

TOWN OF  
*Newport*  
NEWPORT



2024

TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

**ANNUAL REPORT**

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**Town & School**  
REPORT

Town of  
**NEWPORT, VERMONT**

For The Fiscal Year Ending  
December 31, 2024

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**REMINDER:** The Town of Newport is not responsible for damage to vegetation, structures, fences, or mailboxes within the Town highway right of way during snow-plowing or mowing. (Title 19 V.S.A.904,III). State law prohibits plowing, blowing, or shoveling of snow across or onto a Town or State Highway. Violators may be subject to a fine or penalty and may also be liable for damage to property, vehicles, and any undue cost to the Town for removal of the snow. In addition, the actual cost for the specific equipment and manpower used to remove this snow may be charged to the private property owner, with a minimum charge of one hour per Road Department personnel and equipment. Especially during winter months, please do not park on town roads; it is dangerous for the Town of Newport Road Crew. You may be towed or ticketed after your first warning.

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**TOWN OF NEWPORT**

***Annual Town Meeting March 5, 2024***

The annual town meeting of the Town of Newport and the Town School District was called to order at 6:00PM by Selectboard Chair, Steven Barrup.

Mr. Barrup requested a moment of silence for our troops and for those that are no longer with us and then the flag salute was done.

1. David Ghelli made a motion that the clerk dispense with the reading of the entire warning, motion was seconded and PASSED on a voice vote.
2. TO ELECT A MODERATOR: Jerry Waterman nominated Richard Tetreault. Nominations were closed and Denise Daigle cast one ballot electing Richard Tetreault. After the town clerk administered the oath to Mr. Tetreault, he explained to the body some of Roberts Rules of Order.
3. TO HEAR AND DISPOSE OF THE REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS:
  - a. Fire Department report
  - b. Treasurer's Report
  - c. Selectboard's report
  - d. Tax Collector's report
  - e. School Directors' report
  - f. Principal's report
  - g. Listers' report

Dave Ghelli made a motion to hear and dispose of the report of the town officers. This was seconded by Terry Dillon. This PASSED on a voice vote.

4. TO ELECT ALL NECESSARY OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS:
  - a. TOWN CLERK FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: Randy Desrochers nominated Denise Daigle. Nominations were closed and this PASSED on a voice vote. Avis Rollins administered the oath to Denise Daigle
  - b. TOWN/SCHOOL TREASURER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: Randy Desrochers nominated Denise Daigle. Nominations were closed and this PASSED on a voice vote. Avis Rollins administered the oath to Denise Daigle.
  - c. SELECTPERSON FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: Jerry Waterman nominated Steve Barrup. Nominations were closed and Denise Daigle cast one ballot electing Steve Barrup. The Town Clerk administered the oath to Mr. Barrup.
  - d. SCHOOL DIRECTOR FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: Conrad Bellavance nominated Dari-Joi Glover. Nominations were closed and this PASSED on a voice vote. The Town Clerk administered the oath to Dari-Joi Glover.
  - e. SCHOOL DIRECTOR FOR A TWO YEAR TERM: Cameron Thompson nominated Jillian Raymond. Nominations were closed and this PASSED on a voice vote. The Town Clerk administered the oath to Jillian Raymond.
  - f. LISTER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: Linda Waterman nominated Arlene Brown. Nominations were closed and Denise Daigle cast one ballot electing Arlene Brown.

g. DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR FOR A ONE YEAR TERM: Randy Desrochers nominated Denise Daigle. Nominations were closed and this PASSED on a voice vote.

h. FIRST CONSTABLE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM: Linda Waterman nominated Anthony Glover. Nominations were closed and this PASSED on a voice vote. The Town Clerk administered the oath to Mr. Glover.

i. SECOND CONSTABLE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM: Randy Desrochers nominated Terry Dillon. Nominations were closed and this PASSED on a voice vote. The Town Clerk administered the oath to Mr. Dillon.

j. PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR THREE YEAR TERM: Bruce Sargent nominated Edward Champine. Nominations were closed and this PASSED on a voice vote. The Town Clerk administered the oath to Edward Champine.

k. PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: Randy Desrochers nominated Joanne Guyette-Worth. Nominations were closed and this PASSED on a voice vote. The town clerk administered the oath to Joanne Guyette-Worth..

l. PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: There were no nominations for this position.

5. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$20,496.00 to the Orleans County Sheriff's Department to allow for police services in town for the contractual year of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Steve Edgerley made a motion to approve this article. This was seconded by Conrad Bellavance. The body had no objection in allowing a representative from the Sheriff's department to speak and answer questions. Some discussion followed. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
6. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to approve a one year contract in the amount of \$67,491.00 to the Newport Ambulance Service, Inc. Chris Barrett made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Steve Roberts. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
7. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$40,678.13 to the Newport Town Fire Department (to help defray expenses). Chris Barrett made a motion to approve this article. This was seconded by Lauren Dillon. The body had no objection in allowing a Jason Willis, the fire chief, speak and answer questions. Some discussion followed. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
8. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$30,000.00 to the Newport Town Fire Department to be placed in a reserve fund for the purchase of equipment and vehicles that will outdate and/or need to be replaced. Chris Barrett made a motion to approve this article. This was seconded by Lauren Dillon. The assembly granted Jason Willis, fire chief, permission to speak with regard to this article. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$300.00 per student for "Special Busing". This amount to be paid directly to the bus service, if available. If busing is not available, individuals MUST present a bill to the Clerk's Office prior to October 1st, 2024 with verification that their child is attending a certified private school and the date of enrollment as a regular education student. Ernest

Choquette made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Bruce Sargent. Some discussion followed. This article PASSED on a voice vote.

10. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will approve the school board to expend \$3,809,719.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. Randy Desrochers made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Dave Ghelli. Jill Raymond explained the budget numbers and the school's mission statement to the assembly. Cameron Thompson also explained the budget to the assembly. The body had no objection in allowing Shelly Lanoue, the principal, speak and answer questions. Some discussion followed. Results of the paper ballot vote were: YES – 34 NO – 27 This article PASSED.
11. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will approve the school board to transfer the \$75,500.00 unallocated unaudited general fund balance from the 2022-2023 school year to the capital improvement fund. Randy Desrochers made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Dave Ghelli. This article PASSED on a voice. Vote.
12. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$327,227.01 for the General Fund expenditures and direct the Selectboard to deduct anticipated revenue. Randy Desrochers made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Bruce Sargent. Some discussion followed. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
13. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$875,674.67 for the Roads and Equipment expenditures and direct the Selectboard to deduct anticipated revenue. Bruce Sargent made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Terry Dillon. Some discussion followed. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$21,000.00 for the Lister's expenditures. Randy Desrochers made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Dave Ghelli. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer into the re-appraisal fund the amount not used by the lister's budget in 2023 which is \$5,855.65. Randy Desrochers made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Tom Latta. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
16. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 to the Goodrich Memorial Library. Steve Edgerley made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Jillian Raymond. Some discussion followed. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
17. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$1,100.00 to Rural Community Transportation (RCT) for services provided to residents that live in the Town of Newport. Cameron Thompson made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Tina Royer. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
18. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$500.00 to the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Society to assist with its commitments to rescuing, and finding homes for unwanted pets. Steve Edgerley made a motion

to accept this article. This was seconded by Dave Ghelli. This article PASSED by a voice vote.

19. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to residents of the town. Celine Champine made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Terry Dillon. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
20. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$625.00 to the Old Stone House Museum to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its Educational Program, and direct the selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Steve Edgerley made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Jillian Raymond. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
21. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$3,188.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Human Services a not-for-profit 501c (3) organization, to provide psychiatric mental health services to residents of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties. Tom Latta made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Jillian Raymond. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
22. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to support services to the residents of the town Jillian Raymond made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Maureen McGuire. Some discussion followed. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
23. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500.00 as requested by Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of creating and supporting one-to-one relationships between people with disabilities and community volunteers, and to direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. Maureen McGuire made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Tom Latta. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
24. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$4,200.00 to Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency. Dave Ghelli made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Celine Champine. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
25. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$1,500.00 for the support of the northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA), a not for profit 501(3), to offer Food shelf services to residents. Tom Latta made a motion to accept this article. This was seconded by Terry Dillon. This article PASSED on a voice vote.
26. To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting. Ernest Choquette asked about the fire pond on town owned land on Vance Hill. He asked the moderator to request a show of hands to see if people supported this or not. A show of hands showed the body did support this. The selectboard answered questions related to this and other ARPA funded projects in town. Bruce Sargent talked about the conservation committee. He stated that one of the members had passed away. He asked for volunteers to contact the selectboard if they are interested in being on this committee.

27. To adjourn. Hearing no objections the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 9:00PM.

ATTEST: Denise Daigle – Town Clerk - Town and School Treasurer

RICHARD TETREAULT, Moderator

STEVEN BARRUP

JERRY WATERMAN

RICHARD GOSSELIN

Selectboard-Town of Newport

JILLIAN RAYMOND

DARI-JOI GLOVER

TINA ROYER

REENE FONTAINE

CAMERON THOMPSON

School Board, Town of Newport

AUSTRALIAN VOTING RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:

N.C.U.H.S. and N.C. Career Center Budget ..... 78 YES 74 NO

RECEIVED AND RECORDED THIS 7th DAY OR MARCH, 2024.

DENISE DAIGLE

Town Clerk – Town and School Treasurer

*Warning*

**ANNUAL TOWN/SCHOOL MEETING**

**TOWN OF NEWPORT – 2025**

NOTICE...TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE TOWN OF NEWPORT.

VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT FROM 8:00AM TO 7:00PM AT THE NEWPORT TOWN SCHOOL GYM IN NEWPORT CENTER ON TUESDAY MARCH 4, 2025 ON THE FOLLOWING:

NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL AND CAREER CENTER – THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF NEWPORT AND OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE HEREBY WARNED AND NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE NEWPORT TOWN SCHOOL GYM IN NEWPORT CENTER, VERMONT ON TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 4, 2025 AT 6:00PM TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

1. Request by the Clerk to dispose of the reading of the entire warning.
2. To elect a Moderator.
3. To hear and dispose of the reports of the Town Officers as follows
  - a. Fire Department report
  - b. Treasurer’s report
  - c. Selectboard’s report
  - d. Tax Collector’s report
  - e. School Directors’ report
  - f. Principal’s report
  - g. Lister’s report
4. To elect all necessary officers as follows:
  - a. Selectperson for a three year term
  - b. School director for a three year term
  - c. School director for a two year term
  - d. Delinquent tax collector for a one year term
  - e. First constable for a one year term
  - f. Second constable for a one year term
  - g. Planning board member for a three year term
  - h. Planning board member for a three year term
  - i. Planning board member for a three year term
5. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to authorize the elimination of the office of town lister in accordance with 17 V.S.A. 2651c(b)(1) and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provisions of Title 32?
6. To elect a lister for a three year term.
7. To see if the voters of the Town of Newport will vote to appropriate \$21,840.00 to allow for police services in town for the contractual year of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. (\$20,496.00 was voted last year).

8. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to approve a one year contract in the amount of \$71,979.00 to the Newport Ambulance Service, Inc. (\$67,491.00 was voted last year).
9. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$45,000.00 to the Newport Town Fire Department to help defray expenses. (\$40,678.13 was voted last year).
10. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$30,000.00 to the Newport Town Fire Department to be placed in a reserve fund for the purchase of equipment and vehicles that will outdate and/or need to be replaced. (\$30,000.00 was voted last year).
11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$300.00 per student for “Special Busing”. This amount to be paid directly to the bus service, if available. If busing is not available, individuals MUST present a bill to the Clerk’s Office prior to October 1st, 2025, with verification that their child is attending a certified private school and the date of enrollment as a regular education student.
12. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport School District approve the school board to expend \$4,058,641.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. The Newport Town School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$13,407, which is 5.23% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year. (3,809,719.00 was voted last year).
13. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$353,048.96 for the General Fund expenditures and direct the Selectboard to deduct anticipated revenue (\$327,227.01 was voted last year).
14. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$905,199.66 for the Roads and Equipment expenditures and direct the Selectboard to deduct anticipated revenue (estimated anticipated state aid revenue for 2025 \$56,265.82) ( \$875,674.67 was voted last year).
15. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$30,000.00 for the Lister’s/Assessor’s expenditures (\$21,000.00 was voted last year).
16. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to transfer into the re-appraisal fund the amount not used by the lister’s budget in 2024 which is \$117.56.
17. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 to the Goodrich Memorial Library (\$25,000.00 was voted last year).
18. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$1,100.00 to Rural Community Transportation (RCT) for services provided to residents that live in the Town of Newport. (\$1,100.00 was voted last year).
19. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$500.00 to the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Society to assist with it’s commitments to rescuing, and finding homes for unwanted pets. (\$500.00 was voted last year).
20. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to residents of the town. (\$1,000.00 was voted last year).
21. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$625.00 to the Old Stone House Museum to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its Educational Program, and direct the selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. (\$625.00 was voted last year).
22. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$3,188.00 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, to provide psychiatric mental health services to residents of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties. (3,188.00 was voted last year).
23. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town. (\$2,200.00 was voted last year.)
24. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500.00 as requested by Orleans County Citizen Advocacy for the purpose of creating and supporting one-to-one relationships between people with disabilities and community volunteers, and to direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same. (\$500.00 was voted last year).
25. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$4,200.00 to Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency. (\$4,200.00 was voted last year).
26. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate \$1,500.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA), a not for profit 501©(3), to offer Food Shelf services to residents.(\$1,500.00 was voted last year).
27. Shall the voters of the Town of Newport vote to appropriate 1,000.00 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (NEKLS) to provide services to residents of the Town.
28. To any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting?
29. To Adjourn.

DATED AT NEWPORT CENTER THIS 27th DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2025.

STEVEN BARRUP	CAMERON THOMPSON
JERRY WATERMAN	DARI-JOI GLOVER
RICHARD GOSSSELIN	REENE FONTAINE
Selectboard – Town of Newport	TINA ROYER
	JILLIAN RAYMOND
	School Board, Town of Newport

Received and recorded this 27th day of January, 2025.  
DENISE DAIGLE – Town and School Clerk and Treasurer



## Select Board Report - 2024

Hello and another year has passed. It seems to me the years are going faster, but that is another story.

Our meetings are still held on the 1st Thursday of every month. The Select Board meetings are in person at 5:30. The audio recordings along with agendas and minutes will be posted on the Town's website ([townofnewport.org](http://townofnewport.org)). If you haven't visited the website it is worth checking out.

As always if you need the Select Board to take action on an issue it needs to be placed on the agenda and warned. Please see the Town Clerk or Select Board to be placed on the agenda.

Town Meeting this year will be from the floor in person and voting on March 4th at 6pm at the School gymnasium.

We would like your support on Article #5 "A recommendation from your listers".

Our Road Crew still consist of Mike Baraw, Road Commissioner; Equipment Operators, Jason Driver and Ty Camber. We feel that they are doing an excellent job maintaining our roads. The year 2024 was challenging and 2025 will be due to this inflationary period as you will see in the budget increases.

The Highway Budget went up \$29,524.99 and the General Fund Budget went up \$25,821.95. See Budget Comparisons in the Town Report.

Our Water and Sewer systems are working okay. The rate structure will stay the same for 2025.

You will also see under Sanitation/Recycling an increase to cover approved budget cost from the Waste District.

[www.allearthrenewables.com](http://www.allearthrenewables.com) is monitoring the solar system. Our site number is 1639. Check out the site.

The ARPA Committee (Bob Best, Mike Baraw, Denise Daigle, Joanne Guyette Worth, and Ellen Fox) voted and made recommendations to the Select Board to upgrade the Solar Panels and the panels were replaced last fall, also to build a fire pond, wash bay and garage addition, new recycling center, Town Clerk's Office repairs and a new ball field. All of these recommendations have been completed. We would like to thank the committee and all those involved in the projects for their hard work.

We will have a detailed expense report to answer any questions on the 2024 expenditures.

In closing the Select Board is thankful to everyone for their help in running the town, Denise Daigle, Avis Rollins, and the Listers, in the Town Clerks office; Mike, Jason, and Ty, at the Town Garage; and Charlie Buck at the Recycling Center.

We all owe YOU the voters for making Newport Town what it is. THANK YOU!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Waterman  
Richard Gosselin  
Steve Barrup

## Listers' Report - 2024

The numbers for transfers and permits for 2024 were as follows: 117 Transfers and 34 Permits.

If you plan on changing the footprint of your property, adding an addition or new building, or sub-dividing your property it is important to remember to get a permit from the town clerk. She will forward this permit to the zoning administrator for review and approval. New constructions cost \$57.00 and \$27.00 for any other changes.

As you will see in the 2025 town meeting warning, articles 5 and 6, these articles are requesting that the town eliminate the office of lister and replace this position with a professionally qualified assessor. We, the listers of the town of Newport, support this 100%. There are so many more mandates and changes taking place that we feel this is the best, fairest, most efficient direction for the town and its residents. If you have any questions about this please feel free to reach out to us anytime and we would be happy to discuss this with you.

Just a reminder, we do go on the road to check properties for any changes. We welcome anyone with any questions at all to give us a call to set up a time to meet with us. You can call our number 802-334-2830 or the town clerk's number 802-334-6442 anytime with questions or concerns. We encourage anyone with any questions with regard to your property's assessment to give us a call to go over this with us.

Oscar Roberts resigned in 2024 after many years of serving our town as a lister. We wish to thank Oscar for his dedication to the town for many years.

We thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,  
Arlene Brown  
Hossein (Steve) Naraghi  
Listers - Town of Newport

## Cemetery Commission Report - 2024

The commission would again this year like to acknowledge the amount of effort and work that is involved in keeping these cemeteries looking good – Jay Knight Property Management for doing the all of the cemeteries in town and keeping them in fine shape – Heritage Memorials who does our cleaning and repairing of the monuments plus gives us good advice on how to manage problems coming up in the future

We would like to also say a very important THANK YOU to the taxpayers for giving us the money to be able to keep the cemeteries in good shape.

### WRIGHT CEMETERY on Collins Mill Road

Things were quiet at the Wright Cemetery this year. Normal maintenance was done and this cemetery is presently in good shape.

### ROUTE 100 CEMETERY on Route 100

Due to unforeseen circumstances the vault has again not been taken down. We are in hopes that this will happen in 2025. A granite sign has been approved and is being made at Heritage Memorials to be placed at the cemetery once the vault is taken down. Our plan is to also remove the chain link fence and replace that as well, if the budget passes at town meeting.

### LAKE ROAD CEMETERY (HOLBROOK BAY) on Lake Road

Heritage Memorials cleaned/repared a number of stones at the cemetery in 2024. A granite sign has been made and is ready to be placed at the cemetery in the spring when the ground thaws enough.

Once again we would like to thank you for your continued support. Stay Safe and Healthy.

Respectfully,

Cemetery Commission – Town of Newport  
 June Sheltra  
 DeAnn Meunier  
 Steve Edgerley  
 Vince Buttice  
 Trish Buttice

## Treasurer's Report

### **STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED – 2024**

TAXES ASSESSED – BILLED	<u>GRAND LIST</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
SCHOOL – RESIDENTIAL .....	1,009,580.50	1.5357	\$ 1,550,412.77
SCHOOL – NON-RESIDENTIAL.....	1,087,753.39	1.6970	\$1,845,917.64
GENERAL FUND .....	2,089,429.50	0.1124	\$ 234,849.73
ROADS.....	2,089,429.50	0.3668	\$ 766,402.69
APPROPRIATIONS.....	2,089,429.50	0.0950	\$ 198,498.14
HS-122 PENALTIES.....			\$ 128.77
			<u>\$ 4,161,224.26</u>
LESS CORRECTIONS TO TAX BILLS .....			\$ 72,609.83
ACTUAL AMT. TO BE COLLECTED BY TREASURER .....			\$ 4,523,599.91
COLLECTED AND TURNED OVER BY TREASURER.....			\$ 4,324,106.48
DELINQUENT TAXES TURNED OVER TO COLLECTOR.....			<u>199,493.43</u>
			<u>\$ 4,523,599.91</u>

## Delinquent Tax Collector's Report

2023 taxes collected in 2024 .....	\$ 86,464.48
Total taxes billed in 2024 .....	\$ 4,523,599.91
2024 taxes collected by Treasurer as of 10/27/24.....	\$ 4,324,106.48
2024 delinquent as of 10/28/24 .....	\$ 199,493.43
2024 delinquent taxes collected as of 12/31/24 .....	\$ 85,963.84
2024 delinquent taxes as of 12/31/24.....	\$ 113,529.59
2023 delinquent taxes as of 12/31/24.....	\$ 2,661.65
2023 and 2024 delinquent taxes still outstanding as of 12/31/24....	\$ 116,191.24

DENISE DAIGLE  
 Delinquent Tax Collector

## Dog Tax Report – 2024

Total dogs registered .....	117
Total fees collected .....	\$1,318.00
Less fees to state .....	<u>585.00</u>
Total deposited into general fund.....	\$ 733.00

DENISE DAIGLE  
 Town Clerk and Treasurer

**TOWN OF NEWPORT GENERAL LEDGER**  
***Comparative Budget Report***

Account	Budget FY - 2024	Actual FY - 2024	Proposed FY - 2025
<b>REVENUES</b>			
<b>TAX REVENUE</b>			
Property Tax .....	\$ -	\$129,724.40	\$ -
Appropriation Tax.....	-	198,498.14	-
State of Vt - Current Use .....	55,000.00	58,427.00	58,000.00
<b>Total Tax Revenue .....</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>	<b>386,649.54</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>
<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS</b>			
Liquor Licenses .....	140.00	255.00	140.00
Dog Licenses.....	600.00	733.00	700.00
<b>Total Licenses and Permits .....</b>	<b>740.00</b>	<b>988.00</b>	<b>840.00</b>
<b>INTERGOVERNMENT REVENUE</b>			
Local Fines .....	500.00	1,265.27	1,200.00
<b>Total Intergovernment Revenue.....</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>1,265.27</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			
Town Clerk's fees/record.....	20,000.00	26,139.00	20,000.00
Restoration Fund.....	4,000.00	5,587.00	4,000.00
<b>Total Charges for Services .....</b>	<b>24,000.00</b>	<b>31,726.00</b>	<b>24,000.00</b>
<b>INTEREST EARNED</b>			
Interest Earned .....	12,000.00	12,586.13	12,000.00
Interest earned-del.taxes.....	5,000.00	4,660.86	5,000.00
<b>Total interest Earned .....</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>	<b>17,246.99</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			
Zoning Income.....	1,200.00	1,543.00	1,200.00
Misc. Revenue.....	15,000.00	48,671.68	15,000.00
Grant Income.....	-	37,613.00	-
<b>Total Miscellaneous Revenues.....</b>	<b>16,200.00</b>	<b>87,827.68</b>	<b>16,200.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES .....</b>	<b>\$113,440.00</b>	<b>\$525,703.48</b>	<b>\$117,240.00</b>
<b>TOWN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>SALARIES/COMPENSATION</b>			
Select Board .....	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,500.00
Select Board Secretary.....	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,260.00
Town Treasurer/Clerk .....	51,827.26	51,827.18	60,000.00
Asst Town Clerk/Treasurer .....	11,180.00	854.68	20,000.00
Zoning/Planning.....	5,000.00	1,680.00	5,000.00
Health Officer.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Salaries/Compensation .....</b>	<b>75,207.26</b>	<b>61,561.86</b>	<b>93,760.00</b>
<b>BENEFITS</b>			
Social Security (FICA) .....	5,800.00	6,340.04	6,476.00
Medicare (MEDI) .....	1,357.00	1,482.67	1,514.52
Health Insurance .....	27,258.44	27,492.69	30,103.40
Retirement.....	4,405.31	4,576.83	5,507.01

Account	Budget FY - 2024	Actual FY - 2024	Proposed FY - 2025
<b>Benefits con't.</b>			
Child Care Cont.....	-	337.00	453.12
<b>Total Benefits .....</b>	<b>38,820.75</b>	<b>40,229.23</b>	<b>44,054.05</b>
<b>TOWN MEETING &amp; ELECTIONS</b>			
Ballot Clerk's Compensation .....	1,000.00	796.00	1,000.00
Town Reports.....	2,400.00	2,492.00	2,500.00
<b>Total Town Meeting &amp; Elections.....</b>	<b>3,400.00</b>	<b>3,288.00</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>
<b>LISTER'S EXPENSES</b>			
lister's Salaries .....	15,000.00	16,562.06	15,000.00
Telephone .....	750.00	667.54	750.00
Mileage.....	500.00	446.00	500.00
Computer Expense.....	3,000.00	1,458.91	3,000.00
Other expenses .....	1,750.00	1,747.93	10,750.00
<b>Total Lister's Expenses.....</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>	<b>20,882.44</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Office Supplies .....	8,000.00	9,692.08	8,500.00
Postage .....	2,000.00	2,084.46	2,000.00
Telephone .....	725.00	607.13	725.00
Copier Expense .....	500.00	395.00	500.00
Computer Expense.....	6,800.00	6,521.01	6,800.00
Advertising.....	2,900.00	1,225.00	2,000.00
Tax Map Maintenance .....	4,600.00	4,700.00	4,600.00
Web Site .....	500.00	495.00	500.00
Dog Expense.....	2,000.00	3,062.75	2,500.00
Liability Insurance.....	43,174.00	44,560.00	40,809.91
Grant Expense.....	-	1,882.16	-
Legal and CPA expenses .....	15,000.00	12,940.00	15,000.00
Other Expense.....	3,500.00	1,288.40	1,600.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses .....</b>	<b>89,699.00</b>	<b>89,452.99</b>	<b>85,534.91</b>
<b>SANITATION</b>			
Recycling .....	15,000.00	14,235.29	20,000.00
<b>Total Sanitation.....</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>14,235.29</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>RECREATION &amp; PARKS</b>			
Strawberry Acres/milfoil .....	15,000.00	30,169.57	15,000.00
<b>Total Recreation &amp; Parks .....</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>30,169.57</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
<b>CEMETERIES</b>			
Labor-Lake Road/Wright Ce.....	8,000.00	8,050.00	8,000.00
Labor - Route 100 Cem. ....	8,000.00	7,200.00	8,000.00
Other Expenses.....	20,000.00	34,265.11	20,000.00
<b>Total Cemeteries.....</b>	<b>36,000.00</b>	<b>49,515.11</b>	<b>36,000.00</b>
<b>OTHER TOWN EXPENSES</b>			
VLCT Dues .....	4,500.00	4,781.00	4,800.00
County Tax.....	32,000.00	33,342.27	34,000.00
Street & Bridge Lights.....	1,100.00	1,425.73	1,500.00

Account	Budget	Actual	Proposed
Other Town Expenses con't.	FY - 2024	FY - 2024	FY - 2025
Solar Panel Expense .....	1,000.00	1,358.16	1,500.00
<b>Total Other Town Expenses.....</b>	<b>38,600.00</b>	<b>40,907.16</b>	<b>41,800.00</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE</b>			
Electricity & Heat .....	2,000.00	2,332.54	2,400.00
Repairs & Maintenance .....	5,000.00	112.34	5,000.00
Groundskeeper .....	5,000.00	5,975.00	5,500.00
<b>Total Town Clerk's Office .....</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>8,419.88</b>	<b>12,900.00</b>
<b>OTHER VOTED ARTICLES</b>			
Fire Dept. - expenses .....	40,678.13	40,678.13	-
Fire Dept. -truck .....	30,000.00	30,000.00	-
Private School Busing .....	3,000.00	2,700.00	3,000.00
Orleans Cty. Sheriff Dept.....	20,496.00	20,244.00	-
Newport Ambulance .....	67,491.00	67,491.00	-
Goodrich Mem. Library .....	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
Northeast Kingdom Svcs.....	3,188.00	3,188.00	-
OrleansEssex VNA&Hospice .....	4,200.00	4,200.00	-
Orleans Cty. Citizen Adv .....	500.00	500.00	-
Rural Community Trans.....	1,100.00	1,100.00	-
Umbrella, Inc. ....	2,200.00	2,200.00	-
Area Agency on Aging .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Northeast King. Com Actio .....	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Old Stone House Museum .....	625.00	625.00	-
Cemetery Flags .....	500.00	748.51	500.00
Frontier Animal Society.....	500.00	500.00	-
<b>Total Other Voted Articles.....</b>	<b>201,978.13</b>	<b>201,674.64</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>
<b>Total Town Government.....</b>	<b>\$546,705.14</b>	<b>\$560,336.17</b>	<b>\$386,048.96</b>
<b>HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>			
Highway property tax .....	\$ -	\$766,402.69	\$ -
State Aid - Highways .....	53,030.28	112,531.68	56,265.82
Misc. Income - Highway .....	-	5,793.77	-
Grant Money .....	-	55,172.54	-
<b>Total Highway Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$53,030.28</b>	<b>\$939,900.68</b>	<b>\$56,265.82</b>
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXPENSES</b>			
<b>SALARIES/COMPENSATION HWY</b>			
Regular Hours .....	\$150,600.00	\$147,485.20	\$161,318.00
Overtime .....	39,590.00	31,341.51	41,570.00
<b>Total Salaries/Compensation Hwy ..</b>	<b>190,190.00</b>	<b>178,826.71</b>	<b>202,888.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY BENEFITS</b>			
Social Security (FICA) .....	12,982.18	12,277.78	13,769.46
Medicare (MEDI) .....	3,036.15	2,871.54	3,220.27
Health Insurance .....	55,857.68	56,033.70	71,147.04
Retirement.....	17,543.66	16,793.78	19,432.70
Child Care Contr.....	-	378.90	977.19
<b>Total Highway Benefits .....</b>	<b>89,419.67</b>	<b>88,355.70</b>	<b>108,546.66</b>

Account	Budget	Actual	Proposed
FUEL	FY - 2024	FY - 2024	FY - 2025
Equipment-fuel .....	60,000.00	36,360.30	50,000.00
<b>Total Fuel.....</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>36,360.30</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>
<b>REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE</b>			
Truck 25.....	\$-	139,277.00	4,000.00
Loader .....	4,000.00	1,977.78	4,000.00
Truck 20.....	5,000.00	4,862.71	6,000.00
Plows & Sanders .....	12,000.00	12,008.86	12,000.00
Backhoe.....	4,000.00	1,498.09	4,000.00
Screeener Expense .....	3,000.00	1,196.99	3,000.00
Truck 4 - pick up .....	4,000.00	2,618.38	4,000.00
Mower .....	1,500.00	1,295.82	2,000.00
Truck 23.....	4,000.00	7,193.76	4,000.00
truck#6- 2016 ten whl int .....	7,000.00	7,002.96	4,000.00
Grader Expense .....	7,000.00	11,103.32	7,000.00
Other Equipment/deprec. ....	100,000.00	76,584.50	100,000.00
<b>Total Repairs/Maintenance .....</b>	<b>151,500.00</b>	<b>266,620.17</b>	<b>154,000.00</b>
<b>CONTRACTED SERVICES</b>			
Grant Expenses.....	4,000.00	44,070.34	4,000.00
Ditch Work .....	10,000.00	671.00	10,000.00
Bush Hogging .....	500.00	500.00	500.00
Street Sweeping Contracts.....	1,500.00	1,100.00	1,500.00
Other Contracted Services .....	10,000.00	6,833.52	10,000.00
<b>Total Contracted Services .....</b>	<b>26,000.00</b>	<b>53,174.86</b>	<b>26,000.00</b>
<b>MATERIALS &amp; SUPPLIES</b>			
Culvert Pipe .....	25,000.00	25,129.46	25,000.00
Cold Patch & Paving.....	125,000.00	137,603.07	125,000.00
Gravel Crushing.....	65,000.00	3,450.00	65,000.00
Purchase - Material .....	5,000.00	4,264.08	5,000.00
Salt .....	40,000.00	36,699.63	40,000.00
Sand .....	5,000.00	4,950.00	5,000.00
Chloride .....	45,000.00	42,844.62	45,000.00
<b>Total Materials &amp; Supplies .....</b>	<b>310,000.00</b>	<b>254,940.86</b>	<b>310,000.00</b>
<b>TOWN GARAGE</b>			
Tools .....	2,000.00	2,322.25	2,000.00
Radio .....	1,500.00	1,503.75	1,500.00
Telephone/Internet.....	1,800.00	2,186.23	2,200.00
Electricity and heat .....	7,000.00	9,253.79	9,500.00
Repairs/Maintenance.....	5,000.00	2,093.70	5,000.00
Road Signs .....	4,000.00	2,160.73	4,000.00
Uniforms .....	13,000.00	14,406.59	15,000.00
Other Expenses.....	4,000.00	4,104.44	4,000.00
<b>Total Town Garage.....</b>	<b>38,300.00</b>	<b>38,031.48</b>	<b>43,200.00</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
Training.....	500.00	81.00	500.00

Account	Budget	Actual	Proposed
	FY - 2024	FY - 2024	FY - 2025
<b>OTHER EXPENSES cont.</b>			
Taxes Gravel pit - Cov.	3,000.00	3,253.56	3,300.00
storage building	1,000.00	\$-	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,000.00	3,661.33	4,000.00
Highway Permit	1,765.00	1,350.00	1,765.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>10,265.00</b>	<b>8,345.89</b>	<b>10,565.00</b>
<b>Total Highway Department</b>	<b>\$875,674.67</b>	<b>\$924,655.97</b>	<b>\$905,199.66</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Transfer from Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 76,584.50	\$ -
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 76,584.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>			
Equipment fund payable	\$ -	178,729.00	\$ -
<b>Total Other Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>178,729.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>WATER REVENUES</b>			
Water Fees	\$105,000.00	\$110,592.12	\$105,000.00
Penalty on Overdue Water	-	2,669.27	-
Misc Water Revenue	-	1,606.49	-
<b>Total Water Revenues</b>	<b>\$105,000.00</b>	<b>\$114,867.88</b>	<b>\$105,000.00</b>
<b>WATER EXPENSES</b>			
Water Postage	\$ 204.00	\$ 142.50	\$ 204.00
USDA Loan Payments	5,218.28	5,222.03	5,323.17
M & T Bank payment	12,151.00	12,151.00	12,151.00
Water Professional Fees	10,000.00	\$-	10,000.00
Water Contracted Services	15,000.00	15,350.00	15,000.00
State Fees	500.00	75.70	500.00
Water Testing Expense	2,000.00	1,415.00	2,000.00
Water Other Expenses	4,000.00	2,480.20	4,000.00
Repairs/Maintenance Lines	10,000.00	5,975.61	10,000.00
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Water Electricity	11,000.00	12,895.11	13,000.00
Water Interest Expense	5,095.72	5,091.97	4,990.83
<b>Total Water Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 95,169.00</b>	<b>\$ 79,061.05</b>	<b>\$ 97,169.00</b>
<b>SEWER REVENUES</b>			
Sewer Fees	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,912.21	\$ 32,000.00
Penalty on Overdue Sewer	-	812.05	-
Misc Sewer Revenue	-	11.00	-
<b>Total Sewer Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 32,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,735.26</b>	<b>\$ 32,000.00</b>
<b>SEWER EXPENSES</b>			
Sewer Postage	\$ 136.00	\$ 139.50	\$ 140.00
USDA Loan Payments	2,600.00	2,789.24	2,800.00
Sewer Professional Fees	6,000.00	3,682.00	6,000.00
Sewer Contracted Services	4,200.00	3,850.00	4,200.00
Sewer Testing Expenses	4,000.00	1,870.00	3,000.00
Sewer Other Expenses	1,500.00	2,460.40	2,500.00
Repairs/Maintenance Lines	5,000.00	-	5,000.00

Account	Budget	Actual	Proposed
	FY - 2024	FY - 2024	FY - 2025
<b>Sewer Expenses con't.</b>			
Repairs/Maintenance Field	15,000.00	3,185.00	15,000.00
Sewer Electricity	120.00	203.53	225.00
Sewer Interest Expense	2,000.00	1,710.76	1,700.00
<b>Total Sewer Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 40,556.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,890.43</b>	<b>\$ 40,565.00</b>
<b>CEMETERY REVENUES</b>			
Sale of Lots	\$ -	\$ 13,800.00	\$ -
<b>Total Cemetery Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 13,800.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>ARPA FEDERAL GRANT</b>			
Fire Equipment	\$ -	\$ 18,280.00	\$ -
Land Records Rest and onl	-	36,637.83	-
Fence/Gates at Reservoir	-	31.67	-
Recycling Center Project	-	69,277.85	-
Paving - Watermelon Lane	-	40,000.00	-
Road Upgrade recycling/so	-	6,040.00	-
Ball Field Renovations	-	40,542.81	-
Solar Panel Upgrade	-	\$-	-
TO ADA Improvement	-	\$-	-
Sign	-	12,142.50	-
Roller for Grader	-	55,000.00	-
Town Garage Addition	-	33,979.05	-
Tools For Town Garage	-	29.77	-
<b>Total ARPA Federal Grant</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$311,961.48</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## TELLING & HILLMAN, P.C.

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January 6, 2025

Select Board  
Town of Newport, Vermont  
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We are auditing the financial statements of the Town of Newport, Vermont for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Upon completion of our audit the financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Office (or on the Town's website @www.townofnewport.org).

Very truly yours,

*Telling & Hillman, P.C.*

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## Report of the School Principal

Dear Newport Center Residents;

As we close out 2024 and look forward to the New Year, I am pleased to share that our school has continued to grow and develop as a strong system and community resource to support the needs of our learners and the community that they live in. We feel fortunate to have the support of our families and community as we focus our energy on meeting the NCSU goals: all students reading by third grade and a 100% graduation rate at NCUHS. We are aware that these goals will require a heavy lift collectively to reach and maintain. I am proud to share that the NTS staff are collectively committed to the learning and development of Newport Center's youngest citizens.

NCSU and NTS adopted a new literacy curriculum this academic year (grades 2-6) that is based in the science of reading. CKLA (Common Knowledge Language Arts) is a robust and rigorous program that incorporates history and science learning into the curriculum. We have increased the time spent on literacy daily to 1.5- 2 hours per grade level. Our younger students in k- 1 will be adopting the curriculum in the fall of 2025. We have some exciting early data that indicates that students are increasing their knowledge in reading, writing and comprehension of text. Our youngest students (preK) participate in early literacy learning using a program that is fun, engaging and multisensory. The Lively Letters program has shown over the past 2 years that students are entering K with more early literacy skills and leaving kindergarten primed for the acquisition of reading.

Additionally, we are focusing on increasing our Community School initiative. We forge forward with a focus on community. As the age old African proverb states "it takes a village to raise a child". This year we dove into a multigenerational meal program, thanks to a generous grant from the Leahy Foundation. In collaboration with the Vermont Community Schools Consortium the program began in September. The goal is to increase our community's access to our school and build relationships across generations. This program has flourished in the 4 months since it was initiated. We are serving meals to elders 2 times per month. They share a meal family style with students and then engage in a social activity. We are averaging 20-25 elders present and are sending take -out to 8-12 elders who can not make it to the meal. We continue to work collaboratively with our partners at UVM to support this initiative and track progress for our students and community members.

As I lean into the completion of my fifth year as principal at NTS, I feel blessed to be a part of the growth and development of the school, staff, students, families and greater community. I acknowledge the support of the school board members; Cameron Thompson, Reene Fontaine, DJ Glover, Jill Raymond and Tina Royer, superintendent- Elaine Collins and the staff, families and community of Newport Center. Without your support and commitment to ensuring the highest quality education for our students, NTS would not be the school that we are today. We will continue to strive to enhance our community school.

Well Wishes for a Year of Prosperity and Gratitude

Shelly Lanou, Newport Town School Principal

## Report of the School Board

Dear Newport Center Residents,

The Newport Town School Board is excited to share with you some of the school's successes over the past year and our enthusiasm for what the future holds as NTS continues to grow and develop into a strong community resource that supports both the students and their surrounding community.

During this past year, we successfully wrapped up our 5-year building plan by putting the finishing touches on the driveway/parking lot improvements and the relocation, improvement, and expansion of the playground at NTS.

Since the start of this school year, the board and the administration has focused our efforts on promoting our Community School Initiative. Currently spearheading this initiative is the multi-generational meals program, conducted in collaboration with the Vermont Community Schools Consortium, with a generous grant from the Leahy Foundation. These meals have been occurring twice per month and have been a resounding success, bridging the gap between our young students and some of our more seasoned generations throughout the community through food and social activities. The board's goal is for these meals to act as a springboard toward future events and ideas that will further strengthen the bond between the school and the community it serves.

At the start of this year's budget season, the board and administration developed a budget that we felt was necessary to continue providing NTS students with high quality education, striving to reach goals set by NCSU. The overall FY26 budget for NTS increased by 6.53% over the FY25 budget, while education spending increased by 5.23%. By comparison, the forecasted statewide average increase in education spending is 7%. Like years past, the number may change slightly as we are only given estimates for things like the dollar equivalent yield (DEY) and Common Level of Appraisal (CLA). The state is estimating that the average property tax increase statewide will be ~5.9%. As of now, the budget we developed with result in a tax rate decrease of ~\$.0033, resulting in ZERO increase to taxpayers in Newport Center.

A quick note on the CLA this year. Some of the numbers in this year's tax worksheet are a little wonky and a bit deceiving. You will see that the CLA for Newport Center is up to 100.95%, up from 81.97% last year. At first glance, that seems great, because that means the state is saying that homeowners are paying property taxes on almost exactly what the correct value of their home is in the state's eyes. However, that number is misleading. Last year they said our homes were worth ~ 18% more than their tax-assessed value. This year, the actual CLA for Newport Center is ~73%, meaning the state thinks all our homes are worth ~27% more than their assessed value. But this year the state did a "statewide adjustment", using somewhat of a sliding scale where 72% represents the average CLA for the state and is equal to an "adjusted"

100%. Since Newport Center's CLA was 73%, that puts our new CLA in the tax worksheet at almost 101%. This statewide adjustment was funded by adjusting the original DEY from ~\$11,000 down to ~\$8500. This was a bit of a wordy explanation but long story short, the board and administration developed this year's budget proposal anticipating that residents of Newport Center should see no increase in their education property taxes this year.

Your Newport Town School Board stands firm in our dedication to providing our community's children with opportunities to learn and grow in safe, supportive environments while remaining fiscally responsible and thus assuring the longevity and vitality of our community. Thank you again for your support and commitment to our community's children, school employees, and Newport Town School Board members.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Thompson  
Newport Town School Board Chair



**NEWPORT TOWN SCHOOL**  
**2024-2025 Staff Directory**

<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	Shelly Lanou
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b>	Denise DelaBruere
<b>FACILITIES COORDINATOR</b>	Michael Malmstein
<b>STAFF</b>	
Pre-K	Melanie Barton
Kindergarten	Kellea Gosselin
Grade 1	Denise Goodridge
Grade 2	Nicole Chaput
Grade 3	Ann Locke
Grade 4	Christine Amyot
Grade 5	Kirstein Bonnell
Grade 6	Megan Stevens
SPED	Simone Austin
SPED	Laura Barnard
SPED	Julie Zenel
Intervention	Lisa Dunlavey-Spaulling
Intervention	Jennifer Fortier
Intervention	Julie Thaler
Intervention	Katrina McCullough
Library	J.C. Hines
Music	Jonathan DeRoehn
Guidance	Nedzsd (Jack) Hodzic
PE	Michelle Koch
Art	Sheena West
Nurse	Mysha Dompierre
Bus Driver	Isaiah Casey
Bus Driver	George Frost
Social Emotional Intervention	Jessica Farrar
BI	Heather Sanchez
SU Behavior Specialist	Kaitlyn Wright
SU Behavior Specialist	Jill Legacy
Para	Desiree Coffin
Para	Naomi Morris
Speech/Para/ASP	Tonya Ashan
Para	Aline DeLaBruere
Para	Chantel Robert
Kitchen Nutritional Coordinator	Michelle Robert
Food Service Support	Brianna Glover
School Based Counselor	Kate Koetz

**NEWPORT TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
***Proposed Budget FY2025-26***

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>Budget FY-2024</b>	<b>Actual FY-2024</b>	<b>Proposed FY-2025</b>	<b>Proposed FY-2026</b>
<b>LOCAL REVENUES</b>				
Preschool Tuition From VT LEAs .....	\$ -	\$ (11,292.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Investment Earnings - Interest .....	(19,000)	(50,261.57)	(19,000)	(32,000)
Misc. Other Local Revenue .....	(5,000)	(25,619.04)	(5,000)	(5,000)
<b>TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES .....</b>	<b>(24,000)</b>	<b>(87,172.61)</b>	<b>(24,000)</b>	<b>(37,000)</b>
<b>SUBGRANT REVENUES</b>				
Title I Program Improvement .....	-	(733.22)	-	-
ESSER III Subgrant Revenue .....	(48,259)	(59,361.87)	-	-
Subgrants for Schoolwide Programs .....	(80,325)	(118,740.94)	(100,252)	(113,828)
Other Subgrants .....	(650)	(455.00)	(650)	(650)
<b>TOTAL SUBGRANT REVENUES .....</b>	<b>(129,234)</b>	<b>(179,291.03)</b>	<b>(100,902)</b>	<b>(114,478)</b>
<b>STATE REVENUES</b>				
Education Spending Grant .....	(3,029,959)	(3,029,959.00)	(3,684,817)	(3,907,163)
Small Schools Grant .....	(87,161)	(87,161.00)	-	-
<b>TOTAL STATE REVENUES .....</b>	<b>(3,117,120)</b>	<b>(3,117,120.00)</b>	<b>(3,684,817)</b>	<b>(3,907,163)</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES .....</b>	<b>(3,270,354)</b>	<b>(3,383,583.64)</b>	<b>(3,809,719)</b>	<b>(4,058,641)</b>
<b>FOOD SERVICE REVENUES</b>				
Sales To Students .....	(12,000)	-	-	-
Sales To Adults .....	(4,000)	(813.48)	-	-
Misc. Other Local Revenues .....	(300)	(1,528.41)	-	-
State Additional Lunches .....	(1,000)	(1,127.10)	-	-
State add'l breakfast .....	(350)	-	-	-
Summer Food Service Program .....	-	(1,256.40)	-	-
Universal Meals .....	-	(27,090.55)	-	-
Federal After School Snack .....	(2,000)	(4,715.10)	-	-
Fresh Fruit & Veggie Program .....	(6,000)	(8,209.20)	-	-
Federal School Lunch .....	(70,000)	(53,455.70)	-	-
Federal School Breakfast .....	(29,450)	(21,396.24)	-	-
Other Subgrant Revenues .....	-	(2,793.66)	-	-
State School Lunch Match .....	(1,000)	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FOOD SERVICE REVENUE .....</b>	<b>(126,100)</b>	<b>(122,385.84)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL REVENUES .....</b>	<b>\$(3,396,454)</b>	<b>\$(3,505,969.48)</b>	<b>\$(3,809,719)</b>	<b>\$(4,058,641)</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>Budget FY-2024</b>	<b>Actual FY-2024</b>	<b>Proposed FY-2025</b>	<b>Proposed FY-2026</b>
<b>REGULAR EDUCATION</b>				
Salary - Elementary Teachers .....	\$ 535,875	\$ 519,788.04	\$ 625,116	\$ 630,994
Salary - Elementary Para .....	-	35,248.81	28,233	43,261
Substitutes Pay - Elementary .....	15,000	101,102.06	25,000	25,000
Health Ins - Elementary .....	140,229	149,484.29	149,458	166,065
Health Reimbursement Account .....	24,978	28,302.28	24,830	25,800
OFICA - Elementary .....	42,142	47,141.25	51,894	53,493
Childcare Tax .....	-	-	-	2,943
Life Insurance - Elementary .....	375	394.20	444	501
VSTRS-OPEB Payment .....	3,018	4,527.00	6,036	6,168
Municipal Retirement .....	-	2,420.72	1,327	2,920
Workers Comp .....	4,019	5,141.27	5,488	5,351
Tuition - Elementary .....	23,377	16,079.00	31,106	33,764
Dental Ins - Elementary .....	5,635	6,363.07	5,816	6,468
Long Term Disability - Elementary .....	1,661	1,711.52	2,025	2,073
Student Loan Assistance .....	-	3,000.00	5,000	5,000
Purchased & Technical Services .....	-	4,970.00	-	-
Contract Services-Excess Costs .....	30,000	7,937.05	30,000	30,000
Contracted Staff Through NCSU .....	93,188	78,833.26	56,073	92,565
Tuition - Secondary .....	450,000	465,000.00	604,500	682,000
Tuition- Turning Points .....	-	16,396.08	-	-
Supplies - Elementary .....	10,000	13,146.39	20,000	20,000
Supplies-ESSER II .....	-	1,138.66	-	-
Supplies-Instructional Programs .....	3,000	9,386.05	3,000	3,000
Books/Periodicals - Elementary .....	3,500	4,649.41	3,500	3,500
Software .....	-	3,841.15	-	-
Dues/Fees - Elementary Siskin .....	3,000	3,748.61	3,000	3,000
Misc. Expenses .....	-	600.00	-	-
Dues/Fees-Co-Curricular .....	-	80.00	-	-
<b>TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION .....</b>	<b>1,401,090</b>	<b>1,531,472.17</b>	<b>1,695,700</b>	<b>1,844,606</b>
<b>INTERVENTION ESSER III</b>				
Salary Intervention Teacher .....	35,888	-	-	-
Health Ins .....	4,533	-	-	-
Health Reimbursement Account .....	950	-	-	-
FICA .....	2,745	-	-	-
Life Insurance .....	22	-	-	-
Municipal Retirement .....	2,172	-	-	-
Workers Comp .....	269	-	-	-
Unemployment .....	34	-	-	-
Tuition .....	1,356	-	-	-
Dental Ins .....	178	-	-	-
Long Term Disability .....	111	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INTERVENTION ESSER III .....</b>	<b>48,259</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PREK</b>				
Salary - PreK Teacher .....	56,875	57,133.30	59,861	60,310
Salary - PreK Para .....	33,419	23,010.00	25,921	22,915
Substitutes-PreK .....	-	903.45	1,000	1,000
Health Ins - PreK .....	4,000	2,000.00	4,000	4,000



	Budget FY-2024	Actual FY-2024	Proposed FY-2025	Proposed FY-2026
<b>PreK con't.</b>				
FICA - PreK.....	6,907	6,353.25	6,639	6,443
Childcare Tax.....	-	-	-	366
Life Insurance - Pre-K.....	96	69.66	70	70
VSTRS-OPEB PAYMENT-PreK.....	1,509	-	1,509	1,542
Municipal Retirement-PreK.....	2,172	1,588.00	1,658	1,547
Workers Comp - PreK.....	677	606.55	721	666
Unemployment - PreK.....	206	262.16	227	122
Tuition - Pre K.....	2,712	-	2,712	2,712
Long Term Disability - PreK.....	280	239.78	266	258
Tuition Pre-K-Outside SU.....	-	3,764.00	38,840	3,982
Tuition-Independent Programs.....	-	22,584.00	-	15,928
Tuition-PreK-Within SU.....	30,112	3,764.00	-	11,946
Supplies.....	-	32.50	-	-
<b>TOTAL PREK.....</b>	<b>138,966</b>	<b>122,310.65</b>	<b>143,424</b>	<b>133,806</b>
<b>SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS</b>				
Salary - Schoolwide Teacher.....	57,443	69,868.99	60,519	67,355
Health Ins - Schoolwide.....	7,979	19,297.64	13,328	16,500
Health Reimbursement Account.....	1,672	6,255.42	2,470	2,950
FICA - Schoolwide.....	4,394	4,962.01	4,630	5,153
Childcare Tax.....	-	-	-	296
Life Insurance - Schoolwide.....	38	47.97	38	65
VSTRS Pension Payment.....	14,728	8,749.64	15,517	17,270
VSTRS New Teacher Assessment.....	-	1,509.00	-	-
VSTRS Pmt In Lieu of Contribution.....	-	4,665.38	-	-
Workers Comp - Schoolwide.....	431	788.67	508	539
Unemployment - Schoolwide.....	61	137.64	100	91
Tuition - Schoolwide.....	2,387	200.00	2,387	2,712
Dental Ins - Schoolwide.....	313	790.79	568	689
Long Term Disability - Schoolwide.....	178	216.98	188	209
Supplies - Schoolwide.....	-	1,250.79	-	-
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS.....</b>	<b>89,623</b>	<b>118,740.92</b>	<b>100,252</b>	<b>113,828</b>
<b>TITLE I</b>				
Supplies - Title I.....	-	595.45	-	-
Tech Related Supplies- Title I.....	-	137.77	-	-
<b>TOTAL TITLE 1.....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>733.22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXTRA CURRICULAR</b>				
Encore Program Assessment to NCSU.....	11,500	11,500.00	12,500	14,600
<b>TOTAL EXTRA CURRICULAR.....</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>11,500.00</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>14,600</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>				
Salary - Para.....	89,071	88,039.67	138,642	161,310
Substitutes Pay.....	-	2,336.50	1,000	1,000
Health Ins.....	27,653	32,546.77	41,497	24,023
Health Savings Account.....	-	2,200.00	-	-
Health Reimbursement Account.....	6,600	7,397.49	8,800	4,400
FICA.....	6,814	6,482.03	10,683	12,417
Childcare Tax.....	-	-	-	490
Life Insurance.....	104	81.91	84	112
Municipal Retirement.....	5,790	5,914.67	5,671	7,513
Workers Comp.....	668	772.11	745	890

	Budget FY-2024	Actual FY-2024	Proposed FY-2025	Proposed FY-2026
<b>Special Education con't.</b>				
Unemployment.....	275	524.32	364	261
Dental Ins.....	955	1,656.07	1,713	1,596
Long Term Disability.....	276	212.11	275	345
SERVICES PURCHASED FROM SU.....	246,404	246,404.00	265,863	261,109
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION.....</b>	<b>384,611</b>	<b>394,567.65</b>	<b>475,337</b>	<b>475,467</b>
<b>EEE LOCAL</b>				
EEE Local.....	34,112	34,111.97	42,842	56,453
<b>TOTAL EEE LOCAL.....</b>	<b>34,112</b>	<b>34,111.97</b>	<b>42,842</b>	<b>56,453</b>
<b>GUIDANCE</b>				
Salary - Teacher.....	59,580	59,580.00	62,708	64,340
Health Ins.....	9,067	9,314.64	10,553	11,812
Health Reimbursement Account.....	1,900	179.88	1,900	1,900
FICA.....	4,558	4,379.78	4,797	4,922
Childcare Tax.....	-	-	-	283
Life Insurance.....	44	43.56	44	44
VSTRS New Teacher Assessment.....	1,509	1,509.00	1,509	1,542
Workers Comp.....	447	443.71	527	515
Unemployment.....	69	131.08	114	61
Tuition.....	2,712	-	2,712	2,712
Dental Ins.....	355	371.88	369	369
Long Term Disability.....	185	184.68	194	199
Supplies.....	1,500	621.80	1,500	1,500
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE.....</b>	<b>81,925</b>	<b>76,760.01</b>	<b>86,927</b>	<b>90,199</b>
<b>NURSE</b>				
Salary - Nurse.....	80,612	55,366.25	52,151	52,660
Health Ins.....	26,378	16,259.56	10,553	11,812
Health Reimbursement Account.....	6,300	1,382.75	1,900	1,900
FICA.....	6,167	3,929.90	3,990	4,028
Childcare Tax.....	-	-	-	232
Life Insurance.....	70	48.78	44	44
VSTRS New Teacher Assessment.....	1,509	1,509.00	1,509	1,542
Municipal Retirement.....	2,019	392.60	-	-
Workers Comp.....	605	369.01	438	421
Unemployment.....	138	131.08	114	61
Tuition.....	-	5,424.00	2,712	2,712
Dental Insurance.....	955	513.32	369	369
Long Term Disability.....	250	147.60	162	163
Student Loan Assistance.....	-	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
Contract Services.....	-	88.84	-	-
Supplies.....	1,000	431.74	1,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL NURSE.....</b>	<b>126,002</b>	<b>86,994.43</b>	<b>75,942</b>	<b>77,944</b>
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>				
Salary - Para.....	-	20,824.46	-	40,804
Health Ins.....	-	-	-	22,183
Health Reimbursement Account.....	-	-	-	4,400
FICA.....	-	-	-	3,121
Childcare Tax.....	-	-	-	180
Life Insurance.....	-	-	-	26

	Budget FY-2024	Actual FY-2024	Proposed FY-2025	Proposed FY-2026
<b>Psychological Services con't.</b>				
Municipal Retirement.....	-	-	-	2,754
Workers Comp.....	-	206.10	-	326
Unemployment.....	-	-	-	61
Dental Ins.....	-	-	-	672
Long Term Disability.....	-	-	-	126
Salary - Para.....	61,659	26,060.63	69,304	30,067
Health Ins.....	26,529	2,000.00	30,500	11,812
Health Reimbursement Account.....	6,600	-	6,600	2,200
FICA.....	4,717	2,146.75	5,302	2,300
Childcare Tax.....	-	-	-	132
Life Insurance.....	52	25.66	52	26
Municipal Retirement.....	4,008	1,925.29	4,434	2,030
Workers Comp.....	462	-	582	241
Unemployment.....	138	131.08	227	61
Dental Ins.....	1,200	-	1,344	672
Long Term Disability.....	191	70.31	215	93
Contract Services - School therapist.....	20,000	7,048.99	20,000	15,000
<b>TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES.....</b>	<b>125,556</b>	<b>60,439.27</b>	<b>138,560</b>	<b>139,286</b>
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES-ESSER FUNDED</b>				
Salary - Para.....	-	17,211.34	-	-
Health Ins.....	-	17,783.01	-	-
Health Reimbursement Account.....	-	8,751.27	-	-
FICA.....	-	2,594.64	-	-
Life Insurance.....	-	26.10	-	-
Municipal Retirement.....	-	2,567.43	-	-
Workers Comp.....	-	268.10	-	-
Unemployment.....	-	131.08	-	-
Dental Ins.....	-	672.00	-	-
Long Term Disability.....	-	81.90	-	-
<b>TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES-ESSER ...</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,086.87</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SPEECH SERVICES</b>				
Salary - Para.....	21,370	-	-	-
Health Ins.....	2,000	-	-	-
FICA.....	1,635	-	-	-
Life Insurance.....	26	-	-	-
Municipal Retirement.....	1,389	-	-	-
Workers Comp.....	160	-	-	-
Unemployment.....	69	-	-	-
Dental Ins.....	-	-	-	-
Long Term Disability.....	66	-	-	-
Regular Ed Speech Services.....	-	278.67	-	-
<b>TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES.....</b>	<b>26,715</b>	<b>278.67</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b>				
Regular Ed Occupational Therapy.....	-	255.50	-	-
<b>TOTAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>255.50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>				
Salary-Improvement of Instruction.....	-	1,644.00	-	-
FICA.....	-	125.77	-	-

	Budget FY-2024	Actual FY-2024	Proposed FY-2025	Proposed FY-2026
<b>Improvement of Instruction con't.</b>				
Municipal Retirement.....	-	11.84	-	-
<b>TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION.....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,781.61</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>LIBRARIAN</b>				
Purchased Services-SU.....	41,000	31,490.71	32,600	35,510
Supplies.....	-	40.48	-	-
Books/Periodicals.....	2,000	1,319.79	2,000	2,000
Computer Software.....	200	300.00	200	200
<b>TOTAL LIBRARIAN.....</b>	<b>43,200</b>	<b>33,150.98</b>	<b>34,800</b>	<b>37,710</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>				
Supplies.....	8,000	9,633.98	20,000	20,000
Tech Supplies-ESSER II.....	-	9,275.00	-	-
Computer Software.....	1,107	4,032.43	6,506	6,506
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY.....</b>	<b>9,107</b>	<b>22,941.41</b>	<b>26,506</b>	<b>26,506</b>
<b>TITLE IX</b>				
Contract Services-Title IX.....	-	1,501.84	-	-
<b>TOTAL TITLE IX.....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,501.84</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>BOARD EXPENSES</b>				
Salaries - Board.....	-	1,850.00	1,500	-
FICA.....	-	141.54	115	-
Board Member Services.....	1,000	2,790.00	1,000	3,000
Legal.....	3,000	375.00	3,000	2,000
Liability Insurance.....	5,111	7,095.69	5,111	5,111
Advertising.....	3,500	914.50	3,500	2,000
Dues.....	525	633.71	525	525
Other Board Expenses.....	-	683.82	-	104,620
<b>TOTAL BOARD EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>13,136</b>	<b>14,484.26</b>	<b>14,751</b>	<b>117,256</b>
<b>NCSU ASSESSMENT</b>				
NCSU Assessment.....	108,891	108,891.00	159,629	169,582
<b>TOTAL NCSU ASSESSMENT.....</b>	<b>108,891</b>	<b>108,891.00</b>	<b>159,629</b>	<b>169,582</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>				
Salary - Principal.....	93,600	100,800.00	104,832	104,832
Salary - Clerical.....	35,298	34,545.02	39,879	39,906
Substitutes-Clerical.....	-	652.60	-	-
Health Ins.....	42,426	43,082.68	49,136	54,900
Health Reimbursement Account.....	8,600	5,651.66	8,400	8,400
FICA.....	9,861	9,589.64	11,070	11,072
Childcare Tax.....	-	-	-	637
Life Insurance.....	200	200.05	200	200
Municipal Retirement.....	2,294	2,375.85	2,552	2,694
Workers Comp.....	967	1,032.20	1,216	1,158
Unemployment.....	138	262.16	227	122
Tuition.....	-	-	2,712	2,712
Dental Ins.....	1,608	1,694.14	1,680	1,680
Long Term Disability.....	400	405.98	449	449
Postage.....	1,000	109.81	1,000	1,000
Travel.....	250	-	250	250
Supplies.....	2,000	7,617.12	10,000	10,000

	Budget FY-2024	Actual FY-2024	Proposed FY-2025	Proposed FY-2026
<b>Office of the Principal con't.</b>				
Dues\Fees .....	500	753.75	500	500
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL.....</b>	<b>199,141</b>	<b>208,772.66</b>	<b>234,102</b>	<b>240,511</b>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>				
Contract Fiscal Services From NCSU .....	21,000	21,000.00	22,100	22,763
Interest Current Loans .....	7,500	26,042.98	7,500	7,500
<b>TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES.....</b>	<b>28,500</b>	<b>47,042.98</b>	<b>29,600</b>	<b>30,263</b>
<b>AUDIT SERVICES</b>				
Audit Services.....	5,900	5,594.00	5,250	5,700
<b>TOTAL AUDIT SERVICES .....</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>5,594.00</b>	<b>5,250</b>	<b>5,700</b>
<b>CUSTODIAN</b>				
Salaries-Custodian.....	46,058	36,598.60	48,277	51,187
SUMMER WAGES .....	9,500	6,157.92	9,500	9,500
Health Ins .....	17,311	13,971.94	19,903	2,000
Health Reimbursement Account .....	4,400	4,381.40	4,400	-
FICA.....	4,250	2,961.47	4,420	4,643
Childcare Tax .....	-	-	-	225
Life Insurance .....	26	26.20	26	26
Municipal Retirement.....	2,994	2,886.13	3,089	3,455
Workers Comp .....	3,035	2,877.00	3,384	3,450
Unemployment .....	69	131.08	114	61
Dental Ins .....	600	1,210.30	1,008	1,008
Long Term Disability .....	143	151.91	150	159
Contracted Serv .....	-	59,022.30	-	-
Water Services .....	14,160	9,845.28	14,160	14,160
Rubbish Services.....	2,500	3,159.49	2,500	2,500
Purchased Services .....	20,000	17,746.84	20,000	10,000
Contracted Serv .....	15,000	1,870.24	15,000	5,000
Symquest copier.....	9,000	8,098.53	9,000	9,000
Property Insurance.....	6,100	5,531.89	6,100	6,100
Telephone .....	3,000	4,794.90	3,000	3,000
Supplies .....	15,000	14,292.67	25,000	25,000
Electricity.....	25,000	28,857.63	25,000	25,000
Propane.....	-	25,135.47	30,000	30,000
Heating Oil.....	20,000	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL CUSTODIAN .....</b>	<b>218,146</b>	<b>249,709.19</b>	<b>244,030</b>	<b>205,474</b>
<b>CARE &amp; UPKEEP-BUILDINGS</b>				
Contract Services .....	-	1,684.80	55,000	40,000
Supplies .....	-	66.47	-	-
<b>TOTAL CARE &amp; UPKEEP-BUILDINGS.....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,751.27</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>CARE &amp; UPKEEP OF GROUNDS</b>				
Contract Services .....	2,500	7,055.00	2,500	2,500
Snow Removal.....	5,500	7,130.00	6,000	6,000
Lawn Care .....	1,800	2,400.00	2,500	2,500
<b>TOTAL CARE &amp; UPKEEP OF GROUNDS.....</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>16,585.00</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>11,000</b>
<b>BUS</b>				
Contracted Services - NCSU.....	87,549	81,298.59	105,000	97,380
<b>TOTAL BUS.....</b>	<b>87,549</b>	<b>81,298.59</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>97,380</b>

	Budget FY-2024	Actual FY-2024	Proposed FY-2025	Proposed FY-2026
<b>OTHER TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Field Trips .....	3,000	3,764.11	3,000	3,000
<b>TOTAL OTHER TRANSPORT.....</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,764.11</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICES</b>				
Long Term Debt - interest .....	12,018	13,125.00	10,690	10,690
Long Term Debt - principal.....	64,859	64,943.66	67,379	67,379
Fund Transfers (Town Articles).....	-	75,500.00	-	-
TRANSFER TO HOT LUNCH.....	-	-	50,000	50,000
Prior Year Adjustment.....	-	391.96	-	-
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICES .....</b>	<b>76,876</b>	<b>153,960.62</b>	<b>128,069</b>	<b>128,069</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>3,260,104</b>	<b>3,439,480.85</b>	<b>3,809,719</b>	<b>4,058,641</b>
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>				
Wages .....	48,773	51,037.35	-	-
Substitutes .....	-	305.60	-	-
BS/BC.....	19,311	20,222.20	-	-
Health Reimbursement Account .....	4,400	4,400.00	-	-
FICA.....	3,731	3,760.92	-	-
Life Insurance.....	52	47.44	-	-
Municipal Retirement.....	3,170	3,600.72	-	-
Workmans Comp .....	1,224	1,160.80	-	-
Unemployment Compensation .....	138	262.16	-	-
Long Term Disability .....	151	128.93	-	-
Contract Services .....	-	1,590.14	-	-
Repairs & Maintenance.....	1,000	644.86	-	-
Supplies .....	1,200	3,966.87	-	-
Supplies Fresh Fruits and Veggies.....	1,000	-	-	-
Propane.....	1,200	-	-	-
Food .....	45,000	44,746.90	-	-
Food fresh Fruits and Veggies .....	5,000	5,914.97	-	-
Software.....	1,000	2,093.24	-	-
Miscellaneous.....	-	88.72	-	-
<b>TOTAL FOOD SERVICE .....</b>	<b>136,350</b>	<b>143,971.82</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>\$3,396,454</b>	<b>\$3,583,452.67</b>	<b>\$3,809,719</b>	<b>\$4,058,641</b>

District: **Newport Town**  
su: North Country

FY25 was the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY23 & FY24. LTWADM are the new counts to use.

Property dollar equivalent yield **8,553**  
Orleans County

Homestead tax rate per \$8,553 of spending per LTWADM **1.00**

FY2023 **\$3,162,165**  
FY2024 **\$3,396,454**  
FY2025 **\$3,809,719**

Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income **\$4,058,641**

**Expenditures**

**Budget** (local budget, including special programs, and full technical center expenditures)

Table with 3 columns: Description, FY2023, FY2024, FY2025. Rows include budget items, plus items, and total expenditures.

**Revenues**

Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc.) **\$373,718**  
Offsetting revenues **\$373,718**  
Education Spending **\$2,788,447**

Table with 3 columns: Description, FY2023, FY2024, FY2025. Rows include revenue items and total revenues.

**Education Spending per Pupil**

Table with 3 columns: Description, FY2023, FY2024, FY2025. Rows include principal and interest payments, SpEd costs, and other education spending items.

Excess spending threshold **\$21,013.66**  
Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any) **\$21,013.66**  
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate **\$21,013.66**

Excess spending penalty suspended for FY24 & FY25 - Sec. 8 of Act 127, 2022. **\$12,741.15**

Table with 3 columns: Description, FY2023, FY2024, FY2025. Rows include excess spending and district spending adjustment.

**Prorating the local tax rate**

Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) **\$13,407.33 + (\$8,553 / \$1,000)**

Tax rate "cent discount" (FY25-FY29) adjusted by statewide adjuster of 72.36% **\$1,095.9**

Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (69.91% x \$1.57) **\$1,715.5**

Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) **101.57%**  
Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1,095.9 / 100.95%) **\$1,088.1**

Table with 3 columns: Description, FY2023, FY2024, FY2025. Rows include prorating tax rate, tax rate discount, and CLA.

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.

Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) **2.65%**  
Anticipated income cap percent **2.40%**

Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) **2.19%**

Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (69.91% x 2.19%) **1.53%**

Portion of district income cap percent applied by State **1.53%**

Percent of pupils at North Country Sr UHSD #22 **38.41%**

Percent of pupils at North Country Sr UHSD #22 **30.09%**

- 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 \$1,000 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%.

## NCSU Superintendent of Schools Annual Letter

The big stories of the 2024 – 2025 school year are last year’s changes and certainly more impending changes to education funding. Although many of our NCSU districts saw significant increases in tax rates last year, most districts are estimated to see decreases in the tax rate this year. Additionally, the governor has said he will use other revenue sources to offset any increases to property taxes this year, while the legislature contemplates further changes to education funding in Vermont.

Currently, there are three factors that work together to determine our tax rates. Those three things are:

### 1. Number of students and education spending

As you know, we now have *weighted* pupils that include students of poverty, sparsity, rurality, or students who are English Language Learners, who count as more than one student. The Long-Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTW ADM) is the count of students including the weights. Our schools have many more weighted students than equalized pupils. When you divide the total amount of spending by the total of weighted students, you come up with how much the school is spending per weighted student.

Because the NEK traditionally spends much less than other districts in the state, when we divide our smaller budgets by this higher number of weighted students, we end up with an even smaller amount. Because we are spending less per student, our taxing capacity is increased, and – in most towns – the cost to the taxpayer has gone down significantly. We are currently still using weighted students in our calculations.

**Educational spending is the ONLY factor that schools and school boards have any control over.**

### 2. Dollar yield

Dollar yield is the amount the AOE determines the state ed funding will contribute towards educating each student. The difference between what the school is spending vs. the dollar yield contribution is how many tax dollars need to be raised. The lower the dollar yield, the higher the tax rate.

The Tax Commissioner makes a recommendation about dollar yield on December 1st and the Legislature votes on what the dollar yield will be at the end of the legislative session. Usually, the Legislature’s vote is similar to what the Tax Commissioner recommends. Last year’s amount was \$9893. This year’s yield should be over \$11,000, except the state is applying a 72% adjustment to the yield to adjust for the statewide Common Level of Appraisal (CLA – see below). This means that the yield is currently \$8553. They are doing this before the tax rate is figured, which shifts the attention to education spending, rather than to the effect that the CLA has on tax rates. I believe this is an attempt to further blame education for rising property taxes, when CLA does in fact have an effect.

**Only the Legislature can set the dollar yield, so this is a factor that schools and school boards have no control over.**

### 3. Common level of appraisal

Every town has a group of listers. Listers are responsible for creating and maintaining the grand list, which contains each home’s appraised value for tax purposes. The state reviews the grand list on a yearly basis and determines the common level of appraisal (CLA) by looking at what homes are appraised on the grand list and how much homes are selling for. If every home were appraised at what they sold

for, the CLA would be 100%. If homes were selling for less than their appraised value, the CLA would be more than 100% and taxes would decrease. We are all aware of the recent increase in the cost of homes and that most homes are selling for a lot more than they are appraised for. This causes the CLA to drop, and results in increased tax rates, essentially a tax penalty for not raising enough taxes at the local level.

As mentioned above, the state is now using a statewide CLA adjustment. They are applying this adjustment to the dollar yield rather than to the tax rate. It has the same effect on taxes but shifts the attention to education spending rather than to the CLA.

**Regardless, common level of appraisal is a function of town government, and schools and school boards have no control over CLA.**

There is no doubt that the legislature will be making significant changes to the way that we fund education during this session, and I believe we must make these changes. We cannot outprice Vermonters from living in our communities, and 67% of the education fund is currently funded by property taxes. Education funding is complex and there is no direct correlation between what one school district spends and what the tax rates look like. This is due to the interplay of the variables mentioned above and since we are a statewide system, decisions that are made in other parts of the state – who tend to spend much more than we do in our supervisory union – affect our bottom line. There is a need for more transparency in this system and for us to consider other ways to fund education in Vermont. There is also a need for the legislature to stop mandating schools to do things that cost money without an identified revenue source. Programs like universal Pre-K and universal school

meals are wonderful programs, and are the right programs to provide, but without a revenue source, this falls back on taxpayers to fund.

As I said last year, we still have a responsibility to educate NCSU's children. For many students, if we don't provide for their mental, social emotional, and behavioral needs, they will never realize their potential and the cost of that is incalculable.



Elaine Collins  
Superintendent of Schools  
North Country Supervisory Union



**LEARNING BELIEFS**

Learning takes place in a culture that fosters...

- Growth Mindset ❖ Curiosity ❖ Perseverance ❖ Relevance
- Mutual Respect ❖ Feedback & Reflection ❖ Instructional Access ❖ Equity
- Diversity ❖ Personal Responsibility
- Shared Leadership ❖ Individual & Collective Accomplishments
- Community Partnerships

**LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

Learners participate in experiences that/to...

- Support Personal Pathways ❖ Include Problem-Based Projects
- Are Academically Rigorous
- Make Inter-Disciplinary Connections ❖ Contain Experiential Discovery
- Utilize Transferable Skills ❖ Encourage Student Voice
- Incorporate Technology ❖ Involve Physical Activity ❖ Create & Perform
- Engage The Community ❖ Occur In The Natural World
- Happen Anywhere & Any Time

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Learners succeed by becoming...

- Caring, Kind & Grateful ❖ Confident & Self-Directed ❖ Honest & Fair
- Independent Thinkers ❖ Innovative Problem Solvers
- Academically Accomplished ❖ Effective Communicators & Collaborators
- Technologically Skilled ❖ Globally Aware ❖ Contributing Citizens
- Respectful of Our Environment
- Physically, Emotionally & Socially Healthy
- Appreciative Of & Skilled In The Visual & Performing Arts



**SUPERVISORY UNION WORK & LEARNING PLAN**

**Equity**

- Advance equity principles and practices

**Social & Emotional Learning**

- Deliver research-based practices with consistency that advance positive attitudes, habits, and actions

**Content Standards and Transferable Skills**

- Implement curricula based on current content standards
- Implement curricula based on NCSU transferable skills
- Promote effective digital learning

**Student Engagement**

- Promote inquiry-based learning
- Support interdisciplinary instruction
- Create multiple pathways
- Foster personalization

**Student Voice & Leadership**

- Promote student contributions and leadership in their communities
- Include students in authentic decision making at all levels

**Formative Assessment and Data**

- Provide multiple opportunities for feedback and reflection
- Use technology to support assessment, reporting and reflection
- Students engage in goal setting in age-appropriate ways
- Use qualitative and quantitative data to guide the reflection and review of programs, practices, systems and structures

*Approved by the NCSU Full Board December 2018*

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

***FY2026 Board Approved Assessment Budget***

DESCRIPTION	FY 2025	FY2026
	Adopted Budget 7/1/24-6/30/25	Board Approved 7/1/25-6/30/26
<b>ASSESSMENT REVENUE</b>		
INTEREST		
INTEREST INCOME-CASH ACCOUNT .....	(\$ 25,000)	(\$ 50,000)
INTEREST INCOME-MONEY MARKET .....	(1,000)	(1,500)
<b>INTEREST REVENUE .....</b>	<b>(26,000)</b>	<b>(51,500)</b>
ASSESSMENTS .....	(2,843,321)	(2,935,332)
<b>TOTAL TOWN ASSESSMENT .....</b>	<b>(2,843,321)</b>	<b>(2,935,332)</b>
<b>MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE</b>		
INDIRECT COSTS REVENUE.....	(75,000)	(125,000)
<b>TOTAL MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE.....</b>	<b>(75,000)</b>	<b>(125,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE.....</b>	<b>(\$2,944,321)</b>	<b>(\$3,111,832)</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS</b>		
SALARY MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS .....	\$ 5,900	\$ 6,313
FICA.....	451	483
W COMP .....	50	50
PURCHASED SERVICE .....	1,000	1,000
SUPPLIES .....	2,000	2,000
<b>TOTAL MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS.....</b>	<b>9,401</b>	<b>9,846</b>
<b>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>		
SP PROJECTS LICENSING COACH .....	-	7,000
SP PROJECTS FICA.....	-	535
SP PROJECTS P SERV.....	6,000	5,000
SP PROJECTS SUPPLIES .....	1,500	2,000
SPEC.PROJ.-FOOD.....	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION.....</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>19,535</b>
<b>CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>		
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING DESIGN		
CURRICULUM SALARY .....	116,948	116,948
WAGES CURRICULUM ADMIN/GRANTS ASST..	25,431	25,431
BCBS.....	36,875	42,548
HRA.....	6,300	6,300
FICA.....	10,893	11,476
CHILD CARE TAX .....	-	660
LIFE INSURANCE.....	186	186
MUN. RETIREMENT .....	1,780	1,973
WORKERS COMP .....	1,196	1,260
UNEMPLOYMENT .....	83	77
TUITION .....	2,712	2,712

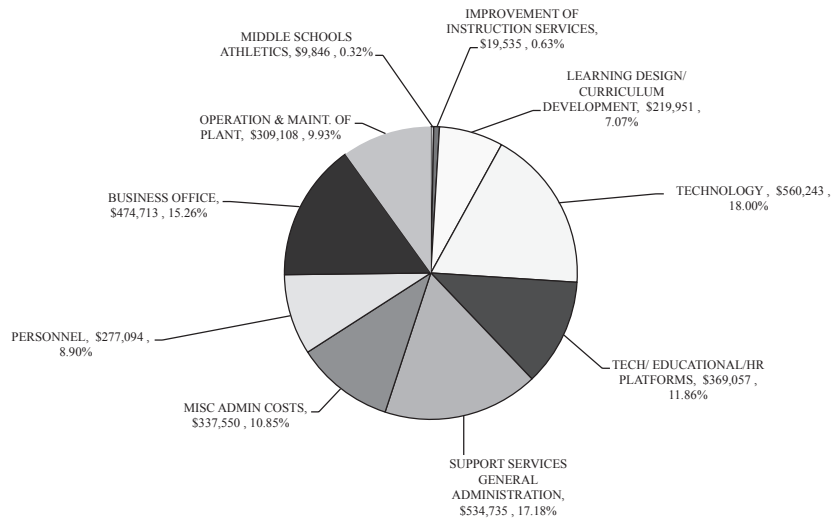
	FY 2025	FY2026
	Adopted Budget 7/1/24-6/30/25	Board Approved 7/1/25-6/30/26
<b>CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT CON'T.</b>		
DENTAL.....	1,315	1,315
LTD.....	441	465
TRAINING .....	4,000	4,000
TRAVEL.....	1,400	1,400
SUPPLIES.....	1,200	1,200
BOOKS & PERIODICALS .....	500	500
CONF & DUES.....	1,500	1,500
<b>TOTAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>212,760</b>	<b>219,951</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>		
DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY.....	106,080	106,080
NETWORK/TECH SUPPORT WAGES.....	215,219	215,219
BCBS.....	113,754	127,291
HRA.....	15,400	15,400
FICA.....	24,579	26,138
CHILD CARE TAX .....	-	1,503
LIFE INSURANCE.....	300	300
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT .....	27,265	26,720
WORKERS COMP .....	2,699	2,870
UNEMPLOYMENT .....	208	208
TUITION .....	1,800	1,800
DENTAL.....	2,755	3,755
LTD.....	996	1,059
PURCHASED SERVICE -		
TECH/EDUCATIONAL/HR PLATFORMS.....	339,000	369,057
TRAVEL.....	5,500	6,400
ROOMS & MEALS .....	500	500
SUPPLIES .....	3,500	3,500
SOFTWARE .....	3,500	3,500
EQUIPMENT .....	10,000	10,000
EMPLOYEE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT .....	8,000	8,000
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY.....</b>	<b>881,055</b>	<b>929,300</b>
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES - GENERAL ADMIN</b>		
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY .....	145,583	145,583
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT SALARY .....	125,000	125,000
COMMUNICATIONS COORD/ADMIN ASSIST WAGES	112,959	112,959
BCBS.....	86,536	56,176
HRA.....	15,000	15,000
FICA.....	29,340	31,702
CHILD CARE TAX .....	-	1,823
LIFE INSURANCE.....	246	400
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT .....	7,907	9,446
WORK COMP.....	3,222	3,481
UNEMPLOYMENT .....	125	130



	FY 2025 Adopted Budget 7/1/24-6/30/25	FY2026 Board Approved 7/1/25-6/30/26
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES - GENERAL ADMIN CON'T.</b>		
DENTAL	2,050	1,750
LTD	1,189	1,285
AUDIT NCSU	10,500	10,500
LODGING & MEALS	2,000	2,000
TRAVEL	3,000	5,000
VSA DUES	5,000	5,000
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SECRETARY	500	500
PROF DEVELOPMENT/VREC -SUPERINTENDENT	6,000	7,000
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES - GENERAL ADMIN.</b>	<b>556,157</b>	<b>534,735</b>
<b>MISC ADMIN COSTS</b>		
MAINTANCE CONTRACT ERP PRO	15,000	20,000
LEGAL SERVICES	5,000	5,000
STIPEND TREASURER'S	1,050	1,050
PURCHASE SERVICE	15,000	15,000
EQUIP MAINT	5,000	4,500
MACHINE LEASES & RENTALS	15,000	16,000
CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE	30,653	33,000
TELEPHONE	8,000	8,500
POSTAGE	12,000	12,000
INTERNET	45,000	50,000
ADVERTISING	7,500	10,000
MISC FOOD MEETINGS	8,000	8,500
OFFICE SUPPLIES	20,000	25,000
BOOKS	500	500
FURNITURE	2,500	2,500
MISCELLANEOUS DUES/FEES	3,000	5,000
WAGE INCREASE/ ADJUSTMENTS CONTINGENCY LINE	-	121,000
<b>TOTAL MISC. ADMIN. COSTS</b>	<b>193,203</b>	<b>337,550</b>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>		
PERSONNEL COORDINATOR SALARY	78,938	78,938
PERSONNEL SUPPORT WAGES	103,356	103,356
PERSONNEL BCBS	53,547	44,643
PERSONNEL HRA	6,600	8,800
PERSONNEL FICA	18,041	14,922
PERSONNEL CHILD CARE TAX	-	858
PERSONNEL LIFE INS	96	96
PERSONNEL RETIREMENT	16,509	14,141
PERSONNEL WORKERS COMP	1,531	1,638
PERSONNEL UNEMPLOYMENT	125	125
PERSONNEL TUITION	5,760	2,712
PERSONNEL DENTAL	1,680	1,060
PERSONNEL LTD	565	605

	FY 2025 Adopted Budget 7/1/24-6/30/25	FY2026 Board Approved 7/1/25-6/30/26
<b>BUSINESS OFFICE con't.</b>		
PURCHASED SERVICE PERSONNEL	2,750	3,700
PERSONNEL TRAVEL	100	500
PERSONNEL CONF/DUES	1,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>290,598</b>	<b>277,094</b>
<b>BUSINESS OFFICE</b>		
SALARY DIRECTOR BUSINESS	74,944	74,944
WAGES FINANCE ASSISTANTS	100,699	100,699
WAGES COURIER	2,200	2,300
SALARY STAFF ACCOUNTANTS	78,969	78,969
WAGES GRANTS ASSISTANT	31,599	31,599
BCBS BUSINESS OFFICE	112,715	93,299
HRA	18,000	18,000
FICA BUSINESS OFFICE	22,064	23,489
CHILD CARE TAX	-	1,351
LIFE INS BUSINESS OFFICE	225	225
RETIREMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	20,035	23,471
WORKERS COMP BUSINESS OFFICE	2,423	2,579
UNEMPLOYMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	200	249
TUITION BUSINESS OFFICE	2,712	2,712
DENTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	3,375	3,375
LTD DIRECTOR BUSINESS	887	952
PROF DEV BUSINESS OFFICE	6,500	8,000
TRAVEL BUSINESS OFFICE	5,000	5,000
ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS OFFICE	2,500	2,500
DUES & FEES BUSINESS OFFICE	1,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL BUSINESS OFFICE</b>	<b>486,047</b>	<b>474,713</b>
<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>		
FACILITIES COORDINATOR WAGES	65,255	65,255
CUSTODIAN WAGES	18,142	18,142
FACILITIES COORDINATOR & CUSTODIAL BENEFITS	17,544	19,711
OPERATION AND MAINT PURCHASE SERV	10,000	8,000
CUSTODIAN PURCHASES SERVICE	18,909	19,000
RUBBISH REMOVAL	2,750	3,000
STORAGE RENTAL SPACE	1,000	1,000
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	4,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	<b>137,600</b>	<b>139,108</b>
<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>		
RENT	165,000	170,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	<b>165,000</b>	<b>170,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,944,321</b>	<b>\$3,111,832</b>

**NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION FY2026 BUDGET**



**Newport Ambulance Service, Inc.**

Newport Town 2024 Report

With the completion of our new Troy station, Newport Ambulance has become one of the largest regional ambulance services in the State of Vermont. Newport Ambulance employs over 60 employees and has 4 stations covering 17 towns, 5 Unified Towns and Gores totaling 830 sq miles. Our volume was 5,172 calls for service in 2024.

Newport Ambulance’s facilities has locations at 830 Union St in Newport, 8437 RTE 111 in Morgan, 6719 RTE 100 in Troy, and 62 Wilson Rd in Johnson.

Currently, Newport Ambulance has 6 crews providing 24/7 service. Newport Ambulance has 11 ambulances and a Paramedic first response car that are stocked and available to respond at the Advanced Life Support level.

Newport Ambulance’s Newport station houses two crews that are available to respond 24/7; serving Newport City, Derby, Newport Town and part of Coventry.

In 2024, Newport Ambulance responded to 122 emergency calls in the Town of Newport and transported 36 Town residents from North Country Hospital to receive care in other facilities. We have also responded to a total of 82 calls for mutual aid.

Newport Ambulance provided emergency coverage throughout the 2024 year for multiple local events; to include, staffing 11 trucks and a Paramedic fly car for the Total Eclipse in April as well as providing coverage at the Rider Hill Motor Cross races, Brighton’s Independence Day celebration, Brighton’s Pondathon, NCUHS sporting events, and The Kingdom Swim to just name a few.

We are especially proud that our crews have been recognized for a total of four cardiac saves in 2024.

Newport Ambulance Service thanks you for your continued support and looks forward to serving you and your community for years to come.

Respectfully  
 Jeffrey J. Johansen,  
 Executive Director  
 Newport Ambulance Service Inc

## Newport Center Volunteer Fire Department Report

To All Town Residents,

2024 was a huge year not only for the Fire Department but also for the Town. With the construction and completion of the new pond this has given us and the town a water supply for any fires that we may encounter. The pond come into quick action in the later part of the winter of 2023/2024 with a business/structure fire off of Vance Hill. Water supply was quickly set up at the pond and water immediately started to be shuttled to the fire scene and the fire scene never ran out of water. Again the pond was utilized on a structure fire on Rte 100 this past fall. With the dry hydrants in place a neighboring department had easy access and quick water flow to fill tankers.

NCVFD continues to train at least once a month and any time we have the chance. Always taking opportunities given to us to improve on our skills.

We have many fundraisers during the year to try and help defray the cost of the department and equipment needed. We have a chicken BBQ in July and a year long raffle that starts in January. We also added a breakfast with Santa this past December that was a success.

NCVFD is always trying to find ways to be involved within the community and help when we can.

The Department is grateful for the continued support and would like to Thank all of the Towns residents that have always given us support.

This year we are requesting a slight increase of the total appropriations. We are requesting \$45,000 in total and includes a increase for dispatching. We also would like to keep the equipment fund going and we are requesting \$30,000 for that fund also.

Respectfully Submitted

Jason Willis

Chief

Newport Center Volunteer Fire Department

### 2024 appropriations approved

General.....	\$ 37,000.00
Dispatching .....	3,618.13
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 40,678.13</b>

### 2025 appropriations requested

General.....	\$ 41,081.53
Dispatching.....	3,918.47
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 45,000.00</b>

General increase .....	\$ 4,081.53
Dispatching increase .....	240.34
<b>Total Increase of .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,321.87</b>



### Newport Center Volunteer Fire Department Members Officers

Jason Willis, Chief  
Larry Percy, Ass't. Chief  
Steve Roberts, 1st Captain  
Pedro Grondin, 2nd Captain  
Shane Marquis, 1st Lieutenant  
Cody Glover, 2nd Lieutenant

### Firefighters

Madison Mosher	Eli Roberts
Kyle Mead	Bryant Tuller
Sabastian Lyonnais	Lydia Higgins
Christina Young	Jon Higgins
Aleigha Bonneau	Harlee Hannux
Roland Coderre	Skylar Morse
Zack Stanton	Israel Sanville
Jim Warman	Norene Roberts
Chris Lowery	

**NEWPORT CENTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2024**

**OPERATING ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance 1/1/2024.....	\$ 25,827.44
<b>Deposit</b> – from savings .....	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Deposit</b> – 750.00 from town sewer dept. 250.00 donation .....	1,000.00
<b>Deposit from fund raiser BBQ Expenses</b> .....	440.87
<b>Expenses 2024:</b>	
Penguin Man .....	1,184.70
Building Maintenance .....	2,309.69
Dispatch Software .....	3,678.13
Electricity .....	2,168.00
Equipment Maintenance.....	8,918.61
Dues .....	100.00
Gear.....	2,989.85
Gas/Diesel Fuel .....	1,380.34
Heat .....	3,500.79
Internet/Phone .....	1,899.08
Licenses .....	70.00
Office Supplies .....	473.94
Postage .....	100.00
Misc. for station .....	2,944.36
Shirts .....	160.40
Candy Parade.....	129.98
Training/memberships .....	960.00
Plowing/Sanding.....	740.00
Donation .....	100.00
BBQ Expenses .....	440.87
Equipment .....	2,673.09
Supplies Halloween.....	179.18
Water/Sewer.....	757.22
<b>Total Expenses</b> .....	<b>\$ 37,858.23</b>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2024.....</b>	<b>\$ 27,410.08</b>

**CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/2024.....	\$ 19,213.40
Deposits – interest.....	11.24
Deposit - Newport Town 2024 Town Meeting .....	30,000.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	
SCBA Gear .....	7,487.19
HSE – Gear .....	6,707.50
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2024.....</b>	<b>\$ 35,029.95</b>

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance 1/1/2024.....	\$ 5,615.85
Deposits – interest.....	6.83
Deposit from town dispatching .....	3,678.13
Deposit(sale of small trailer) .....	3,000.00
Expense: Radio Recyclers .....	1,512.00
To checking account.....	1,000.00
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2024.....</b>	<b>\$ 35,029.95</b>

**FUND RAISING ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance 1/1/2024.....	\$ 17,785.82
<b>Deposits for 2024:</b>	
2023 Gun Raffle .....	5,980.00
2024 From Chicken BBQ.....	2,421.00
2024 Gun Raffle .....	6,120.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Bar B Que.....	440.87
Argo Payment.....	3,577.45
Truck Payment .....	5,728.30
Guns for raffle.....	6,116.88
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2024.....</b>	<b>\$ 16,443.22</b>

## Goodrich Memorial Library

The Goodrich Memorial Library is a community library that depends on the generosity of the people using it for support. Without this vital support, the library could not continue to function as a free source for reading material, life-long learning, programs, and a place for groups to meeting spaces. Our goal is to be an integral part of the community.

Currently, there are 700 families from Newport Center registered as borrowers at the Goodrich Memorial. On behalf of these families, we request the sum of \$25,000.00 (Twenty-five thousand) be included in the Newport Center budget for 2025 to help maintain the level of service your residents have come to expect.

The Goodrich Memorial library strives to be an integral part of the community. With this in mind :

### **We offer programs:**

- Snapshot from Vermont Humanities
- Author visits
- Story time

### **We host programs:**

- Memphremagog Watershed
- Newport City Downtown Development
- Cub Scouts
- Girl Scouts

### **We attend programs:**

- Bike rodeo at Prouty Beach
- Vermont Public ice cream social at the Gateway
- Eclipse event at Prouty Beach

### **We participate in local events:**

- Forage festival
- Fall festival
- Scarecrow contest
- Chili cook-off
- Pumpkin carving contest
- Treat or treating on Main Street
- Polar Express train rides



Thank you for your continued support  
Joanne Pariseau, Director

Library Board:  
James Johnson, Chair  
Steve Edgerley, Treasurer  
Melissa Pettersson, Secretary  
Paul Monette  
Keith Richards  
Denise Daigle

Library Staff:  
Joanne Pariseau, Director  
Sarah Rose Ciaccio, Library Clerk  
Trudy Lyon, Library Clerk  
Nicole Johnson, Janitor



109 Old Stone House Rd.  
Brownington, VT 05860

Dear Neighbors,

Next year, we'll celebrate a milestone that belongs to all of us—100 years of the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village! The museum first opened in 1925, and for a century, we've been caring for artifacts, hosting hands-on programs, and creating a space where people of all ages can engage with the past and find inspiration for the future. Our historic village encompasses eight remarkable buildings and a collection of over 75,000 artifacts that vividly illustrate various aspects of Orleans County's heritage.

Through tours, events, research opportunities, and recreational activities, the Old Stone House remains a vital and dynamic cornerstone of Orleans County culture. Each year, the museum attracts nearly 5,000 visitors to Orleans County, bringing vital tourism revenue into our community. Additionally, our annual grants and preservation projects inject funds into the local economy, supporting contractors, tradespeople, and suppliers while ensuring the longevity of our historic treasures.

The museum provides meaningful employment opportunities, with six permanent staff members and three to five seasonal employees each year. For the past two summers, we've been proud to welcome local middle school students to our team. These young participants have gained valuable experience by helping to maintain the grounds, preserve collections, welcome visitors, and much more—a program that will continue in 2025.

As a nonprofit organization deeply committed to preserving and celebrating our history, enhancing local culture, and contributing to the region's economy, we rely on support from the towns we serve most directly.

I respectfully submit this request and thank you for your help.

Sincerely,  
Molly Veysey, Executive Director  
Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village

# Orleans County Sheriff's Department

## 2024 REPORT – TOWN OF NEWPORT

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has been honored to provide patrol services to you this past year. The enclosed chart shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town from January 1st , 2024 through December, 2024.

This past year the Orleans County Sheriff's Department hired Deputy David Garces who came to this agency with five years of full-time law enforcement experience. Deputy Garces is a Drug Recognition Expert and has taught at the Vermont Police Academy during DUI Class. Deputy Locke who is also a DRE and Garces attended the IACP Impaired Driving and Traffic Safety Conference in Washington, DC this past summer. These Deputies continue to be an assets to our community and strive to make our roadways a safer place to travel.

The OCSD sent Deputy Hunter Cota to the Level-III full- time Police Academy in Pittsford, VT which is an intense sixteen (16) week program. Deputy Cota received two outstanding awards. The Director's Award which is awarded to a member determined by the training staff, for leadership, professionalism and teamwork. The Eugene Gaiotti Award, the recipient of this award is selected by their classmates and based on their levels of honesty, motivation and teamwork. Deputy Cota has a desire and passion to work with the Special Investigations Unit and our local Human Trafficking work group.

Lieutenant Wells finished his FBI LEEDA trilogy training which an honorable achievement. Over the past several years Lt. Wells attended leadership courses to better himself and this office. Congratulations! Lt Wells also became an Instructor for Taser which will be an asset to our office and community.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department has collaborated and worked cases once again this past year with our Federal Partners and the Vermont Drug Task Force in an effort to make our community a safer place to live and a pleasurable place to come and visit.

The OCSD continues and will continue to work with supporting our Child Advocacy Center with a Deputy investigating crimes against our children as well as working with the States Attorney's Office with a grant that we currently hold.

Deputy Doug Morrill continues at Lake Region Union High School as the School Resource Officer and continues to build strong positive relationships with our young people. This position has and continues to prove so valuable to our community.

In December the Sheriff's department celebrated the 17th anniversary of "Operation Santa". We received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and community members. Thank you! The program continues to bring joy and happiness to so many this season, thank you Dispatcher Tammy LaCourse!

It is an honor to work and live in Orleans County. Working with the local Selectboards to meet the needs of each town is rewarding. Keeping the lines of communication between the select boards helps keep our communities needs at the forefront of our services.

**Orleans County Sheriff's Department Administration Office Hours:  
8-4 pm Monday – Friday.**

**Patrol Hours Day/Evening Hours Seven (7) days a week  
call 802-334-3333 and press 1 to speak to Dispatch**

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer L.Harlow, Sheriff

## TOWN OF NEWPORT - TOTAL LAW INCIDENT REPORT

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Agency Assist .....	8
Animal Problem .....	5
ATV Patrol .....	1
Citizen Assist .....	11
Citizen Dispute .....	2
Civil Process.....	26
Crash - Property .....	3
Custodial Interference .....	1
Directed Patrol.....	6
Found/Lost Property.....	2
Fraud .....	1
GHSP Detail .....	3
Juvenile NICS Check.....	5
Lockout .....	1
Larceny .....	4
Motor Vehicle Complaint.....	7
Property Check.....	1
Retail Theft .....	3
Sex Offense.....	1
Speed Cart .....	3
Stolen Vehicle.....	1
Subpoena Service .....	4
Suspicious .....	13
Traffic Stop .....	60
Trespass .....	1
TRO/FRO Service .....	3
Vin Verification .....	3
Wanted Person.....	5
Welfare Check.....	3
<b>Total Incidents for Town of Newport</b>	<b>187</b>

## TOWN OF NEWPORT - TOTAL ARREST REPORT

Arrest on In-State Warrant.....	4
Cruelty to Children By One Over 16.....	1
Driving with a Criminally Suspended License.....	1
Eluding A Police Officer .....	1
Excessive Speed.....	1
Fugitive of Justice.....	1
Negligent Operation.....	1
Retail Theft .....	2
Theft of Services.....	1
Violation Of Conditions Of Release .....	6
<b>Total Arrests(by count) for Town of Newport</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total Arrests (by person) for Town of Newport</b>	<b>17</b>

## TOWN OF NEWPORT - TOTAL TRAFFIC VIOLATION REPORT

<b>Total Traffic Tickets .....</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total Warnings.....</b>	<b>26</b>



**NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES, INC. (NKHS)**  
181 Crawford Road – Derby, P. O. Box 724, Newport, VT 05855 • 802-334-6744 or 800-696-4979  
2225 Portland Street, P. O. Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 • 802-748-3181 or 800-649-0118  
**Emergency Crisis Line 802-334-6744 – 24 hours a day/7 days a week**  
[www.nkhs.org](http://www.nkhs.org)

Please consider financially supporting Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.'s (NKHS) mission to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

The request is the same amount as voted at the 2024 Town Meeting and 3.30% 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, 43 lived in the Town of Newport benefiting from 1340 service hours. Your town was home to 17 NKHS employees in Fiscal Year 2024. 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.

**Thank you so much for your support!**

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



Activity Report for Newport Town  
Fiscal Year 2025 – July 2024 – June 2025  
Town Appropriation Request: \$2,200

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 44 households in the Town Of Newport 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 Newport Town's support.

Respectfully,  
Amanda Cochran,  
Executive Director

## Rural Community Transportation

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2024, RCT provided 847 rides, traveling 18,251 miles at a total cost of \$19,277.00. RCT continued to provide safety-focused, demand-based rides and all buses operated fare-free.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match, and are therefore vital to RCT's operation.

We hope you will vote to fund this request, and RCT looks forward to continued service to the residents of Newport.

Sincerely,  
Renee Stalczynski  
Office Administrator

## Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. has continued to rescue, provide health care and housing to and adopt into caring homes over 350 dogs and cats in 2024. Town appropriations are a very necessary part of the shelter's yearly survival and the monies are used to provide food, veterinarian services, medicines, utilities and maintenance. We have an amazing staff and volunteer pool who are dedicated to the welfare of our animals. During the past 12 months, volunteers have given over 5000 hours of their time. THANK YOU to all who work with our dogs and kitties and to the area towns who support our mission through donations and town appropriations.



On behalf of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, we are writing to ask for an appropriation to support our work with older Vermonters living in your community. As a rural community, we value the support of towns helping to keep vital services available to its residents.

During the last fiscal year we provided services to 65 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
- 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.

As a private, 501c (3) non-profit corporation, we have been serving older Vermonters for over 44 years. This year, we are requesting the amount of \$1,000.00 from the residents of the Town of Newport.

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or need additional information.

Warm regards on behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the NEK Council on Aging

Meg Burmeister  
Executive Director  
[www.nekcouncil.org](http://www.nekcouncil.org)

The mission of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging is to *"Help People Age with Independence and Dignity."* Our goal is to enhance the ability of these Vermonters to live as independently as possible, actively participating in and contributing to their communities.



# 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 an 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 of NEK Broadband and CVFiber websites.

## CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE PROJECTED GROWTH BY YEAR

Year	Projected	Actual
2024	33	Towns Served
	665	Miles Built
2025	8,200	Addresses Passed
	50	Towns Served
2025	1,165	Miles Built
	15,000	Addresses Passed

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

**665** MILES OF NETWORK  
AT THE END OF 2024, WE NOW HAVE 665 MILES OF FIBER NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE NEKCV.

**1200** 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 \$2M 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 12.

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 Gov Board	Projected 2024 Year End at 9/30/24	2025 Proposed 2025 Budget
<b>Surpluses from Prior Fiscal Years</b>			\$1,832,742
<b>Income</b>			
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
<b>TOTAL CASH IN</b>	<b>\$38,938,272</b>	<b>\$22,762,502</b>	<b>\$43,900,825</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
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
<b>TOTAL CASH OUT</b>	<b>\$38,464,729</b>	<b>\$21,190,454</b>	<b>\$41,632,802</b>
<b>Annual Net Cashflow</b>	<b>\$473,543</b>	<b>\$1,572,048</b>	<b>\$2,268,023</b>

## SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, fill out the form at [get.nekbroadband.org](http://get.nekbroadband.org), or [cvfiber.net](http://cvfiber.net)

# Local Health Office Annual Report: 2024

Newport Local Health Office | 100 Main St. Suite 220, Newport, VT  
802-334-6707 | [AHS.VDHNewport@Vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHNewport@Vermont.gov)

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Newport Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Orleans and Northern Essex counties.

## Improve Family and Child Health

- Our Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) team helps families access healthy foods, supports breast/chestfeeding, and can help with referrals for other services.
- We also provide a variety of opportunities for nutrition education including food demonstrations, community garden events, and events at farmer's markets.
- Between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, we provided education and support services to 1,096 individuals, completing 2,327 appointments with local families.

## Protect Community Against Injury And Disease

- Newport's immunization team administered a total of 210 vaccines this year to 155 individuals, including at local dairy farms and during Newport's annual PRIDE Fest.
- Community education was also provided on topics such as Injury Prevention, Ticks, Aging Well, Basic Emergency Preparedness, Sun Safety, and Dying with Dignity. At a Bike Rodeo event, we fitted and provided helmets to children and adults.

## Create Resilient Communities

- The Newport Local Health Office continued our partnership with Salvation Farms to distribute produce that would have otherwise been wasted to help the community access fresh food.
- Newport hosted three blood drives with the American Red Cross, resulting in a donation of 67 units of blood.
- As part of the flood response, 20 water test kits were distributed, and over 50 water samples were picked up for testing from the Local Health Office. Water test kit deliveries were also made in remote areas such as Morgan and Canaan.



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***Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, Inc.***

SERVICE REPORT FY 2024

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 terminal y 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 Newport .....	870

During Fiscal Year 2024 , home based services were provided to 45 individuals in Newport Center for a total of 870 multi-disciplinary visits. 13 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2025 .....	\$4,200.00
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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



GREEN UP VERMONT  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

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

**TOGETHER**  
we successfully achieved a Guinness World Records Title

**15,813 TIRES!**  
Collected on GUD 1.5% +10,000 collected at other tire collection events.

**30,176 VOLUNTEERS!**  
130% from 2023.

**404 TONS!**  
(1,329,697 lbs.)  
Litter collected in 2024.

**20 ADDITIONAL EVENTS**  
Classrooms presentations clean ups, awareness, & flood recovery.

*Thank You!*

TOGETHER WE MAKE VERMONT BEAUTIFUL

**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](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

**2025 Green Up Day is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.

## NVDA

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 represented Newport Center on the Basin Water Quality Council and reviewed your town's flood hazard regulations in anticipation of updates to FEMA flood maps. NVDA supported the town in preparing and planning for future emergencies. We also helped assess the conditions of a brownfield site in the town. NVDA completed a second road erosion inventory (REI) for the municipal roads in the town (an update to the first REI in 2019). This helps the road crew prioritize segments that are collapsing into rivers and streams and maintains the town's eligibility for road work-related grants from the state.

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

Sincerely,  
David Snedeker  
Executive Director

## NEKWMD

### *Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District*

The NEKWMD ended 2024 with a surplus of \$65,746.46. Revenues in 2024 were 22.3% above projections, while expenses were 15.4% above projections. Revenues from tire disposal, scrap metal, and the surcharge were responsible for strong revenues in 2024. Some fees used to generate revenues will increase headed into 2025. The surcharge will increase \$2.75/ton from \$26.75 in 2024 to \$29.50 in 2025. This represents a \$0.07 increase on a standard bag of trash. Hauling fees to service recycling centers and schools will be increasing as well in 2025. The rate for recycling centers will increase from \$49/stop to \$55/stop, and the rate for schools will increase from \$33/stop to \$37/stop. Fees for tires will remain unchanged in 2025 as will the per capita assessment (\$1.16/person).

The NEKWMD is entering 2025 with a budget of \$1,030,997 – an increase of 8.8% compared to 2024. The NEKWMD was staffed by eleven full-time and two part-time employees in 2024. The District will be adding a full-time employee in 2025.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2024. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only the Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

*Paul Tomasi*  
*Executive Director*  
*NEKWMD*

## 2025 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 10	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Newbury, Town Garage
SATURDAY, MAY 17	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Guildhall, Salt Shed
SATURDAY, MAY 24	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Bloomfield, Town Office
SATURDAY, JUNE 7	9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.	Derby, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 21	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Westfield, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Brighton, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16	9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.	Marshfield, Town Office
SATURDAY, SEPT. 27	8:00 a.m. – 2:00p.m.	Lyndon, Recycling Center
SATURDAY, OCTOBER. 4	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Albany, Recycling Center

The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection early in the event that we are at storage capacity. Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 25 gallons. If you have more than 25 gallons, please call our office to schedule an appointment at our Lyndonville facility, May 6 – Oct. 2, 2025.

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 6, 2025 to October 2, 2025. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

**\*\*HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS\*\***

What are *Household Hazardous Products*? They are consumer products that contain ingredients that **may be**:

**Toxic**- poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin

**Corrosive**- can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin

**Reactive**- creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water

**Explosive**- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

**Flammable/Ignitable**- can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words: **Danger** indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

**Poison** means that the substance is highly toxic.

**Caution/Warning** is put on all other hazardous substances that are a somewhat lesser hazard, but are still dangerous if the directions are not followed closely.

Conditionally Exempt Generator businesses can also use the Lyndonville collections for the actual cost of the disposal of their materials. Please call ahead for pricing and an appointment.

**CONTACT THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEM'S YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY**  
**802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org)**

The NEKWMD hazardous waste collection program is made possible in part by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. This year's grant totaled \$73,093.00

## Acceptable HHW Materials

### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- AEROSOLS
- AIR FRESHENERS
- AMMONIA
- ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES
- BLEACH
- CLEANERS (INCLUDES: DRAIN, OVEN, FLOOR, WINDOW, TOILET, RUG, ETC.)
- DISINFECTANTS
- METAL & FURNITURE POLISH
- MOTHBALLS
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS
- NAIL POLISH & REMOVER
- NI-CD, LITHIUM, MI-MH, AND BUTTON CELL BATTERIES
- SPOT & STAIN REMOVERS
- ALKALINE BATTERIES \*

### GARDEN SUPPLIES

- CREOSOTE
- DIOXINS
- FERTILIZERS
- FLEA KILLERS
- FUNGICIDES
- HERBICIDES
- INSECT SPRAYS
- MURIATIC ACID
- NO-PEST STRIPS
- PESTICIDES
- RODENT KILLERS

### GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID \*
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

### GARAGE (CONTINUED)

- ENGINE DEGREASERS
- FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS \*
- GASOLINE/DRY GAS
- KEROSENE
- LEAD-ACID CAR BATTERIES \*
- LIGHTER FLUID
- OIL-BASED PAINT
- LATEX-BASED PAINT
- PAINT THINNER
- PROPANE CYLINDERS
- SEALANTS
- STAINS/STRIPPERS
- SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS
- TRANSMISSION FLUID \*
- WOOD PRESERVATIVES
- USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS \*

\* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

### PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- ASBESTOS
- EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING GUN POWDER, AMMUNITION
- FLARES
- INFECTIOUS WASTE
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
- RADIOACTIVE WASTE, INCLUDING SMOKE DETECTORS
- UNKNOWN GAS CYLINDERS
- EMPTY CONTAINERS

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# Newport Center Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

461 Vance Hill Rd aka Watermelon lane Wednesdays, 1:00pm—5:00pm & Saturdays, 9:00am — 1:00pm

SORT ITEMS	
<p><b>MIXED PAPER</b> Newspapers, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored &amp; white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper.</p> <p><b>NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.</b></p>	<p><b>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, &amp; BROWN KRAFT BAGS</b> All Cardboard and Boxboard food packaging. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK.</p> <p><b>NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam.</b> *BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED*</p>
<p><b>TIN CANS</b> Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic. *MUST BE RINSED*</p>	<p><b>ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS</b> Labels OK. Flattening not required. <b>NO snack bags, candy wrappers, coffee bags.</b> *MUST BE RINSED*</p>
<p><b>GLASS BOTTLES &amp; JARS</b> *Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin) * <b>NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids, metal or wood.</b></p>	<p><b>BATTERIES</b> All types including primary and rechargeable batteries. Please bag similar types together and bag damaged batteries separately.</p>
<p><b>PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 &amp; #5 Food Containers</b> <b>REMOVE CAPS / MAX. SIZE- 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*</b> Includes food containers, health/beauty product, and cleaner containers. #5 included <i>if it's a food container.</i> <b>NO plastic bags or films, black plastic, screw-top caps, motor oil bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes, or medical devices.</b></p>	
<p> <b>NO DIRTY OR UNRINSED ITEMS</b> <b>NO BLACK PLASTIC CONTAINERS</b> <b>NO CONTAINERS larger than 2 GALLONS</b></p>	

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:**

**#6 PLASTIC FOAM (STYROFOAM):** #6 Expanded Polystyrene Foam. Any color, size. Must be rigid, dry, clean. NO PACKING PEANUTS. NO TAPE OR LABELS. NO POOL NOODLES OR INSULATED BOARD

**FOOD SCRAPS:** All food scraps, including meat, bones, dairy. **Remove PLU stickers. No plastics, metals, paper.**

**SPECIAL WASTES:** Electronics (TVs, computers, radio/stereos, gaming systems, telephones), automotive batteries, metal aerosols cans, hard cover books, fluorescent bulbs.

**SCRAP METAL:** Metal appliances (stoves, washer/dryer, dishwasher), grills, water tanks, microwaves, metal roofing, pots and pans, bicycles. Any item that is mostly metal included. No fridges, freezers, A/Cs, dehumidifiers.

**HOUSEHOLD TRASH:** Newport Center does not accept residential trash. Residents can contract with private haulers for curbside collection, find our Licensed Hauler List at <http://www.nekwmd.org/pdf/haulerlist.pdf>. Residents can bring household trash directly to the Coventry landfill.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** – May to October in Lyndonville **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**, and special events throughout the District June – September. Call for details.

In addition to services provided at this location, district residents have access to disposal services at the Lyndonville Recycling Center, 224 Church St, Lyndonville.

Recycling, Food Scraps, Scrap Metal, E-waste, Waste Oil, Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs, Freon-Containing Appliances (Refrigerators, Freezers, A/C units, and Dehumidifiers), Stump Dump, all free of charge, and Tire Disposal, fees apply, available at the Lyndonville Recycling Center.



List of Items NOT ACCEPTED for Recycling  
Please put the following items in your trash unless otherwise stated

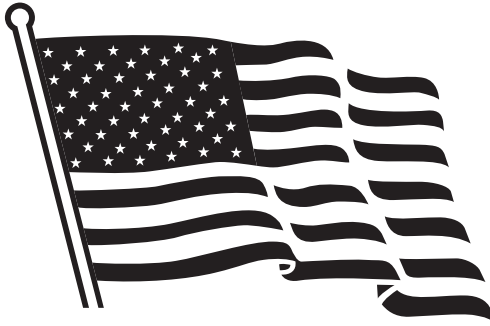
<p><b>Unacceptable Plastics Include:</b></p> <p>Any <b>black</b> plastic containers Screw-top Caps Motor oil, gas containers Pesticide containers Styrofoam of any kind Planting pots and trays Plastic furniture Plastic Toys Coffee Makers Coat hangers Vinyl Siding Maple Tubing CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size <b>Hard, rigid plastic</b> (if it shatters, it's not accepted)</p> <p><b>Unacceptable Plastic Bags and Films</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Any type</p>	<p><b>Unacceptable Cardboard</b></p> <p>Pringles containers Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes Cardboard with metallic interior Single-use coffee cups Soiled Cardboard Waxy Cardboard</p> <p><b>Unacceptable Paper</b></p> <p>Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard) White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard) Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers Paper plates, cups, bowls Single-use cups Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper</p>
<p><b>Unacceptable Aluminum</b></p> <p>Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal) Coffee Bags</p>	<p><b>Unacceptable Glass</b></p> <p>Crystal Incandescent light bulbs Automotive lights Pyrex Porcelain</p>
<p><b>Unacceptable Tin</b></p> <p>Recycle these with Scrap Metal</p> <p>Frying Pans Large Pieces of Metal Nails, Screws, Fasteners Any tin that is a non-food container</p>	<p><b>Unacceptable Food Scraps</b></p> <p>PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables) "Biodegradable" cutlery, bowls, plates, utensils Food utensils Plates, bowls, cups Plastic bags Styrofoam Keurig cups</p>

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## *Vital Statistics - 2024*

Births.....	10
Marriages.....	11
Deaths .....	15

All vital records are public information and are available at the Town Clerk's office. Recent privacy concerns and the ability to steal identities led us to omit the names from the report.



### **NEWPORT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

P.O. Box 85

Newport Center, Vermont 05857

802-334-6442

Hours: Monday thru Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **NEWPORT TOWN SCHOOL**

P.O. Box 48

Newport Center, Vermont 05857

802-334-5201

### **SELECTBOARD MEETINGS**

Held on the first Thursday of every month at the  
Town Clerk's Office at 5:30 p.m.

### **NEWPORT TOWN SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

Held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.  
at the Town School.

### **NEWPORT TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Held as needed at the Town Clerk's Office

### **NEWPORT TOWN ZONING BOARD MEETINGS**

Will meet as necessary for public hearings at the  
Town Clerk's Office.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS**

Held on the first Thursday of every month at the  
Fire Station at 7:00 p.m.

### **CONSERVATION MEETINGS**

Held as needed at the Town Clerk's Office

### **WATER COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Held as needed at the Town Clerk's Office

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