

Annual Report
of the Town Officers
of the Town of
Canaan, Vermont
For the year ending
December 31, 2023

Including the
Report of the School Directors



Saint Paul's Episcopal Church (circa 1910)



Canaan Community Center (2023)
FKA Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

**STATE OF VERMONT
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF CANAAN, VERMONT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023
GENERAL INFORMATION AND DIRECTORY
(Canaan, Vermont was chartered on February 25, 1782.)

BOARD MEETINGS: The **Selectboard** meetings are scheduled for **every other Monday starting January 8th, 2024**. They begin at **6:00 p.m.** at the **Canaan Town Office**, unless otherwise posted. The **Canaan School Board** meetings are scheduled for **every other Monday starting January 2nd, 2024**. They begin at **4:30 p.m.** at the Canaan Schools library unless otherwise posted. The **Library Trustee** meetings are scheduled on the **1st Wednesday of every month, starting January 3rd, 2024**. They begin at **4:00 p.m.** at the Alice M Ward Memorial Library unless otherwise posted. The **Canaan/Stewartstown Joint Sewer Commission** meetings are scheduled on the **second Tuesday of every quarter, beginning January 9th, 2024**. They begin at **5:30 p.m.** The January and July meetings are held at the Canaan Town Office. The April and October meetings are held at the Stewartstown Town Office. All meetings are open to the public and Townspeople are encouraged to attend. These meetings are the perfect time to raise your grievances and have your questions answered.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER'S OFFICE: Open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. On Tuesday and Thursday the office is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Also open every other Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m to coincide with the Selectboard meetings.

BILLING SCHEDULE: Tax bills are mailed around August 1st, due on or before October 1st. Sewer and Water Utility bills are mailed quarterly, payable within thirty days. Septage bills are mailed around August 1st, due on or before October 1st. Building and Subdivision permits are required by the zoning ordinance and the cost of permits is \$50.00, plus \$15.00 if a Zoning/Planning Board meeting is called to discuss a permit, payable at the time of submitting the permit.

DIRECTORY OF IMPORTANT NUMBERS

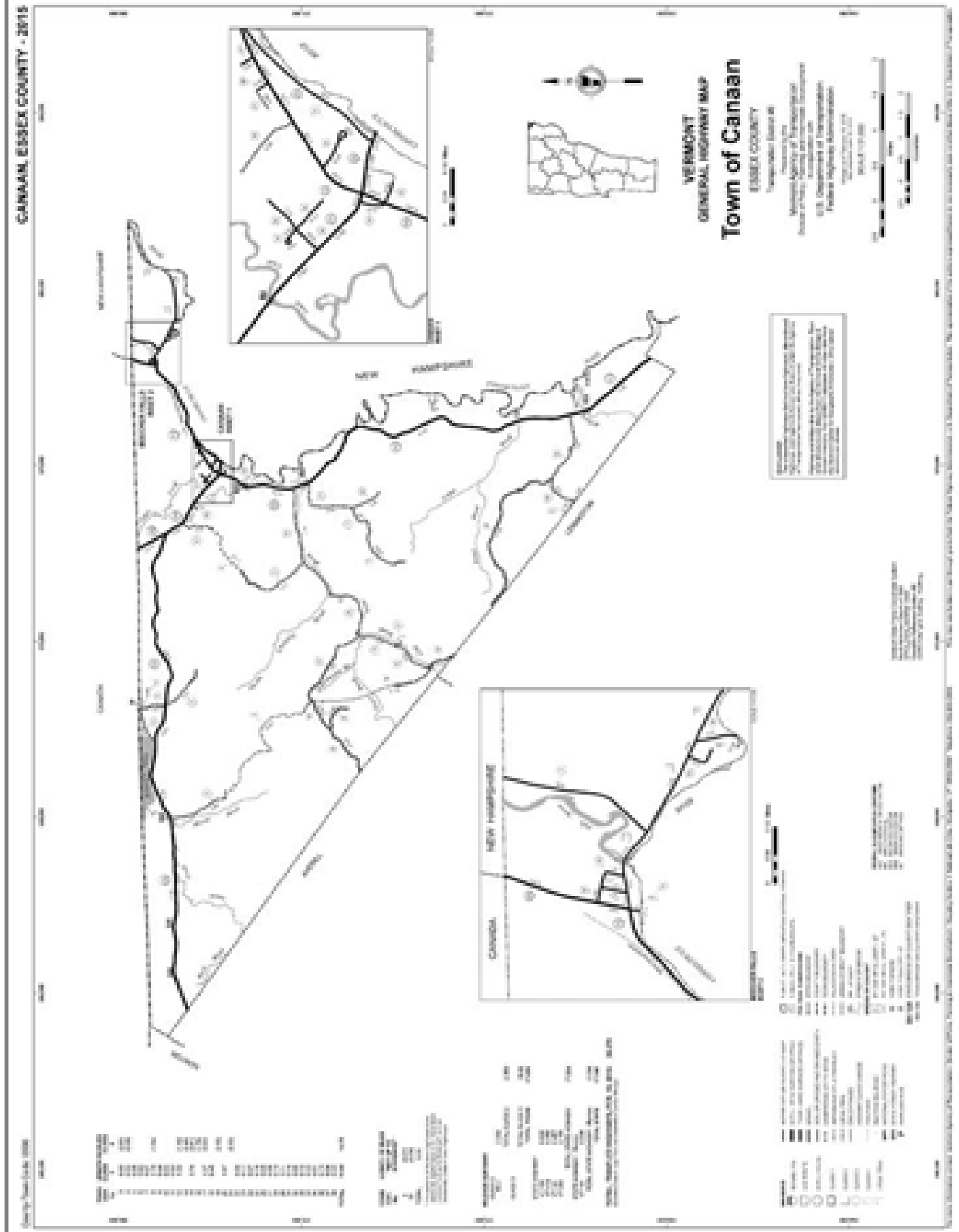
Canaan Town Office:	802-266-3370
Alice M. Ward Library:	802-266-7135
Canaan Animal Control:	603-331-1688
Canaan Fire Warden:	603-331-1176
Canaan Post Office:	802-266-3473
Beecher Falls Post Office:	802-266-3037
Essex North Supervisory Union:	802-266-3330
Canaan Health Officer:	802-266-3370
Canaan High School:	802-266-8910
Canaan Elementary School:	802-266-3380
Canaan Treatment Plant:	802-266-7723
Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department (Non-Emergency):	802-266-3422
Essex County Sheriff: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	802-676-3500
Vermont State Police:	802-334-8881
Listed in order of preference: U.S. Border Patrol Station	802-266-3035
Swanton Sector Radio Room	800-689-3362
Beecher Falls Inspection Station	802-266-3336
PAIC:	802-277-8562

Town web address: <http://www.canaan-vt.org>

Town Facebook: [Town of Canaan, VT](#)

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WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Canaan are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Canaan Memorial High School Gymnasium on Monday, the 4th day of March 2024 A.D. at 6:00 P.M. to transact the Town business from the floor, and immediately thereafter, to transact the School District business from the floor:

ARTICLE I. To elect all Town Officers required by law:

Town Moderator	1 year
School Moderator	1 year
Selectboard	3 years
Lister	3 years
Lister	2 years
School Director	3 years
School Director	2 years
School Director	2 years
Auditor	3 years
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years
Delinquent Tax Collector	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Sexton	1 year

(Vote on the above articles to be by ballot on the 5th day of March 2024 A.D. and ballot box to be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. The voting place will be at the Canaan Municipal Building)

TOWN BUSINESS- FLOOR VOTING

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the provisions of 32 V.S.A. §4791 in regard to the collection of current taxes by the Town Treasurer?

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year?

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan, under 32 V.S.A §4773 (B), establish an annual property and personal tax due date of October 1st and if this date falls on a weekend the due date will be moved to the following Monday?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan, under 32 V.S.A §4773 (B), establish a uniform method of property and personal tax payment acceptance, which shall henceforth be defined as any monies received, either via the mail or physical delivery, on or before the annual due date and all payments delivered via the mail and affixed with a legal USPS postmark dated on or before the day preceding the annual due date?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan, under 32 V.S.A §4773 (B), establish a uniform grace period for the payment of property taxes, which shall not exceed five (5) days past the established due date, in which time no delinquent penalty nor interest will be accrued on the late payor's account?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651e?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651f?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters allow the Alice Ward Memorial Library to accept the gift of a parcel of land from the Beatrice Holmes Trust to be known as the Jane Ramsay Schoff Memorial Flower Garden?

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,144.00 with revisions, if any, for the following agencies?

a.	Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	\$ 4,400.00	pg 70
b.	Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	\$ 1,944.00	pg 69
c.	Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$ 1,500.00	pg 71
d.	Rural Community Transportation	\$ 1,100.00	pg 68
e.	Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	\$ 1,500.00	pg 73
f.	Umbrella, Inc.	\$ 700.00	pg 72
g.	Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.	\$ 2,000.00	pg 64
AGENCY APPROPRIATION REQUEST TOTALS		\$ 13,144.00	

ARTICLE 10. To determine if the Town of Canaan will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL to help defray the costs of providing emergency and critical care clinic services? pg 60

ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed Library Budget with operating expenditures totaling \$86,676.00, of which \$86,676.00 shall be raised by taxes, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year with? pg 32

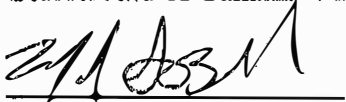
ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed General Budget with operating expenditures totaling \$586,863.00, of which \$501,015.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$85,848.00 by non-tax revenues, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year? (Includes Transfer Station and Law Enforcement) pgs 16-20


ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed Highway Budget, with operating expenditures totaling \$441,031.00, of which \$246,178.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$194,853.00 by non-tax revenues, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year? pgs 28-29

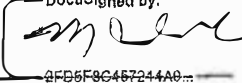
ARTICLE 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. (Disclaimer: Any discussion that takes place under this article is for advisory purposes only, no action taken under this article shall be construed as legally binding action of the Canaan Selectboard or other legislative bodies within the Town of Canaan, VT).

Given under our hands at Canaan, Vermont this 22nd day of January 2024 A.D.

Selectboard of Canaan, VT


Mark Bullard, Chairman


Alfred Buckley

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Michael Daley

Town Meeting Schedule

Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Canaan Memorial High Gymnasium
Annual Town Meeting
Followed by the Annual School Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Canaan Municipal Office Building
Australian Ballot for the
Election of Town Officers

Town/School Meeting Procedures

Many feel that Town Meeting is the last example of true Democracy. To allow all registered voters an opportunity to speak in an orderly fashion, unless otherwise directed by Town vote, the Legislature requires that Town Meetings be run according to Robert's Rules of Order.

These can become overly complicated, and only a few relevant ones are summarized below to help you conduct the Town's business. Remember this is the people's meeting to be run by **you** through **your** Moderator.

Motions – All Articles must be placed on the "Floor" (For discussion) by a motion (Such as "Mister/Madame Moderator, I move we adopt Article ____") and a second (From another person) (Please give your name if the Chair requests to place your motion officially on the record). Motions should be made in the affirmative.

If a voter wishes to make a motion or offer an opinion, the Moderator should recognize their raised hand.

Once permission to speak has been granted, remarks should be addressed to the Moderator and no other members of the Assembly. Members should speak only once on a given subject until others have been allowed the opportunity. Remarks should not be personal in nature and should apply directly to the topic at hand.

After the discussion has appeared to end, the Moderator will "Call the Question" (Are you ready to vote on Article ____?)

Voters should avoid making a motion to limit debate or calling the question unless necessary. Town Meeting comes but once a year, and people should be allowed to air opinions within reason.

Amendments – Amendments to main motions may be made ("I move we amend Article ____ to read ...") and seconded. An Amendment may be amended once, but there is no limit (in theory) to the number of amendments that may be made to an Article that is reasonable and germane (Closely related to the main motion).

Amendments should be to insert (add), delete (strike out) or substitute word(s) or paragraph(s) of the main motion.

A person who wishes to amend should be straightforward on what they wish to add, delete, or substitute, preferably by rewriting the motion with the changed section. Voting will occur first on the amendment(s) and then on the main motion. Any Article may be amended, including Town and School budgets (up or down) (line item by line item) and others dealing with money. Amending a budget may be a better way to deal with dissatisfaction than voting it down.

Reconsideration – In 1993, for the first time, voters could reconsider their actions on main articles at Town meetings. According to 17 VSA 2661 (a), a warned article voted on at a Town meeting may be reconsidered at the same meeting before the Assembly has begun consideration of another article. Once the motion is placed before the Assembly by the Chair, it is ripe for review by the body, and it is too late to move to reconsider the vote on the previous article. A Motion to Reconsider must be made by a person who voted on the prevailing side of the motion to be reviewed, requires a second, is debatable, requires a majority vote, and may not be reconsidered.

VOTING – By Registered Voters-Voting may take place in three ways:

- A. Voice (the usual way) “All in favor of Article ___, say AYE,”
- B. Standing vote (a division of the Assembly). If the Moderator feels the voice vote is close, or one voter calls for a division of the Assembly, those members who are registered voters will stand for ‘AYE’ or ‘NAY’ votes.
- C. Paper Ballot (During Town Meeting). A single voter may move to vote by paper ballot and then a second is needed. If this motion passes in the affirmative, then the vote will be taken via paper ballot. At this time, the Town’s election officials will facilitate the paper ballot voting process. Once every Townsperson who wishes to vote, does, the Justices of the Peace and Town Clerk will tally the votes. This is the most accurate yet time-consuming method of voting.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Australian Ballot Voting for Town Officers will take place continuously from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on March 5th, 2024. The Annual Town and School business meeting will be held in the Canaan Gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. on March 4th, 2024, and recess at the discretion of the Moderator (with the appropriate motion to recess) if the meetings run too late into the evening. The meeting will be scheduled to reconvene on March 5th, 2024. All non-Australian ballot Articles will be taken up in numerical order unless voted differently by the Assembly.

If a voter wishes to postpone an Article for some valid reason, there may request a postponement to a specific time (“Mister/Madame Moderator, I move to postpone Article ___ until...”) after another Article, for instance, or a particular time.

Tabling a motion is not recommended at Town Meetings for technical reasons but postponing to a definite time accomplishes the same thing better; (however you are always within your rights to use any legal and appropriate motion at any time).

Passing Over – There is no such motion in Robert’s Rules, and it is recommended that all Articles be given consideration. If a voter feels an Article is inappropriate, the best and most democratic method is to bring it to the floor in the usual way and hope the Assembly votes it down.

If an Article is inappropriate, contradictory, or otherwise confusing, it may be postponed indefinitely (Mister/Madame Moderator, I move to postpone Article ___ indefinitely ”). It requires a majority vote and is debatable but not amendable.

A more severe method to kill an Article is to object to consideration. (“Mister/Madame. Moderator, I object to the consideration of Article ___ ”). This should be stated before the debate, does not require a second, is not debatable or amendable, and a two-thirds vote against consideration is required to sustain this motion.

Non-Voters – Town Meeting is only for Registered Voters to speak and vote. If the Assembly wished to hear from a non-voter, it should vote to suspend the rules (“I move we suspend the rules for Article ___ ”). This motion may not be amended or debated and requires a two-thirds vote.



This is a brief overview of Robert’s Rules and Town Meeting Procedures. To get a more extensive knowledge of Robert’s Rules and Town Meeting Procedures visit the links below.

<https://www.ibabs.com/en/roberts-rules-of-order/complete-guide/>

<https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/election-info-resources/Town-meeting-local-elections/>

2023 Selectboard Annual Report

This past year 2023 started out with some challenges, we saw our fair share of snow not as much as in past years but it was enough to cause some significant issues in the spring. We also had substantial rain in early spring before the frost was out of the ground and it turned a majority of our dirt roads incredibly soft causing deep soft ruts which in turn made some of the roads barely passable. Thanks to our road agent Richard we were able to keep up with some of the repairs by spreading gravel on them to help make them easier for vehicles to pass through. One of the hardest hit roads was Hudson to Old County road the damage on these roads was significant. The roads were repaired with the help of ARPA funds so that the town did not have to cover the cost.

The Hall Stream Bridge Repair was started in the spring and finished in November. There were many delays to the project due to constant high water and flooding, but the project is finally complete. This repair should last between 7-10 years before the bridge will have to be totally replaced.

Lake view drive the portion off Dubeau Rd was renamed Hidden Acres Dr. this change was due to a few factors. One factor being the 911 address and also for residents receiving UPS and FedEx deliveries. The road was not passable all the way to Dubeau Rd so to eliminate confusion, the portion off Dubeau Rd was renamed Hidden Acres Dr.

April Busfield received a first place award for having the best tasting water in Vermont. She went on to compete in the finals in Washington DC.

The Transfer Station Construction dumpster (C&D) needed repair, it had multiple issues including the door not functioning properly and cracks throughout. The decision was made to send it out for repair. In the process the Selectboard decided a new 2nd C&D dumpster was needed due to increase in waste and the transfer pickup schedule. We received pricing from Presby Manufacturing and purchased the new dumpster.

It has made a significant difference with having this second dumpster onsite.

Coos County Recycling Center has dropped off new dumpsters to help them sort the recyclables. The workforce at the recycling center has been extremely limited due to the lack of inmates to sort the plastic and metal. By putting these new dumpsters in place It help Coos County Recycling Center get the recyclables sent out quicker.

Blue trash bags are being phased out and the new system in place will be stickers. The stickers are being sold at the cost of .50 cents each. One sticker is good for one 13 gallon trash bag. The board has decided to go with the sticker system due to the significant cost increase of the blue trash bags. The sticker system was a more cost effective way to go for the residents of Canaan.

In a final note I would like to thank all the town employees for there hard work and dedication without all of you we would not have such a smooth running operation. Also I would like to thank all the people elected, appointed and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to our town.

All Selectboard meetings can now be seen live on Zoom. See the town Web site for details and times.

Mark Bullard
Selectboard Chairman

AUDITORS' REPORT
COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR
THREE YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2023

INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS			
CURRENT ASSETS	1-Jan-24	1-Jan-23	1-Jan-22
General Fund	\$ 249,281.18	\$ 184,233.40	\$ 197,933.70
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 15,404.65	\$ 15,181.44	\$ 17,490.43
Property Tax Fund	\$ 5,368.50	\$ 4,643.40	\$ 2,353.52
Highway Fund	\$ 445,615.29	\$ 367,675.22	\$ 295,366.06
Sewer Fund	\$ 35,894.45	\$ 169,666.01	\$ 197,722.86
Cemetery Stone Fund	\$ 3,345.43	\$ 3,250.99	\$ 3,592.71
Alice M. Ward Library Fund	\$ 125,880.02	\$ 127,715.53	\$ 135,230.69
Community Rec. Park Fund	\$ 25,341.53	\$ 18,471.53	\$ 37,264.25
Community Forest Fund	\$ 29,455.67	\$ 30,324.70	\$ -
Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 524,085.31	\$ 432,766.38	\$ 331,511.03
Trust Funds	\$ 48,433.40	\$ 15,809.85	\$ 15,197.42
ARPA Fund	\$ 186,731.57	\$ 206,114.22	\$ -
Fire District #1 Fund	\$ 18,237.58	\$ 34,243.32	\$ 63,227.83
Fire District #2 Fund	\$ 17,031.43	\$ 2,414.87	\$ 16,594.97
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 301,645.07	\$ 280,637.20	\$ 229,160.54
Delinquent Taxes & Utilities	\$ 117,621.55	\$ 94,875.65	\$ 103,162.04
CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 2,149,372.63	\$ 1,988,023.71	\$ 1,645,808.05
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Notes Payable:			
Ford Motor Credit - Truck	\$ 23,671.93	\$ 34,535.98	\$ 44,799.60
John Deere Financial	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,911.39
Passumpsic Loan - Cruiser	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,750.00
USDA Treatment Plant - 1st Loan	\$ 1,085,779.88	\$ 1,102,189.81	\$ 1,144,093.74
USDA Treatment Plant - 2nd Loan	\$ 187,939.98	\$ 193,178.03	\$ 198,235.78
USDA Fire District #1 - 1st Loan	\$ 1,695,884.48	\$ 1,736,799.50	\$ 1,776,664.93
USDA Fire District #1 - 2nd Loan	\$ 218,981.51	\$ 222,677.19	\$ 226,208.25
USDA Fire District #2 - 1st Loan	\$ 376,358.81	\$ 386,511.31	\$ 396,329.63
USDA Fire District #2 - 2nd Loan	\$ 173,870.60	\$ 177,724.65	\$ 181,438.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,762,487.19	\$ 3,853,616.47	\$ 4,012,431.33
SUMMARY OF CURRENT POSITION			
Current Assets	\$ 2,149,372.63	\$ 1,988,023.71	\$ 1,645,808.05
Current Liabilities	\$ (3,762,487.19)	\$ (3,853,616.47)	\$ (4,012,431.33)
	\$ (1,613,114.56)	\$ (1,865,592.76)	\$ (2,366,623.28)
<p>To the voters and taxpayers of the Town of Canaan:</p> <p>We, the undersigned Auditors of the Town of Canaan, Vermont have examined the accounts of said Town and found them consistent as presented in prior years. We have examined files and source documents and found them accurate to the best of our knowledge. A summary of the findings have been reviewed by the Town Selectboard. A copy of our report is available at the Town Clerk's Office for inspection.</p> <p>Ginette Ladd, Ursula Johnson, and Fern Owen-Brown</p>			

BORROWED MONEY TABLE

December 31, 2023

Lending Institute	Interest Rate	Principal Amount	Interest Paid	Paid Notes	Amount Remaining
USDA Loan - CFD#1	1.375%	\$ 40,424.05	\$ 23,733.95	\$ 64,158.00	\$ 1,695,884.48
USDA Loan - CFD#2	2.250%	\$ 10,050.30	\$ 8,637.70	\$ 18,688.00	\$ 376,358.81
USDA Loan - CFD#2	1.875%	\$ 3,784.90	\$ 3,313.10	\$ 7,098.00	\$ 173,870.06
USDA Loan - Treatment Plant	2.375%	\$ 39,496.88	\$ 26,491.12	\$ 65,988.00	\$ 1,085,779.88
USDA Loan - CFD#1 2nd loan	2.625%	\$ 3,625.70	\$ 5,820.30	\$ 9,446.00	\$ 218,981.51
USDA Loan - Treatment Plant	2.375%	\$ 5,180.13	\$ 4,555.87	\$ 9,736.00	\$ 187,939.98
John Deere Financial	3.750%	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ -
Ford Motor Credit - lease	5.850%	\$ 10,864.05	\$ 2,020.35	\$ 12,884.40	\$ 23,671.93
Passumpsic Sav. Bank	1.490%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Institution	Loan Amount	Maturity Date
Ford Motor Credit	\$57,139.00	June 2, 2025
USDA Loan FD#1	\$1,968,000.00	November 1, 2050
USDA Loan - CFD#2	\$491,000.00	October 20, 2051
USDA Loan - CFD#2	\$199,000.00	November 1, 2056
USDA Loan - Treatment Plant	\$1,410,000.00	October 20, 2045
USDA Loan - CFD#1 2nd loan	\$233,000.00	August 1, 2059
USDA Loan - Treatment Plant	\$208,000.00	December 12, 2049
John Deere Financial	\$115,500.00	May 14, 2022
Passumpsic Savings Bank	\$35,000.00	Paid in Full- 2022

Leased Lots

The Town of Canaan no longer holds any interest in the glebes or leased lots that were originally laid out during the chartering of both Canaan and Norfolk (which later folded into Canaan). According to 24 VSA Chapter 65 (1), the former leased lots was originally granted under the authority of the British Government as glebes for the use of the Church of England and were later by law granted to such town for the use of schools, and lands granted to the use of the ministry or the social worship of God, and lands granted to the first settled minister, and not appropriated according to law.

According to 24 VSA § 2409 B(1), on January 1, 2020, fee simple title to perpetual lease lands shall be vested in the current lessee of record, free and clear of the interest of a municipal corporation in the perpetual lease lands held in accordance with section 2401 of 24 VSA, unless prior to that date the legislative body of the municipal corporation votes in the affirmative to retain ownership of some or all of the perpetual lease lands within that municipal corporation. Since neither the Selectboard or Town voted to retain ownership in these lots, the lands we transferred to the former lessees free and clear of any municipal interest.

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Zachary Brown, Treasurer

To Tax Bill - 2023	\$	2,311,690.82
Actual Cash Collected 10-01-2023	\$	1,988,268.53
Homestead Declaration State Receipts	\$	157,796.31
Delinquent Taxes to Collector	\$	172,361.37
Reimburse overpayment of taxes	\$	(8,169.94)
Adjustment for late current filing	\$	1,434.55
Homestead Reconciliation	\$	-
	\$	2,311,690.82

APPORTIONMENT OF TAXES

Non Residential Education Tax	\$	1.3543	\$	810,640.14
Homestead Education Tax	\$	1.3522	\$	654,712.33
Highway Account	\$	0.2569	\$	278,276.66
Library Account	\$	0.0788	\$	85,356.96
General Account	\$	0.4287	\$	464,372.05
Voted Articles	\$	0.0156	\$	16,898.13
TOTAL			\$	2,310,256.27
Late Homestead Penalty			\$	1,434.55
			\$	2,311,690.82

MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST

Listed Real Property	\$	112,121,000.00
Veteran's Exemption	\$	(100,000.00)
Current Use	\$	(3,791,000.00)
Municipal Grand List	\$	108,230,000.00

EDUCATION GRAND LIST

Homestead Education Grand List	\$	484,583.00
Non Residential Education Grand List	\$	598,667.60
Total Education Property Value	\$	1,083,250.60

ACTUAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE - 2023

\$0.78

SUGGESTED MUNICIPAL TAX RATE - 2024

Based on last year's Grand List of \$1,083,210.00

General Acct. - 0.4467, Highway Acct.- 0.2273, Library Acct -0.0800, Voted Articles - 0.0158

Suggested Municipal Tax Rate 2023 - Without voted Articles - 0.7540

Suggested Municipal Tax Rate - With voted Articles - 0.7698

Canaan 2023 Billed Grand List
Form 411 - (Town code: 126)
Main District

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)							
REAL ESTATE		Parcel	Municipal	Homestead Ed	Nonhmstd Ed.	Total Education	
Category/Code		Count	Listed Value	Listed Value	Listed Value	Listed Value	
Residential I	R1	287	41,937,100	27,643,000	14,294,100	41,937,100	
Residential II	R2	117	27,557,900	18,612,200	8,945,700	27,557,900	619,600
Mobile Homes-U	MHU	20	619,600	470,300	741,200	149,300	1,610,000
Mobile Homes-L	MHL	18	1,610,000	190,900	7,870,200	8,061,100	
Seasonal I	S1	45	8,061,100	0	2,862,200	2,862,200	
Seasonal II	S2	29	2,862,200	83,100	3,572,800	3,655,900	
Commercial	C	18	3,655,900	63,500	1,908,300	1,971,800	
Commercial Apts	CA	9 1	1,971,800	0	6,222,400	6,222,400	
Industrial	I	4 2	6,222,400	0	6,439,700	6,439,700	552,500
Utilities-E	UE	7 0	6,439,700	0	552,500	3,034,000	
Utilities-O Farm	UO	41	552,500	1,290,600	1,743,400	0	
Other	F	61	3,034,000	0	0	4,899,200	
Woodland	O		0	0	4,899,200	2,788,600	
Miscellaneous M	W		4,899,200	0	2,788,600	-----	
			2,788,600	-----	-----	112,212,000	
		-----	-----	49,094,800	63,117,200		
TOTAL LISTED REAL		659	112,212,000				
P.P. Cable		0	0		0	0	
P.P. Equipment		0	0				
P.P. Inventory		0	0			-----	
		-----	-----	-----	-----	0	
TOTAL LISTED P.P.		0	0		0		
			=====	=====	=====	=====	
TOTAL LISTED VALUE			112,212,000	49,094,800	63,117,200	112,212,000	
EXEMPTIONS							
Veterans 10K		5/5	50,000	40,000	10,000	50,000	
Veterans >10K			50,000				
			-----	-----	-----	-----	
Total Veterans			100,000	40,000	10,000	50,000	
P.P. Contracts		0	0				
Contract Apprv VEPC		0/0	0	0	0	0	
Grandfathered		0/0	0	0	0	0	
Non-Apprv(voted)		0/0	0				
Owner Pays Ed Tax		0/0 0	-----	-----	-----	-----	
			0	-----	-----	-----	
Total Contracts		0/0		0	0	-----	
FarmStab Apprv VEPC		0/0	0	0	0	0	
Farm Grandfathered		0/0	0	0	0	0	
Non-Apprv(voted)		0/0	0				
Owner Pays Ed Tax		0/0 0	-----	-----	-----	-----	
			0	-----	-----	-----	
Total FarmStabContr		0/0		0	0	-----	
Current Use		42/42	3,791,000	596,500	3,194,500	3,791,000	
Special Exemptions		1		0	45,940	45,940	
Partial Statutory Sub-		0/0	0	0	0	0	-----
			-----	-----	-----	3,886,940	
total Exemptions Total			3,891,000	636,500	3,250,440	=====	
			=====	=====	=====	3,886,940	
Exemptions			3,891,000	636,500	3,250,440	=====	
			=====	=====	=====		
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST			1,083,210.00				
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST				484,583.00	598,667.60	1,083,250.60	
NON-TAX			41 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411				

Town of Canaan

Procedures for Collection of Delinquent Taxes

The purpose of these procedures is to establish clear guidelines so that all delinquent taxes will be treated fairly and will know what to expect.

- A. As soon as the warrant has been received, and each month afterwards, the tax collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer indicating the amount of taxes, penalty and interest owed.
- B. Only payment arrangements that will pay the bill in full before the due date of the next year's bill will be accepted.
- C. Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the 8% fee.
- D. If no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month, or if the prior agreement has not been met, the tax collector will begin the following actions to conduct a tax sale of the property or as much of the property as is necessary to pay the tax, plus costs and fees.
 - 1. The collector will notify the taxpayer of the tax sale decision, the date by which full payment must be received, and the costs to expect once the sale process begins.
 - 2. If the deadline date has passed and full payment has not been received, the collector will proceed with a tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A. Section 5252.
 - 3. Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
- E. Each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A. Section 1535.
- F. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale or, if in the judgment of the tax collector, proceeding with the tax sale is inadvisable, the tax collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all of the methods permitted by law.

/s/ Dencie Cunningham
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent Tax Collector's Report

Dencie M. Cunningham, Collector

For Collection 2023		Collected 2023	
2021	\$19,032.55	2021	\$17,191.26
2022	\$53,069.95	2022	\$30,542.63
2023	\$191,458.88	2023	\$118,808.77
Total	\$263,561.38	Total	\$166,542.66

2021	\$1,841.29	Total for Collection 2023	\$263,561.38
2022	\$22,527.32	Total Collected 2023	\$166,542.66
2023	\$72,650.11		\$97,018.72
Total	\$97,018.72		

Delinquent Property Taxes – 12-31-2021

Cormier, Daniel

Total Due \$1,841.29

Delinquent Property Taxes – 12-31-2022

Blanchard, Linda
Finer Farms LLC
Guilbault, Gary & Pamela
Houle, Benoit & Deborah
Houle, Benoit & Deborah
Inkel, Claire Estate of
Keyser, Arthur & Jennifer
Kimball, Harry & Joette

Mannino, Michael
McCaskill, Pat
Nelson, Cyril & Andrea
Plumer, John Estate of
Schmidt, Corey
Tyler, Danielle & Maurais Raymond Jr.
Unfonak, Glen

Total Due \$22,527.32

Delinquent Property Taxes – 12-31-2023

Benoit, Jonathan & Lenore
Blanchard, Linda
Bluestone, Inc

Breault, Laura
Cairns, Jacklyn Estate of
Cornell, Derek & Kirk, Kim
Farrar, Alice
Favreau, David
Finer Farms LLC
Goudreau, Nathaniel & Katlyn
Gray, Richard

Guilbault, Gary & Pamela
Houle, Benoit & Deborah
Houle, Benoit & Deborah
Inkel, Claire Estate of
Keyser, Arthur & Jennifer
Kimball, Harry & Joette
Mannino, Michael
McCaskill, Pat
McKinnon, Shori
Morton, Frank & Grady, Stephanie
Nelson, Cyril & Andrea
Nelson, Cyril & Andrea

Nelsson, Shawna
Norris, Richard
Plumer, John Estate of
Richards, Jeffrey
Riverview Meadows LLC
Schmidt, Corey
Tyler, Danielle, & Maurais, Raymond
Unfonak, Glen
Uran, Mary Ellen Estate of
Wallace, April & Zackery

Total Due \$72,650.11

Total Delinquent Taxes as of 12-31-2023: \$97,018.72

••• Paid After 12-31-2023

TREASURER'S REPORT GENERAL ACCOUNT-2023		
Zachary Brown, Treasurer		
RECEIPTS:		
Cash on Hand 01-01-2023		\$ 184,520.12
By Appropriation, Current Taxes		
Total Property Taxes Collected 2023		\$ 1,988,268.53
2020 Delinquent Taxes		\$ 52.69
2021 Delinquent Taxes		\$ 17,191.26
2022 Delinquent Taxes		\$ 29,806.03
2023 Delinquent Taxes		\$ 98,843.53
Interest on Delinquent Taxes		\$ 9,058.77
Interest from Regular Savings		\$ 3,254.67
Tax Sale Reimb. Costs		\$ -
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees		\$ 11,636.92
Hold Harmless - State of Vermont		\$ 27,252.00
Green MT Passsport		\$ -
Liquor Licenses		\$ 530.00
Fish & Game Fees		\$ 9.00
Dog Licenses/Fines & State Fees		\$ 1,305.00
Marriage License Town and State Fees		\$ 360.00
Zoning Permits & Adm fees		\$ 1,215.00
Town Clerk Fees		\$ 7,917.00
Restoration of Land Records		\$ 2,805.00
Fees & Misc.		\$ 2,029.50
Trustee of Public Funds		\$ 98.99
Pilot Funds - State of Vermont		\$ 4,491.94
Reappraisal Reimb. & Lister Ed.		\$ 6,650.00
Current Use Lien Release Fee		\$ -
Traffic Fines		\$ 314.00
Sale of Cemetery Lot		\$ 130.00
Miscellaneous		\$ -
Rental - NH Wireless		\$ 415.00
Transfer Station Revenues		\$ 48,695.75
Police Cruiser Sale		\$ -
Fire District Adm. Charges		\$ 4,450.00
NH Charitable Foundation (Historical Society)		\$ -
SUB-TOTAL		\$ 2,451,300.70
Due to Due From		\$ (480.65)
Reimb from ARPA - Generators		\$ -
Property Taxes to Collector		\$ 173,172.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CREDITS		\$ 2,623,992.25
EXPENDITURES		
Property Taxes to Collector		\$ 173,172.20
Paid Select Orders (General, Police, Transfer Station)		\$ 2,235,723.76
Cash in Savings/Checking/Sweep 12-31-2023		\$ 215,096.29
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND		\$ 2,623,992.25
BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE		
RECEIPTS		
Balance on Hand 01-01-2023		\$ 8,266.42
Savings interest - 2023		\$ 4.39
Capital Reserve Transfer		\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND		\$ 10,770.81
EXPENDITURES		
Paid Selectboard Orders - 2023		\$ -
Savings Account Balance 12-31-2023		\$ 10,770.81
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND CASH ON HAND		\$ 10,770.81

2023 GENERAL ACCOUNT			
SELECTBOARD'S DETAILED			
EXPENDITURES			
Selectboard		Fire Protection	
Salaries	\$ 6,000.00	Contracted Services-Local	\$ 46,000.00
Administration	\$ 596.59	45th Parallel	\$ 85,601.40
Clerk & Treasurer's Office		Contracted Services-Outside	\$ 1,297.00
		Colebrook Retainer Fee	\$ 2,000.00
Salaries	\$ 87,834.25	Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,076.32
Telephone, Postage, etc.	\$ 4,479.86	A.C. Supplies/fees/misc	\$ 975.63
Printing & Advertisement	\$ 750.00	FICA	\$ 251.28
Contracted Services	\$ 2,519.65	Zoning	
Record Books/Supplies	\$ 2,840.23	Commissioners' Stipend	\$ 2,749.38
Auditing Services	\$ -	Zoning Expenses	\$ 78.00
Health Insurance	\$ 14,127.44	Justice of the Peace	\$ 500.00
Retirement	\$ 5,439.20	Street Lighting	
Ballot Clerks	\$ 441.49	Street Light Services	\$ 17,709.01
Auditors	\$ 1,936.23	Cemeteries	
Listers' Salaries/Contracted Svc	\$ 11,319.08	Salaries	\$ 4,150.82
Listers' Materials/Supplies	\$ 616.42	Materials & Supplies	\$ 579.65
Lister Mileage/Workshops	\$ 891.25	Fuel & Lubricants	\$ 546.76
Tax Map Updates	\$ 315.00	Cemetery Comm. stipends	\$ 750.00
Marriage License Fee	\$ 295.00	New Equipment	\$ -
Del. Tax Collector Expense	\$ 149.37	Equipment Repairs	\$ 70.00
Del. Tax Collector Fees	\$ 12,661.81	Stone & Fence Repair	\$ 308.54
Parks & Trees			
Contracted Services	\$ 3,757.11	Buildings	
Materials & Supplies	\$ 447.64	Water, Sewer, Elect., Heat	\$ 2,544.09
Fletcher Park Mowing	\$ 1,243.20	Repairs/Capital Improvements	\$ -
Fletcher Park Electric	\$ 927.55	Heating	\$ 2,705.08
BF Park Electric	\$ 280.50	Contracted Labor	\$ 352.94
BF Park Mowing	\$ -	Materials & Supplies	\$ 1,275.00
General Services		Contracted Cleaning	\$ 3,743.75
Legal Services	\$ 860.00	Contracted Mowing	\$ 3,196.80
Printing & Advertisement	\$ 2,000.00	Insurance	\$ 1,806.14
NVDA & VLCT Dues	\$ 3,040.00	Generator Expenditures	\$ 1,998.06
Miscellaneous Fees/Exp.	\$ 306.45	Stump Dump Expenses	\$ 1,964.83
Workshops/Dues/Mileage	\$ 596.50	Transfer Station Expenses	\$ 87,465.92
Workmen's Compensation	\$ 332.84	Essex County Sheriff	\$ 21,043.12
Property/Liability Ins./Bonds	\$ 2,775.72	Appropriations	
County Tax	\$ 30,212.21	Voted Articles	\$ 16,894.00
FICA	\$ 10,353.43	Property Tax Reimb. Overpayments	\$ 8,169.94
Dispatch Center	\$ 7,282.65	School Appropriation	\$ 1,327,614.19
Internet	\$ 1,296.00	Library, Highway, Bldg. Cap. Res.	\$ 366,641.00
Web Page	\$ 901.91	Historical Grant	\$ -
North Country Chamber fee	\$ 100.00	SUB TOTAL	\$ 2,012,058.65
SUB TOTAL	\$ 219,926.58	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,231,985.23

2023 GENERAL BUDGET

	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
00-001-10 CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE				
00-001-0999 SELECTBOARD ADM.	\$ 171.20	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 596.59	\$ 700.00
00-001-1000 SELECTBOARD SALARIES	\$ 6,197.93	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
00-001-1001 SALARIES	\$ 80,009.94	\$ 81,500.00	\$ 87,834.25	\$ 64,000.00
00-001-1002 TELEPHONE/POSTAGE/BOX RT	\$ 4,302.23	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 4,479.86	\$ 4,500.00
00-001-1003 PRINTING/ADVERTISEMENT	\$ 423.50	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
00-001-1004 OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 3,297.92	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,519.65	\$ 3,000.00
00-001-1005 RECORD BOOKS/OFFICE SUP.	\$ 2,552.31	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,765.93	\$ 2,500.00
00-001-1006 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 74.30	\$ 1,500.00
00-001-1008 BALLOT CLERKS	\$ 1,038.19	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,300.00
00-001-1009 EMPLOYER RETIREMENT SHARE	\$ 3,533.94	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 5,439.20	\$ 3,800.00
00-001-1010 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 7,976.89	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,127.44	\$ 10,500.00
00-001-1011 MARRIAGE LICENSE STATE FEE	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 295.00	\$ -
00-001-1014 INTERNET EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,296.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,296.00	\$ 1,300.00
00-001-1020 AUDITOR SALARIES	\$ 1,483.80	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,936.23	\$ 2,200.00
00-001-1021 AUDITING SERVICES	\$ 5,708.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1022 AUDITOR EDUCATION	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
00-001-1030 DEL.TAX COLLECTOR EXP.	\$ 333.38	\$ 500.00	\$ 149.37	\$ 500.00
00-001-1031 DEL. TAX COLLECTOR FEES	\$ 12,014.74	\$ -	\$ 12,661.81	\$ -
00-001-1032 TAX SALE TO DEL TAX COLL	\$ 2,150.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1039 LISTER'S CONTRACTED SVC.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,826.21	\$ 8,000.00
00-001-1040 LISTER'S SALARIES	\$ 6,977.38	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 3,492.87	\$ 7,000.00
00-001-1041 LISTER'S MATERIAL/SUPPLY	\$ 1,530.44	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 616.42	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-1042 LISTER MILEAGE/EDUCATION	\$ 1,669.78	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 891.25	\$ 2,000.00
00-001-1043 TAX MAP UPDATES	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 1,200.00
00-001-1044 REAPPRAISAL CONTRACT	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1045 REAPPRAISAL SALARIES	\$ 612.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1046 REAPPRAISAL FICA	\$ 46.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1048 REAPPRAISAL MAT/SUPPLIES	\$ 1,111.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 163,644.33	\$ 140,950.00	\$ 156,067.38	\$ 121,850.00
00-001-13 GENERAL SERVICES				
00-001-1300 LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 54.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 860.00	\$ 500.00
00-001-1301 PRINTING/ADVERTISEMENT	\$ 1,670.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
00-001-1302 N.V.D.A. DUES	\$ 729.00	\$ 729.00	\$ 762.00	\$ 762.00
00-001-1303 WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 305.08	\$ 350.00	\$ 332.84	\$ 590.00
00-001-1304 PUBLIC OFF./LIABILITY	\$ 2,654.98	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,775.72	\$ 3,400.00
00-001-1307 COUNTY TAX	\$ 26,385.66	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 30,212.21	\$ 41,600.00
00-001-1309 FICA/CHILD CARE TAX	\$ 9,557.32	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 10,353.43	\$ 8,000.00
00-001-1310 MISCELLANEOUS FEES	\$ 104.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 102.95	\$ 100.00
00-001-1313 ZONING/PLANNING SALARIES	\$ 2,745.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,749.38	\$ 2,800.00
00-001-1314 ZONING EXPENDITURES	\$ 20.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 250.00
00-001-1316 V.L.C.T. & VMCTA DUES	\$ 2,208.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,278.00	\$ 2,450.00
00-001-1317 DISPATCH SERVICE CENTER	\$ 10,779.39	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,282.65	\$ 13,400.00
00-001-1318 EDUCATION/MILEAGE, ETC.	\$ 191.20	\$ 900.00	\$ 596.50	\$ 900.00
00-001-1320 GREEN UP DAY EXPENSE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
00-001-1321 ESSEX NAT. RES. CONSERV.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-1322 WEB PAGE EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,303.25	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 901.91	\$ 1,500.00
00-001-1324 NORTH COUNTRY CHAMBER	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
00-001-1325 JUSTICE OF PEACE STIPENDS	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
00-001-1326 PROP. TAX REIMB. OVERPAID	\$ 4,343.19	\$ -	\$ 8,169.94	\$ -
00-001-1327 MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 203.50	\$ -
	\$ 63,800.07	\$ 63,829.00	\$ 70,359.03	\$ 79,952.00

2023 GENERAL BUDGET

	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
00-001-12 PARKS & TREES				
00-001-1200 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 5,669.04	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,657.11	\$ 5,000.00
00-001-1201 MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	\$ 225.50	\$ 400.00	\$ 447.64	\$ 500.00
00-001-1202 SIDEWALK EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
0-001-1205 FLETCHER PARK MOWING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,243.20	\$ 1,500.00
00-001-1206 PARK ELECTRIC	\$ 572.93	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 927.55	\$ 1,200.00
00-001-1207 BF PARK ELECTRICITY	\$ 1,790.53	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 280.50	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-1208 BF PARK MOWING&MAINT.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
	\$ 8,258.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 6,556.00	\$ 9,400.00
00-001-14 FIRE PROTECTION				
00-001-1400 CONTRACT WITH BFVFD	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00
00-001-1401 OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 913.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,197.00	\$ 200.00
00-001-1403 DRY HYDRANT	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
00-001-1404 45TH PARALLEL	\$ 73,696.92	\$ 85,650.00	\$ 85,601.40	\$ 100,970.00
00-001-1405 COLEBROOK RETAINER FEE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ 122,609.92	\$ 135,750.00	\$ 134,898.40	\$ 149,270.00
00-001-15 ANIMAL CONTROL				
00-001-1500 ANIMAL CONTROL SALARIES	\$ 646.98	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,076.32	\$ 1,260.00
00-001-1501 ANIMAL CONTROL MAT/SUP	\$ 127.18	\$ 200.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 200.00
00-001-1502 FICA - ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 49.49	\$ 120.00	\$ 82.34	\$ 110.00
00-001-1503 DOG LICENSE STATE FEES	\$ 635.00	\$ -	\$ 620.00	\$ -
00-001-1504 MISC. ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 291.12	\$ 250.00	\$ 225.63	\$ 250.00
00-001-1505 LIABILITY	\$ 3,752.67	\$ -	\$ 168.94	\$ 345.00
00-001-1507 WORKMAN'S COMP.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700.00
00-001-15 POLICE DEPARTMENT				
00-001-1506 EMPLOYER RETIREMENT SHARE	\$ 586.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1508 VEHICLE PURCHASE/PAYMENTS	\$ 21,102.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1509 VEHICLE REGISTRATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1510 PARTS/SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	\$ 789.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1511 VEHICLE INS.	\$ 57.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1512 FUEL	\$ 954.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1513 POLICE EQUIP./ UNIFORMS	\$ 164.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1514 ADMINISTRATION	\$ 75.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1516 FICA - POLICE DEPT.	\$ 717.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1517 RECORDS MANAGEMENT	\$ 48.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1520 SALARIES	\$ 9,377.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1522- POLICE PHONE	\$ 505.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1524 ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$ 10,622.50	\$ 56,200.00	\$ 21,043.12	\$ 56,000.00
	\$ 50,504.02	\$ 57,970.00	\$ 23,346.35	\$ 58,865.00
00-001-18 STREET LIGHTING				
00-001-1800 STREET LIGHT SERVICES	\$ 16,274.81	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,709.01	\$ 18,000.00
00-001-19 CEMETERIES				
00-001-1900 SALARIES	\$ 3,645.16	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,150.82	\$ 4,360.00
00-001-1902 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 467.99	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
00-001-1903 EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1904 FUEL & LUBRICANTS	\$ 631.43	\$ 700.00	\$ 546.76	\$ 600.00
00-001-1905 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 299.06	\$ 300.00	\$ 579.65	\$ 600.00
00-001-1906 STONE REPAIR RESERVE	\$ 483.79	\$ 500.00	\$ 158.54	\$ -
00-001-1908 FENCE REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
00-001-1910 CEMETERY COMM. STIPEND	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,050.00
	\$ 6,277.43	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 6,335.77	\$ 6,810.00

2023 GENERAL BUDGET

	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
00-001-20 BUILDINGS				
00-001-2001 WATER/SEWER/ELECTRICITY	\$ 2,591.12	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,544.09	\$ 2,800.00
00-001-2002 REPAIRS	\$ 195.98	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-2003 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,316.98	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 1,300.00
00-001-2004 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-2006 CONTRACTED CLEANING	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,743.75	\$ 4,000.00
00-001-2007 CONTRACTED LABOR	\$ 551.95	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 352.94	\$ 2,000.00
00-001-2008 BUILDINGS - INSURANCE	\$ 1,614.37	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 1,806.14	\$ 1,800.00
00-001-2009 CONTRACTED MOWING	\$ 1,439.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,196.80	\$ 3,000.00
00-001-2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
00-001-2015 GENERATOR EXP.	\$ 2,338.31	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,998.06	\$ 2,400.00
00-001-2016 TOWN OFFICE HEATING	\$ 4,330.01	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,705.08	\$ 4,000.00
	\$ 20,327.72	\$ 27,150.00	\$ 20,121.86	\$ 23,800.00
00-001-30 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 16,894.00	\$ 16,894.00	\$ 16,894.00	\$ 17,141.00
00-001-50 TRANSFER STATION				
00-001-5000 TRANSFER STATION SALARIES	\$ 18,794.19	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 20,104.72	\$ 22,050.00
00-001-5001 TRANSFER STATION FICA/CCC	\$ 1,413.37	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,506.17	\$ 1,900.00
00-001-5002 TRANSFER STATION ADM.	\$ 49.92	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
00-001-5004 TRANSFER STATION EQUIP.	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,355.00	\$ 3,000.00
00-001-5005 TRSFR CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 14,800.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,064.00	\$ 18,000.00
00-001-5006 TRSFR CONTRACTED MATERIAL	\$ 19,728.85	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 20,725.49	\$ 23,000.00
00-001-5007 TRSFR PAY AS THROW SYSTEM	\$ 6,477.15	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 984.08	\$ 1,600.00
00-001-5008 TRSFR MISC. EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 172.29	\$ 200.00
00-001-5009 TRSFR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	\$ 11,263.98	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
00-001-5010 TRSFR EQUIP. PURCHASE	\$ 6,358.99	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 2,500.00
00-001-5011 EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$ 298.50	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-5012 WORKERS' COMP INSURANCE	\$ 1,686.35	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,770.16	\$ 1,600.00
00-001-5013 LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.00
00-001-5014 ANNUAL FEE TO COOS	\$ 7,019.00	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 7,885.00	\$ 8,300.00
00-001-5015 SOLID WASTE COMM. STIPEND	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
00-001-5016 ADVERTISING/POSTAGE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-5017 UTILITIES	\$ 1,098.06	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 867.04	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-5019 TRANSFER STATION PROPANE	\$ 783.52	\$ 650.00	\$ 393.83	\$ 650.00
00-001-5020 HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY	\$ 7,264.70	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
00-001-5021 PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
00-001-5026 STATE FEES	\$ 1,866.75	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,619.59	\$ 2,000.00
00-001-5027 MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	\$ 60.38	\$ 200.00	\$ 114.06	\$ 150.00
00-001-5029 TIRES	\$ 1,256.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 42.49	\$ 1,400.00
00-001-5030 ELECTRONICS	\$ 368.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-5037 METALS RECYCLING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-5038 FOOD WASTE EXP.	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
00-001-6000 STUMP DUMP SALARIES	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,593.00	\$ 2,100.00
00-001-6001 STUMP DUMP FICA/CCC TAX	\$ 133.11	\$ 150.00	\$ 121.83	\$ 200.00
00-001-6004 STUMP DUMP CONT. SERVICES	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	\$ 102,760.82	\$ 116,100.00	\$ 87,218.75	\$ 101,775.00
TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 571,351.12	\$ 590,343.00	\$ 539,506.55	\$ 586,863.00

**TOWN OF CANAAN PROJECTED REVENUES
GENERAL ACCOUNT 2024**

	FY 2022	FY2023	FY2023	FY2024
REVENUES	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
00-000-0580 CURRENT YEAR TAXES	\$ 280,575.48	\$ 465,074.00	\$ 294,413.34	\$ 501,015.00
00-000-0591 FIRE DIST ADMIN. CHARGES	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 4,450.00
00-000-0728 MARRIAGE LICENSE ST FEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 295.00	\$ -
00-000-0731 FISH & GAME LICENSE FEES	\$ 12.00	\$ -	\$ 9.00	\$ -
00-000-0732 MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65.00	\$ -
00-000-0733 GREEN MTN PASSPORT	\$ 4.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-0734 SAV. INT.PROP. TAX ACCT.	\$ 2.97	\$ -	\$ 2.91	\$ 3.00
00-000-1070 TRUSTEE OF PUB. FUNDS INT.	\$ 89.63	\$ 100.00	\$ 98.99	\$ 100.00
00-000-1077 TAX SALE COSTS REIMB.	\$ 824.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1078 INT. DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ 10,273.98	\$ -	\$ 9,058.77	\$ -
00-000-1079 DEL. TAX PENALTY FEES	\$ 11,128.04	\$ -	\$ 11,636.92	\$ -
00-000-1091 SCHOOL REIMB. TAX REC.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1092 EEGL STUDY-STATE OF VT	\$ 5,941.50	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,950.00	\$ 6,000.00
00-000-1093 LISTERS STATE ED.	\$ 699.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
00-000-1095 CU LIEN RELEASE FEES	\$ 1,144.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1201 LIQUOR & TOBACCO LIC.	\$ 415.00	\$ 415.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 500.00
00-000-1203 DOG LICENSES	\$ 620.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
00-000-1204 ZONING PERMITS	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 250.00
00-000-1206 ZONING ADM FEE	\$ 710.00	\$ -	\$ 875.00	\$ 225.00
00-000-1300 DOG STATE FEES	\$ 645.00	\$ -	\$ 655.00	\$ 650.00
00-000-1301 DOG FINES	\$ 64.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1302 TRAFFIC FINES	\$ 1,270.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 314.00	\$ 500.00
00-000-1309 SALE OF CRUISER	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1314 POLICE VEHICLE LOAN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1401 HOLD HARMLESS FUNDS	\$ 27,548.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,252.00	\$ 27,000.00
00-000-1403 PILOT REIMB. TAX	\$ 4,760.94	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,491.94	\$ 4,500.00
00-000-1501 TOWN CLERK FEES	\$ 7,943.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,917.00	\$ 7,700.00
00-000-1502 RESTORATION/PRES	\$ 2,848.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,805.00	\$ 2,800.00
00-000-1504 MISC. FEES & CHARGES	\$ 1,618.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,029.50	\$ 2,000.00
00-000-1602 GENERAL INTEREST	\$ 1,260.80	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,986.64	\$ 2,000.00
00-000-1605 SALE OF CEMETERY LOT	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 130.00	\$ 100.00
00-000-1608 REAPPRAISAL ACCT. INT.	\$ 80.51	\$ -	\$ 206.07	\$ 100.00
00-000-1609 MISC-GENERAL	\$ 385.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1610 RENTAL - NE WIRELESS CO	\$ 330.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 415.00	\$ 420.00
00-000-1920 PAY-AS-YOU-THROW SYSTEM	\$ 35,143.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 31,431.00	\$ 8,000.00
00-000-1921 TRANSFER ST. BULKY REV.	\$ 8,640.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 12,736.75	\$ 12,000.00
00-000-1924 REIMB FOR GRIT	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
00-000-1926 HHW GRANT	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
00-000-1928 METALS BOX	\$ 2,007.50	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,231.00	\$ 1,200.00
00-000-1931 LEMINGTON HHW	\$ 1,812.64	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
00-000-1932 FOOD SCRAP GRANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-2019 DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ 708.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-2020 2020 DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ 21,711.62	\$ -	\$ 52.69	\$ -
00-000-2021 2021 DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ 39,849.39	\$ -	\$ 17,191.26	\$ -

**TOWN OF CANAAN PROJECTED REVENUES
GENERAL ACCOUNT 2024**

REVENUE CONT'	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024
	Actual	Proposed	Actual	Proposed
00-000-2022 2022 DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ 74,876.00	\$ -	\$ 29,806.03	\$ -
00-000-2023 2023 DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,943.53	\$ -
00-000-3405 NHCF GRANT	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 581,392.55	\$ 573,549.00	\$ 573,069.34	\$ 586,863.00
2023 General Tax Rate	\$ 0.4287			
2024 Suggested Tax Rate w/Voted Articles	\$ 0.4625			
2024 Suggested Tax Rate w/o Voted Articles	\$ 0.4467			
Grand List \$ 1,083,210.00				
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT				
EXPENDITURES	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024
	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
GENERATOR - FD#2 WELL HOUSE	\$ 6,476.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
WATER LINE REPLACEMENT - FD#1	\$ 49,396.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOWN OFFICE GENERATOR	\$ 8,254.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HYBRID MEETING EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,405.88	\$ -
CLASS IV HWY REPAIR/SPEED SIGNS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
FD1 FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,620.28	\$ -
REC PARK SPLASH PAD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
CARRIAGE HOUSE ENGINEERING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
FD2 WATER METER PROJECT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/LOT LIGHTING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,522.43
TOTAL	\$ 64,126.84	\$ -	\$ 22,026.16	\$ 186,522.43
REVENUES	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024
	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
ARPA GRANT #1 - VT 0043 PMT01	\$48,273.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ARPA GRANT #2 - COUNTY VT0043	\$ 90,355.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ARPA INTEREST	\$ 876.70	\$ -	\$ 2,434.87	\$ -
	\$139,506.06	\$ -	\$ 2,434.87	\$ -
ARPA TREASURER REPORT				
Receipts				
Cash on Hand 01-01-2023	\$ 206,113.72			
ARPA Grants	\$ -			
Savings interest	\$ 2,434.87			
	\$ 208,548.59			
Expenditures				
Paid Selecboard Orders	\$ 22,026.16			
Cash on Hand 12-31-2023	\$ 186,522.43			
	\$ 208,548.59			

2023 Solid Waste Report

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station has seen several changes in the last year and the beginning months of 2024. The first change was that in early 2023, the Selectboard purchased a second C & D dumpster. The initial reason for the purchase was that the old container needed to be repaired, and the board did not want to stop the collection of C&D waste, as they knew it would have been a hassle for many. The Town purchased the second container and sent the old one for repair. The two dumpsters are handy as the Town is never in a situation where there isn't a dumpster at the transfer station. The second benefit of the two dumpsters is that it allows for overflow. In the summer, the transfer station sees an uptick in the disposal of C&D waste, and the dumpster fills up rather quickly. Instead of turning residents away, when the first dumpster is full, they can now be sent to the second dumpster.

The next significant change to the transfer station was how the Town had to sort its recyclables. In November of last year, Superintendent Ben Champagne of the Coos County Recycling Center notified the board that a change was imminent. He reported that his workforce is extremely low, and the lack of revenue on recyclables means that he can no longer profitably sort through all the plastics and metals. In January of 2024, the Town rolled out this new recycling program. We thank everyone for their cooperation as we all learn about this new system. If you need information on the new recycling program, please visit our website.

The third change to the transfer station was the Town gaining the ability to accept freon appliances once again. Thanks to the help of Sylvain Lamontagne, the Town was able to secure a contract with NRRA to remove the freon from all appliances disposed of at the transfer station. We are happy to offer this service to our residents once again.

The final significant change was the implementation of the sticker program, which replaced the blue bag program. After the struggles with our previous suppliers of the blue town trash bags this last year, the board decided to try out a new program, stickers. The stickers are both cheaper for us to purchase and for you to purchase as well. We thank everyone for your cooperation as we implement this change.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

The two Household Hazardous Waste Events are scheduled for the first weekend in May and the first weekend in September. The dates and times of the events are listed below. All events are held at the Canaan Transfer Station (186 Treatment Plant Road Canaan, VT 05903) and are done in the Recycling Building. A list of all items accepted can be found on our website: <https://canaan-vt.org/hhwcollectionevent.html>. If you have any questions, please contact Zachary Brown, Town Clerk and Treasurer, at 802-266-3370 or clerktreas@canaan-vt.org.

May Event:

Friday, May 3, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

September Event:

Friday, September 13, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Stump Dump

The stump dump was open the first two Saturdays after Christmas to take in Christmas Trees. We are open for untreated wood, yard debris, and lawn/garden clippings during the summer. The schedule can be found on our Town's website, or you can pick up a copy at the Town Office. The State requires us to report annually all materials brought to the Stump Dump.

How I Ended Up Spending Two Years in the Canaan Community Forest

Alice Beauchemin, Class of 2024

In my sophomore year of high school, I switched my classes to Canaan Memorial High School, mainly because I needed to be in a different environment but also because of the Diversified Agriculture and Natural Resources program offered. The program is, as in the name, very diversified in the sense that the students are not always doing the same thing or sitting in a classroom for the rest of the afternoon being lectured to. It provides a chance for students to get outside and learn some very valuable life skills, get some exercise, and be productive.

DAGNR, for short, is a two-year career and technical education (CTE) program that offers students the opportunity to get involved with agricultural and natural resource work. Students are granted both classroom and hands-on learning experiences to develop entry-level workplace skills, including communication, decision-making, and safety skills, to better prepare them for future career paths. Many students who have completed this program have gone on to take up many different career paths, which is the best part about this program.

The Canaan Community Forest is a crucial part of the outside aspect of the program and offers approximately 426 acres of space for students to work. This land also provides space for IRCs (Industry Recognized Credentials) like *Wildland Fire Training*, *Tractor Safety*, and *Game of Logging Chainsaw Safety (1, 2, 3, and 4)* to occur. These IRCs, hosted by the DAGNR class, offer students the opportunity to not only develop classroom learning but hands-on skills as well.

I first started out with an introductory class to the program, which also involved outdoor work with the on-site maple syrup operation located in the CCF sugar house, as well as working with animals, which is another reason I chose to be in this program. Students get to learn about animal reproduction through rabbit breeding, which is done right in the classroom as well as how to be especially gentle with newborn animals and to take care of them properly.

Currently, the students of the DAGNR class are building a small barn to house common farm animals like goats, cows, and chickens. This will give the students who are more interested in animal care a chance to get engaged in the program in another way. I am sure that these new students will feel as fortunate as I do for these learning opportunities.



Elementary
students
enjoying a
drip of maple
sap.

CANAAN COMMUNITY FOREST BUDGET 2024				
EXPENDITURES	2022	2023	2023	2024
	Expended	Proposed	Expended	Proposed
News and Sentinel & Jordan Assoc.	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Trail Work	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Canaan Sewer Fund - Septage	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Pay't in lieu of taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Road on right of way / parking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Graveling/mowing existing road	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 730.00	\$ 1,000.00
Material/Supplies-Camp/Pole Barn	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Vermont Electric	\$ 1,541.20	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,922.81	\$ 2,000.00
Event Coordinator/Planner Stipend	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
FICA/MEDI/Child Care Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,591.20	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 2,702.81	\$ 9,150.00
REVENUES	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
Sale of Wood	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -
Savings Interest	\$ 169.38	\$ 130.00	\$ 387.91	\$ 300.00
Electric Reimbursement from School	\$ 1,483.94	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,445.87	\$ 2,000.00
Community Forest Existing Funds	\$ -	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 901.14	\$ 6,850.00
Misc Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
CNC Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Donation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,653.32	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 2,734.92	\$ 9,150.00
COMMUNITY FOREST REVENUES		<p>The savings account balance was initially started with the 2014 timber sale totaling \$30,549. This account has grown with numerous other revenue sources, including donations, grants, bank interest, and wood sales. In 2020, a notable donation was made by the late Kenneth Kirk Hann in the amount of \$20,000. Additionally, the wood sales, have grossed approximately \$1,000 in revenue. To date the Canaan Community Forest has been self sufficient and has not raised a single dollar of revenue through taxes.</p>		
Receipts				
Cash on Hand 01-01-2023	\$ 29,539.93			
Savings interest	\$ 387.91			
Misc Reimbursement	\$ 1,445.87			
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$ 31,373.71			
Expenditures				
Paid Selectboard Orders	\$ 2,702.81			
Cash on Hand 12-31-2023	\$ 28,670.90			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$ 31,373.71			

Canaan Trust Fund – 2023

Part of the trust fund is money willed to the cemeteries, library, schools, churches, and roads, and a gift for the care of the Fletcher Park fountain. All other funds are the amounts paid for perpetual care for the cemeteries.

The earliest entry on the books is to the Alice Hunt Cemetery Fund by Gilbert Harriman, March 31, 1910, in the amount of \$200.00. The late Maurice Young of Canaan made a bequest of \$1,000.00 in 1980 to this account. Hervie E. Gray donated \$2,000.00 in 1990 to this account. With all additional entries for lots purchased, the fund now totals \$22,149.74.

The first entry to the Village Cemetery Trust Fund was also made by Gilbert Harriman in the amount of \$300.00. Mr. Maurice Young also bequeathed \$1,000.00 in 1980 to this account, which now totals \$12,382.28.

The first recorded purchase in the South Canaan Cemetery Trust Fund was made in the name of Mary S. Grant on February 25, 1925. On December 7, 1981, a check for \$5,000.00 was received as a bequest from the estate of John H. Hinman to be added to the South Canaan Cemetery Trust Fund, which now totals \$7,522.94.

Alice M. Ward, the widow of Dr. Artemus Ward, bequeathed her home in the Town of Canaan on July 1, 1932, to be used as a library. She also established a \$3,000.00 trust fund, the interest to be used to help defray library expenses. Mr. Maurice Young bequeathed \$500.00 to this account, and the total amount is now \$3,556.73.

The Assumption Church owns the Wallace Pond Cemetery, and the funds in the amount of \$600.00 were transferred to Reverend George Paulin on July 6, 1981.

Thomas O. Judd set up his Road Trust to be used to help defray expenses on Judd Road. The amount is \$1,090.80.

Our records on the School Trust Fund show only "Unknown Donor" in the amount of \$526.58, as does the Church Fund in the amount of \$325.02.

The Trust Fund for the Fletcher Park Fountain was a gift made by Mrs. B.M.E. Holmes in the amount of \$738.77. The Canaan Bicentennial Committee added an additional \$208.82, which brings the total to \$984.65.

The entire funds are invested in Certificates and Savings accounts bearing the highest interest rate. The interest is credited to each Trust Fund Account as set forth in the Town Report.

Financial Report

Receipts:

Checkbook Balance 01-01-2023	8.57
Interest from Trust Funds-2023	105.34
Interest from Savings Accounts - 2023	7.17
TOTAL RECEIPTS	121.08

Expenditures:

Interest on T.P. Judd Trust Fund	2.67
Interest on School Trust Fund	1.30
Interest on Alice M. Ward Library	8.76
Interest on Church Trust Fund	0.79
Interest on Village Cemetery Trust Fund	30.47
Interest on Alice Hunt Cemetery Trust Fund	48.08
Interest on South Canaan Cemetery Trust	18.02
Interest on Fletcher Park Trust Fund	2.42
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	112.51
Balance in Checkbook 12-31-2023	8.57
TOTAL EXP & CASH ON HAND	121.08

TRUST FUND AGREEMENT – 2023

T.P. Judd Trust Fund	\$1,090.80
School District Trust Fund	\$526.58
Alice M. W. Library Trust Fund	\$3,556.73
Church Trust Fund	\$325.02
Village Cemetery Trust Fund	\$12,382.28
Alice Hunt Cemetery Trust Fund	\$22,149.74
South Canaan Cemetery Trust Fund	\$7,522.94
Fletcher Park Trust Fund	\$984.65
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$48,538.74
Adjustment to Correct Computer Error in 2022	(\$105.34)
TOTAL ADJUSTED TRUST FUNDS	\$48,433.40

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Dencie Cunningham
Noreen Labrecque
Solange Poulin

REAPPRAISAL ACCOUNT - 2023**RECEIPTS:**

Cash on Hand 01-01-2023	\$ 15,181.44
State of Vermont Reimbursement	\$ -
Savings Interest	\$ 223.21
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$ 15,404.65

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Selectboard Orders	\$
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$

Expenditures - 2023	\$
Cash on Hand 12-31-2023	\$ 15,404.65
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$ 15,404.65

CEMETERY STONE ACCOUNT -2023**RECEIPTS:**

Cash on Hand 01-01-2023	\$ 3,250.99
Village Cemetery Sign Donation	\$ 1,850.00
Savings Interest	\$ 15.90
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$ 5,116.89

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Selectboard Orders	\$ 1,771.46
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,771.46

Expenditures - 2023	\$ 1,771.46
Cash on Hand 12-31-2023	\$ 3,345.43
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$ 5,116.89

Listers' Report- 2023

In 2023, the board of listers' saw the addition of Noreen Labrecque to their ranks and will be saying goodbye to Richard Dennis Jr. who is not seeking reelection after seven years of service.

Moving forward into 2024, the board of listers will continue to work with Jean Wilson to accomplish the updates to parcels and property valuations and timely lodging of the Grand list.

The following breakdown is a summary of the 2023 Canaan Municipal Grand List for your information (includes all taxable parcels):

Property Type	# of Parcels	Listed Value
Residential	404	69,495,000
Mobile Homes	38	2,229,600
Seasonal/Camps	74	10,923,300
Commercial/Industrial	28	11,850,100
Utilities	6	6,992,200
Farms	7	3,034,000
Open Land	102	7,687,800
Totals	659	\$112,212,000
Less Exemptions*		(\$3,886,940)
Total Grand List		\$108,321,000

*Exemptions Include: Current Use: \$3,791,000 & Veterans: \$100,000

Town Residents are reminded to file their Homestead Declaration (Form HS122) by April 15, 2024. For more information or to file online, visit www.tax.vermont.gov.

**HIGHWAY ACCOUNT
TREASURER'S REPORT
Zachary Brown, Treasurer**

RECEIPTS - 2023

Balance on Hand 01-01-2023	\$ 367,675.22
Apportionment of Taxes	\$ 278,704.00
ARPA Highway Reimbursement	\$ 15,000.00
State Aid to Highways	\$ 34,898.48
State Aid to Highways- Prepayment	\$ 18,493.37
Hall Stream Bridge Grant	\$ 149,259.60
Road Permit Fees	\$ 160.00
Grant In Aid	\$ 12,500.00
Highway Department Services	\$ 200.00
Savings Interest	\$ 4,217.06
Sale of Equipment	\$ 200.00
T.P. Judd Trust Fund	\$ 2.67
Shared Operator	\$ 62,939.88
Capital Reserve Transfer	\$ -
Due to Canaan General Account	\$ 60.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	<u><u>\$ 944,310.28</u></u>

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectboard Orders - 2023	\$ 498,491.95
Savings Account Balance 12-31-2023	\$ 445,818.33
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	<u><u>\$ 944,310.28</u></u>

HIGHWAY CAPITAL RESERVE

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand 01-01-2023	\$ 40,883.77
Savings Interest - 2023	\$ 562.01
Capital Reserve Transfer	\$ 20,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	<u><u>\$ 61,445.78</u></u>

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectboard Orders - 2023	\$ -
Savings Account Balance 12-31-2023	\$ 61,445.78
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	<u><u>\$ 61,445.78</u></u>

**2023 HIGHWAY ACCOUNT
SELECTBOARD DETAILED EXPENDITURES**

TOWN GARAGE:

Tools	\$ 186.21
Insurance	\$ 120.57
Maintenance-Repairs	\$ 1,065.60
Utilities	\$ 600.90

EQUIPMENT FUEL & INSURANCES

Fuel & Lubricants	\$ 13,052.49
Insurance	\$ 2,060.65
Parts & Supplies 2021 Ford 1 Ton	\$ 2,311.08
Repairs - 2021 Ford 1 Ton	\$ 851.54
Parts & Supplies - 2016 1 Ton	\$ 1,231.55
Repairs - 2016 1 Ton	\$ 2,407.00
Parts & Supplies - Backhoe	\$ 15.00
2021 Truck Lease	\$ 12,884.40
Parts & Supplies - Grader	\$ 8,294.60
Repairs - Grader	\$ 1,491.86
Hydro-seeder Maintenance	\$ 200.00

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Salaries	\$ 14,471.19
Contracted Services	\$ 7,856.79
Materials & Supplies	\$ 17,501.28
Bridges & Culverts	\$ 7,249.29
Hall Stream Bridge Project- Town Expense	\$ 17,844.40
Hall Stream Bridge Project- State Expense	\$ 149,259.60
ARPA Expenses - Class IV Highways	\$ 15,000.00
Grant In Aid - VT Expenses	\$ 12,500.00

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Salaries	\$ 17,003.75
Contracted Services	\$ 12,086.73
Materials & Supplies	\$ 17,804.42
Equipment Rental	\$ 850.00

CONSTRUCTION & RESURFACING

Contracted Services	\$ 17,212.50
Materials & Supplies	\$ 17,538.15
Better Back Roads Expenditures	\$ -

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Worker's Comp/Liability	\$ 5,893.38
Health Insurance	\$ 26,057.15
Life Insurance	\$ 417.97
FICA	\$ 2,208.65
Employer Retirement Share	\$ 4,880.33
Administration	\$ 3,014.05
Signs	\$ 316.39
Mileage	\$ 20.00
State Fees	\$ 1,765.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 27.60
Transfer To Capital Reserve	\$ 20,000.00

TOTAL SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY ORDERS	<u>\$ 435,552.07</u>
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**2024 HIGHWAY
PROPOSED BUDGET**

	FY2022	FY2023	FY2023	FY2024
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
01-011-10 TOWN GARAGE				
01-011-1000 UTILITIES	\$ 841.76	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.90	\$ 1,000.00
01-011-1001 REPAIRS	\$ 103.42	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
01-011-1002 TOOLS	\$ 379.69	\$ 300.00	\$ 186.21	\$ 500.00
01-011-1003 GARAGE INSURANCE	\$ 122.37	\$ 150.00	\$ 120.57	\$ 146.00
01-011-1004 MAINTENANCE	\$ 684.99	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,065.60	\$ -
	\$ 2,132.23	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 1,973.28	\$ 3,646.00
01-011-11 EQUIPMENT				
01-011-1100 2021 FORD OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 170.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 851.54	\$ 2,500.00
01-011-1101 2021 FORD PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$ 902.08	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,311.08	\$ 2,500.00
01-011-1102 FUEL & LUBRICANTS	\$ 13,383.26	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,052.49	\$ 15,000.00
01-011-1104 CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
01-011-1105 EQUIPMENT INSURANCE	\$ 1,897.92	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,060.65	\$ 2,350.00
01-011-1106 BACKHOE OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
01-011-1107 BACKHOE PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 36.38	\$ 750.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 750.00
01-011-1108 GRADER OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,491.86	\$ 1,000.00
01-011-1109 GRADER PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,768.53	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,294.60	\$ 5,000.00
01-011-1110 NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
01-011-1111 2016- 1 TON OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 2,877.67	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,407.00	\$ 2,500.00
01-011-1112 2016- 1 TON PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,541.64	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,231.55	\$ 2,500.00
01-011-1115 HYDROSEEDER MAINTENANCE	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
01-011-1116 BACKHOE LEASE	\$ 17,555.58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
01-011-1117 TRUCK LEASE	\$ 12,884.40	\$ 12,884.00	\$ 12,884.40	\$ 12,885.00
	\$ 73,217.46	\$ 72,434.00	\$ 64,800.17	\$ 67,185.00
01-011-12 SUMMER MAINTENANCE				
01-011-1200 SALARIES	\$ 26,493.00	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 14,471.19	\$ 30,975.00
01-011-1201 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 5,480.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,856.79	\$ 10,000.00
01-011-1202 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,048.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,501.28	\$ 250.00
01-011-1203 BRIDGES & CULVERTS	\$ 10,915.93	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,249.29	\$ 7,500.00
01-011-1204 HALL STREAM BRDG PROJECT	\$ 5,868.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 17,844.40	\$ -
01-011-1205 HALL STREAM BRDG- STATE AID	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,259.60	\$ -
01-011-1212 ARPA HGWY EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
01-011-1213 GRANT IN AID- VT EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
	\$ 49,804.93	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 241,682.55	\$ 65,725.00
01-011-13 WINTER MAINTENANCE				
01-011-1300 SALARIES	\$ 37,207.85	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 17,003.75	\$ 44,100.00
01-011-1301 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 11,896.73	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,086.73	\$ 15,000.00
01-011-1302 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 6,925.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 17,804.42	\$ 12,000.00
01-011-1303 EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$ 1,381.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ 57,411.08	\$ 71,000.00	\$ 47,744.90	\$ 73,100.00
01-011-14 CONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING				
01-011-1401 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 17,212.50	\$ 25,000.00
01-011-1402 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 19,806.44	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 17,538.15	\$ 25,000.00
01-011-1403 BETTER BACK ROADS	\$ 29,481.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
01-011-1404 RIVER RD PAVING- STATE AID	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108,000.00
	\$ 55,687.57	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 34,750.65	\$ 178,000.00

**2024 HIGHWAY
PROPOSED BUDGET**

	FY2022	FY2023	FY2023	FY2024
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
01-011-15 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION EXP				
01-011-1500 WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION	\$ 4,666.22	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,205.09	\$ 6,200.00
01-011-1501 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 23,888.07	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 26,057.15	\$ 28,000.00
01-011-1502 LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 321.82	\$ 350.00	\$ 417.97	\$ 400.00
01-011-1503 HIGHWAY MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ 27.60	\$ 100.00
01-011-1504 LIABILITY	\$ 618.31	\$ 700.00	\$ 688.29	\$ 775.00
01-011-1505 FICA/CHILD CARE TAX	\$ 4,874.11	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 2,208.65	\$ 6,100.00
01-011-1506 ADMINISTRATION	\$ 8,405.38	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,014.05	\$ 4,000.00
01-011-1507 EMPLOYER RETIREMENT SHARE	\$ 4,021.31	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,880.33	\$ 5,200.00
01-011-1509 HIGHWAY MILEAGE	\$ 3.48	\$ 200.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 200.00
01-011-1510 HIGHWAY EDUCATION	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
01-011-1512 SIGNS	\$ 397.73	\$ 500.00	\$ 316.39	\$ 500.00
01-011-1513 STATE FEES	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,765.00	\$ 1,800.00
	\$ 48,546.43	\$ 49,375.00	\$ 44,600.52	\$ 53,375.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	\$ 286,799.70	\$ 313,959.00	\$ 435,552.07	\$ 441,031.00
HIGHWAY REVENUES	FY2022	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
01-010-1084 PROPERTY TAX APPROPRIATION	\$ 275,199.98	\$ 278,704.00	\$ 278,704.00	\$ 246,178.00
01-010-1212 ARPA HGWY REIMBURSEMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
01-010-1401 STATE AID TO HIGHWAYS	\$ 36,324.55	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 34,898.48	\$ 18,000.00
01-010-1407 BETTER BACK ROADS GRANT	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
01-010-1410 HALL STREAM BRIDGE GRANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,259.60	\$ -
01-010-1411 GRANT-IN-AID - ST OF VT	\$ 6,700.00	\$ -	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
01-010-1412 STATE AID PREPAYMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,493.37	\$ -
01-010-1413 RIVER RD PAVING GRANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108,000.00
01-010-1501 HIGHWAY DEPT SERVICES	\$ 85.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
01-010-1602 HIGHWAY INTEREST	\$ 1,477.57	\$ -	\$ 3,745.04	\$ 1,500.00
01-010-1606 ROAD PERMIT FEES	\$ 170.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 150.00
01-010-1611 TP JUDD TRUST INT.	\$ 3.24	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.67	\$ 3.00
01-010-1613 TRANSFER FROM CAP RESERVE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UNEXPENDED HGWY FUNDS- PRIOR YEAR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,365.59	\$ 30,000.00
	\$ 339,960.34	\$ 313,959.00	\$ 514,328.75	\$ 441,031.00
2023 HIGHWAY TAX RATE - 0.2569				
2024 SUGGESTED TAX RATE - 0.2273				
Grand List \$ 1,083,210.00				

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

Library Director's Report 2023

2023 brought a host of changes to our beloved library. We were very fortunate to accomplish many improvements to our building. Much needed handrails were replaced or installed where required, new fire extinguishers were purchased, new concrete sidewalks were laid down, and overgrown bushes removed. The library foyer was updated with sheetrock and fresh paint, a new fuel tank with concrete slab installed, energy smart Window Dressers window inserts purchased as well as fluorescent lightbulbs being replaced with LED throughout the building. Our patrons were treated to new public computer tables and chairs which have made their space more comfortable to work in. And lastly, work on the AWML website will allow browsers to navigate it with ease – please take a look! There were a number of individuals who made these goals attainable and a heartfelt thank you goes out to them: Jacques Belair, Norm Hiddemen, Tardiff Plumbing and Heating, Cunningham Logging and Excavation, Diana Rancourt, and the Diversified Agricultural Program at Canaan School.

A variety of educational and fun programs were offered to area residents throughout the year. “Big Trees of Northern New England” and a “Bee Pollinator” program caught the attention of those who love the outdoors and the Tiny Art Show, basket weaving, and a basic needle and thread workshop for children fulfilled creative voids in others. We hosted an Apple, Cheese and Cider Social, a 1950's/1960's Fashion Show and the Historical Society's Holiday Wassail Party for those who like to gather and socialize. Our tried and true “Go Ask Alice” Book Club, Fiber Friends, and yearly Book Sale continued in their time slots with favorable attendance. Reading to and introducing new books to the Canaan elementary school children and Children's Playgroup on Thursday mornings were favorite programs of the younger generations. Our community participation in “Trunk or Treat” and “Pumpkins in The Park” provided great outreach and fun for the library and residents of all ages alike.

We were sorry to say goodbye to our library director, Sharon Ellingwood White, who so adeptly managed the library during her time here. Her hard work and dynamic personality will be missed by all. Our new library director, Cindy Smythe, is settling in and enjoying the amazing little town of Canaan, its townspeople and of course Alice M. Ward Memorial Library. She hopes to keep AWML on its onward and upward course!

Each year brings new challenges and goals. Some of these have to do with the overall upkeep of our building and others the daily smooth workings of our library. But, however large or small, all undertakings are approached and completed with our patron's library experience being first priority. Come and visit our warm, welcoming historical building, browse through the many books that are continually being updated, and don't hesitate to ask us for assistance in finding what you are looking for – we love to help!

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Smythe

AWML Library Director

**ALICE M WARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY
TREASURER REPORT - 2023**

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand 01-01-2023	\$	127,862.27
Property Tax Appropriation	\$	85,437.00
Donations	\$	6,030.15
Trust Fund	\$	8.76
VT Library Grant	\$	300.00
NNLM/UMASS Grant	\$	2,000.00
BLDG Bright Futures Grant	\$	500.00
Winnie Belle Grant	\$	500.00
Misc., fax, copies, book sales	\$	-
Savings Interest	\$	1,410.66
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$	224,048.84

EXPENDITURES

Library Salaries	\$	41,866.58
FICA	\$	3,185.99
Postage & Fees	\$	1,517.74
Administration Expenses	\$	647.60
Programming	\$	1,806.31
Book, Magazine Sub, DVDs	\$	9,975.22
Materials & Supplies Professional	\$	4,533.25
Development Building Prop.	\$	360.13
Insurance Workers Comp.	\$	1,957.44
Tillotson Grant	\$	698.56
VT Libraries Grant	\$	3,242.26
NNLM/UMASS Grant	\$	300.00
BLDG Bright Futures Grant	\$	2,000.00
Winnie Belle Grant	\$	293.02
BUILDING	\$	443.00
Telephone		
Electricity	\$	594.63
Water & Sewer	\$	1,690.12
Maintenance	\$	692.00
Fuel	\$	677.48
Internet	\$	3,978.39
Building Repairs & Supplies Prior	\$	1,080.00
Year Surplus Exp- Building	\$	1,572.77
Miscellaneous	\$	14,791.10
TOTAL EXPENDITURES Cash	\$	330.10
on Hand 12-31-2023	\$	98,233.69
Due to/Due from	\$	125,980.02
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND 12-31-2023	\$	(164.87)
	\$	224,048.84

ALICE M WARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY				
2024 Proposed Budget				
Expenditures				
Acct No	Classification	2023 Proposed	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
	Library Operations			
07-071-1701	Salaries	\$ 46,100.00	\$ 41,866.58	\$ 46,100.00
07-071-1703	FICA	\$ 3,530.00	\$ 3,185.99	\$ 3,530.00
07-071-1707	Materials & Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,533.25	\$ 3,000.00
07-071-1708	Programming	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,806.31	\$ 3,000.00
07-071-1709	Books & Subscriptions	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,563.39	\$ 10,000.00
07-071-1710	Postage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,517.74	\$ 1,400.00
07-071-1720	Administration Exp.	\$ 350.00	\$ 647.60	\$ 350.00
07-071-1721	Building Prop. Ins.	\$ 1,958.00	\$ 1,957.44	\$ 2,709.00
07-071-1722	Workers Comp.	\$ 699.00	\$ 698.56	\$ 487.00
07-071-1743	DVDs	\$ 500.00	\$ 411.83	\$ 300.00
07-071-1744	Professional Devel.	\$ 500.00	\$ 360.13	\$ 500.00
	Total Library Operations	\$ 70,837.00	\$ 66,548.82	\$ 71,376.00
	BUILDING			
07-071-2001	Telephone/Fax	\$ 600.00	\$ 594.63	\$ 600.00
07-071-2002	Electricity	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,690.12	\$ 2,000.00
07-071-2003	Water & Sewer	\$ 700.00	\$ 692.00	\$ 700.00
07-071-2004	Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 677.48	\$ 1,500.00
07-071-2005	Fuel	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,978.39	\$ 6,500.00
07-071-2007	Internet	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 1,000.00
07-071-2009	Bldg. Repair & Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,572.77	\$ 2,500.00
	Total Building	\$ 14,600.00	\$ 10,285.39	\$ 14,800.00
	Sub Total Expenditure	\$ 85,437.00	\$ 76,834.21	\$ 86,176.00
	Expenses: Grants & Donations			
07-071-2214	Donations	\$ -	\$ 3,242.26	\$ -
07-071-2217	VT Libraries Grant	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
07-071-2222	UMASS Grant	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
07-071-2223	Building Bright Futures	\$ -	\$ 293.02	\$ -
07-071-2224	Winnie Belle Grant	\$ -	\$ 443.00	\$ -
07-071-3003	Amazon Credit Card	\$ -	\$ 330.10	\$ -
07-071-2023	Prior Years Surplus	\$ -	\$ 14,791.10	\$ -
	Total Exp. Grants & Donations	\$ -	\$ 21,399.48	\$ -
	Total Expenditures	\$ 85,437.00	\$ 98,233.69	\$ 86,176.00
	2024 Proposed Revenues			
07-070-1084	Property Tax Appropriation	\$ 85,437.00	\$ 85,437.00	\$ 86,176.00
07-070-2023	Prior Years Surplus	\$ -	\$ 2,047.12	\$ -
07-070-1502	Donations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,030.15	\$ -
07-070-1503	Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ 8.76	\$ -
07-070-1602	Savings Interest	\$ -	\$ 1,410.66	\$ -
07-070-2217	VT Libraries Grant	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
07-070-2222	UMASS Grant	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
07-070-2223	Building Bright Futures	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
07-070-2224	Winnie Belle Grant	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	Total Revenues	\$ 90,437.00	\$ 98,233.69	\$ 86,176.00
	2023 Tax Rate :	\$ 0.0788		
	2024 Suggested Tax Rate:	\$ 0.0800		
	Grand List:	\$ 1,083,210.00		

Wastewater Operator's Report

April Busfield, Chief Operator

Wastewater Treatment Facility has been operational for nine years. The upgrade provides the towns of Canaan and Stewartstown, NH, with a state-of-the-art, reliable wastewater treatment facility that meets stringent Effluent Discharge limits to the Connecticut River and allows for a more efficient treatment process. The rules and regulations VT DEC and EPA set are getting stricter every year, and we continue to meet their requirements. The influent screening and grit removal processes extend the life of the treatment facility components, and septage receiving provides service to the other residents of the town that are not on public sewer. Our facility is permitted to accept six thousand gallons per day. We are due for a new permit, and where our facility handles that limit so well, we are asking for an increase to better serve the public. If residents of the two towns do not reach the limit in a day, we can accept Septage from other towns and bring in revenue to offset facility costs. Last year alone, the income from out-of-town Septage was about \$64,000, \$34,500 of which was used to offset Canaan's wastewater budget.

There is a flushable wipe pandemic across the country, affecting us here in Canaan. Please do not flush these down your sewers or septic systems. Just because it will flow down the toilet does not mean it will not clog pipes or hurt your septic system. Because of this problem, in 2019, an upgrade was approved to install rag-eating pumps and a new septage receiving system at the treatment plant that takes out dirt and rags from our system. Both systems are operational and take care of the infrastructure at the plant. However, the pump stations must get water to the plant. We have been having issues at multiple stations and have spent thousands of dollars that were not necessary. We do not want to install rag-eating pumps at the pump stations as these pumps cost much more than regular ones. PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH "FLUSHABLE" wipes down the drain.

Because of the increased cost of operation starting quarter two, sewer charges will be going from \$55 to \$65 a quarter.

If you have any questions or concerns, the Joint Commission meets at 5:30 pm quarterly on the second Tuesday of January, April, July, and October (The January and July meetings are in Canaan, and the April and October meetings are in West Stewartstown) or you may come to a selectmen's meeting every other Monday at 6:00 pm. Also, feel free to contact me at 802-266-7723 with your questions or to schedule a tour.

April Busfield, Chief Operator

**WASTEWATER ACCOUNT
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Zachary Brown, Treasurer

Billed for Collection - 2023	\$ 193,574.34
Billed interest - 01-01-2023	\$ 145.63
TOTAL BILLED	\$ 193,719.97

Collected 2023	\$ 187,438.99
Arrears Collectable - 12-31-2023	\$ 6,280.98
TOTALS	\$ 193,719.97

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand 01-01-2023	\$ 136,672.01
Utility Collections - 2023	\$ 181,412.78
Interest from Delinquents	\$ 329.93
Interest from Savings	\$ 992.85
Utility Credits	\$ 1,672.82
West Stewartstown O & M	\$ 80,985.60
Sewer Connection Fee	\$ -
Treatment Processing	\$ 63,737.76
USDA Grant	\$ -
Septage Charges	\$ 13,220.02
Shared Operator FD#1 & FD#2	\$ 20,597.86
Sewer Miscellaneous	\$ 3,639.60
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH	\$ 503,261.23

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Sewer Orders	\$ 467,366.68
Cash on Hand 12-31-2023	\$ 35,894.55
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 503,261.23

& CASH ON HAND

\$ -

SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand 1-1-2023	\$ 160,086.38
Capital Reserve Entitlement	\$ 22,183.00
Capital Reserve Savings Int.	\$ 2,116.77
TOTAL RECEIPTS &	\$ 184,386.15

CASH ON HAND

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Selectboard Orders	\$ 10,148.51
Savings Balance 12-31-2023	\$ 174,237.64
TOTAL EXP. & CASH ON HAND \$	\$ 184,386.15

**WASTEWATER ACCOUNT
DETAILED EXPENDITURES**

Sewer Plant Expenses:

Salaries	\$ 116,581.52
FICA	\$ 8,748.51
Employer Share Retirement	\$ 4,993.49
Heat & Utilities	\$ 41,031.60
Repairs	\$ 9,040.80
Materials & Supplies	\$ 8,241.70
Plant Insurance	\$ 1,929.14
Contracted Labor & Equip	\$ 13,630.27
Lab Equipment	\$ 4,235.24
Health Insurance	\$ 37,708.37
Life Insurance	\$ 251.39
Mileage for Samples	\$ -
Generator Fuel	\$ 323.00
Mowing	\$ 2,094.60
Sludge Disposal	\$ 400.00
Workmen's Comp/Liability	\$ 2,684.66
WS Portion of Septage	\$ 27,048.81
Commissioner's Fees	\$ 900.00
USDA Loan #2	\$ 9,736.00
Muffin Monster Maint.	\$ 3,500.00

Sewer Collection System:

Utilities	\$ 7,766.45
Repairs	\$ 5,682.00
Mileage	\$ 1,049.83
Contracted Labor /Equip	\$ 27,805.11
Legal Fees	\$ 600.00
Administrative Expenses	\$ 4,364.07
New Equipment	\$ 15,668.38
Materials & Supplies	\$ 1,130.39
Generator Fuel for Stations	\$ 554.06
Operator Education	\$ 100.00
Capital Reserve Allotment	\$ 18,683.00
Sewer Capital Reserve Exp	\$ 11,847.00
USDA Loan	\$ 65,988.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 454,317.39

**TOWN OF CANAAN - WASTEWATER
2024 PROPOSED BUDGET**

PROJECTED EXPENDITURES - 2024				
	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
02-021-10 SEWER PLANT EXPENSE				
02-021-1000 SALARIES	\$ 65,354.38	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 116,581.52	\$ 77,600.00
02-021-1001 HEAT & UTILITIES	\$ 39,066.20	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 39,068.90	\$ 45,000.00
02-021-1002 REPAIRS	\$ 7,135.08	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 9,040.80	\$ 7,000.00
02-021-1003 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 5,788.92	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,241.70	\$ 6,000.00
02-021-1004 LAB EQUIPMENT/TESTS	\$ 3,578.29	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,235.24	\$ 4,000.00
02-021-1005 PLANT INSURANCE	\$ 1,806.99	\$ 1,930.00	\$ 1,929.14	\$ 2,003.00
02-021-1006 CONTRACTED LABOR	\$ 17,090.84	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 12,830.37	\$ 20,000.00
02-021-1007 CONTRACTED EQUIPMENT	\$ 660.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 700.00
02-021-1008 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,804.64	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
02-021-1010 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 31,250.26	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 37,708.37	\$ 40,250.00
02-021-1011 LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 321.80	\$ 350.00	\$ 251.39	\$ 350.00
02-021-1012 WORK COMP	\$ 2,470.42	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,684.66	\$ 1,920.00
02-021-1013 LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00
02-021-1014 SEWER COMMISSIONER FEES	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
02-021-1015 EMPLOYER RETIREMENT SHARE	\$ 3,862.68	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,993.49	\$ 5,200.00
02-021-1017 LEGAL FEES	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00
02-021-1018 MILEAGE FOR SAMPLES	\$ 24.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-021-1019 GENERATOR FUEL	\$ 244.14	\$ 500.00	\$ 323.00	\$ 500.00
02-021-1020 HEAT/PELLETS	\$ 1,901.64	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,962.70	\$ 2,200.00
02-021-1080 AERATION SYSTEM	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
02-021-1081 MOWING	\$ 920.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,094.60	\$ 2,000.00
02-021-1082 USDA 2ND LOAN	\$ 9,736.00	\$ 9,736.00	\$ 9,736.00	\$ 9,736.00
02-021-1092 FICA/CHILD CARE TAX	\$ 4,998.04	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 8,748.51	\$ 6,400.00
02-021-1094 SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 18,683.00	\$ 18,683.00	\$ 18,683.00	\$ 18,683.00
02-021-1095 STEW. PORTION BOLENS	\$ 31,624.38	\$ -	\$ 27,048.81	\$ 27,600.00
02-021-1097 GRIT DISPOSAL	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
02-021-1098 NEW BUILDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-021-1099 MUFFIN MONSTER MAINT.	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
TOTAL PLANT	\$ 252,922.64	\$ 254,599.00	\$ 314,862.20	\$ 286,142.00
Sewer Collection System				
02-021-1100 UTILITIES	\$ 5,367.16	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,766.45	\$ 6,400.00
02-021-1101 REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,682.00	\$ 2,000.00
02-021-1102 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,381.72	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,130.29	\$ 1,000.00
02-021-1103 CONTRACTED LABOR	\$ 10,203.39	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,805.11	\$ 25,000.00
02-021-1104 MILEAGE CHECKING PUMPS	\$ 841.78	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,049.83	\$ 1,000.00
02-021-1106 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 15,668.38	\$ 10,000.00
02-021-1107 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	\$ 9,601.04	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,364.07	\$ 6,000.00
02-021-1108 OPERATOR EDUCATION	\$ 91.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
02-021-1109 CONTRACTED EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-021-1110 GEN. FUEL FOR PUMP STATION	\$ 325.85	\$ 400.00	\$ 554.06	\$ 500.00
02-021-1111 SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE EXP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,847.00	\$ 20,000.00
02-021-12 DEBT SERVICE				
02-021-1201 USDA LOAN	\$ 65,988.00	\$ 65,988.00	\$ 65,988.00	\$ 65,988.00
02-021-1600 ENGINEERING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-021-1603 WWTP PROJECT LEGAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-021-1604 TREATMENT PLANT MISC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$ 93,799.94	\$ 121,888.00	\$ 141,955.19	\$ 138,038.00
TOTAL PLANT & COLLECTION	\$ 346,722.58	\$ 376,487.00	\$ 456,817.39	\$ 424,180.00

**TOWN OF CANAAN - WASTEWATER
2024 PROPOSED BUDGET**

PROJECTED REVENUES - 2024				
	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
02-020-1500 TAX SALE COLLECTOR'S FEE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160.62	\$ -
02-020-1501 SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1502 SEWER QUARTERLY CHARGES	\$ 175,334.39	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 181,412.78	\$ 189,000.00
02-020-1503 SEWER CHARGES - W. STEW	\$ 80,338.71	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 80,985.60	\$ 125,000.00
02-020-1504 MISC FEES/CHARGES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1505 UTILITY INTEREST CHARGES	\$ 147.93	\$ -	\$ 165.51	\$ 150.00
02-020-1507 UTILITY CREDIT	\$ 1,805.63	\$ -	\$ 1,672.82	\$ -
02-020-1508 SEPTAGE CHARGES	\$ 13,581.87	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,220.02	\$ 13,500.00
02-020-1602 INT. & DIVIDENDS - SEWER	\$ 863.55	\$ 600.00	\$ 953.92	\$ 800.00
02-020-1605 SEPTAGE REVENUES	\$ 68,748.64	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 63,737.76	\$ 64,000.00
02-020-1609 MISCELLANEOUS - SEWER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,639.60	\$ -
02-020-1610 SEWER REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1710 COMM NATL BK - USDA REIM.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1752 USDA GRANT FUNDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1752 USDA GRANT FUNDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AMOUNT FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,847.00	\$ 20,000.00
UNEXPENDED SEWER FUNDS	\$ -	\$ 49,387.00	\$ 99,182.38	\$ 11,730.00
	\$ 342,820.72	\$ 376,487.00	\$ 456,817.39	\$ 424,180.00

2023

DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

DELINQUENT SEPTAGE CHARGES 2023

Benoit, Jonathan & Lenore	\$	100.50	Kimball, Harry Jr. & Joette	\$	456.53
Biron, Austin	\$	100.50	Kimball, Robert	\$	456.53
*	\$	50.00	Linnell, Helen	\$	201.50
Brockney, Kevin	\$	456.53	Locke, Joshua	\$	456.53
Burrill, Michael	\$	303.51	Mannino, Michael	\$	456.53
Cairns, Jacklyn Estate of	\$	100.50	Maurais, Denis	\$	151.00
Couture, Robert	\$	355.53	Maurais, Raymond & Aleda	\$	100.50
Daniels, Peter & Thomas	\$	201.50	Maybury, Dale	\$	245.17
Dennis, Leonard Jr.	\$	456.53	McCaskill, Pat	\$	456.53
Favreau, David	\$	50.00	Mccomiskey, Robert	\$	100.50
Finer Farms LLC	\$	456.53	McGuire, Kevin	\$	50.00
Fulton, Robert	\$	50.00	Morton, Frank	\$	50.00
Gobeil, Rene	\$	201.50	Nelson, Cyril (x3)	\$	453.00
Godin, Matthew	\$	50.00	Norris, Richard	\$	456.53
Graves, Garrett III	\$	50.00	O'Neil, Joshua & Nicole	\$	50.00
Groh, Russell	\$	50.00	Phinney, Bruce & Suzanne	\$	456.53
Guay, Kenneth & Sarah	\$	50.00	Plumer Estate	\$	151.00
Guilbault, Gary	\$	201.50	Sweatt, Jacob	\$	50.00
Hammond, Richard	\$	50.00	Taggart, Christian	\$	49.50
Hoyt, David	\$	100.50	Tyler, Danielle	\$	303.51
Keyser, Arthur	\$	201.50	TOTAL DELINQUENT SEPTAGE	\$	8,788.02

DELINQUENT SEWER CHARGES 2023

Blanchard, Linda	\$	146.06	*	\$	665.00
Bouchard, Jacques	\$	95.00	Lakin, Wendell & Valerie	\$	95.00
Bower, James	\$	95.00	Marchand, Jonathan	\$	95.00
Burns, Kenneth Estate of	\$	1,826.85	Marquis, Mario	\$	95.00
Ciranni, Anthony & Melissa	\$	95.00	Mccomiskey, Robert	\$	95.00
Cormier, Daniel	\$	190.95	O'Dell, Brett	\$	95.00
Doyon, Yvan	\$	95.00	Orr, Kenneth & Linda	\$	95.00
Fairhead, Chelsea	\$	140.45	Pauquette, Christopher	\$	55.63
Falconer, Amy	\$	95.00	*	\$	176.52
*	\$	95.00	*	\$	95.00
Fontaine, Sarah	\$	95.00	Roy, Anna	\$	117.03
Frontier Eu LLC, Local Scoop	\$	95.00	Spencer, Joanne	\$	95.95
Goodwin, Dale Sr.	\$	95.00	*	\$	190.95
*	\$	190.95	Uran, Mary Ellen Estate of	\$	108.29
Houle, Benoit & Deborah	\$	285.95	Uran, Mary Ellen Estate of	\$	76.98
Inkel, Paul & Samantha	\$	95.00	*	\$	190.00
Johnson, Daniel	\$	95.00	Wheeler, Suzanne Estate of	\$	95.00

TOTAL DELINQUENT SEWER \$ 6,262.56

TOTAL DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS \$ 15,050.58 * Paid After 12-31-2023

2023 CANAAN REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand 01-01-2023 (Checking Account)	\$	18.75	
Cash on Hand 01-01-2023 (Savings Account)	\$	432,747.63	
My Maple, LLC	\$	30,917.37	
Gloria Jackson Loan	\$	-	Paid in Full 2022
Squeegee Printers Loan	\$	-	Paid in Full 2022
Cunningham Full Service Loan	\$	22,766.76	
Richard Marchesseault	\$	9,617.07	
Grand Bois Du Nord	\$	17,004.48	
Grand Bois Du Nord 2nd loan	\$	4,792.80	
Application Fees	\$	100.00	
Savings Interest	\$	6,156.46	

TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$	524,121.32
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EXPENDITURES:

Advertisements	\$	36.00
Paid Revolving Loan Committee Orders - 2023	\$	36.00
Cash in Savings/Sweep 12-31-2023 (Bangor Bank)	\$	524,085.32
Cash in Checking 12-31-2023 (Bangor Bank)	\$	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$	524,121.32

TOWN OF CANAAN REVOLVING LOAN FUND

As many of you are aware, the Town of Canaan received a \$750,000 Community Development Grant in 1996. The Town loaned this money (less some management and administrative costs) to Ethan Allen, Inc. of Beecher Falls to erect a new building and purchase machinery and equipment. Ethan Allen paid this money back in full in 2011 and we have deposited these payments in a Revolving Loan Fund. Loans are available to qualified businesses and individuals who need funding for projects that benefit the community. Information and applications are available at the Town Office.

If you are planning a start-up or expanding an existing business and can meet our criteria, our Revolving Loan Fund might be a valuable opportunity for you. The fund considers and grants loans without regard to race, creed, color, gender, handicap or ethnic origin.

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1
Noreen Labrecque, Treasurer

Report of the
Canaan Fire District #1

Water Utility Billed - 2023	\$ 117,658.50
Billed interest	\$ 67.12
TOTAL BILLED - 2023	\$ 117,725.62

Water Rents Collected - 2023	\$ 116,372.67
Water Rent Arrears 12-31-2023	\$ 1,352.95
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 117,725.62

RECEIPTS:

Balance - 01-01-2023	\$ 34,243.32
2023 Water Rents Collected	\$ 118,062.79
2023 Water Rents Penalties	\$ 77.18
Utilities Credit	\$ 1,991.07
Connect/Disconnect	\$ 150.00
Savings Interest	\$ 327.57
Unexpended Funds	\$ -
Capital Reserve transfer	\$ 25,771.06
ARPA Funds	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 180,622.99
& CASH ON HAND	

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Prudential Orders	\$ 162,385.41
Cash on Hand 12-31-2023	\$ 18,237.58
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 180,622.99
& CASH ON HAND	

WATER CAPITAL RESERVE

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand 01-01-2023	\$ 54,473.45
Savings interest 2023	\$ 564.15
Transfer from FD #1	\$ 5,000.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 60,037.60
& CASH ON HAND	

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Fire District #1 Orders	\$ 25,771.06
Savings Balance 12-31-2023	\$ 34,266.54

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 60,037.60
& CASH ON HAND	

2023 was another good year for Fire District #1. With the completion of the Cook Street project, we have now upgraded nearly all water mains throughout the district. We would like to thank James Belknap for his work and dedication on the project, as well as April Busfield, Brian Bissonnette, Kevin McKinnon, and Chester Smart for their continued work in maintaining the water system.

We again passed all inspections and tests this year, and the results will be published in the annual Consumer Confidence Report which comes out in July. Copies will be available at the Town Office once it is published.

With the rising cost of supplies and parts, we have been forced to raise our water rates in order to balance the budget. Notices with details on the rate increase were included with the last water bills that were mailed. If you have any questions or concerns, the Fire District #1 Prudential Committee holds their bi-monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, starting on March 13th, 2024.

Canaan Fire District #1
Prudential Committee

Jeffery Richards, Chairman
Jeremy Labrecque
Alfred Buckley

April Busfield, Chief Operator
Brian Bissonnette, Asst. Operator

**FD1 PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
DETAILED EXPENDITURES
2023**

Fire District #1:

Commissioner Fees	\$	900.00
Operator Salaries	\$	15,740.97
Operator Mileage	\$	1,116.95
Operator Education Costs	\$	83.50
FICA	\$	1,263.56
Shared Operator Health Insurance	\$	7,072.99
Shared Operator VMERS	\$	773.32
Materials & Supplies	\$	3,757.08
Contract Labor	\$	6,937.95
Administrative Expense/Petty Cash	\$	7,148.96
Workmen's Compensation & Liability	\$	1,705.60
Chemicals	\$	3,905.74
Propane	\$	1,556.88
New Equipment	\$	3,663.31
Storage Tank Expenditures	\$	292.54
Capital Reserve Transfer	\$	5,000.00
Water Project Expenses	\$	10,081.21
USDA Loan payment	\$	73,604.00
Utilities	\$	15,482.94
Pump Station Contracted Services	\$	2,297.91
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	162,385.41

**CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1
UNCOLLECTED WATER RENTS
2023**

BURNS KENNETH	\$	923.04	MARCHAND, JONATHAN	\$	49.84
CIRANNI, ANTHONY	\$	78.90	*	\$	78.00
CORMIER, DANIEL	\$	156.78	MCCOMISKEY, ROBERT	\$	73.44
FAIRHEAD, CHELSEA	\$	136.31	ORR, KENNETH/LINDA	\$	78.00
*	\$	78.00	*	\$	78.90
HUGHES, MICHAEL	\$	23.60	*	\$	84.38
JOHNSON, DANIEL	\$	83.90	ROY, ANNA	\$	78.00
*	\$	349.02	SPENCER, JOANNE	\$	78.78
LAKIN, WENDELL	\$	87.62	WHEELER, SUZANNE	\$	48.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ 2,564.51

*PAID AFTER 12-31-2023

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1 PROPOSED BUDGET - 2024				
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE	YR 2022	YR 2023	YR 2023	YR 2024
	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
11-011-0998 RETIREMENT	\$ 825.52	\$ 700.00	\$ 773.32	\$ 750.00
11-011-0999 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 7,265.92	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,072.99	\$ 7,064.00
11-011-1000 COMMISSIONER FEES	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,200.00
11-011-1002 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 2,955.15	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,757.08	\$ 3,390.00
11-011-1004 CONTRACT LABOR	\$ 5,470.75	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 6,937.95	\$ 2,200.00
11+011-1005 DISTRIBUTION CONT LABOR				\$ 3,000.00
11-011-1006 ADM. EXPENSES	\$ 7,073.89	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,087.96	\$ 7,000.00
11-011-1008 WORK COMP./PROP LIA	\$ 1,581.14	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,705.60	\$ 1,960.00
11-011-1009 FICA/MEDI	\$ 1,311.66	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,263.56	\$ 1,200.00
11-011-1010 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,907.37	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,663.61	\$ 2,500.00
11-011-1011 OPERATOR EDUCATION	\$ 55.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 83.50	\$ 200.00
11-011-1012 OPERATOR SALARY	\$ 16,245.80	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 15,740.97	\$ 13,600.00
11-011-1013 OPERATOR MILEAGE	\$ 946.18	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,116.95	\$ 1,200.00
11-011-1015 PROPANE	\$ 1,751.55	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,556.88	\$ 1,800.00
11-011-1017 STORAGE TANK UTIL.	\$ 324.35	\$ 400.00	\$ 292.54	\$ 350.00
11-011-1018 STORAGE TANK EXP				
11-011-1100 PUMP STA. UTILITIES	\$ 14,044.70	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,482.94	\$ 15,700.00
11-011-1101 PUMP STA. CONT SVC	\$ 2,927.90	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,297.91	\$ 2,000.00
11-011-1104 CHEMICALS	\$ 3,438.69	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,905.74	\$ 2,500.00
11-011-1106 USDA LOAN	\$ 73,604.00	\$ 73,604.00	\$ 73,604.00	\$ 73,604.00
11-011-1107 AUDITOR	\$ 9,500.00	\$ -		
11-011-1401 CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
11-011-1403 PETTY CASH	\$ 140.03	\$ 100.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 100.00
11-011-1408 WATER LINE REPLACE.	\$ 4,784.31			
11-011-1409 WATER LINE PROJECT	\$ 49,396.42	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,081.21	
OWED TO FD#2 - 5 YEAR PLAN				\$ 1,700.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 212,450.33	\$ 153,304.00	\$ 162,385.71	\$ 148,018.00
PROJECTED REVENUES	YR 2022	YR 2023	YR 2023	YR 2024
	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
11-010-1501 WATER CONN. FEE	\$ 100.00		\$ 150.00	
11-010-1502 WATER RENT	\$ 120,740.22	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 118,062.79	\$ 142,000.00
11-010-1505 UTILITY INTEREST	\$ 77.58		\$ 77.18	
11-010-1506 UTILITY CREDIT	\$ 847.44		\$ 1,991.07	
11-010-1602 SAVINGS INTEREST	\$ 157.15		\$ 327.57	
11-010-1609 MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 838.01			
11-010-1611 TRANSFER FR CAP RES	\$ 2,042.25	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
UNEXPENDED FD#1 FUNDS	\$ 38,251.26	\$ 18,304.00	\$ 30,301.20	\$ 6,018.00
ARPA FUNDS	\$ 49,396.42	\$ -		
SUB TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 212,450.33	\$ 153,304.00	\$ 162,909.81	\$ 148,018.00
TOTALS	\$ 212,450.33	\$ 153,304.00	\$ 162,909.81	\$ 148,018.00

REPORT OF THE FIRE DISTRICT #2

In 2023, thirty-two meters were installed and have eighty-three more to go. We contracted with New England Backflow to install the rest of the meters. You might be contacted between July 1-3 or July 8-12, 2024 to get access to your homes to install them. The Selectboard approved us to use the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to cover the costs.

Board reviewed the 2023 Well & Pump Inspection Report and was pleased that the well performance had improved from previous testing and the original has been filed. The inspection is required every five years. The board signed a Utility Relocation Agreement with the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation. The agreement is for their paving project and they will be changing three valve boxes which will take place in 2024.

Hydrant flushing is performed two times a year – once in the spring and once in the fall.

April Busfield entered the Vermont Rural Water Taste Test Contest and won and in February 2024 she will be going to Washington DC to compete in the Great American Water Taste Test representing Vermont.

Property tax bill increased due to assessment on our land property where the reservoir is located in West Stewartstown.

Due to increased costs in maintaining the Canaan Fire District #2 water system, the Prudential Committee found it necessary to increase water rates. Depending on usage, the average household will see a minimum of a \$10.00 increase per quarter in their bills beginning with the January 2024 billing cycle.

Each year, by July 1st, you can find on our Town website (<http://www.canaan-vt.org>) a short report (consumer confidence report or drinking water quality report) from your water supplier that tells where your water comes from and what's in it. If you are not able to obtain a copy on the website, please call the Town Office at 802-266-3370 to get a copy mailed to you.

We have updated our policies to include pool filling and copies of the policies can be viewed at the Town Office. The water system is required to do sampling every six months and is required to sample ten locations.

We welcome any input you may have. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. Our Canaan Fire District #2 meetings will be held every other month at 6:00 pm at the Town Office. Check town bulletin boards for scheduled dates. Minutes of prior meetings can be viewed on our Town website [canaan-vt.org](http://www.canaan-vt.org) and navigate your way to the Agenda & Meeting Minutes page and then to Fire District #2. The Fire District #2 strongly encourages residents to attend our meetings to be kept informed. If you see a suspected leak, please call 802-266-7723.

The Fire District #2 Prudential Committee members approved the 2024 Proposed Budget on Monday, January 8, 2024. We have two full-time staff, April Busfield and Brian Bissonnette. We have also two backups for emergencies, Kevin McKinnon and Chester Smart. Thank you for your hard work, we really appreciate it.

Tony Wheeler, Committee Chair
Jody Riley, Gregory D. Noyes
Canaan Fire District #2 Prudential Committee
April Busfield, Operator

FIRE DISTRICT #2 TREASURER REPORT- 2023 Diana Rancourt, Treasurer

Water Utility Billed - 2023

Total Billed	\$63,261.69
Billed Arrears - 01-01-2023	\$ 49.82
Total Billed	\$63,311.51

Water Rents Collected	\$60,569.45
Arrears Collectable - 2023	\$ 2,742.06
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$63,311.51

RECEIPTS:

Balance 01-01-2023	\$ 2,414.87
2023 Water Rents Collected	\$64,189.22
2023 Water Rents Penalties	\$ 71.14
Utility Credit	\$ 259.21
Connect/Disconnect	\$ 270.00
Interest from Savings	\$ 20.43
Reimbursement Interest on Loan	\$ 2,869.50
Transfer from Capital Reserve	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 119.51

TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$70,213.88
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EXPENDITURES:

Paid Prudential Orders Cash	\$69,703.45
on Hand 12-31-2023	\$ 510.43

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$70,213.88
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CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #2 CAPITAL RESERVE

Receipts:

Beginning balance 01-01-2023	\$14,423.25
Interest on Capital Reserve	\$ 191.73
2023 Appropriation	\$ 3,650.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$18,264.98
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Expenditures:

Paid Fire District #2 Orders	\$ -
Savings Balance 12-31-2023	\$18,264.98

TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$18,264.98
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**FD2 PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
DETAILED EXPENDITURES
2023**

	YR 2023
Fire District #2:	
Commissioner Salaries	\$ 900.00
Operator Salaries	\$ 12,535.02
Operator Mileage	\$ 1,109.45
Operator Education	\$ 83.50
Health Insurance - shared operator	\$ 6,177.03
VMERS - shared operator	\$ 650.75
Water meters	\$ -
Materials & Supplies	\$ 2,135.34
Chemicals	\$ 2,427.33
Contracted Labor & Connections	\$ 3,101.00
Administrative Expenses	\$ 4,405.57
Workmen's Comp/Liability	\$ 1,706.60
FICA	\$ 1,014.27
Utilities	\$ 2,334.33
Generators	\$ 1,364.26
Capital Reserve	\$ 3,650.00
Debt Service	\$ 25,786.00
Stewartstown Tax	\$ 323.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 69,703.45</u>

**CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #2
UNCOLLECTED 2023**

*	\$ 93.72
BERUBE, ETHAN	\$ 1,010.05
BLANCHARD, LINDA	\$ 169.08
BOLTON, JULIE	\$ 129.72
BOUCHARD, JACQUES	\$ 86.52
BOWER, JAMES	\$ 54.12
DEELY, ED	\$ 233.46
DOYON, YVAN	\$ 84.12
FALCONER, AMY	\$ 90.12
FONTAINE, SARAH	\$ 84.12
FRONTIER EU LLC, LOCAL SCOOP	\$ 84.12
GOODWIN, DALE SR.	\$ 84.12
HOULE, BENOIT	\$ 356.76
LAWTON, DAVID	\$ 84.12
*	\$ 84.12
PAQUETTE, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 84.12
ROWELL, ISAAC	\$ 93.72
URAN, MARY ELLEN EST	\$ 26.40
URAN, MARY ELLEN EST	\$ 55.23
TOTAL DELINQUENT	<u>\$ 2,987.74</u>

* PAID AFTER 12-31-2023

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #2
PROPOSED BUDGET
2024

Purpose of Expenditure		YR 2022 Expended	YR 2023 Proposed	YR 2023 Expended	YR 2024 Proposed
Fire District #2 Operations:					
12-012-0998	Retirement	\$ 538.55	\$ 600.00	\$ 650.75	\$ 750.00
12-012-0999	Operator Health Insurance	\$ 4,952.35	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,177.03	\$ 6,500.00
12-012-1000	Operator Salaries	\$ 10,034.77	\$ 11,284.40	\$ 12,535.02	\$ 13,600.00
12-012-1001	Operator Mileage	\$ 878.32	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,109.45	\$ 1,300.00
12-012-1002	Operator Education	\$ 55.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 83.50	\$ 200.00
12-012-1003	Materials & Supplies	\$ 957.24	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,135.34	\$ 5,350.00
12-012-1004	Contracted Labor/Equip	\$ 1,696.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 3,101.00	\$ 3,000.00
12-012-1005	Administrative Costs	\$ 5,094.72	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 4,405.57	\$ 5,000.00
12-012-1006	Work/Comp/Liability	\$ 1,581.14	\$ 1,705.60	\$ 1,706.60	\$ 1,950.00
12-012-1007	Utilities	\$ 4,134.55	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,334.33	\$ 2,500.00
12-012-1008	Misc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1009	FICA	\$ 836.56	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,014.27	\$ 1,200.00
12-012-1010	Generators	\$ 377.89	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,364.26	\$ 2,200.00
12-012-1012	Distribution Lines	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 825.00
12-012-1013	Storage Tank	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00
12-012-1019	Chemicals	\$ 3,407.49	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,427.33	\$ 2,500.00
12-012-1030	Commissioners Fees	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,200.00
12-012-1033	Accounting Services	\$ 9,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1045	New Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1046	Well Rehab	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1053	Water Meters	\$ 2,417.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00
12-012-1054	Legal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1055	Stewartstown Tax	\$ 178.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 323.00	\$ 323.00
12-012-1056	Capital Reserve	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00
12-012-1064	Debt Service #1- USDA Loan	\$ 18,688.00	\$ 18,688.00	\$ 18,688.00	\$ 18,688.00
12-012-1066	Debt Service #2- USDA Loan	\$ 7,098.00	\$ 7,098.00	\$ 7,098.00	\$ 7,098.00
12-012-1085	Unemployment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1100	Capital Reserve Exp.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,243.06
TOTAL		\$ 77,325.58	\$ 67,300.00	\$ 69,703.45	\$ 170,677.06

PROJECTED REVENUES WATER

		YR 2022 Actual	YR 2023 Proposed	YR 2023 Actual	YR 2024 Proposed
12-010-1500	1. Tax Sale Collector's Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119.51	\$ -
12-010-1501	2. Connect/Disconnect	\$ 330.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 300.00
12-010-1502	3. Water Rents	\$ 57,364.24	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 64,189.22	\$ 77,027.06
12-010-1503	4. Utility Interest	\$ 94.37	\$ -	\$ 71.14	\$ -
12-010-1505	5. Utility Credits	\$ 145.81	\$ -	\$ 259.21	\$ -
12-010-1602	6. Savings Interest	\$ 40.17	\$ -	\$ 20.43	\$ -
12-010-1605	7.Capital Reserve Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 172.87	\$ -
12-010-1609	8. Miscellaneous	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-010-1613	9. Reimbursement Interest on Loan	\$ 4,432.43	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,869.50	\$ 3,000.00
12-010-1614	10.Payment from FD#1 for 5 years	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,700.00
12-010-1620	11. ARPA funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00
	12. Capital Reserve	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00
	Unexpended FD#2 budget balance	\$ 10,468.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 77,325.58	\$ 67,300.00	\$ 71,621.88	\$ 170,677.06

CANAAN COMMUNITY RECREATION PARK

We are excited to announce that the Splash Pad project will start in the Spring of 2024. The Selectboard voted to award \$25,000 in ARPA funds (The American Rescue Plan Act) to cover a majority of the project's cost. Also awarded \$15,000 from the Tillotson North Country Fund. Special thanks to Alumni's Marty Ames, Robert Lee, Roland and Rachel Labrecque, Leslie Klinefelter, and Gilbert "Eph" Parker for their donations. Dan Johnson and Krista Rodrigue donated their tips and collected donations at the Solomon's 100 anniversary celebration which we were also very grateful.

Splash Pads are an additional way to bring communities together and create a natural gathering space. We believe it will add to the overall aesthetics of the Town. We take great pride in our ability to offer and deliver recreation opportunities. We continue to gauge what our citizens and the local communities desire and try to bring those amenities to reality. This entire project was made possible with grant/donated funds; no tax dollars were used.

Aside from the Splash Pad, the Rec Park Committee plans to seed, fertilize, aerate, and roll the fields, repair the ground underneath the gazebo, repair the shoulder around the walking path, sandblast the dugouts and add certified chips to the playground area to meet state and federal requirements. We also plan to improve the tennis courts by adding a Pickleball Court and we feel it will be a welcome renovation. Denis Ladd's family donated towards this project.

We received permission from the Canaan School Board to install security cameras on the ENSU building. We have seen damage to our equipment in the park during the past years, and this will provide valuable evidence to identify the perpetrator. With the installation of a splash pad, the need to install security cameras is more prevalent. Special thanks to John Shatney for the donations of cameras and lock box and to Jeremy Labrecque who will be installing the cameras with the help of John in 2024.

A big thank you to WD Dorman & Son Excavating for rolling the soccer fields in our park. We appreciate how willing he was to get this done on such short notice.

The committee would like to thank everyone who supported us this past year. Whether through personal donations, in-kind support, or suggestions, your help is invaluable and much appreciated. Special thanks to everyone who attended the Murder Mystery Dinner and purchased tickets for our quilt raffle. Thank you again to Denise Thibault for the donation of the quilt for our raffle. All proceeds benefited the Canaan Recreation Park and Canaan Naturally Connected.

We would like to give special thanks to the participants that attended our "Casino Night" fundraiser that was held on November 25, 2023, at the Time Out Tavern. Hopefully everyone had a smidgen of luck, and that all participants enjoyed it as much as we did. A special thank you to everyone that sponsored our gaming tables, donated auction items, gaming dealers and the Time Out Tavern for all their hard work setting up the gaming tables and serving food at our event. A huge shoutout to David and Jennie Santamaria for all their efforts, providing food, and letting us hold our event at their facility. The proceeds benefited the Canaan Recreation Park and Canaan Naturally Connected.

We will continue to search and apply for grants as needed. Cheryl Cote holds pitch tournaments at the Northland to raise money for various organizations, and the rec park has been fortunate enough to be a recipient of those funds which we are very thankful. We could not have accomplished all that we have done without everyone's assistance and support.

We plan to hold a few fundraisers again in 2024. If interested in helping with any of our fundraisers or have any fundraiser ideas, please call the Town Office. We try to host activities that are fun for the entire family. We will be applying for a Neil and Louise Tillotson Dash Grant to go towards summer activities that the school holds during the summer.

The town continues to publish four newsletters per year and business card size advertisements are available for \$40.00 per year or \$10.00 per issue. If interested, contact the Town Office. Proceeds to benefit the Recreation Park. We plan to have another Volunteer Day in 2024 to do some maintenance in the park. Watch the newsletter for details. If you are interested in helping, please call the Town Office at 802-266-3370.

For large groups wishing to use the Rec Park or Meadow Lot, a Use of Facilities Application must be filed with the Rec Park Committee before hosting your event. Depending on the event, a Certificate of Insurance with a \$1,000,000 liability policy may be required. The form can be found at the Town Office or on the Town website: canaan-vt.org.

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The form online can be filled out electronically and can either be emailed to clerktreas@canaan-vt.org or mailed to PO Box 159, Canaan, VT 05903. Failure to comply could result in the future requests being denied. Once an event has been approved and completed, an inspection will be conducted, and if necessary, a fee will be assessed for the cost of any damage.

If interested in donating to the park, please send a check payable to Canaan Recreation Park and drop it off at the Town Office or mail it to Town of Canaan, Attn: Canaan Recreation Park, PO Box 159, Canaan, Vermont 05903. Any contributions made to the park can be earmarked for a specific project or can be in general. These donations are much appreciated and will positively impact the community you call Home.

Recreation Park Committee members hold meetings monthly at the Town Office on the second Monday of the month at 5 p.m. These are open to the public should you want to attend. No meetings will be held in January and February. If you're looking for opportunities to volunteer, you might want to check out the Recreation Park Committee. Thank you to Linda Hall and Edward Wood for volunteering in the past, we really appreciated it.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vernon Crawford (Chairman), Zachary Brown, Rajesh Hailey, Paul Lyons, and Diana Rancourt

CANAAN RECREATION PARK STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand 01-01-2023	\$ 18,471.53
Organization Donations	\$ 500.00
School & Town Mowing Reimbursement	\$ 7,814.40
Rec Park Donations - Fund Raisers & Pitch Tournaments	\$ 2,603.14
Newsletter ads	\$ 240.00
Meadow Lot Revenues	\$ 1,300.00
Splash Pad Donations	\$ 6,800.00
Splash Pad Grant Funding- Tillotson North Country Found.	\$ 15,000.00
Savings Interest	\$ 128.29
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND	<u>\$ 52,857.36</u>

EXPENDITURES

Contracted Mowing/Trash Removal	\$ 7,814.40
Shelter/Tables/Grills	\$ 600.00
Playground Equipment	\$ 73.98
Materials & Supplies	\$ 187.53
Insurance & Worker's Comp	\$ 102.60
Electricity	\$ 500.87
Field Repair	\$ 250.00
Meadow Lot Expenses	\$ 2,486.40
Porta Potty Expenses	\$ 1,660.00
Splash Pad Purchase	\$ 13,840.05
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 27,515.83</u>
Expenditures - 2023	\$ 27,515.83
Cash on Hand 12-31-2023	\$ 25,341.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	<u>\$ 52,857.36</u>

PROPOSED BUDGET - RECREATION PARK - 2024

		2023 - Expended	2024 - Proposed
	Recreation Park Maintenance:		
08-081-1010	Contracted Mowing/Trash Removal	\$ 7,814.40	\$ 8,000.00
08-081-1011	Contracted Labor	\$ -	\$ 500.00
08-081-1012	Contracted Materials	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
08-081-1013/1503	Materials & Supplies	\$ 187.53	\$ 200.00
08-081-1014	Walking Path	\$ -	\$ 500.00
08-081-1015	Seed/Fertilizer	\$ -	\$ 200.00
08-081-1016	Shelters/Tables	\$ 600.00	\$ -
08-081-1017	Field Repair	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
08-081-1018	Tennis/Basketball Court	\$ -	\$ 200.00
	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	\$ 8,851.93	\$ 11,850.00
	Park Administration:		
08-081-1102	New equipment	\$ -	
08-081-1103	Porta Potty Expense	\$ 780.00	\$ 1,000.00
08-081-1202	Equipment Repairs	\$ -	\$ 200.00
08-081-1301	Splash Pad Project	\$ 13,840.05	\$ 33,000.00
08-081-1302	Splash Pad Repairs/Maint.	\$ -	\$ 200.00
08-081-1501	Playground Equipment	\$ 73.98	\$ -
08-081-2001	Insurance/Workman's Comp	\$ 102.60	\$ 142.82
08-081-2003	Printing/Advertising	\$ -	\$ 200.00
08-081-2005	Electricity	\$ 500.87	\$ 600.00
08-081-2012	Admin Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -
08-081-2015	Summer Program		\$ 500.00
08-081-2016	Porta Potty Expenses - Meadow Lot	\$ 880.00	\$ 1,000.00
08-081-2017	Meadow Lot Expenditures	\$ 2,486.40	\$ 2,500.00
	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 18,663.90	\$ 39,342.82
	TOTAL REC PARK ACCOUNT	\$ 27,515.83	\$ 51,192.82

PROJECTED REVENUES - RECREATION PARK ACCOUNT

	Revenues	2023 - Actual	2024- Estimated
08-080-1602	Savings Interest	\$ 128.19	\$ 100.00
08-080-1603	Rec Park Donations	\$ 128.06	\$ 100.00
08-080-1604	Pitch tournaments	\$ 785.00	\$ 500.00
08-080-1605	Splash Pad Donations	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,800.00
08-080-1606	ARPA Funds	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
08-080-1607	Raffles	\$ 153.00	\$ 300.00
08-080-1608	Organization Donations	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
08-080-1609	Grant Funds - TNCF	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,159.95
08-080-1612	Newsletter Ads	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00
08-080-1700	School/Town Mowing Reimbursement	\$ 7,814.40	\$ 8,000.00
08-080-1701	Misc. Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -
08-080-1706	Fundraisers	\$ 1,537.08	\$ 4,000.00
08-080-1708	Meadow Lot	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,500.00
08-080-1730	NH Charitable Fund - Dash Grant		\$ 2,000.00
	Amount used from Savings	\$ -	\$ 992.87
	TOTAL	\$ 34,385.73	\$ 51,192.82
	Net Income	\$ 6,869.90	\$ -

Zoning and Planning Board Report – 2022

We received 39 requests to be addressed during 2023. We had 2 boundary line adjustments, 7 sheds, 4 camps, 2 primary residences, several additions to primary homes, 2 new garages, and an addition to enlarge a garage. We also had an application for a splash pad in the Community Rec Park. We also addressed a lean to for the State Shed. Numerous land subdivisions and a cement pad, and an addition to the school. It was a busy a busy year for the Town of Canaan.

I would like to thank everyone who filled out their applications for making things easy.

Cheryl Cote

Interim Zoning Admin.

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Public Notice

If you plan on making any site improvement or modifications to your property, please ensure that they meet the zoning laws set forth by the Town. If you have any questions, please visit our website canaan-vt.org to view the Zoning Bylaws or Contact Cheryl Cote, Interim Zoning Administrator. She can help walk you through the process and answer any questions you might have. Permit fees are \$50.00, if the permit needs to go before the entire zoning and planning board, then an additional \$15.00 will be charged.

VITAL STATISTICS 2023

Traditionally Vital Statistics (Births, Deaths, Burials, Marriages and Civil Unions) were printed in our Town Report each year. New Federal regulations (Intelligence Reform Law and the Real ID Act) has been issued and one of the areas that is affected is accessibility of vital records. These regulations resulted in a centralized vital records system, more stringent protocols for obtaining certified copies and a tracking system for those who request certified copies. States have also been required to implement new security standards regarding accessibility to birth and death certificates.

The Vermont Department of Health has phased in new regulations for acquisition of birth and death certificates which began in 2007. However, with fraud and identity theft on the increase and for the protection of the public, we are including statistical information only. This information will only be marriages, births and deaths that took place in Canaan.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to call the Town Office.
Zachary William Brown, Town Clerk

CANAAN VITAL STATISTICS 2023 RECORDED IN CANAAN

MARRIAGES	5	BIRTHS	3	DEATHS	8
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The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records -namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes went into effect on July 1, 2019.**

The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to noncertified copies (previously called "informational" copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

Canaan Historical Society

2023 was a good year for us. We ordered a second printing of our book of Fred Cowan's writing, "From Stump to Mill and Side Trips in Between" and were awarded an Award of Merit by the League of Local Historical Societies and Museums for the publication. LLHSM is a division of the Vermont Historical Society. This is the third Award of Merit we have received. It is a pleasure to receive such awards because it means someone appreciates our work and it helps us to maintain contacts with other historical societies around the state.

Shortly before Christmas, 2023, we received the first copies of Volume II of "From Stump to Mill ..." and sales are going well for that also. We still have a few copies of Volume One available at our office in the Alice M. Ward Memorial Library. You may pick up Volume One or Volume Two in person for \$34.95 each or mail order for \$39.95. We had to raise our shipping charge to \$5.00 due to price increases at the post office.

We voted to forego our monthly meetings through the winter but will resume in April to plan for the summer. We have also acquired our own telephone line so the library staff doesn't have to answer the phone for us. It was also necessary so we would have a bill with a physical address that would satisfy IRS documents we needed to file. New phone is: (802) 266-3007.

We hope to see you this summer. Thanks for your support.



ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
STATE OF VERMONT
Trevor Colby

Sheriff

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

Our current contract in Canaan is for an average of 23 hours per week. During 2023, we responded to 74 incidents in Canaan. We wrote over 24 tickets and 71 warnings for motor vehicle violations in Canaan. Throughout the county we responded to 648 incidents. We did not spend the hours in Canaan we wanted to due to staffing shortages and hope to increase patrol hours for the town to meet their requested contract hours. The contract is based upon hourly billing so unexpended funds remain with the town.

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

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

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

Thank you for your continued support,

Sheriff Trevor Colby

BEECHER FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 2023

Current members

Wilman Allen	Bernard Charest	Paul Cote	Steve Noyes
Steve Young	Brian Bissonnette	Norman Flanagan	Alan Leigh
Dan Lepine	Jamie Fogg	Harland Crawford	Roland Roy
Bob Couture	Robert Brousseau	Doug Burns	Vernon Crawford
Joseph Allen	Todd Nichols	Chris Bissonnette	Phillip Pariseau
Nate Goudreau	Dillon Begin	Christian Anderson	Hunter Roy
Phillip Rondeau	Nick Goudreau	Ben Kosalek	
Nathaniel Rougeau	Tucker McMann	Raymond Higgins	

We were able to add three new members in 2023 and we lost four due to assorted reasons. The new members were Nate Goudreau, Joseph Allen, and Ben Kosalek. This is a trend that continues to reduce our membership. We have lost nine members in the past three years and added only five. With some of these new members being college students they are not always available.

The Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire department answered a total of 102 emergency calls in the fiscal year December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023. Our call volume was up by one call over 2022. The fire department has not gone back to answering medical calls unless we are special requested by the 45th ambulance. The number of licensed medical personnel will drop down to just three as of March 31st this year. This is from a high of thirteen a few years back. The lack of licensed personnel is due to the age of the responders. The ones giving it up have been at it for many years and find that it is time to give it up. We do not have many people joining the department and when they do, they are not interested in putting in the time that it takes to become a licensed medical responder. We still responded as usual to any type of rescue or motor vehicle accident which will continue. Going forward we are not currently sure what the future holds for the department pertaining to responding to medical emergencies.

Unfortunately, in the coming years, the fire side of the department will also be affected. It seems that the communities that we protect always expect us to be there when called. This is getting much harder to do because of our ageing membership and lack of new members. The Beecher Falls Fire Department is not the only department experiencing this problem, it is happening all over the country.

The only major purchase that we had for the year was replacing nine sets of turnout gear which only includes the jacket and pants at a cost of \$31,000. We continue to build our capital reserves looking forward to the future. The cost of fire equipment has gone up along with everything else. The estimated cost of a new fire engine at today's pricing is in the vicinity of \$650,000 to \$700,000.

The officers of the department would like to thank the membership for all their hard work over the past year. We experienced some exceptionally large fires that required a lot of work and dedication to see them through. The members never gave up and worked as a team to get the job done. This is not easy when you have been fighting fire all night and must go to work the next morning. Every Wednesday evening there is always a few members at the station either training, cleaning, and maintaining equipment, or doing whatever needs to be done, so we are always ready to respond.

As always, we are looking for new members. Just reach out to any member or stop by the station on any Wednesday evening.

We want to thank everyone who has reached out to us in separate ways for your continued support, it is appreciated.

Chief Steve Young,
Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.



Fire Warden's Annual Report – 2023

This year, there were 54 fire permits issued. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the cooperation they have given me in preventing forest fires. I am very happy with the communication I received from everyone calling in. Those who were issued permits for campfires, called back for an additional permit before doing brush fires. The community supported and respected the laws and procedures asked of them to help prevent forest fires.

Please remember that according to 10 V.S.A. §2645, that no person shall authorize another to kindle a fire in the open air for the purpose of burning brush, weeds, grass, or rubbish except where there is snow on site, without the permission from the Canaan Fire Warden. Also remember that painted or pressure treated wood is not permitted for burning and should be brought to the Transfer Station for disposal. Yard fires are kindled wood only and has a maximum of a 10-foot radius.

The Fire Wardens are now authorized under 10 V.S.A. §2672 to issue Uniform Fire Prevention Tickets to anyone violating this statute and 10 V.S.A. §2648 which refers to Slash Removal.

Norman Flanagan
Canaan Fire Warden
603-331-1176



VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **26+ years** of the program, almost **1200 grants** totaling **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont Towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

45th Parallel Emergency Medical Services

2023 Annual Report



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Gores

January 2024

It is an honor to present the 2023 Annual Report for the 45th Parallel Emergency Medical Services. The 45th Parallel EMS is a 501-C-3 nonprofit corporation that was founded in 2008 to provide emergency medical services to Beecher Falls, Canaan, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dixville, Lemington, Norton, Pittsburg, Stewartstown, and the United Towns and Gores. The agency started as a mix of volunteer and paid staff and has steadily grown over the years. The 45th Parallel EMS is now a full-time paramedic level service, offering the highest available Advanced Life Support services to the member towns, and critical care transport services between local hospitals and larger specialty care and trauma centers.

The official emergency declaration of the Covid-19 pandemic ended May 11, 2023. However, many of the challenges that resulted from the pandemic remain. EMS and healthcare systems nationwide still struggle with staffing issues, equipment and medication shortages, and consequently bed availability at tertiary and specialty care centers. Patients often experience longer wait times to be seen by their primary care provider, specialists and even the emergency department. For emergency medical services, this means there are fewer ambulances available to respond in systems that are already overstressed. And ambulances that are able to respond are traveling longer distances to tertiary care.

Ambulance Activity

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
911 Emergency Response - BLS	101	128	141	166	219	183
911 Emergency Response - ALS	361	303	326	280	295	321
911 - Cancellation or no Tx	212	181	225	255	325	269
911 - Mutual Aid Response	10	7	5	3	6	7
ALS Intercept	12	6	6	3	10	10
Standby (Fire or Other)	9	2	14	16	21	8
Total 911	705	627	717	723	876	798

IFT - BLS	93	84	125	163	169	198
IFT - ALS	292	360	292	394	312	315
IFT - With Hospital Staff	4	5	5	3	8	5
IFT - no transport	0	0	0	1	1	0
Total IFT	389	449	422	561	490	518

Total Calls	1094	1076	1139	1284	1366	1316
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Equipment

The 45th Parallel EMS currently owns and operates a fleet of 4 ambulances:

- **45A2** – 2017 AEV Type 1 F-550 4x4
- **45A3** – 2023 Demers Type II Ford Transit AWD
- **45A4** – 2016 AEV Type 1 F-550 4x4
- **45A5** – 2020 Demers Type II Ford Transit

Due to manufacturer delays and supply chain issues, the Type I Crestline Chevy 3500 ambulance ordered in April 2022 is now anticipated to be delivered in February 2024. This valuable addition to the fleet will be replacing and updating 45A2 that has over 258,000 miles.

Personnel

The 45th Parallel EMS strives to provide the highest quality of patient care possible. Maintaining a highly educated, skilled and competent staff are critical to our mission. We currently employ:

- 10 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)
- 3 Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT)
- 7 Nationally Registered Paramedics (NRP).
 - All paramedics have completed either the Certified Intensive Care Provider (CICP) program, or the CCCEMT-P Critical Care Paramedic class.

The members of the 45th Parallel EMS would like to extend the invitation to any community members that may be interested in learning about EMS and helping the community.

Education and Training

The 45th Parallel EMS partnered with Life Safety Institute, LLC from Concord, NH, to assist with EMS education. This program operates an online classroom platform accompanied by Lab Days held at our station. The first of these classes was run in the Spring of 2022. Through the Life Safety Institute, the 45th Parallel EMS is now hosting an additional EMT class with 10 students in attendance, and an Advanced EMT class with an additional 8 students in attendance. It is our hope that these classes and our training partnership will add much needed staffing to the area.

Community Education and Involvement

The 45th Parallel EMS offers CPR and First Aid training through the American Heart Association. Classes are available for healthcare workers, daycare providers, and community members. In addition to Basic Life Support (BLS) classes, the 45th Parallel EMS now has instructors trained to teach Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and International Trauma Life Support (ITLS). For more information on these classes, please contact or visit our station.

The 45th Parallel EMS continues to work with area schools and law enforcement agencies to provide “Stop the Bleed” classes to healthcare professionals and community members. Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

Public Access Defibrillator Program

The 45th Parallel EMS maintains Public Access Defibrillators in local businesses, schools, public buildings and churches. As part of an Emergency Response Plan, the importance of Public Access Defibrillators cannot be stressed enough.

- Defibrillation within three minutes of sudden cardiac arrest increases the chances of survival to 70 percent. Shock within one minute of collapse raises the survival rate to 90 percent.
- Calling 911 is necessary, but the wait for first responders can take too long. The national average call-to-shock time is nine minutes.
- OSHA now recommends AEDs in the workplace, and recent legislation requires many workplaces to provide them.

The 45th Parallel EMS would like to extend our thanks to **Bangor Savings Bank and the Tillotson Foundation** for providing grants to help maintain this program.

911 Signs

Being able to easily identify the address of the incident is of vital importance in an emergency. Having a reflective 911 sign that is clearly visible from the road helps improve our ability to respond. The 45th Parallel EMS can provide you with a 6" x 18" reflective sign to mark your address. These signs are sold by donation, and readily available at our station. **Please help us find you when you need us!**

Board of Directors

As a non-profit organization, the 45th Parallel EMS is governed by a Board of Directors. Members are appointed from every town, fire department and Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital. The Board of Directors meets 6 times a year to oversee the business operation of the company. The board currently has openings for two "at large members". These positions are perfect for community members that are interested in getting involved.

Steve Young, Chairman
Greg Placy, Vice Chair
Michel Dionne, Treasurer
Mike Collins, Secretary
Arnold Gray
Barbara Nolan
Cheryl Shephard
Scott Cooper
Dwayne Covell
Earl Bunnell
Ray Gorman
Steve Ellis
Robert Couture
Greg Cook

Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department
Town of Colebrook
Town of Clarksville
Town of Columbia
Pittsburg Fire Department
United Towns and Gores
Town of Norton
Town of Lemington
Town of Stewartstown
Colebrook Fire Department
Town of Dixville
Town of Pittsburg
Town of Canaan
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital

Thank you for your continued support. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve this community for another year. For more information on our CPR, First Aid and Stop the Bleed classes, Public Access Defibrillator Program, 911 sign campaign, or to learn how you can get involved, please contact us at (603) 237-5593, or feel free to stop by our station at 46 Ramsey Road, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathan J. Borland, FP-C, NRP, CICP
Chief Executive Officer
45th Parallel EMS

Northeast Kingdom Community Action Canaan Office 2023 Data

The NEKCA office in Canaan, Vermont served 60 households (approx. 120 individuals) from Canaan, Averill, Norton, Lemington, Bloomfield, Brunswick, and Maidstone, Vermont as well as N. Stratford, Columbia, Colebrook, and Stewartstown, New Hampshire. Ages ranged from 2 months to 89 years. We helped put food on tables, helped to keep the power and heat on. With our help, people were able to stay in their homes. We've assisted with applications for SNAP benefits, Seasonal Fuel Assistance, and furnace repairs and/or replacements.

Our Food Shelf took in a total of 28,006.44 pounds (about 12703.5 kg) of food. Broken down, it was 5,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables, 2,538.25 pounds of food donated by the USDA, 6,743.5 pounds of food acquired through the Vermont Food bank, and 13,724.69 pounds of food and items donated by area individuals and businesses.

NORTHERN BORDERS DISPATCH

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COLEBROOK, NH 03576

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Email: dispatch@colebrooknh.org

911



Northern Borders Dispatch ended 2023 with 9,375 calls, which is 167 less calls than received in 2022.

Seeing day in and day out what the Dispatchers here at Northern Borders Dispatch are responding to makes me, as their administrator, extremely proud of my staff who are taking care of our communities. It's not an easy feat, however, the staff handles every call with the time, care, and the attention each call demands.

As calls continue to come in, it is imperative that our lines remain open for those in an actual emergency. Calls that continually clog our lines preventing those vital calls to come through, include the following:

- Power outages with no down lines, sparks, or fires.
- Power restoration times.
- Road and Trail conditions.
- Town of Colebrook Office calls pertaining to taxes, water, sewer, transfer station questions, selectboard meetings and minutes.
- Department of Motor Vehicle inquiries for hours, registrations, forms needed, licensing and medical cards.
- Town Clerk questions regarding hours, births, deaths, and marriage certificates, elections, voting, establishing residency and registrations.
- Asking for phone numbers for local businesses, Post Office, FedEx, or UPS.

To help reduce costs and the call volume into Northern Borders Dispatch, please share the above with your friends and family. Never hesitate to call us when in doubt as we are always here for you.

We at Northern Borders Dispatch cannot stress the importance of properly numbering your home or business. For a small donation fee, the 45th Parallel will make you a number sign for your home or business. Please call the 45th Parallel at 603-237-5593 for more details. This simple act will save a life.

Again, I would like to thank the staff at Northern Borders Dispatch for their continued hard work, selflessness, and dedication. Without all of you, Northern Borders would not be what it is today.

I would also like to extend our continued gratitude to Colebrook Police Department, Pittsburg Police Department, New Hampshire Sherriff's Department, Vermont Sherriff's Department, New Hampshire State Police, Vermont State Police, Colebrook Fire Department, Beecher Falls Fire Department, Pittsburg Fire Department, Errol Fire Department, 45th Parallel EMS, Errol Ambulance as well as our local Border Patrol Agents, New Hampshire and Vermont Fish & Game, Dartmouth Hitchcock Advanced Response Team, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, North Country Healthcare, and more who do what it takes, every day, to protect and service our area communities. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Becky Robinson
NBD Administrator



January 18, 2024

Town of Canaan
Post Office Box 129
Canaan, VT 05903

For over 50 years, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital (UCVH) has been providing care for residents and visitors in 20 communities spanning Oxford County in Maine, northern Coös County in New Hampshire, and the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

Whether you are a resident who has suddenly taken ill or a visitor who suffered an accident while outdoors, our highly skilled providers, nurses and team members are here to serve you, 24 hours a day, seven days per week, 365 days per year.

The mission of UCVH reads: ***Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital strives to improve the well-being of the rural communities we serve by promoting health and ensuring access to quality care.*** Our mission guides how we deliver high-quality care close to home. UCVH currently offers:

- Over 12 medical specialties available here at UCVH, including: Audiology, Cardiology, Ear-Nose-Throat-Allergy, General Surgery, Neurology, OB/GYN, Orthopaedics, Podiatry, Pulmonary Care, Sleep Medicine, Tele-Medicine Rheumatology and Urology
- Board certified physicians and highly trained advanced practice clinicians
- Advanced and updated medical imaging (CT, Ultrasound, X-Ray, Bone Density Screening and MRI), laboratory services, Surgical Services, Endoscopy, Rehabilitation and Infusion Services
- A strong commitment to quality care through a robust, multi-disciplinary approach to Quality Improvement and Patient Satisfaction
- Clean, modern and well-maintained facility

This year UCVH is actively working to secure grant funds and donations for several community programs which benefit local residents, including the proposed wellness center renovation. UCVH is proud to be your hospital, and we welcome any feedback which helps us provide exceptional patient experiences.

Mr. Greg Cook
UCVH President & CEO
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Local Health Office Annual Report: 2023

Newport Local Health Office | 100 Main St. Suite 220, Newport, VT
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Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. **The Newport Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Orleans and Northern Essex counties.** Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/newport



Community Engagement

We work with residents, community partners, local officials, first responders and local health care partners on topics that are meaningful to our community.

- We set up a Comfort Station at the Barton Fair. Families could care for their babies, get bottled water or healthy snacks, cool down and learn about community resources.
- We teamed up with Salvation Farms to distribute excess produce twice a month. This helps the community get fresh food and reduces waste.
- This summer our office helped with the flood response by giving out water test kits.



WIC Services and Resources

Our Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) team provides nutrition education and support services to our community families.

- We held 2,429 appointments between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.
- WIC helps families get healthy food, support for breast/chest feeding and referrals for other health services.
- Our WIC team partners with Newport's dental hygienist. They offer advice for good oral health and can help families find a dental practice.



Immunizations and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

Our office works to protect our community against vaccine-preventable diseases

- We participated in 13 community clinics this year, including a clinic at Newport's first Pride Event this past summer.
- Our staff organized a Tdap clinic for those affected by floods this past spring.
- We work with our community partners to help ensure everyone has access to vaccines.





Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

Member Benefits - All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 142 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. Staff responds to thousands of member questions and publishes guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2023, VLCT specialists provided government-specific finance training as well as resources and consultation that help Vermont's cities and towns comply with federal rules for receiving federal ARPA and infrastructure funding. Staff also provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials.** The League provides training via webinars, classes at members' locations, and its annual member conference, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. In the wake of the 2023 floods, VLCT became a crucial information hub for local officials. VLCT's Equity Committee assists local officials in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in their municipalities' decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped cities and towns access additional resources to respond to the pandemic, repair roads and bridges, enact cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Specific success in 2023 includes securing \$3 million for towns to expand their capacity to access state and federal grants through the Municipal Technical Assistance Program, fighting to balance changes to local zoning laws with state land use laws to facilitate housing construction, elevating awareness of the financial difficulties rural emergency medical services face, amplifying municipal concerns as the Legislature contemplates moving toward a state-led reappraisal system, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members group rates on important benefits for municipal employees: life, disability, dental, and vision insurance. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.

Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions and to access resources to help them carry out the important work of local government. **To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org.** Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/AuditReports.



To the Voters of Canaan:

The Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) serves Canaan as a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. NVDA is the regional planning commission and economic development organization for Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, so we are uniquely suited to effectively serve municipalities and businesses.

This year, we are again requesting annual dues from our member communities. These funds are critical, as they allow us to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage additional state and federal funds that benefit our region.

Local governance has become increasingly complex in recent years, and our staff remains available to assist your community in multiple capacities:

- Land use planning and regulation;
- Transportation studies and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS services;
- Grant writing and administration;
- Direct business support, referrals, and lending to employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning to help communities meet evolving statutory requirements;
- Planning for natural hazards and local emergency response;
- Brownfield assessments and remediation assistance;
- Economic development activities to grow and strengthen businesses in our region;
- Training for local officials.

The July flood brought new challenges to local governments and businesses already navigating post-pandemic realities. In addition to our regular services, we participated directly in flood response. We also began helping our communities meet the requirements of Act 47 (the HOME Act) to alleviate the housing crisis, and we continued to aid in regional pandemic recovery through assistance with ARPA funding as well as other state and federal recovery resources, such as the Municipal Energy Resilience Program and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program.

How have we served your community? In 2023, NVDA staff reported Canaan's road damage to Vermont Emergency Management following the July flood. We also assessed sidewalk conditions in Canaan village. NVDA staff updated Canaan's Local Emergency Management Plan which has been adopted by the Town and accepted by Vermont Emergency Management. Finally, our economic development specialists assisted a local business.

NVDA dues are just \$0.85 per capita, with a maximum of \$3,965 and a minimum of \$565. We take great pride in serving the communities and businesses of the NEK. This additional contribution allows us to continue providing a high level of professional service. We take pride in keeping communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at comvnm@nvda.net to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director

CANAAN NATURALLY CONNECTED INC

2023 TOWN REPORT

First and foremost, we would like to start our Town Report with great thanks to everyone who has supported our organization during 2023! Be it in-kind work, financially, or positive words shared with others, we are truly thankful. To the taxpayers of Canaan, thank you for your support in voting our request at Town Meeting last year! Your tax dollars went towards the purchase of banners and pole hangers for Beecher Falls, the Pioneer Trail, and the Canaan Community Center. The banners and poles will be put up in the spring.

Normally we review the year in this report but have changed it to sharing our plans for 2024! If you would like to review the 2023 year's activities, please go to our website www.canaanvt.com and select the "Goals and Input" tab, then select "2023 News Articles/Canaan Carrier". This will open all our submissions for 2023. While on that page, please look at our minutes to get detailed information should you choose.

CNC has purchased the newly named Canaan Community Center and much of our activities for 2024 will target this long-term project. Grants have been submitted, but we continue to search for others in earnest to make this project successful and to provide a community gathering space for years to come. We will continue fundraising opportunities locally and post from time-to-time ways in which the community can contribute in-kind services towards one project or another.

We will start 2024 by inviting Canaan community members for small group discussions, "Coffee, Cake, Collaborate". This will be done geographically, and invitations will be sent as best as possible, however please look for meeting dates/locations/times on our Facebook page, our website, and the Canaan Town calendar. If you can't make it when your location meets, you are most welcome to join another group! The reason we are dividing the dates is smaller groups make for better discussion and input. Some possible discussion topics might be concerning our communities positive and negative aspects, services you would like to see provided, and skills you might be willing to help us out with, either in the Community Center or events. We are very excited about these discussions taking place which will include, as the name implies, beverages and sweet treats!

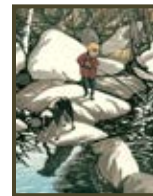
We will continue to serve the community with our yearly fun events, and perhaps one or two more will be added. As one can imagine, making the Canaan Community Center a working part of the fabric of Canaan and the communities surrounding our Town is a major focus for 2024. We will also continue to offer Building Meetings that all are invited to attend. All events and meetings will be posted well in advance for greater community participation.

CNC members look forward to 2024 and are excited about the possibilities and partnerships that will continue to be made for the Town of Canaan! We invite anyone who has an interest in working with CNC to please get in touch with us. Monthly meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Besides the Destination Website <http://canaanvt.com> you can email your questions to cnaturallyc@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page, Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.

Headwaters Local River Subcommittee

of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions

New Hampshire – Pittsburg, Clarksville, Stewartstown, Colebrook, Columbia, Stratford, Northumberland
Vermont – Canaan (Beecher Falls), Lemington, Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone



Connecticut River – Headwaters Local River Subcommittee – Annual Report 2023

The Headwaters Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets quarterly and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by riverfront municipalities, with allowance for alternates. Throughout 2023, the Subcommittee has maintained a hybrid meeting format where a quorum of participating municipalities is required to be present in person. Current members of Vermont are Tom Caron from Canaan, with openings in Lemington, Bloomfield, Brunswick, and Maidstone. Current members of New Hampshire are Kevin McKinnon from Colebrook, Ed Mellett and Dale Covey from Northumberland, Jennifer Caron from Stratford, and openings in Pittsburg, Clarksville, Columbia, and Stewartstown. Those with only one representative have an opening for a second volunteer. During 2023, Ed Mellett served as chair. Meetings and events are open to the public.

Headwaters is one of the five subcommittees a part of the CRJC since 1989. The Subcommittees provide a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality, wildlife habitat, and appropriate development. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback on proposed permits and plans to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. In addition, CRJC is responsible for maintaining a bi-state watershed plan.

During 2023, Headwaters engaged on several issues. Permits reviewed include herbicide use, town water supply well replacement location, camp sewage disposal, and water and sewer line replacement. Headwaters is also following conditions at Murphy Dam, the Twin States Clean Energy Link, and wild and scenic designation for Paul Stream and Nulhegan River.

Headwaters supported outreach efforts in service of the Connecticut River, including the Making Room series: Planning for those who are here and those on their way; as well as the Connecticut River Watershed Partnership meeting in coordination with Friends of Conte. Further, Headwaters supported water quality monitoring efforts along the Connecticut River.

In 2024, Headwaters will continue their activities in management, outreach, and learning for the Connecticut River. Headwaters welcomes local participation in permit reviews, educational events, watershed planning, and water quality monitoring. If you are interested to learn more, please contact us at info@crjc.org.





GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 6, 2023



Green Up Day, continued to grow with 23,500 volunteers statewide who cleaned up nearly 348 tons of litter and 15,000 tires. We saw 23% more volunteers lend a hand and heard in many cases there was less litter (30%) to be cleaned up. Tire collection saw a 4.8% increase. The statistics show that the hard work to beautify Vermont is still needed but also that our efforts for awareness are paying off. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2024.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives.

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. **Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.**

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 802-522-7245



TIME TO SPAY & NEUTER CATS & DOGS and LICENSE!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VVSa). Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, resources are limited by the number of dogs licensed as required by law by 6 months of age. A rabies vaccination is required to license. The first vaccination can be given at 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a vet office, Community Animal Aid (free to those on public assistance: 734-0259 at the E. Barre Fire Station) & Tractor Supply host monthly clinics. After vaccinating, contact your Town Clerk to license your dog. By statute, unlicensed dogs can be seized. Rabies is in Vermont and it is deadly.

Licensing identifies your dog and is proof the dog is protected in the event bitten by an animal, but would still need immediate medical attention. Vaccinations and licensing protect if they bite another animal or person, which could result in the quarantine of the animal or euthanized. If not proven by being licensed to be currently vaccinated, testing for rabies requires the brain to be examined.

For an Application for VSNIP send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if it is for a cat, dog, or both. To print out, go to: VSNIP.Vermont.Gov. VSNIP helps income challenged Vermonters with neutering and vaccinations. If approved, you'll receive a Voucher and instructions. If not, a list of low-cost resources will be sent. Several humane societies host spay neuter clinics open to the public. Your cost for a VSNIP surgery is \$27.00, if without complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with their \$4.00 fee collected at licensing. **Veterinarians and their staff are the backbone of this important program. Thanks to their generosity and altruistic vision, Vermont no longer uses routine euthanasia as a means of population control. Sincerely thank your veterinarian for their participation in VSNIP. If not currently a participating office, please ask them to join and help make a difference in your community. They are very needed.**

Facts: Female cats as young as 4 months can become pregnant. The “mom” cat can/will become pregnant when nursing is finished. Males travel for miles to find a female in heat, often not returning. Cats and dogs (naturally) mark their territory if not neutered. Resolve Carpet Cleaner and a single moth ball in its place will help deter from repeat markings. (Do not use moth balls with young children in the house.) 70% of cats and 15% of dogs using VSNIP are reported as strays or abandoned, which is cruel and illegal. Please do promote VSNIP, helping those that cannot afford to neuter, that will otherwise reproduce over and over. Repeat litters can cause uterine infection, mammary tumors, kidney failure, etc., leading to death. “Farm” cats are especially at risk. Be wary of any seller of animals that won't allow you to see how they are kept before acquiring and want to meet in a parking lot. Animals are often used as a means of making money, and their life may be the inside a room or cage. Please be the voice for those that cannot speak. Purchasing does not ‘save’ one, it ‘enables’ those to continue to misuse animals for money. Thank you for promoting this time proven program.

Thanks to now retired Lynn Murrell, DVM, who first agreed to extend reduced rates for animals in need, and all the Veterinarians and Clinics that served for the last forty years plus. A sincere thank you to Bernard “Snook” Downing for helping support many animals in need over the years with his hard work, contributions, and the donors we are unable to thank in print – but you know who you are! ***Together We Truly Do Make a Difference!***

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator: VSNIP
1-800-HI-VSNIP (1-800-448-7647)



Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1677 Industrial Parkway • Lyndonville, Vermont 05851

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"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"

Special Appropriation Recipient Report

Thank you for your continued support for Rural Community Transportation. Your support is felt in our communities daily. Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation that has provided public transportation services throughout Lamoille, Caledonia, Orleans, and Essex Counties. RCT operates fare-free shuttle and commuter bus routes, microtransit, and emergency relief transportation facilitating connections between towns in our region and the ability to travel throughout Vermont and beyond. RCT also provides demand-response transportation services under several programs, such as Medicaid, the Older People & People with Disabilities program, and Rides 2 Recovery.

RCT runs four commuter routes to enhance access to employment, connecting Morrisville to the towns of Barre and Waterbury and St. Johnsbury to Montpelier and to Littleton. We operate three shuttle routes tying Morrisville, Newport/Derby, and St. Johnsbury/Lyndonville residents and nearby Vermonters to essential locations, from grocery stores to medical centers. Shopping routes provide similar services spanning Morrisville and Stowe in the west, Newport and surrounding towns in the north, and Lyndon to New Hampshire in the east. Our neighbors, who utilized over 130,000 rides in FY2023, have expressed their gratitude and noted their dependence on our services.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match and are crucial to RCT's operations. Your generosity allows RCT to transform your funding into the ability to thrive, grow, and provide your community with reliable, quality transportation service.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caleb R. Grant", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Caleb R. Grant

Executive Director

Rural Community Transportation



NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES, INC. (NKHS) Requesting \$1944 in 2024

181 Crawford Road – Derby, P. O. Box 724, Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 802-334-6744 or 800-696-4979

2225 Portland Street, P. O. Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 ♦ 802-748-3181 or 800-649-0118
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Thank you, **Town of Canaan** voters, for your appropriation support at your Town Meetings. Annual appropriations are a vital funding source to provide needed services to residents who cannot otherwise afford care. The 2024 appropriation request of **\$1944** is the same amount voted on at the 2023 Town Meeting. This represents 2.02% of appropriation requests from 48 towns. We offer supportive, confidential program services for Emergency/Crisis Services, mental health, addiction, and developmental/intellectual disabilities. Our mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

Summary Activity Report July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

- **3800** individuals of all ages in our service area utilized support services.
- **54** individuals **from the Town of Canaan** accessed supportive care at NKHS.
- Employees provided **over 300 hours** of community consultation, education, and outreach in community meetings, events, and trainings in NKHS offices, area schools, and businesses at no cost to participants. We offered QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) suicide awareness and prevention trainings, Youth Mental Health First Aid, and other educational opportunities to at least 700 Northeast Kingdom community members.
- **416** total dedicated professional employees support community members in the Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, the satellite office in Hardwick, telehealth, homes, schools, and throughout Northeast Kingdom communities.

Good mental health is important for everyone. As a Designated Agency serving Vermont's system of care, NKHS is responsible for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. A sliding fee scale is available for those in financial need. NKHS is asking the Town of Canaan voters to consider helping neighbors, family members, and friends receive the supports they need to live a happy, fulfilling life and be an active and contributing member of your community.

Thank you so much for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Kelsey Stavseth, Executive Director
Board of Directors
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.

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Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

SERVICE REPORT FY 2023 ORLEANS ESSEX V.N.A. and HOSPICE, INC.

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As the only not-for-profit agency serving the area, our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We are locally controlled by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the towns we serve. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

Total Agency Visits FY 2023	36,449
Total Visits FY 2023 - Town of Canaan.....	1,497

During Fiscal Year 2023, home based services were provided to 49 individuals in Canaan for a total of 1,497 multi-disciplinary visits. 1 resident received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2024.....\$4,400.00

Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN
Executive Director



Annual Report- March 2024

For over 45 years, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging has been a valued and trusted resource for older Vermonters to age independently, their way. Our mission is to deliver the person-centered support necessary for our older Vermonters to sustain their independence and live well in their communities.

Our valuable services include a Helpline; Medicare counseling and Bootcamp; specially-trained staff who help people develop long-range planning as they age; exercise and mobility programs; family and caregiver support programs and grants; case management for those who need a bit more support with aging in place; as well as assistance in applying for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs.

Our nutrition programs partially fund 14 meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide solutions for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. In addition, our work is supplemented by over 400 volunteers who serve as home-delivered meal drivers, wellness program leaders, friends who make neighborly check-in phone calls, and home-based caregivers.

Our service area extends across the entire Northeast Kingdom, all Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties. In FY2023 the Council aided **over 4,796 residents of the Northeast Kingdom** and with our congregate and home-delivered meals program, **delivered 209,379 meals. 46 residents of Canaan used the services of our organization to meet their needs.** People called our Helpline for assistance with caregiving and programs such as 3SquaresVT, Medicaid and Medicare, our e-learning portals Trualta and GetSetUp, fuel assistance, and transportation, among other services. Our website www.nekcouncil.org provides information on many of our programs and services.

We sincerely thank the residents of Canaan for your continued support in making a difference in the lives of your residents, who are often the most vulnerable. **This year, we are requesting the amount of \$1500 from the residents of the town of Canaan.** As a private non-profit, we are able to remain independent and put the focus on our clients who need unbiased assistance.

If you have a friend or family member who may benefit from our services, please contact us. We're just a phone call away at the Helpline: 800-642-5119 or (802) 748-5182.

In gratitude,

Meg Burmeister
Executive Director



Activity Report for Town of Canaan
Fiscal Year 2024 * July 2023 – June 2024
Town Appropriation Request: \$700

Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression. Umbrella operates 4 multifaceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

- ***Social Change*** focuses on prevention education and initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, and creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. One of our strategies is to provide pathways for girls to work within this social change and prevention field through the Youth in Power Program. In FY23, we provided 2,613 youth with educational workshops throughout our 18 school partners. We provided 387 adults with educational programs through 20 workshops.
- ***Advocacy Program*** serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation - which in total we characterize as gender-based violence. In our work, the client leads and we support them in any way they need us to including legal advocacy, housing advocacy, support with parenting after trauma and more. In FY23, 750 individuals received direct advocacy, 81 people were housed in our emergency shelters as a result of fleeing domestic or sexual violence and 15 were housed in our Transitional Housing program.
- ***Family Based Services*** focuses on child-care and strengthening family relationships. *Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC)* assists families in the Northeast Kingdom to receive subsidized child care, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. *The Family Room* offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In FY23, KCCC served 801 families and the Family Room worked with 63 families.
- ***Economic Empowerment*** serves women with significant barriers to employment in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties. Our *Cornucopia* program, and our social enterprise, *Dolcetti* each wrap around women to support them in building job readiness skills while helping them to address challenges in their lives so they are able to move towards financial self-sufficiency. In FY23 as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged and prepared 39,509 meals for homebound seniors through Meals on Wheels.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 2 households in the Town of Canaan were served by Umbrella in Fiscal Year 2023 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

Community support is critical to sustain our programming and to discover innovative approaches to the work Umbrella does. We are deeply grateful for Canaan's support.

Respectfully,

Amanda Cochrane
Executive Director

Umbrella Inc. was incorporated in 1981 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose mission is:
To cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression.
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December 14, 2023

Town of Canaan,

At NEKLS, our Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program, our K-12 Tutorial program and our Ready, Set, Grow Childcare Center (RSG) are on a mission to provide dynamic and impactful educational experiences for the members of communities like the Town of Canaan.

Imagine a future where our adult education initiatives flourish and every individual can access high-quality learning opportunities to improve their skills and pursue their dreams. We believe that education is the key to a brighter future for our students, and we need your support to make that happen. Your appropriation of \$1,250.00 will directly fuel our efforts to enhance and expand our programs.

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

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

- earning their high school diploma or GED
- gaining skills to transition into a new career
- improving their academic skills in reading, writing and math
- becoming workforce training or college ready or
- learning or improving English language skills as a second language

Our Tutorial program partners with local schools throughout the NEK to provide tutorial services for students K-12 to help them achieve academic success.

Join us in making a difference by investing in the education of your community. Enclosed is our NEKLS appropriations information sheet to include in your town report; it is a summary of our services for taxpayers' information.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Faust

Michelle Faust
Executive Director

OUR MISSION IS TO INSPIRE AND EMPOWER LEARNERS, BIRTH AND BEYOND

NEWPORT (802)334-6535 / ST. JOHNSBURY (802)748-5624 / HARDWICK (802)472-3183 / ISLAND POND (802)723-1134 / CANAAN (802)274-2608



Dear NEK Neighbors,

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

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

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

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

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

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

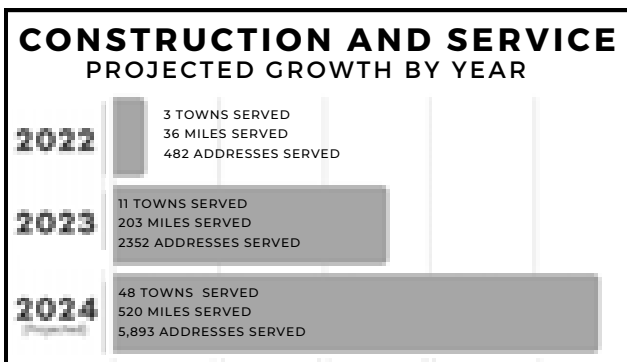
The NEK Broadband team

2023 ANNUAL REPORT




DELIVERING ON OUR PROMISE

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



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

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

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

NEK 
BROADBAND

GRANTS & FINANCING

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

BUILDING CAPACITY

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

BUDGET SUMMARY

OVER \$15,876,591 HAS BEEN INVESTED IN NEK COMMUNITY-OWNED BROADBAND.

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

ABOUT NEK BROADBAND

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

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

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

Abstract of 2023 the Canaan and School Meeting Minutes

The March 6, 2023, Annual School and Town Meeting was opened by Moderator A. Morgan Wade at 6:05 P.M. Moderator A. Morgan Wade introduced herself and said she was elected as the Moderator. Moderator A. Morgan Wade stated that the meetings are governed by State Laws and the Robert Rules of Order and will be modified if needed. Moderator Wade asked that anyone. Moderator A. Morgan Wade read each article individually.

“The legal voters of the Town of Canaan are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Canaan Memorial High School Gymnasium on Monday, the 6th day of March 2023 A.D. at 6:00 P.M. to transact the school business from the floor, and immediately thereafter, to transact the Town business from the floor:

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the provisions of 32 V.S.A. §4791 in regard to the collection of taxes by the Treasurer? **Article 1 passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town of Canaan vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year? **Article 2 passed unanimously in the affirmative**

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,894.00 with revisions, if any, for the following agencies? **Article 3 passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

a.	Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	\$ 4,400.00	pg. 63
b.	Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	\$ 1,944.00	pg. 62
c.	Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$ 1,500.00	pg. 64
d.	Rural Community Transportation	\$ 1,100.00	pg. 57
e.	Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	\$ 1,250.00	pg. 70
f.	Umbrella, Inc.	\$ 700.00	pg. 69
g.	Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.	\$ 2,000.00	pg. 64
	AGENCY APPROPRIATION REQUEST TOTALS	\$ 12,894.00	

ARTICLE 4. To determine if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL to help defray the costs of providing emergency and critical care clinic services? (Pg 59) **Article 4 passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed Library budget, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year? pg. 36 **Article 5 passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed General Budget, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year? (Includes Transfer Station and Police) pgs. 17-20 **Article 6 passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed Highway budget, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year? pg. 32-33 **Article 7 passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 8. To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting. **Discussion was held on why the building capital reserve appropriation was not included as a warned article. (Added to the budget). Discussion was held on the ARPA money the town received.**

The 2023 Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The following article was voted on by Australian ballot on March 1, 2023.

ARTICLE 1. To elect all Town Officers required by law:

- Town Moderator for one year
- School Moderator for one year
- Town Clerk for three years
- Town Treasurer for three years
- Selectboard for three years
- Auditor for three years
- Trustee of Public Funds for three years
- Trustee of Public Funds for two years
- Library Trustee for three years
- Library Trustee for three years
- School Director for three years
- School Director for three years
- School Director for two years
- Lister for three years
- Sexton for three years
- Grand Juror for one year

Dated this 6th day of March 2023.

Written By: /s/ Zachary William Brown, Town Clerk and Treasurer

Approved by: /s/ Mark Bullard, Selectboard Chairman

/s/ A. Morgan Wade, Moderator