

ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF MAIDSTONE, VT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 2023**

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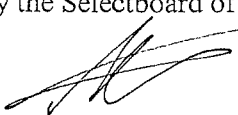
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2024 TOWN OF MAIDSTONE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING

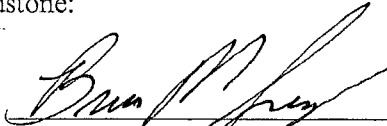
The legal voters of the Town of Maidstone are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Maidstone Town Hall, at 508 VT Route 102 in the Town of Maidstone, on March 5, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., to vote on the candidates for local election by Australian ballot. The legal voters of the Town of Maidstone are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall in the Town of Maidstone on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., to transact the following business from the floor:

- Article 1: Shall the voters authorize payment of property taxes in 2 (two) installments, with the due dates being October 15, 2024, and April 15, 2025, by physical delivery to the Town Treasurer at the Town Hall before 3:00 pm on each of said due dates or by delivery to the Town Hall USPS postmarked on or before said due dates?
- Article 2: Shall the Town vote to raise \$20,000 and put it in the earmarked Town Road Rebuild Account within the Highway Fund?
- Article 3: Shall the Town vote to raise \$2,000 for a donation to the Maidstone Lake Association to help support the Aquatic Nuisance Prevention Program at Maidstone Lake?
- Article 4: Shall the Town vote to raise \$3,000 and put it in the Reappraisal and Maintenance of the Grand List Fund?
- Article 5: Shall the Town vote to raise \$1,000 and put it in the earmarked Cemetery Fund?
- Article 6: Shall the Town vote to raise \$4,000 to set aside for the biannual purchase of official Maidstone Town Trash Bags?
- Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise \$ 281,430 to pay current expenses as requested in the proposed 2024 Budget plus the amounts raised in Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6?

By the Selectboard of the Town of Maidstone:



Scott Lovell, Chairman



Bruno McKenzie



Brad McVetty ...

TOWN OF MAIDSTONE, VERMONT
WARNING: ANNUAL ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

The legal voters of the Town of Maidstone, County of Essex, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Maidstone Town Hall in the said Town of Maidstone on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 10:00AM to 7:00PM, to vote by Australian ballot for the following Town Officers:

One (1) Auditor	3 Year Term
One (1) Constable	1 Year Term
One (1) Delinquent Tax Collector	1 Year Term
One (1) Lister	3 Year Term
One (1) Moderator	1 Year Term
One (1) Selectboard Member	3 Year Term
One (1) Town Treasurer	3 Year Term

Attest:


Amy Pear, Town Clerk 2/1/2024

**TOWN OF MAIDSTONE
PROPOSED BUDGET
2024**

<u>Proposed Town Expenses</u>				<u>Waste & Recycling Expenses</u>	
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>					
Town Clerk Wages	\$ 17,850.00	Landfill Transport	\$	11,625.00	
Cleaning Wages	\$ 1,500.00	Tip Fees	\$	8,000.00	
Town Treasurer Wages	\$ 17,850.00	Scale	\$	-	
Assistant Town Clerk Wages	\$ 4,600.00	Waste Pickup	\$	18,500.00	
Assistant Town Treasurer Wages	\$ 800.00	Recycling	\$	12,550.00	
Lister Wages	\$ 8,500.00	Additional Trips	\$	650.00	
Moderator Wages	\$ 100.00	Trash Bags	\$	-	
Selectboard Wages	\$ 3,800.00	Waste Management - NEKWMD	\$	2,000.00	
Selectboard Secretary Wages	\$ 575.00	Bulky Waste Day	\$	1,600.00	
Ballot Clerk Wages	\$ 1,300.00				Total \$ 54,925.00
Town Auditors Wages	\$ 300.00	<u>Public Safety Expenses</u>			
Zoning Wages	\$ 3,000.00	Groveton Ambulance Service	\$	7,425.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 500.00	Groveton Fire Department	\$	3,000.00	
Unemployment Taxes	\$ 350.00	N Stratford Fire Department	\$	3,000.00	
Employment Taxes	\$ 4,600.00				Total \$ 13,425.00
Town Officer's Training Expense	\$ 2,500.00	<u>Social Services</u>			
	Total \$ 68,125.00	NEK Human Services	\$	218.00	
<u>General Town Expenses</u>		Guildhall Library	\$	1,000.00	
Advertising Expense	\$ 500.00	Northern VT VACD	\$	100.00	
Town Reports Expense	\$ 350.00	Caledonian Home Health	\$	150.00	
Maps/Contract Update Expenses	\$ 1,100.00	VT Ctr For Ind Living	\$	150.00	
Legal and Professional Expense	\$ 3,000.00	American Red Cross	\$	250.00	
VLCT Dues	\$ 1,417.00	Rural Community Trans	\$	300.00	
NVDA	\$ 565.00	Essex Country Nat Res	\$	1,000.00	
PACIF	\$ 5,600.00	Area Agency on Aging	\$	300.00	
Town Hall Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	NEK Learning	\$	150.00	
Town Hall Postage	\$ 1,200.00	Lancaster Food Pantry	\$	100.00	
Town Hall Software	\$ 8,150.00	Green Up Day	\$	50.00	
Town Hall Website	\$ 1,200.00	Northwoods Stewardship Center	\$	250.00	
Town Hall Electricity	\$ 1,200.00				Total \$ 4,018.00
Town Hall Fuel Oil	\$ 4,000.00	Assessor Contract	\$	600.00	
Town Hall Telephone	\$ 1,300.00	Mowing & Clean up	\$	2,400.00	
Town Hall Repair & Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	County Tax Expense	\$	33,955.00	
Animal Licenses	\$ 400.00				
	Total \$ 33,982.00				
Highway Expense	\$ 70,000.00				
		2024 Proposed Budget	\$	281,430.00	

<u>Appropriations</u>	
Maintenance of the Grand List Fund	\$ 3,000.00
Maidstone Lake Association	\$ 2,000.00
Highway Town Rebuild Account	\$ 20,000.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Trash Bag Fund	\$ 4,000.00

Total Appropriations	\$ 30,000.00	Total Proposed Budget and Appropriations 2024	\$ 311,430.00
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Elected Town Officers

Moderator, Town	David Atkinson	1 Year Term	Expires 2024
Town Clerk	Amy Pear	3 Year Term	Expires 2026
Town Treasurer	Robert Champagne-Willis	3 Year Term	Expires 2024
Delinquent Tax Collector	Robert Champagne-Willis	1 Year Term	Expires 2024
Selectboard	Scott Lovell	3 Year Term	Expires 2026
	Bradley McVetty	3 Year Term	Expires 2024
	Bruno McKenzie	2 Year Replacement	Expires 2025
Listers	Robert Champagne-Willis	3 Year Term	Expires 2025
	Sandra Gray	3 Year Term	Expires 2026
	Amy Pear	3 Year Term	Expires 2024
Constable	Raymond Lovell	1 Year Term	Expires 2024
Town Auditors	Sandra Gray	3 Year Term	Expires 2025
	Donna Bouthillier	3 Year Term	Expires 2024
	Jack Donnelly	3 Year Term	Expires 2026
Justices of the Peace	Bruce Hobaugh	2 Year Term	Expires 2025
	Cheryl McVetty	2 Year Term	Expires 2025
	Laurie-Ann Snowman	2 Year Term	Expires 2025
	Andy Champagne-Willis	2 Year Term	Expires 2025
	Heather Grana	2 Year Term	Expires 2025

All Justices Expire February 2025, Election November 2024

Selectboard Meetings: First Monday of Each Month 7 PM, except for the September's meeting will be the 9th

Reoccurring Zoom Link: All regular Selectboard Meetings use the following link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82523445058?pwd=RktkcUlKaWdmWnNrMTMyL2JNdUhnUT09>

Meeting ID: 825 2344 5058

Passcode: 093810

Call in by Phone:

1-646-558-8656 (New York)

Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Adjustment: Quarterly on the Second Tuesday

March 6:00PM

June 6:00PM

September 6:00PM

November 6:00PM

Reoccurring Zoom Link: All regular Planning Commission and Zoning Board meetings
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83264377267?pwd=a2lqbUR3ZmU2WkZ1aEU3U00xZjhiUT09>

Meeting ID: 832 6437 7267

Passcode: 814825

Call in by Phone:

1-646-558-8656 (New York)

2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday March 4, 2025 7:15pm @ 508 VT Route 102 Maidstone Town Hall

Appointed Town Officers

Administrative Assistant, Selectboard	Mary von Alt	
Administrative Assistant, Zoning Board and Planning Commission	Mary von Alt	
Emergency Management Coordinator	Bill Sanborn	
Fire Warden	Bill Sanborn	5 Year Term - 2025
Fire Warden's Key Person	Chelsea Palmer	
Health Officer	Sandra Gray	3 Year Term - 2024
NEK CUD Representative	Jack Donnelly	
NEK Waste Management Rep.	Paulette Routhier	
NVDA Representative	VACANT	
Road Commissioner	Bradley McVetty	
Town Agent	James Mazzonna	
Town Services Officer	VACANT	
Tree Warden	Bruce Hobaugh	
Zoning Administrator	Michael Otis	3 Year Term - 2026
Planning and Zoning Board	Chris von Alt	Chairman - 2025
	Bob Champagne-Willis	2024
	Bruce Barker	2026
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Chris von Alt	Chairman - 2025
	Bob Champagne-Willis	2024
	Bruce Barker	2026

MAIDSTONE TOWN OFFICE

Town Office (Clerk/ Treasurer/ Lister)	802-676-3210	maidstonetownclerk@gmail.com
	802-676-3607	maidstonetreasurer2@gmail.com
		maidstonelisters@gmail.com

Office Hours - Monday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

SERVICES AVAILABLE:

DOG LICENSES	JANUARY 1ST TO APRIL 1ST	\$11.00 SPAY OR NEUTERED \$9.00
ELECTIONS, VOTER REGISTRATION, BALLOTS, CHECKLISTS		
VITAL RECORDS-BIRTH DEATH & MARRIAGE	CEMETERY PLOTS, MAPS, INDEXES	
MEETING MINUTES	GARBAGE SCHEDULES & BAGS	
PERMITS & REGULATIONS	BOOKS AND GENERAL INFORMATION	

Elected Auditors' Report for Fiscal Year 2023

January 25, 24

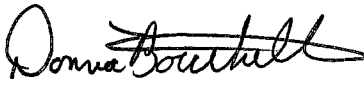
To the Registered Voters of the Town of Maidstone
Town of Maidstone
Maidstone, VT 05905

We have audited the Town's financial records for 2023. This report is being delivered to the registered voters of the Town for their review in a timely manner and in compliance with State Statutes.

The attached report states that the Audit Committee had no findings of significance and that the Town's accounts did not require any adjustments for 2023. We have also found that the Town's financial system is well managed and that the Town has adequate funds to meet its commitments for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,

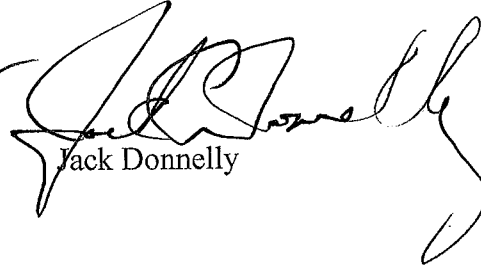
The Audit Committee



Donna Bouthillier
Chairperson



Sandra Gray



Jack Donnelly

Authority

This Audit was conducted in accordance with Vermont Statutes 24 V.S.A. 1683 and 1684, which, among other things, require that the elected Auditors examine and, as needed, adjust the accounts of all Town Officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the Town Treasury.

Objectives

The objective of the Audit Committee was to examine and adjust as needed the Town's accounts and to establish the Town's financial condition and the resulting balances in specific funds at the end of fiscal year 2023.

Background

Work began on the 2023 Audit on January 10, 2024; it was completed on January 25, 2024.

Statutorily Required Materials:

Financial Condition of the Town

The town of Maidstone Balance Sheet dated 12/31/23, shows that the Town has assets totaling \$1,425,405.78. The amount of \$541,868.28 are in accounts receivable.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

Tax Receipts and Expenditures

The town auditors reviewed and confirmed all receipts and expenditures.

All bank statements were in good order with no discrepancies found.

The Delinquent tax collectors report was found to be in order. Delinquent taxes collected totaled \$62,665.02. The total Delinquent taxes, Interest and Penalties owed as of 12/31/2023 are \$9,578.04.

Highway Fund

The Highway Fund expenditures for the year totaled \$196,386.97. The Highway income was \$118,930.35. This amount included \$23,355.63 prepayments from the state due to flooding in August 2023. An appropriation of \$20,000 to the Highway Fund that was approved during Town Meeting last year, an additional \$70,000 appropriation was included in the town budget

The Highway Fund is further broken down into three sub-funds: The Highway Fund, which accounts for the maintenance of Town roads in summer and winter has a balance of \$64,017.32; the Town Road Rebuild Funds, which accounts for road rebuild projects which has a balance of \$218,980.53; and the Clean Water Act, which addresses problems associated with Storm Water runoff entering our rivers, lakes, and ponds, which has a balance of \$11,063.33.

Other Receipts

Total Tax payments \$1,340,156.65

State of VT \$67,300.13

Other Fees \$10,828.20

Less Pay out of Education Taxes \$1,090,444.29

The Town's revenue totaled \$327,840.69.

Other Expenditures

The Town's expenses for 2023 \$197,250.10. All expenditures are approved by the selectboard prior to payment. The selectboard meetings and minutes were reviewed and found to be in order.

Outstanding Payables

Sum of the 2023 Taxes due to the state in 2024 total \$568,817.94

Report of Deficit

The Town has no debts at this time.

Trust Funds and Bonds

None

Other Information

Selectmen's Compensation

Voters approve yearly compensation for Town Officers when they vote to approve the Town Budget. The budget is prepared by the Selectboard and includes the compensation for each town official. Since the Selectboard is setting compensation levels for each town officer, under Vermont Statute 24 VSA 933, the Selectboard does not set their own compensation, this responsibility falls to the Auditors.

On January 18, 2024, the Auditors met and set the Selectman compensation to \$1,400 for the Chairman, and \$1,200 for the other two Selectboard members.

Financial Policies and Internal Controls:

Since 2021, the Treasurer appointed Kathleen Intoppa as Assistant Treasurer. Following best accounting practices, the Assistant Treasurer independently reconciles the bank statements of the many Town of Maidstone bank accounts. This increases the transparency of all transactions that happen in the Town's financial system. The Assistant Treasurer is also an additional signer on the Town bank accounts.

Treasurer's Report
General Fund
January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

REVENUES

2022 Taxes Received on time (due 4/15/2023)	\$	419,489.88
2022 Taxes Received late (due 10/15/2022, collected 1/1/2023 to 4/15/2023)	\$	6,854.92
2023 Taxes Received on time	\$	825,614.88
2023 Taxes Received late (due 10/16/2023, collected 10/17/2023 to 12/31/2023)	\$	24,527.95
2023 Municipal Taxes paid directly by State	\$	1,004.00
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue from 2015 to 2022	\$	51,330.55
Delinquent Property Tax Interest	\$	7,651.53
Delinquent Property Tax Penalty	\$	3,682.94
STATE OF VERMONT		
Pilot Revenue	\$	46,877.98
Hold Harmless	\$	14,113.00
Investment Income	\$	6,309.15
FEES & FINES		
Miscellaneous Income	\$	2,544.70
Dog License Fees	\$	635.00
Town Clerk Income	\$	4,565.50
Zoning Application Fees	\$	2,465.00
Trash Bag	\$	618.00
LESS		
Education Taxes		
NEK School Choice - April 2023	\$	165,325.00
NEK School Choice - October 2023	\$	189,541.50
Act 68, State Education Fund - June 2023	\$	356,302.79
Act 68, State Education Fund - December 2023	\$	379,275.00
TOTAL 2023 REVENUE	\$	327,840.69

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION		
Town Clerk Wages	\$	17,380.00
Cleaning Wages	\$	943.62
Town Treasurer Wages	\$	17,380.00
Assistant Town Clerk	\$	3,059.00
Assistant Town Treasurer	\$	800.00
Delinquent Tax Collector Wages	\$	3,682.94
Lister Wages	\$	6,474.58
Moderator Wages	\$	-
Selectboard Wages	\$	3,620.00
Selectboard Secretary Wages	\$	575.00
Ballot Clerk Wages	\$	283.37
Zoning Wages	\$	2,610.00
Auditor Wages	\$	200.00
Mileage Reimbursement Wages	\$	521.51
Unemployment Taxes	\$	169.77
Employment Taxes	\$	4,339.47
Town Officer's Training Expense	\$	2,336.71

Treasurer's Report
General Fund
January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Advertising Expense	\$	432.00
Town Reports Expense	\$	354.46
Maps/Contract Updates Expense	\$	950.00
Legal and Professional Expense	\$	2,518.16
VLCT Dues	\$	1,374.00
NVDA	\$	565.00
PACIF	\$	6,022.25
TOWN HALL		
Office Supplies	\$	1,602.82
Animal License Fees	\$	373.70
Postage	\$	1,059.04
Software	\$	7,732.90
Electricity	\$	979.61
Fuel/Oil	\$	3,472.19
Telephone	\$	1,331.99
Repair & Maintenance	\$	1,639.82
WASTE & RECYCLING		
Landfill Transport	\$	10,805.00
Tip Fees	\$	6,723.92
Scale Fees	\$	-
Waste Pickup - Town	\$	16,916.50
Recycling - Town	\$	11,570.50
Additional Trips	\$	-
Trash Bags	\$	7,450.00
Waste Management - NEKWMD	\$	1,856.29
Bulky Waste Day	\$	1,521.97
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Groveton Ambulance Contract	\$	6,000.00
Groveton Fire Department	\$	3,000.00
North Stratford Fire Department	\$	3,000.00
SOCIAL SERVICES		
NEK Human Services	\$	218.00
Guildhall Library	\$	1,000.00
Northern VT VACD	\$	100.00
Caledonia Home Health	\$	150.00
VT Center for Individual Living	\$	150.00
American Red Cross	\$	250.00
Rural Community Transportation	\$	300.00
Essex County Natural Resources	\$	1,000.00
Area Agency on Aging	\$	300.00
NEK Learning	\$	150.00
Lancaster Food Pantry	\$	100.00
Green Up Donation	\$	50.00
Maidstone Lake Association	\$	1,000.00
Northwoods Stewardship	\$	250.00

**Treasurer's Report
General Fund
January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023**

Prior Filing Errors	\$	-
Assessor Contract	\$	566.51
Cemetery Mowing	\$	2,300.00
County Tax	\$	25,737.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$	197,250.10

SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

2023 GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/2023	\$	361,386.97
ADD TOTAL 2023 REVENUE	\$	327,840.69
SUBTRACT TOTAL 2023 DISBURSEMENTS	\$	197,250.10
SUBTRACT TOTAL 2023 APPROPRIATIONS	\$	97,000.00
2023 GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2023	\$	394,977.56

2023 TAX REVENUES SUMMARY

		Due on 10/16/2023		Due on 4/15/2024		Total
Tax Bills issued for 2023						
Municipal Tax	\$	125,246.32	\$	125,245.00	\$	250,491.32
Education Tax	\$	565,971.04	\$	565,970.71	\$	1,131,941.75
Total	\$	691,217.36	\$	691,215.71	\$	1,382,433.07
Tax Collections in 2023						
Municipal Tax	\$	123,477.46	\$	32,609.84	\$	156,087.30
Education Tax	\$	550,489.63	\$	143,565.90	\$	694,055.53
Total	\$	673,967.09	\$	176,175.74	\$	850,142.83
2023 Taxes owed as of 12/31/2023						
Municipal Tax	\$	1,768.86	\$	92,635.16	\$	94,404.02
Education Tax	\$	15,481.41	\$	422,404.81	\$	437,886.22
Total	\$	17,250.27	\$	515,039.97	\$	532,290.24

2023 TAX OBLIGATIONS

2023 Obligations to be paid in 2024		
Local Education, second payment of 2023 taxes, due April 30, 2024	\$	189,541.50
State Payment, second payment of 2023 taxes, due June 1, 2024	\$	379,276.44
Total 2023 Obligations to be paid in 2024	\$	568,817.94

Treasurer's Report for Book Restoration January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$4,524.11
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$14.48
Recording Fees Collected	\$1,368.00
2023 REVENUE	\$1,382.48
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
Land Records Portal	\$1,200.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,200.00
2023 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$4,524.11
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,382.48
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,200.00
FYE 12/31/2023 BALANCE	\$4,706.59

Treasurer's Report for Equipment Fund January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$33,505.56
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$94.18
2023 REVENUE	\$94.18
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
Copier Lease and Contract	\$1,339.08
Computer Maintenance	\$85.00
Computer for Treasurer	\$1,434.97
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,859.05
2023 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$33,505.56
TOTAL REVENUE	\$94.18
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,859.05
FYE 12/31/2023 BALANCE	\$30,740.69

Treasurer's Report for Grand List Fund January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$51,943.29
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$155.74
Reappraisal Grant	\$3,179.00
Equalization Grant	\$374.00
Town Appropriation	\$3,000.00
2023 REVENUE	\$6,708.74
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
Reappraisal Contract	\$12,480.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$12,480.00
2023 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$51,943.29
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,708.74
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$12,480.00
FYE 12/31/2023 BALANCE	\$46,172.03

Treasurer's Report for Cemetery Restoration Fund January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3,164.68
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$9.87
Town Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Cemetery Plot Sales	\$125.00
2023 REVENUE	\$1,134.87
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
Taylor Cemetery Maintenance	\$500.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$500.00
2023 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3,164.68
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,134.87
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$500.00
FYE 12/31/2023 BALANCE	\$3,799.55

Treasurer's Report for Direct Fire Support January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,229.43
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$33.51
Town Appropriation	\$3,000.00
2023 REVENUE	\$3,033.51
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
Trailer Costs	\$82.63
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$82.63
2023 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,229.43
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,033.51
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$82.63
FYE 12/31/2023 BALANCE	\$5,180.31

Treasurer's Report for Plan & Zoning January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$4,839.21
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$14.34
2023 REVENUE	\$14.34
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
Survey Expenses	\$428.58
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$428.58
2023 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$4,839.21
TOTAL REVENUE	\$14.34
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$428.58
FYE 12/31/2023 BALANCE	\$4,424.97

Treasurer's Report for Reserve Fund January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$56,303.44
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$160.57
2023 REVENUE	\$160.57
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
Essex County Sheriff's Fees	\$3,792.50
Website Fees	\$4,500.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,292.50
2023 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$56,303.44
TOTAL REVENUE	\$160.57
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,292.50
FYE 12/31/2023 BALANCE	\$48,171.51

Treasurer's Report for Animal Fund January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$296.38
REVENUE	
	\$0.00
2023 REVENUE	\$0.00
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
Shelter Fee	\$0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
2023 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$296.38
TOTAL REVENUE	\$0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00
FYE 12/31/2023 BALANCE	\$296.38

Treasurer's Report for ARPA/Grant Funds January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	
REVENUES	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$56,922.42
REVENUE	
Investment Income	\$78.66
MERP Grant	\$4,000.00
2023 REVENUE	\$4,078.66
EXPENDITURES	
ADMINISTRATION	
Fire Trailer	\$10,741.00
Generator	\$15,236.47
Antenea Base Supplies	\$18.98
First Aid/CPR Training	\$315.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$26,311.45
2023 BEGINNING BALANCE	\$56,922.42
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,078.66
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$26,311.45
FYE 12/31/2023 BALANCE	\$34,689.63

Grant/Fund Activity

2023

	Milfoil Grant	MERP Grant	ARPA Funds
Beginning Balance	\$ -		\$ 56,922.42
Income:			
State Grant	\$ 3,654.00	\$ 4,000.00	
Maidstone Lake Association	\$ 4,471.36		
Interest			\$ 78.66
2023 Income	\$ 8,125.36	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 78.66
Expense:			
Labor	\$ 8,125.36	\$ -	\$ 315.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ -		\$ 25,996.45
Total 2023 Expense:	\$ 8,125.36	\$ -	\$ 26,311.45
End Balance	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 30,689.63

Milfoil Grant Each year, the Maidstone Lake Association administers a greeter program to monitor the boat launch area specifically to stop the introduction of invasive species into Maidstone Lake. The grant program is funded by the State and must be financed through the Town of Maidstone, but does not cost the Town in that any short-fall of expenses over income is paid by the Maidstone Lake Association to the Town. To aid in this program, the voters approved a donation from the Town to the Maidstone Lake Association of \$1000.00.

MERP Grant The Municipal Energy Resilience Program is designed to improve community energy resilience. The program has three segments. The first segment provides interested communities with funds to provide community meetings, communications and programs about about energy resilience. These funds must be expended by 12/31/2026.

AARP Funds The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provided funds to municipalities to cover lost revenue during the pandemic. The funds may be used for anything that would already be covered by the General Fund budget. In 2023, the Town purchased a new trailer to house Town purchased the fire equipment, a generator for Town Hall and laid the groundwork for an emergency short wave radio for Town Hall. The generator and radio purchases are partially covered by a grant, which will be reported in the 2024 Annual Report.

Town of Maidstone
Grants

Grant #	Grant Accepted	Award End Date	Grant Award	Expenditures in 2023	Purpose
Grants closed out in 2023					
PO2063	7/6/2022	12/31/2024	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 45,297.00	Town Highway Class 2 - Maidstone Lake Rd rebuild
BR0984	7/13/2022	6/30/2023	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 21,372.43	Better Roads - Hall Rd
ANC2023	5/24/2023	11/15/2023	\$ 3,654.00	\$ 8,125.36	Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant-in-Aid 2023
Grants that are open as of 12/31/2023					
VT0129	6/11/2021	12/31/2026	\$ 58,689.24	\$ 26,311.45	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
GA0356	8/22/2022	9/30/2024	\$ 11,500.00	-	Grants in Aid - Hydrologically connected segments
02140-31028C-026	2/27/2023	1/31/2024	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 15,255.45	EMPG Local Emergency Management
01155_A172	6/15/2023	12/31/2026	\$ 4,000.00	-	MERP - Community Capacity Building Mini-Grant
PO2115	7/18/2023	12/31/2025	\$ 95,600.00	-	Town Highway Class 2 - Maidstone Lake Rd
BR1081	7/18/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 20,000.00	-	Better Roads - Maidstone Lake Rd Stone Lined Ditch
BC2065	8/3/2023	12/31/2024	\$ 174,073.50	\$ 81,670.00	New Culvert - Westside Lake Rd
GA0587	8/11/2023	9/30/2024	\$ 9,000.00	-	Grants in Aid - Hydrologically connected segments

Town of Maidstone

2023

Budget vs. Actual

	Budget	Received
01-4005 · Current Year Municipal Tax 2022	\$ -	\$ 72,547.19
01-4005 · Current Year Municipal Tax 2023	\$ -	\$ 152,936.35
01-4007 · Late Municipal Tax Revenue	\$ -	\$ 5,309.36
01-4010 · Delinquent and Late Property Tax Revenue	\$ -	\$ 51,330.55
01-4015 · Delinquent Property Tax Interest	\$ -	\$ 7,651.53
01-4020 · Delinquent Property Tax Penalty	\$ -	\$ 3,682.94
01-4050 · State of VT Pilot Revenue	\$ -	\$ 46,877.98
01-4055 · State of VT Hold Harmless C/U	\$ -	\$ 14,113.00
01-4100 · Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ 2,544.70
01-4140 · Dog Licenses (Town Clerk)	\$ -	\$ 635.00
01-4210 · Town Clerk Fees (General)	\$ -	\$ 4,565.50
01-4240 · Zoning Application Fee	\$ -	\$ 2,465.00
01-4265 · Trash Bags Income	\$ -	\$ 618.00
01-4070 · Interest Income	\$ -	\$ 6,309.15
Total Income	\$ 310,745.50	\$ 371,586.25

	Budget	Expensed	(Over)/Under
01-5110 · Town Clerk Wages	\$ 17,380.00	\$ 17,380.00	\$ -
01-5115 · Cleaning Wages	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 943.62	\$ 556.38
01-5120 · Town Treasurer Wages	\$ 17,380.00	\$ 17,380.00	\$ -
01-5125 · Assistant Town Clerk Wages	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,059.00	\$ 241.00
01-5130 · Assistant Town Treasurer Wages	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -
01-5135 · Delinquent Tax Collector Wages	\$ -	\$ 3,682.94	\$ (3,682.94)
01-5145 · Lister Wages	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 6,474.58	\$ 2,025.42
01-5150 · Moderator Wages	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
01-5155 · Selectboard Wages	\$ 3,620.00	\$ 3,620.00	\$ -
01-5160 · Selectboard Secretary Wages	\$ 575.00	\$ 575.00	\$ -
01-5165 · Ballot Clerk Wages	\$ 500.00	\$ 283.37	\$ 216.63
01-5170 · Zoning Wages	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,610.00	\$ 390.00
01-5175 · Town Auditor Wages	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
01-5180 · Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 500.00	\$ 521.51	\$ (21.51)
01-5205 · Unemployment Taxes	\$ 455.00	\$ 169.77	\$ 285.23
01-5210 · Employment Taxes	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 4,339.47	\$ (19.47)
01-5215 · Town Officer's Training Expense	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,336.71	\$ 663.29
01-5220 · Advertising Expense	\$ 900.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 468.00
01-5225 · Town Reports Expense	\$ 350.00	\$ 354.46	\$ (4.46)
01-5230 · Maps/Contract Update Expenses	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00	\$ -
01-5245 · Legal and Professional Expense	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,518.16	\$ 481.84
01-5250 · VLCT Dues	\$ 1,374.00	\$ 1,374.00	\$ -
01-5255 · NVDA	\$ 565.00	\$ 565.00	\$ -
01-5260 · PACIF	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 6,022.25	\$ (1,222.25)
01-5300 · Town Hall Office Supplies	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,602.82	\$ 797.18
01-5302 · Town Hall Animal Licence Fee	\$ 400.00	\$ 373.70	\$ 26.30
01-5305 · Town Hall Postage	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,059.04	\$ 40.96

**Town of Maidstone
2023
Budget vs. Actual**

01-5310 · Town Hall Software	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 7,732.90	\$ (932.90)
01-5315 · Town Hall Electricity	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 979.61	\$ 520.39
01-5320 · Town Hall Fuel Oil	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,472.19	\$ 527.81
01-5325 · Town Hall Telephone	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,331.99	\$ (31.99)
01-5330 · Town Hall Repair & Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,639.82	\$ 360.18
01-5334 · Landfill Transport	\$ 14,245.00	\$ 10,805.00	\$ 3,440.00
01-5335 · Tip Fees	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,723.92	\$ 1,276.08
01-5339 · Scale	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
01-5340 · Waste Pickup	\$ 20,800.00	\$ 16,916.50	\$ 3,883.50
01-5344 · Recycling	\$ 14,080.00	\$ 11,570.50	\$ 2,509.50
01-5346 · Additional Trips	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
01-5347 · Trash Bags	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,450.00	\$ 50.00
01-5348 · Waste Management - NEKWMD	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,856.29	\$ 643.71
01-5350 · Bulky Waste Day	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,521.97	\$ (21.97)
01-5355 · Groveton Ambulance Service	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
01-5360 · Groveton Fire Department	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
01-5365 · N Stratford Fire Department	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
01-5375 · Assessor Contract	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 566.51	\$ 733.49
01-5700 · Donations NEK Human Services	\$ 218.00	\$ 218.00	\$ -
01-5705 · Donations Guildhall Library	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
01-5710 · Donations Northern VT VACD	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
01-5715 · Donation Caledonian Home Health	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
01-5720 · Donations VT Ctr For Ind Living	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
01-5725 · Donations American Red Cross	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
01-5735 · Donations Rural Community Trans	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
01-5740 · Donations Essex Country Nat Res	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
01-5745 · Donations Area Agency on Aging	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
01-5750 · Donation NEK Learning	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
01-5760 · Donation Lancaster Food Pantry	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
01-5765 · Donations Green Up Day	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
01-5766 · Donations Northwoods Stewardship Center	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
01-5950 · County Tax Assessment	\$ 26,533.50	\$ 25,737.50	\$ 796.00
07-5020 · Cemetery Mowing	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 100.00
02-5010 - Highway Expense	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -
02-5015 - Appropriation - Highway Rebuild	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
01-5770 - Appropriation - Maidstone Lake Assoc	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
06-5010 - Appropriation - Grand List Fund	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
07-5010 - Appropriation - Cemetery Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
11-5010 - Appropriation - Direct Fire Support	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Total Expense	\$ 310,745.50	\$ 294,250.10	

Town of Maidstone Highway Funds - 2023	\$ 281,517.80	Beginning Balance	
	Highway Fund	Town Road Rebuild	Clean Water Act
Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$ 20,710.38	\$ 248,687.42	\$ 12,120.00
Income			
State of Vermont:			
Class 2 Road Aid	\$ 39,823.83		
Class 3 Road Aid	\$ 24,715.89		
Grants Received		\$ 53,335.54	
Appropriations from Town:			
Highway Fund	\$ 70,000.00		
Town Rebuild Account		\$ 20,000.00	
Other:			
Overweight Permits	\$ 100.00		
Interest	\$ 955.09		
Total Income 2023	\$ 135,594.81	\$ 73,335.54	\$ -
Expenditures			
Highways			
Summer Class 2	\$ 36,054.57		
Winter Class 2	\$ 21,095.97		
Summer Class 3	\$ 22,097.08		
Winter Class 3	\$ 12,840.25		
Hydroseeder Contract	\$ 200.00		
Better Roads Grant - Hall Rd		\$ 21,372.43	
Structures Grant - Box Culvert		\$ 81,670.00	
Clean Water Act			\$ 1,056.67
Total Expenditures 2023	\$ 92,287.87	\$ 103,042.43	\$ 1,056.67
End Balance 12/31/2023	\$ 64,017.32	\$ 218,980.53	\$ 11,063.33
Combined End Balance 12/31/2023	\$ 294,061.18		

Town of Maidstone
Delinquent Tax Collector Report
December 31, 2023

*on budget plan

Real Estate Tax (Principal) Owed as of December 31, 2023

2021	Young, Gary	\$	338.22
2022	Brooks, Frank Trustee	\$	5,821.51
	Kachmarik, Andrew*	\$	394.12
	Young, Gary	\$	1,177.51

2023 No delinquent tax for 2023 until April 16, 2024
 Note: There are taxpayers who did not pay their 1st installment, however, they are not considered "delinquent" until April 15, 2024.
 As of December 31, 2023, the total uncollected tax which was due on October 16, 2023 is \$17,250.27.

Interest Owed on Delinquent Taxes	\$	1,228.19
Penalty Owed on Delinquent Taxes	\$	618.49
Total Delinquent Taxes, Interest and Penalties Owed	\$	9,578.04

Delinquent Tax Collections in 2023

Real Estate Taxes from 2015	\$	671.40
Real Estate Taxes from 2016	\$	649.48
Real Estate Taxes from 2017	\$	624.32
Real Estate Taxes from 2018	\$	688.60
Real Estate Taxes from 2019	\$	801.40
Real Estate Taxes from 2020	\$	856.77
Real Estate Taxes from 2021	\$	10,346.16
Real Estate Taxes from 2022	\$	36,692.42
Total collected in 2023	\$	51,330.55

Interest collected in 2023	\$	7,651.53
Penalty collected in 2023	\$	3,682.94

Total Delinquent Taxes, Interest and Penalties collected in 2023 \$ 62,665.02



Robert Champagne-Willis
 Delinquent Tax Collector

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

Town Clerks in the State of Vermont are responsible for more tasks than it is possible to include in this Annual Report. The team here in the Maidstone Town Clerk's office are trying to make this office as welcoming and efficient as possible. We work very hard on carrying out elections, grant writing, recording of documents, and record retention. We also work hard to have all Selectboard Meetings and other Town Meetings' information made available to the public.

This year we will be responsible for overseeing our Town Meeting, Annual Local Election, NEK Choice School Voting, the Presidential Primary, and the Presidential Election. We hope to make each of these elections run as smoothly as possible. This is accomplished by learning and following all statutes and laws, related to:

- Schedule, organize, and administer election preparation; ballot building; Certification of Results; and oversee the hand count of Ballots;
- Appoint and train election workers with the Board of Civil Authority.

On a daily basis, our office is working hard to maintain and update Land Records, Cemetery Deeds, and Vital Records. We periodically audit ourselves to make sure we are handling these important tasks in accordance with state statutes. This year we audited and implemented a plan to assist our community in submitting all State of Vermont Waste Water and Potable Water System Permits to be recorded. This makes for an easier transfer of property when the time comes.

This year was a difficult year for the staff. I experienced a family emergency that took me away from the office for approximately a month, which resulted in the passing of my father. The Assistant Town Clerk, Suzy Irwin, experienced some family emergencies as well. I am proud to say that we were able to continually work for the Town of Maidstone during these difficult times.

The Town of Maidstone now has a new website built by GreenLight Website Design. We are now able to download and upload forms, make payments, and send emails directly to town officials. I am very proud of the work that was put into the site.

We are communicating with the State of Vermont to stay updated on the closure, repair, and proposed reopening of the Peaselee (Maidstone) Bridge.

Bill Sanborn, Emergency Management Director, and I worked very hard to get an Emergency Management Grant. This Emergency Management (EMPG) Grant allowed us to use ARPA funds for the 50 percent that Maidstone had to contribute. This was a \$29K project to install a generator and emergency radio system at Maidstone Town Hall since it is an Emergency Operation Center(shelter). There were several extensions applied for due to lack of availability of equipment and installers.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

In November of 2023, I sent out a Survey and coordinated the responses with the Planning Commission for the Town Plan Project. We also worked hard to get this information out to our public through our website, emails, and sandwich board notice.

We are working toward getting a MERP Grant, up to 500k to improve the for energy efficiency of our Town Hall. We have received a mini-grant to be used for informational purposes for the townspeople. We followed up with a mandated energy efficiency audit. We are waiting on those results, in order to move forward with the application.

In closing, I would just like to mention the environment that exists at Town Hall, which includes teamwork, camaraderie, and a true dedication to the Town of Maidstone. I have appointed a new Assistant Town Clerk, Samantha Graham, and would like to welcome her to the team. I will continue to strive for excellence in serve to our community.



Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Pear, Maidstone Town Clerk

Town of Maidstone
Emergency Management Director's Report
2023

Earlier this past year the Selectboard appointed me as the Emergency Management Director (EMD). The following is a report outlining in general what has been accomplished during that time.

With the help of the town clerk, Amy Pear, an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) through the State of Vermont was applied for, received and okayed by the Selectboard. This grant was for 50% matching funds to purchase a generator for the town's primary emergency shelter (town hall) and provide an emergency communications radio for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located in the town office. The remaining 50% of the match came from ARPA funds so the entire project was at no cost to the town. At this writing all associated equipment has been installed and is operational.

With the help of NVDA representatives and several townspeople, a town-wide Hazard Mitigation Survey was conducted with very encouraging participation. The information from that survey was used in formulating a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). Said plan was ultimately approved by the State of Vermont and adopted by the Selectboard. A copy is available for viewing at the town office and on the town website. This plan is required by the State to be updated every five (5) years.

With the help of the town clerk, Amy Pear, the town Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) was updated, approved by the State of Vermont and adopted by the Selectboard. A copy is available for viewing at the town office and on the town website. This plan is required by the State to be updated annually.

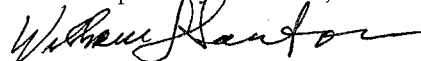
In November, with the approval of the Selectboard and again the help of the town clerk, Amy Pear, a Heartsaver CPR-AED course was offered through the Groveton Ambulance Association. Seven people took the course and received certification through the American Heart Association. This cost of this course was paid for using ARPA funds so there was no direct cost to the town.

Throughout the year I attended a number of meetings of the Orleans/Essex Regional Emergency Management Coalition (REMC). This organization is made up of local, county and state partners in the emergency management business. They plan for emergencies on a more regional basis, sponsor training for local EMDs and disseminate important information from the state level.

I also continue to work with our contracted Fire and EMS providers to ensure the best possible outcomes for any needed emergency services by town residents, especially with the challenges of the Maidstone-Stratford Hollow bridge being closed.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Respectfully submitted,



William J. 'Bill' Sanborn
Emergency Management Director

Home: 802-676-3902
Cell: 603-380-2536

Town of Maidstone
Fire Warden's Report
2023

During the 2023 State of Vermont wildland (grass/brush) fire season the state received reports of only 63 fires from 34 towns that burned about 59 acres. This was undoubtedly due to the wetter than normal spring, summer and fall that we experienced.

The town of Maidstone did not experience any wildland fires during the year. The North Stratford fire department answered three (3) calls to Maidstone during the year and the Groveton fire department answered four (4) calls. Additionally, there were (18) eighteen requests for EMS services (Groveton ambulance) throughout the year.

This past year the Stratford Fire Department came to the lake twice for training sessions on the dry fire hydrant located at the boat launch area. Additionally, Stratford also went to the dry hydrant on the North Road for a training session. The Groveton Fire Department went to both the Cardin and North Road dry hydrants for training sessions. In doing so the hydrants were back-flushed and pumped and found to be in working order. The dry hydrant at the McKenzie pond is still out-of-service until it can be repaired.

Since the closure of the Maidstone-Stratford Hollow bridge in July both the Groveton and Stratford Fire Departments have been dispatched on all responses to Maidstone due to the extended travel time to get to many parts of the town.

The emergency helicopter landing pad off the Maidstone Lake Road was utilized for the first time in June by the DHART helicopter to transport an injured biker to the hospital.

There were a total of six (6) burning permits issued by Chelsey and Bill during the year.

Burning Permits Required: In general a permit **is required** for any outside burning except when there is snow covering the entire site. ***Only natural wood, grass and leaves may be burned. Any other material requires an Air Pollution Permit in addition.***

Burning Permits Not Required: A permit **is not required** for a small campfire (any fire for cooking or warming) on a person's own land and contained in an appropriate pit or fire ring.

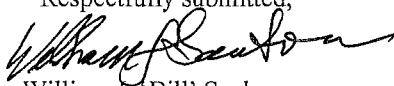
Also, please remember that any fire kindled must be attended at all times and shall be totally extinguished before leaving it, even if it is raining or there is snow covering the site.

If there are any questions as to when a burning permit is, or is not required, or for any other questions that may arise, please call either the Fire Warden or Key Person. There is **no charge** for burning permits.

Fire Warden Bill Sanborn 4488 Maidstone Lake Road 802-676-3902

Key Person Chelsey Palmer 2617 Vermont Route 102 802-473-8776

All wildland fires should be reported to the Fire Warden or Key Person at the telephone numbers listed above, or to Fire Dispatch using 9-1-1.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. "Bill" Sanborn
Forest Fire Warden

Town of Maidstone
Forest Fire Protection
Inventory of Tools and Equipment
2023

Qty.	Item	Location	Condition
1	Forestry Cargo Trailer	At Bill's	Serviceable
10	Council Rakes	In Forestry Trailer	All serviceable
5	Forestry Shovels w/sheaths	In Forestry Trailer	All serviceable
5	Pulaski Tools w/sheaths	In Forestry Trailer	All serviceable
5	Forestry Axes w/sheaths	In Forestry Trailer	All serviceable
5	Forestry Brooms	In Forestry Trailer	All serviceable
10	Indian Pack Tanks (canvas)	In Forestry Trailer	All serviceable
2	Indian Pack Tanks (metal)	In Forestry Trailer	Both serviceable
3	Two-way Radios (portable) w/spare batteries	2 at Bill's & 1 at Chelsey's	All serviceable
8	Forest Fire Fighter's Outfits	7 in Forestry Trailer & 1 at Chelsey's	All serviceable
6	1 ½" x 100 ft. Hose (NH) w/adapters to NPSH	In Forestry Trailer	All serviceable
1	1 ½" Adjustable Nozzle (NH) w/adaptor to NPSH	In Forestry Trailer	Serviceable
6	1" x 100 ft. Hose (NPSH)	In Forestry Trailer	All serviceable
4	1" x 1 ½" Reducer (NPSH)	In Forestry Trailer	All serviceable
3	1" Nozzle (10-25 gpm)	In Forestry Trailer	All serviceable
1	1" x 1" x 1" Gated Wye (NPSH)	In Forestry Trailer	Serviceable
2	Fire Hose Clamps	In Forestry Trailer	Both serviceable
2	1 ½" x 1 ½" x 1 ½" Gated Wyes (NH) w/adapters to NPSH	In Forestry Trailer	Both serviceable
2	1 ½" x 1 ½" x 1" Hose Line Tees (NH) w/adapters to NPSH	In Forestry Trailer	Both serviceable
4	Fire Hose Spanner Wrenches	In Forestry Trailer	All serviceable

Town of Maidstone
Forest Fire Protection
Inventory of Tools and Equipment
2023

Qty.	Item	Location	Condition
1	Pair Backpack Pump Carrying Straps (Spare)	In Forestry Trailer	Serviceable
1	Honda WH15X 105 gpm Fire Pump Kit	In Forestry Trailer	Serviceable
1	Pump Hose Kit w/strainer, 20' suction hose and 20' discharge hose	In Forestry Trailer	All serviceable

Notes:

This past year the Town of Maidstone purchased a 12'x 6' cargo trailer to house their forest firefighting equipment to have it more mobile for faster availability. Some shelving was installed and several brackets provided by Scott Lovell were added to the interior to store the tools and other assorted gear. While still a "work in progress" it is considered "in service" and useable.

The old military trailer was surplused by the selectboard and sold. The pintle mount trailer hitch that was required with this trailer was returned to the person from whom it was on loan.

Respectfully Submitted,



William J. 'Bill' Sanborn
Forest Fire Warden

ANNUAL ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Michael Otis: Zoning Administrator

There were 28 total zoning permits for 2023.

- 20 Lake Permits: 1 new home and the rest were property building improvements.
- 1 Bear Hill Permit: modular building.
- 6 Route 102 Permits: accessory buildings and property building improvements.
- 1 Hall Road Permit: accessory building.

Zoning Activities:

- Rewrote zoning forms with the involvement of the Planning Commission and secretary.
- Attended Planning Commission meetings to provide Zoning Administrator input on the rewriting of the Maidstone Zoning Bylaws.
- Attended Selectboard Meetings to provide zoning updates and reports as required.
- Met with and hosted Vermont Shoreline Representatives to discuss lakeside issues and provide an overview of the topics of concern. This included providing a boat tour of the entire lakeshore and responding to questions about specific properties including the islands.
- Met with property owners throughout the town and resolved several zoning bylaw violations within the lake district. There were no zoning bylaw violations outside of the lake district.
- No new subdivisions in 2023, one new subdivision in planning stages on Route 102, a second one did not result in a subdivision.
- Many property visits and numerous phone conversations to explain and resolve Maidstone bylaws and provided education in response to Vermont Shoreland inquiries.
- Instituted regular weekly townhall presence during summertime hours for higher visibility and accessibility of the Zoning Administrator.

Report of Town Representative to Northeast Kingdom Broadband

The past year NEKB has worked hard to continue their broadband build out in other sections of the Northeast Kingdom and to secure additional grant funding to expand their coverage. I have gained some level of insight as a Representative on their Board as to the complicated nature of this undertaking, and an appreciation of what a difficult, and at times painfully slow job, it is to pull all of the funding, operational, and regulatory elements together so that the wire can be run and actually connected to our homes.

That said, NEKB has shown good progress this year in obtaining several very large federal grants and has completed hook ups in several areas, such that they are now providing high speed internet services to customers.

Of most interest to us in Maidstone, Guildhall, and Bloomfield is the fact that they were able to secure funding of the project for our area through a federal Reconnect Grant, which will fund the major trunk lines of fiber cable along Route 102, along North Road and Hall Road where there is electric service, and along the Lake Road. That, at least, is my current understanding based on a meeting I attended on January 24th. The Reconnect Funding also covers the cost of "drops", which are the individual connections to homes. (I'm not sure if there are distance limitations.) The timeframe for this build out by NEKB is 2024 and probably into the first half of 2025. It is one of their project priorities for this current year, which is good news for many in our town.

I would encourage everyone to visit their website for more information and ongoing updates, and to pre-register as a show of interest and support, even if you're not sure that you want the service. It helps them as they continue to seek funding, and it helps Maidstone remain a priority build out area.

Sincerely,
Jack Donnelly
Maidstone Town Representative to NEKB



Dear NEK Neighbors,

We are pleased to present our 2023 Annual Report to all 56 towns in the NEK. As you know, we are the Communications Union District (CUD) for Northeastern Vermont - the municipal, non-profit organization whose mission is to build high-speed, fiber internet infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities in the NEK. As a resident of one of NEK's 56 towns, you have a voice through your town's representative to our Governing Board. To see who that is, please visit our website, nekbroadband.org and go to the Member Towns page.

Our 2023 Annual Report shows the significant progress we've made in working towards our ambitious goals and we hope you enjoy reading it.

AND we know there is more work to be done. The two questions most often asked are "When are you coming to me? And how much will it cost?" To answer the 'When' we have to take into consideration multiple factors such as technical challenges, availability of grant funding, local interest and customer base, and material costs. All of these factors help us determine the most cost effective, efficient way to build a network that will need 2700 miles of fiber optics to reach everyone in the Kingdom. The easiest way to know when service will be available to you is to pre-register at get.nekbroadband.org, and stay up to date with messages and notifications.

We also know that affordability of high-speed internet is a critical issue to many living in our region. That's why we include a free router and free aerial installation up to 400 ft for every customer. NEK Broadband also participates in the ACP (Affordable Connectivity Program), helping to create affordable pricing for 27% of households in the district that are eligible. This federally funded program provides a discount of \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households. As of today, this program will run out of funds by mid April.

Last year we also started a program that gives NEK residents the opportunity to lend a hand to their low-income neighbors. For those customers who choose our 500/500 Mbps service, \$30 of their monthly payments will go towards giving a fellow low-income NEK resident an equivalent \$30 discount per month. For those who choose our 1 gig/1 gig service, their monthly payment will help 3 of their low-income NEK neighbors with an additional discount of \$30/month each. We have decided to use these funds to subsidize to the same level if the ACP shuts down.

At NEK Broadband, we continue to search for and create ways to make it easier for all of our neighbors to get access to high-speed internet because in today's interconnected world, access to online resources is essential for participating in various aspects of life, including education, employment, healthcare, and civic engagement. We are proud to work to bridge the gap and increase these opportunities for all of our neighbors in the NEK.

The NEK Broadband team

Town of Maidstone
Board of Listers

The listers for the Town of Maidstone are responsible for maintaining the value of properties for the town, known as the Grand List. On a regular basis, the listers keep track of changes in property ownership and update the Grand List for any changes in valuation due to property improvements, subdivisions or property damage.

Each year, property sales (a representation of fair market value) are compared to Grand List values to see how accurate the Grand List represents fair market value. In December 2023, the Department of Property Valuation and Review (PVR) issued the 2023 Equalization Study results which showed that the Town of Maidstone had a Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) of 67.84% and a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) of 23.23.

The CLA is determined by comparing the values listed in the Grand List with all valid property sales over the past three years. A CLA less than 100% indicates that properties in our Grand List are valued at less than fair market value. A CLA under 85% used to necessitate a reappraisal, but that trigger was eliminated by Act 68 from the 2023 legislative session. The CLA is still an important measure in that it is factored into the Homestead Education Tax Rate, determined by NEK Choice School District's budget and student count, and the Non-Homestead Education Tax Rate, set by the Vermont Legislature. The CLA is also used to equalize the Municipal Grand List among the municipalities within Essex County to determine the County Tax assessment.

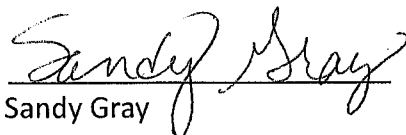
The COD is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within our town. A high COD means that many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share, and many are paying less than their fair share. A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal.

In anticipation of the worsening CLA and COD numbers since the Town of Maidstone's last complete reappraisal in 2019, the Selectboard authorized a statistical update for 2024. A statistical update is a revaluation of all town properties but, unlike a complete reappraisal, does not require on-site property inspections except to confirm validity of the data for a sample of properties. A statistical update is less expensive than a complete reappraisal but can only be conducted within 5 years from the last complete reappraisal. The town has contracted with the New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) to complete the statistical update. This work is underway and will be completed this spring. All property owners will receive notification of the new property valuations, including information about pre-grievance informational meetings and grievance hearings.

Please feel free to reach out to us at maidstonelisters@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Bob Champagne-Willis



Sandy Gray



Amy Pear

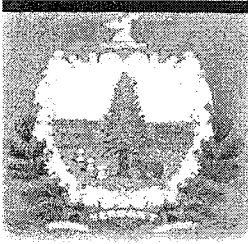
SOCIAL SERVICES

NEK Council on Aging (1-800-642-5119)	Helpline, wellness and enrichment classes, home delivered meals, State Health Insurance Program, Transportation Assistance, Food and Fuel, Family Caregiving Support, Support for Veterans, & more.
Caledonia Home Health Care 802-748-8116	Home Care, Hospice
Northeast Kingdom Human Services Substance Abuse, Crisis Hotline 802-334-6744	For Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Emergency Crisis Line
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services 802-748-5624	Adult Education & Literacy
Rural Community Transportation 802-748-8170	Transportation for elderly, handicapped
Vermont Center for Independent Living 800-622-4555	Assistance for the disabled
Governor's Action Line 800-642-3131	Information on VT Government
Umbrella Incorporated 802-748-8645	Women's 24-hour crisis hot line shelter for women & children

RUBBISH & RECYCLING

RUBBISH & RECYCLE REMOVAL is currently provided by "Vaughn Hodgdon Trucking" and is picked up at roadside on Monday. Exceptions to this schedule is the pick-up of rubbish on Wednesday if one of the following holidays falls on or is observed on a Monday: Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Christmas and New Year's Day. Recycled items are picked up every other Monday with the exception that from May 1st to Labor Day pick up will be weekly. The same rule for the above-mentioned holidays applies to the pickup of recycled items. Bulky Waste Day will be July 20, 2024 from 8 AM to noon at 1342 VT Rte. 102, Bradley McVetty's residence.

Schedules are subject to change. Schedules may be picked up at the Town Office during office hours, mailed upon request by calling 802-676-3210 or by email at maidstonetownclerk@gmail.com. See also www.maidstone-vt.org under the Information Center, Waste and Recycling section for the schedule and additional information.



ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

STATE OF VERMONT

Trevor Colby

Sheriff

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

Our current contract allocation in Maidstone is for an average of 2 hours per week. During 2023, we responded to 16 incidents in Maidstone. We wrote 5 tickets and 14 warnings for motor vehicle violations in Maidstone. Throughout the county we responded to 648 incidents.

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

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

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

Thank you for your continued support,

Sheriff Trevor Colby

**ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT
For the year ending December 31, 2023**



INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Maidstone Town Hall

Call in remotely with phone number 312-626-6799

Zoom Meeting ID: 827 4171 5908 Passcode: 653833

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

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

NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of NEK Choice School District are hereby duly notified and warned to meet at their respective individual voting locations below, to vote for Articles One (1) through Four (4) by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, with the polls open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the NEK Choice School District approve the Board of Directors to expend \$6,532,757.00 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$12,555.28 per weighted pupil. This projected spending per weighted pupil is 45.59% lower than for the current year. (Australian Ballot)

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

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

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

Given unto our hands this 19th day of January 2024.

Miles Etter

Miles Etter, Chair

Patricia Brown

Patty Brown

Rita Laferriere

Rita Laferriere

Tim Thompson

Tim Thompson

Melanie Jacques-Staats

Melanie Jacques-Staats

Sharon Ellingwood-White

Sharon Ellingwood-White

Carla Curtis

Carla Curtis

Sonia Peters

Sonia Peters

Lyn Schmucker

Lyn Schmucker

Rachel Cliche

Rachel Cliche


Northeast Kingdom Choice Unified School District Annual Report

As we prepare our budget and compile our Annual Reports, there is great opportunity to review and reflect on our past years work, and to look at our future and prepare for the challenges of helping our children receive a solid education that will contribute to their health and growth. We are a unique district in a rural corner of Vermont that encounters challenges that we are committed to successfully meeting. This past year has presented our toughest challenges as a district thus far.

We are all faced with economic challenges in most aspects of our lives; health care, food, heating, transportation to name several. The one that has greatly impacted us is our town taxes and, most significantly, the cost of education. This is our board's major focus and it has been an enormous task to recover from a tumultuous year. Last year we had a new Business Administrator and a new Superintendent leave the district between town meeting and the end of school. Many shortcomings were discovered and the Board worked to solidify the SU office. Fortunately we have come a long way in addressing the problems. The board has worked hard with our SU Administrators, new Superintendent Jenn Lawcewicz, and Business Administrator Beth Drew to resolve issues contributing to our financial difficulties. We have also received support from the Agency Of Education and local legislatures to help us recapture revenue tied to our past year's work. This fiscal year, 24 -25, includes a new funding formula - a weighted pupil count that better addresses the fiscal needs of our district. The Common Level of Appraisal is also a significant contributor to our increased taxes. This dilemma, below current value, is a result of recent property transactions impacted by several factors. A major task to address, but one which town selectmen are working on. We have pushed strongly to keep taxes down and there are some good positives in this budget. SU budget reductions and the weighted pupil count have supported reduced costs. We will continue to do our best to work on fiscal responsibility and offer our children the best opportunities for their growth and development.

Your board is working hard and values your input. Please visit our website to find out about meetings. Let us know of noteworthy accomplishments of your children. We are looking to gather successes from our students and include them on our website. Hope your school year goes well.

Respectfully on Behalf of the NEK Choice Board,



Miles Etter NEK Choice Board Chair

Northeast Kingdom Choice School District

Report of the Superintendent

As the superintendent of schools, I am honored to serve the NEK Choice School District and I greatly appreciate the unique strengths and challenges we have. We are fortunate to have such a wide array of schools to choose from for our children who truly value excellence in education. I am proud of our students and their achievements and grateful for the many opportunities available to them in our rural area.

Our focus this year has been on advocacy and improving fiscal responsibility across the supervisory union. We have worked diligently to improve data management and reporting practices to ensure that NEK Choice District is receiving all available state funding under the new Act 127 pupil weighting formula. NEK Choice has benefited from the new weighting for sparsity and poverty which counts our 306 actual students as 519 weighted students for tax rate calculations.

I have enjoyed meeting with state legislators to advocate for the needs of our students and families. Sustainable resources for mental health support for students, expanding the small schools weighting to include non-operating school districts, and validating the need for school choice are some of the main topics being discussed.

Enrollment in the NEK Choice district has increased 13% since 2020. To date we have 324 students attending 38 schools across Vermont and New Hampshire. Our central office works directly with families to ensure that all necessary documents are completed for tuition and residency and collaborates with schools for data collection and reporting. We have excellent working relationships with all 38 schools and look forward to our continued partnerships.

I am pleased to report an overall reduction in the NEK Choice budget of over \$300,000 primarily due to students graduating and a decrease in the ENSU budget. We have been working closely with board members to create a budget that is fiscally responsible and ensures that all our students' educational needs are supported.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve the NEK Choice School District. I look forward to seeing you at our Informational Meeting on February 29, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Maidstone Town Hall.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lawcewicz

Superintendent

Essex North Supervisory Union

Report of the Director of Student Support

Erika Proulx

Introduction

As the Director of Student Services for Essex North Supervisory Union, I am pleased to present this comprehensive report detailing the efforts and achievements of our department over the past year. Our commitment to providing quality education to all students, including those with special needs, remains unwavering. This report aims to highlight the various initiatives, programs, and outcomes that define our dedication to inclusive education.

Program Developments

Over the past year, our department has experienced some changes as our previous Director of Student Services became the Superintendent and I stepped into some big shoes. Since I came on board, our department has focused on enhancing and expanding special education programs to better meet the diverse needs of our students. We have introduced new intervention strategies, collaborated with general education teachers, and implemented individualized education plans (IEPs) to address specific learning challenges. We have increased our learning space to include an opportunity for on-site life skills development. Additionally, our team has worked tirelessly to address the social and emotional needs of students through the expansion of our counseling opportunities.

Professional Development

Continuous improvement is at the core of our growth and development. Our dedicated staff has participated in professional development opportunities that have allowed them to work collaboratively with regular education teachers to align our curriculum standards. We are also investigating participation in multi-modal reading instruction to help benefit the needs of students in their reading development. These opportunities provide the skills necessary to create inclusive and supportive learning environments. This commitment to professional growth ensures that our students receive the highest quality education tailored to their individual needs.

Future Directions

Looking ahead, the ENSU Special Education Department is excited to continue its development and collaboration. We are committed to refining our programs, expanding

community outreach, and ensuring that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. By fostering a culture of inclusivity, embracing innovation, and upholding high standards, we strive to create an educational environment that nurtures the growth and success of all students, regardless of their unique learning needs.

In conclusion, I am grateful for the experiences I have had thus far in my position and look forward to growing and sharing in the passion, dedication, and collaborative spirit that exemplify the ENSU Special Education Department. Together, with the support of our community, we will continue to make strides towards an inclusive and equitable educational experience for every student.



Proven Expertise & Integrity

January 19, 2024

Board of Directors
NEK Choice School District
Canaan, Vermont

We were engaged by the NEK Choice School District and have audited the financial statements of the NEK Choice School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2023 financial statements:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund	Schedule B

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SCHEDULE 1

NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 618,009	\$ 618,009	\$ 618,009	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Intergovernmental:				
State support	5,813,523	5,813,523	5,811,077	(2,446)
Other	-	-	1,149	1,149
Interest income	1,000	1,000	10,961	9,961
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>6,432,532</u>	<u>6,432,532</u>	<u>6,441,196</u>	<u>8,664</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Regular instruction	5,094,296	5,094,296	5,542,234	(447,938)
Special education	456,793	456,793	473,865	(17,072)
Administrative and support services	263,434	263,434	242,959	20,475
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>5,814,523</u>	<u>5,814,523</u>	<u>6,259,058</u>	<u>(444,535)</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 618,009</u>	<u>\$ 618,009</u>	<u>\$ 182,138</u>	<u>\$ (435,871)</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT C

NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 269,329
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 269,329</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 87,191
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>87,191</u>
FUND BALANCES	
Nonspendable	-
Restricted	-
Committed	637,596
Assigned	65,712
Unassigned (deficit)	<u>(521,170)</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>182,138</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 269,329</u>

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STATEMENT E

NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>
REVENUES	
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 5,812,226
Interest income	<u>10,961</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>5,823,187</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
Regular instruction	5,542,234
Special education	473,865
Administrative and support services	<u>242,959</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>6,259,058</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(435,871)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>618,009</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 182,138</u>

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SCHEDULE B

NEK CHOICE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Regular instruction -				
Tuition:				
Pre-k	\$ 25,592	\$ 25,592	\$ 46,796	\$ (21,204)
Elementary	2,115,216	2,115,216	2,671,349	(556,133)
Secondary	2,900,088	2,900,088	2,814,703	85,385
Contractual services	53,400	53,400	9,386	44,014
	<u>5,094,296</u>	<u>5,094,296</u>	<u>5,542,234</u>	<u>(447,938)</u>
Special education -				
Assessment	456,793	456,793	473,865	(17,072)
	<u>456,793</u>	<u>456,793</u>	<u>473,865</u>	<u>(17,072)</u>
Administrative and support services -				
Supervisory union assessment	231,699	231,699	231,699	-
School board	19,450	19,450	10,000	9,450
Fiscal services	12,285	12,285	1,260	11,025
	<u>263,434</u>	<u>263,434</u>	<u>242,959</u>	<u>20,475</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 5,814,523</u>	<u>\$ 5,814,523</u>	<u>\$ 6,259,058</u>	<u>\$ (444,535)</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

NEK Choice School District

2024-2025 (FY25) Preliminary

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Approved Budget (FY24)	Proposed Budget (FY25)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Supervisory Union Assessment	285,971	282,592	(3,379)
Total Superintendent's Office:	285,971	282,592	(3,379)

SCHOOL BOARD			
Board Members Stipend	10,700	10,700	-
NEK Choice Clerk	50	50	-
NEK Choice Moderator	50	50	-
Treasurers Stipend	1,311	1,365	54
Payroll Taxes	-	1,015	1,015
Audit Services	13,500	15,000	1,500
Legal Services	3,500	3,500	-
Advertising	1,000	1,000	-
Postage, Printing & Publishing	750	750	-
Dues & Fees-VSBA Data/Dues/New Member Trainings	3,400	3,400	-
Supplies	-	-	-
Total School Board:	34,261	36,830	2,569

REGULAR EDUCATION: PreK Tuition			
Tuition-Location TBD PreK \$3656 FY 23 (15)	26,360	54,840	28,480
Total PreK Tuition (15 students):	26,360	54,840	28,480

REGULAR EDUCATION: Elementary Tuition			
Tuition-Location TBD New Kindergarteners (16)	65,828	80,000	14,172
Tuition-Barnet K-6 (1)	40,686	21,000	(19,686)
Tuition-Burke Town K-6 (0)	55,932	-	(55,932)
Tuition-Canaan K-6 (8)	164,000	172,000	8,000
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary K-6 (2)	41,554	47,320	5,766
Tuition-Concord K-6 (5)	130,508	93,675	(36,833)
Tuition-Good Shepherd K-6 (4)	26,435	12,060	(14,375)
Tuition-Groveton Elementary K-6 (2)	82,068	41,840	(40,228)
Tuition - Heartwood Public Charter School K-6 (5)	-	68,250	68,250
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary K-6 (5)	237,150	111,625	(125,525)
Tuition - Lunenburg School K-6 (4)	-	74,940	74,940
Tuition-Lupine Montessori K-6 (3)	15,466	25,530	10,064
Tuition-Lyndon Town K-6 (12)	193,068	225,000	31,932
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North K-6 (7)	79,890	114,030	34,140
Tuition-Newark K-6 (5)	74,576	93,675	19,099
Tuition-Riverside K-6 (43)	742,545	789,480	46,935
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School K-6 (3)	102,000	53,550	(48,450)
Tuition-Stratford K-6 (4)	206,620	72,200	(134,420)
Tuition-Sunnybrook Montessori K-6 (0)	4,898	-	(4,898)
Tuition-Sutton K-6 (1)	37,288	18,740	(18,548)
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens K-6 (4)	66,004	70,380	4,376
Tuition-Waterford K-6 (8)	162,744	176,400	13,656
Tuition-Woodland Community K-6 (2)	54,075	23,630	(30,445)
Total Elementary Tuition (144 students):	2,583,335	2,385,325	(198,010)

NEK Choice School District

2024-2025 (FY25) Preliminary

REGULAR EDUCATION: Secondary Tuition (7-8/9-12)	Approved Budget (FY24)	Proposed Budget (FY25)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Tuition-Barnet 7-8 (1)	20,343	22,050	1,707
Tuition-Burke Town School 7-8 (2)	18,101	37,500	19,399
Tuition-Canaan 7-8 (5)	132,000	117,500	(14,500)
Tuition - Charleston Elementary School 7-8 (1)	-	17,850	17,850
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary 7-8 (1)	20,500	23,660	3,160
Tuition-Concord 7-8 (3)	18,644	56,205	37,561
Tuition-Danville 7-8 (2)	18,540	44,100	25,560
Tuition - Good Shepherd School 7-8 (1)	-	3,015	3,015
Tuition-Groveton Middle 7-8 (2)	41,033	40,060	(973)
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary 7-8 (3)	23,715	69,285	45,570
Tuition-Lyndon Town 7-8 (4)	18,644	74,940	56,296
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North 7-8 (2)	47,935	32,580	(15,355)
Tuition-Newark 7-8 (2)	18,644	37,500	18,856
Tuition-Riverside 7-8 (14)	177,963	268,520	90,557
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School 7-8 (4)	51,000	71,400	20,400
Tuition-Stratford Public 7-8 (4)	20,662	72,200	51,538
Tuition-Sutton 7-8 (1)	-	18,740	18,740
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens 7-8 (1)	16,501	-	(16,501)
Tuition-Waterford 7-8 (2)	20,343	44,100	23,758
Tuition-Woodland Community 7-8 (1)	-	11,815	11,815
Tuition - Arlington School 9-12 (1)	-	19,950	19,950
Tuition-Barnet 9-12 (1)	-	22,050	22,050
Tuition - Bellows Falls Union High School 9-12 (1)	-	23,625	23,625
Tuition-Burke Mountain Academy 9-12 (2)	53,389	38,400	(14,989)
Tuition-Burke Town School 9-12 (2)	-	37,500	37,500
Tuition-Canaan 9-12 (8)	308,000	184,800	(123,200)
Tuition-Colebrook Academy 9-12 (8)	112,555	190,120	77,565
Tuition - East Burke School 9-12 (2)	-	38,400	38,400
Tuition-Groveton High 9-12 (5)	133,565	100,150	(33,415)
Tuition-Holderness 9-12 (1)	17,796	-	(17,796)
Tuition-Lyndon Institute 9-12 (26)	858,072	611,260	(246,812)
Tuition - Lyndon Town School 9-12 (1)	-	18,750	18,750
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North 9-12 (1)	-	16,290	16,290
Tuition-North Country Charter Academy 9-12 (0)	33,959	-	(33,959)
Tuition-North Country Union High School 9-12 (0)	17,510	-	(17,510)
Tuition-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 (36)	665,900	827,820	161,920
Tuition-Waterford 9-12 (3)	-	66,150	66,150
Tuition - Waterville Valley Academy 9-12 (1)	-	19,215	19,215
Tuition-White Mountain School 9-12 (1)	53,389	19,200	(34,189)
Tuition-White Mountain Regional 9-12 (14)	283,244	323,330	40,086
Extra Cost-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 Guided Studies	9,500	-	(9,500)
Total Secondary Tuition (171 students):	3,211,448	3,620,030	408,582
Total Pre K, Elementary & Secondary Tuition (330 students):	5,821,143	6,060,195	239,052

NEK Choice School District
2024-2025 (FY25) Preliminary

Non Special Education Services			
Total Non Special Education Services:	58,462	56,275	(2,187)

Special Education Services			
Total Special Education Services:	656,193	96,865	(559,328)

Grand Total of NEK Choice School District Expenditures:	6,856,030	6,532,757	(323,273)
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Revenue Statement NEK Choice School District	Approved Revenue	Est. Revenue (FY25)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Prior Year Surplus	-	-	-
Education Fund	6,855,030	6,531,757	(323,273)
US Forest Grant	-	-	-
Misc. Refund	-	-	-
Interest	1,000	1,000	-
Total Revenue:	6,856,030	6,532,757	(323,273)

District: Northeast Kingdom Choice USD		U065			Property value: \$9,171		Nonresident tax rate per \$100 of assessed value	
SU: Essex North		Essex County			10,227		1.00	
FY25 is the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY22 - FY24. LTWADM is required to be used for FY25.					← See bottom note			
Expenditures		FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025			
1.	Adopted or warned union district budget (including special programs and full technical center expenditures)	\$5,427,732	\$5,814,523	\$6,866,796	\$6,532,757			
2.	Sum of separately warned articles passed at union district meeting							
3.	Adopted or warned union district budget plus articles	\$5,427,732	\$5,814,523	\$6,866,796	\$6,532,757			
4.	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any							
5.	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit							
6.	Total Union Expenditures	\$5,427,732	\$5,814,523	\$6,866,796	\$6,532,757			
7.	S.U. assessment (included in union budget) - informational data							
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in union expenditure budget) - informational data							
Revenues								
9.	Union revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, federal, etc.)	\$304,036	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000			
10.	Total offsetting union revenues	\$394,036	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000			
11.	Education Spending	\$5,033,696	\$5,813,523	\$6,865,796	\$6,531,757			
12.	Northeast Kingdom Choice USD pupils	286.59	292.44	296.66	520.24			
13.	Education Spending per Pupil	\$17,564.10	\$19,879.37	\$23,143.65	\$12,555.28			
14.	Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per pupil							
15.	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$68,448 for an individual (per pupil)							
16.	Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per pupil)							
17.	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per pupil)							
18.	Estimated costs of new students after census period (per pupil)							
19.	Total tuitions if financing ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuitions (per pupil)							
20.	Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per pupil)							
21.	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers Retirement System on or after July 1, 2016 (per pupil)							
22.	Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.							
23.	Excess spending threshold	\$18,788.00	\$19,527.00	\$22,264.00	\$21,165.00			
24.	Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$17,954	\$19,879	\$23,144	\$12,555.28			
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$17,954	\$19,879	\$23,144	\$12,555.28			
26.	Union spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	159.201%	149.312%	149.869%	136.302%			
27.	Anticipated equalized union homestead tax rate to be prorated [\$12,555.28 ÷ (\$9,171 ÷ \$1.00)]	\$1,530.00	\$1,493.1	\$1,498.7	\$1,369.0			
28.	Act 127 tax cap (FY25 - FY29 eligible)				\$1,389.0			
Prorated homestead union tax rates for members of Northeast Kingdom Choice USD		FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2		
T021	Bloomfield	1.5320	1.4931	1.4987	1.3690	1.3690		
T035	Brunswick	1.5320	1.4931	1.4987	1.3690	1.3690		
T064	East Haven	1.5320	1.4931	1.4987	1.3690	1.3690		
T083	Granby	1.5320	1.4931	1.4987	1.3690	1.3690		
T088	Guildhall	1.5320	1.4931	1.4987	1.3690	1.3690		
T108	Kirby	1.5320	1.4931	1.4987	1.3690	1.3690		
T111	Lemington	1.5320	1.4931	1.4987	1.3690	1.3690		
T118	Maidstone	1.5320	1.4931	1.4987	1.3690	1.3690		
T144	Norton	1.5320	1.4931	1.4987	1.3690	1.3690		
T216	Victory	1.5320	1.4931	1.4987	1.3690	1.3690		
28.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated from Northeast Kingdom Choice USD [((\$12,555.28 ÷ \$10,227) × 2.00%)]	2.52%	2.49%	2.64%	2.46%			
Prorated union income cap percentage for members of Northeast Kingdom Choice USD		FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2		
T021	Bloomfield	2.52%	2.49%	2.64%	2.46%	2.46%		
T035	Brunswick	2.52%	2.49%	2.64%	2.46%	2.46%		
T064	East Haven	2.52%	2.49%	2.64%	2.46%	2.46%		
T083	Granby	2.52%	2.49%	2.64%	2.46%	2.46%		
T088	Guildhall	2.52%	2.49%	2.64%	2.46%	2.46%		
T108	Kirby	2.52%	2.49%	2.64%	2.46%	2.46%		
T111	Lemington	2.52%	2.49%	2.64%	2.46%	2.46%		
T118	Maidstone	2.52%	2.49%	2.64%	2.46%	2.46%		
T144	Norton	2.52%	2.49%	2.64%	2.46%	2.46%		
T216	Victory	2.52%	2.49%	2.64%	2.46%	2.46%		

- Using the revised January 9th, 2024 Education Fund Outlook FY25 forecast, the FY25 education fund need results in a property yield of \$9,171 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$10,227 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1,452. These figures use the estimated \$13,000,000 surplus from the Education Fund. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.

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

NEK CHOICE ESTIMATED TAX RATES FY25

<i>ESTIMATED Tax Rates for FY25 with Variance to FY24 Tax Rates</i>	FY24	Estimated FY25	Variance
Total Budget	\$6,856,029	\$6,532,757	\$323,272
Local Revenues	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Education Spending	\$6,855,029	\$6,532,757	\$322,272
Equalized Pupils	297.06	520.24	223.18
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$23,076	\$12,555	-\$10,521
Dollar Equivalent Yield (Tax Commissioner Recommendation)	\$15,479	\$9,171	-\$6,308
NEK Choice Towns Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.4908	\$1.3690	-\$0.1218

NEK Choice Towns	FY24 Tax Rate	FY25 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	FY25 Estimated Tax Rate	Variance
Bloomfield	1.8576	76.34%	1.7933	-0.0643
Brunswick	1.7551	84.79%	1.6146	-0.1405
East Haven	1.6258	81.04%	1.6883	0.0625
Granby	1.6401	78.05%	1.7540	0.1139
Guildhall	1.4461	101.50%	1.3488	-0.0973
Kirby	1.9535	70.81%	1.9333	-0.0202
Lemington	1.6101	83.53%	1.6389	0.0288
Maidstone	1.9642	67.84%	2.0180	0.0538
Norton	1.5466	95.41%	1.4349	-0.1117
Victory	1.7726	80.62%	1.6981	-0.0745

Current FY23 NEK Student Population by Town & Grade

NEK Choice Town	Pre-K	K-6	7-12	Total
Bloomfield	1	12	9	22
Brunswick	0	4	4	8
East Haven	3	19	21	43
Granby	0	1	4	5
Guildhall	1	21	16	38
Kirby	11	77	66	154
Lemington	0	4	8	12
Maidstone	1	9	12	22
Norton	0	5	5	10
Victory	3	0	7	10
Total for District	20	152	152	324

**Essex North Supervisory Union
2024-2025 (FY25) Proposed Budget**

Expenditures SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Approved Budget (FY24)	Proposed Budget (FY25)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
GENERAL COSTS					
Superintendent Salary	\$120,000	\$120,640	\$640	\$60,320	\$60,320
Treasurer Stipend	\$1,817	\$1,890	\$73	\$945	\$945
Business Administrator Salary	\$70,000	\$73,500	\$3,500	\$36,750	\$36,750
Salaries: AP/Admin Assist/PR/HR (2 FTE)	\$89,784	\$93,704	\$3,920	\$46,852	\$46,852
Payroll & HR Benefits Coordinator Salary	\$50,112	\$0	(\$50,112)	\$0	\$0
Benefits	\$139,080	\$150,138	\$11,058	\$75,069	\$75,069
Advertising	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$0	\$875	\$875
Audit Services	\$21,500	\$22,000	\$500	\$11,000	\$11,000
Contracted Services	\$14,000	\$20,463	\$6,463	\$11,481	\$8,982
Dues & Fees-Registrations/Memberships	\$7,000	\$13,500	\$6,500	\$6,750	\$6,750
General Supplies/Books/Misc	\$5,000	\$5,100	\$100	\$2,550	\$2,550
Legal Services	\$6,500	\$5,000	(\$1,500)	\$2,500	\$2,500
Postage	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Prof/OLT Liab. Insurance	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$0	\$5,250	\$5,250
Repairs/Maintenance	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$1,750	\$1,750
Software	\$21,000	\$22,000	\$1,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
Telephone/Internet	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
Travel Expenses	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Tuition Reimbursement	\$3,100	\$2,000	(\$1,100)	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Supervisory Union Expenditures:	\$578,143	\$562,685	(\$15,458)	\$282,592	\$280,093

Expenditures TRANSPORTATION	Approved Budget (FY24)	Proposed Budget (FY25)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Owned Bus-Salary	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$0	\$0	\$10,500
Owned Bus-Benefits	\$805	\$855	\$50	\$0	\$855
Owned Bus-Repairs, Inspections, Fuel, Fees, Insurance, Supplies	\$19,800	\$20,135	\$335	\$0	\$20,135
Owned Bus-Lease Year -3 out of 3	\$17,500	\$26,200	\$8,700	\$0	\$26,200
Bus Service-Cont. Reg Student Transportation	\$210,115	\$227,880	\$17,765	\$0	\$227,880
Bus Service-Athletic Transportation, Cont.	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$35,000
Bus Service-Music/Field Trips Trans., Cont.	\$18,500	\$19,000	\$500	\$0	\$19,000
Bus Service-CTE Transportation, Contracted	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$0	\$0	\$22,500
Total Transportation Expenditures:	\$329,720	\$362,070	\$32,350	\$0	\$362,070

Expenditures NON SPECIAL ED	Approved Budget (FY24)	Proposed Budget (FY25)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan
Salaries-Dir./Asst Dir./Teacher/Paras/PK Para	\$163,720	\$87,335	(\$76,385)	\$45,800	\$41,535
Benefits-Dir./Asst Dir./Teacher/Paras/PK Para	\$88,585	\$14,175	(\$74,410)	\$9,485	\$4,690
BMH,LL,Deaf,PT,OT,SLP,Blind, Subs	\$25,700	\$20,000	(\$5,700)	\$0	\$20,000
Equipment-504 Students	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Supplies/Dues & Fees-504 Students	\$2,029	\$2,000	(\$29)	\$990	\$1,010
Transportation/Tuition-504 Out of District	\$20,065	\$0	(\$20,065)	\$0	\$0
Total Non Special Ed Services:	\$300,099	\$123,510	(\$176,589)	\$56,275	\$67,235

Expenditures SPECIAL EDUCATION /SERVICES	Approved Budget (FY24)	Proposed Budget (FY25)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Salaries-Dir./Asst Dir./Teachers/Ad. Asst./Paras	\$667,745	\$697,776	\$30,031	\$277,200	\$390,462	\$4,430	\$25,684
Salaries-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$4,821	\$5,850	\$1,029	\$705	\$5,145		
Benefits-Director/Asst/Teachers/Paras	\$301,697	\$310,400	\$8,703	\$101,010	\$196,968	\$1,286	\$11,136
Benefits-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$1,741	\$2,200	\$459	\$265	\$1,935		
Advertising	\$0	\$700	\$700	\$0	\$700		
Contracted Ser.-(IDEA-B & IDEA PreK Grant)	\$127,638	\$126,650	(\$988)	\$15,200	\$111,450		
Contracted Services-PT/OT/SP/Vis./Deaf/PD	\$603,272	\$390,039	(\$213,233)	\$243,430	\$115,520	\$16,100	\$14,989
Dues & Registrations	\$8,206	\$5,280	(\$2,926)	\$2,030	\$3,250		

Equipment	\$4,900	\$4,900	\$0	\$1,960	\$2,940		
Contracted Services - Learning Center	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000		
General Supplies-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$2,080	\$2,080	\$0	\$250	\$1,830		
General Supplies/Books/Software-Special Ed	\$13,139	\$15,450	\$2,311	\$4,100	\$11,350		
Postage	\$1,750	\$1,300	(\$450)	\$520	\$780		
Telephone	\$1,750	\$1,000	(\$750)	\$400	\$600		
Transportation-Out of District Placements	\$309,997	\$139,200	(\$170,797)	\$60,000	\$38,200	\$41,000	
Travel-Director/Asst Director	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$600	\$900		
Tuition-Out of Dist. Place./Other Spec Ed Tuit.	\$905,279	\$685,100	(\$220,179)	\$424,100	\$126,000	\$135,000	
Tuition (IDEA Grant)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Transportation (IDEA Grant)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Totals for Special Education Expenditures:	\$2,955,515	\$2,394,425	(\$561,090)	\$1,131,770	\$1,013,030	\$197,816	\$51,809

Expenditures GRANTS/Medicaid Funds	Approved Budget (FY24)	Proposed Budget (FY25)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Salaries	\$407,693	\$242,975	(\$164,718)	\$47,635	\$195,340		
Benefits	\$227,410	\$163,480	(\$63,930)	\$32,460	\$131,020		
Contracted Services	\$96,177	\$0	(\$96,177)	\$0	\$0		
Dues & Fees	\$3,500	\$0	(\$3,500)	\$0	\$0		
Supplies, Equipment	\$16,660	\$5,405	(\$11,255)	\$920	\$4,485		
Transportation	\$6,000	\$0	(\$6,000)	\$0	\$0		
Totals for Grant/Medicaid Expenditures:	\$757,440	\$411,860	(\$345,580)	\$81,015	\$330,845	\$0	0

Grand Total of All Expenditures:	\$4,920,917	\$3,854,550	-\$1,066,367	\$1,551,652	\$2,053,273	\$197,816	\$51,809
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Revenue Statement SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE/TRANSPORTATION	Revenue (FY24)	Estimated (FY25)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Transportation Aid Revenue from State	\$116,034	\$124,000	\$7,966	\$0	\$124,000		
Interest	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$125	\$125		
SU Assessments	\$555,193	\$559,435	\$4,242	\$280,967	\$278,468		
Transportation Assessment	\$213,686	\$238,070	\$24,384	\$0	\$238,070		
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$2,700	\$3,000	\$300	\$1,500	\$1,500		
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Prior Year Surplus	\$20,000	\$0	(\$20,000)	\$0	\$0		
Total Superintendents Office/Trans. Rev.:	\$907,863	\$924,755	\$16,892	\$282,592	\$642,163	\$0	\$0

Revenue Statement NON SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revenue (FY24)	Estimated (FY25)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Contracted Services-PD to ENSU	\$300,099	\$123,510	(\$176,589)	\$56,275	\$67,235		
Total Non Special Ed Revenue:	\$300,099	\$123,510	(\$176,589)	\$56,275	\$67,235	\$0	\$0

Revenue Statement SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revenue (FY24)	Estimated (FY25)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
EEE Assessment from District	\$11,276	\$1,537	(\$9,739)	\$1,230	\$307		
EEE Grant from State	\$33,622	\$45,626	\$12,004	\$36,500	\$9,126		
Special Ed Reimbursement from District	\$1,305,428	\$590,847	(\$714,581)	\$96,865	\$412,098	\$30,075	\$51,809
Census Block Grant	\$940,292	\$988,635	\$48,343	\$632,725	\$346,024	\$9,886	
Special Ed Extraordinary Reimb. from State	\$528,617	\$631,000	\$102,383	\$348,030	\$125,115	\$157,855	
IDEA-B Grant Ages 3-21	\$132,080	\$132,570	\$490	\$15,910	\$116,660		
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	\$4,200	\$4,210	\$10	\$510	\$3,700		
Total Special Ed Revenue:	\$2,955,515	\$2,394,425	(\$561,090)	\$1,131,770	\$1,013,030	\$197,816	\$51,809

Revenue Statement Grants/Medicaid	Revenue (FY24)	Estimated (FY25)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
ARP ESSER	\$320,452	\$60,374	(\$260,078)	\$5,574	\$54,800		
CFP Grants	\$366,956	\$292,872	(\$74,084)	\$49,820	\$243,052		
Medicaid Grant	\$70,032	\$58,614	(\$11,418)	\$25,621	\$32,993		
Total Grants/Medicaid Revenue:	\$757,440	\$411,860	(\$345,580)	\$81,015	\$330,845	\$0	\$0

Grand Total All Revenues:	\$4,920,917	\$3,854,550	(\$1,066,367)	\$1,551,652	\$2,053,273	\$197,816	\$51,809
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<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ENROLLMENT</u>
ABC AND LOL CHILDCARE CENTER	2
ARLINGTON SCHOOL	3
BARNET SCHOOL	3
BELLOWS FALLS UNION HIGH SCHOOL	1
BURKE MOUNTAIN ACADEMY	2
BURKE TOWN	6
CANAAN SCHOOLS	22
CHARLESTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1
COLEBROOK SCHOOLS	10
COMPASS SCHOOL	1
CONCORD SCHOOL	8
DANVILLE SCHOOL	2
EAST BURKE	1
GOOD SHEPHARD SCHOOL	7
GROVETON SCHOOLS	10
HEARTWOOD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL	5
LANCASTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	8
LITTLE DIPPER DOODLE CHILDRENS CTR	1
LUNENBURG SCHOOL	4
LUPINE MONTESSORI	3
LYNDON INSTITUTE	24
LYNDON TOWN SCHOOL	14
MT. ROYAL ACADEMY NORTH	7
NEWARK SCHOOL	7
NORTH COUNTRY CHARTER ACADEMY	1

RIVERSIDE	72
ST JOHNSBURY ACADEMY	40
ST JOHNSBURY SCHOOL	8
SEVEN HILLS AT CROTCHED MOUNTAIN	1
STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL	10
SUTTON SCHOOL	2
THADDEUS STEVENS	5
THE WHITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL	2
WATERFORD	12
WATERVILLE VALLEY ACADEMY	1
WMRHS	15
WOODLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL	3
TOTAL # OF SCHOOLS: 38	TOTAL # OF STUDENTS: 324

NEK Choice School District 2023-2024 Student Count

Town	Elementary			Highschool 7-12	Total of Students by Town
	PK	K-6			
Bloomfield	1	12		9	22
Brunswick	0	4		4	8
East Haven	3	19		21	43
Granby	0	1		4	5
Guildhall	1	21		16	38
Kirby	11	77		66	154
Lemington	0	4		8	12
Maidstone	1	9		12	22
Norton	0	5		5	10
Victory	3	0		7	10
Total for District	20	152		152	324

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 7, 2023

CTO: 7:04 P.M.

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: David Atkinson, Moderator, Selectboard Members Scott Lovell, Bruno McKenzie, & Brad McVetty; Mary vonAlt, Selectboard Administrative Assistant; Bob Champagne-Willis, Town Treasurer, Del Tax Collector, Lister, Zoning Board and Planning Commission member; Sandy Gray, Lister, Auditor, & Health Officer; Chris vonAlt, Zoning Board and Planning Commission member; Bill Sanborn, Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Warden; Suzy Irwin, Assistant Town Clerk; and Amy Pear (Scribe) Town Clerk and Lister.

Also Present: Andy Champagne-Willis, Jo Giampaolo, Linda Sanborn, Sharon Atkinson, Bruce Hobough, Heather Grana, Susan Irwin, Kathy Lovell, Lloyd Tippitt, Linwood Mixer, Mike Otis, Gayle Otis, Heather Lefoll, Missy Brashears, and Paul Kamins.

We had one guests: Paul Perchek.

Moderator David Atkinson opened the meeting by reading: "The legal voters of the Town of Maidstone are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall in the Town of Maidstone on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7:00 pm., to transact the following business from the floor"

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Town vote to collect its 2023 taxes from October 16, 2023 up to and including April 15, 2024 and pay same to the Treasurer?

Bob Champagne-Willis made a motion to accept the article as written. Lloyd Tippitt seconded the motion. Discussion: Bob Champagne-Willis explained that the October 16th date was due to the 15th falling on a Sunday and had to be moved to Monday the 16th. No additional Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote to raise \$20,000 and put it in the earmarked "Town Road Rebuild Account" within the Highway fund?

Bob Champagne-Willis made a motion to accept the article as written. Linwood Mixer seconded the motion. There being no discussion a vote was taken and Article 2 carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to raise \$1,000 for a donation to the Maidstone Lake Association to help support the "Aquatic Nuisance Prevention Program" at Maidstone Lake?

Bob Champagne-Willis made a motion to accept the article as written. Chris vonAlt seconded the motion. There being no discussion a vote was taken and Article 3 carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to raise \$3,000 and put it in the "Reappraisal and Maintenance of the Grand List" Fund?

Lloyd Tippitt made a motion to accept Article 4 as written. Linwood Mixer seconded the motion. Discussion: Missy Brashears asked what the Grand List was? Bob Champagne-Willis

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explained what the Grand List was. There was no further discussion a vote was taken and Article 4 carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to raise \$3,000 and put it in the earmarked "Direct Fire Support" Fund?

Suzy Irwin made a motion to accept Article 5 as written. Linwood Mixer seconded the motion. There being no discussion a vote was taken and Article 5 carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the town vote to raise \$1,000 and put it in the earmarked "Cemetery" Fund?

Lloyd Tippitt made a motion to accept Article 6 as written. Suzy Irwin seconded the motion. Discussion: Heather Lefoll asked what the Cemetery Fund was? Explanations were given by Brad McVetty and Bob Champagne-Willis. There was no further discussion, a vote was taken and Article 6 carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the town vote to raise \$282,745.50 to pay current expenses as requested in the proposed 2023 Budget plus the amounts raised in Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6?

Suzy Irwin made a motion to accept Article 7 as written. Mary vonAlt seconded the motion. There being no discussion a vote was taken and Article 7 carried unanimously.

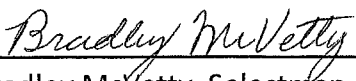
ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to transact any other non-binding business deemed necessary and proper when met?

Lloyd Tippitt made a motion to accept Article 8 as written. Linwood Mixer seconded the motion. There being no discussion a vote was taken and Article 8 carried unanimously.

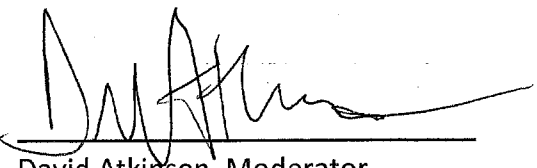
ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to hold its annual meeting on Tuesday March 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.?

Suzy Irwin made a motion to accept Article 9 as written. Heather Lefoll seconded the motion. There being no discussion a vote was held and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Sharon Atkinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Suzy Irwin seconded the motion and the motion carried.



Bradley McVetty, Selectman



David Atkinson, Moderator

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMS

EMERGENCY SERVICES	Dial 9-1-1
Fire	Dispatch Center (Grafton) 603-787-6911
Essex County Sherriff's Dept	Trevor Colby 802-676-3500 91 Courthouse Dr., Guildhall, VT 05905
Vermont State Police	Derby Barracks 802-892-7759 St. Johnsbury 802-748-3111
Fish & Game Warden	St. Johnsbury 802-748-3111
Weeks Medical (Lancaster)	603-788-2521 (Clinic) 603-788-4911 (Hospital)
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Vermont Electric Coop	800-832-2667

SCHOOLS

Lancaster Elementary	603-788-4924
White Mountain Regional High School	603-837-2528
Groveton Elementary	603-636-1806
Groveton High School	603-636-1619
School Superintendent (Canaan, VT)	802-266-3330

Other

Essex County Court	802-676-3910
Maidstone Town Hall	802-676-3210