

ANNUAL REPORT

THE MAIDSTONE-STRATFORD HOLLOW BRIDGE



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TOWN OF MAIDSTONE, VERMONT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 2025

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The 20th Anniversary of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

2026 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 Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 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 in the Town Hall in the Town of Maidstone on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 7:15 p.m., to transact the following business from the floor:

- Article 1: Shall the voters of the Town of Maidstone authorize payment of the 2026 property taxes in 2 (two) installments, with the due dates being October 15, 2026, and April 15, 2027, by physical delivery to the Town Treasurer at the Town Hall before 3:00 p.m. on each of the said due dates or by delivery to the Town Hall via USPS, postmarked on or before said due dates?
- Article 2: Shall the Town of Maidstone vote to raise \$20,000 and put it in the earmarked Town Road Rebuild Account within the Highway Fund?
- Article 3: Shall the Town of Maidstone 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 of Maidstone vote to raise \$3,000 and put it in the Reappraisal and Maintenance of the Grand List Fund?
- Article 5: Shall the Town of Maidstone vote to raise \$4,000 to set aside for the biannual purchase of official Maidstone Town Trash Bags?
- Article 6: Shall the Town of Maidstone vote to use the prior year's interest on Town of Maidstone bank accounts to offset the municipal tax rate of the current year?
- Article 7: Shall the Town of Maidstone vote to allocate funds to give annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment, as set by the United States Government to all employees of the Town that the voters have statutory authority to set the pay?
- Article 8: Shall the Town of Maidstone vote to amend the Flag Display Policy, to include flags, honoring Veterans Service?
- Article 9: Shall the Town of Maidstone vote on all public questions by Australian Ballot?

Article 10: Shall the Town of Maidstone vote to raise \$295,657 to pay current expenses as requested in the proposed Budget plus the amounts raised in Articles 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7?

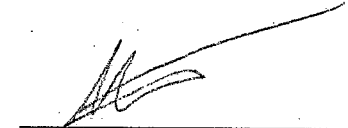
By the Selectboard members of the Town of Maidstone:



Bruno McKenzie, Chairman

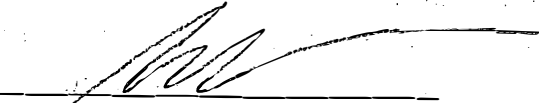


Bradley McVetty



Scott Lovell

Attest:



Amy Pear, Town Clerk

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 3, 2026, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, 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 Clerk	3 Year Term

Attest:


Amy Pear, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF MAIDSTONE
PROPOSED BUDGET
2026**

Proposed Town Expenses

Administrative Expenses

Town Clerk Wages	\$	18,296.00
Cleaning Wages	\$	1,500.00
Town Treasurer Wages	\$	18,296.00
Assistant Town Clerk Wages	\$	5,300.00
Assistant Town Treasurer Wages	\$	500.00
Lister Wages	\$	7,500.00
Moderator Wages	\$	100.00
Selectboard Wages	\$	3,800.00
Selectboard Secretary Wages	\$	2,500.00
Ballot Clerk Wages	\$	1,500.00
Town Auditors Wages	\$	300.00
Zoning Wages	\$	1,500.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$	700.00
Unemployment Taxes	\$	240.00
Employment Taxes	\$	4,700.00
Town Officer's Training Expense	\$	2,800.00
Total	\$	69,532.00

General Town Expenses

Advertising Expense	\$	500.00
Town Reports Expense	\$	405.00
Maps/Contract Update Expenses	\$	1,500.00
Legal and Professional Expense	\$	1,500.00
VLCT Dues	\$	1,492.00
NVDA	\$	630.00
PACIF	\$	6,000.00
Town Hall Office Supplies	\$	2,500.00
Town Hall Postage	\$	2,000.00
Town Hall Software	\$	10,000.00
Town Hall Website	\$	880.00
Town Hall Electricity	\$	1,500.00
Town Hall Fuel Oil	\$	4,000.00
Town Hall Telephone	\$	1,200.00
Town Hall Repair & Maintenance	\$	2,000.00
Animal Licenses	\$	400.00
Total	\$	36,507.00

Highway Expense \$ 70,000.00

Waste & Recycling Expenses

Landfill Transport	\$	11,625.00
Tip Fees	\$	7,000.00
Scale	\$	-
Waste Pickup	\$	18,500.00
Recycling	\$	12,000.00
Additional Trips	\$	650.00
Trash Bags	\$	-
Waste Management - NEKWMD	\$	2,100.00
Bulky Waste Day	\$	2,200.00
Total	\$	54,075.00

Public Safety Expenses

Groveton Ambulance Service	\$	10,275.00
Groveton Fire Department	\$	3,000.00
N Stratford Fire Department	\$	3,000.00
Total	\$	16,275.00

Social Services

NEK Human Services	\$	218.00
Guildhall Library	\$	1,000.00
Northern VT VACD	\$	200.00
Caledonian Home Health	\$	150.00
VT Ctr For Ind Living	\$	150.00
American Red Cross	\$	250.00
Rural Community Trans	\$	300.00
Essex Country Nat Res	\$	1,000.00
Area Agency on Aging	\$	300.00
NEK Learning	\$	150.00
Lancaster Food Pantry	\$	100.00
Green Up Day	\$	50.00
Northwoods Stewardship Center	\$	250.00
Vermont Family Network	\$	250.00
Gilman Senior Center - Meals on Wheels	\$	1,000.00
Total	\$	5,368.00

Animal Control - Riverside Rescue	\$	1,000.00
Assessor Contract	\$	1,800.00
Cemetery and Town Hall Mowing	\$	2,500.00
County Tax Expense	\$	39,600.00

| 2026 Proposed Budget \$ 296,657.00

Appropriations

Maintenance of the Grand List Fund	\$	3,000.00
Maidstone Lake Association	\$	2,000.00
Purple Trash Bag Fund	\$	4,000.00
Highway Town Rebuild Account	\$	20,000.00

Total Appropriations \$ 29,000.00

Total Proposed Budget and Appropriations 2026 \$ 325,657.00

Elected Town Officers

Moderator, Town	Scott Lovell	1 Year Term	Expires 2026
Town Clerk	Amy Pear	3 Year Term	Expires 2026
Town Treasurer	Robert Champagne-Willis	3 Year Term	Expires 2027
Delinquent Tax Collector	Robert Champagne-Willis	1 Year Term	Expires 2026
Selectboard	Scott Lovell	3 Year Term	Expires 2026
	Bradley McVetty	3 Year Term	Expires 2027
	Bruno McKenzie	3 Year Term	Expires 2028
Listers	Robert Champagne-Willis	3 Year Term	Expires 2028
	Sandra Gray	3 Year Term	Expires 2026
	Samantha Graham	3 Year Term	Expires 2027
Constable	Raymond Lovell	1 Year Term	Expires 2026
Town Auditors	Sandra Gray	3 Year Term	Expires 2028
	Donna Bouthillier	3 Year Term	Expires 2027
	Jack Donnelly	3 Year Term	Expires 2026
Justices of the Peace	Vacant	2 Year Term	Expires 2027
	Cheryl McVetty	2 Year Term	Expires 2027
	Laurie-Ann Snowman	2 Year Term	Expires 2027
	Andy Champagne-Willis	2 Year Term	Expires 2027
	Heather Monohan	2 Year Term	Expires 2027
All Justices Expire February 2027, Election November 2026			

Appointed Town Officers

Asst Town Clerk	Tammy Haas	3 Year Term	Expires 2026
Asst Town Clerk	Samantha Graham	3 Year Term	Expires 2026
SB Administrative Ast.	Tammy Haas	1 Year Term	Expires 2026
ZBA/PC Administrative As	Bob Champagne-Willis	1 Year Term	Expires 2026
Emerg. Management Dir.	Brad McVetty	1 Year Term	Expires 2026
Fire Warden	Bill Sanborn	5 Year Term	Expires 2030
Fire Warden's Key Person	Chelsea Palmer		
Health Officer	Sandra Gray	3 Year Term	Expires 2027
NEK CUD Representative	VACANT	1 Year Term	
NEK Waste Manage. Rep.	Paulette Routhier	1 Year Term	Expires 2026
NVDA Representative	VACANT	1 Year Term	
Road Commissioner	Brad McVetty	1 Year Term	Expires 2026
Town Agent	James Mazzonna	1 Year Term	Expires 2026
Town Services Officer	VACANT	1 Year Term	
Tree Warden	Bruno McKenzie	1 Year Term	Expires 2026
Zoning Administrator	Temp Bruno McKenzie	3 Year Term	Expires 2026
Planning Commission	Bruce Barker	3 Year Term	Chairman - 2026
	Bob Champagne-Willis	3 Year Term	2027
	Raymond Lovell	3 Year Term	2026
Zoning Board of Adjust.	Bruce Barker	3 Year Term	Chairman - 2026
	Bob Champagne-Willis	3 Year Term	2027
	Paul Kamins	3 Year Term	2027
	Raymond Lovell	3 Year Term	2026

Town Services & Meetings

MAIDSTONE TOWN OFFICE

Town Office (Clerk/ Treasurer/Listener)
Monday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

802-676-3210

www.maidstone-vt.org
maidstonetownclerk@gmail.com
maidstonetreasurer2@gmail.com
maidstonelisters@gmail.com

SERVICES AVAILABLE:

Dog Licenses (January 1 to April 1)	Unspay/Unneutered \$13.00	Spay or Neutered \$11.00
Elections	Voter Registration	
Ballots & Checklists	Permits & Regulations	
Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates	Cemetery Plots, Maps, & Indexes	
Meeting Minutes	Garbage Schedules & Bags	
Land Records Portal	www.maidstone.lr-1.com	

Selectboard:

First Monday of Each Month 7 PM, except for the
September's meeting will be the 14th

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82523445058?pwd=RkttkUlKaWdmWnNrMTMyL2JNdUhnUT09>

Meeting ID: 825 2344 5058

Passcode: 093810

Call in by Phone:

1-646-558-8656 (New York)

Special Selectboard Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81026233010?pwd=WWhDSHE2RWVtdlkxUnRBdTMzdWp4QT09>

Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Adjustment: Will meet annually following the Selectboard's organizational meeting after Annual Meeting. Other meetings will be noticed on the website. If you would like to receive an email notification of upcoming meetings, please email the Town Clerk with a request.

Reoccurring Zoom Link:

All regular Planning Commission and Zoning Board meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83264377267?pwd=a2lqbUR3ZmU2WkZ1aEU3U00xZjhiUT09>

Passcode: 814825

Call in by Phone:

1-646-558-8656 (New York)

Board of Civil Authority - Meet as needed. Meetings will be noticed on the website.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89192451745?pwd=TWswNNnhCKyZuZbXr1zgy20WIZaVut09>

2027 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday March 2, 2027 7:15pm @ 508 VT Route 102, Maidstone Town Hall

Elected Auditors' Report for Fiscal Year 2025

January 27, 2026

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

We have audited the Town's financial records for 2025. 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.

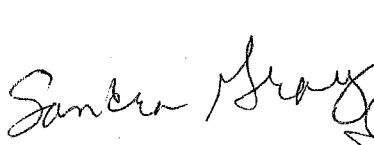
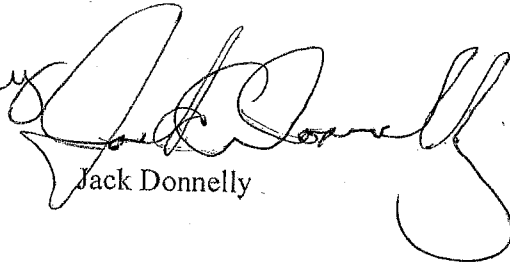
The attached report states that the Audit Committee had no findings of significance and that the Town's accounts did not require any adjustments for 2025. We have also found that the Town's financial system is well managed and that the Town has adequate funds to meet its commitments for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,

The Audit Committee



Donna Brisbin
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 2025.

Statutorily Required Materials:

Financial Condition of the Town

The town of Maidstone Balance Sheet dated 12/31/25, shows that the Town has assets totaling \$1,571,254.88. Accounts receivable total \$580,485.58.

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 other than a couple clerical errors on the receipt side which were rectified by Bob. The Total Delinquent Taxes, Interest and Penalties collected totaled \$53,436.55. The total Delinquent Taxes owed as of 12/31/2025 are \$20,810.38.

Highway Fund

The Highway Fund expenditures for the year totaled \$307,321.05. The Highway income was \$347,919.06. 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, the Town Road Rebuild Funds, which accounts for road rebuild projects; and the Clean Water Act, which addresses problems associated with Storm Water runoff entering our rivers, lakes, and ponds, all data can be found in the 2025 Town Report.

Other Receipts

Total Tax payments \$1,482,461.59

State of VT \$80,769.90

Other Fees \$8,023.39

Less Pay out of Education Taxes \$1,216,757.65

The Town’s revenue totaled \$354,497.23.

Other Expenditures

The Town’s expenses for 2025 were \$206,425.66. 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 2025 Taxes due to be paid in 2026 to the state total \$613,193.98

Report of Deficit

The Town has no debts currently.

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. Based on the selectboards decision to a wage freeze for all town employees in 2026, the audit committee has decided on no wage increase for the selectboard. Should the wage freeze be lifted then the recommendation of the audit committee is the Selectboard compensation to \$1,550 for the Chairperson, and \$1,350 for the other two Selectboard members.

Financial Policies and Internal Controls:

In July 2025 Tammy Haas replaced Kathleen Intoppa as Assistant Treasurer. Following best accounting practices, the Assistant Treasurer independently reconciles the bank statements. Funds of \$250,000 remain in a CD with Passumpsic Savings Bank.

Fund Accounting Overview

	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	End Balance
General Fund - Operating account for the Town of Maidstone. Budget approved by voters. See pages 12-14	\$ 449,571.28	\$ 354,497.23	\$ 299,425.66	\$ 504,642.85
Animal Fund - This fund provides for the shelter costs of nuisance and abandoned animals.	\$ 296.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 296.38
Reserve Fund - Created in 2018, this fund provides an avenue for covering shortfalls in the cash flow for the town. Historically, the selectboard has covered Essex County Sheriff's Department expenditures to provide law enforcement to our community.	\$ 45,956.39		\$ 12,555.66	\$ 33,400.73
Highway Fund - The town's largest obligations are the maintenance of Class Two and Three roads. This fund also includes grants to upgrade the existing roads. See detailed accounting, page 15	\$ 270,840.64	\$ 347,919.06	\$ 307,821.05	\$ 310,938.65
Equipment Fund - To provide for equipment improvements, the town set aside funds to for capital expenditures. This year, the fund pays for the lease of the copier for town hall.	\$ 29,401.61		\$ 1,374.08	\$ 28,027.53
Maintenance of the Grand List Fund - Each year, the State provides funding for reappraisal of the properties in town. Annually, the town also appropriates funds. Reappraisals will be on a six year schedule.	\$ 39,276.37	\$ 6,572.00	\$ -	\$ 45,848.37
Cemetery Fund - For maintaining the two town owned cemeteries.	\$ 4,799.55	\$ -	\$ 760.93	\$ 4,038.62
Book Restoration Fund - This fund helps maintain and preserve the land records and other important documents of the town. Annually, four dollars of every page recorded in the land records goes into this fund.	\$ 4,782.59	\$ 1,328.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,910.59
Town Plan and Zoning Fund - This fund is used to pay for costs associated with updating the Town Plan and Zoning Bylaws	\$ 4,424.97	\$ 3,139.00	\$ 5,022.04	\$ 2,541.93
Direct Fire Support Fund - to pay for expenses related to fire protection	\$ 5,120.31	\$ -	\$ 32.99	\$ 5,087.32
Other Funds - Over the course of this calendar year, several grants and reimbursements have happened outside of the General Fund accounting. See detailed accounting, page 11	\$ 8,095.41	\$ 12,822.34	\$ 16,836.91	\$ 4,080.84
Total Funds	\$ 862,565.50	\$ 726,277.63	\$ 645,029.32	\$ 943,813.81

Explanation of Other Funds

	Beginning Balance		Income		Expense		End Balance
<p>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 \$2000.00.</p>							
	\$ -		\$ 11,506.40		\$ 11,506.40		\$ -
<p>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.</p>							
	\$ 3,510.11				\$ 283.76		\$ 3,226.35
<p>CTCL Grant - The Center for Tech and Civic Life provided funds for assistance with running the elections.</p>							
	\$ 585.30		\$ -		\$ 292.00		\$ 293.30
<p>Bag Fund - The Town appropriated funds to cover the future purchase of purple bags. The minimum order is a two year supply.</p>							
	\$ 4,000.00		\$ -		\$ 4,000.00		\$ -
<p>Opioid Settlement Fund - The Town receives settlement funds from the various lawsuits against pharmaceuticals. These funds are to be used towards the relief of the damage done by the opioid use. Income from the settlements will continue to flow into Maidstone for up to 15 years.</p>							
	\$ -		\$ 535.94		\$ -		\$ 535.94
<p>Veteran Memorial Markers Fund - Initiated by the Town Clerk, residents have donated towards the purchase of flag holders marking the graves of veterans interred in Maidstone's cemeteries.</p>							
	\$ -		\$ 780.00		\$ 754.75		\$ 25.25
Total							
Other Funds	\$ 8,095.41		\$ 12,822.34		\$ 16,836.91		\$ 4,080.84

Treasurer's Report
General Fund
January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

REVENUES

2024 Taxes Received on time (due 4/15/2025)	\$	499,244.01
2024 Taxes Received late (due 10/15/2024, collected 1/1/2025 to 4/15/2025)	\$	8,918.57
2025 Taxes Received on time	\$	885,497.88
2025 Taxes Received late (due 10/15/2025, collected 10/16/2025 to 12/31/2025)	\$	26,944.72
2025 Municipal Taxes paid directly by State	\$	1,167.00
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue from 2023 to 2025	\$	53,436.55
Delinquent Property Tax Interest	\$	4,106.64
Delinquent Property Tax Penalty	\$	3,146.22
 STATE OF VERMONT		
Pilot Revenue	\$	46,951.98
Hold Harmless	\$	14,015.00
Investment Income	\$	19,802.92
 FEES & FINES		
Miscellaneous Income	\$	438.89
Dog License Fees	\$	612.00
Town Clerk Income	\$	4,447.50
Zoning Application Fees	\$	1,037.00
Trash Bag	\$	1,488.00
 LESS		
Education Taxes		
NEK School Choice - April 2025	\$	200,751.00
NEK School Choice - October 2025	\$	181,350.00
Act 68, State Education Fund - June 2025	\$	402,814.65
Act 68, State Education Fund - December 2025	\$	431,842.00
 TOTAL 2025 REVENUE	 \$	 354,497.23

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION		
Town Clerk Wages	\$	18,296.00
Cleaning Wages	\$	1,121.29
Town Treasurer Wages	\$	18,296.00
Assistant Town Clerk	\$	2,881.25
Assistant Town Treasurer	\$	218.75
Delinquent Tax Collector Wages	\$	3,045.82
Lister Wages	\$	5,603.33
Moderator Wages	\$	200.00
Selectboard Wages	\$	3,800.00
Selectboard Secretary Wages	\$	1,313.25
Ballot Clerk Wages	\$	287.20
Zoning Wages	\$	660.00
Auditor Wages	\$	300.00
Mileage Reimbursement Wages	\$	696.36
Unemployment Taxes	\$	174.59
Employment Taxes	\$	4,463.53
Town Officer's Training Expense	\$	2,352.52
 Advertising Expense	 \$	 669.00
Town Reports Expense	\$	391.73

**Treasurer's Report
General Fund**

January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Maps/Contract Updates Expense	\$	1,300.00
Legal and Professional Expense	\$	399.75
VLCT Dues	\$	1,448.00
NVDA	\$	565.00
PACIF	\$	3,564.46
 TOWN HALL		
Office Supplies	\$	2,225.63
Animal License Fees	\$	412.28
Postage	\$	1,752.13
Software	\$	8,891.55
Website	\$	813.00
Electricity	\$	1,422.33
Fuel/Oil	\$	3,368.56
Telephone	\$	1,144.40
Repair & Maintenance	\$	2,555.77
Penalty and Fees	\$	45.90
 WASTE & RECYCLING		
Landfill Transport	\$	8,985.00
Tip Fees	\$	6,685.71
Scale Fees	\$	-
Waste Pickup - Town	\$	17,773.50
Recycling - Town	\$	12,546.00
Additional Trips	\$	-
Trash Bags	\$	3,450.00
Waste Management - NEKWMD	\$	2,018.98
Bulky Waste Day	\$	2,234.47
 PUBLIC SAFETY		
Groveton Ambulance Contract	\$	10,275.00
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	\$	200.00
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	\$	2,000.00
Northwoods Stewardship	\$	250.00
Vermont Family Network	\$	250.00
Assessor Contract	\$	1,769.38
Cemetery Mowing	\$	2,500.00
County Tax	\$	31,140.24
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	 \$	 206,425.66

Treasurer's Report
General Fund
January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

2025 GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/2025	\$	449,571.28
ADD TOTAL 2025 REVENUE	\$	354,497.23
SUBTRACT TOTAL 2025 DISBURSEMENTS	\$	206,425.66
SUBTRACT TOTAL 2025 APPROPRIATIONS	\$	93,000.00
2025 GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2025	\$	504,642.85

2025 TAX REVENUES SUMMARY

		Due on 10/15/2025		Due on 4/15/2025		Total
Tax Bills issued for 2025						
Municipal Tax	\$	123,635.11	\$	123,634.96	\$	247,270.07
Education Tax	\$	610,211.49	\$	610,211.64	\$	1,220,423.13
Total	\$	733,846.60	\$	733,846.60	\$	1,467,693.20
Tax Collections in 2025						
Municipal Tax	\$	120,527.04	\$	34,235.56	\$	154,762.60
Education Tax	\$	595,138.24	\$	162,541.76	\$	757,680.00
Total	\$	715,665.28	\$	196,777.32	\$	912,442.60
2025 Taxes owed as of 12/31/2025						
Municipal Tax	\$	3,108.07	\$	89,399.40	\$	92,507.47
Education Tax	\$	15,073.25	\$	447,669.88	\$	462,743.13
Total	\$	18,181.32	\$	537,069.28	\$	555,250.60

2025 TAX OBLIGATIONS

2025 Obligations to be paid in 2026 - Estimated		
Local Education, second payment of 2025 taxes, due April 30, 2026	\$	181,350.00
State Payment, second payment of 2025 taxes, due June 1, 2026	\$	431,843.98
Total 2025 Obligations to be paid in 2026	\$	613,193.98

Town of Maidstone Highway Funds - 2025	\$ 270,840.64	Beginning Balance	
	Highway Fund	Town Road Rebuild	Clean Water Act
Beginning Balance 1/1/2025	\$ 72,986.08	\$ 187,291.23	\$ 10,563.33
Income			
State of Vermont:			
Class 2 Road Aid	\$ 14,191.08		
Class 3 Road Aid	\$ 8,835.72		
Grant GA0356		\$ 8,871.42	
Grant BC2065		\$ 174,073.50	
Grant GA0824		\$ 6,000.00	
FEMA Storm Damage 2024		\$ 45,822.34	
Appropriations from Town:			
Highway Fund	\$ 70,000.00		
Town Rebuild Account		\$ 20,000.00	
Other:			
Overweight Permits	\$ 125.00		
Total Income 2025	\$ 93,151.80	\$ 254,767.26	\$ -
Expenditures			
Highways			
Summer Class 2	\$ 28,090.40		
Winter Class 2	\$ 22,485.71		
Summer Class 3	\$ 22,448.34		
Winter Class 3	\$ 16,914.80		
Hydroseeder Contract	\$ -		
Maidstone Lake Rd - Grant PO2115		\$ 22,264.77	
FEMA - Storm Damage 2024		\$ 19,926.66	
Tamarack Rd - Grant GA0587		\$ 13,357.37	
Westside Lake Rd - Grant BC2065		\$ 161,833.00	
Clean Water Act			\$ 500.00
Total Expenditures 2025	\$ 89,939.25	\$ 217,381.80	\$ 500.00
End Balance 12/31/2025	\$ 76,198.63	\$ 224,676.69	\$ 10,063.33
Combined End Balance 12/31/2025	\$ 310,938.65		

**Town of Maidstone
Grants**

Grant #	Grant Accepted	Award End Date	Grant Award	Expenditures in 2025	Purpose
Grants closed out in 2025					
GA0587	8/11/2023	9/30/2025	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 13,357.37	Grant-In-Aid Tamarack Rd
BC2065	8/3/2023	12/31/2025	\$ 174,073.50	\$ 161,833.00	New Culvert - Westside Lake Rd
GA0824	8/20/2024	9/30/2025	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 13,357.37	Grant-In-Aid Wildwood Rd
ANC25 GIA	3/4/2025	9/30/2025	\$ 11,506.40	\$ 11,506.40	ANC - Milfoil
Grants that are open as of 12/31/2025					
CTCL 2024 Grant	8/22/2024	1/31/2027	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 292.00	Election expenses assistance
01155_A172	6/15/2023	12/31/2026	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 283.76	MERP - Community Capacity Building Mini-Grant
PO2115	7/18/2023	12/31/2026	\$ 95,600.00	\$ 18,057.77	Town Highway Class 2 - Maidstone Lake Rd
07110-MP-202	1/8/2024	11/30/2026	\$ 7,848.00	\$ 5,022.04	Planning Grant for updated Town Plan
DR-4810	8/20/2024	2/20/2026	\$ 45,822.34	\$ 19,926.66	FEMA 2024 Storm Damage
GA1016	7/17/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 10,500.00	-	Grant-In-Aid
BR1341	7/1/2025	9/30/2026	\$ 20,000.00	-	Better Roads - North Rd

Town of Maidstone

2025

Budget vs. Actual

	Budget	Received
01-4005 · Current Year Municipal Tax 2024	\$ -	\$ 82,389.23
01-4005 · Current Year Municipal Tax 2025	\$ -	\$ 151,612.11
01-4007 · Late Municipal Tax Revenue	\$ -	\$ 5,714.57
01-4010 · Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	\$ -	\$ 53,436.55
01-4015 · Delinquent Property Tax Interest	\$ -	\$ 4,106.64
01-4020 · Delinquent Property Tax Penalty	\$ -	\$ 3,146.22
01-4050 · State of VT Pilot Revenue	\$ -	\$ 46,951.98
01-4055 · State of VT Hold Harmless C/U	\$ -	\$ 14,015.00
01-4100 · Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ 438.89
01-4140 · Dog Licenses (Town Clerk)	\$ -	\$ 612.00
01-4210 · Town Clerk Fees (General)	\$ -	\$ 4,447.50
01-4240 · Zoning Application Fee	\$ -	\$ 1,037.00
01-4265 · Trash Bags Income	\$ -	\$ 1,488.00
01-4070 · Interest Income	\$ -	\$ 19,802.92
Total Income	\$ 310,628.00	\$ 389,198.61

	Budget	Expensed	(Over)/Under
01-5110 · Town Clerk Wages	\$ 18,296.00	\$ 18,296.00	\$ -
01-5115 · Cleaning Wages	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,121.29	\$ 378.71
01-5120 · Town Treasurer Wages	\$ 18,296.00	\$ 18,296.00	\$ -
01-5125 · Assistant Town Clerk Wages	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 2,881.25	\$ 1,818.75
01-5130 · Assistant Town Treasurer Wages	\$ 960.00	\$ 218.75	\$ 741.25
01-5135 · Delinquent Tax Collector Wages	\$ -	\$ 3,045.82	\$ (3,045.82)
01-5145 · Lister Wages	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 5,603.33	\$ 2,896.67
01-5150 · Moderator Wages	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (100.00)
01-5155 · Selectboard Wages	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ -
01-5160 · Selectboard Secretary Wages	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,313.25	\$ (113.25)
01-5165 · Ballot Clerk Wages	\$ 500.00	\$ 287.20	\$ 212.80
01-5170 · Zoning Wages	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 840.00
01-5175 · Town Auditor Wages	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
01-5180 · Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 700.00	\$ 696.36	\$ 3.64
01-5205 · Unemployment Taxes	\$ 240.00	\$ 174.59	\$ 65.41
01-5210 · Employment Taxes	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,463.53	\$ 236.47
01-5215 · Town Officer's Training Expense	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,352.52	\$ 447.48
01-5220 · Advertising Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 669.00	\$ (169.00)
01-5225 · Town Reports Expense	\$ 405.00	\$ 391.73	\$ 13.27
01-5230 · Maps/Contract Update Expenses	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -
01-5245 · Legal and Professional Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 399.75	\$ 1,100.25
01-5250 · VLCT Dues	\$ 1,448.00	\$ 1,448.00	\$ -
01-5255 · NVDA	\$ 565.00	\$ 565.00	\$ -
01-5260 · PACIF	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 3,564.46	\$ 2,035.54
01-5300 · Town Hall Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,225.63	\$ (225.63)
01-5302 · Town Hall Animal Licence Fee	\$ 400.00	\$ 412.28	\$ (12.28)
01-5305 · Town Hall Postage	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,752.13	\$ (452.13)

Town of Maidstone

2025

Budget vs. Actual

01-5310 · Town Hall Software	\$ 8,550.00	\$ 8,891.55	\$ (341.55)
01-5312 - Town Hall Website	\$ 850.00	\$ 813.00	
01-5315 · Town Hall Electricity	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,422.33	\$ (122.33)
01-5320 · Town Hall Fuel Oil	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,368.56	\$ 631.44
01-5325 · Town Hall Telephone	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,144.40	\$ 655.60
01-5330 · Town Hall Repair & Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,555.77	\$ (555.77)
01-5331 · Town Hall Penalties & Fees	\$ -	\$ 45.90	\$ (45.90)
01-5334 · Landfill Transport	\$ 11,625.00	\$ 8,985.00	\$ 2,640.00
01-5335 · Tip Fees	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,685.71	\$ 314.29
01-5339 · Scale	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
01-5340 · Waste Pickup	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 17,773.50	\$ 726.50
01-5344 · Recycling	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,546.00	\$ (546.00)
01-5346 · Additional Trips	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ 650.00
01-5347 · Trash Bags	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 50.00
01-5348 · Waste Management - NEKWMD	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,018.98	\$ (18.98)
01-5350 · Bulky Waste Day	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,234.47	\$ (434.47)
01-5355 · Groveton Ambulance Service	\$ 10,275.00	\$ 10,275.00	\$ -
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	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,769.38	\$ (669.38)
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	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
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	\$ -
01-5767 · Donations Vermont Family Network	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
01-5950 · County Tax Assessment	\$ 32,800.00	\$ 31,140.24	\$ 1,659.76
07-5020 · Cemetery Mowing	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (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	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
06-5010 - Appropriation - Grand List Fund	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Total Expense	\$ 310,628.00	\$ 299,425.66	

**Town of Maidstone
Delinquent Tax Collector Report
December 31, 2025**

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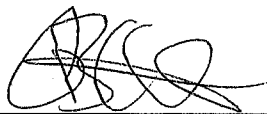
Real Estate Tax (Principal) Owed as of December 31, 2025

2023	Haas, Tammy and Scott	\$ 3,330.33
	Haas, Scott	\$ 267.65
	Young, Gary	\$ 226.51
	Young, John	\$ 1,259.20
	Young, John	\$ 421.23
2024	Fogg, Melody	\$ 73.55
	Haas, Tammy and Scott	\$ 2,418.54
	Haas, Scott	\$ 1,550.85
	Kachmarik, Andrew*	\$ 1,793.22
	Mahurin, Roland and Mary	\$ 4,698.78
	McDade-Baker, Kristine	\$ 663.02
	Young, Gary	\$ 1,177.63
	Young, John	\$ 2,128.45
	Young, John	\$ 801.42
	Total Delinquent Taxes Owed	\$ 20,810.38

2025 Note: There are taxpayers who did not pay their 1st installment, however, they are not considered "delinquent" until April 15, 2026. As of December 31, 2025, the total uncollected tax which was due on October 15, 2025 is \$18,181.32.

Delinquent Tax Collections in 2025

Real Estate Taxes from 2023	\$ 2,100.51
Real Estate Taxes from 2024	\$ 51,336.04
Total collected in 2025	\$ 53,436.55
Interest collected in 2025	\$ 4,106.64
Penalty collected in 2025	\$ 3,146.22
Total Delinquent Taxes, Interest and Penalties collected in 2025	\$ 60,689.41



Robert Champagne-Willis
Delinquent Tax Collector

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office is responsible for more tasks than it is possible to fully address in the Annual Town Report. To learn more about our work, Maidstoners are welcome to drop by Town Hall.

Tammy Haas has joined the Maidstone Town Clerk's team as an Assistant Town Clerk. As a team, we work very hard to serve our community, whether it be during elections, or by grant writing, recording of documents, record retention, or the many other tasks we are asked to perform. I work hard to make the business of the Town of Maidstone transparent and inclusive.

This past year, I was invited by the Vermont Secretary of State, Sarah Copeland-Hanzas, to be a member of the Town Clerk Advisory Committee. As a member, I represent the people of Maidstone and other small towns in this State. It is an honor to sit at the table with the Secretary of State, voicing the concerns and challenges small towns experience.


I currently sit on the Vermont Municipal Clerk & Treasurer Association's Education Committee and Certification Committee. I will also be serving with VSARA, Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, on a committee working to create an omnibus bill to streamline relevant State law. This will involve reviewing over 800 statutes that apply to the work of Vermont Town Clerks to identify and recommend the deletion of laws no longer relevant.

Our office currently has approximately 35 years of land records recordings on our digital portal, accessible on our website. We are working to ensure that all plat maps are included on the digital land records portal.

This year I initiated an Adopt-a-Patriot program through which the Town can honor those who have served in our country's military. Donations can be made to the Town at any time for this program. Donations allowed us to purchase gravestone flag holders for all the veterans we were able to identify in Maidstone cemeteries. This fund will be used to purchase flags as needed to continue to recognize veterans.

I am continuing efforts to bring informative presentations to Town Hall about programs and services available to Vermonters. This year's Annual Energy Fair in October showcased home energy efficiency programs, and was expanded to include local agencies providing health care services. Also in October, a Medicare specialist came to Town Hall to explain and answer questions about what is involved in signing up for Medicare. I hope to continue to bring such informative presentations to our community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Pear, Maidstone Town Clerk



Town of Maidstone
Fire Warden's Report
2025

The State of Vermont experienced a large increase in wildland fires this past year, due in part to the drought the area is experiencing. For a time the state instituted a ban on all outdoor fires except small campfires on ones' own property and in campgrounds.

The town of Maidstone did not experience any wildland fires during the year. The North Stratford fire department answered seven (7) calls to Maidstone during the year and the Groveton fire department answered three (3) calls. These calls included four vehicle accidents, two carbon monoxide (CO) alarm activations, one structure fire, one vehicle SOS alarm (unintentional) and one good intent call (reported plane crash that was unfounded). Additionally, there were (29) twenty-nine requests for EMS services (Groveton ambulance) throughout the year.

This past year the three operational dry hydrants were back-flushed and pumped with two found to be in good working order. The Cardin dry hydrant works but has an air leak somewhere underground and ultimately will have to be replaced. The dry hydrant at the McKenzie pond is still out-of-service.

Also, this past spring personnel from the State of Vermont Forest Protection Unit conducted two (2) four acre prescribed burns out in Paul Stream.

As in the past I continue to work with our contracted Fire and EMS providers to ensure the best possible outcomes for any needed emergency services by town residents.

There were a total of five (5) burning permits issued by Chelsey and Bill during the year. One verbal warning was issued to a person burning without benefit of a permit.

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.

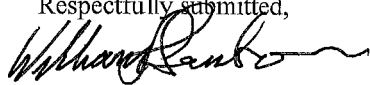
Also, please remember that any fire kindled must be attended at all times and shall be totally extinguished before leaving it, even if it is raining or there is snow covering the site.

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
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Key Person	Chelsey (Ramsdell) Palmer	2617 Vermont Route 102	802-304-0288
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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

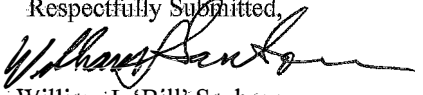
Town of Maidstone
Forest Fire Protection
Inventory of Tools and Equipment
2025

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/adapter 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
2025

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

Respectfully Submitted,



William J. 'Bill' Sanborn
 Forest Fire Warden

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 2025, the Department of Property Valuation and Review (PVR) issued the 2025 Equalization Study results which showed that the Town of Maidstone had a Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) of 84.05% and a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) of 12.97.

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 smaller than 100% indicates that properties in our Grand List are valued at less than fair market value. The CLA is an important measure in that it is factored into the Homestead Education Tax Rate, determined by NEK Choice Unified 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 20.0 necessitates a reappraisal.

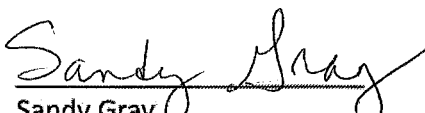
In 2023, The Town of Maidstone completed a statistical update to the complete reappraisal in 2019. A statistical update is a revaluation of all town properties but, unlike a complete reappraisal, does not require on-site property inspections except to confirm validity of the data for a sample of properties. A statistical update is less expensive than a complete reappraisal but can only be conducted within 5 years from the last complete reappraisal.

Since the statistical update of 2023, valid property sales have continued to outpace the grand list value. Because this trend has continued, the Town's CLA has dropped below 100.0 and has an adverse impact on the education property tax rates assessed on the Town.

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


Bob Champagne-Willis


Samantha Graham


Sandy Gray



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, 2025 to December 31, 2025**

During calendar years 2020-2022, the department averaged between 8,600 and 9,000 hours each year. In 2023, we started trying to fulfill an additional 3,000 hours a year to cover Brighton and Canaan. In 2023, we hit 10,400 hours. In 2024, we reached 11,300 hours of officer time serving on the department. In 2025, we achieved another increase in staff coverage to 12,046 hours, even with staff turnover of two officers late in 2024. Billing hours to towns in 2025 might appear low, but that is because we have been able to fund a considerable amount of officer training through grants. The COPS grant this year has funded 1,300 hours of officer FTO training. The COPS grant ends in August and that officer time will shift to contract time. I would like the towns to understand the amount of time it takes to recruit and train officers to increase coverage. If you look at the hours above in 2025, we achieved the additional 3,000 hours requested in 2023, but 2025 had 12 months of officers in training who were directly supervised by another officer.

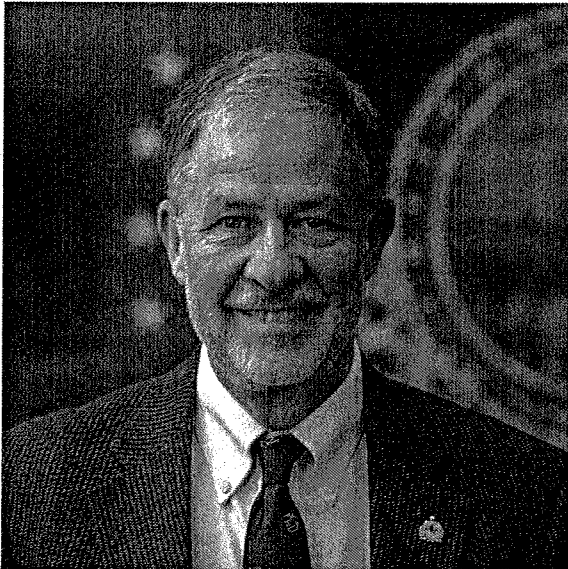
Field training (FTO) is a period of time where an officer has provisional certification and must be with another officer at all times to learn specific job tasks. Deputy Thomas and I serve as Field Training officers. One officer was already working part-time in FTO training and transitioned to full-time and completed his FTO training in May of 2025. We sent 2 officers to training at the police academy in March. One of those officers just completed the FTO program, and we are waiting on his certification approval from the academy. Once that certification is approved, it will be the first time in the 15 years that I have been Sheriff that we will have had 5 full-time certified officers on staff. We also have 5 part-time certified officers on staff. Our greatest deficit currently is in administration. We anticipate our court officer who has been assisting in covering the financial management of the department will continue to increase hours covering the office administration functions.

During 2025 in Maidstone, more than 44 incidents were logged; over 9 were traffic tickets or warnings and over 35 were calls for service. In 2025, 5 traffic tickets were issued in Maidstone, or roughly 2% of all tickets issued by the department.

During 2025, the Sheriff's Department officers throughout the county responded to over 1300 incidents; of those, 557 were calls for service. Our officers issued over 710 tickets and warnings during traffic stops. From those stops, we issued over 293 traffic citations and 448 warnings. Our Department continues to contract to provide Special Investigations Unit Services for the Essex county cases of sexual assault and child abuse, patrolling V.A.S.T. trails, conducting Occupant Safety Checks, distracted driving patrols, and DUI patrols under grants from the Vermont Highway Safety Office, and patrolling through grants from the Department of Public Safety and the Division of Homeland Security. In 2025, grants provided over 3,116 hours of services throughout the county. Our court security contract for 2025 continues to be our largest contract at 2,770 hours. We are continuing to increase our coverage hours to meet the requests of our contracting towns.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sheriff Trevor Colby



Representative John Kascenska

Essex/Caledonia District

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

House Committee on Appropriations

House Canvassing Committee

Joint Carbon Emissions Reduction Committee

VT National Guard and Veterans Affairs Caucus

VT Rural Caucus

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Email: jkascenska@leg.state.vt.us

Dear Residents,

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

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



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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

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

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE

Projected Growth by Year

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

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

1,902  **NEKCV**
CUSTOMERS SERVED **NEK BROADBAND** | **CVFIBER**

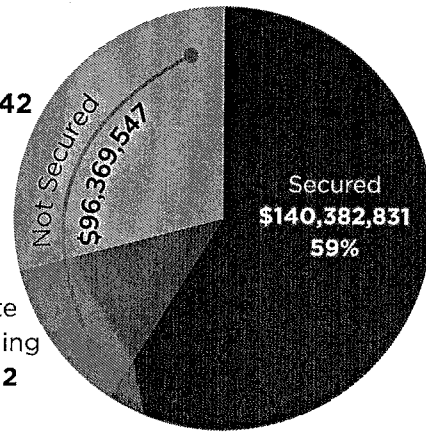
BUILDING CAPACITY

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

TOTAL FUNDING

BEAD
\$66,658,142
29%

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



BUDGET SUMMARY

2025 Budget 2025 Forecast 2026 Budget

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

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

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

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

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 18, 2025, from 8 AM to noon at 1342 VT Rte. 102, Bradley McVetty's residence. Household Hazardous Waste Day, Saturday May 9, 2026, 8 AM to Noon, 508 VT Route 102, Town Hall.

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.



NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 1075 LYNDONVILLE, VERMONT 05851
(802)626-3532 OR (800)734-4602 FAX (802)626-3519
www.nekwmd.org

December 18, 2025

NEKWMD
Member

RE: NEKWMD 2026 BUDGET

Please find enclosed the NEKWMD budget for 2026. The NEKWMD Board of Supervisors passed the budget at their regularly scheduled meeting on December 9, 2025. Two public hearings were held to receive comments on the 2026 budget – November 11th and December 9th, 2025.

The 2026 budget represents a decrease of 1.3% (\$13,465) compared to the 2025 budget. The decrease is primarily due to a reduction in one full-time staff member for 2026. Employee cost of living and performance-based wages, along with structural repairs to the District's Lyndonville facility are built into the 2026 budget.

There are no significant changes in the budget that are likely to affect member towns in 2026:

- The current per capita assessment of \$1.16 will be unchanged in 2026. This assessment is used exclusively for providing employer sponsored health insurance to the District's employees.
- The current trash surcharge rate of \$29.50/ton will be unchanged in 2026.
- Stop charges for servicing District schools and recycling facilities will be unchanged in 2026. Schools will continue to be charged \$37/stop, and recycling facilities will be charged \$55/stop.
- Fees for compost totes will remain at \$11.50/tote in 2026. The composting fees are a direct pass-through from our service provider.
- Per ton and individual charges for tires will remain the same to begin 2026. An assessment of disposal costs will be made to evaluate whether any increases in tire disposal costs will be warranted during the coming year.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND WASTE MANAGEMENT AT THE LEAST COST TO OUR CITIZENS
PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER

2026 APPROVED BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
1	BUDGET ITEM	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL as of 9/30/2025	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
2	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
3	Advertising	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
4	Audit -- Financial	\$8,500.00	\$8,100.00	\$9,000.00
5	Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
6	Bank Charges	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
7	Cleaning	\$2,500.00	\$2,535.00	\$3,400.00
8	Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,034.83	\$1,500.00
9	Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$5,000.00	\$6,400.15	\$6,400.00
10	Heating Fuel	\$1,600.00	\$901.51	\$1,600.00
11	Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$21,000.00	\$13,314.38	\$21,000.00
12	Legal Fees	\$2,000.00	\$2,597.73	\$2,000.00
13	Professional Services- ED	\$8,000.00	\$7,497.13	\$0.00
14	Postage	\$2,000.00	\$1,231.94	\$2,500.00
15	Office Supplies	\$3,200.00	\$1,070.26	\$3,200.00
16	Secretary Stipend	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
17	Telephone/IT - Office	\$9,000.00	\$7,136.46	\$9,000.00
18	Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
19	Water/Sewer	\$1,400.00	\$995.06	\$1,500.00
20	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$69,525.00	\$53,414.45	\$64,925.00
21	Gross Wages	\$529,000.00	\$386,771.66	\$482,807.00
22	OT Wages--Warehouse	\$6,500.00	\$1,674.38	\$5,000.00
23	Fica (Employer Match)	\$34,637.00	\$23,362.31	\$30,000.00
24	Medi (Employer Match)	\$8,100.00	\$5,463.59	\$7,100.00
25	Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$5,250.00	\$6,091.67	\$7,000.00
26	VMERS (Retirement)	\$33,135.00	\$26,779.10	\$34,000.00
27	Health Insurance	\$55,000.00	\$56,192.57	\$60,000.00
28	Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$38,000.00	\$22,680.16	\$30,000.00
29	VT- Child Care Tax	\$2,500.00	\$1,671.82	\$2,500.00
30	Mileage - Employee	\$2,000.00	\$928.48	\$2,000.00
31	Life & Disability	\$9,000.00	\$9,143.60	\$10,000.00
32	Personnel Equipment	\$500.00	\$1,577.93	\$2,000.00
33	Training	\$800.00	\$50.00	\$1,500.00
34	TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$724,422.00	\$542,387.27	\$673,907.00
35	EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
36	Baler Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$16,372.16	\$7,500.00
37	Baler Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$4,300.00	\$10,000.00
38	Forklift Fuel	\$3,000.00	\$1,814.75	\$3,000.00
39	Forklift Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$7,719.72	\$8,000.00
40	Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$785.00	\$2,000.00
41	Skidsteer Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$1,375.43	\$2,000.00
42	Warehouse Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,847.39	\$2,500.00
43	Trucks--Diesel	\$24,000.00	\$13,784.14	\$24,000.00
44	Trucks- Repair	\$5,000.00	\$6,712.47	\$5,000.00
45	Truck Lease	\$50,000.00	\$32,962.61	\$50,000.00
46	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$100,500.00	\$88,673.67	\$114,000.00

2026 APPROVED BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
47	BUDGET ITEM	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL as of 9/30/2025	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
48	BUILDING EXPENSES			
49	Electricity	\$6,000.00	\$5,167.29	\$7,000.00
50	Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$972.19	\$8,000.00
51	Trash Removal	\$4,800.00	\$4,247.08	\$6,000.00
52	TOTAL BUILDING	\$11,800.00	\$10,386.56	\$21,000.00
53	PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
54	Composting	\$23,500.00	\$14,815.00	\$22,000.00
55	Composter/Bin	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
56	Education Outreach	\$7,000.00	\$9,163.87	\$7,000.00
57	Hazmat Disposal	\$40,000.00	\$37,570.46	\$50,000.00
58	Hazmat Supplies	\$4,500.00	\$4,107.24	\$4,500.00
59	Recyclables Processing	\$17,000.00	\$20,191.13	\$20,000.00
60	Special Collections	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61	Supplies	\$500.00	\$1,357.29	\$1,200.00
62	Tire Disposal	\$15,000.00	\$10,964.80	\$15,000.00
63	TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$112,750.00	\$98,169.79	\$123,700.00
64	SUB-TOTAL	\$1,018,997.00	\$793,031.74	\$997,532.00
65				
66	Capital Improvement Fund	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$20,000.00
67	TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$20,000.00
68				
69	TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$1,030,997.00	\$805,031.74	\$1,017,532.00
70	Grants--St of VT	\$117,000.00	\$117,049.60	\$90,000.00
71	Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$61,000.00	\$45,399.21	\$61,000.00
72	Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$5,000.00	\$1,278.61	\$2,000.00
73	Interest Income	\$50.00	\$51.19	\$50.00
74	Miscellaneous Income	\$2,000.00	\$2,064.29	\$2,000.00
75	Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
76	Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
77	Sale of Recyclables	\$110,333.00	\$54,200.15	\$85,000.00
78	Compost Income	\$20,000.00	\$15,758.52	\$22,000.00
79	Electronics Income	\$17,000.00	\$7,489.09	\$10,000.00
80	Scrap Metal Income	\$28,000.00	\$15,333.30	\$22,000.00
81	Battery Income	\$3,000.00	\$5,625.58	\$7,000.00
82	Tire Income	\$15,000.00	\$9,581.30	\$15,000.00
83	Truck Sale- 2017 International	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00
84	Per Capita Assessment	\$54,506.00	\$54,506.08	\$54,506.00
85	Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$597,458.00	\$535,858.62	\$646,826.00
86	TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$1,030,997.00	\$867,070.54	\$1,017,532.00

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



INFORMATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

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

Call in remotely with phone number 312-626-6799

Zoom Meeting ID: 813 5042 5855 Passcode: 2rb1K8

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

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

NEK CHOICE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

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

Town of Brunswick: Brunswick Community Office Building

Town of Bloomfield: Bloomfield Town Hall

Town of East Haven: East Haven Community Building

Town of Granby: Granby Town Office

Town of Guildhall: Guildhall Town Office

Town of Kirby: Kirby Town Office

Town of Lemington: Lemington Town Hall

Town of Maidstone: Maidstone Town Office

Town of Norton: Norton Town Office

Town of Victory: Victory Town Office

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Miles Etter

Miles Etter, Chair

Patricia Brown

Patricia Brown

Rita Laferriere

Rita Laferriere

Cornelia Rath

Cornelia Rath

Melanie Jacques-Staats

Melanie Jacques-Staats

Bethany Bond

Bethany Bond

Sharon Ellingwood-White

Sharon Ellingwood-White

Susan Graves

Susan Graves

Sonia Peters

Sonia Peters

Lyn Schmucker

Lyn Schmucker

Rachel Cliche

Rachel Cliché

Northeast Kingdom Choice Unified School District Annual Report

Hello Community Members of the NEK Choice School District:

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

Miles Etter
NEK Choice Chair

Report of the Superintendent

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lawcewicz
Superintendent
Essex North Supervisory Union

Director of Student Support Report

Emily Cooney

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Emily Cooney
Director of Student Support



Proven Expertise & Integrity

January 20, 2026

Board of Directors
NEK Choice School District
Canaan, Vermont

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

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

RHR Smith & Company

RHR Smith & Company, CPAs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Total Non Special Education Services:		23,860	33,183	9,323
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Total Special Education Services:		269,075	332,833	63,758
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Grand Total of NEK Choice School District		7,630,243	7,594,091	(36,152)
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Revenue Statement NEK Choice School District	Approved Revenue (FY26)	Est. Revenue (FY27)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Prior Year Surplus	-	-	-
Education Fund	7,629,243	7,473,091	(156,152)
US Forest Grant	-	-	
Prior Year Surplus/Deficit	-	120,000	
Interest	1,000	1,000	-
Total Revenue:	7,630,243	7,594,091	(156,152)

District: Northeast Kingdom Choice USD		U065			Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$8,849 of spending per pupil
SU: Essex North		Essex County			8,849 <--See bottom note	1.00
FY25 was the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY23 & FY24. LTWADM are the new counts to use.			12,154			Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2024	FY2025	FY2026		FY2027
1.	Adopted or warned union district budget (including special programs and full technical center expenditures)	\$6,866,796	\$6,532,757	\$7,630,243		\$7,594,091
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at union district meeting	-	-	-		-
3.	Adopted or warned union district budget plus articles	\$6,866,796	\$6,532,757	\$7,630,243		\$7,594,091
4.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-		-
5.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-		-
6.	Total Union Expenditures	\$6,866,796	\$6,532,757	\$7,630,243		\$7,594,091
7.	S.U. assessment (included in union budget) - informational data	-	-	-		-
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in union expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-		-
Revenues						
9.	Union revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, federal, etc.)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$121,000
10.	Total offsetting union revenues	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$121,000
11.	Education Spending	\$6,865,796	\$6,531,757	\$7,629,243		\$7,473,091
12.	Northeast Kingdom Choice USD pupils	296.66	520.24	539.03		586.75
13.	Education Spending per Pupil	\$23,143.65	\$12,424.31	\$14,153.65		\$12,736.41
14.	minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per pupil	na	na	-		-
15.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$66,446 for an individual (per pupil)	-	-	-		-
16.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per pupil)	-	-	na	based on \$66,446	na
17.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per pupil)	-	-	na		na
18.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per pupil)	-	-	na		na
19.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)	-	-	na		na
20.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per pupil)	-	-	na		na
21.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per pupil)	-	-	na		na
22.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	na		na
23.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$22,204	threshold = \$23,193	threshold = \$15,926		threshold = \$16,470
24.	plus Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	na	na	\$15,926.00		\$16,470.00
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	+ suspended thru FY29	+ suspended thru FY29	-		-
		\$23,144	\$12,424	\$14,154		\$12,736.41
26.	Union spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	149.865%	125.587%	164.654%	based on yield \$15,443	143.931%
		based on yield \$15,443	based on yield \$9,785	based on \$8,596		based on \$8,849
27.	Anticipated equalized union homestead tax rate to be prorated [\$12,736.41 ÷ (\$8,849 / \$1.00)]	\$1.4987	\$1.2559	\$1.6465	based on \$1.00	\$1.4393
28.	Tax rate "cent discount" (FY25-FY29) adjusted by statewide adjuster of 70.33%					
29.	Cent discount adjusted anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate					\$1.4393
Prorated homestead union tax rates for members of Northeast Kingdom Choice USD						
		FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY27 Pe
T021	Bloomfield	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T035	Brunswick	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T064	East Haven	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T083	Granby	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T088	Guildhall	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T108	Kirby	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T111	Lemington	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T118	Maidstone	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T144	Norton	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
T216	Victory	1.4987	1.2559	1.6465	1.4393	100.00%
		-	-	-	-	0.00%
30.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated from Northeast Kingdom Choice USD [((\$12,736.41 ÷ \$12,154) x 2.00%)]	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	based on 2.00%
Prorated union income cap percentage for members of Northeast Kingdom Choice USD						
		FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY27 Pe
T021	Bloomfield	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T035	Brunswick	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T064	East Haven	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T083	Granby	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T088	Guildhall	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T108	Kirby	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T111	Lemington	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T118	Maidstone	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T144	Norton	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
T216	Victory	2.64%	2.46%	2.33%	2.10%	100.00%
		-	-	-	-	0.00%

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

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

NEK CHOICE ESTIMATED TAX RATES FY27

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

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

Current FY26 NEK Student Population by Town & Grade

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

SCHOOL YEAR 25-26 NEK CHOICE SCHOOLS AND ENROLLMENT COUNT

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

Total # of Schools 40

Total # of Students 303

Annual Reports
of the Essex North Supervisory Union
Canaan, VT

2025



Essex North Supervisory Union 2026-2027 (FY27) Proposed Budget							
Expenditures SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Approved Budget (FY26)	Proposed Budget (FY27)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Superintendent Salary	\$124,260	\$126,260	\$2,000	\$63,130	\$63,130		
Treasurer Stipend	\$1,890	\$1,890	\$0	\$945	\$945		
Business Administrator Salary	\$85,000	\$87,000	\$2,000	\$43,500	\$43,500		
Salary (AP/Admnl Assis/PR/HR)(1.80 FTE)	\$96,096	\$106,122	\$10,026	\$53,061	\$53,061		
Benefits	\$158,667	\$174,462	\$15,795	\$87,231	\$87,231		
Advertising	\$900	\$500	(\$400)	\$250	\$250		
Audit Services	\$22,000	\$28,300	\$6,300	\$14,150	\$14,150		
Contracted Services	\$27,047	\$27,458	\$411	\$17,916	\$9,542		
Dues & Fees-Registrations/Memberships	\$14,300	\$16,000	\$1,700	\$8,000	\$8,000		
General Supplies/Books/Misc.	\$4,400	\$4,600	\$200	\$2,300	\$2,300		
Legal Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500		
Postage	\$2,500	\$2,600	\$100	\$1,300	\$1,300		
Prof/OLT Liab. Insurance	\$10,500	\$10,000	(\$500)	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Repairs/Maintenance	\$3,500	\$1,000	(\$2,500)	\$500	\$500		
Software	\$23,100	\$24,000	\$900	\$12,000	\$12,000		
Telephone/Internet	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500		
Travel Expenses	\$6,000	\$5,500	(\$500)	\$2,750	\$2,750		
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000		
Total Supervisory Union Expenditures:	\$596,160	\$631,692	\$35,532	\$320,033	\$311,659	\$0	\$0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grand Total All Revenues:	\$4,533,000	\$4,367,477	-\$165,523	\$2,117,668	\$2,232,009	\$0	\$17,800
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**2025 TOWN OF MAIDSTONE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

CTO: 7:02 pm

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Amy Pear (Town Clerk), Sam Graham (Assistant Town Clerk), Bob Champagne-Willis (Treasurer/Lister/PC/ZB/Del Tax Collector) Scott Lovell (Selectboard Chair), Bruno McKenzie (Selectboard), Bill Sanborn (Fire Warden), Sandy Gray (Lister/Auditor/Health Officer), Andy Champagne-Willis (JP), and Paul Kamins (PC/ZB)

Also Present: Steve Sanborn, Chris and Mary vonAlt, Heather LeFoll, Bruce Younggreen, Linda Sanborn, Jason McVetty, Sam & Carol Gorham, Linwood Mixer, Lloyd Tippitt, and Kathy Lovell

Guests: None

Moderator Scott Lovell opened the meeting.

Article 1: Shall the voters authorize payment of the 2025 property taxes in 2 (two) installments, with the due dates being October 15, 2025, and April 15, 2026, by physical delivery to the Town Treasurer at the Town Hall before 3:00p.m. on each of the said due dates or by delivery to the Town Hall via USPS, postmarked on or before said due dates?

Motion Made By: Steve Sanborn

Seconded by: Heather LeFoll

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

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

Motion Made By: Linwood Mixer

Seconded by: Lloyd Tippitt

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

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?

Motion Made By: Steve Sanborn

Seconded by: Linwood Mixer

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

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

Motion Made By: Sam Gorham

Seconded by: Lloyd Tippitt

Discussion: Bob Champagne-Willis explained that there is a proposed law going through the State House that would make 12 Districts for Reappraisals. There is a chance that this law could affect the money in this Article and could make it vulnerable to being turned over to the State depending upon the Law that may be passed. After some discussion Bob Champagne-Willis made an amended motion to Article 4, stating Shall the Town vote to raise \$3,000 and put it in the Town Reappraisal and Maintenance of the Grand List Fund. Seconded by Amy Pear. Amended motion carried. A motion was made by Bob Champagne-Willis to accept Article 4 with changes, seconded by Lloyd Tippitt. Motion carried

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Article 5: Shall the Town vote to take \$22,000.00 from the General Fund and put it in the Reserve Fund?

Motion Made By: Chris vonAlt

Seconded by: Sam Gorham

Discussion: Bob Champagne-Willis explained that this was residual ARPA money moved into the General Fund at year end by the Selectboard. Use of the General Fund is controlled by the voters and now it will be moved to the Reserve Fund for the Selectboard to be able to use as needed, and part of these funds will be used for the floor replacement at Town Hall.

Motion Carried

Article 6: Shall the Town vote to raise \$285,628.00 to pay current expenses as requested in the proposed Budget plus the amounts raised in Articles 2, 3, and 4?

Motion Made By: Linwood Mixer

Seconded by: Mary vonAlt

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

A short discussion took place regarding the recent unreliability of the Garbage Pickup. The Selectmen present agreed to look into this matter, review the contract, and address the concerns expressed by public at the next selectboard meeting.

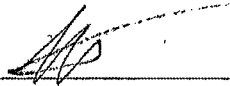
Bob Champagne-Willis acknowledged the passing of Bruce Hobaugh and Shawn Conant and an acknowledgement of their service to the Town of Maidstone. Harold "Ben" Knight's name was also acknowledged as passing recently.

Motion to Adjourn made by Linwood Mixer at 7:36 and seconded by Lloyd Tippitt.

Respectfully Submitted by :


Amy Pear, Town Clerk

3/6/2025


Moderator:

3-6-25
Date


Selectman:

3/17/2025 (NO)
Date

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

HISTORIC BRIDGE

THE MAIDSTONE-STRATFORD HOLLOW BRIDGE IS A ONE-SPAN STEEL AND WROUGHT IRON HIGHWAY BRIDGE RESTING ON STONE ABUTMENTS. IT WAS BUILT IN 1893 BY THE BERLIN IRON BRIDGE COMPANY OF EAST BERLIN, CONNECTICUT TO CARRY A SINGLE-LANE ROADWAY OVER THE CONNECTICUT RIVER BETWEEN STRATFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MAIDSTONE, VERMONT.

GROWTH AND PROSPERITY IN THE REGION IN THE LATE 19TH CENTURY BROUGHT ABOUT THE NEED FOR IMPROVED ROADS AND BRIDGES CONNECTING VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE. IN 1893, FRED DAY, STRATFORD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NH LEGISLATURE "BENT ALL HIS ENERGIES TO THE PURPOSE OF SECURING TWO BRIDGES ACROSS THE CONNECTICUT RIVER." A MEASURE APPROVED BY THE NH HOUSE ON MARCH 9, 1893 AUTHORIZED THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO BRIDGES OVER THE CONNECTICUT, INCLUDING "ONE AT SOME CONVENIENT POINT OPPOSITE THE VILLAGE OF STRATFORD HOLLOW, BETWEEN SAID TOWN OF STRATFORD AND THE TOWN OF MAIDSTONE, AND ONE OPPOSITE THE VILLAGE OF NORTH STRATFORD."

BERLIN IRON BRIDGE COMPANY WON THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BOTH BRIDGES FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$16,065.30. WORK BEGAN IN NOVEMBER 1893, AND BOTH BRIDGES WERE OPENED TO TRAFFIC WITHOUT CEREMONY ON OR ABOUT MAY 1, 1894.

THE MAIDSTONE-STRATFORD HOLLOW BRIDGE CONSISTS OF A 151-FOOT SPAN, PIN-CONNECTED PRATT TRUSS. IT STANDS TODAY AS THE OLDEST METAL TRUSS BRIDGE CROSSING THE CONNECTICUT RIVER.

THE MAIDSTONE-STRATFORD HOLLOW BRIDGE HAD BEEN CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC SINCE 1990. THE OWNERSHIP AND THE COST OF THE REHABILITATION PROJECT HAS BEEN SHARED BY NEW HAMPSHIRE AND VERMONT, WITH VERMONT TAKING THE LEAD ROLE IN THE PROJECT. THE REHABILITATION RESTORES A ONE-LANE BRIDGE WITH A POSTED LOAD RESTRICTION OF 20 TONS.

THE REHABILITATION INCLUDED:

- REPLACEMENT OF THE BRIDGE ABUTMENTS
- REPLACEMENT OF THE TIMBER BRIDGE DECK AND FLOOR SYSTEM
- STRENGTHENING OF HISTORIC TRUSS MEMBERS
- REMOVAL OF LEAD-BASED PAINT AND REPAINTING OF THE ENTIRE BRIDGE
- CONSTRUCTION OF AN APPROACH SPAN TO THE WEST
- ROADWAY APPROACH WORK AND GUARDRAIL INSTALLATION

REHABILITATION DESIGN: LICHTENSTIEN CONSULTING ENGINEERS
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT

CONTRACTOR: WINTERSET, INC.
LYNDONVILLE, VERMONT

CONSTRUCTION COST: APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION