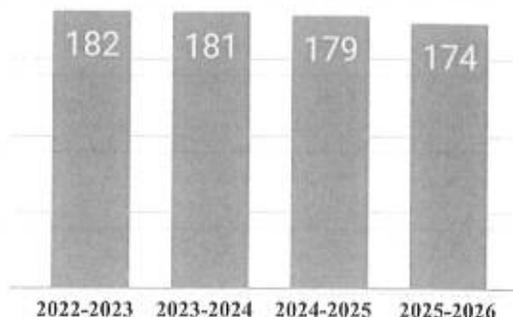


This fall BTS had soccer, cross country, lacrosse all happening on campus. We are hosting basketball practice this year, which is wonderful, but also highlights the limits of our athletic facilities. Our gym is not built to support true athletic opportunities, with low ceilings, no seating for spectators, poor acoustics, no changing rooms, and the cafeteria directly below. Not to mention the capacity is too small to allow for larger community gatherings.

As Burke continues to grow, our physical spaces stay the same. We continue to average about 20 students per class, with some larger than that. Our cafeteria is bursting at the seams when grades 6-8 go to lunch, and our gym is the same when we have whole-school gatherings. While we have updated our security cameras and door access points, leaving us more secure, we need help improving our facilities to give our students a truly fantastic learning environment. As we move forward, this continues to be one of our biggest challenges and will require serious support from the community, both local and beyond.

Grades: PreK-8
Classroom Teachers: 12
Special Educators: 5
Support Staff: 12
Students PreK-8: 174

Enrollment Trends (As of 10/1/25)





2026

Informational Meeting

March 2, 2026 @ 6:30 P.M.

Via Zoom (information located on page 1)

Australian ballot voting for

Town articles 1-29,

Kingdom East Unified Union School District

Tuesday March 3, 2026

Tuesday August 11, 2026 Primary

Tuesday November 3, 2026

General Election

**(General ballot will be mailed to you by the
State of Vermont. Be sure the town has
your current address)**



Burke Community Building
Polls are open 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Absentee ballots are available



Eligible residents will be able to register to vote on any day up to and including Election Day. Registration will be available at the town office on any day prior to the election during normal business hours and available on Election Day during the hours the polls are open.

