

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Town Officers

Of the Town of

CANAAN, VERMONT

For the year ending

December 31, 2024

INCLUDING REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL DIRECTORS



**Canaan Rec Park Splash Pad
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

(Left to Right: Mike Daley, Norman Flanagan, Vernon
Crawford, Diana Rancourt, Zachary Brown, and April Busfield)



Canaan Rec Park Splash Pad -2024

Photos Courtesy of Donna Jordan, Colebrook Chronicle

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024
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 6th, 2025**. 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 13th, 2025**. 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 8th, 2025**. 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 14th, 2025**. They begin at **5:30 p.m.** at the **Canaan Town Office or the Stewartstown Town Office**, unless otherwise posted. All of these 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 your 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:	802-266-3140
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
2025 TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3RD – 4TH, 2025

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 3rd day of March 2025 A.D. at 6:00 P.M. to transact the School District business from the floor, and immediately thereafter, to transact the Town 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
School Director	3 years
Auditor	3 years
Trustee of Public Funds	2 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Sexton	1 year

ARTICLE II. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan approve the proposed 2025 Town Plan as written?

(Vote on the above articles to be by ballot on the 4th day of March 2025 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 raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,794.00** with revisions, if any, for the following agencies?

a.	Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	\$ 4,400.00	pg 71
b.	Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	\$ 1,944.00	pg 70
c.	Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$ 1,500.00	pg 72
d.	Tri-County Transit	\$ 2,000.00	No Report
e.	Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	\$ 1,250.00	pg 76
f.	Umbrella, Inc.	\$ 700.00	pg 73
g.	Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.	\$ 2,000.00	pg 65
h.	Canaan Historical Society	\$ 2,000.00	pg 66
	AGENCY APPROPRIATION REQUEST TOTALS	\$ 15,794.00	

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan 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 62

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate the sum of **\$49,150.00** to reclaim and pave, with a 2.5" depth base coat, Treatment Plant Road?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to offset the cost of the South Canaan Cemetery fence replacement project?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed Library Budget with operating expenditures totaling **\$92,507.00**, of which **\$92,507.00** shall be raised by taxes, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year? pg 33

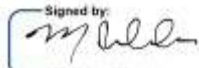
ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed General Budget with operating expenditures totaling **\$685,770.80**, of which **\$592,117.80** shall be raised by taxes and **\$93,653.00** by non-tax revenues, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year? (Includes Transfer Station, Public Safety, and Articles 3 through 6) pgs 17-20

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed Highway Budget, with operating expenditures totaling **\$308,640.00**, of which **\$271,787.00** shall be raised by taxes and **\$36,853.00** by non-tax revenues, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year? pgs 29-30

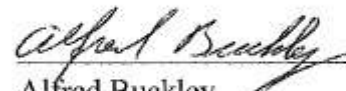
ARTICLE 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
(Disclaimer: Any discussion that takes place under this article is for advisory purposes only, no action taken under this article shall be construed as legally binding action of the Canaan Selectboard or other legislative bodies within the Town of Canaan, VT).

Given under our hands at Canaan, Vermont this 20th day of January 2025 A.D.

Selectboard of Canaan, VT

Signed by: 
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Michael Daley, Chairman


Alfred Buckley


Mark Bullard

Town Meeting Schedule

Monday, March 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Canaan Memorial High Gymnasium
Annual School Meeting
Followed by the Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 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 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 to a vote" (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 Article 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 wishes 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 Moderator, 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.

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.

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

Postponement – 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.

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.

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 4th, 2025. The Annual School and Town business meeting will be held in the Canaan Gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. on March 3rd, 2025, 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 4th, 2025. All non-Australian ballot Articles will be taken up in numerical order unless voted differently by the Assembly.



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/>

Selectboard Annual Report - 2024

2024 was a very exciting year for our quaint little town. Winter proved to be mild by our standards, but as spring arrived, we found ourselves looking to replace long-time employee Brian Bissonette who filled positions in both the water/sewer and highway departments. His move left both a void at a crucial time of year. After an extensive search and a few failed attempts to fill the position, it was decided that we would attempt to separate the two and hire two part-time employees.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Kaylan Gray and Jason Busfield to our team. They have been a nice addition to our team. We'd also like to thank Kevin McKinnon and Chester Smart for helping fill the voids during this extensive process. It goes without saying that both Richard and April carried the load for much of the summer as we transitioned into this new arraignment. The town thanks them both for their tireless dedication. They surely make a difference and as summers storms devastated much of our town road system the two of them stayed steady and with the help of many local contractors, we were able to get the system back up and complete before fall came to an end. This was of course at a hefty price for the town.

Again, April and Richard stepped up to see us through the FEMA process. It's not an easy chore but they have seen it through and with any luck we should see the reimbursement within a year or two. We were fortunate to have the surplus to cover these expenses without having to borrow. It has affected this year's budget a bit, but overall, we came out ok with the efforts of the whole team.

On a more positive note. Our town has been the recipient of numerous grants and aid, and they have gone a long way toward reestablishing some of the infrastructure that was sliding in the town. The meters in Beecher Falls were upgraded, many culverts were replaced, Old Canaan Road received a much needed refinish. The town garage has got a new roof and lighting, the town office will see a face lift with new floors, insulation, solar panels, all without raising any new taxes for the work. On top of that the Alice Ward library received a grant to refurbish the carriage house to usable space.

The town got grant money to hire a firm to rewrite the town plan and we had some ARPA money left over to help fund improvements to the rec park in the form of a splash pad and pickle ball courts. We certainly owe our partners in Montpelier and Washington a huge thank you for all the support. Added up we received over 1.5 million dollars in aid. Quite an accomplishment for sure.

As we move ahead to the new year I'd like to take the time to thank all the organizations that help make this town what it is. The Naturally Connected group has brought numerous events and support to our citizens. The library community and directors have dedicated months of work to this huge project to enhance the jewel of the town. The Border Riders snowmobile club brings thousands of tourism dollars into our town and keeps it vibrant during the winter and summer months with events and work projects. The incredible efforts of Dennis Fuller and the Historical Society keep our history alive and promise to continue to grow in the future. With all this said I'd personally like to reach out to members of the community to volunteer.

We have 3 seats on the planning committee that have been vacant for over a year. We need a zoning administrator as Cheryl Cote has held the fort down for two years after trying to retire. If you think you have something to offer, please step forward and make yourself heard.

Involvement in town government is what makes it successful. It truly only takes a few hours a year to get started. Last but certainly not least a huge thank you goes out to Zach Brown for all that he does for this town. His dedication and attention to detail is irreplaceable and we as a board appreciate all the things you do. Here's to another great year.

Michael Daley

Selectboard Chairman

Canaan Municipal Tax Rates 2020-2025 5-Year Survey

	2020 Tax Rates	2021 Tax Rates	2022 Tax Rates	2023 Tax Rates	2024 Tax Rates	2025 Proposed Rates	%Δ '24-'25
General/Police/Solid	0.4297	\$0.4241	\$0.3631	\$0.4287	\$0.4567	\$0.4639	1.577%
Highway	0.2685	\$0.3094	\$0.2569	\$0.2569	\$0.2382	\$0.2770	16.289%
Library	0.098	\$0.0958	\$0.0786	\$0.0788	\$0.0800	\$0.0836	4.500%
Voted Articles/ Special Services	0.0218	\$0.0210	\$0.0181	\$0.0156	\$0.0153	\$0.0714	366.667%
Total Municipal Tax Rate	\$0.8180	\$0.8503	\$0.7167	\$0.7800	\$0.7902	\$0.8959	13.376%

Report from the Cemetery Commissioners

The Town of Canaan Cemetery Commissioners are hard at work improving the South Canaan Cemetery. We've already repaired many of the headstones and straightened them out, but there's still more to do. We could really use your help from relatives and friends to donate for these ongoing improvements. We're so grateful for the generous support from the Tillotson North Country Foundation, but we still need more help from families and friends for this project.

We would like to continue repair of headstones, more landscaping and to replace the current fencing that surrounds the cemetery. The current fencing is in utter disrepair, with many of the sections being held together with zip ties. That is why we are requesting \$10,000 in a warned article to help fund the fencing project. This appropriation along with any private donations would mean the world to us and to the families of those who have laid their relatives to rest within our cemetery.

We know that even a small donation can make a big difference. To make a tax-deductible donation, send a check to the Town of Canaan, PO Box 159, Canaan, Vermont 05903. Just write "South Canaan Cemetery" on your check. You can donate in memory of a family member or friend, and we'll keep both your name and those of your loved ones in our records.

We really appreciate your support while we take these important steps to improve this cemetery. With everyone's help, no matter how small or large the contribution, we can improve the South Canaan Cemetery to honor the memory of your loved one.

Canaan Cemetery Commissioners

Alfred Buckley

Dennis Fuller

Walter Noyes



STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED - 2024**Zachary Brown, Treasurer**

To Tax Bill - 2024	\$	2,379,316.09
Actual Cash Collected 10-01-2024	\$	2,073,209.02
Homestead Declaration State Receipts	\$	157,796.31
Delinquent Taxes to Collector	\$	145,774.18
Adjustment for late current filing	\$	2,536.58
Homestead Reconciliation	\$	-
	\$	2,379,316.09

APPORTIONMENT OF TAXES

Non Residential Education Tax	\$	1.4201	\$	867,197.18
Homestead Education Tax	\$	1.3447	\$	657,645.21
Highway Account	\$	0.2382	\$	262,320.87
Library Account	\$	0.0787	\$	86,669.49
General Account	\$	0.4414	\$	486,097.37
Voted Articles	\$	0.0153	\$	16,849.39
TOTAL			\$	2,376,779.51
Late Homestead Penalty			\$	2,536.58
			\$	2,379,316.09

MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST

Listed Real Property	\$	114,143,400.00
Veterans' Exemption	\$	(100,000.00)
Current Use	\$	(3,917,100.00)
Municipal Grand List	\$	110,126,300.00

EDUCATION GRAND LIST

Homestead Education Grand List	\$	489,768.00
Non Residential Education Grand List	\$	611,535.60
Total Education Property Value	\$	1,101,303.60

ACTUAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE - 2024**\$0.7736****SUGGESTED MUNICIPAL TAX RATE - 2025****Based on last year's Grand List of \$ 1,106,304.00****General Acct. - 0.4639, Highway Acct.- 0.2770, Library Acct. -0.0836, Voted Articles - 0.0714****Suggested Municipal Tax Rate 2025 - Without voted Articles - 0.8245****Suggested Municipal Tax Rate 2025 - With voted Articles - 0.8959**

Canaan 2024 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 Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	286	42,432,800	27,125,100	15,307,700	42,432,800
Residential II R2	116	27,725,100	19,204,400	8,520,700	27,725,100
Mobile Homes-U MHU	20	619,600	471,900	147,700	619,600
Mobile Homes-L MHL	19	1,709,100	1,018,200	690,900	1,709,100
Seasonal I S1	45	8,262,200	190,900	8,071,300	8,262,200
Seasonal II S2	30	3,046,500	180,900	2,865,600	3,046,500
Commercial C	18	3,755,800	83,100	3,672,700	3,755,800
Commercial Apts CA	9	2,150,900	63,500	2,087,400	2,150,900
Industrial I	1	6,222,400	0	6,222,400	6,222,400
Utilities-E UE	4	7,068,500	0	7,068,500	7,068,500
Utilities-O UO	2	552,500	0	552,500	552,500
Farm F	7	3,034,000	1,374,200	1,659,800	3,034,000
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	37	4,590,200	0	4,590,200	4,590,200
Miscellaneous M	64	2,973,800	0	2,973,800	2,973,800
TOTAL LISTED REAL	658	114,143,400	49,712,200	64,431,200	114,143,400
P.P. Cable	0	0		0	0
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	0	0		0	0
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		114,143,400	49,712,200	64,431,200	114,143,400
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	5/5	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
Veterans >10K		50,000			
Total Veterans		100,000	50,000	0	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			
Total Contracts	0/0	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			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	44/44	3,917,100	685,400	3,231,700	3,917,100
Special Exemptions	1		0	45,940	45,940
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		4,017,100	735,400	3,277,640	4,013,040
Total Exemptions		4,017,100	735,400	3,277,640	4,013,040
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		1,101,263.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			489,768.00	611,535.60	1,101,303.60
NON-TAX 42 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411					

AUDITOR'S REPORT
COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THREE YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2024

INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS			
	1-Jan-25	1-Jan-24	1-Jan-23
CURRENT ASSETS			
General Fund	\$ 242,605.00	\$ 249,281.18	\$ 184,233.40
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 15,604.39	\$ 15,404.65	\$ 15,181.44
Property Tax Fund	\$ 7,014.70	\$ 5,368.50	\$ 4,643.40
Tax Sale Fund	\$ 28,084.72	\$ -	\$ -
Highway Fund	\$ 228,418.02	\$ 445,615.29	\$ 367,675.22
Sewer Fund	\$ 90,089.94	\$ 35,894.45	\$ 169,666.01
Cemetery Stone Fund	\$ 14,911.40	\$ 3,345.43	\$ 3,250.99
Alice M. Ward Library Fund	\$ 134,756.41	\$ 125,880.02	\$ 127,715.53
Community Rec. Park Fund	\$ 25,795.01	\$ 25,341.53	\$ 18,471.53
Community Forest Fund	\$ 28,058.25	\$ 29,455.67	\$ 30,324.70
Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 480,292.51	\$ 524,085.31	\$ 432,766.38
Trust Funds	\$ 49,195.21	\$ 48,433.40	\$ 15,809.85
ARPA Funds	\$ 13,765.14	\$ 186,731.57	\$ 206,114.22
Fire District #1 Fund	\$ 18,205.28	\$ 18,237.58	\$ 34,243.32
Fire District #2 Fund	\$ 1,974.07	\$ 17,031.43	\$ 2,414.87
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 326,535.88	\$ 301,645.07	\$ 280,637.20
Delinquent Taxes & Utilities	\$ 156,424.28	\$ 117,621.55	\$ 94,875.65
CURRENT ASSET	\$ 1,861,730.21	\$ 2,149,372.63	\$ 1,988,023.71
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Notes Payable:			
Ford Motor Credit - Truck	\$ 12,172.34	\$ 23,671.93	\$ 34,535.98
USDA Treatment Plant - 1st Loan	\$ 1,045,339.39	\$ 1,085,779.88	\$ 1,102,189.81
USDA Treatment Plant - 2nd Loan	\$ 182,636.09	\$ 187,939.98	\$ 193,178.03
USDA Fire District #1 - 1st Loan	\$ 1,654,902.68	\$ 1,695,884.48	\$ 1,736,799.50
USDA Fire District #1 - 2nd Loan	\$ 215,260.02	\$ 218,981.51	\$ 222,677.19
USDA Fire District #2 - 1st Loan	\$ 366,081.10	\$ 376,358.81	\$ 386,511.31
USDA Fire District #2 - 2nd Loan	\$ 170,013.86	\$ 173,870.60	\$ 177,724.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,646,405.48	\$ 3,762,487.19	\$ 3,853,616.47
SUMMARY OF CURRENT POSITION			
Current Assets	\$ 1,861,730.21	\$ 2,149,372.63	\$ 1,988,023.71
Current Liabilities	\$ (3,646,405.48)	\$ (3,762,487.19)	\$ (3,853,616.47)
	\$ (1,784,675.27)	\$ (1,613,114.56)	\$ (1,865,592.76)
<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>Ursula Johnson, Ginette Ladd, and Fern Owen-Brown</p>			

BORROWED MONEY TABLE

December 31, 2024

Lending Institute	Interest Rate	Principal Amount	Interest Paid	Paid Notes	Amount Remaining
Ford Motor Credit - Lease	5.850%	\$ 11,499.59	\$ 1,384.81	\$ 12,884.40	\$ 12,172.34
USDA Loan 1 - CFD#1	1.375%	\$ 40,981.80	\$ 23,176.20	\$ 64,158.00	\$ 1,695,884.48
USDA Loan 2 - CFD#1	2.625%	\$ 3,721.49	\$ 5,724.51	\$ 9,446.00	\$ 218,981.51
USDA Loan 1 - CFD#2	2.250%	\$ 10,277.71	\$ 8,410.29	\$ 18,688.00	\$ 376,358.81
USDA Loan 2 - CFD#2	1.875%	\$ 3,856.20	\$ 3,241.80	\$ 7,098.00	\$ 173,870.06
USDA Loan 1 - Treatment Plant	2.375%	\$ 40,440.49	\$ 25,547.51	\$ 65,988.00	\$ 1,085,779.88
USDA Loan 2 - Treatment Plant	2.375%	\$ 5,303.89	\$ 4,432.11	\$ 9,736.00	\$ 187,939.98

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

GRANT MONIES RECEIVABLE TABLE

December 31, 2024

Grant Name	Department	Amount	Use
CTCL Elections Grant	Town Office	\$ 5,000.00	Elections Supplies
Municipal Energy Resilience Program Grant	Town Office/Library	\$ 307,508.67	Energy Upgrades
Auto Sampler	Sewer/Water	\$ 16,000.00	Lab sampling
Efficiency Vermont Grant	Sewer/Water	\$ 4,000.00	Sewer Plant Lighting
Municipal Technical Assistance Program Grant	Planning Commission	\$ 10,000.00	Town Plan Update
Better Back Roads Grant	Highway	\$ 20,000.00	Canaan Hill Culverts
Grant in Aid	Highway	\$ 7,000.00	Canaan Hill Bridge
Structures Grant	Highway	\$ 108,000.00	River Road Paving
New Hampshire Charitable Dash Grant	Rec Park	\$ 2,000.00	Student Workers
US Treasury Capital Projects Grant	Library	\$ 1,008,533.21	Carriage House Project
Building Resilient Infrastructures Grant	Town Wide	\$ 8,365.50	Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Household Hazardous Waste Grant	Transfer Station	\$ 3,000.00	HHW Assistance
Tillotson North Charitable Foundation Grant	Cemetery	\$ 20,000.00	South Canaan Cemetery Fence
TOTAL		\$ 1,519,407.38	

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 were 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.

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.
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. 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 2024		Collected 2024	
2021	\$1,841.29	2021	\$1,841.29
2022	\$22,527.32	2022	\$20,720.39
2023	\$72,650.11	2023	\$44,337.28
2024	\$133,737.74	2024	\$42,179.13
Total	\$230,756.46	Total	\$109,078.09

2022	\$1,806.93	Total for Collection 2024	\$230,756.46
2023	\$28,312.83	Total Collected 2024	\$109,078.09
2024	\$91,558.61		
Total	\$121,678.37		\$121,678.37

Delinquent Property Taxes – 12/31/2022

Houle, Benoit & Deborah

Inkel, Claire Estate of

Nelson, Cyril & Andrea

Total Due \$1,806.93

Delinquent Property Taxes – 12/31/2023

Finer Farms LLC

Houle, Benoit & Deborah

Houle, Benoit & Deborah

Inkel, Claire Estate of

Mannino, Michael

Morton, Frank & Grady Steph

Nelson, Cyril & Andrea

Nelson, Cyril & Andrea

Schmidt, Corey

Uran Mary Ann Estate of

Wallace, April & Zackery

Total Due \$28,312.83

Delinquent Property Taxes – 12/31/2024

241 Gale Street LLC

Benoit, Jonathan & Lenore

Blanchard, Linda

Breault, Laura

Bush, Danielle & Fuchs, Danielle

Cormier, Daniel

Cornell, Derek & Kimberly

Connary, Maurice

Favreau, David

Fernandes, Antone

Fernandes, Antone

Finer Farms LLC

Inkel, Claire Estate of

Keyser, Arthur & Jennifer

Kimball, Harry Jr. & Joette

Lewis, David

Mannino, Michael

Maurais, Aleda Estate of

McKinnon, Shori

Morton, Frank & Grady, Steph

Nelson, Cyril & Andrea (x2)

Newell, Natasha

Norris, Richard

Plummer, John Estate of

Rioux, Paul

Schmidt, Corey

Spencer, Joanne

Tyler, Danielle & Maurais, Raymond Jr.

Unfonak, Glen

Uran, Mary Ellen Estate of

Wallace, April & Zackery

Total Due \$91,558.61

Total Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/2024: \$121,678.37

... Paid After 12/31/2024

TREASURER'S REPORT
GENERAL ACCOUNT-2024
Zachary Brown, Treasurer

RECEIPTS:	
Cash on Hand 01-01-2024	\$ 248,190.29
By Appropriation, Current Taxes	
Total Property Taxes Collected 2024	\$ 2,074,835.16
2021 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 1,841.29
2022 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 21,120.48
2023 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 48,146.31
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	\$ 8,574.14
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ 14,011.01
Fire District Adm. Charges	\$ 4,450.00
Marriage License Town and State Fees	\$ 175.00
Fish & Game Fees	\$ 14.00
CTCL Grant	\$ 5,000.00
Trustee of Public Funds	\$ 2.96
Reappraisal Reimb. & Lister Ed.	\$ 6,536.00
Liquor Licenses	\$ 460.00
Dog Licenses/Fines & State Fees	\$ 1,458.00
Zoning Permits & Adm fees	\$ 875.00
Traffic Fines	\$ 324.50
Hold Harmless - State of Vermont	\$ 29,490.00
Pilot Funds - State of Vermont	\$ 4,910.97
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 7,708.00
Restoration of Land Records	\$ 2,797.00
Fees & Misc.	\$ 1,071.00
Interest from Regular Savings	\$ 2,961.17
Sale of Cemetery Lot	\$ 75.00
Rental - NE Wireless	\$ 420.00
Transfer Station Revenues	\$ 34,389.29
Green MT Passsport	\$ -
Current Use Lien Release Fee	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 2,519,836.57
Due to Due From	\$ (1,804.96)
Reimb from ARPA - Generators	\$ -
Property Taxes to Collector	\$ 145,774.18
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CREDITS	\$ 2,663,805.79
EXPENDITURES	
Property Taxes to Collector	\$ 145,774.18
Paid Select Orders (General, Police, Transfer Station)	\$ 2,247,341.89
Cash in Savings/Checking/Sweep 12-31-2024	\$ 270,689.72
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$ 2,663,805.79
BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE	
RECEIPTS	Savings Interest - 2024
Balance on Hand 01-01-2024	\$ 13,331.45
Savings Interest - 2024	\$ 175.70
Capital Reserve Transfer	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND	\$ 16,007.15
EXPENDITURES	
Paid Selectboard Orders - 2024	\$ -
Savings Account Balance 12-31-2024	\$ 16,007.15
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND CASH ON HAND	\$ 16,007.15

**2024 GENERAL ACCOUNT
SELECTBOARD'S DETAILED
EXPENDITURES REPORT**

Selectboard		Fire Protection	
Salaries	\$ 6,000.00	Contracted Services-Local	\$ 46,000.00
Administration	\$ 672.72	45th Parallel	\$ 100,969.08
		Contracted Services-Outside	\$ 476.00
Clerk & Treasurer's Office		Colebrook Retainer Fee	\$ 2,000.00
Salaries	\$ 58,648.25	Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,203.18
Telephone, Postage, etc.	\$ 3,074.77	A.C. Supplies/fees/misc	\$ 1,933.94
Printing & Advertisement	\$ 750.00	FICA	\$ 92.05
Contracted Services	\$ 2,631.21	Zoning	
Record Books/Supplies	\$ 1,570.29	Commissioners' Stipend	\$ 2,100.00
Health Insurance	\$ 10,823.51	Zoning Expenses	\$ 241.50
Retirement	\$ 3,878.47	Justice of the Peace	\$ 500.00
Ballot Clerks	\$ 1,212.48	Street Lighting	
Auditors	\$ 1,524.29	Street Light Services	\$ 18,903.81
Listers' Salaries/Contracted Svc	\$ 7,532.06	Cemeteries	
Listers' Materials/Supplies/Mile	\$ 659.90	Salaries	\$ 4,659.74
CTCL Grant	\$ 5,000.00	Materials & Supplies	\$ 405.73
Tax Map Updates	\$ -	Fuel & Lubricants	\$ -
Marriage License Fee	\$ 130.00	Cemetery Comm. stipends	\$ 1,050.00
Del. Tax Collector Expense	\$ 549.70	New Equipment	\$ 24.76
Del. Tax Collector Fees	\$ 8,574.14	Equipment Repairs	\$ -
Parks & Trees		Stone & Fence Repair	\$ -
Contracted Services	\$ 2,186.24		
Materials & Supplies	\$ 500.00	Buildings	
Fletcher Park Mowing	\$ 2,500.00	Water, Sewer, Elect., Heat	\$ 2,526.20
Fletcher Park Electric	\$ 724.02	Repairs/Capital Improvements	\$ -
BF Park Electric	\$ 260.03	Heating	\$ 2,223.36
BF Park Mowing	\$ -	Contracted Labor	\$ 100.00
Rec Park Mowing	\$ 5,250.00	Materials & Supplies	\$ -
General Services		Contracted Cleaning	\$ 3,854.40
Legal Services	\$ 500.00	Contracted Mowing	\$ 2,640.00
Printing & Advertisement	\$ 1,372.28	Insurance	\$ 1,623.30
NVDA/VLCT/VMCTA Dues	\$ 3,156.00	Generator Expenditures	\$ 2,167.27
GUV/ENRCD Dues	\$ 1,050.00	Stump Dump Expenses	\$ 2,321.32
Workshops/Dues/Mileage	\$ 898.00	Transfer Station Expenses	\$ 117,563.03
Workmen's Compensation	\$ 818.29	Essex County Sheriff	\$ 25,844.48
Property/Liability Ins./Bonds	\$ 3,380.56		
County Tax	\$ 37,264.43	Appropriations	
FICA	\$ 7,540.71	Voted Articles	\$ 16,894.00
Dispatch Center	\$ 13,373.30	School Appropriation	\$ 1,341,095.50
Internet	\$ 1,305.99	Library, Highway, Bldg. Cap. Res.	\$ 351,513.00
Web Page	\$ 660.71	Historical Grant	\$ 443.89
North Country Chamber Fee	\$ -	SUB TOTAL	\$ 2,051,369.54
SUB TOTAL	\$ 195,972.35	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,247,341.89

**TOWN OF CANAAN - GENERAL FUND
2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY 2024 BUDGET	FY 2024 ACTUAL	FY 2025 BUDGET
00-001-10 CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE				
00-001-0999 SELECTBOARD ADM.	\$ 596.59	\$ 700.00	\$ 672.72	\$ 600.00
00-001-1000 SELECTBOARD SALARIES	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
00-001-1001 SALARIES	\$ 87,834.25	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 58,648.25	\$ 75,000.00
00-001-1002 TELEPHONE/POSTAGE/BOX RT	\$ 4,479.86	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,074.77	\$ 4,000.00
00-001-1003 PRINTING/ADVERTISEMENT	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
00-001-1004 OTHER CONTRACTED SVC.	\$ 2,519.65	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,631.21	\$ 3,000.00
00-001-1005 RECORD BOOKS/OFFICE SUP.	\$ 2,765.93	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,570.29	\$ 2,000.00
00-001-1006 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 74.30	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
00-001-1007 VMCTA DUES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ 100.00
00-001-1008 BALLOT CLERKS	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,212.48	\$ 500.00
00-001-1009 EMPLOYER RETIREMENT SHR.	\$ 5,439.20	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,878.47	\$ 4,200.00
00-001-1010 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 14,127.44	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,823.51	\$ 13,860.00
00-001-1011 MARRIAGE LICENSE STATE FEE	\$ 295.00	\$ -	\$ 130.00	\$ -
00-001-1014 INTERNET EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,296.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,305.99	\$ 1,400.00
00-001-1015 CTCL ELECTIONS GRANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
00-001-1020 AUDITOR SALARIES	\$ 1,936.23	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,524.29	\$ 2,310.00
00-001-1022 AUDITOR EDUCATION	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1030 DEL.TAX COLLECTOR EXP.	\$ 149.37	\$ 500.00	\$ 549.70	\$ 500.00
00-001-1031 DEL. TAX COLLECTOR FEES	\$ 12,661.81	\$ -	\$ 8,574.14	\$ -
00-001-1039 LISTER'S CONTRACTED SVC.	\$ 7,826.21	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,605.71	\$ 8,000.00
00-001-1040 LISTER'S SALARIES	\$ 3,492.87	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,976.35	\$ 7,350.00
00-001-1041 LISTER'S MATERIAL/SUPPLY	\$ 616.42	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 526.15	\$ 750.00
00-001-1042 LISTER MILEAGE/EDUCATION	\$ 891.25	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 83.75	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-1043 TAX MAP UPDATES	\$ 315.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
00-001-1044 REAPPRAISAL CONTRACT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1045 REAPPRAISAL SALARIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1046 REAPPRAISAL FICA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1048 REAPPRAISAL MAT/SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 156,067.38	\$ 121,850.00	\$ 114,582.78	\$ 134,020.00
00-001-13 GENERAL SERVICES				
00-001-1300 LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 860.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
00-001-1301 PRINTING/ADVERTISEMENT	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,372.28	\$ 2,000.00
00-001-1302 N.V.D.A. DUES	\$ 762.00	\$ 762.00	\$ 762.00	\$ 851.00
00-001-1303 WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 332.84	\$ 590.00	\$ 818.29	\$ 700.00
00-001-1304 PUBLIC OFF./LIABILITY	\$ 2,775.72	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,380.56	\$ 2,500.00
00-001-1307 COUNTY TAX	\$ 30,212.21	\$ 41,600.00	\$ 37,264.43	\$ 39,000.00
00-001-1309 FICA/CHILD CARE TAX	\$ 10,353.43	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,540.71	\$ 9,450.00
00-001-1310 MISCELLANEOUS FEES	\$ 102.95	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
00-001-1313 ZONING/PLANNING SALARIES	\$ 2,749.38	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,800.00
00-001-1314 ZONING EXPENDITURES	\$ 78.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 241.50	\$ 250.00
00-001-1316 V.L.C.T.	\$ 2,278.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,349.00	\$ 2,400.00
00-001-1317 DISPATCH SERVICE CENTER	\$ 7,282.65	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 13,373.30	\$ 11,000.00
00-001-1318 EDUCATION/MILEAGE, ETC.	\$ 596.50	\$ 900.00	\$ 898.00	\$ 900.00
00-001-1320 GREEN UP DAY EXPENSE	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
00-001-1321 ESSEX NAT. RES. CONSERV.	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-1322 WEB PAGE EXPENDITURES	\$ 901.91	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 660.71	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-1324 NORTH COUNTRY CHAMBER	\$ 100.00	\$ 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	\$ 8,169.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1327 MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 203.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 70,359.03	\$ 79,952.00	\$ 72,810.78	\$ 75,101.00

**TOWN OF CANAAN - GENERAL FUND
2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
00-001-12 PARKS & TREES				
00-001-1200 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 3,657.11	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,186.24	\$ 3,500.00
00-001-1201 MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	\$ 447.64	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
00-001-1202 SIDEWALK EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1205 FLETCHER PARK MOWING	\$ 1,243.20	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
00-001-1206 PARK ELECTRIC	\$ 927.55	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 724.02	\$ 1,200.00
00-001-1207 BF PARK ELECTRICITY	\$ 280.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 260.03	\$ 500.00
00-001-1208 BF PARK MOWING & MAINT.	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-1209 REC PARK MOWING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 5,250.00
	\$ 6,556.00	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 11,420.29	\$ 13,450.00
00-001-14 FIRE PROTECTION				
00-001-1400 CONTRACT WITH BFVFD	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
00-001-1401 OTHER CONTRACTED SVC	\$ 1,197.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 376.00	\$ 500.00
00-001-1403 DRY HYDRANT	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
00-001-1404 45TH PARALLEL	\$ 85,601.40	\$ 100,970.00	\$ 100,969.08	\$ 120,250.00
00-001-1405 COLEBROOK RETAINER FEE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ 134,898.40	\$ 149,270.00	\$ 149,445.08	\$ 172,850.00
00-001-15 PUBLIC SAFETY				
00-001-1500 ANIMAL CONTROL SALARIES	\$ 1,076.32	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,203.18	\$ 1,323.00
00-001-1501 ANIMAL CONTROL MAT/SUP	\$ 130.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 127.22	\$ 200.00
00-001-1502 FICA - ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 82.34	\$ 110.00	\$ 92.05	\$ 132.30
00-001-1503 DOG LICENSE STATE FEES	\$ 620.00	\$ -	\$ 660.00	\$ -
00-001-1504 ANIMAL CTRL MILEAGE/KENNEL	\$ 225.63	\$ 250.00	\$ 468.50	\$ 600.00
00-001-1505 LIABILITY/WORKMAN'S COMP.	\$ 168.94	\$ 700.00	\$ 678.22	\$ 300.00
00-001-1524 ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$ 21,043.12	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 25,844.48	\$ 50,000.00
	\$ 23,346.35	\$ 58,520.00	\$ 29,073.65	\$ 52,555.30
00-001-18 STREET LIGHTING				
00-001-1800 STREET LIGHT SERVICES	\$ 17,709.01	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,903.81	\$ 20,000.00
00-001-19 CEMETERIES				
00-001-1900 SALARIES	\$ 4,150.82	\$ 4,360.00	\$ 4,659.74	\$ 4,578.00
00-001-1902 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 24.76	\$ 100.00
00-001-1903 EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1904 FUEL & LUBRICANTS	\$ 546.76	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
00-001-1905 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 579.65	\$ 600.00	\$ 405.73	\$ 500.00
00-001-1908 FENCE REPAIRS	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1910 CEMETERY COMM. STIPEND	\$ 908.54	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
	\$ 6,335.77	\$ 6,810.00	\$ 6,140.23	\$ 6,828.00
00-001-20 BUILDINGS				
00-001-2001 WATER/SEWER/ELECTRICITY	\$ 2,544.09	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,526.20	\$ 2,800.00
00-001-2002 REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-2003 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
00-001-2004 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-2006 CONTRACTED CLEANING	\$ 3,743.75	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,854.40	\$ 4,200.00
00-001-2007 CONTRACTED LABOR	\$ 352.94	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-2008 BUILDINGS - INSURANCE	\$ 1,806.14	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,623.30	\$ 1,200.00
00-001-2009 CONTRACTED MOWING	\$ 3,196.80	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 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.	\$ 1,998.06	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,167.27	\$ 2,200.00
00-001-2016 TOWN OFFICE HEATING	\$ 2,705.08	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,223.36	\$ 3,000.00
	\$ 20,121.86	\$ 23,800.00	\$ 17,634.53	\$ 20,400.00

**TOWN OF CANAAN - GENERAL FUND
2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
00-001-30 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 16,894.00	\$ 17,141.00	\$ 16,894.00	\$ 78,944.00
00-001-50 TRANSFER STATION				
00-001-5000 TRANSFER STATION SALARIES	\$ 20,104.72	\$ 22,050.00	\$ 22,952.82	\$ 24,200.00
00-001-5001 TRANSFER STATION FICA/CCC	\$ 1,506.17	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,758.30	\$ 2,420.00
00-001-5002 TRANSFER STATION ADM.	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 48.20	\$ 100.00
00-001-5004 TRANSFER STATION EQUIP.	\$ 5,355.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,000.00
00-001-5005 TRSFR CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 17,064.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 20,318.16	\$ 20,000.00
00-001-5006 TRSFR CONTRACTED MATERIAL	\$ 20,725.49	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 22,789.82	\$ 23,000.00
00-001-5007 TRSFR PAY AS THROW SYSTEM	\$ 984.08	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 3,481.73	\$ 3,000.00
00-001-5008 TRSFR MISC. EXPENSES	\$ 172.29	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
00-001-5009 TRSFR BUILDING CONST.	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
00-001-5010 TRSFR EQUIP. PURCHASE	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
00-001-5011 EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 447.20	\$ 500.00
00-001-5012 WORKERS' COMP INSURANCE	\$ 1,770.16	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,127.14	\$ 1,800.00
00-001-5013 LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,169.43	\$ 100.00
00-001-5014 ANNUAL FEE TO COOS	\$ 7,885.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 8,293.00	\$ 8,300.00
00-001-5015 SOLID WASTE COMM. STIPEND	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
00-001-5016 ADVERTISING/POSTAGE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-5017 UTILITIES	\$ 867.04	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,146.30	\$ 1,200.00
00-001-5019 TRANSFER STATION PROPANE	\$ 393.83	\$ 650.00	\$ 522.38	\$ 650.00
00-001-5020 HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 26,790.59	\$ 6,000.00
00-001-5021 PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 91.37	\$ 100.00
00-001-5026 STATE FEES	\$ 1,619.59	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,810.15	\$ 2,000.00
00-001-5027 MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	\$ 114.06	\$ 150.00	\$ 973.92	\$ 500.00
00-001-5029 TIRES	\$ 42.49	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 742.50	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-5030 ELECTRONICS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-5037 METALS RECYCLING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-5038 FOOD WASTE EXP.	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-6000 STUMP DUMP SALARIES	\$ 1,593.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,156.34	\$ 2,275.00
00-001-6001 STUMP DUMP FICA/CCC TAX	\$ 121.83	\$ 200.00	\$ 164.98	\$ 227.50
00-001-6004 STUMP DUMP CONT. SERVICES	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
	\$ 87,218.75	\$ 101,775.00	\$ 119,884.33	\$ 111,622.50
TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 539,506.55	\$ 586,518.00	\$ 556,789.48	\$ 685,770.80
REVENUES	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
00-000-0580 CURRENT YEAR TAXES	\$ 294,413.34	\$ 501,015.00	\$ 384,726.64	\$ 592,117.80
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	\$ -	\$ 130.00	\$ -
00-000-0731 FISH & GAME LICENSE FEES	\$ 9.00	\$ -	\$ 14.00	\$ -
00-000-0732 MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES	\$ 65.00	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ -
00-000-0733 GREEN MTN PASSPORT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-0734 SAV. INT.PROP. TAX ACCT.	\$ 2.91	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.41	\$ 5.00
00-000-1015 CTCL ELECTIONS GRANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
00-000-1070 TRUSTEE OF PUB. FUNDS INT.	\$ 98.99	\$ 100.00	\$ 2.96	\$ 3.00
00-000-1077 TAX SALE COSTS REIMB.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1078 INT. DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ 9,058.77	\$ -	\$ 14,011.01	\$ -
00-000-1079 DEL. TAX PENALTY FEES	\$ 11,636.92	\$ -	\$ 8,574.14	\$ -
00-000-1091 SCHOOL REIMB. TAX REC.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**TOWN OF CANAAN - GENERAL FUND
2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

REVENUE CONT'	FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY 2024 BUDGET	FY 2024 ACTUAL	FY 2025 BUDGET
00-000-1092 EEGL STUDY-STATE OF VT	\$ 5,950.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,848.00	\$ 5,700.00
00-000-1093 LISTERS STATE ED.	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 688.00	\$ 700.00
00-000-1095 CU LIEN RELEASE FEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1201 LIQUOR & TOBACCO LIC.	\$ 530.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 500.00
00-000-1203 DOG LICENSES	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 650.00
00-000-1204 ZONING PERMITS	\$ 340.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
00-000-1206 ZONING ADM FEE	\$ 875.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 225.00
00-000-1300 DOG STATE FEES	\$ 655.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 708.00	\$ 650.00
00-000-1301 DOG FINES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1302 TRAFFIC FINES	\$ 314.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 324.50	\$ 300.00
00-000-1309 SALE OF CRUISER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1314 POLICE VEHICLE LOAN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1401 HOLD HARMLESS FUNDS	\$ 27,252.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 29,490.00	\$ 28,000.00
00-000-1403 PILOT REIMB. TAX	\$ 4,491.94	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,910.97	\$ 4,500.00
00-000-1501 TOWN CLERK FEES	\$ 7,917.00	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 7,708.00	\$ 7,700.00
00-000-1502 RESTORATION/PRES	\$ 2,805.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,797.00	\$ 2,800.00
00-000-1504 MISC. FEES & CHARGES	\$ 2,029.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,071.00	\$ 1,500.00
00-000-1602 GENERAL INTEREST	\$ 2,986.64	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,961.17	\$ 2,000.00
00-000-1605 SALE OF CEMETERY LOT	\$ 130.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00
00-000-1608 REAPPRAISAL ACCT. INT.	\$ 206.07	\$ 100.00	\$ 199.74	\$ 200.00
00-000-1609 MISC-GENERAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1610 RENTAL - NE WIRELESS CO	\$ 415.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00
00-000-1920 PAY-AS-YOU-THROW SYSTEM	\$ 31,431.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 18,121.50	\$ 15,000.00
00-000-1921 TRANSFER ST. BULKY REV.	\$ 12,736.75	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,725.10	\$ 12,000.00
00-000-1924 REIMB FOR GRIT	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1926 HHW GRANT	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
00-000-1928 METALS BOX	\$ 1,231.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,635.00	\$ 2,000.00
00-000-1931 LEMINGTON HHW	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
00-000-1932 FOOD SCRAP GRANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-2021 2021 DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ 17,191.26	\$ -	\$ 1,841.29	\$ -
00-000-2022 2022 DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ 74,876.00	\$ -	\$ 21,120.48	\$ -
00-000-2023 2023 DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,146.31	\$ -
00-000-2024 2024 DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-3405 NHCf GRANT	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 521,143.09	\$ 586,863.00	\$ 581,835.22	\$ 685,770.80
2024 General Tax Rate w/Voted Articles	\$ 0.4567			
2025 Suggested Tax Rate w/Voted Articles	\$ 0.5352	17.19%		
2025 Suggested Tax Rate w/o Voted Articles	\$ 0.4639	1.57%		
2025 Suggested Tax Rate w/o Road Project	\$ 0.4908	7.47%		
2025 Suggested Tax Rate w/o Cemetery Project	\$ 0.5262	15.21%		
2025 Suggested Tax Rate w/o Both Projects	\$ 0.4818	5.49%		
Grand List \$ 1,106,304.00				

**TOWN OF CANAAN - ARPA
PROPOSED BUDGET AND REPORT**

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT				
EXPENDITURES	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
GENERATOR - FD#2 WELL HOUSE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOWN OFFICE GENERATOR/REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 317.78	\$ 7,000.00
WATER LINE REPLACEMENT - FD#1	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
CLASS IV HWY REPAIR	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
REC PARK SPLASH PAD	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 14,560.63	\$ 6,750.00
FD2 WATER METER PROJECT	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 75,313.99	\$ -
FD1 FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT	\$ 5,620.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOWN OFFICE LINE STRIPING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 630.00	\$ -
LAPTOP PURCHASE (TOWN/SEWER)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,400.78	\$ -
CARRIAGE HOUSE ENGINEERING	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
SOUTH CANAAN CEMETERY FENCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
TOWN GARAGE ROOF REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,644.27	\$ -
HAZARD MIT. PLAN GRANT MATCH	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,258.81	\$ -
SPEED RADAR SIGNS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,760.00	\$ -
HYBRID MEETING EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,405.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SEWER & WATER EMER. INVENTORY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,017.95	\$ -
SCHOOL/EMER. GENERATOR REPAIR	\$ -	\$ 54,522.43	\$ 5,781.57	\$ -
MAP/PLAT SCANNER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,896.96	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 22,026.16	\$ 186,522.43	\$ 174,582.74	\$ 13,750.00
REVENUES	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
ARPA INTEREST	\$ 2,434.87	\$ -	\$ 1,615.81	\$ -
	\$2,434.87	\$ -	\$ 1,615.81	\$ -
ARPA TREASURER REPORT				
Receipts			Expenditures	
Cash on Hand 01-01-2024	\$ 186,732.07		Paid Selecboard Orders	\$ 174,582.74
Savings interest	\$ 1,615.81		Cash on Hand 12-31-2024	\$ 13,765.14
	\$ 188,347.88			\$ 188,347.88
ARPA ENTITY BREAKDOWN				
ENTITY	AMOUNT AWARDED	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL		
ALICE M. WARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY	\$ 15,000.00	5.31%		
CANAAN CEMETERY FUND	\$ 10,000.00	3.54%		
CANAAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 7,040.38	2.49%		
CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1	\$ 55,016.70	19.48%		
CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #2	\$ 89,690.41	31.76%		
CANAAN GENERAL FUND	\$ 24,205.01	8.57%		
CANAAN HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 33,186.51	11.75%		
CANAAN PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	\$ 12,760.00	4.52%		
CANAAN REC PARK	\$ 21,310.63	7.55%		
CANAAN SEWER FUND	\$ 14,176.10	5.02%		
TOTAL ARPA FUNDS AWARDED	\$ 282,385.74	100%		

2024 Solid Waste Report

Transfer Station

The Town would like to thank everyone for their cooperation with the changes that were implemented at the transfer station last year. The sticker program is proving to be working well. Although the proceeds of the sticker program do not cover the cost of operating the transfer station, they significantly reduce the tax burden on our taxpayers. The State of Vermont's pay-as-you-throw system was established with the intention of fully funding the transfer station; however, it poses certain challenges and has never met this lofty goal. Please be assured that we are dedicated to identifying the most effective solutions to meet these requirements, and we firmly believe that this is the sticker program. They are inexpensive, and the general public seems very responsive to the change. We do remind everyone that if you do not follow the rule of placing Town Trash Stickers on your household trash bags, you will only cost yourself more come tax time.

We are pleased to report that sorting recyclables into different categories has been very successful, significantly benefiting the Coos County Recycling Center. This pre-sorting not only saves time but also cuts costs, and we appreciate everyone's efforts here. Unfortunately, the center has recently ceased accepting glass recyclables, which necessitates our search for alternative solutions for proper disposal, in compliance with state mandates. For the time being, we request that residents place glass items in their household trash. We are actively seeking a new hauler for glass recyclables to ensure our adherence to the Solid Waste Implementation Plan and to mitigate any potential penalties.

On a positive note, our freon appliance disposal program is thriving and has proven to be a fantastic resource for our residents! A special thank you goes out to Sylvain Lamontagne for his invaluable help in securing this opportunity for the Town of Canaan. Additionally, we'd like to express our gratitude to Marc Dion for his hard work and dedication in ensuring that our transfer station runs smoothly.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Household Hazardous Waste Events will take place on the first weekend in May and the second weekend in September. The specific dates and times of the events will be provided below. These events will be conducted in the former recycling building at the Canaan Transfer Station, located at 186 Treatment Plant Road, Canaan, VT. A comprehensive list of items that will be accepted is available on our website: <https://canaan-vt.org/hhwcollectionevent.html>.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to April Busfield and Kevin McKinnon for their instrumental role in enhancing our program, resulting in significant cost savings for the Town. **This year, their efforts have saved \$14,000 compared to the previous year.** Without their support, the continuation of these services would not be possible. Thank you for your invaluable contributions.

May Event:

May 2, 2025, from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and May 3, 2025, from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

September Event:

September 12, 2025, from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and September 13, 2025 from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Stump Dump

The stump dump was open the first two Saturdays after Christmas to accept Christmas trees and wreaths. We also accept untreated wood, yard debris, and lawn/garden clippings. From May to October, the Dump will be open every Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Canaan Community Forest Report - 2024

The Canaan Community Forest has seen a lot of positive activity during the months that made up 2024. Organized events, summer workers for construction and trail projects, and replacement of the former Tillotson camp with a new handicapped accessible facility were some highlights of the progressive changes.

Earlier this year, the Canaan Community Forest posted openings for an Event Organizer. This move was the beginning of seeing the Community Forest continue to succeed and become an integral part of our community's identity. The goal was to have three diverse events in 2024 that had the potential to attract a variety of individuals to experience this treasure trove. In August, a Poker Hike attracted 19 participants and 7 volunteers, for a total of 26 individuals who joined in the fun one way or another. All but one participant did the entire 3-mile loop. September saw a group of artists painting and drawing in Plein Air, primarily at the Sugar House area. This brought in 9 participants and 2 volunteers, and only the volunteers were repeated from the previous event. To close, October was geared to both individuals and families hosting an Enchanted Forest Trail event. There were 23 participants and 4 volunteers, with only three repeated participants from a previous event. At each of the events, the main house was utilized for bathroom use and the sugar house for food and beverages. There are plans in the making for some winter activities to be offered in 2025 as well. Thank you Terrie and David Herr for organizing these successful events.

The realization of the deterioration of the classroom building's foundation started a conversation for action that is in the making as of this writing. The potential for so many more uses of a new main building not only for Canaan Schools' students, but for area community members became apparent while Chris Masson and other volunteers were speaking to the over 50 event participants throughout the three months. Some of the thoughts were a lecture series with experts on various topics such as sustainable practices and a Basic Wilderness Survival class. There was a genuine interest to work with Canaan Schools' Diversified Agricultural Program, allowing community members to watch the students when they are involved with class lectures and activities such as tree cutting, wreath making, chainsaw safety, Game of Logging and to offer workshops, some in the new main building once completed and able to be utilized. Tim Gray's Building Trades students are currently finishing up the interior work on this building.

Making the residents of Canaan and area communities more aware of the Canaan Community Forest for all ages, having a safe and healthy building to gather, working with the schools, and appropriate activities to provide that education is key for more engagement. The Canaan Community Forest Committee looks forward to 2025 and continued efforts for more opportunities for all to enjoy this local resource.



**TOWN OF CANAAN- COMMUNITY FOREST
2025 APPROVED BUDGET**

EXPENDITURES	YR 2023	YR 2024	YR 2024	YR 2025
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
09-001-1203 EVENT COORD. EXP	\$ -	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 808.02	\$ 4,400.00
09-001-1204 SEPTAGE FEE	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
09-001-1206 UTILITIES	\$ 1,922.81	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,174.89	\$ 2,500.00
09-001-1207 SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.37	\$ 50.00
09-001-1208 PRINTING/ADS	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
09-001-1212 PILOT PAYMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
09-001-1213 TRAIL WORK	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
09-001-1216 ROAD WORK	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
09-001-1218 MAINTENANCE	\$ 730.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 730.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,702.81	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 3,928.28	\$ 10,750.00
REVENUES	YR 2023	YR 2024	YR 2024	YR 2025
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
09-000-1602 SAVINGS INTEREST	\$ 355.80	\$ 300.00	\$ 367.60	\$ 350.00
09-000-3405 SALE OF WOOD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
09-000-3406 MISC REIMB.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
09-000-3407 DONATIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
09-000-3408 CNC GRANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
09-000-3409 SCHOOL REIMB.	\$ 1,445.87	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,163.26	\$ 2,500.00
09-000-3500 PRIOR YEAR FUNDS	\$ 901.14	\$ 6,850.00	\$ 1,397.42	\$ 7,900.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,702.81	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 3,928.28	\$ 10,750.00
COMMUNITY FOREST REVENUES				
Receipts				
Cash on Hand 01-01-2024	\$ 29,455.67			
Savings interest	\$ 367.60			
School Reimbursement for Electricity	\$ 2,163.26			
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$ 31,986.53			
COMMUNITY FOREST EXPENSES				
Paid Selectboard Orders	\$ 3,928.28			
Cash on Hand 12-31-2024	\$ 28,058.25			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$ 31,986.53			

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.

Canaan Trust Fund – 2024

Part of the trust fund is money willed to the cemeteries, library, schools, church, 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 in 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 **\$22,735.45**.

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 **\$12,424.61**.

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 **\$7,529.21**.

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 **\$3,568.89**.

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 **\$1,094.53**.

Our records on the **School Trust Fund** show only "Unknown Donor" in the amount of **\$528.38**, as does the **Church Fund** in the amount of **\$326.13**.

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 **\$988.02**.

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 01-01-2024	\$8.57
Interest from Trust Funds-2024	\$129.78
Interest from Savings Accounts - 2024	\$7.46
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$145.81

Expenditures:

Interest on T.P. Judd Trust Fund	\$3.26
Interest on School Trust Fund	\$1.58
Interest on Alice M. Ward Library	\$10.68
Interest on Church Trust Fund	\$0.97
Interest on Village Cemetery Trust Fund	\$37.17
Interest on Alice Hunt Cemetery Trust Fund	\$58.64
Interest on South Canaan Cemetery Trust	\$21.98
Interest on Fletcher Park Trust Fund	\$2.96
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$137.24
Balance in Checkbook 12-31-2024	\$8.57
TOTAL EXP & CASH ON HAND	\$145.81

TRUST FUND AGREEMENT – 2024

T.P. Judd Trust Fund	\$1,094.53
School District Trust Fund	\$528.38
Alice M. W. Library Trust Fund	\$3,568.89
Church Trust Fund	\$326.13
Village Cemetery Trust Fund	\$12,424.61
Alice Hunt Cemetery Trust Fund	\$22,735.45
South Canaan Cemetery Trust Fund	\$7,529.21
Fletcher Park Trust Fund	\$988.02
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$49,195.21

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Dencie Cunningham
Noreen Labrecque
Solange Poulin

REAPPRAISAL ACCOUNT - 2024**CEMETERY STONE ACCOUNT - 2024****RECEIPTS:**

Cash on Hand 01-01-2024	\$ 15,404.65
State of Vermont Reimbursement*	\$ -
Savings Interest	\$ 199.74
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$ 15,604.39

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Selectboard Orders	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -

Expenditures - 2024	\$ -
Cash on Hand 12-31-2024	\$ 15,604.39
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$ 15,604.39

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand 01-01-2024	\$ 3,345.43
TNCF Grant (S. Canaan Fence)	\$ 20,000.00
Savings Interest	\$ 53.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$ 23,399.40

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Selectboard Orders	\$ 8,488.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 8,488.00

Expenditures - 2024	\$ 8,488.00
Cash on Hand 12-31-2024	\$ 14,911.40
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$ 23,399.40

* \$11,798.00 will be moved to Reappraisal Account from General Fund in 2025

Listers Report

The results of the December 2024 Equalization Study have been received from the state and the statistics look good given the current real estate market. The common level of appraisal (CLA) is 88.76%. Basically, Canaan's Grand List values are at 89% of market value on average. The coefficient of dispersion (COD) is a measure of uniformity of appraisal within the town and is 15.74%.

At the state level, the VT state legislature passed Act 68 of 2023 which made changes to the property reappraisal system in VT. It created a 6 year cycle for each town to reappraise beginning on Jan 1, 2025. The Dept of Taxes has made recommendations on how to achieve this required 6 year cycle in an efficient and affordable manner, implementation will be the next consideration. The Canaan town wide reappraisal was completed in 2022 so this legislation doesn't affect Canaan in the immediate future.

The following breakdown is a summary of the 2024 Canaan Municipal Grand List for your information:

<u>Property Type</u>	<u># of Parcels</u>	<u>Listed Value</u>
Residential	402	70,157,900
Mobile Homes	39	2,328,700
Seasonal/Camps	75	11,308,700
Commercial/Industrial	27	12,129,100
Utilities	7	7,621,000
Farms	7	3,034,000
Open Land	<u>101</u>	<u>7,564,000</u>
TOTALS	658	114,143,400
Less exemptions*		<u>(4,017,100)</u>
Total Grand List		110,126,300

*Exemptions include: Current Use: \$3,917,100 Veterans: \$100,000

Town Residents are reminded to file their HOMESTEAD DECLARATION (form HS122) by April 15, 2025.

For information or to file online, visit www.tax.vermont.gov

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

RECEIPTS - 2024

Balance on Hand 01-01-2024	\$ 445,818.33
Apportionment of Taxes	\$ 262,337.00
ARPA Highway Reimbursement	\$ 5,000.00
State Aid to Highways	\$ 18,000.00
State Aid to Highways- Prepayment	\$ 19,883.53
Better Back Roads Grant	\$ 20,000.00
Road Permit Fees	\$ 175.00
Grant In Aid	\$ 3,954.00
Highway Department Services	\$ 545.00
Savings Interest	\$ 3,253.68
Sale of Equipment	\$ 20,500.00
T.P. Judd Trust Fund	\$ 3.26
River Road Paving Grant	\$ 108,000.00
Capital Reserve Transfer	\$ 31,615.04
Due to General	\$ 2,098.45
TOTAL HIGHWAY RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	<u>\$ 941,183.29</u>

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectboard Orders - 2024	\$ 712,765.27
Savings Account Balance 12-31-2024	\$ 228,418.02
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	<u>\$ 941,183.29</u>

HIGHWAY CAPITAL RESERVE

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand 01-01-2024	\$ 61,445.78
Savings Interest - 2024	\$ 551.89
Capital Reserve Transfer	\$ 20,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	<u>\$ 81,997.67</u>

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectboard Orders - 2024	\$ 31,615.04
Savings Account Balance 12-31-2024	\$ 50,382.63
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	<u>\$ 81,997.67</u>

**HIGHWAY ACCOUNT
DETAILED EXPENDITURES**

TOWN GARAGE:

Tools	\$	1,113.80
Insurance	\$	145.48
Mowing/Repairs	\$	892.22
Utilities	\$	766.24

EQUIPMENT FUEL & INSURANCES

Fuel & Lubricants	\$	10,929.08
Insurance	\$	2,316.98
2016 Ford F550 Expenses	\$	3,779.82
2021 Ford F600 Expenses	\$	1,418.91
2021 Ford F600 Lease	\$	12,884.40
2024 Ford 600 Expenses	\$	77,473.48
New Equipment	\$	83,002.22
Backhoe Expenses	\$	3,220.22
Grader Expenses	\$	1,750.65
Hydro-seeder Maintenance	\$	200.00

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Salaries	\$	30,227.49
Contracted Services	\$	11,668.65
Materials & Supplies	\$	917.44
Bridges & Culverts	\$	-
Hurricane Beryl Flood Repairs	\$	113,843.27
ARPA Expenses - Class IV Highways	\$	5,000.00
Grant In Aid - VT Expenses	\$	3,702.50
Better Back Roads Expense	\$	20,000.00

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Salaries	\$	46,698.98
Contracted Services	\$	11,326.73
Materials & Supplies	\$	5,257.08
Equipment Rental	\$	1,125.00
Winter Sand	\$	8,750.00

CONSTRUCTION & RESURFACING

Contracted Services	\$	25,000.00
Materials & Supplies	\$	30,804.98
State of Vermont Paving Grant (River Road)	\$	108,000.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Worker's Comp/Liability	\$	7,704.46
Health Insurance	\$	20,847.73
Life Insurance	\$	304.79
FICA	\$	5,322.16
Employer Retirement Share	\$	4,937.70
Administration	\$	3,380.86
Signs	\$	884.24
State Fees	\$	1,905.00
Shared Operator Reimb	\$	25,262.71
Transfer To Capital Reserve	\$	20,000.00

TOTAL SELECTBOARD HIGHWAY ORDERS

\$ 712,765.27

**TOWN OF CANAAN - HIGHWAY
2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
01-011-10 TOWN GARAGE				
01-011-1000 UTILITIES	\$ 600.90	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 766.24	\$ 1,000.00
01-011-1001 REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 92.22	\$ 4,000.00
01-011-1002 TOOLS	\$ 186.21	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,113.80	\$ 500.00
01-011-1003 GARAGE INSURANCE	\$ 120.57	\$ 146.00	\$ 145.48	\$ 145.00
01-011-1004 MOWING	\$ 1,065.60	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ 1,973.28	\$ 3,646.00	\$ 2,917.74	\$ 6,645.00
01-011-11 EQUIPMENT				
01-011-1100 2021 FORD OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 851.54	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,500.00
01-011-1101 2021 FORD PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$ 2,311.08	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,368.91	\$ 2,500.00
01-011-1102 FUEL & LUBRICANTS	\$ 13,052.49	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,929.08	\$ 15,000.00
01-011-1103 REGISTRATION FEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57.00	\$ -
01-011-1104 CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
01-011-1105 EQUIPMENT INSURANCE	\$ 2,060.65	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 2,316.98	\$ 3,000.00
01-011-1106 BACKHOE OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,771.49	\$ 750.00
01-011-1107 BACKHOE PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,448.73	\$ 1,000.00
01-011-1108 GRADER OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 1,491.86	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 621.00	\$ 1,000.00
01-011-1109 GRADER PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 8,294.60	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,129.65	\$ 5,000.00
01-011-1110 NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$ -	\$ 81,000.00	\$ 83,002.22	\$ -
01-011-1111 2016- 1 TON OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 2,407.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
01-011-1112 2016- 1 TON PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,231.55	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,279.82	\$ -
01-011-1113 2024 F600 OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 818.58	\$ 1,000.00
01-011-1114 2024 F600 PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,438.90	\$ 1,000.00
01-011-1115 HYDROSEEDER MAINTENANCE	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
01-011-1116 BACKHOE LEASE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
01-011-1117 TRUCK LEASE	\$ 12,884.40	\$ 12,885.00	\$ 12,884.40	\$ 12,885.00
01-011-1118 TRUCK PURCHASE	\$ -	\$ 75,159.00	\$ 75,159.00	\$ -
	\$ 64,800.17	\$ 224,344.00	\$ 216,975.76	\$ 65,835.00
01-011-12 SUMMER MAINTENANCE				
01-011-1200 SALARIES	\$ 14,471.19	\$ 30,975.00	\$ 30,227.49	\$ 57,700.00
01-011-1201 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 7,856.79	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,668.65	\$ 10,000.00
01-011-1202 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 17,501.28	\$ 250.00	\$ 917.44	\$ 1,000.00
01-011-1203 BRIDGES & CULVERTS	\$ 7,249.29	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00
01-011-1204 HALL STREAM BRDG PROJECT	\$ 17,844.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
01-011-1205 HALL STREAM BRDG- STATE AID	\$ 149,259.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
01-011-1210 FLOOD REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113,843.27	\$ -
01-011-1212 ARPA HGWY EXPENSES	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
01-011-1213 GRANT IN AID- VT EXPENSES	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,702.50	\$ 7,000.00
	\$ 241,682.55	\$ 75,725.00	\$ 165,359.35	\$ 83,200.00
01-011-13 WINTER MAINTENANCE				
01-011-1300 SALARIES	\$ 17,003.75	\$ 44,100.00	\$ 46,698.98	\$ 49,200.00
01-011-1301 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 12,086.73	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,326.73	\$ 5,000.00
01-011-1302 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 17,804.42	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,257.08	\$ 12,000.00
01-011-1303 EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$ 850.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 2,000.00
01-011-1304 WINTER SAND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 8,750.00
	\$ 47,744.90	\$ 73,100.00	\$ 73,157.79	\$ 76,950.00
01-011-14 CONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING				
01-011-1401 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 17,212.50	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
01-011-1402 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 17,538.15	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,804.98	\$ 25,000.00
01-011-1403 BETTER BACK ROADS	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
01-011-1404 RIVER RD PAVING- STATE AID	\$ -	\$ 108,000.00	\$ 108,000.00	\$ -
	\$ 34,750.65	\$ 178,000.00	\$ 183,804.98	\$ 50,000.00

**TOWN OF CANAAN - HIGHWAY
2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	FY2023	FY2024	FY2024	FY2025
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
01-011-15 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION EXP				
01-011-1500 WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION	\$ 5,205.09	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,942.48	\$ 6,400.00
01-011-1501 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 26,057.15	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 20,847.73	\$ 25,600.00
01-011-1502 LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 417.97	\$ 400.00	\$ 304.79	\$ 400.00
01-011-1503 HIGHWAY MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 27.60	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
01-011-1504 LIABILITY	\$ 688.29	\$ 775.00	\$ 761.98	\$ 3,300.00
01-011-1505 FICA/CHILD CARE TAX	\$ 2,208.65	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 5,322.16	\$ 10,690.00
01-011-1506 ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,014.05	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,380.86	\$ 4,000.00
01-011-1507 EMPLOYER RETIREMENT SHARE	\$ 4,880.33	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 4,937.70	\$ 6,920.00
01-011-1509 HIGHWAY MILEAGE	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
01-011-1510 HIGHWAY EDUCATION	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
01-011-1512 SIGNS	\$ 316.39	\$ 500.00	\$ 884.24	\$ 1,000.00
01-011-1513 STATE FEES	\$ 1,765.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,905.00	\$ 2,000.00
01-011-1514 SHARED OPERATOR REIMB.	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,262.71	\$ -
	\$ 44,780.52	\$ 83,375.00	\$ 70,549.65	\$ 60,710.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	\$ 435,732.07	\$ 638,190.00	\$ 712,765.27	\$ 343,340.00
HIGHWAY REVENUES	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY2024	FY2025
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
01-010-1084 PROPERTY TAX APPROPRIATION	\$ 278,704.00	\$ 262,337.00	\$ 262,337.00	\$ 306,487.00
01-010-1212 ARPA HGWY REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
01-010-1401 STATE AID TO HIGHWAYS	\$ 34,898.48	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 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	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,954.00	\$ 7,000.00
01-010-1412 STATE AID PREPAYMENTS	\$ 18,493.37	\$ -	\$ 19,883.53	\$ -
01-010-1413 RIVER RD PAVING GRANT	\$ -	\$ 108,000.00	\$ 108,000.00	\$ -
01-010-1501 HIGHWAY DEPT SERVICES	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 545.00	\$ 200.00
01-010-1602 HIGHWAY INTEREST	\$ 3,745.04	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,253.68	\$ 1,500.00
01-010-1603 SALE OF EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,500.00	\$ -
01-010-1606 ROAD PERMIT FEES	\$ 160.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 150.00
01-010-1611 TP JUDD TRUST INT.	\$ 2.67	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.26	\$ 3.00
01-010-1613 TRANSFER FROM CAP RESERVE	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 31,615.04	\$ -
UNEXPENDED HGWY FUNDS- PRIOR YEAR	\$ 1,365.59	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 219,498.76	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 514,328.75	\$ 627,190.00	\$ 712,765.27	\$ 343,340.00
2024 HIGHWAY TAX RATE - 0.2382				
2025 SUGGESTED TAX RATE - 0.2770				
Grand List \$ 1,106,304.00				

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

Library Director's Report – 2024

2024 proved to be a very productive and exciting year at Alice M. Ward Memorial Library. It continues to welcome the "Fiber Friends" Craft Group, "Go Ask Alice" Book Club, Playgroup for ages 1-6, and monthly visits from the Canaan School children. The two book sales we have over the summer were successful and well attended and eagerly awaited for by local and seasonal readers alike. We had 62 new patrons request library cards at AWML and comment cards that we requested in support of the grant we were seeking were returned to us with very positive and complimentary remarks.

We supported a number of events over the year starting with Jon Gailmor and The Tow Hollers at the American Legion Hall. We co-hosted these two luncheon/entertainment programs with CNC, which proved to be very popular and well attended. Rural Edge did an instructional felted knit bag class that was fun and we provided the space for a vaccine clinic promoted by VT. Dept. of Health and the VT. Center for Independent Living. The total solar eclipse was a highly anticipated occurrence in 2024 which the library celebrated by displaying models of the earth, sun and moon with educational posters depicting facts about this rare event. We hosted the Tiny Art Show in the spring, which is a favorite with many, the Smokey the Bear Reading Challenge over the summer, and Pumpkins in The Park in the fall. The library also participated in Trunk or Treat and were well represented in the town Scarecrow contest by one made for us by the Canaan School kindergarten class. During summer school we hosted the Vermont Institute of Natural Science's Raptor Road Show at the Canaan School gymnasium. Over 60 children and 30 adults enjoyed this entertaining and educational demonstration with 3 live ambassador birds in attendance. Back at the library we organized a puppet show performed by Cactus Head Puppets and invited children's author, Bernadette Rosetti Shustak, to read one of her books. The younger children loved these interactive programs! We had an eager group out to hear Vermont wildlife biologist, Will Staats, and his accounts of how he went into this field. His "fireside chat" recalled many unusual and interesting wildlife stories which the audience did not want to end! Hopefully, we'll have him back in 2025! The year ended with the Canaan Historical Society having their Wassail Party and antique photographs on display in December.

The library made some improvements in 2024. A new 10-gallon hot water heater and mixing valve was installed for energy efficiency, the carpets were cleaned, our outdoor sign and a couple of library chairs were repaired by Jacques Belair, the Ethan Allen library chairs were repainted, and we changed to a new telephone carrier to save money.

The most exciting news and the highlight of our year was learning we had been awarded a \$900,000 Capital Grant from the State of Vermont. This has been a dream of the Alice M. Ward Memorial Library for a number of years and will allow us to renovate the entire space in our attached carriage house into library space. This two-year project will result in expanded collection space, privacy and study desks, comfortable seating, an ADA bathroom and a community room with seating up to 20!

2025 proves to be a busy, goal-oriented year for AWML, however, our most strategic goal remains serving the community and surrounding area to the best of our ability. We are here to help pick out a book, print or fax, provide a meeting space or computer access. We look forward to you coming in!

Respectfully Submitted,



ALICE M WARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY**TREASURER'S REPORT****Zachary Brown, Treasurer****RECEIPTS**

Cash on Hand 01-01-2024	\$	126,280.02
Property Tax Appropriation	\$	86,676.00
Donations	\$	1,671.00
Trust Fund	\$	10.68
Summer Reading Grant	\$	300.00
Paul Post Grant	\$	550.00
CLIF Reading Grant	\$	131.36
Winnie Belle Grant	\$	2,600.00
Tillotson North Country Grant	\$	5,000.00
ARPA Funds	\$	15,000.00
Savings Interest	\$	1,341.70
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$	239,560.76

EXPENDITURES

Library Salaries	\$	42,807.92
FICA	\$	3,311.63
Postage & Fees	\$	1,154.36
Administration Expenses	\$	591.14
Programming	\$	3,181.86
Book, Magazine Sub, DVDs	\$	11,040.47
Materials & Supplies	\$	2,581.67
Professional Development	\$	467.65
Building Prop. Insurance	\$	2,708.17
Workers Comp.	\$	486.99
CLIF Reading Grant	\$	131.36
Summer Reading Grant	\$	300.00
VT Arts Council Grant	\$	2,600.00
BLDG Bright Futures Grant	\$	206.98
Winnie Belle Grant	\$	57.00
Paul Post Grant	\$	550.00

BUILDING

Telephone	\$	846.93
Electricity	\$	1,945.58
Water & Sewer	\$	763.90
Maintenance	\$	933.00
Fuel	\$	3,970.27
Internet	\$	816.00
Building Repairs & Supplies	\$	2,614.25
Carriage House Engineering Pro.	\$	20,172.35

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	104,239.48
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Cash on Hand 12-31-2024	\$	135,749.95
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Due to/Due from	\$	(428.67)
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$	239,560.76
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ALICE M WARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY				
2025 Proposed Budget				
Library Operations & Building		2024 Proposed	2024 Actual	2025 Proposed
07-071-1701	Salaries	\$ 46,100.00	\$ 42,807.92	\$ 49,504.00
07-071-1703	FICA	\$ 3,530.00	\$ 3,311.63	\$ 3,788.00
07-071-1707	Materials & Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,581.67	\$ 3,500.00
07-071-1708	Programming	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,181.86	\$ 2,000.00
07-071-1709	Books & Subscriptions	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,505.77	\$ 12,000.00
07-071-1710	Postage	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,154.36	\$ 1,400.00
07-071-1720	Administration Exp.	\$ 350.00	\$ 591.14	\$ 1,700.00
07-071-1721	Building Prop. Ins.	\$ 2,709.00	\$ 2,708.17	\$ 2,241.00
07-071-1722	Workers Comp.	\$ 487.00	\$ 486.99	\$ 674.00
07-071-1743	DVDs	\$ 300.00	\$ 534.70	\$ 500.00
07-071-1744	Professional Devel.	\$ 500.00	\$ 467.65	\$ 500.00
07-071-2001	Telephone/Fax	\$ 600.00	\$ 846.93	\$ 400.00
07-071-2002	Electricity	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,945.58	\$ 2,000.00
07-071-2003	Water & Sewer	\$ 700.00	\$ 763.90	\$ 800.00
07-071-2004	Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 933.00	\$ 1,500.00
07-071-2005	Fuel	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,970.27	\$ 6,500.00
07-071-2007	Internet	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 1,000.00
07-071-2009	Bldg. Repair & Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,614.25	\$ 2,500.00
Sub Total Expenditures		\$ 85,976.00	\$ 80,221.79	\$ 92,507.00
Expenses: Grants & Donations		2024 Proposed	2024 Actual	2025 Proposed
07-071-2214	Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
07-071-2216	Tillotson Grant (donation)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
07-071-2223	Building Bright Futures	\$ -	\$ 206.98	\$ -
07-071-2224	Winnie Belle Grant	\$ -	\$ 57.00	\$ -
07-071-2106	Summer Reading Pgm Grant	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
07-071-2226	VT Arts Council	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -
07-071-2227	Paul Post Fund Grant	\$ -	\$ 550.00	\$ -
07-071-2228	CLIF Reading Grant	\$ -	\$ 131.36	\$ -
07-071-2225	Carriage House Eng	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
07-071-3500	Prior Years Surplus	\$ -	\$ 5,172.35	\$ -
Total Exp. Grants & Donations		\$ -	\$ 24,017.69	\$ -
Total Expenditures		\$ 85,976.00	\$ 104,239.48	\$ 92,507.00
2025 Proposed Revenues				
07-070-1084	Property Tax Appropriation	\$ 86,176.00	\$ 86,676.00	\$ 92,507.00
07-070-1502	Donations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,671.00	\$ -
07-070-1503	Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ 10.68	\$ -
07-070-1602	Savings Interest	\$ -	\$ 1,341.70	\$ -
07-070-2520	Tillotson Grant (Donation)	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
07-070-2106	Summer Reading Pgm Grant	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
07-070-2226	VT Arts Council	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -
07-070-2227	Paul Post Fund Grant	\$ -	\$ 550.00	\$ -
07-070-2228	CLIF Reading Grant	\$ -	\$ 131.36	\$ -
07-070-2931	ARPA Grant	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
Total Revenues		\$ 91,176.00	\$ 113,280.74	\$ 92,507.00
2024 Tax Rate :		\$ 0.0800		
2025 Suggested Tax Rate:		\$ 0.0836		
Grand List:		\$ 1,106,304.00		

Wastewater Treatment Facility Report

The Wastewater Treatment Facility has been operational for 10 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. Our facility is permitted to accept six thousand gallons per day of septage. We are due for a new permit and where our facility handles that limit so well, we are asking for an increase so we can better serve the public. If the limit is not reached by residents of the two towns, then we are able to accept septage from other towns and bring in revenue to offset facility cost

There is a flushable wipe pandemic across the country, and it is 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. Along with wipes, household grease is a huge issue and when combined they form a sticky wad that the stations cannot handle. We have been having issues at multiple stations and spent thousands of dollars that is not necessary to spend. We do not want to install rag eating pumps at the pump stations as the cost for these pumps is much greater than regular ones. **PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH “FLUSHABLE” wipes down the drain.**

There has been a lot of preventative maintenance done this year which includes having the sewer stations pumped out by a vac truck to clean whatever has settled at the bottoms to protect the pumps. Preventative maintenance is done on equipment by professionals including our chopper pumps and blowers and solar bee mixers in the lagoons. The same maintenance will be done this year.

All of Canaan was affected by flooding this year. Compared to many towns we received little damage. Our biggest issue is water flooding around some of our stations and infiltrating them to the point where the stations can't keep up and there was a huge potential for an overflow. Luckily there were no overflows but there was some cosmetic damage and some minor electrical damage. The river water did overflow and surround the plant but did not get high enough to infiltrate the building or lagoons. We are as prepared as we can be for future incidents.

We had personnel changes this year. It took a long time to fill the open part time position. Part time helpers Chester Smart and Kevin McKinnon stepped up and helped Chief Operator April Busfield keep up with maintenance and groundskeeping of the plant and stations. We have hired Kaylan Gray to become the new backup water and wastewater operator for the Town. She will be starting the apprenticeship program with Vermont Rural Water Association, so she obtains the proper training to license after she meets the states requirements for experience. Kaylan has started and seems like a good fit for our facility. Welcome Kaylan!

If you have any questions or concerns, the Joint Commission meets at 5:30 pm quarterly the first Tuesday of January, April, July, and November or you may come to a selectman's meeting every other Monday at 6:00 pm. Also feel free to contact me at 802-266-7723.

April Busfield, Chief Operator

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

Billed for Collection - 2024	\$ 207,316.26
Billed interest - 01-01-2024	\$ 198.23
TOTAL BILLED	\$ 207,514.49

Collected 2024	\$ 196,029.24
Arrears Collectable - 12-31-2024	\$ 11,485.25
TOTALS	\$ 207,514.49

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand 01-01-2024	\$ 33,630.47
Utility Collections - 2024	\$ 186,054.58
Interest from Delinquents	\$ 135.42
Interest from Savings	\$ 607.94
Utility Credits	\$ 930.69
West Stewartstown O & M	\$ 98,488.75
Sewer Connection Fee	\$ -
Treatment Processing	\$ 83,908.50
USDA Grant	\$ -
Septage Charges	\$ 12,946.19
Shared Operator Reimb.	\$ 9,114.51
Sewer Miscellaneous	\$ 12.00
Reserve Alloted Inccorectly FY23	\$ 32,000.00
DUE TO/DUE FROM	\$ (332.56)
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH	\$ 457,496.49

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Sewer Orders	\$ 368,164.88
Cash on Hand 12-31-2024	\$ 89,331.61
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 457,496.49
& CASH ON HAND	

SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand 01-01-2024	\$ 180,327.29
Capital Reserve Entitlement	\$ 22,183.00
Capital Reserve Savings Int.	\$ 2,437.99
TOTAL RECEIPTS &	\$ 204,948.28

CASH ON HAND

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Selectboard Orders	\$ 2,994.82
Savings Balance 12-31-2024	\$ 201,953.46
TOTAL EXP. & CASH ON HAND	\$ 204,948.28

**WASTEWATER ACCOUNT
DETAILED EXPENDITURES**

SEWER PLANT

Salaries	\$ 76,552.02
FICA	\$ 5,782.74
Employer Share Retirement	\$ 4,049.72
Operator Phone Stipend	\$ 279.00
Heat & Utilities	\$ 40,923.24
Repairs	\$ 6,856.61
Materials & Supplies	\$ 6,067.99
Plant Insurance	\$ 2,002.08
Contracted Labor & Equip	\$ 21,118.39
Lab Equipment	\$ 3,046.81
New Equipment	3097.43
Health Insurance	\$ 23,288.05
Life Insurance	\$ 344.12
Generator Fuel	\$ 510.15
Mowing	\$ 1,670.00
Workmen's Comp/Liability	\$ 3,757.52
WS Portion of Septage	\$ 36,927.36
Commissioner's Fees	\$ 925.00
USDA Loan #2	\$ 9,736.00
Muffin Monster Maint.	\$ 3,500.00

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Utilities	\$ 6,187.19
Repairs	\$ 2,000.00
Mileage	\$ 1,051.72
Contracted Labor /Equip	\$ 14,895.18
Legal Fees	\$ -
Administrative Expenses	\$ 3,836.57
New Equipment	\$ 2,931.25
Materials & Supplies	\$ 1,610.54
Generator Fuel for Stations	\$ 421.86
Operator Education	\$ 125.34
Capital Reserve Allotment	\$ 18,683.00
Sewer Capital Reserve Exp	\$ -
USDA Loan	\$ 65,988.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 368,164.88

**TOWN OF CANAAN - WASTEWATER
2025 APPROVED BUDGET**

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
02-021-10 SEWER PLANT EXPENSE				
02-021-1000 OPERATOR SALARIES	\$ 116,581.52	\$ 77,600.00	\$ 76,552.02	\$ 80,000.00
02-021-1001 HEAT & UTILITIES	\$ 39,068.90	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 39,268.04	\$ 45,000.00
02-021-1002 REPAIRS	\$ 9,040.80	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,856.61	\$ 7,000.00
02-021-1003 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 8,241.70	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,067.99	\$ 6,000.00
02-021-1004 LAB EQUIPMENT/TESTS	\$ 4,235.24	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,046.81	\$ 4,000.00
02-021-1005 PLANT INSURANCE	\$ 1,929.14	\$ 2,003.00	\$ 2,002.08	\$ 2,020.00
02-021-1006 CONTRACTED LABOR	\$ 12,830.37	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,618.57	\$ 20,000.00
02-021-1007 CONTRACTED EQUIPMENT	\$ 800.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 499.82	\$ 700.00
02-021-1008 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,097.43	\$ 4,500.00
02-021-1010 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 37,708.37	\$ 40,250.00	\$ 23,288.05	\$ 36,000.00
02-021-1011 LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 251.39	\$ 350.00	\$ 344.12	\$ 350.00
02-021-1012 WORK COMP	\$ 2,684.66	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 2,685.96	\$ 1,910.00
02-021-1013 LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,071.56	\$ 2,100.00
02-021-1014 SEWER COMMISSIONER FEES	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 925.00	\$ 925.00
02-021-1015 EMPLOYER RETIREMENT SHRE	\$ 4,993.49	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 4,049.72	\$ 4,300.00
02-021-1016 OPERATOR PHONE STIPEND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 279.00	\$ 120.00
02-021-1017 LEGAL FEES	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
02-021-1018 OPERATOR EDUCATION	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 125.34	\$ 1,400.00
02-021-1019 GENERATOR FUEL	\$ 323.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 510.15	\$ 2,000.00
02-021-1020 HEAT/PELLETS	\$ 1,962.70	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,655.20	\$ 2,000.00
02-021-1080 AERATION SYSTEM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-021-1081 MOWING	\$ 2,094.60	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,670.00	\$ 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	\$ 8,748.51	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 5,782.74	\$ 8,000.00
02-021-1094 SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 18,683.00	\$ 18,683.00	\$ 18,683.00	\$ 18,683.00
02-021-1095 STEW. PORTION BOLENS	\$ 27,048.81	\$ 27,600.00	\$ 36,927.36	\$ 27,600.00
02-021-1097 GRIT DISPOSAL	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-021-1099 MUFFIN MONSTER MAINT.	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
TOTAL PLANT	\$ 314,962.20	\$ 286,292.00	\$ 269,242.57	\$ 290,844.00
Sewer Collection System				
02-021-1100 UTILITIES	\$ 7,766.45	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,187.19	\$ 6,400.00
02-021-1101 REPAIRS	\$ 5,682.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
02-021-1102 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,130.29	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,610.54	\$ 1,600.00
02-021-1103 CONTRACTED LABOR	\$ 27,805.11	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 14,895.18	\$ 19,000.00
02-021-1104 MILEAGE CHECKING PUMPS	\$ 1,049.83	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,051.72	\$ 1,100.00
02-021-1106 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 15,668.38	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,931.25	\$ 10,000.00
02-021-1107 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	\$ 4,364.07	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,836.57	\$ 4,000.00
02-021-1109 CONTRACTED EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-021-1110 GEN. FUEL FOR PUMP ST	\$ 554.06	\$ 500.00	\$ 421.86	\$ 5,750.00
02-021-1111 SEWER CAPITAL RES EXP	\$ 11,847.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 24,495.00
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	\$ 141,855.19	\$ 137,888.00	\$ 98,922.31	\$ 140,333.00
TOTAL PLANT & COLLECTION	\$ 456,817.39	\$ 424,180.00	\$ 368,164.88	\$ 431,177.00

**TOWN OF CANAAN - WASTEWATER
2025 APPROVED BUDGET**

PROJECTED REVENUES - 2025	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
02-020-1500 TAX SALE COLLECTOR'S FEE	\$ 160.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1501 SEWER CONNECTION CHRG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1502 SEWER QUARTERLY CHRG	\$ 181,412.78	\$ 189,000.00	\$ 186,054.58	\$ 189,000.00
02-020-1503 SEWER CHARGES - W. STEW	\$ 80,985.60	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 98,488.75	\$ 134,016.00
02-020-1504 MISC FEES/CHARGES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1505 UTILITY INTEREST CHARGES	\$ 165.51	\$ 150.00	\$ 135.42	\$ 150.00
02-020-1507 UTILITY CREDIT	\$ 1,672.82	\$ -	\$ 930.69	\$ -
02-020-1508 SEPTAGE CHARGES	\$ 13,220.02	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 12,946.19	\$ 13,500.00
02-020-1602 INT. & DIVIDENDS - SEWER	\$ 953.92	\$ 800.00	\$ 607.94	\$ 500.00
02-020-1605 SEPTAGE REVENUES	\$ 63,737.76	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 83,908.50	\$ 64,000.00
02-020-1609 MISCELLANEOUS - SEWER	\$ 3,639.60	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ -
02-020-1610 SEWER REIMBURSEMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,186.20	\$ -
02-020-1710 COMM NATL BK - USDA REIMB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1752 USDA GRANT FUNDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AMOUNT FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 11,847.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 24,000.00
UNEXPENDED SEWER FUNDS	\$ 99,182.38	\$ 11,730.00	\$ -	\$ 6,011.00
	\$ 456,817.39	\$ 424,180.00	\$ 391,270.27	\$ 431,177.00

2024

DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

DELINQUENT SEPTAGE CHARGES 2024

Benoit, Jonathan & Lenore	\$	151.00	Linnell, Helen	\$	252.00
Biron, Austin	\$	151.00	Locke, Joshua	\$	507.09
Brockney, Kevin	\$	507.09	Mannino, Michael	\$	507.09
Burrill, Michael	\$	354.03	Marchand, Sylvain	\$	50.00
Butler, Michael	\$	50.00	Marsh, Brandon & Erica	\$	50.00
Champagne, Ben & Jenny	\$	50.00	Maurais, Aleda	\$	151.00
Choquette, Gaston	\$	100.00	Maurais, Denis	\$	201.50
Cote, Brendon & Carmen	\$	50.00	Maybury, Dale	\$	295.69
Couture, Robert	\$	406.07	Mccomiskey, Robert	\$	151.00
Cunningham, Jonathan	\$	50.00	McGuire, Kevin	\$	100.50
Daniels, Peter & Thomas	\$	252.00	Meckley, Tommi	\$	50.00
Dennis, Leonard Jr.	\$	507.09	Merson, Ronald & Donna	\$	50.00
Dubey, Brenda	\$	50.00	Morais, Henri & Claudette (x2)	\$	100.00
Favreau, David	\$	50.00	Morton, Frank	\$	100.50
Fernandes, Antone (x2)	\$	100.00	Nelson, Cyril (x3)	\$	604.50
Finer Farms LLC	\$	507.09	Norris, Richard	\$	507.09
Fulton, Robert	\$	100.50	Philibert, Pauline	\$	50.50
Gobeil, Rene (x2)	\$	302.00	Phinney, Bruce & Suzanne	\$	507.09
Godin, Matthew	\$	252.00	Plummer Estate	\$	37.50
Graves, Garrett III	\$	100.50	Polewarczyk, Mason & Sherrie	\$	50.00
Gray, David & Lynne	\$	50.00	Rancourt, Alex	\$	50.00
Guay, Kenneth & Sarah	\$	100.50	Reese, Brigham	\$	50.00
Guilbault, Gary	\$	33.50	Rodrigue, Richard	\$	50.00
Hailey, Rajesh & Rebecca	\$	50.00	Sweatt, Jacob	\$	100.50
Hoyt, David	\$	151.00	Taggart, Christian	\$	100.00
Keyser, Arthur	\$	33.50	Tyler, Danielle	\$	354.03
Kimball, Harry Jr. & Joette	\$	507.09	Wright, Therese & Dennis	\$	50.00
Kimball, Robert	\$	507.09	TOTAL DELINQUENT SEPTAGE	\$	10,600.63

DELINQUENT SEWER CHARGES 2024

241 Gale Street LLC	\$	630.00	Lasting, Jonathan	\$	105.00
Blanchard, Linda	\$	317.10	Lindor, Jean & Iris	\$	105.00
Cormier, Daniel	\$	105.00	Lynch, Travis & Ashlie	\$	105.00
Cornell, Derek	\$	87.44	McKinnon, Shori	\$	181.16
Davis, James Jr.	\$	105.00	*	\$	105.00
Degray, Scott	\$	105.00	Moaratty, Robert	\$	105.00
Fairhead, Chelsea	\$	105.00	*	\$	105.00
Foote, Nathan & Emily	\$	105.00	O'Dell, Brett	\$	20.00
Frontier EU LLC	\$	210.00	Ounan, Francis	\$	105.00
Frontier EU LLC, The Local Scoop	\$	644.47	Ounan, Francis	\$	210.00
Garcia, Alan & Sonia	\$	105.00	Ounan, Francis	\$	420.00
Goudreau, Nicholas & Ashley	\$	105.00	Paquette, Christopher	\$	204.17
Grand Bois du Nord LLC	\$	330.75	Philibert, Pauline	\$	105.00
Gray, Donald & Norma	\$	165.41	Phillips, Kristopher & Sarah	\$	105.00
Haynes, Haven Jr. & Peggy	\$	211.05	Rain, Jeffrey & Jennifer	\$	41.74
*	\$	105.00	Shellpoint Mortgage	\$	2,241.00
Houle, Benoit & Deborah	\$	410.00	*	\$	211.05
Houle, Benoit II	\$	105.00	Slater, Richard	\$	105.00
Inkel, Paul & Samantha	\$	209.00	Slocum, Faith	\$	106.05
Johnson, Daniel	\$	105.00	Spencer, Joanne	\$	439.51
Jordan, Pamela	\$	105.00	Uran, Betty (x2)	\$	1,013.09
Kimball, Robert	\$	1,103.44	*	\$	210.00
*	\$	633.15	*	\$	105.00
Lakin, Wendell & Valerie	\$	105.00	TOTAL DELINQUENT SEWER	\$	12,664.58

TOTAL DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS \$ **23,265.21**
TOTAL NUMBER OF DEL. ACCOUNTS **102**

* Denotes Accounts Paid After 12/31/2024

Remember just because it says **FLUSHABLE** does not always mean it is **FLUSHABLE**?

SOLID MATERIALS

Your private or municipal system can process only toilet paper, which is designed to fall apart rapidly.


Never flush household solid waste such as paper, cloth, or plastic film, even if the package says it's "flushable." Those "flushable" wipes are a leading cause of serious clogs - never flush them!

These items don't dissolve. They mix with fats, oils, and greases, creating clogs that require costly repairs. They can also cause sewage overflows into rivers and lakes.

Solid Material Disposal

Toss household solid waste materials into the trash and take them to the landfill. Don't try to burn or compost them (except food scraps)!


Food scraps also cause clogs - and in-sink disposals don't help! Compost them - Vermont law requires that, by 2020, all food scraps be composted. Your trash hauler or waste district will provide pick-up service if necessary.




NEVER FLUSH

The following common household items should never be flushed:

- Paper towels
- Disposable diapers
- Tampons & applicators
- Sanitary napkins
- Hair
- Rags
- Dryer lint
- Cleaning/disinfectant wipes
- Cigarette butts
- Q-Tips
- Dental floss
- Bandages
- Condoms
- Cotton balls
- Facial tissues
- Flushable wipes
- Candy wrappers



DON'T FLUSH IT!



VOLUME 1: CLOGGERS!

How to save money and hassle - and protect the environment - by knowing what **NOT** to flush or pour into your septic tank or municipal sewer system.

RULE #1: Sewage treatment systems, big or small, are designed to handle pee, poo, and toilet paper. That's it! Everything else causes problems.

FATS, OILS, & GREASES

Never pour fats, oils, or greases (a.k.a. FOGs) into sink, toilet, or storm drain!


When they solidify, FOGs impair performance and require pumping or replacement of small septic systems. FOG clogs in public sewer pipes and pumps cause breakdowns that result in sewer overflows and costly repairs. Either way, you pay.

FOGs combine with solid materials - see opposite side - and create "fatbergs." These horror-story clogs cost New York City taxpayers \$20 million a year. Some towns in Vermont pay up to \$40,000 in avoidable clog repairs.

- In-sink disposals do not dissolve FOGs!

Don't put FOGs into compost. They can attract pests and slow the composting process.

For more information on damage caused by clogs, do a web search for "fatbergs" - lots of great, gross videos!




FOG SOLUTIONS

Bacon Grease & Deep-Fry Oil:

- Save in a jar and re-use. Do a web search for "what to do with bacon grease" for great advice on recipes and how to make soap, candles, lip balm, bird food, and more.
- Let cool until solidified, then wrap and dispose of in your trash.
- When warm, pour into a sealable jar or directly into your trash bag among absorbent materials.
- Wipe warm pans with a paper towel before washing; toss towels in trash.


Regular Frying & Salad Oil:

- Wipe all frying pans when butter, fat, or oil is still warm, then wash.
- Wipe salad bowls before washing. Use paper towels and dispose of them in the trash.





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2024 CANAAN REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand 01-01-2024 (Checking Account)	\$	-	
Cash on Hand 01-01-2024 (Savings Account)	\$	524,085.32	
Begin Riverside Park LLC	\$	11,932.80	
Cunningham Full Service Loan	\$	22,766.76	
Grand Bois Du Nord	\$	17,006.28	
Grand Bois Du Nord 2nd loan	\$	2,809.23	Paid in Full 2024
Jackson Lakeside Realty	\$	4,521.41	
My Maple, LLC	\$	33,728.04	
RM Enterprises	\$	6,806.40	
Application Fees	\$	300.00	
Savings Interest	\$	5,936.28	

TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$	629,892.52	
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EXPENDITURES:

Begin Riverside Park LLC	\$	66,000.00	
Jackson Lakeside Realty	\$	83,600.00	
Paid Revolving Loan Committee Orders - 2024	\$	149,600.00	
Cash in Savings/Sweep 12-31-2024 (Bangor Bank)	\$	480,292.52	
Cash in Checking 12-31-2024 (Bangor Bank)	\$	-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$	629,892.52	

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. In 2024 we reviewed four new applications. Although we could not grant loans to all applicants, we awarded two loans. One to a new applicant and one to an old one. We thank everyone who applied and all of our loanees!

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1
Zachary William Brown, Treasurer

Water Utility Billed - 2024	\$ 137,026.81
Billed interest	\$ 188.55
TOTAL BILLED - 2024	\$ 137,215.36

Water Rents Collected - 2024	\$ 134,209.59
Water Rent Arrears 12-31-2024	\$ 1,352.95
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 135,562.54

RECEIPTS:

Balance - 01-01-2024	\$ 18,237.58
2024 Water Rents Collected	\$ 133,819.55
2024 Water Rents Penalties	\$ 175.86
Utilities Credit	\$ 1,551.33
Connect/Disconnect	\$ 90.00
Savings Interest	\$ 186.61
Capital Reserve transfer	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 154,060.93
& CASH ON HAND	

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Prudential Orders	\$ 135,855.65
Cash on Hand 12-31-2024	\$ 18,205.28
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 154,060.93
& CASH ON HAND	

WATER CAPITAL RESERVE

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand 01-01-2024	\$ 34,266.54
Savings interest 2024	\$ 447.43
Transfer from FD #1	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 39,713.97
& CASH ON HAND	

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Fire District #1 Orders	\$ -
Savings Balance 12-31-2024	\$ 39,713.97
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 39,713.97
& CASH ON HAND	

Report of the
Canaan Fire District #1

2024 was another good year for Fire District #1. We had no major projects or problems reported. We would like to thank James Belknap for his work and dedication on the project, as well as April Busfield, Kaylan Gray, 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, parts, operator education, and operator equipment, as well as a decrease in expected income, 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 19th, 2025.

Canaan Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

Jeffery Richards, Chairman

Jeremy Labrecque

Alfred Buckley

April Busfield, Chief Operator

Kaylan Gray, Asst. Operator

**CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT 1
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
DETAILED EXPENDITURES 2024**

FIRE DISTRICT #1	YR 2024
COMMISSIONER FEES	\$ 1,200.00
OPERATOR SALARIES	\$ 13,218.12
OPERATOR MILEAGE	\$ 1,269.12
OPERATOR PHONE STIPEND	\$ 279.00
OPERATOR EDUCATION COSTS	\$ 204.08
FICA	\$ 1,117.94
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 3,919.54
VMERS	\$ 540.91
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 2,455.24
CONTRACT LABOR	\$ 2,302.50
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	\$ 5,323.64
WORKMEN'S COMP & LIABILITY	\$ 1,957.06
CHEMICALS	\$ 2,442.00
PROPANE	\$ 1,519.06
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ -
STORAGE TANK EXPENDITURES	\$ -
CAPITAL RESERVE TRANSFER	\$ 5,000.00
WATER PROJECT EXPENSES	\$ 736.25
USDA LOAN PAYMENT	\$ 73,604.00
UTILITIES	\$ 17,067.19
FIRE DISTRICT 2 DEBT PAYMENT	\$ 1,700.00
	<u>\$ 135,855.65</u>

**CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1
UNCOLLECTED 2024**

241 GALE STREET LLC	\$ 347.37
BELKNAP, CHELSEA	\$ 110.19
CORMIER, DANIEL	\$ 94.36
DAVIS, JAMES JR.	\$ 48.00
FOOTE, NATHAN & EMILY	\$ 122.21
GOUDREAU, NICHOLAS & ASHLEY	\$ 89.69
JOHNSON, DANIEL	\$ 145.70
KIMBALL, ROBERT	\$ 440.24
*	\$ 433.42
LAKIN, WENDELL & VALERIE	\$ 103.80
LASTING, JONATHAN	\$ 88.00
LINDOR, JEAN & IRIS	\$ 89.93
LYNCH, TRAVIS & ASHLIE	\$ 100.31
MICKELBORO, BETH	\$ 91.72
MOARATTY, ROBERT	\$ 88.00
PHILIBERT, PAULINE	\$ 135.86
PHILLIPS, KRISTOPHER	\$ 107.54
SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICES	\$ 1,197.42
SLATER, RICHARD	\$ 88.00
SLOCUM, FAITH	\$ 107.78
SPENCER, JOANNE	\$ 364.59
TOTAL DELINQUENT	<u>\$ 4,394.13</u>

* PAID AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2024

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1
2025 APPROVED BUDGET

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
11-011-0998 RETIREMENT	\$ 799.65	\$ 750.00	\$ 540.91	\$ 750.00
11-011-0999 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 7,299.74	\$ 7,064.00	\$ 3,919.54	\$ 5,000.00
11-011-1000 COMMISSIONER FEES	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
11-011-1002 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 3,777.08	\$ 3,390.00	\$ 2,455.24	\$ 3,390.00
11-011-1004 CONTRACT LABOR	\$ 6,917.95	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,302.50	\$ 2,200.00
11+011-1005 DISTRIBUTION CONT LABOR	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
11-011-1006 ADM. EXPENSES	\$ 7,056.11	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,323.64	\$ 7,000.00
11-011-1008 WORK COMP./PROP LIAB.	\$ 1,705.60	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 1,957.06	\$ 2,563.69
11-011-1009 FICA/MEDI	\$ 1,292.96	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,117.94	\$ 1,300.00
11-011-1010 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,663.61	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
11-011-1011 OPERATOR EDUCATION	\$ 83.50	\$ 300.00	\$ 204.08	\$ 1,400.00
11-011-1012 OPERATOR SALARY	\$ 16,125.42	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 13,218.12	\$ 13,600.00
11-011-1013 OPERATOR MILEAGE	\$ 1,069.24	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,269.12	\$ 1,250.00
11-011-1015 PROPANE	\$ 1,556.88	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,519.06	\$ 1,800.00
11-011-1016 OPERATOR PHONE STIPEND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 279.00	\$ 120.00
11-011-1017 STORAGE TANK UTILITIES	\$ 292.54	\$ 350.00	\$ 268.58	\$ 350.00
11-011-1018 STORAGE TANK EXP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11-011-1040 COMPUTER UPDATE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00
11-011-1100 PUMP STA. UTILITIES	\$ 15,203.39	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 16,798.61	\$ 17,500.00
11-011-1101 PUMP STA. CONT SERVICES	\$ 2,297.91	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
11-011-1104 CHEMICALS	\$ 2,259.75	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,442.00	\$ 2,800.00
11-011-1106 USDA LOAN	\$ 73,604.00	\$ 73,604.00	\$ 73,604.00	\$ 73,604.00
11-011-1107 AUDITOR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11-011-1401 CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
11-011-1408 WATER LINE REPLACEMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 736.25	\$ -
11-011-1409 WATER LINE PROJECT	\$ 10,081.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OWED TO FD#2 - 5 YEAR PLAN	\$ -	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 160,986.54	\$ 148,018.00	\$ 135,855.65	\$ 154,527.69
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025
PROJECTED REVENUES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
11-010-1501 WATER CONN. FEE	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 90.00	\$ -
11-010-1502 WATER RENT	\$ 116,531.75	\$ 142,000.00	\$ 133,819.55	\$ 145,000.00
11-010-1505 UTILITY INTEREST	\$ 74.31	\$ -	\$ 175.86	\$ -
11-010-1506 UTILITY CREDIT	\$ 1,682.12	\$ -	\$ 1,551.33	\$ -
11-010-1602 SAVINGS INTEREST	\$ 308.16	\$ -	\$ 186.61	\$ -
11-010-1609 MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11-010-1611 TRANSFER FROM CAP RES	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00
UNEXPENDED FD#1 FUNDS	\$ 30,240.20	\$ 6,018.00	\$ 45.66	\$ 5,027.69
ARPA FUNDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 160,986.54	\$ 148,018.00	\$ 135,869.01	\$ 154,527.69

REPORT OF THE FIRE DISTRICT #2

In 2024, we contracted with New England Backflow Inc. to install approximately 85 meters which was required. This improvement will facilitate the efficiency and effectiveness of our water meter reading capability. We really appreciate all your patience and cooperation throughout this project. It was great working with New England Backflow Inc. The Selectboard approved the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to cover the costs which we are very much appreciative. The unused funds were used to purchase repair materials for the Water and Wastewater departments to have on hand in case of an emergency.

Board reviewed the 2024 Well & Pump Inspection Report and was pleased with the results. The original has been filed and this inspection is required every year. The next scheduled cleaning of the storage tank is set to occur in the year 2026 as it is required every five years.

The board signed a Utility Relocation Agreement with the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation. The agreement was for their paving project, they changed three valve boxes in 2024 and they will be paid once an invoice is received.

Flushing of hydrants were done in 2024 and is a preventive maintenance activity that involves opening fire hydrants and allowing water to flow through them at high pressure. Flushing helps maintain water quality and prevents rusty water and also ensures that hydrants are in working order and ready to use by the fire department.

We continue to face supply chain issues and rising price costs and found it necessary to increase water rates again this year. Due to increased costs in maintaining the Canaan Fire District #2 water system, the Prudential Committee found it necessary to increase water rates by 7.5%. Depending on usage, the average household will see a minimum of a \$5.00 increase per quarter in their bills beginning with the January 2025 billing cycle. Ethan Allen will be increasing 25%.

Each year, by July 1st, you can find on the 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. The Water Rules, Regulations and Schedule of Rates and Charges have been revised and can also be found on the Town website. 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. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division has offered free assistance to identify the materials of water systems' service lines. The project will include visual inspections of pipes as they enter buildings and water quality sampling of buried pipes to determine pipe materials. Our water system is eligible for this contracted assistance program and our Water Operator April Busfield has signed up for participating in this assistance initiative for 2025.

Ashley Lucht from Quantified Ventures, Private Consulting Agency for the State of Vermont will assist all Water District's with Water Infrastructure Support. This is a free program for disadvantaged water systems. We were in favor of the available free assistance to conduct an analysis of our water system and hoping this can be done in 2025.

Our Canaan Fire District #2 meetings will be held bi-monthly at 6:00 pm at the Town Office. Check town bulletin boards for scheduled dates or on the Town website at canaan-vt.org along with minutes of prior meetings. They can be viewed on the website by navigating 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 2025 Proposed Budget on Monday, January 13, 2025.

Levis Boutin will be replacing Gregory Noyes as a Prudential Committee member until his term expires in 2026. Welcome Levis! Special thanks to Gregory Noyes for all his dedicated years as a Prudential Committee member, he was an asset to our water district and wishes him the best of luck along with Brian Bissonnette on their new endeavor.

Staffing issues plagued the water department throughout the year. We have just recently been able to return to adequate staffing. We have one full-time staff, April Busfield and one part-time operator Kaylan Gray. Welcome Kaylan. We have also two backups for emergencies, Kevin McKinnon and Chester Smart. Thank you for your hard work, we really appreciate it. We look forward to a better year in 2025.

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

FIRE DISTRICT #2
TREASURER REPORT- 2024
Diana Rancourt, Treasurer

Water Utility Billed - 2024

Total Billed	\$ 69,946.05
Billed Arrears - 01-01-2024	\$ 82.08
Total Billed	\$ 70,028.13

Water Rents Collected	\$ 63,627.79
Arrears Collectable - 2024	\$ 6,400.34
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 70,028.13

RECEIPTS:

Balance 01-01-2024	\$ 510.43
2024 Water Rents Collected	\$ 65,711.58
2024 Water Rents Penalties	\$ 68.36
Utility Credit	\$ 379.32
Connect/Disconnect	\$ 180.00
Interest from Savings	\$ 50.29
Reimbursement Interest on Loan	\$ 2,804.30
Reimbursement from Fire District 1	\$ 1,700.00
Transfer from Capital Reserve	\$ -
ARPA Funds	\$ 75,313.99
Miscellaneous	\$ 119.51
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 146,837.78
& CASH ON HAND	\$ 146,837.78

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Prudential Orders	\$ 148,373.34
Cash on Hand 12-31-2024	\$ (1,535.56)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 146,837.78
& CASH ON HAND	\$ 146,837.78

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #2 CAPITAL RESERVE

Receipts:

Beginning Balance 01-01-2024	\$ 18,264.98
Interest on Capital Reserve	\$ 194.16
2024 Appropriation	\$ 3,650.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$ 22,109.14

Expenditures:

Paid Fire District #2 Orders	\$ -
Savings Balance 12-31-2024	\$ 22,109.14
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$ 22,109.14

**CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT 2
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
DETAILED EXPENDITURES - 2024**

FIRE DISTRICT #2	YR 2024
COMMISSIONER SALARIES	\$ 1,200.00
OPERATOR SALARIES	\$ 13,942.59
OPERATOR MILEAGE	\$ 1,400.00
OPERATOR EDUCATION	\$ 223.83
OPERATOR PHONE STIPEND	\$ 279.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 4,070.12
VMERS - SHARED OPERATOR	\$ 523.22
WATER METERS	\$ 75,313.99
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 4,729.91
CHEMICALS	\$ 2,504.93
CONTRACTED LABOR & CONNECTIONS	\$ 3,375.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 3,906.88
WORKMEN'S COMP/LIABILITY	\$ 1,957.05
FICA	\$ 1,162.59
UTILITIES	\$ 2,219.23
GENERATORS	\$ 1,753.00
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 3,650.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 25,786.00
STEWARTSTOWN TAX	\$ 376.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 148,373.34</u>

**CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #2
UNCOLLECTED 2024**

BLANCHARD, LINDA	\$ 284.24
DEELY, ED	\$ 613.60
DEGRAY, SCOTT	\$ 94.12
DICKENS, SAMANTHA	\$ 94.12
FRONTIER EU LLC	\$ 143.24
FRONTIER EU LLC, LOCAL SCOOP	\$ 467.31
GARCIA, ALAN & SONYA	\$ 138.61
GRAND BOIS DU NORD/ OUNAN, FRANK	\$ 1,095.34
HAYNES, HAVEN JR	\$ 189.18
HOULE, BENOIT & DEBORAH	\$ 795.41
MCKINNON, SHORI	\$ 208.72
NAULLS SUPERANNUATION	\$ 189.18
NORTHWOOD CABINS LLC	\$ 95.07
*	\$ 94.12
PAQUETTE, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 189.18
PERRY, MIKE & TERESA	\$ 261.95
ROWELL, ISAAC	\$ 284.24
*	\$ 139.49
URAN, BETTY	\$ 1,615.33
WOODMAN, JAMES	\$ 94.12
TOTAL DELINQUENT	<u>\$ 7,086.57</u>

* PAID AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2024

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #2
2025 APPROVED BUDGET

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
12-012-0997 RETIREMENT	\$ 650.75	\$ 750.00	\$ 523.22	\$ 750.00
12-012-0998 OPERATOR HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 6,177.03	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,070.12	\$ 6,500.00
12-012-0999 OPERATOR SALARIES	\$ 12,535.02	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 6,147.19	\$ 6,454.55
12-012-1000 EMPLOYEE WAGES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,795.40	\$ 8,185.17
12-012-1001 OPERATOR MILEAGE	\$ 1,109.45	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
12-012-1002 OPERATOR EDUCATION	\$ 83.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 223.83	\$ 1,400.00
12-012-1003 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 2,135.34	\$ 5,350.00	4729.91	\$ 5,350.00
12-012-1004 CONTRACTED LABOR/EQUIP	\$ 3,101.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,375.00	\$ 3,000.00
12-012-1005 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$ 4,405.57	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,906.88	\$ 5,000.00
12-012-1006 WORK/COMP/LIABILITY	\$ 1,706.60	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,957.05	\$ 2,563.69
12-012-1007 UTILITIES	\$ 2,334.33	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,219.23	\$ 2,500.00
12-012-1008 MISC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1009 FICA	\$ 1,014.27	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,162.59	\$ 1,200.00
12-012-1010 GENERATORS	\$ 1,364.26	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,753.00	\$ 2,000.00
12-012-1011 OPERATOR PHONE STIPEND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 279.00	\$ 120.00
12-012-1012 DISTRIBUTION LINES	\$ -	\$ 825.00	\$ -	\$ 825.00
12-012-1013 STORAGE TANK	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	\$ 3,900.00
12-012-1019 CHEMICALS	\$ 2,427.33	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,504.93	\$ 2,500.00
12-012-1030 COMMISSIONERS FEES	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
12-012-1040 COMPUTER UPDATE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00
12-012-1045 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1046 WELL REHAB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1054 LEGAL SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1055 STEWARTSTOWN TAX	\$ 323.00	\$ 323.00	\$ 376.00	\$ 450.00
12-012-1056 CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1620 ARPA WATER PROJECT	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 75,313.99	\$ -
12-012-1100 CAPITAL RESERVE EXP.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BUDGET DEFICIT FY 2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,657.61
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 69,703.45	\$ 165,434.00	\$ 148,373.34	\$ 90,892.02
PROJECTED REVENUES	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
12-010-1500 TAX SALE COLLECTOR'S FEE	\$ 119.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-010-1501 CONNECT/DISCONNECT	\$ 270.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 240.00
12-010-1502 WATER RENTS	\$ 64,189.22	\$ 77,027.06	\$ 65,711.58	\$ 82,302.02
12-010-1503 UTILITY INTEREST	\$ 71.14	\$ -	\$ 68.36	\$ -
12-010-1505 UTILITY CREDITS	\$ 259.21	\$ -	\$ 379.32	\$ -
12-010-1602 SAVINGS INTEREST	\$ 20.43	\$ -	\$ 50.29	\$ -
12-010-1605 CAPITAL RESERVE INTEREST	\$ 172.87	\$ -	\$ 194.16	\$ -
12-010-1606 CAPITAL RES. ENTITLMENT		\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00
12-010-1607 CAPITAL RESERVE REIMB.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-010-1613 REIMB. ON LOAN INTEREST	\$ 2,869.50	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,804.30	\$ 3,000.00
12-010-1614 REIMB. FROM FIRE DISTRICT 1		\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
12-010-1620 ARPA FUNDS	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 75,313.99	\$ -
LOAN FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,657.61	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 67,971.88	\$ 170,677.06	\$ 151,709.61	\$ 90,892.02

CANAAN COMMUNITY RECREATION PARK

In 2024, we were awarded \$2,000 from a DASH Grant from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to work on projects and to pay for materials needed in our park. Projects were completed by the Canaan School Building Trades Department, for which we are very grateful. We have also been awarded \$2,000 from the Vermont Community Foundation to complete projects in 2025. We will continue to apply for grants as needed.

Aside from the Splash Pad, other projects that were completed in 2024 were rolling the fields, repairing the ground underneath the gazebo, adding certified chips to the playground area to meet state and federal requirements, purchasing and installing a new porta potty by the Splash Pad, cutting trees behind the Library, and installing security cameras on the ENSU building to provide valuable evidence to identify any perpetrators. Special thanks to the Canaan School for allowing us to install the cameras on their building, to John Shatney for the donations of the cameras and lock box, and Jeremy Labrecque for taking on the task of installing them which is very much appreciated. 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.

Our plans for 2025 are to repair the shoulder around the walking path, sandblast the dugouts, work on the fitness stations, and add gravel to the walking path from the Library to the park. The unused ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act) will be used to repair the parking lot, Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing will be supplying and installing one complete set of yellow textured pickleball court lines and Harold's Concrete Construction will grind and polish the shuffleboard court, which will all be welcomed and needed improvements. The rest of the ARPA money was returned to the Canaan Selectboard for use on other projects. We are in the process of applying for a grant to cover the costs of installing a paver walkway from the track to the pad, which will help prevent grass plugging the drains.

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 our Murder Mystery Spaghetti Dinner held on May 18th. Special thank you to everyone that sponsored our gaming tables, donated auction items, were gaming dealers and the Time Out Tavern for all their hard work setting up the gaming tables and serving food at the Casino Night event on October 12th. A huge shoutout to David and Jennie Santamaria for all their efforts, providing food and letting us have the Casino Night fundraiser at their facility. All proceeds benefited the Canaan Recreation Park and Canaan Naturally Connected. Cheryl Cote holds pitch tournaments at the Time Out Tavern 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 for. We could not have accomplished all that we have done without everyone's assistance and support.

We plan to hold a few fundraisers in 2025. If interested in helping with any of our fundraisers or if you have any ideas, please call the Town Office. We try to host activities that are fun for the entire family. We would like to thank the Town and School for helping to cover the cost of mowing in our park. Special thanks to Dawn Dion for collecting the fees for the Meadow Lot camping events in August and September. There was a large turnout at the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Ice Cream Social to open the new Splash Pad held on August 7th. April's Maple provided complimentary maple ice cream with help from the Community Builders Hub, which we are very grateful for. We have seen many youngsters enjoying playing in the water at our new Splash Pad. The Splash Pad has been winterized by Norman Flanagan and April Busfield, which we are very grateful for. Laurent Rancourt donated the use of his equipment for the construction of the splash pad, which was very appreciated.

In appreciation for our Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department, we plan to have a firefighters appreciation day in 2025 and will be partnering with the Community Builders Hub and Canaan Naturally Connected.

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. The form online can be filled out electronically and can be either emailed to clerktreas@canaan-vt.org or mailed to PO Box 159, Canaan, VT 05903. Failure to comply could result in 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 damages.

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 monthly meetings 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 or February. If you're looking for opportunities to volunteer, you might want to check with the Recreation Park Committee. Thank you to Zachary Brown for volunteering in the past, we really appreciate it.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vernon Crawford (Chairman), Paul Lyons, April Busfield, Al Buckley, Norman Flanagan and Diana Rancourt

**CANAAN RECREATION PARK
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
2024**

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand 01-01-2024	\$ 25,341.53
Organization Donations	\$ 500.00
School & Town Mowing Reimbursement	\$ 10,750.00
Rec Park Donations & Fundraisers & Pitch Tournaments	\$ 9,058.19
Newsletter ads	\$ -
Meadow Lot Revenues	\$ 1,727.02
ARPA Funds	\$ 14,560.63
Grant Funds	\$ 4,000.00
Savings Interest	\$ 288.23
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND	<u>\$ 66,225.60</u>

EXPENDITURES

Contracted Mowing/Trash Removal	\$ 12,782.00
Materials & Supplies	\$ 487.04
Insurance & Worker's Comp	\$ 142.82
Electricity	\$ 545.12
Field Repair	\$ 500.00
Meadow Lot Expenses	\$ 2,700.00
Porta Potty Expenses	\$ 2,240.00
Splash Pad Purchase	\$ 21,033.61
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 40,430.59</u>

Expenditures - 2024	\$ 40,430.59
Cash on Hand 12-31-2024	\$ 25,750.66
Due to/Due from	\$ 44.35
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	<u>\$ 66,225.60</u>

**TOWN OF CANAAN - REC PARK
2025 APPROVED BUDGET**

	2024 - Expended	2025 - Proposed
REC PARK MAINTENANCE		
08-081-1010 CONTRACTED TRASH REMOVAL	\$ -	\$ 500.00
08-081-1011 CONTRACTED LABOR	\$ -	\$ 500.00
08-081-1012 CONTRACTED MATERIALS	\$ 172.13	\$ 2,000.00
08-081-1013/1503 MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	\$ 164.91	\$ 200.00
08-081-1014 WALKING PATH	\$ -	\$ 500.00
08-081-1015 SEED/FERTILIZER	\$ -	\$ 200.00
08-081-1016 SHELTERS/TABLES	\$ -	\$ -
08-081-1017 FIELD REPAIRS	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
08-081-1018 COURT EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 200.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	\$ 837.04	\$ 4,400.00
PARK ADMINISTRATION		
08-081-1102 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 3,960.00
08-081-1103 PORTA POTTY EXP- PARK	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 1,200.00
08-081-1202 EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ 200.00
08-081-1301 SPLASH PAD PROJECT	\$ 21,020.61	\$ 6,750.00
08-081-1302 SPLASH PAD MAINTENANCE	\$ 13.00	\$ 400.00
08-081-1501 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 5,250.00
08-081-1720 APPRECIATION DAY EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
08-081-1730 DASH GRANT EXPENSES	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
08-081-2000 SALARIES	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
08-081-2001 INSURANCE/WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 142.82	\$ 190.00
08-081-2003 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	\$ -	\$ 200.00
08-081-2005 ELECTRICITY	\$ 545.12	\$ 600.00
08-081-2012 ADMIN MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 150.00	\$ -
08-081-2015 SUMMER PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -
08-081-2016 PORTA POTTY EXP-MEADOW LOT	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 1,100.00
08-081-2017 MEADOW LOT EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 28,811.55	\$ 28,850.00
TOTAL REC PARK ACCOUNT	\$ 29,648.59	\$ 33,250.00
PROJECTED REVENUES - RECREATION PARK ACCOUNT		
	2024 - Actual	2025- Estimated
08-080-1602 SAVINGS INTEREST	\$ 261.67	\$ 100.00
08-080-1603 REC PARK DONATIONS	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
08-080-1604 PITCH TOURNAMENTS	\$ 411.50	\$ 300.00
08-080-1606 ARPA FUNDS	\$ 13,960.63	\$ 6,750.00
08-080-1607 RAFFLES	\$ -	\$ 200.00
08-080-1608 ORGANIZATION DONATIONS	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
08-080-1609 GRANT FUNDS	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
08-080-1611 PICKLEBALL DONATIONS	\$ 250.00	\$ -
08-080-1612 NEWSLETTER ADS	\$ -	\$ 240.00
08-080-1706 FUNDRAISERS	\$ 7,896.69	\$ 5,000.00
08-080-1708 MEADOW LOT REVENUES	\$ 1,727.02	\$ 1,500.00
08-080-1730 NH CHARITABLE FUND DASH GRANT	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
08-080-1760 VT COMMUNITY FOUND. GRANT	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
AMOUNT FROM SAVINGS	\$ 141.08	\$ 12,160.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 29,648.59	\$ 33,250.00
NET INCOME	\$ -	\$ -



FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY

FREE EVENT, ALL WELCOME!

JULY 19TH, 2025

**STARTING AT 3 PM:
RECREATION GAMES, CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT,
50/50 RAFFLE & RESOURCE VENDOR FAIR**

**4 - 8 PM: FOOD VENDORS & LIVE MUSIC BY
HIDDEN AGENDA REPRISE BAND
FEATURING LOCAL FAVORITE, TOM FRIZZELL
ON THE CATAMOUNT ARTS STAGE!**

**AT THE CANAAN RECREATION PARK
6745 VT ROUTE 102, CANAAN, VT**

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CANAAN NATURALLY CONNECTED
THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS HUB
& MORE COMMUNITY PARTNERS!**

From the Zoning Administrator: 2024

I would like to thank all the individuals that contacted me for Zoning Permits. This past year, 24 permits were issued.

They ranged from new homes, and garages, lot line adjustments, additions, changes of use, and enlarging or extending, porches, decks, garages, and a few patios.

There were multiple calls from people wanting to know if they needed a zoning permit, and oftentimes they did not.

I know some people think that zoning is an unnecessary evil, but it protects you as well as your neighbors from infringing on each other's right and to protect the serenity and beauty of our Town.

I can be reached through my home phone (802-266-3480) or my email, cac201467@gmail.com. Also, you can go online to the [Town of Canaan.org](http://TownofCanaan.org) to download the forms. It asks for a rough sketch showing lot lines, distances from the property edge, building size, etc. Please fill in as much as you can.

Again, many thanks, and have a wonderful 2025

Cheryl Cote

VITAL STATISTICS

2024

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 2024

RECORDED IN CANAAN

MARRIAGES	3	BIRTHS	0	DEATHS	6
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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>



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2024 Annual Report

The Canaan Historical Society has had a fairly productive 2024. We are nearly sold out of the second print run of Volume one of "From Stump to Mill and Side Trips in Between". We have also sold more than half of Volume two and hope to require a second print run soon. We have had to increase the shipping cost as the Post Office has raised their price.

Late last year we entered into an agreement with the Pioneer Trail Organization of Quebec Tourism. The Pioneer Trail is a series of destinations encompassing many of the small towns of Southeast Quebec. Each town features a steel silhouette of a person who was from the town or made a lasting impact in the town. An audio biography of the person, in French and English, is attached to the silhouette and can be played at the touch of a button. Pittsburg, NH, was the first non-Canadian town to be admitted to the Pioneer Trail, and featured Luther Parker, the first President of the Indian Stream Republic.

We first had to convince the Pioneer Trail committee that Canaan had a past that included a Canadian connection. I explained the origin of the Beecher Falls Manufacturing Company and how it was built with donated lumber from sawmills in Quebec and volunteer labor from both countries. This factory provided jobs to people from both sides of the border. Cross-border marriages and extended families were also emphasized as that is an important part of the history of Canaan.

Our original plan was to feature some of the men responsible for the building and development of the factory and set the silhouette in Beecher Falls. The Pioneer Trail Committee thought the silhouette would be better situated in Fletcher Park in Canaan. There was also consideration given to placing it in Bob Lee's garden. It was also decided by members of the historical society that, since the exhibit would be in Fletcher Park, Bea Holmes should be the featured person and the Pioneer Trail agreed. The dedication should take place in late summer of 2025, hopefully at the Sugar Social.

As many of you may have read, the Alice M. Ward Library has received a couple of large grants that will enable the library to expand into the carriage house. That means we will have to move all of the historical items we have on display and in storage in the carriage house to temporary quarters. We are not sure what our status will be once the renovation of the carriage house is complete so we are hoping to find a permanent spot for the museum. That has become phase three of our plan for the future of our society. We have placed a warned article in the town report to be voted on at Town Meeting that The Canaan Historical Society be awarded \$2000 by the town to help defray the cost of storage of our items currently kept in the carriage house until a permanent solution is found. The funds may also have to be used in the event that the cost of the Pioneer Trail silhouette is increased due to possible new tariffs on Canadian goods.

Vermont Electric Coop gave us a \$625 grant which we could use to hire a student for a short-term project. This grant enabled a student to complete a project we had undertaken to scan old documents from the Episcopal Church for our records. Our thanks to Vermont Electric Coop for their assistance. Thank you to all who have donated to our building fund and also to those who follow our Facebook page. We try to post an interesting photo each week and enjoy the feedback.



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, 2024 to December 31, 2024**

Our current contract in Canaan is for an average of 23 hours per week. We only billed 528 hours this calendar year. During 2024, we responded to 77 incidents in Canaan. We made 122 traffic stops and wrote over 33 traffic tickets in Canaan. Our goal is to increase patrol coverage in Canaan for 2025.


During 2024, the Sheriff's Department officers throughout the county responded to 624 incidents. Our officers made roughly 992 traffic stops. From those stops, we issued over 384 traffic citations and 635 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. We also are conducting patrols through grants from the Department of Public Safety and the Division of Homeland Security. In 2024, grants provided over 2,749 hours of services throughout the county. Our court security contract for 2024 continues to be our largest contract at over 2,600 hours. Many of our contracts this year were under-spent due to staffing levels and new increased contract levels.

We continue to be under-staffed. We had a part-time officer get done, one full-time officer took a job with the judiciary. We are still in transition from losing our office manager. Our court officer is still assisting me in financial management, and we still have a part-time staff supporting the office three days a week. We anticipate one of our part-time officers will be moving into a full-time position after the beginning of the year, and have a candidate for training in March.

As of July 1, 2025, I am going to increase our town contract rates to \$58.00 per hour. I am doing this in order to make several staff benefit package changes. We are moving from a 30 year to a 20 year retirement. This will increase both the department and employee contributions. The Department will fund approximately 6% more of the employees' annual earnings toward their retirement. We are also expanding health benefits to include a percentage for family members. Our current plan covers 100% for the employee, but does not fund additional family members. I am also planning to continue increasing staff salaries as I am still about \$4-10 an hour behind where we should be pay-wise for officers. I have been trying to implement these changes slowly, however you can see from our staff turnover I need to become more competitive. I have continuously kept our rates for the towns low. This is the second year with lower staffing levels than the townspeople are requesting, and we have under-spent funding 2 years in a row.

During calendar years 2020-2022, the department averaged between 8,600 and 9,000 hours each year. In 2023, we started trying to fulfill an additional 3,000 hours a year to cover Canaan and Brighton. In 2023, we hit 10,400 hours. In 2024, our dedicated team put in over 11,300 hours of time serving on the department. We hope to increase staffing and patrol hours again this year.

Thank you for your continued support,


Sheriff Trevor Colby



BEECHER FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 2024

Current members

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

We were able to add one new member in 2024. The new member was Stephen Roy.

The Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire department answered a total of one hundred (100) emergency calls in the fiscal year December 1, 2023, to November 30, 2024. Our call volume was down by two calls over 2023. The fire department has not gone back to answering medical calls unless we are specially requested by the 45th ambulance. The number of licensed medical personnel in the department stands at 3 members currently. This is from a high of thirteen a few years back. The lack of licensed personnel is due to the age of the responders and the volunteer time that must be applied to obtain a license and then to retain that license. The members who step down 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. We are not 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 department had no major purchases for the year. We continually see the cost of operations increase dramatically. The total cost of our insurance surpassed the \$25,000 mark for the first time. There is no health insurance offered to the department members. All our trucks with pumps now go through an annual truck inspection and pump test to be certified each year. In May one of the trucks was being evaluated and developed a catastrophic engine failure that cost us \$40,000 for repairs. These unexpected things happen and affect the way our money is appropriated. We continue to build our capital reserves as we look forward to the future. The cost of fire equipment has gotten extremely expensive as has the operation of the department. The estimated cost of a new fire engine at today's pricing is in the vicinity of \$750,000 to \$800,000 with a 3-year wait time for delivery. The department will purchase five Breathing Apparatus bottles to replace five bottles that become outdated this year. The cost of each bottle is in the \$1,000.00 range. We will also investigate purchasing a few sets of bunker gear if funds allow. We are trying to purchase new gear periodically so that it does not reach its life expectancy at the same time.

The officers of the department would like to thank the membership for all their hard work over the past year. We had some large fires that required extended time on scene and hard 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 the guys have worked all day, fight fires all night and must go to work the next morning. Every Wednesday evening there are 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 any way for your continued support, it is appreciated.

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



Fire Warden's Annual Report – 2024

This year, numerous permits were 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 for 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, designs installations, and finds financial resources to support the costs of construction. **During the 27+ years of the program, 1,224 grants totaling over \$2.9 million have been provided to Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.**

45th Parallel Emergency Medical Services

2024 Annual Report



Proudly serving the Communities of:
Canaan, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dixville, Lemington,
Norton, Pittsburg, Stewartstown.

January 2025

It is an honor to present the 2024 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, and Stewartstown. 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.

Currently we continue to have ongoing challenges in EMS and healthcare systems nationwide. We 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 can respond are traveling longer distances to tertiary care.

Ambulance Activity

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
ALS Transports	619	594	666	622	657	636
BLS Transports	265	290	339	392	373	363
Refused Care	85	105	123	145	108	123
DOA	12	21	17	38	24	20
Cancelled	52	41	55	41	55	78
Assisted Other Agencies	9	16	22	20	16	9
Lift Assist, No Transports	13	56	50	108	79	92
Total Calls	1055	1123	1272	1366	1312	1321

Receiving Destinations	29	32	49	42	39	26
Non – Emergent Transports	72	61	120	222	232	343

Equipment

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

- **45A2** – 2024 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 F-550 ambulance ordered in November 2024 is now anticipated to be delivered in June 2025. This valuable addition to the fleet will be replacing and updating 45A5 that is 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:

- 14 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)
- 5 Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT)
- 6 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 has partnered with Northwoods Center for Continuing Education in Whitefield, NH. We suffered a major loss when Life Safety institute began no longer offering classes last year and closed its doors. Northwoods can assist with EMS education for all levels including renewal license courses for ALS providers. Northwoods uses a combination of online and in person learning making the commute have less of an impact. Northwoods also is possessing all appropriate training tools and SIM manikins for higher learning. Additionally, we continue to hold in-house training every month and extend this invitation to all the area fire and EMS personnel.

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 being 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 improve offerings with the 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. A “shock” delivered within one minute of collapse raises the survival rate to 90 percent.
- Calling 911 remains necessary, but a lot can be done while waiting for first responders. 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. 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
Ed Lavery
Arnold Gray
Cheryl Shephard
Scott Cooper
Dwayne Covell
Earl Bunnell
Ray Gorman
Doug Ahlstrin
Robert Couture
Greg Cook

Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department
Town of Colebrook
Town of Clarksville
Town of Columbia
At Large Seat
Pittsburg Fire Department
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,

Edited by:
Christopher Tanerillo
Chief Executive Officer
45th Parallel EMS

NORTHERN BORDERS DISPATCH

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Email: dispatch@colebrooknh.org

911



Northern Borders Dispatch ended 2024 with 9,406 calls, which is 31 more calls than received in 2023.

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.

We have received a \$1,092,613 grant to update our software for all departments to be able to see the calls and locations they are responding to plus simulcasting all the radio towers. We will have the project finished by the end of 2026.

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.
- 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.
- Non-emergency Police calls please call Colebrook PD at 603-388-2120 and Pittsburg PD at 603-538-7003

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, Coos Sheriff's Department, Essex Sheriff'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



Town of Canaan
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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 Coos 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 a 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, Orthopedics, Podiatry, Pulmonary Care, Sleep Medicine, Tele-Medicine Rheumatology and Urology
- Board certified physicians and highly trained advance 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 with 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory Cook".

Gregory Cook
UCVH President & CEO
181 Corliss Lane
Colebrook, NH 03576

Greg.cook@northcountryhealth.org



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 140 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, and fire districts. As members, municipal officials and staff can tap into specialized benefits, expertise, and services, such as:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to thousands of questions on how to comply with state and federal requirements. VLCT also creates and publishes guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs to simplify the day-to-day work of municipal officials and staff. In 2024, members used VLCT’s consultation, resources, and government-specific finance training to help them obtain federal infrastructure funding, respond to flooding, and manage grants. Staff even helped state leaders design and implement grant programs to be easier for municipalities to use.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials.** VLCT provides training via webinars, classes at members’ locations, and its annual member conference. In the wake of the 2023 floods, VLCT became a crucial information hub for local officials, and in 2024 VLCT helped members understand the local effects of updates to the Open Meeting Law, Act 250, and other state laws. 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 secure flood relief for municipalities, increase local transportation funding, expand remote meeting authority, improve emergency medical services, exempt downtowns from Act 250, and create local option tax authority. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont’s Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Not-for-profit 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 desirable employee benefits. 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.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org. Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/AuditReports.



Annual Report to the Voters of Canaan

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

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;
- 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 floods of 2024 brought unwelcome challenges to local governments and businesses still navigating 2023 flooding and post-pandemic realities. In addition to our regular services, we actively participated in flood response. We also began helping our communities understand the requirements of Act 181 which made changes to Act 250 and land use mapping, while we continued assisting municipalities through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP).

How have we served your community recently? In 2024, NVDA staff reviewed your town's flood hazard regulations for ongoing compliance with FEMA standards. We also completed a Municipal Vulnerability Indicators community profile to show Canaan's climate risks and resiliency opportunities. Also in 2024, we secured funds from the Municipal Technical Assistance Program to help Canaan update its Town Plan. We provided brownfield assessment support and worked with local businesses. Finally, our energy coordinator provided technical assistance through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) by scheduling and reviewing energy assessments and helping to secure MERP funds to make energy improvements to municipally-owned buildings.

NVDA dues are just \$0.95 per capita, with a maximum of \$3,965 and a minimum of \$565. **Canaan's dues will be \$851 in 2025.** We take great pride in serving the communities and businesses of the NEK. This additional contribution allows us to continue providing a high level of professional service. We work hard to keep communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at tgonyaw@nvda.net to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,
David Snedeker

CANAAN NATURALLY CONNECTED INC 2024 TOWN REPORT

Once again, we would like to start our Town Report with great thanks to everyone who has supported our organization during 2024! 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 will be going towards a Firefighter Appreciation Day in July, better tree lighting in Fletcher Park during December, and other projects that will benefit the community and its members.

If you would like to review 2024 year's activities, please go to our website www.canaanvt.com and select the "Goals and Input" tab, then select "Agendas/Minutes/News Articles". This will open all our newspaper submissions for 2024. While on that page, please look at our minutes to get detailed information, should you choose.

We are happy to say that having been awarded a Neil and Louise Tillotson North Country Foundation grant, we will be able to provide our area senior citizens with another Winter Series! Various free activities will be scheduled based on the input we received during last year's events, and meals will again be provided. All are invited. A person does not need to be a resident of Canaan to enjoy these events. CNC also applied for and received a Weyerhaeuser grant for \$3,000 targeting upgrades to the Canaan Community Forest!

Get-togethers with small groups will continue during 2025. We were only able to have one in 2024, but this opportunity provided us with much needed feedback, data, and new members. We have found that smaller groups make for better discussion and sharing. Food and beverages will be provided at these gatherings in exchange for your thoughts, ideas, and hopeful involvement with Canaan Naturally Connected.

The Canaan Community Center was the target for most of our fundraising activities in 2024. We continue to search for grants in earnest to make this project come into fruition and to provide a safe community gathering space for years to come. CNC has been awarded a Congressionally Direct Spending Grant (USDA) of \$125,000.00 towards this project. The grant requires the organization to pay first and then be reimbursed. As we do not have that sum in our bank account, we have been working on a Capital Campaign effort that will be presented during 2025. At the time of this writing, CNC has also been awarded \$10,000.00 from the Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation marked for renovations.

CNC will continue to serve the community with our fun annual events, and perhaps one or two more will be added. The Canaan Community Center and Building Meetings for updates will continue where everyone is invited to attend. All events and meetings will be posted well in advance for greater community participation.

CNC members look forward to 2025 and remain 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), Lenington, Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone



Connecticut River – Headwaters Local River Subcommittee – Annual Report 2024

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 2024, 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 Lenington, 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 2024, 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 2024, Headwaters engaged on several issues. Permits reviewed include multiple herbicide use permits and shoreland permits. Headwaters is also following conditions at Murphy Dam and the Canaan Dam.

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

**Success on
Green Up Day
May 4, 2024**



Green Up Day, saw a 30% growth in volunteers over 2023, picked up over four tons of litter and 15,813 tires. In flood clean-up projects we took care of an additional 10,000 tires. We also attempted a Guinness World Records® title and succeeded! The record is: “The Most Pledges Received to Pick Up Trash in 24 Hours.” Vermont is the only State in the nation that can boast this achievement and the only State that offers a program like Green Up Day. 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, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We received a special flood recovery donation from Subaru of New England and have been able to rally volunteers and pay for many flood clean-up projects across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2025.

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play.

Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on **Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form** or at www.greenupvermont.org.

2025 Green Up Day is May 3rd.

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.



DOG LICENSING & THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka “VSNIP”!

Pursuant to: 20 VS.A. §3581 of the Vermont Statutes Title 20: Internal Security and Public Safety, Chapter 193: Domestic Pet or Wolf-hybrid Control. Sub-chapter 002: Licenses: A dog must be licensed (registered) by six months of age at your town office to be legal. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required. Dogs not licensed can be seized and euthanized per state statute.

Registering identifies your dog. It's proof of protection against rabies in case an animal or person is bitten. Immediate medical attention is needed. Animals not vaccinated and registered could be quarantined or possibly seized and euthanized, enabling the brain to be tested. Rabies is deadly. PLEASE LICENSE NOW!

Vermont Statutes Title 20 - Internal Security and Public Safety Chapter 193 - Domestic Pet or Wolf-Hybrid Control §3621. Issuance of warrant to impound; complaint.

(a)(1) The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a warrant to one or more police officers, constables, pound keepers, or appointed animal control officers, directing them to promptly impound all dogs or wolf-hybrids within the town or city not licensed according to the provisions of this subchapter, except as exempted by section 3587 of this title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers of the impounded dogs and wolf-hybrids.

A puppy (or kitten) can have their first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Community Animal Aid hosts a Wellness Clinic, including rabies vaccinations, for those unhoused or those receiving state benefits usually on the 2nd Saturday of the month: East Barre Fire Station. Check for updates: AnimalAidVT@gmail.com or 802-734-0259. Tractor Supply Stores host a monthly rabies clinic, and some VT Humane Societies and veterinarians offer a rabies clinic in March.

VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka “VSNIP”

VSNIP helps income eligible Vermonters have dogs and cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated at a very reduced cost to them. Veterinary offices are throughout the State and we invite other veterinarians to join this altruistic effort to help continue eliminating routine euthanasia of mostly, an overpopulation of cats and kittens. For an application, call 802-672-5302. Push #2 for instructions, or visit: VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV

TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator

VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program

1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)



2025 Town Meeting Appropriation Request and Fiscal Year 2024 Summary Report

Dear Town of Canaan Community Members:

Please consider financially supporting Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.'s (NKHS) mission to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support by including the following article in your 2025 Town Meeting Warning.

ARTICLE: Shall the Town of Canaan vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$1944 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care?

This request is the same amount as voted at the 2024 Town Meeting and 2.01% of appropriation requests from 48 Northeast Kingdom towns. As a Designated Agency serving Vermont's system of care, we are responsible for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The 512 professional employees work to help others live fulfilling lives and contribute to their community. We offer confidential services for Emergency Mobile Crisis, mental health, addiction, and developmental disabilities in the Derby and St. Johnsbury offices, Front Porch Mental Health Urgent Care, satellite offices, telehealth, homes, schools, and throughout the Northeast Kingdom. For more information about our agency and services, please visit our website at <https://www.nkhs.org>, or call our offices. Emergency Services are available 24/7.

Between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, NKHS provided supportive services to 2826 individuals, **28 lived in the Town of Canaan benefiting from 1123 service hours**. NKHS also provided 332 hours of community outreach, including Starting Over Strong VT support, and training in the Northeast Kingdom impacting 6244 individuals.

We strive to respond to community needs with quality care and your support is integral to our mission. Thank you for considering our request.

Respectfully,
Kelsey Stavseth, Executive Director
Northeast Kingdom Human Services
Board of Directors and Leadership Team

Derby

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PO Box 724, Newport, VT 05855
802-334-6744 · Fax 802-334-7455
Toll free 800-696-4979

[nkhs.org](https://www.nkhs.org)

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46 Lakemont Road Newport, Vermont 05855

Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

SERVICE REPORT FY 2024 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 2024	30,615
Total Visits FY 2024 - Town of Canaan	1,291

During Fiscal Year 2024, home based services were provided to 46 individuals in Canaan for a total of 1,291 multi-disciplinary visits. One 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 2025

For over 46 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 320 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. During the last fiscal year we provided services to 34 residents and services included: Home delivered meals, Congregate meal options, Case Management, Helpline for Information and Referral, Health Insurance Counseling, Options Counseling, Volunteer supports, Technology assistance, and Wellness programs. Providing these services allows older residents to explore resources allowing them to age in place and are a key component to people being able to receive the necessary supports to do so. 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 to make a difference in the lives of your residents who are often the most vulnerable. As a private non-profit, we are able to remain independent and put the focus on our clients who need unbiased assistance. **This year we ask the Town of Canaan to appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to offset the cost of providing services to residents.**

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

Funding	
Year Ended September 30, 2022 – Preliminary Results	
Revenue Sources	
FEDERAL FUNDS	
• Older Americans Act	\$1,303,036
• Families First/CARES Act	\$ 0
• Nutritional Services Incentive Program	\$ 97,565
• Medicaid	\$ 537,122
• Other Programs	\$ 99,280
Total Federal Funds	\$ 2,037,003
STATE OF VERMONT FUNDS	
• General Funds	\$ 806,359
• State Health Insurance Program	\$ 54,438
• Dementia Respite	\$ 25,773
• Other Programs	\$ 254,963
Total State of Vermont Funds	\$ 1,140,433
LOCAL FUNDS	
• Participant Contributions	\$ 1,566
• Town Funds	\$ 58,955
• General Donations	\$ 55,106
• Other Funds	\$ 65,952
• Gain on Investment	\$ 36,150
Total Local Funds	\$ 217,729
TOTAL SUPPORT and REVENUE	\$ 3,395,165
Program Expenditures	
CLIENT DIRECT SERVICES	
• Case Management	\$ 1,064,963
• Caregiver Services	\$ 125,848
• Legal Assistance	\$ 47,375
• Information & Assistance	\$ 148,875
• State Health Insurance Program	\$ 73,274
• Other Programs	\$ 132,836
Total Client Direct Services	\$ 1,639,209
Independent Living Services	
• Home Delivered Meals	\$ 1,128,257
• Congregate Meals	\$ 179,884
• Specific Assistance	\$ 92,095
• Other Programs	\$ 360,776
Total Independent Living Services	\$ 1,761,002
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,400,211





Activity Report for Town of Canaan
Fiscal Year 2025! July 2024 – June 2025
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 FY24, Our Social Change programs saw extraordinary growth, doubling their reach to local schools to provide prevention education and support to 2,670 youth and conducting multiple training sessions and workshops for 1,369 adults.
- ***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 FY24, Advocacy supported approximately 509 survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- ***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 FY24, Kingdom Child Care Connection program served over 740 families. The Family Room facilitated safe, supervised visits for more than 90 children.
- ***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 FY24, as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged nearly 39,509 meals to homebound seniors.

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 12 households in the Town of Canaan were served by Umbrella in Fiscal Year 2024 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



NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.
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info@neklsvt.org
www.NEKLSTVT.org



November 26, 2024

Town of Canaan,

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

We envision a future where all individuals can access the education, they need to enhance their skills and achieve their goals. Your support is essential in making this vision a reality. **A town appropriation of \$1,250.00 will directly contribute to expanding and improving our programs.**

Our Adult Education and Literacy programs, offered at learning centers in Canaan, Hardwick, Island Pond, Newport, and St. Johnsbury, serve individuals aged 16 and older who are seeking to:

- Earn their high school diploma or GED
- Acquire skills for career transitions
- Improve reading, writing, and math abilities
- Prepare for college or workforce training
- Learn or enhance English language skills as a second language

Additionally, our Tutorial program partners with local schools throughout the NEK, providing essential support to help K-12 students achieve academic success.

In Newport, Vermont, our Ready, Set, Grow Childcare Center, a 5-STAR rated facility, is licensed to serve 99 children, ensuring high-quality early education and care.

We invite you to support NEKLS in fostering educational growth within your community. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the future of education in the Town of Canaan.

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

2024 ANNUAL REPORT




As of August 16, 2024 NEK Broadband and CVFiber merged under 30 V.S.A. 3052a forming one Communications Union District (CUD) dba NEKCV. NEK Broadband and CVFiber will continue to use their brands within their respective territories.


The district now includes 71 member communities in Caledonia, Essex, Orleans, Lamoille, Washington and Orange Counties. 50 of our towns currently have public fiber-optic infrastructure, and 57 towns have started pre-construction licensing work.

Broadband Nutrition Labels - In compliance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirement that Internet Service Providers (ISPs) display standardized broadband information labels, you will find these listed under the service offerings on NEK Broadband and CVFiber websites.

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE PROJECTED GROWTH BY YEAR

2024	33	Towns Served
	681	Miles to Date
	8,200	Addresses Passed
2025	50	Towns Served
Projected	1,165	Miles
	15,000	Addresses Passed

8200 
SERVICE AVAILABLE
WE NOW OFFER SERVICE TO
8200 ADDRESSES IN THE
NEKCV.

681 
MILES OF NETWORK
AT THE END OF 2024, WE
NOW HAVE 681 MILES OF
FIBER NETWORK
THROUGHOUT THE NEKCV.

1199 
CUSTOMERS SERVED
NEKCV MORE THAN
DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF
CUSTOMERS SERVED in 2024



GRANTS & FINANCING

We were awarded \$2,847,276 through the Community Connect Grant program. This is in addition to the USDA ReConnect grant of \$17,474,000, which we received in 2023.

The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved an additional \$4M in construction grants and \$21M as a match for our Broadband Equity and Deployment Grant Application coming later this year. This brings our foundational support to over \$73 million for the Northeast Kingdom Region and over \$20 million in Central Vermont.

BUILDING CAPACITY

We have doubled the size of staff, with a full-time staff of 13.

We have active warehouses in Danville, Montpelier and Brighton for the storage of construction materials.

In May we completed our first workforce development program, with 7 NEK residents receiving training to become Broadband Technicians/Installers.

BUDGET SUMMARY

NEKCV dba NEK Broadband & dba CVFiber Communications Union District - 2025 Budget / 2024 Budget to Actual			
	2024 Combined NEKCV Budget	Projected 2024 Year End	2025 Proposed
	Gov Board	at 9/30/24	2025 Budget
Surpluses from Prior Fiscal Years			\$1,832,742
Income			
Operations Revenue	852,455	874,871	2,047,769
Administrative Grant Revenue	1,885,621	3,442,342	3,856,318
Capital Grant Revenue	36,200,196	16,607,798	36,529,448
Other Revenue	\$0	\$1,837,490	\$1,467,290
TOTAL CASH IN	\$38,938,272	\$22,762,502	\$43,900,825
Expenses			
Operational Cost	\$378,912	\$823,330	\$1,247,036
Administrative Costs	\$1,885,621	\$2,935,997	\$3,856,318
Construction Costs	\$36,200,196	\$17,431,128	\$36,529,448
TOTAL CASH OUT	\$38,464,729	\$21,190,454	\$41,632,802
Annual Net Cashflow	\$473,543	\$1,572,048	\$2,268,023

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

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

ANIMAL LICENSE REMINDER – April 1st, 2025

ATTENTION CANAAN AND BEECHER FALLS DOG OWNERS

Vermont State Law (20 V.S.A. 3581) requires ALL dogs and wolf-hybrids six months of age or older to be licensed by April 1st of each year. Any payments received after April 1st will incur a late fee. Before a dog can be licensed in Town, a valid rabies certificate must be produced. If you have previously licensed your dog in Canaan and are unsure if we have a valid rabies certificate, please call the Town Office (802) 266-3370.

The Vermont Legislature has increased the minimum fees to license dogs. Since Canaan charges the base amount, the cost has increased to \$11 for all altered pets and \$15 for all unaltered pets. Payments and certificates can be brought in or mailed to the Canaan Town Clerk & Treasurer.



Don't Forget to File your Homestead Declarations!

File both HS-122 and HI-144 by April 15, 2025!

By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont homestead must file a Homestead Declaration annually by the April 15th filing deadline. If eligible, it is important that you file so that you are correctly assessed the homestead tax rate on your property. Please remember to file both the 2025 Form HS-122 Homestead Declaration and 2024 Schedule HI-144 Household Income before the April 15th filing deadline.

In Vermont, all property is subject to education property tax to pay for the state's schools. For this purpose, property is categorized as either non-homestead or homestead. A homestead is the principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding the dwelling, owned and occupied by the resident as the person's domicile. All property is considered non-homestead (formerly "nonresidential"), unless it is declared as a homestead. The education property tax rate levied on non-homestead property differs from the rate levied on homestead property. It is your responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead.

A property is considered a homestead if you meet, or expect to meet, the following requirements:

- You are a Vermont resident
- You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2025, please note: If you meet these requirements, except that your homestead is leased to a tenant on April 1, 2025, you may still claim it as a homestead if it is not leased for more than 182 days in the 2025 calendar year.

A property is considered non-homestead if one of the following applies:

- Your property is leased for more than 182 days out of the calendar year.
- The property is used exclusively for a commercial, including rental, purpose.
- The property is used for a second home, camp, vacation, or summer cottage.

These two forms are extremely important and will help both you and the Town. After proper filing of these two forms, you may also be eligible to receive a property tax payment directly from the State. This will offset the amount that you are required to pay to the Town. All Vermonters who are homestead eligible and have a combined household income of less than \$115,000 are subject to a payment.



Abstract of the 2024 Town Meeting Minutes

The March 4, 2024, Annual School and Town Meeting was opened by Moderator A. Morgan Wade at 6:00 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 anyone with questions to please stand up and wait to be called on. Moderator Wade also stated to make sure to give your name so the clerk can take notes.

Moderator Wade began the Town meeting by reciting the 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: Moderator Wade commented that she will read Article by Article.

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 1 passed 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 in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan, under 32 V.S.A §4773 (B), establish an annual properly 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 3 was amended to have the two words “personal tax” to be stricken from the article. The amendment passed in the affirmative. Article 3 with amendments was passed in the affirmative.**

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 4 was amended to have the two words “personal tax” to be stricken from the article. The amendment passed in the affirmative. Article 4 with amendments was passed in the affirmative.**

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 clue date, in which time no delinquent penalty nor interest will be accrued on the late payor's account? **Article 5 was amended to read “five (5) business days” instead of “five (5) days” the article. The amendment passed in the affirmative. Article 5 with amendments was passed in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651 e? **The vote was divided but Article 6 was defeated.**

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651 f? **The vote was divided but Article 7 was defeated.**

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 8 was defeated with one abstention.**

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? **Article 9 was amended to change subsection e to be \$1,250 instead of \$1,500. The amendment passed in the affirmative. Article 9 with amendments was passed in the affirmative.**

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	\$ 12,894.00	

ARTICLE 10. 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. **Article 10 passed in the affirmative.**

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? **Article 11 passed in the affirmative.**

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) **Article 12 was passed in the affirmative.**

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? **Article 13 was amended to read “Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed Highway Budget, with operating expenditures totaling \$627,190.00, of which \$262,337.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$364,853.000 by non-tax revenues, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year?” Article 13 with amendments was passed in the affirmative.**

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). **Discussions were held on NEK Broadband and the Twin State Energy Link project.**

Moderator Wade adjourned the 2024 Annual Town Meeting at 7:25 PM. She asked everyone to stay for the school meeting which will begin at 7:30 PM.

Dated this 13th day of March 2024.

Submitted by: Zachary William Brown, Town Clerk and Treasurer

Approved by: Mark Bullard, Selectboard Chair and A. Morgan Wade, Town and School Moderator

Annual Reports of the Canaan School District, Canaan VT for year ending December 31, 2024



Freshman Class won the Homecoming Float Design

"Excellence in Rural Education"

Mission Statement: *The Canaan Schools provide a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students that is dedicated to fostering responsible citizenship and individual excellence, while teaching students to be lifelong learners.*

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CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

To the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan, Vermont who are legal voters of said Town School District, you are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Canaan Memorial High School Gymnasium on Monday, the 3rd day of March 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to transact the following School business from the floor:

ARTICLE 1. To elect all Town School District Officers, as required by law.

(Voting for School District Officers to be by Australian Ballot. Polls open Tuesday, the 4th day of March from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

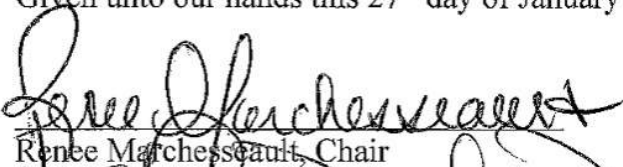
ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the Canaan School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money for current operating expenses in anticipation of taxes?

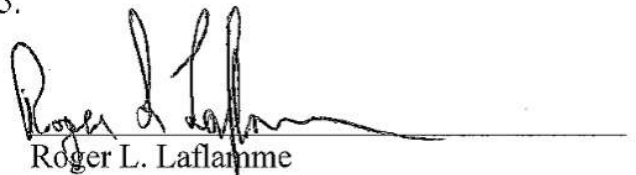
ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of Canaan School District approve the School Board to expend \$5,459,384 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Canaan School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$17,099 which is 30% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

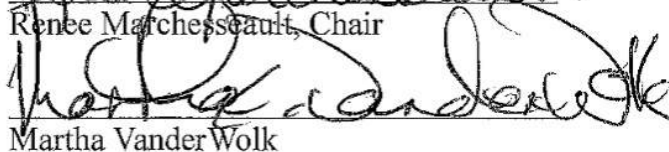
ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the Canaan School District authorize the School Board to sell the real estate located at 22 Bridge St. Colebrook, New Hampshire (as received by the District by way of a Warranty Deed from W. Timothy Brooks dated September 26, 2019 with boundary line adjustment dated May 15, 2023)?

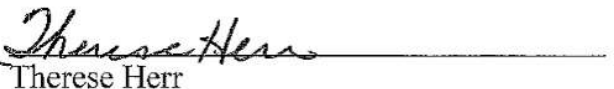
ARTICLE 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given unto our hands this 27th day of January 2025.


Renee Marchesseault, Chair


Roger L. Laflamme


Martha VanderWolk


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**ABSTRACT OF 2024 SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES
WARNING AND VOTE THEREUPON**

The Monday, March 4, 2024, Annual School District Meeting was opened at 7:35 PM by Moderator Morgan Wade. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM. The minutes in their entirety are available at the Essex North Supervisory Union Office.

“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 school business from the floor, and immediately thereafter, to transact the Town business from the floor:

CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

ARTICLE 1. To elect all Town School District Officers, as required by law.

ARTICLE 2. Passed in the affirmative as written. Shall the voters of the Canaan School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money for current operating expenses in anticipation of taxes?

ARTICLE 3. Passed in the affirmative as written with one vote in the negative. Shall the voters of the Canaan School District approve the school board to expend \$5,234,915 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,136.54 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 38.75% lower than for the current year.

ARTICLE 4. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Odette Crawford commended the board and administration for the continued work towards meeting the goals of the newly established strategic plan. She recognized that it was a lot of work for a group consisting of many sectors of our school and community. She acknowledged the continued progress for our schools.

Linda Harris was recognized for her 16 years of service and presented with a gift from the board.

Submitted by:

Approved:

Approved:

Sylvia LaCasse
Administrative Assistant

Renee Marchesseault
School Board Chairperson

Morgan Wade
School Moderator

WELCOME TO CANAAN SCHOOLS

Serving pre-K through 12th grade students and families in Canaan, Vermont, and nearby communities

Our school is a vibrant learning community that provides broad academic and technical career programs, early college and dual enrollment opportunities, and co-curricular offerings including athletics, visual, and performing arts. We also offer world languages through our partnership with a variety of distance learning options through VHS and VTVLC. Through these and other initiatives, we help students become educated, responsible, caring, and contributing members of society.

Nestled in one of the safest and most beautiful corners of Vermont, we are a small, but focused group of educators and learners committed to both individualization and personalization. Because we get to know each student's learning styles and abilities, we are well-positioned to help them identify, develop, and achieve their postsecondary goals, whether it is pursuing a college degree, preparing for a career, entering the military, or learning a trade. We value each student's voice and choice in how their learning takes place; and we endeavor to meet each student where they are to ensure each receives the education they deserve.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Early College and Dual Enrollment, which allows students to graduate with college credits.
- Relationships with many of area colleges and universities
- Work based learning, internships, and job shadowing opportunities with local businesses and professionals.
- Many virtual and independent learning platforms.
- Career and technical education offerings.



Portrait of a Canaan Graduate

Transferable Skills

Clear & Effective Communication

- Demonstrate organized and purposeful communication.
- Use evidence and logic appropriately in communication.
- Integrate information gathered from active speaking and listening.
- Adjust communication based on the audience, context, and purpose.
- Demonstrate effective, expressive, and receptive communication, including oral, written, multi-media, and
- Use technology to further enhance and disseminate communication.
- Collaborate effectively and respectfully

Self-Direction

- Identify, manage, and assess new opportunities related to learning goals.
- Integrate knowledge from a variety of sources to set goals and make informed decisions.
- Apply knowledge in familiar and new contexts.
- Demonstrate initiative and responsibility for learning.
- Demonstrate flexibility, including the ability to learn, unlearn, and relearn.
- Analyze the accuracy, bias, and usefulness of information.
- Collaborate as needed to advance learning.
- Persevere in challenging situations.
- Use technology and digital media strategically and capably

Creative & Practical Problem Solving

- Observe and evaluate situations in order to define problems.
- Frame questions, make predictions, and design data collection and analysis strategies.
- Identify patterns, trends, and relationships that apply to solutions.
- Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize evidence, arguments, claims, and beliefs.
- Generate a variety of solutions, use evidence to build a case for best responses, responses, and repeat the process to generate alternate solutions.
- Identify opportunities for innovation and collaboration.
- Use a range of tools, including technology, to solve problems.
- Persist in solving challenging problems and learn from failure

Responsible & Involved Citizenship

- Participate in and contribute to the enhancement of community life.
- Take responsibility for personal decisions and actions.
- Demonstrate ethical behavior and the moral courage to sustain it.
- Respect diversity and differing points of view.
- Demonstrate a commitment to personal and community health and wellness.
- Practice responsible digital citizenship.

Informed & Integrative Thinking

- Apply knowledge from various disciplines and contexts to real life situations.
- Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information from multiple sources to build on knowledge.
- Apply systems thinking to understand the interaction and influence of related parts on each other.
- Use evidence and reasoning to justify claims.
- Develop and use models to explain phenomena.
- Use technology to support and enhance the critical thinking process.

At Canaan Memorial Schools, students gain the skills, abilities, and knowledge required in an area of study, along with those necessary to be successful in college, career, personal and civic life.

Well Being

- Students develop strategies and interpersonal skills to manage stress, promote mental health and cultivate positive relationships.
- Students recognize the value of healthy behaviors and physical activity in promoting health, enjoyment, self-expression and social interaction.
- Students have the knowledge necessary to make financially responsible decisions that are integral to their everyday lives.

Content Area Proficiency

- The curriculum which enables students to engage in rigorous, relevant and comprehensive learning opportunities is based upon standards approved by the State Board of Education.
- Students meet Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements* in content areas, demonstrating the skills, abilities, and knowledge required in an area of study.
- Assessment of the transferable skills is embedded in content area assessments.
- Student progress is measured and supported.
- Personalized learning opportunities include flexible pathways to proficiency-based graduation requirements.

* the locally-delineated set of content knowledge and skills connected to state standards that have been determined to qualify a student for earning a high school diploma; also referred to as PBGRs



The Canaan Portrait of a Graduate clarifies the expectations for College and Career Readiness as described in the Vermont Education Quality Standards. It specifies the cognitive, personal, and interpersonal skills and abilities that students should be able to demonstrate upon graduation.

This document has been created using information from the Vermont Agency of Education's website.

Industry Recognized Credentials and College Credits offered at Canaan Memorial High School

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**FBLA Students at the National Leadership Conference in Orlando
FL (L to R) Hanna Bissonnette,
Leahana Haynes, Isabella Ricker**



Diversified Agriculture & Natural Resources CTE Program - Game of Logging Chainsaw Safety program.



Hands-on training for the Firefighter and Emergency Medical Services CTE programs.



History and English Students in Salem



Summer School Students Participating in the Circus Performance

CANAAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024



Class of 2024 from (L to R): Hailey Lawcewicz, Ella Flynn-Kneer, Alice Beauchmin, Karissa Sweatt, Hana Bissonnette, Class Marshals: Joseph Noyes & Isabella Ricker, Saidy Placey, Flower Girl: Rose Hughes, Nadia Maurais, Colby Bashaw, Moriah Gray, Walter Farrar
Back Row (L to R): Vaughn Shaw-Boire, Caleb Hailey, Chase Clough, Katelyn Nadeau, Dorian Mazur, Landon Haynes, Thomas Godin, Griffin Hurlbert



Congratulations Class of 2024

Class of 2024 Awards

Student	Award
Colby Bashaw	Harvey Boynton Memorial Scholarship Norton-Averill Memorial Scholarship
Hailey Lawcewicz	Essex North Education Association Student Council Scholarship Canaan Women's Club Kirk Hann Memorial Scholarship Margaret Dempsey Lima Memorial Scholarship Canaan Alumni Scholarship
Nadia Maurais	American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Award
Katelyn Nadeau	American Legion Northland Post #47 Scholarship American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Northland Unit #47 Scholarship UCVH "Health Care is a Great Career" Scholarship Les Beal Memorial Scholarship Abner & Rita Ladd Memorial Scholarship Canaan Women's Club Carrie Jones Lund Scholarship Lucas Memorial Scholarship Paul F. Biron Memorial Scholarship Resident Council of the Coos County Nursing Hospital Scholarship Louisa Judd Carr Scholarship
John Oppermann	American Legion Americanism Award Jeffrey Bryan Memorial Scholarship Hagan Scholarship
Saidy Placey	Jeanette Maurais Student Athlete Award
Karissa Sweatt	American Legion Northland Post #37 Scholarship Klinefelter Family Memorial Scholarship Marshall & Velma Ames Memorial Scholarship

THE CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS

The following scholarships are held by the Canaan School District for disbursement as seen fit by the various scholarship committees and donor's family. The totals listed below are the balances, as of fiscal year end June 30, 2024 for the various accounts. These totals are made up of both savings accounts and certificates of deposit at Bangor Savings Bank and Citizens Bank.

Peter Perron Scholarship	\$	38.68
Paul Biron Scholarship	\$	858.69
Nicole Blanchard Scholarship	\$	53.81
Jeffrey Bryan Memorial Fund	\$	152.75
John & Stanley Carr Memorial Fund	\$	2,050.21
Nancy & Egide Carrier Memorial Fund	\$	1,619.99
Margaret Lima Memorial Scholarship	\$	14,998.77
Edwina Lucas Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$	48.85
Carrie Jones Lund Scholarshp Fund	\$	8,928.84
Jeannette Maurais Mem. Scholarship Fund	\$	50.16
Arthur Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$	317.61
Neil Tillotson Fund	\$	244.40
Charles Young Scholarship	\$	446.29
Canaan Scholarship Fund	\$	3,259.82
Kenneth Kirland Hann Scholarship	\$	<u>6,026.85</u>
Total Scholarship Funds Available.	\$	<u><u>39,095.72</u></u>

CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF 2024-2025

Ronald Patterson	M.P.A.	Principal
Sheli Aldrich	M.Ed.	Mathematics
Austin Biron	B.A.	Physical Education/Health
Anthony Ciranni	B.M.	Music
Melissa Ciranni	B.A.	English
Dencie Covill	B.A.	English
Michael "Bridger" Dewitt	M.Ed.	Grades 4- 5
Kevin Follis	BA	Social Studies
Jensen Giroux	B.S.	Pre-K
Sherri Goodwin	M.Ed.	Grade 1
Timothy Gray	M.Ed.	Trades and Industries
David Herr	B.S.	Grade 3
Amy B. Keafer	B.A.	Art
Christopher Masson	M.Ed.	Diversified Agriculture & Natural Resources
Todd Nichols	B.S.	Fire & Emergency Services & Physical Education
Melissa Norsworthy	M.A.	Kindergarten
Sherry O'Bara	M.A.	Science/Health
Megan Prehemo, RN	A.S.N.	School Nurse
Eugene Reid	B.S.	Driver's Education
Katherine Sawicki	M.Ed.	Grade 2
Kathy C. Smith	B.S.	Grade 6
Sierra Saari	M.Ed.	Mathematics
Kim Sweatt	A.S.	Industrial Technology
Denise Wood	M.Ed.	Business
Kaitlin Wood	MLIS	Library Media Specialist
Emily Wood	B.A.	Guidance Counselor

SUPPORT STAFF

Josee Berry	B.S.	Student Assistant Program (SAP) Coordinator
Evie Day	A.S.	Paraeducator
Scott DeGray		Custodian
Richard Gibbons		Custodian
Stacey Placey		Administrative Assistant
Frank Sawicki	B.A.	Technology Integration Specialist

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

December 20, 2024

Grade	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Total	18	11	14	10	19	11	11	10	14	7	20	11	13	16

Elementary (PK-6):104

Secondary (7-12):81

Total Enrollment:185

Comments from the School Board Chair

Renee Marchesseault

As Chairperson of the School Board, I am proud to present a year of significant growth and progress for our board. This year, we have made substantial strides in strengthening our board's effectiveness through increased community involvement, targeted training, and focused communication efforts.

Our board has made a concerted effort to develop and refine our skills as public servants. We participated in four training and orientation sessions, which included a comprehensive review of *The Essential Works of Vermont School Boards* publication. These sessions were invaluable in deepening our understanding of the responsibilities and expectations placed on us as school board members.

In addition to these training sessions, we dedicated an entire day to a board retreat, where we concentrated on effective and ethical operations. This retreat included a thorough review of Open Meeting Law and Robert's Rules of Order to ensure we are adhering to best practices in conducting our meetings and making informed decisions.

Four of our board members also attended the annual Vermont School Boards Association (VSBA) Conference, where we had the opportunity to engage with numerous workshops and keynote speakers. The knowledge and insights gained from these sessions will continue to inform our work as we strive to be an effective and forward-thinking board.

We also recognized the importance of improving our communication with both our community and our staff. To that end, we contracted with JGPR, a professional communication firm, to conduct a comprehensive audit of our internal and external communications. We are currently working on implementing their recommendations, which will help us better serve our community and ensure transparency in our operations.

Additionally, we were thrilled to have the opportunity to meet with community members during our annual Fall Open House. The event allowed us to directly engage with parents, guardians, and other community members, enlisting their help in filling important roles on committees such as the Steering Committee, Facilities, and Technology. The support and expertise of our community are critical to the success of our district, and we are grateful for their involvement.

As we look to the future, we are proud of the budget we have developed for this year. It is a budget that reflects both our commitment to providing high-quality education to our students and our responsibility to be fiscally prudent with taxpayer dollars. We want to extend a special thank you to the budget committee comprised of community members, administration and board for their help in putting together this budget. Their insights and input were invaluable as we worked to ensure the budget best serves the needs of our students and community.

I also want to take a moment to recognize the outstanding leadership of Superintendent Lawcewicz. Through careful evaluation of our programs and staff, Superintendent Lawcewicz has made thoughtful changes that will help our district continue to grow and meet the evolving needs of our students. The board appreciates her dedication and leadership in driving these necessary improvements.

The work we have accomplished this year has set a strong foundation for continued progress. We are committed to fostering a board that is knowledgeable, transparent, and deeply connected to our community. I look forward to building on the momentum we've created, continuing to engage with our community, and working together to provide the best possible education for our students.

Thank you to the staff, administration, and our dedicated community members for your support and involvement. I am proud of all that we have achieved together and excited for the work that lies ahead.

Renee Marchesseault – Canaan School Board Chair

Canaan School District

Report of the Superintendent

As I reflect on the 2024-25 school year, I celebrate the collective efforts of our educators, staff, students, and the community in making significant strides towards our mission of providing excellence in rural education. This year we made notable progress in all areas of our strategic plan and are developing 5 year plans for facilities and technology.

Some key areas of progress include expanding communication and collaboration with the community, aligning proficiencies within our curriculum, increasing student involvement in extracurricular activities, continuing adult education opportunities, pursuing federal and state grant funding opportunities, and negotiating a competitive master agreement with our paraeducators. We are working collaboratively with our staff to make revisions to our master schedule to maximize student learning and enrichment opportunities as well as options for collaboration with SAU 7. Construction is underway on a new building in the Canaan Community Forest that the Diversified Trades students will be finishing and working out of. This project is a joint effort of the Canaan School District, North Country Charitable Foundation, and the Canaan Community Forest Committee and will benefit the entire community.

At the central office, we have made progress on our goals by attending staff meetings at Canaan Schools to better respond to the needs of the staff, providing multiple means of training to staff, setting monthly ENSU staff meetings to review procedures and ensuring we are working efficiently to meet deadlines. We will be revising our roles and responsibilities flowchart to reflect the additional responsibilities we have taken on this year.

As superintendent, I have been attending meetings with legislators and community leaders to advocate for the needs of our school district. I communicate frequently with full transparency on topics of concern and importance to our staff and families and respond promptly to questions. I keep the needs of our students in the forefront of all decision making and work to ensure that Canaan Schools continue to provide the very best education for our children.

I am grateful for the work of our outstanding educators and the support of the Canaan School Board and the school community. You all are what makes Canaan Schools so special and why our students are so successful. I'm looking forward to working with you all in the years to come as we continue to improve opportunities for our children.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lawcewicz
Superintendent
Essex North Supervisory Union

Report of the Principal

Ron Patterson

The 2024-2025 school year has been full of many challenges, and it is with gratitude and pride that I thank my fellow administrators, the wonderful teachers at Canaan Schools, and our tremendous staff for dealing with the difficult fiscal realities that we are all facing. The dedication of our students, staff and families has been instrumental in ensuring a productive and meaningful school year.

Canaan Schools has placed a strong emphasis on the professional development of our staff. For over a year we have been focused on proficiency-based education and have made significant progress. We are also seeking to increase the staff's training in the areas of differentiation of instruction and working with students with trauma.

Our students continue to work in key areas of literacy, math, and science. We have a strong program of intervention to help our students improve their literacy and math skills. There will be an even larger focus on this area next year.

Outside the classroom, our students have continued to engage in athletics, the arts, and the community. We are proud of the creative talents of our students who participate in various art exhibitions and music concerts.

The Canaan Schools have made improvements to our facilities, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment. This has been accomplished through the hard work of Scott Conroy, who deserves special recognition for his dedication. Scott has worked around the clock to ensure that our buildings are safe and functional.

Sincerely

Ron Patterson

Principal Canaan Schools

Report of the Director of Student Support

Erika Proulx

Introduction

As the Director of Student Services for Essex North Supervisory Union, I am honored to present this comprehensive update on the progress and achievements of our department during my second year in this position. Our unwavering commitment to delivering quality education to all students, including those with special needs, continues to guide our work. This report highlights the initiatives, developments, and outcomes from the past year that reflect our dedication to fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Program Developments

Building on the foundational work of my first year, we continue to enhance and expand our special education programs to address the diverse needs of our students.

- **Life Skills Development:** Our on-site life skills program continues to provide students with hands-on opportunities to build independence and practical abilities for daily living in the community. We continue to explore individualized approaches to customize learning opportunities.
- **Intervention Strategies:** We have refined our intervention strategies, ensuring that every student receives targeted support tailored to their individual needs. Collaborating with general education teachers remains a priority, enabling us to create cohesive, student-centered plans.
- **Social and Emotional Support:** Recognizing the critical importance of mental health, we have further expanded our counseling services to meet the social and emotional needs of all students.
- **Sensory Regulation Room:** we were able to access Title IV grant monies to procure many items to outfit a sensory room that students can access to help regulate themselves. Some items include a cocoon swing, sensory tiles, weighted objects, thera-putty, flexible seating options, and many more. The goal is to help students identify what they need in order to regulate and return to the classroom ready to learn.

Professional Development

Continuous learning remains a key focus for our department. Over the past year, our team has engaged in meaningful professional development opportunities to enhance their skills and knowledge:

- **Multi-Modal Reading Instruction:** Our team began exploring and integrating multi-modal reading instruction techniques. This approach is designed to support diverse

learning styles and strengthen students' reading development. Using grant funding, we were able to train our special educators in the Orton Gillingham approach to reading.

- **Collaborative Curriculum Alignment:** We continued to work closely with general education teachers to align curriculum standards and ensure consistency across classrooms. This collaboration fosters an inclusive learning environment where all students can thrive.
- **Crisis Prevention and Intervention:** I have been trained as a trainer in Crisis Prevention and Intervention, allowing me to train our staff in practices that help identify levels of dysregulation and the appropriate and effective intervention techniques. This allows the district to have trained staff while also serving as a cost savings by providing the training in-house.

By investing in professional growth, our educators are better equipped to meet the unique needs of our student population, ensuring the delivery of high-quality education.

Future Directions

Looking ahead, the ENSU Special Education Department is excited to build upon the progress of the past two years:

- **Program Refinement:** We will continue to refine our programs, focusing on evidence-based practices, customization, and innovative approaches to education.
- **Community Engagement:** Expanding community outreach remains a priority, as we aim to strengthen partnerships with families and local organizations to better support our students.
- **Inclusivity and Innovation:** Embracing a culture of inclusivity and leveraging innovative tools and techniques will be central to our efforts to help every student reach their full potential.

Conclusion

Reflecting on my second year in this role, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to lead and collaborate with such a dedicated and passionate team. The progress we have made is a testament to the commitment and hard work of our staff, the support of our community, and the resilience of our students. Together, we will continue to advance toward our shared goal of an inclusive and equitable educational experience for all students.

2024 Facilities & Maintenance Director Report

Scott Conroy

The year 2024 was eventful, marked by both challenges and significant accomplishments in maintaining and improving the school's facilities. Several enhancements were made to the kitchen, including the installation of a new cooking hood, a three-bay sink that brought the kitchen up to state compliance, a new freezer for the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR), and new tables for the students. These upgrades, primarily funded through grants, have greatly improved the functionality of the kitchen and dining areas, making them more efficient and welcoming.

The high school also saw improvements with the completion of a new rug, which has significantly enhanced the aesthetics and comfort of the space. Additionally, the gym doors were replaced, and emergency egress alarms were installed, ensuring that they function solely as emergency exits. Security was further strengthened with the installation of a new aluminum security door at the principal's office, replacing the outdated wooden door. This upgrade, funded by a grant, ensures controlled access to the high school's main entrance, allowing entry only through administrative approval or a passkey.

A major project this year involved the Career and Technical Education (CTE) area, where an old building was dismantled and removed by trades school students under the guidance of Tim Gray. The students also constructed a new building, with the exception of the standing seam roofing, which was completed by a contractor. This new facility now provides much-needed storage for trades students, the after-school program, and seasonal equipment. It also serves as a workspace for larger projects during unfavorable weather, showcasing the students' impressive skills and hands-on experience.

The roof leak over the gym entrance was another challenge addressed this year. The leak was successfully repaired, and the damage, primarily to sheetrock, will be assessed and restored to its original condition during the summer months.

In the elementary school, extensive boiler work was completed in the fall. Two sections of the #2 boiler were replaced, along with the installation of new parts. Generous donations from DHI and Blodgett Supply significantly reduced costs by providing parts from a decommissioned boiler. The repaired boiler now runs smoothly, offering peace of mind with a reliable backup. However, during testing, a design issue was discovered in the return line, which caused steam to push back into the condensate tank. This issue was resolved, but similar repairs may be needed for the high school's #2 boiler in the summer of 2025 due to a slow leak. Additional repairs were also made to leaking pipe fittings in crawl spaces over the past year.

Efforts to improve the Community Forest building, intended to bring it closer to ADA compliance and enhance its use as an agricultural student learning center, faced unexpected challenges. Upon removing the deck, it was discovered that the foundation was unsalvageable. Fortunately, grant funding allowed for the construction of a new foundation, with a local contractor completing a weather-resistant structure for the next stage of the project. This new facility will support both community activities and student learning.

Environmental safety was also a focus this year, with testing for PCBs and radon conducted throughout the school. Letters were sent to residents explaining the testing process and potential implications. The results were reassuring, as the school district reported minimal PCB and radon levels, ensuring a safe environment for students and staff.

Overall, 2024 was a productive year, with significant progress made across various areas of the school's facilities. These improvements reflect the dedication and hard work of all involved, particularly the trades students and contractors, whose contributions have left a lasting positive impact on the school community.

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Report of the Coordinator of Curriculum, Grants, and MTSS

Chuck Patterson

Curriculum

We continue to make progress on our vertically aligned curriculum in collaboration with the Great Schools Partnership. Last year, we identified proficiency-based graduation requirements and learning targets (standards) for each grade level. This year, teachers have begun creating units and assessments aligned with these targets.

In the area of grants, we are working to enhance fiscal responsibility by improving processes and procedures to align with state best practices and requirements. Additionally, we are developing long-term plans for the Consolidated Federal Programs (CFP) Grant. This federal grant, which we receive annually, provides approximately \$400,000 in funding but comes with strict guidelines on its use. Our focus is on ensuring compliance with these guidelines while planning for effective utilization in future years.

MTSS

Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is a framework designed to ensure that all students receive high-quality, universal instruction (Tier 1), with additional supports (Tiers 2 and 3) provided as needed. This year, we are focused on building systems to ensure every student gets the support necessary to succeed in the classroom. Using data, we will identify students' needs and implement targeted interventions. Our ongoing goal is to identify and address challenges early, preventing long-term impacts on students' academic and social success.

Grants

This year, we have applied for several new grants, including two from the state to support our afterschool and summer camp programs. We have also submitted an application for a state-funded Community Schools grant, which would support school improvement and strategic planning initiatives. Additionally, we applied for a nationwide Opioid Recovery Trust grant. If awarded, this grant will help sustain existing initiatives, such as school-based counseling at Canaan, and expand supports for students and teachers. We expect to receive updates on these applications this spring.

Sincerely,
Chuck Patterson
Coordinator of Curriculum, Grants, and MTSS
Essex North



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January 7, 2025

School Board
Canaan Town School District
Canaan, Vermont 05903

We were engaged by the Canaan Town School District and have audited the financial statements of the Canaan Town School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2024 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Superintendent's Office.

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RHR Smith & Company
Certified Public Accountants

STATEMENT C

CANAAN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Grants Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 932,468	\$ -	\$ 606,454	\$ 53,186	\$ 1,592,108
Investments	-	-	-	26,379	26,379
Accounts receivable (net of uncollectibles)	240,255	-	116,266	-	356,521
Prepaid items	16,800	423	-	-	17,223
Inventories	90,771	-	-	-	90,771
Due from other funds	210,697	118,386	-	-	329,083
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,490,991	\$ 118,809	\$ 722,720	\$ 79,565	\$ 2,412,085
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 419,592	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 419,592
Accrued salaries	11,679	899	-	-	12,578
Accrued expenses	6,850	275	-	-	7,125
Due to other funds	118,386	-	210,697	-	329,083
TOTAL LIABILITIES	556,507	1,174	210,697	-	768,378
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred revenues	5,565	210,546	-	-	216,111
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	5,565	210,546	-	-	216,111
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)					
Nonspendable	107,571	-	-	-	107,571
Restricted	75,000	-	-	79,565	154,565
Committed	-	-	512,023	-	512,023
Assigned	253,826	-	-	-	253,826
Unassigned	492,522	(92,911)	-	-	399,611
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	928,919	(92,911)	512,023	79,565	1,427,596
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	\$ 1,490,991	\$ 118,809	\$ 722,720	\$ 79,565	\$ 2,412,085

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STATEMENT E

CANAAN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Grants Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 4,274,878	\$ 137,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,412,083
Tuition	900,888	-	-	-	900,888
Food service	131,192	-	-	-	131,192
Investment income	7,364	-	-	-	7,364
Miscellaneous revenues	78,215	17,278	-	90,396	185,889
TOTAL REVENUES	5,392,537	154,483	-	90,396	5,637,416
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Instructional	1,999,284	23,222	-	-	2,022,506
Building trades	5,316	-	-	-	5,316
Special education	603,969	-	-	-	603,969
Improvement of instruction	226,071	-	-	-	226,071
Student activities	158,552	1,980	-	-	160,532
Guidance	65,466	5,595	-	-	71,061
SAP services	88,371	-	-	-	88,371
Health services	95,773	-	-	-	95,773
Library	72,380	-	-	-	72,380
School Board	33,344	-	-	-	33,344
Supervisory Union assessment	334,567	-	-	-	334,567
Administration and fiscal services	345,892	-	-	-	345,892
Transportation	147,578	4,096	-	-	151,674
Plant operations	415,601	87,923	81,886	-	585,410
Grounds maintenance	3,907	-	-	-	3,907
Food service	167,373	-	-	-	167,373
Program expense	-	-	-	87,392	87,392
On-behalf payments	612,927	-	-	-	612,927
Debt service:					
Principal	-	-	50,000	-	50,000
Interest	-	-	17,172	-	17,172
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,376,371	122,816	149,058	87,392	5,735,637
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	16,166	31,667	(149,058)	3,004	(98,221)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Loan proceeds	-	-	116,266	-	116,266
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	116,266	-	116,266
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)	16,166	31,667	(32,792)	3,004	18,045
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JULY 1	912,753	(124,578)	544,815	76,561	1,409,551
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS) - JUNE 30	\$ 928,919	\$ (92,911)	\$ 512,023	\$ 79,565	\$ 1,427,596

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CANAAN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 912,753	\$ 912,753	\$ 912,753	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Act 68 state aid	2,997,082	2,997,082	3,007,610	10,528
Tuition	1,166,300	1,166,300	900,888	(265,412)
Intergovernmental - state and federal	398,112	398,112	654,341	256,229
Food services	114,820	114,820	131,192	16,372
Investment income	3,000	3,000	7,364	4,364
Miscellaneous	71,334	71,334	78,215	6,881
Amounts Available for Appropriation	<u>5,663,401</u>	<u>5,663,401</u>	<u>5,692,363</u>	<u>28,962</u>
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Current:				
Instructional	2,019,081	2,019,081	1,999,284	19,797
Building trades	50,000	50,000	5,316	44,684
Special education	483,272	483,272	603,969	(120,697)
Improvement of instruction	228,874	228,874	226,071	2,803
Student activities	140,632	140,632	158,552	(17,920)
Guidance	58,234	58,234	65,466	(7,232)
SAP services	90,095	90,095	88,371	1,724
Health services	102,934	102,934	95,773	7,161
Library	82,226	82,226	72,380	9,846
School Board	34,874	34,874	33,344	1,530
Supervisory Union assessment	423,454	423,454	334,567	88,887
Administration and fiscal services	384,196	384,196	345,892	38,304
Transportation	213,686	213,686	147,578	66,108
Plant operations	476,797	476,797	415,601	61,196
Grounds maintenance	-	-	3,907	(3,907)
Food service	144,050	144,050	167,373	(23,323)
Debt service:				
Principal	50,000	50,000	-	50,000
Interest	18,243	18,243	-	18,243
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>5,000,648</u>	<u>5,000,648</u>	<u>4,763,444</u>	<u>237,204</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 662,753</u>	<u>\$ 662,753</u>	<u>\$ 928,919</u>	<u>\$ 266,166</u>
Utilization of assigned fund balance	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (250,000)</u>

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CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY 26 Proposed

Description	FY25	FY 25	FY26	\$ Variance
	Approved Budget	Anticip. Expense	Proposed Budget	FY25-FY26
1199 Pre-K				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	51,330	57,150	57,150	5,820
120 Director	-	-	5,000	5,000
120 Pre K - Para	24,120	24,120	24,656	536
210 Group Insurance	35,375	19,000	4,885	(30,490)
220 FICA	5,775	5,775	6,700	925
234 VT Retirement	1,200	1,200	1,450	250
260 Payroll Insurances	1,733	1,733	1,600	(133)
321 Pre-K Cont. Serv-Para & Services ENSU	23,000	-	-	(23,000)
339 Substitutes-Contracted from ENSU	3,500	3,500	5,000	1,500
610 General Supplies	950	345	1,000	50
630 Food	500	-	-	(500)
640 Books & Periodicals	250	-	200	(50)
733 Furniture	290	895	-	(290)
734 Tech Related Supplies	290	-	-	(290)
810 Dues & Fees	240	388	240	-
Total Pre-K	148,553	114,106	107,881	(40,672)
1100 Kindergarten				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	68,295	68,295	72,000	3,705
210 Group Insurance	3,200	3,200	3,636	436
220 FICA	5,225	5,225	5,508	283
260 Payroll Insurances	930	930	800	(130)
610 General Supplies	1,000	838	1,000	-
630 Food	400	-	-	(400)
640 Books & Periodicals	850	-	760	(90)
734 Tech Related Supplies	250	-	-	(250)
Total Kindergarten	80,150	78,488	83,704	3,554
1101 Grade 1				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	59,160	59,160	62,550	3,390
210 Group Insurance	25,065	25,065	27,838	2,773
220 FICA	4,530	4,530	4,785	255
260 Payroll Insurances	910	910	800	(110)
610 General Supplies	1,000	667	100	(900)
630 Food	400	-	-	(400)
640 Books & Periodicals	1,077	-	475	(602)
734 Tech Related Supplies	120	-	-	(120)
Total Grade 1	92,262	90,332	96,548	4,286
1102 Grade 2				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	70,905	70,905	74,700	3,795
210 Group Insurance	1,200	1,200	1,636	436
220 FICA	5,425	5,425	5,715	290
260 Payroll Insurances	920	920	800	(120)
610 General Supplies	500	311	500	-
630 Food	100	-	-	(100)
640 Books & Periodicals	1,100	128	175	(925)
734 Tech Related Supplies	200	-	-	(200)
739 Other Equipment	250	-	-	(250)
Total Grade 2	80,600	78,889	83,525	2,925

Description	FY25 Approved Budget	FY 25 Anticip. Expense	FY26 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY25-FY26
1103 Grade 3				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	66,748	66,748	69,417	2,669
210 Group Insurance	34,475	34,475	38,410	3,935
220 FICA	5,106	5,106	5,310	204
260 Payroll Insurances	923	923	800	(123)
610 General Supplies	280	260	-	(280)
640 Books & Periodicals	1,430	267	1,280	(150)
Total Grade 3	108,962	107,779	115,218	6,256
1104 Grade 4				
110 Teacher Salary (.5 FTE FY25 ,1 FTE FY26)	41,505	41,505	50,400	8,895
210 Group Insurance	1,600	1,600	27,449	25,849
220 FICA	3,175	3,175	3,856	681
260 Payroll Insurances	503	503	800	297
610 General Supplies	260	-	520	260
640 Books & Periodicals	920	-	1,560	640
Total Grade 4	47,963	46,783	84,585	36,622
1105 Grade 5				
110 Teacher Salary (.50 FTE FY25, 1 FTE FY26)	41,504	41,504	74,700	33,196
210 Group Insurance	1,600	1,600	36,694	35,094
220 FICA	3,175	3,175	5,715	2,540
260 Payroll Insurances	866	866	800	(66)
610 General Supplies	1,050	403	490	(560)
640 Books & Periodicals	1,430	-	1,170	(260)
812 Dues & Fees Students	400	-	-	(400)
Total Grade 5	50,025	47,548	119,569	69,543
1106 Grade 6				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	75,175	75,175	50,400	(24,775)
210 Group Insurance	25,065	25,065	27,885	2,820
220 FICA	5,755	5,755	3,856	(1,899)
260 Payroll Insurances	930	930	1,100	170
610 General Supplies	800	643	-	(800)
640 Books & Periodicals	530	103	530	-
812 Dues & Fees	700	-	-	(700)
Total Grade 6	108,955	107,671	83,771	(25,184)
1111 English				
110 Teacher Salary (2 FTE FY 25, 1.5 FTE FY 26)	107,880	107,880	87,075	(20,805)
210 Group Insurance	35,675	35,675	39,101	3,426
220 FICA	8,255	8,255	6,661	(1,594)
260 Payroll Insurances	1,837	1,837	1,200	(637)
610 General Supplies	1,660	1,323	-	(1,660)
640 Books & Periodicals	1,795	39	1,990	195
735 Software	200	-	-	(200)
812 Dues & Fees	680	195	-	(680)
Total English	157,982	155,204	136,027	(21,955)

Description	FY25 Approved Budget	FY 25 Anticip. Expense	FY26 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY25-FY26
1112 Family/Consumer Science/Health				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE FY 25, .5 FTE FY 26)	53,940	15,516	26,550	(27,390)
210 Group Insurance	3,200	1,187	1,773	(1,427)
220 FICA	4,130	560	2,031	(2,099)
260 Payroll Insurances	920	500	400	(520)
610 General Supplies	300	300	-	(300)
630 Food	2,500	932	-	(2,500)
640 Books & Periodicals	3,010	165	1,500	(1,510)
Total Family/Consumer Science/Health	68,000	19,160	32,254	(35,746)
1113 Modern Language				
320 Contracted Services-Students	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Total Modern Language	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
1114 Industrial Technology/Woodworking				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE FY25 , FY26 .5 FTE)	62,027	62,027	31,950	(30,077)
210 Group Insurance	25,062	25,062	27,825	2,763
220 FICA	4,745	4,745	2,444	(2,301)
260 Payroll Insurances	919	919	800	(119)
430 Repairs/Maintenance	5,400	5,400	5,400	-
610 General Supplies	7,000	7,000	3,000	(4,000)
Total Industrial Technology	105,153	105,153	71,419	(33,734)
1115 Mathematics				
110 Teacher Salary (2 FTE FY25, 1.5 FTE FY26)	134,655	134,655	109,108	(25,547)
210 Group Insurance	26,548	26,548	22,632	(3,916)
220 FICA	10,310	10,310	8,347	(1,963)
260 Payroll Insurances	1,845	1,845	1,200	(645)
610 General Supplies	3,600	2,593	1,910	(1,690)
630 Food	410	107	-	(410)
640 Books & Periodicals	990	77	805	(185)
730 Equipment	147	-	-	(147)
733 Furniture	75	75	-	(75)
734 Tech Related Supplies	200	200	-	(200)
810 Dues and Fees	189	-	-	(189)
Total Mathematics	178,969	176,410	144,002	(34,967)
1116 Science				
110 Teacher Salary (FY25 1.3 FTE, FY 26 1.10 FTE)	99,714	99,714	87,433	(12,281)
210 Group Insurance	14,055	14,055	15,959	1,904
220 FICA	7,628	7,628	6,140	(1,488)
260 Payroll Insurances	1,206	1,206	800	(406)
610 General Supplies	7,000	3,445	4,500	(2,500)
640 Books & Periodicals	5,000	-	750	(4,250)
734 Tech Related Supplies	500	-	-	(500)
Total Science	135,104	126,048	115,582	(19,522)
1117 Social Studies				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	56,550	56,550	47,700	(8,850)
210 Group Insurance	13,695	24,364	38,304	24,609
220 FICA	4,326	4,326	3,649	(677)
260 Payroll Insurances	907	907	800	(107)
610 General Supplies	50	-	292	242
630 Food	150	-	-	(150)

Description	FY25	FY 25	FY26	\$ Variance
	Approved Budget	Anticip. Expense	Proposed Budget	FY25-FY26
640 Books & Periodicals	1,000	500	300	(700)
733 Furniture	150	-	-	(150)
735 Software	250	-	-	(250)
812 Dues & Fees	500	182	-	(500)
Total Social Studies	77,579	86,829	91,045	13,467

1119 Drivers Education				
119 Teacher Salary	13,000	13,000	15,600	2,600
220 FICA	1,000	1,000	1,193	193
260 Payroll Insurances	160	160	200	40
442 Car Rental	3,600	3,600	3,600	-
522 Insurance	500	500	500	-
626 Gasoline	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
810 Dues & Fees	250	250	250	-
Total Drivers Education	20,010	20,010	22,843	2,833

1125 Art				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	63,260	63,260	65,790	2,530
210 Group Insurance	34,475	34,475	38,356	3,881
220 FICA	4,839	4,839	5,033	194
260 Payroll Insurances	883	883	800	(83)
430 Repairs/Maintenance	1,000	-	250	(750)
610 General Supplies	5,950	4,340	4,320	(1,630)
640 Books & Periodicals	2,485	-	393	(2,092)
Total Art	112,893	107,797	114,942	2,049

1126 Computer Technology				
170 Technology Coordinator Salary (1 FTE)	65,240	65,240	67,850	2,610
210 Group Insurance	34,875	34,875	42,977	8,102
220 FICA	4,991	4,991	5,141	150
234 VT Retirement	3,588	3,588	3,864	276
260 Payroll Insurances	1,279	1,279	800	(479)
330 Pro Ed Services	27,600	23,107	55,500	27,900
352 Contracted Services	15,500	12,526	27,500	12,000
430 Repairs/Maintenance	8,600	8,600	9,000	400
610 General Supplies	3,700	3,700	5,000	1,300
735 Software	10,950	14,748	14,750	3,800
739 Other Equipment	2,000	1,645	-	(2,000)
810 Dues & Fees	2,000	3,461	1,500	(500)
Total Computer Technology	180,323	177,760	233,882	53,559

1127 Music				
110 Teacher Salary (.55 FTE)	51,330	51,330	30,690	(20,640)
210 Group Insurance	25,062	25,062	27,682	2,620
220 FICA	3,927	3,927	2,348	(1,579)
260 Payroll Insurances	913	813	800	(113)
430 Repairs/Maintenance	500	500	500	-
610 General Supplies	600	268	150	(450)
640 Books & Periodicals	420	-	200	(220)
730 Equipment	2,450	200	400	(2,050)
733 Furniture	500	75	-	(500)
735 Software	1,670	-	-	(1,670)
812 Dues & Fees	175	-	-	(175)
Total Music	87,547	82,175	62,770	(24,777)

Description	FY25 Approved Budget	FY 25 Anticip. Expense	FY26 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY25-FY26
1129 Physical Education				
110 Teacher Salary (1.18 FTE FY 25, .9 FTE FY 26)	53,452	53,452	47,176	(6,276)
210 Group Insurance	6,800	6,800	12,873	6,073
220 FICA	4,089	4,089	3,609	(480)
260 Payroll Insurances	948	948	720	(228)
610 General Supplies	1,540	1,446	1,250	(290)
730 Equipment	1,150	777	-	(1,150)
Total Physical Education	67,979	67,512	65,628	(2,351)
1198 Instructional Support Services				
111 Stipends-Mentors for New Teachers	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
112 Retirement Benefit Salaries	-	-	45,715	45,715
120 Paraprofessionals (1 FTE FY 25, 0 FTE FY 26)	26,775	26,775	-	(26,775)
210 Group Insurance	24,400	24,400	-	(24,400)
220 FICA	2,900	2,900	4,300	1,400
231 Annual Health Care Charge	45,000	45,000	45,000	-
234 VT Retirement	1,800	1,800	-	(1,800)
260 Payroll Insurances	1,450	1,450	-	(1,450)
320 Contracted Services-Students	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
339 Substitutes Assessment to ENSU	39,000	39,000	39,000	-
610 General Supplies	-	-	10,000	10,000
Total Instructional Support Services	166,325	166,325	169,015	2,690
1400 Student Activities				
102 Stipends-Cocurricular	23,000	23,000	23,000	-
220 FICA	1,800	1,800	1,800	-
260 Payroll Insurances	800	800	800	-
320 Contracted Services-Students	4,250	4,250	-	(4,250)
560 Tuition-Running Start/LNA	13,200	13,200	10,000	(3,200)
580 Travel	-	-	1,000	1,000
810 Dues & Fees	9,700	9,700	13,270	3,570
Total Student Activities	52,750	52,750	49,870	(2,880)
1420 Athletics				
102 Athletic Salary	22,000	19,775	21,000	(1,000)
220 FICA	2,200	2,200	1,600	(600)
260 Payroll Insurances	250	250	150	(100)
349 Referees	8,200	8,200	5,700	(2,500)
320 Contracted Services-Pay Pittsburg	55,000	55,000	54,000	(1,000)
540 Advertising	500	500	-	(500)
580 Staff Travel-AD Only	750	750	-	(750)
610 General Supplies	3,600	3,600	9,720	6,120
730 Equipment	3,600	3,600	2,500	(1,100)
810 Dues & Fees	2,100	2,100	2,550	450
Total Athletics	98,200	95,975	97,220	(980)
2120 Guidance				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE) (10 add. Days)	56,840	56,840	53,110	(3,730)
210 Group Insurance	3,200	9,000	15,305	12,105
220 FICA	4,348	4,348	4,063	(285)
260 Payroll Insurances	915	915	800	(115)
610 General Supplies	280	-	280	-
810 Dues & Fees-Staff	75	-	75	-

Description	FY25	FY 25	FY26	\$ Variance
	Approved Budget	Anticip. Expense	Proposed Budget	FY25-FY26
812 Dues & Fees-Students	3,000	3,825	3,384	384
Total Guidance	68,658	74,928	77,017	8,359
2130 Nurse Services				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	63,260	63,260	64,241	981
210 Group Insurance	34,475	34,475	38,385	3,910
220 FICA	4,839	4,839	4,914	75
260 Payroll Insurances	920	920	800	(120)
430 Repairs/Maintenance	120	120	120	-
610 General Supplies	1,275	800	1,475	200
630 Food	200	200	-	(200)
739 Other Equipment	334	334	-	(334)
Total Health Services	105,424	104,948	109,935	4,512
2140 Student Assistance (SAP)				
101 Salary (1 FTE)	53,445	53,445	55,583	2,138
210 Group Insurance	31,388	31,388	38,743	7,355
220 FICA	4,089	4,089	4,252	163
234 VT Retirement	-	2,400	3,200	3,200
260 Payroll Insurances	914	914	800	(114)
610 General Supplies	700	570	700	-
630 Food	300	30	300	-
Total Student Assistance	90,836	92,836	103,578	12,742
2210 Improvement of Instruction				
111 Stipends-Run. Start & Beyond Contract	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
220 FICA	3,830	3,830	3,830	-
250 Tuition Reimbursement	11,500	11,500	11,500	-
260 Payroll Insurances	1,300	1,300	1,300	-
330 Employee Training	2,250	2,250	2,250	-
580 Staff Travel	7,000	7,000	7,000	-
810 Dues & Fees	5,500	5,500	5,500	-
Total Improvement of Instruction	81,380	81,380	81,380	-
2220 Library				
110 Salary (1 FTE)	53,940	53,940	57,150	3,210
210 Group Insurance	13,695	13,695	15,338	1,642
220 FICA	4,126	4,126	4,372	246
260 Payroll Insurances	915	915	800	(115)
610 General Supplies	4,225	3,455	2,400	(1,825)
640 Books & Periodicals	5,650	1,715	2,200	(3,450)
735 Software	400	-	700	300
739 Other Equipment	150	-	-	(150)
810 Dues & Fees	50	-	-	(50)
Total Library	83,151	77,846	82,960	(192)
2310 School Board				
104 Salary (5 Canaan Board Members)	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
104 Salary (3 ENSU Board Members)	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
322 Contracted Services Stipends	-	-	-	-
220 FICA	574	574	574	-
330 Professional Development	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
341 Legal Expenses	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
540 Advertising	8,000	3,000	8,000	-

Description	FY25	FY 25	FY26	\$ Variance
	Approved Budget	Anticip. Expense	Proposed Budget	FY25-FY26
550 Printing & Binding	300	300	300	-
810 Dues & Fees	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
890 Misc. Expenses	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Total School Board	34,874	29,874	34,874	-

2410 Principal's Office				
140 Principal Salary (1 FTE)	91,936	91,936	90,000	(1,936)
106 Admin. Assistant Salary (1 FTE)	49,550	49,550	51,594	2,044
210 Group Insurance	26,786	26,786	58,745	31,959
220 FICA	10,820	10,820	10,832	12
234 VT Retirement	2,727	2,727	2,967	240
260 Payroll Insurances	2,808	2,808	1,600	(1,208)
339 Substitutes-ENSU (Contracted)	2,000	2,000	4,000	2,000
352 Tech Related Supplies	7,965	7,965	7,965	-
430 Repairs/Maintenance	10,200	10,200	11,000	800
533 Postage	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
534 Telephone	7,850	7,850	8,500	650
580 Staff Travel	2,100	2,100	2,100	-
610 General Supplies	6,200	6,200	5,000	(1,200)
640 Books & Periodicals	350	350	350	-
735 Software	1,560	1,560	1,000	(560)
810 Dues & Fees-Staff	1,000	1,000	2,500	1,500
Total Principal's Office	226,352	226,352	260,653	34,301

2510 Fiscal Services				
101 Treasurers Stipend	1,830	1,830	1,830	-
220 FICA	150	150	150	-
220 Payroll Tax - Act 76	10,000	10,000	11,000	1,000
342 Audit Services	18,000	18,000	18,000	-
834 Short Term Interest	4,500	4,500	4,500	-
Total Fiscal Services	34,480	34,480	35,480	1,000

2620 Plant Operations Bldg				
151 Facility Coordinator (.75 FTE FY 25, 1 FTE FY 26)	54,840	54,840	76,771	21,931
181 Custodial Salary (2 FTE)	98,455	98,455	102,695	4,240
105 Part-Time Salary (1 Full Year, 1 Summer)	19,000	19,000	19,200	200
103 Substitute Salary	3,000	3,000	3,500	500
210 Group Insurance	58,250	58,250	48,227	(10,023)
220 FICA	13,225	13,225	13,729	504
234 VT Retirement	6,000	6,000	10,319	4,319
260 Payroll Insurances	3,920	3,920	4,500	580
330 Contracted Services	12,950	12,950	40,650	27,700
350 Contracted Services - Mowing & Plowing	5,000	5,000	-	(5,000)
411 Water	12,000	12,000	12,000	-
412 Sewer	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
425 Disposal Services	8,500	8,500	8,500	-
430 Repairs/Maintenance	30,500	30,500	20,000	(10,500)
520 Property Insurance	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
532 Internet Service	21,000	21,000	21,000	-
610 General Supplies	21,700	21,700	22,500	800
622 Electricity	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
624 Heat	90,000	90,000	90,000	-
626 Gasoline	200	200	300	100
623 Bottled Gas	460	460	460	-

Description	FY25 Approved Budget	FY 25 Anticip. Expense	FY26 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY25-FY26
730 Equipment	1,600	1,600	-	(1,600)
Total Plant Operations Bldg	545,600	545,600	579,351	33,752

2621 Plant Operations-ENSU Office				
105 Part Time Salary-ENSU Office	3,400	3,400	3,550	150
220 FICA	260	260	272	11
260 Payroll Insurances	25	25	25	-
234 VT Retirement	200	200	210	10
411 Water	750	750	800	50
412 Sewer	900	900	900	-
430 Repairs/Maintenance	3,000	3,000	3,200	200
520 Property Insurance	750	750	750	-
622 Electricity	3,000	3,000	1,900	(1,100)
624 Heat	7,000	7,000	9,000	2,000
Total Plant Ops-ENSU Office	19,285	19,285	20,607	1,321

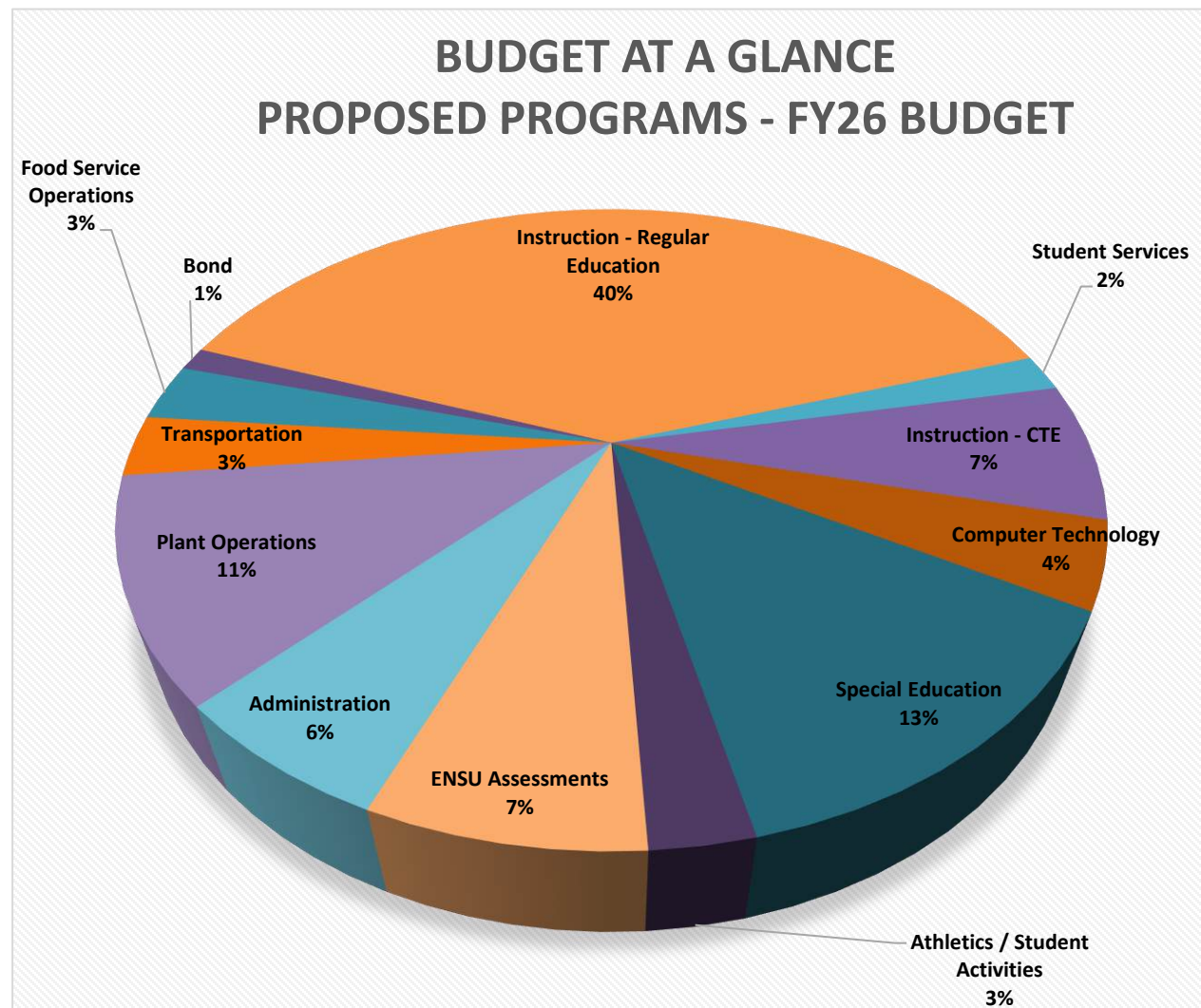
3100 Food Service Operations				
320 Contracted Services	140,000	140,000	151,010	11,010
425 Disposal Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
430 Repairs/Maintenance	1,300	1,300	1,300	-
610 General Supplies	1,750	1,750	1,750	-
623 Bottled Gas	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
730 Equipment	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Total Food Service Operations	149,050	149,050	160,060	11,010

1110 Business (CTE)				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	74,190	74,190	77,158	2,968
210 Group Insurance	25,062	25,062	27,885	2,823
220 FICA	5,676	5,676	5,903	227
260 Payroll Insurances	926	926	800	(126)
430 Repairs/Maintenance	-	-	950	950
519 Field Trips Transportation	580	580	-	(580)
610 General Supplies	4,050	1,800	2,300	(1,750)
630 Food	160	-	-	(160)
640 Books & Periodicals	600	275	1,150	550
735 Software	400	-	-	(400)
810 Dues & Fees-Staff	310	-	-	(310)
Total Business	111,954	108,509	116,146	4,191

1120 Diversified Trades (CTE)				
110 Teacher Salary (FY25 .70 FTE, FY 26 1 FTE)	52,590	52,590	76,050	23,460
210 Group Insurance	840	840	38,382	37,542
220 FICA	4,023	4,023	5,818	1,795
260 Payroll Insurances	649	649	800	151
430 Repairs/Maintenance	4,900	1,000	6,100	1,200
610 General Supplies	4,705	4,000	7,500	2,795
622 Electricity	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
623 Bottled Gas	500	500	800	300
626 Gasoline	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
734 Tech Related Supplies	750	750	-	(750)
739 Other Equipment	-	-	600	600
810 Dues & Fees	3,850	3,850	-	(3,850)
Total Diversified Trades (CTE)	75,307	70,702	138,550	63,243

Description	FY25 Approved Budget	FY 25 Anticip. Expense	FY26 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY25-FY26
1130 Fire & Emergency Services (CTE)				
110 Teacher Salary (.84 FTE FY 25, .60 FTE FY 26)	55,530	55,530	48,125	(7,405)
210 Group Insurance	21,052	21,052	16,725	(4,327)
220 FICA	4,248	4,248	3,682	(566)
260 Payroll Insurance	774	774	480	(294)
610 General Supplies	6,000	2,310	4,950	(1,050)
640 Books & Periodicals	2,950	2,225	3,810	860
812 Dues & Fees	60	-	60	-
Total Fire & Emergency	90,614	86,139	77,832	(12,783)
1118 Bldg. Trades and Industries (CTE)				
110 Teacher Salary (FY25 1 FTE, FY26 0 FTE)	73,820	73,820	-	(73,820)
111 Severance Salary	20,000	20,000	-	(20,000)
210 Group Insurance	34,454	34,454	-	(34,454)
220 FICA	7,177	7,177	-	(7,177)
260 Payroll Insurances	1,727	1,727	-	(1,727)
430 Repairs/Maintenance	1,200	1,225	-	(1,200)
550 Printing & Binding	600	-	-	(600)
610 General Supplies	5,000	2,500	-	(5,000)
630 Food	600	-	-	(600)
734 Tech Related Supplies	250	-	-	(250)
739 Other Equipment	600	930	-	(600)
810 Dues & Fees-Staff	6,500	6,500	-	(6,500)
Total Bldg. Trades and Industries	151,928	148,333	-	(151,928)
2710 CTE Transportation				
519 Regular Transportation	22,500	22,500	10,000	(12,500)
Total CTE Transportation:	22,500	22,500	10,000	(12,500)
GRAND TOTAL CTE:	452,303	436,183	342,528	(109,776)
1301 Diversified Trades				
351 Contracted Services-Diversified Trades Restri	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
Total Diversified Trades	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
5020 Bond				
833 Bond Principal Payment # 5 of 20	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
835 Bond Payment Interest	18,243	18,243	16,682	(1,561)
Total Bond	68,243	68,243	66,682	(1,561)
1200 Special Education				
594 ENSU-Special Ed Assess. for Canaan Costs	412,098	412,098	721,906	309,808
Total Special Education	412,098	412,098	721,906	309,808

Description	FY25 Approved Budget	FY 25 Anticip. Expense	FY26 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY25-FY26
2300 ENSU Assessment				
321 ENSU Non Special Ed Services Assessment	67,235	67,235	101,196	33,961
593 Supervisory Union Assessment	280,093	280,093	288,977	8,884
Total ENSU Assessment	347,328	347,328	390,173	42,845
2710 Transportation (now Assessment)				
519 Regular Transportation (ENSU)	184,070	184,070	119,400	(64,670)
509 Music Transportation (ENSU)	1,000	1,000	-	(1,000)
510 Class Field Trips (ENSU)	18,000	18,000	10,000	(8,000)
512 Athletic Transportation (ENSU)	35,000	35,000	30,000	(5,000)
Total Transportation	238,070	238,070	159,400	(78,670)
Grand Total Expenditures:	5,234,915	5,100,705	5,459,384	224,469



CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT - BUDGET SUMMARY BY PROGRAM

	FY25 Budget	FY26 Proposed	Increase (Decrease)	
1100 Kindergarten	80,150	83,704	3,554	B
1101 Grade 1	92,262	96,548	4,286	B
1102 Grade 2	80,600	83,525	2,925	B
1103 Grade 3	108,962	115,218	6,256	B
1104 Grade 4	47,963	84,585	36,622	C
1105 Grade 5	50,025	119,569	69,544	C
1106 Grade 6	108,955	83,771	(25,184)	D
1110 Business	111,954	116,146	4,192	B
1111 English	157,982	136,027	(21,955)	E
1112 Family/Consumer Science	68,000	32,254	(35,746)	F
1113 Modern Language	1,500	1,500	0	
1114 Industrial Technology/Woodworking	105,153	71,419	(33,734)	G
1115 Mathematics	178,969	144,002	(34,967)	H
1116 Science	135,104	115,582	(19,522)	I
1117 Social Studies	77,579	91,045	13,467	B
1118 Trades & Industries	151,928	0	(151,928)	J
1119 Drivers Education	20,010	22,843	2,833	B
1120 Diversified Trades	75,307	138,550	63,243	J
1125 Art	112,893	114,942	2,049	B
1126 Computer Technology	180,323	233,882	53,559	K
1127 Music	87,547	62,770	(24,777)	G
1129 Physical Education	67,979	65,628	(2,351)	L
1130 Fire & Emergency Services	90,614	77,832	(12,783)	L
1198 Instructional Support Services	166,325	169,015	2,690	M
1199 Pre-K	148,553	107,881	(40,672)	A
1200 Special Education	412,098	721,906	309,808	N
1301 Building Trades-Renovation	50,000	50,000	0	
1400 Student Activities	52,750	49,870	(2,880)	
1420 Athletics	98,200	97,220	(980)	
2120 Guidance	68,658	77,017	8,359	B
2130 Nurse Services	105,424	109,935	4,511	B
2140 Student Assistance	90,836	103,578	12,742	B
2210 Improvement of Instruction	81,380	81,380	0	
2220 Library	83,151	82,960	(192)	
2300 ENSU Assessments (SU/Non Sped)	347,328	390,173	42,845	N
2310 School Board	34,874	34,874	0	
2410 Principal's Office	226,352	260,653	34,301	O
2510 Fiscal Services	34,480	35,480	1,000	
2620 Plant Operations Bldg/Equip	545,600	579,351	33,751	K
2621 Plant Operations-ENSU Office	19,285	20,607	1,321	
2710 Transportation	260,570	169,400	(91,170)	P
3100 Food Service Operations	149,050	160,060	11,010	Q
5020 Bond	68,243	66,682	(1,561)	
TOTALS	\$5,234,915	\$5,459,384	\$224,469	

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES

- A. Change in personnel, which led to a decrease in benefits costs as a result of a shift in health plans
- B. Increase in Salaries and benefits cost
- C. Splitting of combined elementary class due to incoming class sizes
- D. Due to retirement, we have budgeted for a teacher with fewer years of experience
- E. .5 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) position has been moved into our Consolidated Federal Programs Grant as a dedicated interventionist
- F. Family and Consumer Science program has been eliminated in response to low enrollment. We have realigned staffing to continue to provide health education using our existing staff
- G. Due to declining enrollment in this program , we have reduced the program by .5 FTE
- H. Change in FTE due to retirement and realignment of current staff
- I. Combining two of our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs - Diversified Agriculture and Building Trades - into a single, unified program: Diversified Trades
- J. Now that ARP Esser has ended, required costs are being transitioned to the local budget
- K. This represents a change in FTE due to realignment
- L. Shifted paraprofessional to Special Education due to reconfiguration of the elementary teaching staff. Retirement benefit salaries budgeted
- M. As the number of students requiring specialized instruction has grown, so has the level of support needed to address their unique educational needs, leading to higher costs for instruction and related services
- N. Due to the retirement of the current principal, we used regional salary comparisons to determine the budgeted salary amount and a change in benefit plans
- O. Town is discontinuing plowing services, money budgeted for replacement of this service. Now that ARP Esser has ended, required costs are being transitioned to the local budget
- P. The elimination of the leased bus and associated costs leads to a 33% reduction in cost
- Q. This increase represents a new multi year contract

CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY26 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY BY OBJECT

Object Code	Description	FY25 Approved Budget	FY26 Proposed Budget	Increase (Decrease)	% Variance FY25 - FY26
101	Stud. Asst Program Coord. Tech Coord. & Treasurer-Salary	55,275	57,413	2,138	4%
102	Athletics/Co-Curricular-Salaries	45,000	44,000	(1,000)	-2%
103	Substitute Salary	3,000	3,500	500	17%
104	School Board-Salaries (moved to 322)	7,500	7,500	0	0%
105	PT Salaries-Student Custodians/Lrng Center	22,400	22,750	350	2%
106	Admin Asst to Principal-Salary	49,550	51,594	2,044	4%
110	Teacher Salaries	1,587,600	1,420,623	(166,977)	-11%
111	Mentors/Beyond Contract Work Salaries	80,000	60,000	(20,000)	-25%
112	Retirement Benefit Salaries	0	45,715	45,715	100%
119	Driver's Education-Salary	13,000	15,600	2,600	20%
120	Para Educator-Salary	50,895	29,656	(21,239)	-42%
140	Principal-Salary	91,936	90,000	(1,936)	-2%
151	Facility Coordinator	54,840	76,771	21,931	40%
170	Computer Tech Coordinator-Salary	65,240	67,850	2,610	4%
181	Custodians/Maintenance-Salaries	98,455	102,695	4,240	4%
210	Group Ins-Health/HRA/Dental/Life/LTD/STD)	620,630	733,652	113,022	18%
220	FICA	180,693	169,129	(11,563)	-6%
231	Annual Health Care Charge	45,000	45,000	0	0%
234	VT Retirement	15,515	22,010	6,495	42%
250	Tuition Reimbursement	11,500	11,500	0	0%
260	Workers Comp/Unemployment	37,825	29,675	(8,150)	-22%
320	Contracted Services-Students	215,750	221,510	5,760	3%
321	ENSU Non Spec Ed Para/Services Assessment	90,235	101,196	10,961	12%
330	Contracted Services-Staff	45,800	101,400	55,600	121%
339	Subs Assessment to ENSU	44,500	48,000	3,500	8%
341	Legal Expenses	10,000	10,000	0	0%
342	Audit Services	18,000	18,000	0	0%
349	Referees	8,200	5,700	(2,500)	-30%
350	Contracted Services-Facilities	5,000	0	(5,000)	-100%
351	Contracted Services-Bldg Trades Restricted	50,000	50,000	0	0%
352	Contracted Services-Comp Tech	23,465	35,465	12,000	51%
411	Water	12,750	12,800	50	0%
412	Sewer	15,900	15,900	0	0%
425	Disposal Services	11,000	11,000	0	0%
430	Repairs/Maintenance	66,720	57,820	(8,900)	-13%
442	Drivers Education Car Rental	3,600	3,600	0	0%
509	Music Transportation Assessment	1,000	0	(1,000)	-100%
510	Class Field Trips Assessment	18,000	10,000	(8,000)	-44%
512	Athletic Transportation Assessment	35,000	30,000	(5,000)	-14%
519	Regular/CTE Transportation Assessment	207,150	129,400	(77,750)	-38%
520	Insurance-Property	20,750	20,750	0	0%
522	Insurance-Driver's Ed/Div Ag	500	500	0	0%
532	Internet	21,000	21,000	0	0%
533	Postage	2,500	2,500	0	0%
534	Telephone	7,850	8,500	650	8%
540	Advertising	8,500	8,000	(500)	-6%
550	Printing and Publishing	900	300	(600)	-67%
560	Tuition-Running Start/LNA	13,200	10,000	(3,200)	-24%
580	Staff Travel	9,850	10,100	250	3%
593	ENSU-SU Assessment	280,093	288,977	8,884	3%
594	ENSU-Special Ed Assessment	412,098	721,906	309,808	75%
610	General Supplies	96,725	92,607	(4,118)	-4%
622	Electricity	54,500	53,400	(1,100)	-2%
623	Bottled Gas	2,460	2,760	300	12%
624	Heat	97,000	99,000	2,000	2%
626	Gasoline	2,700	2,800	100	4%
630	Food	5,720	300	(5,420)	-95%
640	Books & Periodicals	31,837	19,598	(12,239)	-38%
730	Equipment (Computer related)	10,947	4,900	(6,047)	-55%
733	Furniture	1,015	0	(1,015)	-100%
734	Tech Related Supplies	2,560	0	(2,560)	-100%
735	Software	15,430	16,450	1,020	7%
739	Other Equipment	3,334	600	(2,734)	-82%
810	Dues & Fees	35,764	29,885	(5,879)	-16%
812	Dues & Fees - Student Related	5,515	3,444	(2,071)	-38%
833	Bond Principal Payment	50,000	50,000	0	0%
834	Short Term Interest	4,500	4,500	0	0%
835	Long Term Interest	18,243	16,682	(1,561)	-9%
890	Board Misc. Expenses	1,500	1,500	0	0%
TOTALS		\$5,234,915	\$5,459,384	\$224,469	4.29%

CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY26 Revenue Projections

Revenue Source	FY 25 Actual	FY26 Projection	\$ Variance FY25 Actual- FY26 Projection
Diversified Trades (CTE) Trades-Restricted Revenue	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$-00
1302 Elem Tuition-In State (PK-6)	\$179,528	\$193,500	\$13,972
1302 Sec Tuition-In State (7-12)	\$276,000	\$263,500	\$(12,500)
1303 Sec Tuition-Out of State	\$415,000	\$230,000	\$(185,000)
1333 Drivers' Education	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$-00
1510 Interest	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$-00
1901 Hot Lunch Sales	\$500	\$500	\$-00
1922 Lease-ENSU Office	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$-00
1934 ENSU Purchased Services	\$10,900	\$11,500	\$600
1993 Federal Erate Reimbursement	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$-00
1994 Shared Athletic Costs	\$15,000	\$19,000	\$4,000
1990 Misc. Local	\$35,000	\$-00	\$(35,000)
3110 Education Fund	\$3,594,157	\$4,234,554	\$640,397
3114 Tech Center on Behalf of Payment	\$148,086	\$148,000	\$(86)
3145 Small Schools Grant	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$-00
3282 Drivers Education Reimbursement	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$-00
3305 Vocational Ed Tuition Reimbursement	\$330	\$330	\$-00
2460 Universal Meals & Seamless Summer Option Program	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$-00
2465 Summer School Food Program	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$-00
3450 State School Lunch Match	\$900	\$900	\$-00
3453 State School Breakfast Match	\$400	\$400	\$-00
4450 Federal Hot Lunch Reimbursement	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$-00
4452 Federal Breakfast Reimbursement	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$-00
9000 Prior Year Surplus/Deficit	\$350,000	\$-00	\$(350,000)
TOTALS	\$ 5,383,001	\$ 5,459,384	\$ 76,383

FY25 REPORTING OF GRANT PROGRAMS
Essex North Supervisory Union & Canaan School District

GRANT PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION
Title I-A	Improving the Academic Achievement-School Wide	\$429,492
Tile II-A	Effective Instruction, Student Support Programs, and Contracted Instructional Services	\$115,259
Title IV Part A	Providing Students with a Well-Rounded Education, Supporting Safe & Healthy Students and Supporting the Effective Use of Technology	\$124,688
ACT 230	BEST Institute, PBIS, Leadership Forum, Data Day	\$5,560
BEST	SWIS License, Summer Institute, Staff Training	\$1,700
IDEA-B Pre School	Supporting Preschool Children Eligible for Special Education Services	\$5,677
IDEA-B	Funding Special Education & Related Services to Children with Disabilities	\$319,221
EEE Grant	Special Education Services for Preschool Students	\$45,600
EPSDT Medicaid	School Wellness, Healthy Snacks, & Physical Activity	\$5,000
ARP ESSER 3 Grant **	Aid to meet the goals of their Recovery Plans and to plan for future needs that may go beyond the September 30, 2024 period of performance including Safe Operations.	\$2,442,815
Licensing Board	Licensing Board Stipends	\$504
IEP Medicaid	Services for Non-Special Education students as well as Medicaid Clerk Salary & Benefits	\$75,000
Tillotson-NH Bldg Trades House	Renovation of Building Trades House in Colebrook, NH	\$20,000
ARP ESSER- Act 112 **	Support students in social, mental health and wellness needs	\$200,000
NHCF-CTE Grant	Improve CTE entrance way, Facilities at the Town Forest, and the marketing of Canaan CTE Programs	\$82,573
ARP ESSER-Afterschool Grant **	Afterschool and Summer School Programs	\$390,000
Tobacco	Family Engagement, Siskin, Book Clubs, Robotics, Girls on the Run & Hero Boys Programs	\$30,500
VSAC Gear Up	PSAT Fees, STEM Programs, Running Start Materials	\$5,000
VSBIT HR Grant	Organizational Supplies, Memberships, Prof Dev Opportunities for Human Resources	\$2,500
Universal Meals Program	The Universal Meals Program pays for all students meals in Canaan SD at the Federally Approved Rate	\$118,300
TOTAL GRANT ALLOCATIONS:		\$4,419,389

Note: ** All ARP ESSER grants end September 30, 2024

District: Canaan SU: Essex North		FY25 was the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY23 & FY24. LTWADM are the new			T041 Essex County		Property dollar equivalent yield 8,553	<--See bottom note	Homestead tax rate per \$8,553 of spending per LTWADM 1.00
							12,260		Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026				
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, and full technical center expenditures)	\$4,518,062	\$5,000,648	\$5,234,915	\$5,459,384				
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-					
3.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$4,518,062	\$5,000,648	\$5,234,915	\$5,459,384				
4.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-					
5.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-					
6.	Total Expenditures	\$4,518,062	\$5,000,648	\$5,234,915	\$5,459,384				
7.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-					
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-					
Revenues									
9.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc.)	\$1,740,167	\$1,851,056	\$1,640,758	\$1,076,830				
10.	Offsetting revenues	\$1,740,167	\$1,851,056	\$1,640,758	\$1,076,830				
11.	Education Spending	\$2,777,895	\$3,149,592	\$3,594,157	\$4,382,554				
12.	Pupils (equp FY23 - FY24, LTWADM FY25 - FY26)	138.27	146.85	273.60	256.31				
13.	Education Spending per Pupil	\$20,090.37	\$21,447.68	\$13,029.73	\$17,098.65				
14.	minus Principal and interest payments for all voter approved bonds prior to July 1, 2024	na	na	na	\$260.16				
15.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$86,446 for an individual (per pupil)	Excess spending penalty suspended for FY23 - Sec. 5 of Act 59, 2021.	Excess spending penalty suspended for FY24 & FY25 - Sec. 8 of Act 127, 2022.		based on \$67,638				
16.	minus Less amount or deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equp)	na	na	na	na				
17.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer pupils	na	na	na	na				
18.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per pupil)	na	na	na	na				
19.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)	na	na	na	na				
20.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per pupil)	na	na	na	na				
21.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members or Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per pupil)	na	na	na	na				
22.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	na	na	na	na				
23.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$19,997 na	threshold = \$22,204 na	threshold = \$23,193 na	threshold = \$15,926 \$15,926.00				
24.	plus Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	Suspended thru FY23	Suspended thru FY29	Suspended thru FY29	\$912.49				
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$20,090	\$21,448	\$13,030	\$18,011.13				
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	150.897% based on yield \$13,314	138.883% based on yield \$15,443	131.707% based on \$9,785	210.583% based on \$8,553				
Prorating the local tax rate									
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$18,011.13 ÷ (\$8,553 / \$1.00)]	\$1.5090 based on \$1.00	\$1.3888 based on \$1.00	\$1.3171 based on \$1.00	\$2.1058 based on \$1.00				
28.	Tax rate "cent discount" (FY25-FY29) adjusted by statewide adjuster of 72.36%				-				
29.	Cent discount adjusted anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate				\$2.1058				
30.	Percent of Canaan pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%				
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$2.11)	\$1.5090	\$1.3888	\$1.3171	\$2.1058				
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	125.71%	102.71%	97.95%	122.66%				
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$2.1058 / 122.66%)	\$1.2004 based on \$1.00	\$1.3522 based on \$1.00	\$1.3447 based on \$1.00	\$1.7168 based on \$1.00				
		If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.							
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(18,011.13 ÷ \$12,260) x 2.00%]	2.52% based on 2.00%	2.45% based on 2.00%	2.58% based on 2.00%	2.94% based on 2.00%				
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.94%)	2.52% based on 2.00%	2.45% based on 2.00%	2.58% based on 2.00%	2.94% based on 2.00%				
36.		-	-	-	-				
37.		-	-	-	-				

- Using the revised December 1, 2024 Education Fund Outlook FY26 forecast, the FY26 education fund need results in a property yield of \$8,553 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$12,260 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.791. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**Canaan School District ESTIMATED
TAX RATES FY26**

ESTIMATED Tax Rates for FY26 with Variance to FY25	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimated	FY25 Actual to FY26 Estimated Variance
Total Budget	\$5,234,915	\$5,459,384	\$224,469
Offsetting Revenues	\$1,640,758	\$1,076,830	(\$563,928)
Education Spending	\$3,594,157	\$4,382,554	\$788,397
Equalized Pupils	273.6	256.31	(17.29)
Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil	\$13,137	\$17,099	\$3,962
Dollar Equivalent Yield (Tax Commissioner's Recommendation)	\$9,171	\$8,553	(\$618)
Anticipated Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.4324	\$2.1058	\$0.6861
Common Level Appraisal CLA (Property Valuation & Review)	97.95%	122.66%	25.35%
Estimated District Homestead Rate to be Assessed by Town	\$1.3447*	\$1.7168**	\$0.3721

***Note: Estimated FY 25 homestead rate was \$1.4720, rate decreased due to legislative changes after town meeting**

**** Note: This includes the excess spending of penalty of \$233, 878, which represents \$.08 of the tax rate**

Canaan's FY26 Spending per Equalized Pupil:

The difference between the Total Budget (expenditures the school plans to spend \$5,459,384) and the Offsetting Revenues (grants, tuitions, surplus, private donations, etc. \$1,076,830) is the Education Spending (amount that needs to be raised by education property taxes \$4,382,554). This value is divided by Canaan's number of weighted pupils (256.31) to calculate the Education Spending per weighted Pupil (\$17,099).

\$4,382,554 divided by 256.31 equalized pupils = \$17,099 per pupil

(Canaan's cost is projected to increase by \$3,962 per pupil compared to FY25)

Canaan's Equalized Homestead Tax Rate:

Education spending per equalized pupil determines the education Equalized Homestead Tax Rate by dividing the Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (\$17,099 by the Dollar Equivalent Yield \$8,553). This property yield is set annually by the Legislature. At the current recommended yield, for every \$ a district spends per equalized pupil, its equalized homestead tax rate will be \$1.00. This would be the rate if all properties were assessed at fair market value.

\$17,099 divided by \$8,553 = \$1.9991 Equalized Homestead Tax Rate Canaan's

Estimated Actual Homestead Tax Rate:

Based on the proposed budget, Canaan's Equalized Homestead Tax Rate would be \$1.9991 if the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) was 100%. To adjust for Canaan's CLA (122.66%), the Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (\$1.9991) is divided by the CLA (122.66%) to give you the education tax rate (\$1.9991) that is seen on a property tax bill of a resident homeowner.

\$1.9991 divided by 122.66% = \$1.6297 Estimated Actual Homestead Tax Rate

(This is a 0.2850 cent increase from FY25's rate)

Property Value	Estimated Homestead Taxes	Estimated Annual Increase	Estimated Monthly Increase
\$75,000	\$1,222.00	\$213.75	\$17.81
\$100,000	\$1,630.00	\$285.00	\$23.75
\$150,000	\$2,445.00	\$427.50	\$35.63
\$200,000	\$3,259.00	\$570.00	\$47.50
\$250,000	\$4,074.00	\$712.50	\$59.38



2024

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION



**Averill, Avery's Gore, Bloomfield, Brunswick, Canaan, East Haven, Ferdinand, Granby, Guildhall, Kirby,
Lemington, Lewis, Maidstone, Norton, Victory, Warner's Grant, Warren's Gore**

FY 2024-2025 Annual Public Notice of Non-discrimination

[As required by the 1979 Guidelines for Eliminating Discrimination in Vocational Education Programs (34 CFR part 100, App. B, IV-O)]

ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION
99 School Street
Canaan, Vermont 05903

CANAAN SCHOOLS is pleased to announce that it is offering, among other programs, the following Career and Technical Education Programs of Study for the school year 2024-2025:

- **Business Administration & Technology**
- **Building Construction & Restoration Carpentry**
- **Diversified Agriculture & Natural Resources**
- **Fire and Emergency Services**

Anyone interested in more information about these programs should call the school at (802) 266-8910 or go to Canaan School's website at www.canaanschools.org and look under Career & Technical Center.

THE ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, and marital status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. The ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

THE ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION offers additional services to students with limited English language skills or with disabilities so that they may benefit from these programs. Individuals wishing to obtain information about the existence and location of accessible services, activities, and facilities should contact the 504 Coordinator (information below).

The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Erika Proulx
Title IX Coordinator
99 School Street
Canaan, VT 05903
(802) 266-8910 x2133

Erika Proulx
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****The Essex North Supervisory Union includes Canaan Schools and all of its programs, preK-12. This notice addresses all regions of Canaan Schools, as well as the vocational programs.**

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"Serving Children in the Communities of Canaan and NEK Choice School Districts"

ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION STAFF 2024-2025

Jennifer Lawcewicz	M.Ed.	Superintendent
Beth Drew	A.S.	Business Administrator
Megan Chappell	M.B.A.	Accounts Payable Clerk
Gina Vigneault		Payroll/HR Benefits Coordinator
Sylvia LaCasse		Admin Asst of Superintendent/Medicaid
Ryan "Chuck" Patterson	CAGS	Curriculum, Grants and MTSS Coordinator
Scott Conroy	A.D.	Director of Facilities and Maintenance
Erika Proulx	CAGS	Director of Student Support/Preschool Coordinator
Beth Lemnah	M.Ed.	Associate Director of Student Support
Cindi Brucker	B.S.	Special Education Teacher
Lydia Desaindes	M.A.	Special Education Teacher
Roxanne August	B.A.	Special Education Teacher
Austin Biron	B.A.	Adaptive Physical Education Teacher
Rebecca Hodge	M.A.	Reading Interventionist
Amy Patterson	B.A.	Math Interventionist
Michella Biron	A.D.	Paraeducator
Pamela Chapple	A.D.	Paraeducator
Melissa Desaindes		Paraeducator
Isabella DeSimone	A.D.	Paraeducator
Paula Doyon		Paraeducator
Laura Garand		Paraeducator
Katelyn Goudreau		Paraeducator
Lynne Gray		Paraeducator
Deloris Hebert		Paraeducator
Pamela Jordan		Paraeducator
Izabel Malek		Paraeducator
Sarah Masters	A.D.	Paraeducator
Caeley McCarthy		Paraeducator
Millicent Philbrook	B.A.	Paraeducator
Paige Rice	A.D.	Paraeducator
Susan Rice	B.A.	Paraeducator
Alison Smith	M.A.	Paraeducator
Jan Thibeault	B.A.	Paraeducator
Sharon Young		Speech & Language Assistant

STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Meeting the needs of all students is the essential goal of our school system. Supporting and directing student achievement and success is the work of all members of the school community as well as the citizens of the broader community. Within Canaan Schools is a range of services and interventions to ensure that each student receives the highest quality of instruction in the least restrictive and most inclusionary environment.

- **Education Support Team Plan (EST)** is responsible for early identification of students at risk of not being successful in school who may require additional assistance in the general education environment.
- **504 Plan** is for a student with physical, mental, or physiological impairment that limits one or more major life activity and who needs accommodations and modifications to have equal access to the general education curriculum.
- **Individualized Educational Plan (IEP)** is for a student who meets the three eligibility criteria for Special Education Services: 1) is identified with one or more of the 12 educational disabilities recognized in Vermont; 2) the disability is shown to have an adverse effect on the child's educational performance as compared to his/her same grade peers; 3) the student needs specially designed instruction to meet the individual educational needs.

AUDIT REPORT AND REVIEW

The Essex North Supervisory Union engages in an independent audit completed by a public accountant every year. This review of our financial statements has taken place for the fiscal year 2024. The complete report, including notes on financial statements, is available for review at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

**Essex North Supervisory Union
2025-2026 (FY26) Proposed Budget**

Expenditures SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Superintendent Salary	\$120,640	\$124,260	\$3,620	\$61,509	\$61,509	\$1,243	
Treasurer Stipend	\$1,890	\$1,890	\$0	\$936	\$936	\$19	
Business Administrator Salary	\$73,500	\$85,000	\$11,500	\$42,075	\$42,075	\$850	
Salaries: AP/Admin Assist/PR/HR (1.8 FTE)	\$93,704	\$96,096	\$2,392	\$47,568	\$47,568	\$961	
Benefits	\$150,138	\$158,667	\$8,529	\$78,540	\$78,540	\$1,587	
Advertising	\$1,750	\$900	(\$850)	\$446	\$446	\$9	
Audit Services	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$0	\$10,890	\$10,890	\$220	
Contracted Services	\$20,463	\$27,047	\$6,584	\$17,892	\$8,891	\$264	
Dues & Fees-Registrations/Memberships	\$13,500	\$14,300	\$800	\$7,079	\$7,079	\$143	
General Supplies/Books/Misc.	\$5,100	\$4,400	(\$700)	\$2,178	\$2,178	\$44	
Legal Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$2,475	\$2,475	\$50	
Postage	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$500	\$1,238	\$1,238	\$25	
Prof/OLT Liab. Insurance	\$10,500	\$10,500	\$0	\$5,198	\$5,198	\$105	
Repairs/Maintenance	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	\$1,733	\$1,733	\$35	
Software	\$22,000	\$23,100	\$1,100	\$11,435	\$11,435	\$231	
Telephone/Internet	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$4,455	\$4,455	\$90	
Travel Expenses	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$2,970	\$2,970	\$60	
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$990	\$990	\$20	
Total Supervisory Union Expenditures:	\$562,685	\$596,160	\$33,475	\$299,603	\$290,602	\$5,955	\$0

Expenditures TRANSPORTATION	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Owned Bus-Salary	\$10,500	\$0	(\$10,500)	\$0	\$0		
Owned Bus-Benefits	\$855	\$0	(\$855)	\$0	\$0		
Owned Bus-All other costs	\$20,135	\$0	(\$20,135)	\$0	\$0		
Owned Bus-Lease	\$26,200	\$0	(\$26,200)	\$0	\$0		
Bus Service-Student Transportation Cont.	\$227,880	\$239,400	\$11,520	\$0	\$239,400		
Bus Service-Athletic Transportation, Cont.	\$35,000	\$30,000	(\$5,000)	\$0	\$30,000		
Bus Service-Field Trips Trans., Cont.	\$19,000	\$10,000	(\$9,000)	\$0	\$10,000		
Bus Service-CTE Transportation	\$22,500	\$10,000	(\$12,500)	\$0	\$10,000		
Total Transportation Expenditures:	\$362,070	\$289,400	-\$72,670	\$0	\$289,400	\$0	\$0

Expenditures NON SPECIAL ED	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Salaries-Dir./Asst Dir./Subs	\$87,335	\$99,741	\$12,406	\$19,264	\$80,477		
Benefits-Dir./Asst Dir./Subs	\$14,175	\$13,315	(\$860)	\$3,606	\$9,709		
Contracted Serv.-504s -Deaf/PT/OT/SP/Vis.	\$20,000	\$10,000	(\$10,000)	\$0	\$10,000		
General Supplies/D& F-504 Students	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$990	\$1,010		
Total Non Special Ed Services:	\$123,510	\$125,056	\$1,546	\$23,860	\$101,196	\$0	\$0
Expenditures SPECIAL EDUCATION /SERVICES	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Salaries-Dir./Asst Dir./Teach./Ad. Asst./Paras	\$697,776	\$762,396	\$64,620	\$187,776	\$536,007	\$1,260	\$37,354
Salaries-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$5,850	\$0	(\$5,850)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits-Director/Asst/Teachers/Paras	\$310,400	\$470,737	\$160,337	\$101,216	\$345,791	\$933	\$22,797
Benefits-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$2,200	\$0	(\$2,200)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Advertising	\$700	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$700	\$0	\$0
Contracted Ser.-(IDEA-B & IDEA PreK Grant)	\$126,650	\$165,260	\$38,610	\$82,630	\$82,630	\$0	\$0
Contracted Serv.-PT/OT/SP/Vis./Deaf/PD	\$390,039	\$923,645	\$533,606	\$769,045	\$133,000	\$21,600	\$0
Dues & Registrations	\$5,280	\$8,430	\$3,150	\$1,630	\$6,800	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$4,900	\$3,000	(\$1,900)	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$0	\$0
Contracted Services - Learning Center	\$5,000	\$0	(\$5,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Supplies-Adaptive PE (IDEA Grant)	\$2,080	\$0	(\$2,080)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Supplies/Books/Software	\$15,450	\$13,000	(\$2,450)	\$4,240	\$8,760	\$0	\$0
Postage	\$1,300	\$200	(\$1,100)	\$80	\$120	\$0	\$0
Telephone	\$1,000	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transport.-Out of District Placements	\$139,200	\$121,500	(\$17,700)	\$67,500	\$14,000	\$40,000	\$0
Travel-Director/Asst Director	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$600	\$1,900	\$0	\$0
Tuition-Out of Dist. Place./ Tuition	\$685,100	\$661,445	(\$23,655)	\$423,445	\$126,000	\$112,000	\$0
Total Special Education Expenditures:	\$2,394,425	\$3,132,813	\$738,388	\$1,639,362	\$1,257,507	\$175,793	\$60,151
Expenditures GRANTS/Medicaid Funds	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Salaries	\$242,975	\$239,662	(\$3,313)	\$54,106	\$185,556		
Benefits	\$163,480	\$144,509	(\$18,971)	\$31,567	\$112,942		
Contracted Services, Supplies, Equipment	\$5,405	\$5,400	(\$5)	\$918	\$4,482		
Total Grant/Medicaid Expenditures:	\$411,860	\$389,571	(\$22,289)	\$86,591	\$302,980	\$0	\$0
Grand Total of All Expenditures:	\$3,854,550	\$4,533,000	\$678,450	\$2,049,416	\$2,241,685	\$181,748	\$60,151

Revenue Statement SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE/TRANSPORTATION	Revenue (FY25)	Estimated (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Transportation Aid Revenue from State	\$124,000	\$120,000	(\$4,000)	\$0	\$120,000		
Interest	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$125	\$125		
SU Assessments	\$559,435	\$592,910	\$33,475	\$297,978	\$288,977	\$5,955	
Transportation Assessment	\$238,070	\$169,400	(\$68,670)	\$0	\$169,400		
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500		
Total Supers Office/Trans. Rev.:	\$924,755	\$885,560	(\$39,195)	\$299,603	\$580,002	\$5,955	\$0

Revenue Statement NON SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revenue (FY25)	Estimated (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
Contracted Services-PD to ENSU	\$123,510	\$125,056	\$1,546	\$23,860	\$101,196		
Total Non Special Ed Revenue:	\$123,510	\$125,056	\$1,546	\$23,860	\$101,196	\$0	\$0

Revenue Statement SPECIAL ED SERVICES	Revenue (FY25)	Estimated (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
EEE Assessment from District	\$1,537	\$74,787	\$73,250	\$37,099	\$37,688		
EEE Grant from State	\$45,626	\$51,309	\$5,683	\$22,576	\$28,733		
Special Ed Reimbursement from District	\$590,847	\$1,011,916	\$421,069	\$231,976	\$684,218	\$35,571	\$60,151
Census Block Grant	\$988,635	\$1,044,644	\$56,009	\$699,912	\$323,840	\$20,892	
Special Ed Extraordinary Reimb. - State	\$631,000	\$784,897	\$153,897	\$565,169	\$100,398	\$119,330	
IDEA-B Grant Ages 3-21	\$132,570	\$160,000	\$27,430	\$80,000	\$80,000		
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	\$4,210	\$5,260	\$1,050	\$2,630	\$2,630		
Total Special Ed Revenue:	\$2,394,425	\$3,132,813	\$738,388	\$1,639,362	\$1,257,507	\$175,793	\$60,151

Revenue Statement Grants/Medicaid	Revenue (FY25)	Estimated (FY26)	Increase (Decrease)	NEK Choice	Canaan	Ferdinand	SAU 7
ARP ESSER	\$60,374	\$0	(\$60,374)	\$0	\$0		
CFP Grants	\$292,872	\$317,111	\$24,239	\$53,909	\$263,202		
Medicaid Grant	\$58,614	\$72,460	\$13,846	\$32,682	\$39,778		
Total Grants/Medicaid Revenue:	\$411,860	\$389,571	(\$22,289)	\$86,591	\$302,980	\$0	\$0

Grand Total All Revenues:	\$3,854,550	\$4,533,000	\$678,450	\$2,049,416	\$2,241,685	\$181,748	\$60,151
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NEK Choice School District

2025-2026 (FY26) Preliminary

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Supervisory Union Assessment	282,592	297,978	15,386
Total Superintendent's Office:	282,592	297,978	15,386

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

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

REGULAR EDUCATION: PreK Tuition			
Tuition-Location TBD PreK \$4000 (15)	54,840	60,000	5,160
Total PreK Tuition (15 students):	54,840	60,000	5,160

REGULAR EDUCATION: Elementary Tuition			
Tuition-Location TBD New K-6 (10)	80,000	215,000	135,000
Tuition-Barnet K-6 (1)	21,000	21,500	500
Tuition-Brighton Elementary K-6 (1)	-	21,500	21,500
Tuition-Burke Town K-6 (2)	-	43,000	43,000
Tuition-Canaan K-6 (9)	172,000	193,500	21,500
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary K-6 (5)	47,320	107,500	60,180
Tuition-Concord K-6 (4)	93,675	86,000	(7,675)
Tuition-Good Shepherd K-6 (6)	12,060	129,000	116,940
Tuition-Groveton Elementary K-6 (2)	41,840	43,000	1,160
Tuition - Heartwood Public Charter School K-6 (3)	68,250	64,500	(3,750)
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary K-6 (5)	111,625	107,500	(4,125)
Tuition - Lunenburg School K-6 (3)	74,940	64,500	(10,440)
Tuition-Lupine Montessori K-6 (2)	25,530	43,000	17,470
Tuition-Lyndon Town K-6 (8)	225,000	172,000	(53,000)
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North K-6 (0)	114,030	-	(114,030)
Tuition-Newark K-6 (4)	93,675	86,000	(7,675)
Tuition-Riverside K-6 (45)	789,480	967,500	178,020
Tuition-St. John Paul II School K-6 (8)	-	172,000	172,000
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School K-6 (9)	53,550	193,500	139,950
Tuition-Stratford K-6 (2)	72,200	43,000	(29,200)
Tuition-Sutton K-6 (1)	18,740	21,500	2,760
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens K-6 (2)	70,380	43,000	(27,380)

NEK Choice School District 2025-2026 (FY26) Preliminary Budget			
Tuition-Waterford K-6 (6)	176,400	129,000	(47,400)
Tuition-Woodland Community K-6 (0)	23,630	-	(23,630)
Total Elementary Tuition (143 students):	2,385,325	2,967,000	581,675
REGULAR EDUCATION: Secondary Tuition (7-8/9-12)	Approved Budget (FY25)	Proposed Budget (FY26)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Tuition-Location TBD New 7-12 (17)	-	399,500	399,500
Tuition-Barnet 7-8 (1)	22,050	23,500	1,450
Tuition-Burke Town School 7-8 (1)	37,500	23,500	(14,000)
Tuition-Canaan 7-8 (5)	117,500	122,500	5,000
Tuition - Charleston Elementary School 7-8 (0)	17,850	-	(17,850)
Tuition-Colebrook Elementary 7-8 (1)	23,660	23,500	(160)
Tuition-Concord 7-8 (3)	56,205	70,500	14,295
Tuition-Danville 7-8 (0)	44,100	-	(44,100)
Tuition - Good Shepherd School 7-8 (2)	3,015	47,000	43,985
Tuition-Groveton Middle 7-8 (0)	40,060	-	(40,060)
Tuition - Heartwood Public Charter School 7-8 (2)	-	47,000	47,000
Tuition-Lancaster Elementary 7-8 (5)	69,285	117,500	48,215
Tuition-Lyndon Town 7-8 (4)	74,940	94,000	19,060
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North 7-8 (0)	32,580	-	(32,580)
Tuition-Newark 7-8 (3)	37,500	70,500	33,000
Tuition-Riverside 7-8 (15)	268,520	352,500	83,980
Tuition-St. Johnsbury School 7-8 (1)	71,400	23,500	(47,900)
Tuition-Stratford Public 7-8 (4)	72,200	94,000	21,800
Tuition-Sutton 7-8 (0)	18,740	-	(18,740)
Tuition-Thaddeus Stevens 7-8 (3)	-	70,500	70,500
Tuition-Waterford 7-8 (1)	44,100	23,500	(20,600)
Tuition-Woodland Community 7-8 (0)	11,815	-	(11,815)
Tuition - Arlington School 9-12 (3)	19,950	70,500	50,550
Tuition-Barnet 9-12 (0)	22,050	-	(22,050)
Tuition -Bellows Falls Union High School 9-12 (0)	23,625	-	(23,625)
Tuition-Burke Mountain Academy 9-12 (1)	38,400	23,500	(14,900)
Tuition-Burke Town School 9-12 (0)	37,500	-	(37,500)
Tuition-Canaan 9-12 (6)	184,800	141,000	(43,800)
Tuition-Colebrook Academy 9-12 (2)	190,120	47,000	(143,120)
Tuition-Danville 9-12 (2)	-	47,000	47,000
Tuition - East Burke School 9-12 (1)	38,400	23,500	(14,900)
Tuition-Groveton High 9-12 (6)	100,150	141,000	40,850
Tuition-Lyndon Institute 9-12 (21)	611,260	493,500	(117,760)
Tuition - Lyndon Town School 9-12 (0)	18,750	-	(18,750)
Tuition-Mount Royal Academy North 9-12 (0)	16,290	-	(16,290)
Tuition-St. Johnsbury Academy 9-12 (46)	827,820	1,127,000	299,180
Tuition-Waterford 9-12 (0)	66,150	-	(66,150)
Tuition - Waterville Valley Academy 9-12 (0)	19,215	-	(19,215)
Tuition-White Mountain School 9-12 (0)	19,200	-	(19,200)
Tuition-White Mountain Regional 9-12 (11)	323,330	258,500	(64,830)
Total Secondary Tuition (172 students):	3,620,030	3,975,500	355,470
Total Pre K, Elementary & Secondary Tuition (320 students):	6,060,195	7,002,500	942,305
Total Non Special Education Services:	56,275	23,860	(32,415)

<div>NEK Choice School District</div> <div>2025-2026 (FY26) Preliminary Budget</div>
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Total Special Education Services:	96,865	269,075	172,210
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Grand Total of NEK Choice School District	6,532,757	7,630,243	1,097,486
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Revenue Statement NEK Choice School District	Approved Revenue (FY25)	Est. Revenue (FY26)	Increase/ (Decrease)
Prior Year Surplus	-	-	-
Education Fund	6,531,757	7,629,243	1,097,486
US Forest Grant	-	-	
Misc. Refund	-	-	
Interest	1,000	1,000	-
Total Revenue:	6,532,757	7,630,243	1,097,486

TOWN OFFICIALS

ELECTED 2024 TO 2025

APPOINTMENTS

OFFICE	TERM	NAME	TERM ENDS	OFFICE	TERM	NAME	TERM ENDS
Town Moderator	1 YR.	A. Morgan Wade	2025*	Town Service Officer	1 YR.	VACANT	2025*
Town Clerk/Treasurer	3 YR.	Zachary William Brown	2026	Health Officer	1 YR.	Alfred Buckley	2025*
Selectboard	3 YR.	Alfred Buckley	2027	Emer Management Coord.	1 YR.	Laurie Daley	2025*
		Mark Bullard	2025*	NVDA	2 YR.	Michael Daley	2026
		Michael Daley	2026		2 YR.	Zachary William Brown	2026
Listers	3 YR.	Noreen Labrecque	2027	Ambulance District Rep.	1 YR.	Robert Couture	2025*
		Gordon 'Tom' Trammell	2027	Zoning/Planning Comm.	2 YR.	Gail Fisher	2026
		VACANT	2025*		4 YR.	Lawrence Pryor	2026
School Moderator	1 YR.	A. Morgan Wade	2025*		2 YR.	Julie Giroux	2025*
School Director	3YR.	Raelene Begin	2026		4 YR.	Margaret Knapp	2027
	3YR.	Terrie Herr	2027		4 YR.	VACANT	2025*
	3YR.	Roger Laflamme	2025*		2 YR.	VACANT	2025*
	2YR.	Martha Vanderwolk	2026		2 YR.	VACANT	2025*
	2YR.	Renee Marchesseault	2026	Zoning Admin. Interim	4 YR.	Cheryl Cote	-
Road Commissioner		Selectboard	-	Revolving Loan	3 YR.	Odette Crawford	2025*
Del. Tax Collector	3 YR.	Dencie Cunningham	2027	Committee		Tammy Crawford	2026
Auditor	3 YR.	Fern Owen-Brown	2027			Jean Ladd	2026
	3 YR.	Ursula Johnson	2025*	Loan Committee Treas.	3 YR.	Zachary William Brown	2026
	3 YR.	Ginette Ladd	2026	Fire Warden	5 YR.	Norman Flanagan	2028
Trustee Public Funds	3 YR.	Dencie Cunningham	2027	Rec. Park	3 YR.	Vernon Crawford	2025*
	3 YR.	Solange Poulin	2026	Committee		Norman Flanagan	2026
	2 YR.	Noreen Labrecque	2025*			Paul Lyons	2027
Library Trustee	3 YR.	Sharon Belleville	2026			Diana Rancourt	2026
	3 YR.	Shellie Bresnahan	2026		2 YR.	Alfred Buckley	2026
	2 YR.	Georgiana Carr	2026		2 YR.	April Busfield	2026
	3 YR.	Nancy Petro	2025*		1 YR.	VACANT	2025*
	3 YR.	Kathy Smith	2025*	Green-Up Chairperson	1 YR.	VACANT	2025*
Sexton	1 YR.	Michael Ladd	2025*	Tree Warden	1 YR.	Vernon Crawford	2025*
Fire District #1	3 YR.	Alfred Buckley	2026	Animal Control Officer	1 YR.	Wayne Washburn	2025*
		Jeremy Labrecque	2027	AGT to Convey Real Estate	3 YR.	Odette Crawford	2025*
		Jeffrey Richards	2025*	CT River Joint Committee	1 YR.	Tom Caron	2025*
Fire District #1 Clerk	1 YR.	Noreen Labrecque	2025*		1 YR.	Michael Daley	2025*
Fire District #1 Treas.	1 YR.	Zachary William Brown	2025*	Fence Viewer	3 YR.	Vernon Crawford	2027
Fire District #2	3 YR.	VACANT	2025*			Dana Masson	2027
		Jody Riley	2027			Eugene Reid	2025*
		Tony Wheeler	2025*	Weigher of Coal	1 YR.	Mark Bullard	2025*
Fire District #2 Clerk	1 YR.	Diana Rancourt	2025*	Inspector of Lumber,	1 YR.	Mark Bullard	2025*
Fire District #2 Treas.	1 YR.	Diana Rancourt	2025*	Cemetery	1 YR.	Alfred Buckley	2025*
					3 YR.	Dennis Fuller	2025*
					2 YR.	Walter Noyes	2026
APPOINTMENTS							
Community Forest Clerk	3 YR.	Chris Masson	2026				
Community Forest Treas.	3 YR.	Gail Fisher	2027				
Community Forest Committee	3 YR.	Vernon Crawford	2026				
		Yvan Doyon	2027				
		Emmett Reid	2027				
Community Forest Ex-Officio		Selectboard	-				
		Zachary William Brown	2026				

* Denotes Postion is to be Elected or Appointed this Year



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**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO TOWN MEETING –
Monday, March 3, 2025
Annual School District Meeting – 6:00 p.m./Followed by Annual
Town Meeting At The Canaan Memorial High Gymnasium**