

Town Of St. Johnsbury

==== *2025 Annual Report* ====



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY VERMONT

Annual Town Report 2025



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

- March 2:** Town Meeting Informational meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Johnsbury Town School
- March 3:** Town Meeting, Voting 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Town Office Building.
- March 10:** Final installment of 2025 taxes due by 4:00 PM, Town Treasurers Office.
- April 1:** Last Day to license dogs without a late fee. \$15.00/\$19.00.
- April 15:** Last Day to file your Homestead Declaration without a penalty.
- October 09:** First installment of 2026 taxes due by 4:00 PM, Town Treasurers Office.

TIMES OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS:

Selectboard meetings are held on the **second** and **fourth Mondays** of the month at 6:00 PM in the Town Office building. The Planning Commission monthly meeting is held on the **third Tuesday** of the month at 7:00 PM in the Town Office building. The Development Review Board monthly meeting is held on the **fourth Thursday** of the month at 7:00 PM in the Town Office building.

Notes of interest from the Town Clerk's Office:

January 1 – December 31, 2025

Vital Statistics: 215 Births at NVRH, 160 Deaths in St. Johnsbury, 65 Civil Marriages

Land Records: There were 4412 pages recorded in 2025 which filled 7 compressed books, we have back scanned images to January 1990.

Dogs: In 2025 we licensed 542 dogs.

Motor Vehicles: In 2025 we renewed 43 registrations.

Elections:	REGISTERED	VOTED AT POLLS	VOTED ABSENTEE	TOTAL VOTES
MARCH 4, 2025, TOWN MEETING	4610	973	183	1287
JUNE 3, 2025, ARMORY BOND VOTE	4666	645	193	838

Registered Voters can log in at: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>

Online registration can be found at: <https://olvr.vermont.gov/>

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www.nixle.com is a website where you can sign up to get emergency notifications for the town of St. Johnsbury – like water breaks, highways closed, or any other emergency/community information that could affect you and your family.

Just go to www.nixle.com, enter in St. Johnsbury, Vermont (spelled out just the way this is) and click on "Sign Up". After you enter the required information to sign up, you will receive messages in the future via email or cell phone (or both, depending upon what you enter). It's simple to do, and many people in the area are already signed up and receive this valuable information.



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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Select board: Steven Isham, Chair 2028
Frank Empsall, Vice Chair 2027
Brendan Hughes 2026
Dennis Smith 2026
Tracy Zschau 2026

School Directors: Colleen Morris, Chair 2026
Abigail Campbell, Vice Chair 2026
Brittany Petty 2027
Kelsey Stavseth 2028
Joseph Achilles 2026

School Treasurer: Linda Hartwell 2026

Town Clerk & Treasurer: Stacy Jewell 2028

Collector of Current Taxes: Stacy Jewell 2028

Cemetery Commissioners: Lauren Jarvi 2027
Tim Cloutre 2026
Bryan LeBlanc 2028

Justices of the Peace: 2025-2027 Brent Abare, Stephanie Churchill, Durward Ellis, Chase Empsall, Frank Empsall Diane Holmes, Robert Holmes, William Hyde, Loraine Janowski, Tristan Lemieux, Kevin Oddy, Jane Pompeo, Heather Whitmore, Janssen Willhoit, Lynn Wurzburg

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Moderator: David Reynolds

Town Manager: Chad Whitehead

Assistant Town Manager: Joe Kasprzak

Finance Officer: Lesley Russ

Administrative Asst: Rachel Waterhouse

Fire Chief: Bradley Reed

Police Chief: Joel Pierce

Director of Public Works: Steven Beauregard

Assessor: New England Municipal Consultants

Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer: Kelly Willey, Samantha Burrington
& Brooke Demers

Zoning Administrator: Matt Walsh

Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Chad Whitehead

Code Compliance Officer: Kresten Sterling

Fire Warden: Bradley Reed

Homeland Security: Bradley Reed

Health Officer: Bradley Reed

Deputy Health Officer: Kresten Sterling

Fire Marshal: Bradley Reed

Agent to Convey Real Estate: Mathew Ghafoori

Planning Commission: Jim Brown, Chair 2026
Ben Copans, Vice Chair 2027
Ben Deede 2027
Isaiah Willson 2026
1 Vacancies

Development Review Board:

Richard Lyon, Chair 2026
Elizabeth Emmons 2027
Tony Higgs 2026
Kyle Sipples 2026
Barry Waldner 2028
Keith Chamberlin 2028
1 Vacancy

Design Advisory Committee:

Mary Hughes 2026
Ashley Moriarty 2027
Lorna Higgs 2028
Gillian Sewake 2026
Diane Cummings 2028
Tom Turek 2028
Jackie Fox 2028

Energy Coordinators:

Pam Parker
Steve Isham
Lynn Wurzburg
Ben Deede
Susan Parker
Donley Johnson
Ben Deede
Jason Kaiser
Robert Michaels

Beautification Committee: Gena Glidden

Jim Brown
Lorrie Brown
Heather Alger
Gillian Sewake

Tax Stabilization Committee:

Heather Alger
Jim Impey
Ron Steen
Jamie Murphy
Vacancy

St. Johnsbury Development Fund:

Daniel Kimbell
Jamie Murphy

Calex EMS Board:

Kim Darby

NVDA Board:

Jim Brown
Chad Whitehead

Industrial Park Board:

Jim Impey 2027
Brendan Hughes 2028

Housing Board of Review:

Buddy Chapman
Brooke Demers
Iris Gilbert
Robert Holmes
Katherine Rossell
Bernie Timson

Rental Housing Grant Review Committee:

Patrick Shattuck
Fred DeMarzo
Pam Dearborn
Greg Brown
Matthew Walsh

Town Manager Report

2025 has been busy as the Department of Public Works finalized repairs from the 2024 flooding. We remained relatively unscathed during the July 2025 floods that seem to affect Vermont each year. We think of our neighbors to the north who were affected by the flooding last summer. The assessor completed a townwide statistical reappraisal as required by the State of Vermont, and we initiated a new town-operated Recreation Department, welcoming Recreation Director Sarah Gagne to the Town.

As I stated last year, change is needed to assist communities such as ours in recruiting officers, utilizing supporting agencies to respond to the mental health and drug crisis, and holding violent criminals accountable. That change needs to occur at the State level, and I am aware that it will not happen overnight. Still, my office will continue to work to influence our lawmakers to provide the tools our law enforcement agencies need to protect our community. Our Public Safety Task Force was included in the Statewide Public Safety Enhancement Team developed by the Governor this last year. The community also attended training and launched the Situation Table, a local group of agencies that meets weekly to refer or forward individuals in the community to help reduce the risk of harm.

Parades and events, such as Final Fridays, First Night, and Food Truck events, continue to bring people Downtown and highlight our community's passion for art and culture, supporting businesses. We are currently working with Catamount Arts on planning efforts for a regional Arts and Culture Master Plan to ensure that Arts and Culture continue to be supported in our community.

We welcomed Finance Officer Lesley Russ back last year, and she has worked with the Town Treasurer and our independent auditing firm to deliver a clean audit with no findings. The Town remains in a sound financial position, and we are well-positioned to take full advantage of programs offered by funding partners, including the Vermont Department of Transportation, USDA Rural Development, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. In the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the Town received and managed \$9,106,761 in grant funds to offset project costs and expenses.

Assistant Town Manager Joe Kasprzak continues to support businesses within the Town and maintains close contact with agencies such as the Vermont Department of Housing, Agency of Commerce and Community Development, and Council on Rural Development in the interest of the Town of St Johnsbury. The Town must remain focused on economic development efforts and opportunities available to St Johnsbury businesses, and we continue to put considerable effort into supporting housing initiatives.

Housing needs are at the forefront on a Statewide level. In addition to the Town's rental housing inspection program, Kresten Sterling has managed our Rental Housing Improvement grant program. Last year, the Rental Housing Improvement Grant program issued \$108,177 in grant funds, which is being used to leverage approximately \$411,675 in improvements, anticipated to create 8 new units in St Johnsbury's rental housing inventory and 10 hous-

ing units becoming active after being vacant for 3 or more years. To date, the Revitalization Funds created by the Federal Coronavirus funds have been used to assist with several Town projects that have continued to move forward this past year. This includes 5 projects to support housing, the purchase of the building at 502 Railroad Street for the Caledonia Food Coop, which is anticipated to open next summer. Additional funds supported improvements at the Kiwanis pool, St. Johnsbury Baseball, and Dog Mountain, as well as several business development projects in the Town.

Recruitment and retention of employees continue to be a challenge across the country, and we are lucky to have HR and Administrative Assistant Rachel Waterhouse to assist Department Managers in filling vacancies as she juggles payroll and benefits management.

This proposed budget includes the continuation of full-time police coverage within the special services district and full-time fire services throughout the town, with an increase in personnel costs to fund two new firefighters for the Fire Department, bringing staffing up to four firefighters per shift. Thanks to a grant awarded to the Town, the labor costs for these positions will be offset by 75% this year and next, and by 35% the following year.

It has been an exciting year in St Johnsbury, and I look forward to continuing the work we have initiated. I encourage you to review the department head reports below. I would also like to thank all the town employees, as well as the volunteer board and committee members, and the residents and business owners for all the work they do to keep St. Johnsbury moving forward.

Respectfully submitted
Chad L. Whitehead
Town Manager



Photo Courtesy the Caledonian Record



TOWN CLERK/TREASURER OFFICE SCHEDULE OF DAYS CLOSED 2026

January 19 Monday	Martin Luther King Day	November 26 Thursday	Thanksgiving
February 16 Monday	Presidents Day	November 27 Friday	Day after Thanksgiving
May 25 Monday	Memorial Day	December 24 Thursday	Closed at Noon
June 19 Friday	Juneteenth Day	December 25 Friday	Christmas
July 3 Friday	Administrative Leave Day	January 1, 2027 Friday	New Year's Day
August 12	Day after Election		
September 4 Friday	Administrative Leave Day		
September 7 Monday	Labor Day		
October 12 Monday	Columbus Day		
November 4	Day after Election		
November 11 Wednesday	Veterans Day Observed		

Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 to 4:00

***Town Clerk/Treasurer Office maybe closed to the Public the day after any Election. March 4 Town Meeting**

****Dogs Licenses due April 1, 2025 Fees go up January 1, 2025. \$15.00/\$19.00**

*****Taxes due March 11, 2025 & October 10, 2025**

Assessor Report

The Assessor, New England Municipal Consultants (NEMC), completed another year working with the Town of St. Johnsbury. NEMC has been the Assessor in St. Johnsbury since 2019 and completed reappraisals in 2020 and now in 2025. The position of Assessor is part-time in nature with many inquiries and tasks handled remotely or seasonally during peak culmination times. Office hours are typically held on Tuesdays but the Assessor's availability is primarily by appointment only.

The following relevant statistics were applied in 2025

CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) = 105.02%

This is a statistic that measures on average how close to current market value properties are being assessed at in a community.

COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) = N/A (reappraisal)

This is a measure of uniformity among all assessments.

This past year brought the implementation of the 2025 town-wide reappraisal. NEMC fielded many property owner requests that included informal reappraisal discussions, grievance appeals and Board of Civil Authority appeals. There were also two property owners who chose to continue their appeals to the Superior Court level. Those Superior Court cases are still pending and have not been specifically scheduled to date. Overall, the reappraisal process was a success and helped to build equitable assessments throughout the community.

The 2025 town-wide reappraisal was the highlight of the year. NEMC conducted a statistical analysis of all residential and commercial sales that had occurred in St. Johnsbury over the last three years. This analysis was the basis behind new assessments and created a more equitable valuation baseline throughout the community. Because the coefficient of dispersion had increased beyond the 20% threshold prior to reappraisal, it was important to re-establish equitable answers throughout the community. A COD over 20% highlights the fact that there are many inequities of like-property throughout the community. The 2025 equalization study results were just issued and the new COD is 9.45% (under the 10% goal). The overall statistics recently issued by the State of Vermont has given the Assessor confidence that the process was a success.

Overall, the Town's Grand List grew by roughly 300,000,000 with the completion of the reappraisal. A larger grand list baseline ultimately assisted the community in stabilizing the municipal tax rates. The current housing market changed dramatically during the last 3-5 years, and it necessitated a process to equalize assessments per the State's requirements. It did not necessarily mean new housing stock was created in St. Johnsbury, but it concluded that the existing housing stock became much more valuable during that timeframe.

We anticipate 2026 being a much quieter year in the Assessor's Office with no large-scale changes planned. There will certainly be some property inspections and some new construction checks that occur and lead to an increased Grand List for 2026. NEMC does not anticipate the type of valuation activity like we saw during the 2025 Reappraisal.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year and look forward to another year at the helm in the St. Johnsbury Assessor's Office. A reminder to all residents to file your HS-122 (homestead declaration) by April 15, 2026 to ensure it is processed by the State in a timely manner.

Matthew J Krajewski, Assessor (NEMC)

Assessor Contact Information

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- Email to: assessor@stjvt.com
- Website: www.stjvt.com
- Phone: 802.748.3926 ext. 4

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Assessment Date: April 1
- Latest abstract of individual lists can be lodged: June 24
- Latest change of appraisal can be sent: June 24
- Earliest date to commence grievance: July 9
- Latest date to file grievances: July 9 (subject to date notices are mailed)
- Grievance hearings end: July 22 (subject to date notices are mailed)
- Result of grievances mailed: July 29 (subject to date grievances are held)
- Latest date grand list can be lodged: August 14
- Deadline for filing appeal to BCA: 14 days from date of mailing of grievance result
- BCA hearings begin 14 days after appeal deadline to BCA

Economic Development Report

The Town Manager's Office continues to leverage town resources in conjunction with state and federal funding sources to enhance our town's infrastructure, public facilities, parks, and outdoor recreation areas. St. Johnsbury continues to follow a growth trajectory, as evidenced by its low commercial vacancies and brisk business activity.

2025 saw the completion of several large-scale development projects, including the Northern Forest Center's 560 Railroad Street housing project, the grand opening of the rKMILES building materials and retail outlet in the vacant former JCPenney space at the Green Mountain Mall, and the grand opening of the Granite State Plumbing & Heating store on Memorial Drive.

The Caledonia Food Co-op's (CFC) efforts to open a store at 502 Railroad Street are moving forward. The CFC recently announced that its co-op project has received a \$600,000 VCDP CDBG Implementation Grant to help move the project forward, with an anticipated 2026 Grand Opening. Weidman Electrical Technologies continues its \$44 million expansion, with plans to start operations within the new facilities by spring 2026. Weidmann's expansion will create 67 FTEs. NVRH is improving and expanding its facilities with an estimated \$30 million West Wing expansion, which will provide the region with enhanced emergency and pharmaceutical services. The above projects represent approximately \$96 million in investment and will create over 100 jobs in our community.

The addition of new businesses and the expansion of our existing business base demonstrate that St. Johnsbury remains a sound investment. Town Officials continue to work with housing developers and stakeholders to support the development of new housing. The Town of St. Johnsbury issued thirty housing permits during 2025 and continues to support rental housing improvements through the town-issued Rental Housing Grant Improvement Program.

Town Officials are excited for the grand opening of the LVRT this spring, which spans 94 miles between Swanton and St. Johnsbury, and are currently working to secure property to ensure that the thousands of visitors forecasted to visit St. Johnsbury because of the trail network will have adequate downtown parking and access to our shops, restaurants, and amenities.

Town Officials are committed to supporting arts and culture, hospitality, downtown walkability, and events and activities that celebrate our history and heritage. The Town is committed to providing adequate infrastructure to support growth and identify ways to foster public-private collaboration that supports the vision for a vibrant, sustainable community.

Thank you,

Joe Kasprzak
Economic Development Specialist
Town of St. Johnsbury, VT



Photo Courtesy the Caledonian Record

Planning & Zoning Report

The full-time Zoning Administrator (ZA) position is staffed in office and available by email and phone Monday through Friday and other times by in-person appointment or on Zoom.

The primary task of the ZA is to work with individuals who are considering a variety of changes to their property, exterior changes to their structures, changes in use of their property, home occupations or other changes to their property to determine whether the proposed change is in compliance with the town's current zoning bylaws. The office also helps applicants obtain any state-required permits.

The ZA either issues a permit for the requested change, or when required by town bylaws, forwards the application to the Development Review Board (DRB), the Design Advisory Committee (DAC), the Planning Commission (PC) or State of Vermont (flood plain management) for consideration or approval before a permit is issued.

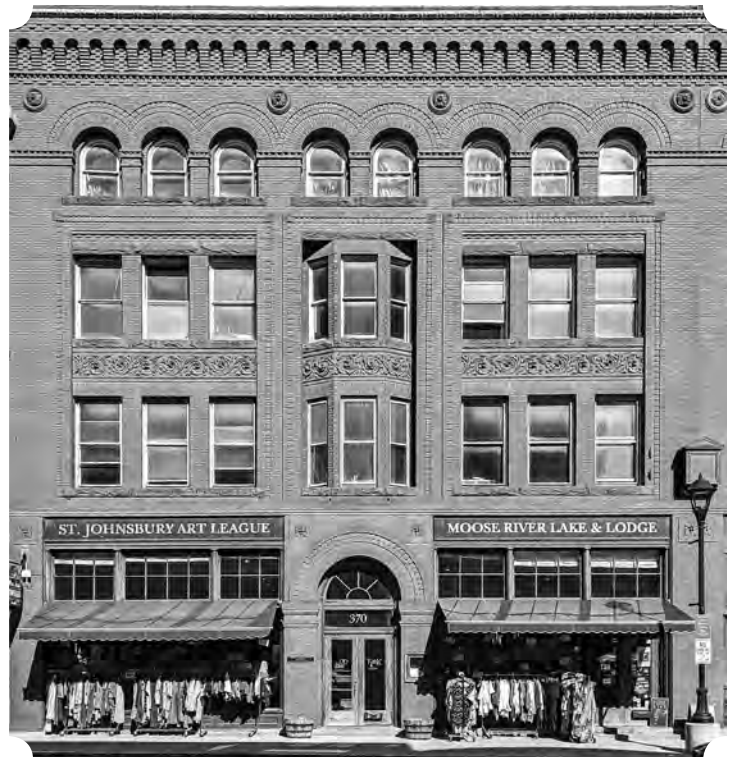
There is a slight increase in overall activity in calendar year 2025.

So far in 2025 there are 74 permits issued; 17 were within the Design Control District and were sent to the Design Advisory Commission for evaluation before forwarding to the Development Review Board for final consideration; an additional 10 were forwarded to the DRB for review, consideration and approval before a permit was issued. 32 certificates of zoning compliance have been issued.

Out of the 74 Permits issued so far, 30 have been for the creation of new dwellings or new construction. These 30 do not include the DRB approved "Packard Court Project" which will add an additional 26 units once finished.

The ZA attends regular meetings of the Planning Commission, Development Review Board and other governmental and non-governmental organizations involved in land use, housing and similarly related matters. In 2025 the Planning Commission, ZA, and other boards were also able to adopt two significant documents. The 2025 Town Plan was finalized and adopted in May. The updated Town Bylaws were finalized and adopted in December.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Walsh,
Zoning Administrator



Art League and Moose River Lake and Lodge signs on red brick building with racks of clothing for sale on a street in St Johnsbury Vermont.

Public Works Report

We are grateful for the break in the weather and the absence of flooding-related impacts in 2025. As we play catch-up from the effects of the 2024 flooding, our list of accomplishments this year was significant. During the summer of 2025, we completed FEMA repair work and added gravel to several roads, including Creapeault Hill Road, Old Prue Road, Bradley Road, and Stark District Road. We were also able to pave Adams Drive, Carol Blvd, James Street, Upper sections of Concord Avenue, East Village Road, Old Concord Road, St John's Street, Bragg Terrace, areas of Breezy Hill Road, Sand Hill, Federal Street, Fifth Ave, and a portion of Pearl Street.

This next year, we are budgeted to pave Stetson Terrace, Hill Street, Pine-wood Drive, Cross Avenue, Crestwood Drive, Sanger Circle, and Sherman Drive. We are also planning to complete additional paving on Breezy Hill Road if we secure a Vtrans paving grant.

This last summer, storm repairs continued to adversely affect routine maintenance, such as catch basin cleaning, sweeping, and grading. As we move forward into the new year, we hope for a more "normal" year to get these services, amongst others, back on a regular maintenance schedule. I want to thank the community again for all their patience this past year as we worked hard to catch up and provide the Town of St. Johnsbury's residents with the quality of service they deserve. We continue to respond to water and sewer repairs, will conduct regular maintenance on roads and sidewalks, and will continue to support our town with its special events.

We are thankful that we were able to access reserve funds to purchase a backup sidewalk plow to help mitigate the effects of breakdowns with sidewalk plow equipment and the unanticipated difficulties with receiving parts from across the Canadian border. DPW also received a new road grader in accordance with equipment replacement schedules and the approved budget. This next year, we are budgeted to purchase a new F-600 plow truck, a one-ton truck, a paving roller, a tractor-mounted blower, a grader roller, and a new equipment trailer.

I want to thank and recognize all DPW employees for their continued hard work and devotion to our town and residents. They are truly our 1st responders when Mother Nature calls. They are Dan Gray, Cathy Hanks, Keith LaBounty, Joe Mooney, Larry Norrie, Scott Pereira, Craig Rinehart, Ruben Serrano, Caleb Smith, Dan Smith, Shawn Stevens, Zander Veilleux, and Jamie Whiting.

I would also like to thank the staff at the Wastewater Treatment Facility for their collaboration and take this opportunity to congratulate Chief Operator James Brimblecombe on his retirement.

In closing, I would like to thank all the residents who have supported us over the years. This year, the DPW budget has been more challenging due to ever-increasing prices. Still, being fiscally responsible, DPW has flatlined our budget for the 3rd consecutive year, except for salaries and insurance, which are contractual. I greatly appreciate and look forward to your continued support this year and in the years ahead.

Sincerely,
Steve Beaugard

Cemetery Commission

The St Johnsbury Cemetery Commission maintains four public cemeteries in town, the Grove in E St Johnsbury, the Ayer-Hawkins on Crepeault Hill Road, the Center Village Burying Ground in St J Center, as well as the Centervale formerly known as the St Johnsbury Centervale Cemetery, also in St J Center. The Grove and Centervale are the two that are more active in terms of lot sales and burials.

Our sexton, Karen Budde, has worked diligently and has made great progress on our records, particularly for the Centervale Cemetery. It has been a challenge due to inconsistent and incomplete records coming to us, but she has assumed the responsibility with enthusiasm and we're delighted with what she's been able to accomplish. These records are stored in the town vault and on electronic files.

We ordered and received new signs for Ayer-Hawkins and Centervale Cemeteries made by Littleton Sign Company. They'll be installed in the spring.

Andy Dussault completed a boundary survey of the Centervale Cemetery and produced a mylar map copy for our records.

The mowing and maintenance at our cemeteries continues to be done by the Town Department of Public Works.

A total of 9 burials took place in 2025. No lots were sold.

Our meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the Town's website. Anyone interested is welcome to join us, in person or via Zoom.

We take pride in our work as Cemetery Commissioners and hope the voters of St J will come to understand, see and appreciate the benefit of our efforts at these valued town-owned properties.

Lauren Järvi, Chair



Recreation Department

The Recreation Department was adopted back into municipal operations in July 2025 after many years of operation through St. Johnsbury Academy. Accepting a full-time role as Recreation Director, Sarah Gagne is a St. Johnsbury native and current resident with over 15 years of municipal recreation management experience. Initial department tasks included assuming immediate operation of summer sports camps, planning for fall youth athletic programs, and engaging with the community to communicate new Department information and registration processes. A new webpage was devoted to Recreation on the Town's website and social media pages were updated to reflect recent changes and promote upcoming programming. The Department hosted an activity tent at several Farmer's Markets and Final Friday events through the summer. A survey was distributed and received 16 responses with feedback on future programming, sponsorship, instructor, and volunteer opportunities.

Between July - December 2025, the Recreation Department hosted 25 seasonal youth athletic programs with 429 participants; 78% were St. Johnsbury residents and 22% were non-residents. To ensure equitable access to programs, a Youth Scholarship Fund was developed with a formalized application process. Applicants must demonstrate financial need through documentation of received state programs such as 3Squares or Medicaid, or explaining a temporary financial hardship. Upon approval, youth under age 18 within that household can receive 80% off of program registration fees for up to one year from the application date. 33 scholarship applications were received and 100% were approved, resulting in \$1,823.20 in deferred revenue for the Department in 2025. In 2026, sponsorship opportunities will be made available for individuals and organizations in the community to make contributions and support the ongoing availability of the Youth Scholarship Fund.

There have been many highlights for the Department in 2025, including:

- The VT State Track & Field Meet was held on July 19 at St. Johnsbury Academy with the help of many dedicated faculty and staff from the Academy. The St. Johnsbury youth track team took home the Championship Award for Large Communities, which was presented to the Recreation Department at the Vermont Recreation & Parks Association Annual Conference in October.
- A collaboration with Adaptive Sports Partners led to the Recreation Department assisting with Learn to Bike programming as a part of the CatCH afterschool program at St. Johnsbury School and Learn to Skate programming at Fenton Chester Arena.
- Additional collaborations with Discover St. Johnsbury and the St. Johnsbury Atheneum led to development of StoryWalk® programs in the Town Forest during the Fall for St. J event and a snowshoe hike along the Observatory Knob Trail during St. J Sparkles.

- In October, implementation of a new registration site, CivicRec, went live for community use. The new site allows for more efficient registration, payment processing, customizable roster creation, event hosting and ticket sales, volunteer management, facility and equipment rentals, and data reporting capabilities.
- A new weekly offering at CatCH afterschool program through St. Johnsbury School is Club REC, an opportunity for students to participate in structured physical activity and learn the fundamental skills of a variety of sports without needing to be enrolled in organized team sports.
- An informational, guided hike of the Observatory Knob Trail shared the results of a recent ecological assessment and conceptual trail plan. Snowshoes and microspikes were provided for participants through NEK Prosper!
- Four St. Johnsbury Academy seniors chose recreation-centric topics for their Capstone projects. Presentations across campus on December 5th shared the impact and importance of recreational activities to community youth through cheerleading, golf, ultimate frisbee, and public trails.
- Community volunteers joined the 'St J Rink Squad' to construct the beloved community skating rink at Four Seasons Park, which was in use over the local schools Winter Break. Construction also began on the rink at Buck Memorial Park, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary over the 2025-2026 winter season. A Centennial Celebration is planned for February 2026.

The Recreation Director has been active in local groups focused on physical activity and health including the Community Health Team through NVRH and the Physically Healthy & Well-Nourished Collaborative Action Network through the Caledonia and So. Essex Accountable Health Community. Gagne has also joined NVRH as a Corporator and now serves on the NEK Community Advisory Board through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont, working to support and create programming that specifically works to address the root causes of poor health by reducing barriers to healthy living.

In 2026 the Department will continue taking inventory of pre-existing youth athletic programs and evaluating their true cost of operation. Additional programs for youth, adults, and senior populations will be added through community partnerships, volunteer and instructor recruitment, and use of secured grant funding. An annual sponsorship packet will be developed for community organizations and local businesses to help offset operational costs. With the biggest challenges for the department being those related to access - user cost and available facility space - goals for the Department include a focus on the budget and how recreational opportunities can support the growth and vitality of our community.

Energy Committee

The St Johnsbury town energy committee is currently composed of 8 active members. They focused this year on local projects to lower heating costs, increase indoor warmth and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. They held their third WindowDressers community build, constructing 150+ low-cost interior storm windows with area residents. They hosted a Weatherization 101 event, where presenters from NETO, HEAT Squad, Efficiency VT, RuralEdge, 3E Thermal, and WindowDressers shared weatherizing information with attendees. They helped to publicize the Landlord Rental Improvement Grant program, by which landlords can be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$6,000 for weatherization projects.

In addition to their weatherization focus, the committee learned about geothermal networks and plug-in solar legislation, updated the energy chapter of the St Johnsbury Town Plan and studied the Municipal Vulnerabilities Indicators tool, which can help St Johnsbury prepare for climate-related emergencies.

There is a lot of energy on the energy committee! Visitors and new members are always welcome. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month from 5:30-7 at the Welcome Center.

Fire Department Report

TO THE CITIZENS OF SAINT JOHNSBURY:

PERSONNEL

Fire Chief - Bradley Reed	Shift A	
	FF/ADO Brenden Greaves	Probationary FF Shane Thresher
Lieutenant/AEMT - Troy Darby	Shift B	
	FF/ADO Matthew Lennox	FF Hunter Tallman
Captain/EMT - Phillip Hawthorne	Shift C	
	FF/ADO Dennis Farnham	Vacant
Lieutenant/EMT - Andrew Ruggles	Call - Division	
FF/EMT - Ruben Serrano	FF/EMR - Ryan Aremburg	FF Debi Smith
FF - Richard Plonski	EMT Gregory Charest	Alex Lederman
Junior FF Cyrus Kidder	Junior FF - Foster Rousseau	

This past year was quite busy for the SJFD as we continue to see a high volume of activity. Perhaps the most notable incident occurred on Railroad Street as the Town suffered another block fire in the heart of our downtown. Thanks to the remarkable work of your firefighters, this historic building remains standing though heavily damaged. In addition to our emergency responses, the firefighters conduct pre-incident plans for commercial occupancies and multi-family dwellings, they attend school fire drills and present fire prevention topics, test and maintain the municipal Gamewell system, attend training, participate in town events and so much more.

We took delivery of a new fire engine in December, replacing a 24-year-old truck that was taken out of service shortly before the new truck arrived. A new rescue engine is in production to replace an apparatus currently out of service, ensuring the reliability of our fleet. We have been working to replace outdated hydraulic rescue tools, which will complement the new fire trucks and enable us to operate more effectively during vehicle extrications. This state-of-the-art equipment is necessary for the timely and safe extrication of trapped passengers.

The SJFD has been successful in securing grants from FEMA, including a new Assistance to Firefighters Grant for firefighting equipment and a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant to add 2 new firefighters to the full-time staff. Staffing remains a top priority for the fire department. Work continues on the Preservation Trust of Vermont grant awarded for the restoration of the windows on the front of 1187 Main Street and the replacement of the front overhead doors, and shortly we will be closing out a grant for new wildland personal protective equipment. These grants together will save us nearly \$500,000.

Earlier this year, we purchased enough ballistic personal protective equipment to outfit three rescue task force teams who can respond to active shooter/active threat events and provide emergency medical care to patients in the warm zone. Our partnership with the team at Calx Ambulance to build this capability addresses the ever-evolving needs of public safety. This gear, coupled with advanced training in tactical emergency casualty care and collaboration with our law enforcement partners, will enable an aggressive response to these events that saves lives. In addition, four members of the SJFD have completed Swiftwater rescue technician training, ensuring we have local capacity to respond to people trapped in moving flood water.

The public safety facility at 1187 Main Street is 103 years old and has limitations that require off-site storage of important equipment and tools. As a result, periodic maintenance is often deferred, which can degrade equipment condition. We remain eager to work with the management team to

APPARATUS

- 2025 Ferrara Engine – Excellent Condition
- 2005 Emergency One rescue pumper – Out of Service
- 2013 Ferrara Aerial Tower Ladder - Good Condition
- 2018 Emergency One Engine - Good Condition
- 2022 GMC 2500HD - Excellent Condition
- 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe command vehicle – Excellent Condition
- Regional Hazardous Material Response Trailer - Fair Condition
- Regional Technical Rescue Trailer - Fair Condition
- Zodiak Rescue Boat - Fair Condition

EMERGENCY INCIDENTS AND ACTIVITY SUMMARY

911 RESPONSES = 1697 FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES = 401 TOTAL = 2,098

EMERGENCY INCIDENTS AND ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Emergency Response	Activities	
Fire - 359	Agency Assist	5
EMS - 986	Alarm Work	53
Rescue - 45	Fire Drill	21
Hazardous Materials - 49	Fire Safety Detail	13
Hazardous Condition - 24	Flag Detail	1
Service Call - 233	Inspection	45
Natural Disaster - 1	Key Box Detail	20
	Other	128
	Parade Detail	6
	Pre-Plan Assignment	6
	Fire Alarm Assist	1
	Public Relations	24
	Reset Master Box	34
	Training	44

plan a new fire station in the near future that provides adequate storage space and room for regular maintenance.

I would like to recognize the commitment and dedication of our firefighting team and their families so that we can meet our mission to serve our community. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us at (802) 748-8925.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bradley Reed Fire Chief



Photo Courtesy the Caledonian Record

Caledonia County Sheriff's Department

970 Memorial Drive
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
(802)748-6666
SHERIFF BRANDON THRAILKILL

The first half of 2025 was something our staff hopes never to endure again. In March we lost Sheriff James Hemond to a terrible disease which in multiple ways left our Department with a large void and not many clear answers. For nearly 2 months our Department was in what I would describe as "limbo mode" while maintaining a balance of our services. Following Sheriff Hemond's passing, we also lost some staff which created an additional strain on our already vulnerable position.

At the end of April, I was appointed by Governor Phil Scott as Sheriff of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department. I have been with the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department for approximately 4.5 years serving as a State Transport Deputy before being promoted to Lieutenant and then ultimately to Captain. I take this appointment seriously, pridefully and look forward to continuing the development of this exceptional Department for years to come.

Since May, we have hired 5 full-time Deputies. For the first time in approximately 18 years one of our full-time Deputies is slated to attend the Level III Basic Training Police Academy as another new Deputy will attend the Level II Academy in early 2026

2025 may have challenged us, and tested us on many levels, but it did not break our spirit or commitment to serving our communities. We pressed on and accomplished many great things. We acquired a new patrol contract with Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH), our monthly patrols across the 12 Towns that we are contracted with increased extensively and for the first time in several years the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department provided security at the Caledonia County Fair without the assistance of outside agencies. We retained our ATV patrols and provided security at numerous weekend events. As we acquired full-time staff, we re-negotiated our Caledonia Court contract to provide 3 Deputies Monday through Friday.

While fulfilling our daily operations and obligations, we formed a strong working relationship with the Lyndonville Police Department where we assisted on multiple search warrants in the northern part of the County.

We are a drug takeback location and participate in the Prescription Drug Take Back days through the Vermont DEA.

We offer civil fingerprinting, by appointment for various career and coaching applications.

We also have a car seat technician available to answer questions regarding car seats.

This year we added our Department as a Santa Fund Drop-off location. We also offered a community-based Holiday gift certificate giveaway called, Where is the Cruiser? This has been a great way to engage with the people of our communities.

We applied for and received grants for Highway Safety to provide additional patrols throughout the County.

This Department has made an incredible comeback in a time where law enforcement Departments are struggling with recruitment. We thrive and will continue to grow effectively and responsibly. You can find us on Facebook where we work to provide consistent updates about Department events.

Respectfully,
Sheriff Brandon Thrailkill

Police Department Report

The St. Johnsbury Police Department remains steadfast in our mission to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of all members of our community. Throughout 2025, our dedicated officers and staff have worked cohesively with many various agencies to collectively address the challenges facing our town while fostering trust, collaboration, and transparency.

We continue to work with the Public Safety Enhancement Team, which was developed by the State of Vermont in 2022. We became partners of this initiative in 2025 and have been forwardly seeking to find solutions to the issues that continue to impact our community and the region. We remain committed to addressing these issues and continue to break down silos to strengthen our partnerships with other agencies.

Public safety extends beyond enforcement, and we have prioritized efforts to build trust and communication with the community. We are actively working toward the development and implementation of the "Citizen Advisory Board" to provide for open dialogue, empowering residents to take an active role in public safety. At the same time, our focus on outreach and education has allowed us to engage with residents in meaningful ways, from hosting public events such as "Coffee with a Cop" to visiting schools, supporting youth programs/community organizations as well as visiting local businesses.

Our agency has progressively been working to modernize our policing standards. With more training and educational opportunities, policy development, and technology updates, we are making strides in our goal to update our organization. We have adopted a new mission statement and values which will provide direction to the continuous navigation of our agency. Also, if you haven't noticed, we have an updated uniform patch!

Looking ahead, the department will continue to focus on enhancing officers training, adopting innovative technologies, and expanding our community engagement initiatives. We are also committed to ensuring our officers have the tools and support needed to carry out their duties with professionalism and integrity.

The St. Johnsbury Police Department remains deeply grateful for the trust and support of the community. Together, we will continue working toward a safer, stronger St. Johnsbury.

Dispatch Report

Public safety services for the Northeast Kingdom are centralized through St. Johnsbury Dispatch. All 911 calls from nearly twenty surrounding towns are answered and managed by the Dispatch Center. Dispatch provides services for local Police, Fire, and EMS departments, including dispatching for two ambulance services and eleven fire departments, as well as administrative support for four additional law enforcement agencies.

This year, Dispatch assisted the state's Public Safety Task Force by providing data and support to help evaluate dispatch centers statewide. The purpose of this data collection was to identify and address statewide issues and concerns. Two of the largest concerns identified were staffing shortages and inadequate radio coverage. These are not current concerns at our Dispatch Center as we are fully staffed. We are also in the process of becoming one of the few centers in the state to upgrade to a more effective radio system. Our Center, along with the Police and Fire Department, is working with Town management to identify a more suitable facility for our operations.

I am fortunate to be part of a fully operational team that works with strong cohesion. Our employees carry a wide range of responsibilities. Handling emergency phone calls is only one portion of our workload. As previously mentioned, we provide administrative services to four law enforcement agencies. These services include managing the statewide warrant and RFA systems in coordination with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Paperwork from Caledonia and Orange County courts is regularly processed, entered into NCIC, and properly filed. Federal mandates require our Dispatch to monitor these systems 24/7, even when courts, the Department of Corrections, and most law enforcement agencies are closed. We value the trust and professional relationships we have built with our contracted agencies, who rely on us to provide these essential services.

Our Dispatch Center also participated in a state audit designed to assess current documentation, training, and policies, and continues to participate in statewide efforts to review crime data with the State of Vermont Public Safety Enhancement Team.

Our certified Civil Fingerprint Technicians provide fingerprinting services for area teachers, foster parents, nurses, and volunteers. Please remember to bring the required documentation when scheduling and upon arrival for fingerprinting appointments. Appointments can be scheduled at the following: <https://stjohnsbury.simplybook.me/>

I am personally grateful to see so many individuals invest their time and effort into making our communities safer. It is through the Town's continued support that our Dispatch Center is successful, and we are honored to serve you.

Members of Dispatch:

Adam Colburn — serving since 1998

Lisa Young — serving since 2011

Katey Harris — serving since 2021

Michael Stringer — serving since 2023

Samuel Locke — serving since 2023

Nicole Albright — serving since 2024

Anthony Skelton — serving since 2015 (formerly 2007–2014; part-time 2023–present)

Respectfully submitted,

Collin Gillespie

Dispatch Operations Manager

Spay & Neuter

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), a statewide program, is currently administered by VT Economic Services. Income challenged Vermonters can print an application from their website (VSNIP) or call for an application: 802-241-0589

In October 2025, the state began a wait list for vouchers, lacking funds. Vouchers issued for VSNIP is now determined according to the funds appropriated for the program for that fiscal year. Vermonters called Governor Scott asking for \$300,000.00. As one senator said, "that was a pittance amount". When our (VT Volunteer Services for Animals; VVSA) statewide program was moved to the state to assure viability, a \$4.00 fee added to the registration of dogs funded VSNIP. Currently, if there are no available VSNIP vouchers at the time the Department receives an application, the applicant is placed on a waitlist. However, our animals can't wait.

PLEASE CONSIDER:

LOW COST SPAY NEUTER CLINICS IN VT & NH

Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793: Schedule on FFFVT.org

Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden County 802-923-9028

Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793 Schedule on FFFVT.org

Homeward Bound: Addison County Humane Society "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: in West Windsor: 802-484-5829

Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter Orleans: 802-754-2228 Cats only
Riverside Rescue, Lunenburg: 802-524-9550

Rutland CTY Humane Society: 802-483-6700; Spay the "Mom" for free, kittens adopted.

Second Chance Animal Center: Shaftsbury 802-375-2898

Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc: Littleton, NH 603-259-3244

Springfield Humane Society: Springfield 802-885-3997

Sullivan CTY Humane Society: Claremont, NH 603-542-3277

Upper Valley Humane Society: Enfield NH 603-448-6888

Windham CTY Humane Society: Brattleboro 802-254-2232

VT-CAN: Middlesex 802-223-0034

N.E. Kingdom Spay Neuter Program: Orleans Essex CTY 802-334-7393

** Community Animal Aid Wellness Clinic: (No surgeries) Exams, vaccinations, parasite treatment, minor illnesses, wounds & injuries. 1X monthly: E. Barre Fire Station 2nd Saturday of the month. 10 AM – Noon animalaidvt@gmail.com 802-734-025

VVSA drafted modifications to help serve VSNIP applicants: adding rabbits, slightly increasing the co-payment and the dog registration fee to VSNIP running. We now know there was never an intention of passing this bill. One senator said, very frankly, "no one was going to support this bill, that they were telling us to your face they would, but would not".

Economic Services Commissioner: Miranda Gray, VT-CAN: Pamela Krauz, owner, and Dept of Agriculture spoke to the Committee objecting to these changes, supported by applicants and VSNIP veterinarians. Senators Alison Clarkson, Joe Major and Becca White knew the bill Clarkson "sponsored" was pre-determined to die. Politics at its worst. Hopefully VSNIP will survive. VVSA Humane Society, former administrator and originator, thanks to Lynn Murrell, DVM and the 80 initial participating offices that changed the euthanasia "solution" to the overpopulation in our state. You are the backbone of this program. Thank you all, sincerely.

CALEX



Compassionate professionals delivering the highest quality emergency medicine, specialty care, and training to our providers and communities.

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We continue to experience trends with very busy inter-facility transports in 2025. We continue to see many of our tertiary care centers such as DHMC and UVMCC that we commonly transfer overwhelmed and unable to accept, requiring us to travel longer distances such as Portsmouth, Concord NH, as well as Albany NY. We completed 646 Inter-facility transports in 2025, as compared to 652 2024. Our overall volume was down slightly in 2025 with 3,224 requests for service. We maintain 2.56 response time for our busiest volume in Saint Johnsbury and 8.96 response time for the remaining 9 other communities we serve. We have been covering Granby and this generated 5 responses this year with an average response time 40-45 minutes to some of these remote locations.

We are looking forward to beginning another EMT course in early January with St. Johnsbury Academy Adult Education and are hopeful for some additional staffing from this program for our region. We continue to host regular EMS training courses to keep our professionals ready to meet the jobs continuous advancing of both clinical knowledge and skill competencies.

Some highlights in 2025 –

- **Three Sudden Cardiac Arrest survivor success stories in 2025** – 2 STJ, 1 Danville. Outstanding work by all who responded or who assisted us such as our dispatchers, bystanders performing CPR and alerting 911. These are truly a team approach to a great outcome!
- **Expanded access to public AEDs** - We continue to focus on assisting our community partners with access to over 50 AED's in our community and surrounding communities by organizing a group purchase with a refurbished AED supplier. Public access AED's will save lives! Learn CPR today, visit us at www.calexambulance.org to learn more!
- **Active threat training collaboration** - Organized and participated in additional active threat training with our local and state law enforcement agencies.
- **VEFR Training for St. Johnsbury Police Department** — We provided a Vermont Emergency First Responder (VEFR) course to train St. Johnsbury Police Department officers in basic medical and traumatic care, better preparing them to assist during emergencies. SJPD has established a medical response policy and now responds to select critical medical calls alongside EMS and Fire, particularly in situations where officers may arrive sooner or provide additional support. Skills taught in this course included CPR, AED use, bleeding control, recognition and management of medical and traumatic emergencies, and patient care until EMS arrival. This collaboration enhances timely and efficient medical care for our community residents and visitors 24/7/365.
- **Recruitment & Retention** – Focused efforts on employees and support from our Board of Directors allowed for employee rate increases moving into 2026, along with continued support of our healthcare benefits. We cannot provide 24/7/365 emergency service without dedicated, well-trained employees.
- **Capital Expenses** - We will take delivery of our newest ambulances in March 2026 replacing: CALEX 2 (2019 - Over 208,000 miles) and

CALEX 3 December 2026 (2021 - 213,000 current) We also completed several building upgrades and will continue moving into 2026 such as replacement windows, electrical upgrades, security upgrades, replacement carpet, and interior paint.

CALEX continues to provide the highest quality of prehospital care to all the towns we serve, providing 911 coverage at the Paramedic level 24/7/365. We continue and proudly serve 10 towns – Saint Johnsbury, Waterford, Barnet, Concord, South Kirby, Victory, Granby, Danville, Walden and Peacham. CALEX responded to 2,578 911 responses and 646 being Interfacility Transfers and Medical transports. These interfacility transports are a critical part of our service, reducing any delays of getting our patients to definitive care whether it be trauma services, cardiac care, or other specialty services at a higher-level care facility such as DHMC or UVMCC and other hospitals across New England.

As we end 2025, I look forward to a safe and successful year of providing the very best pre hospital care to our communities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced team providing care for when it is needed. We appreciate everyone's continued support and are pleased to provide no increases in any of our town contracts moving into 2026.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our staff, their families, and the CALEX Board of Directors and our dedicated dispatchers for their continued support and dedication to the Agency's mission.



Photo Courtesy the Caledonian Record

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Wright, NRP
Chief Executive Officer

Caledonia Essex Area Ambulance Service Inc.

2024 Town Report

St. Johnsbury

2024 CALEX Responses

2,542

Special Appropriations

Catamount Arts



The residents and voters of St. Johnsbury have consistently played a very important role in the success of Catamount Arts. Through your support at Town Meeting and by attending many of the 100+ events Catamount offers throughout the year, St. Johnsbury helps keep the Arts vital and available to all Northeast Kingdom residents, boosting our creative economy for a more vibrant, sustainable community! In May 2025, we reached our 50th anniversary year, and we have supporters like you to thank for every moment of it.

Looking back, it has been a year defined by vibrancy and connection. Were you able to join us at our 50th Anniversary Celebrations – in May at the Catamount Arts Creative Campus, or in November at Burke Mountain with the Wicked Smart Horn Band? Did you fall in love with Ukraine’s incredible Balkan chanson group, Kommuna Lux, at Final Friday? Did you catch the Bob & Sarah Amos Band during one of the many Catamount Bluegrass Nights at Vermont State University-Lyndon, or the sold out Kat and Brett performance at the York Street Meeting House?

We hope you found yourself dancing to Afro-Andean Funk at Dog Mountain, laughing at Second City improv in St. Johnsbury, or cheering on our EPIC Music students at Make Music Day. Whether it was these moments or securing your tickets for The Nutcracker at Lyndon Institute, you helped make our region come alive this year.

On screen, we spanned genres and generations. We brought you the Metropolitan Opera’s The Magic Flute and the National Theatre’s Vanya with Andrew Scott. We celebrated local talent with the baseball nostalgia flick Eephus, revisited classics like Poltergeist and Boomtown, and screened powerful new releases like No Other Land. Perhaps most meaningfully, we screened Charlie Chaplin’s Limelight—the very first film ever shown at Catamount way back in 1975—bringing our history full circle.

Off the stage and screen, your support deepened our community roots. We launched the 560 Railroad Community Artist program, housing nine visual and literary artists for month-long residencies. Each artist hosted community engagement events ranging from poetry readings and mixed media classes to public art projects. Our Arts Connect at Catamount Arts Juried Exhibition drew submissions from 80 artists, and our galleries showcased oversized portraits by Elly Barksdale, etchings from Gatto Nero Press, and a stunning textile collection curated by Harlan Mack.

And thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to offer free student admission to First Night North, allowing families across generations to celebrate the New Year with the arts for a full 8 hours. We also strengthened partnerships with other community organizations including Umbrella, the Vermont Humanities Council, and with our friends in northern New Hampshire.

In addition to integrating arts into the fabric of our community’s daily life via live shows, screenings, classes, workshops, exhibitions, and more, Catamount programming generates more than \$5 million each year to the local economy, playing a key role in the Northeast Kingdom’s long-term vibrancy and sustainability. We want to thank the voters in the town of St. Johnsbury for your steadfast support. Thank you for being part of our Catamount Arts family. Here’s to 50 more years!

First Night North



The largest family-friendly, substance-free festival of the arts in Vermont and New Hampshire, First Night North 2026 ¹ featured over 70 performances by over 175 artists from 4 pm to just after midnight on New Year’s Eve. The shows took place throughout a dozen venues around St. Johnsbury including the St. Johnsbury School, St. Andrew’s Church, the Universalist-Unitarian Congregation, the Fairbanks Museum, Catamount Arts, plus Fuller Hall, Streeter Hall, and the Morse Center on the campus of St. Johnsbury Academy, uniting the community through a shared cultural celebration.

In-between shows, attendees purchased food and beverage at local restaurants and a variety of local First Night concessions, including a free pancake supper run by the St. Johnsbury School PTO, helping to revitalize the core of our community and stimulating the local economy. Revelers once again twirled colorful streamers as they came together for the finale to this community celebration, dancing in the street to the tunes spun by DJ Will Miller under the giant ball of lights to countdown to the New Year.

And for the first time ever, we were excited to offer free buttons to all students under 18! This initiative resulted in hundreds of new attendees to St. Johnsbury.

Looking ahead, First Night North 2027 will again feature scores of performances by hundreds of artists at venues on and near Main Street and Eastern and Western Avenues. Music, dance, comedy, storytelling, circus, magic, hypnosis, puppetry, and more make for a festival with an unparalleled variety of entertainment.

St. Johnsbury’s special appropriation for First Night North – matched nine times over by business and individual sponsors – is a vital part of the support needed to continue this community tradition into its fourth decade.

¹ First Night is a licensed trademark identified by the upcoming year. Thus, First Night on December 31, 2025, is First Night 2026.

Special Appropriations

Meals on Wheels



In 2025 the St. Johnsbury Meals on Wheels and Senior Meal Site Program, staffed by Director, Diane Coburn, two paid staff members and numerous community volunteers, will have served and delivered over 30,000.

Funding for the 2026 budget of approximately \$245,582. will come from several sources. We receive funding through the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, the Vermont Centers for Independent Living and an appropriation from the Town of St. Johnsbury. Historically there have been years where there have been cuts to the funding. Nevertheless, we have continued to provide meals to the people with disabilities and seniors. We also receive donations from local civic organizations as well as area businesses and minimal contributions from the people we serve. In addition, our own annual fundraising constitutes 22% of our annual budget.

We are asking for \$10,000 in our town appropriation this year.

Sincerely,
Diane Coburn, Director
Susan Cherry, President, Board of Trustees

American Red Cross



Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **7 disaster events in Caledonia County**, providing assistance to **100 individuals**.

Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide support services to first responders during large-scale responses.

Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave people of your local fire and police departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
East Hardwick	2	17
Groton	1	9
Lyndonville	2	56
Saint Johnsbury	1	15
West Burke	1	3

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Caledonia County to educate residents on fire safety and preparedness. We made **1 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Caledonia County is home to **15 American Red Cross volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life who are trained and empowered to respond to disaster in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red

Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.

We collected, **1,208 pints** of lifesaving blood at **43 drives** in Caledonia County.

Last year, **85 Caledonia County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as first aid, CPR, babysitting skills and water safety.

We proudly assisted **20 of Caledonia County's service members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Thank you for your generous support, which makes our mission—alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies—possible.

Thank you!

Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium



Dear Residents of St. Johnsbury,

The Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article be placed on the 2026 St. Johnsbury Town Meeting warning:

“Shall the Town vote the sum of \$62,000 to support the operation of the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all St. Johnsbury residents?”

We warmly invite all St. Johnsbury residents to take full advantage of this benefit—free, unlimited general admission to explore the nature, beauty, and wonders of our world. Your municipal appropriation provides essential support for the care of our historic building and the stewardship of one of northern New England's most remarkable educational collections. These collections, and the stories they tell, are among the region's most treasured resources.

In 2025, free admission for St. Johnsbury residents was used by 2,859 visitors, a wonderful testament to the town's engagement with the Museum.

Each year, we strive to offer new opportunities for exploration and discovery. In 2026, we are excited to present *Endangered & Extinct*, a stunning exhibition of insect macro-photography from the American Museum of Natural History. We have also debuted new exhibits on bird nests and tree identification—perfect for families, naturalists, and lifelong learners alike.

As you know, the Fairbanks Museum plays a vital role in the region's economic, educational, and cultural life. Through our exhibits, programs, and community partnerships, we are proud to contribute to the vitality of the Northeast Kingdom and to the attraction of visitors to our area.

The Board of Trustees, staff, and volunteers of the Museum are deeply grateful for St. Johnsbury's ongoing support, encouragement, and collaboration. We hope that, in turn, the Museum continues to provide meaningful programs, services, and opportunities that enrich the lives of St. Johnsbury residents and uphold the town's exceptional quality of life.

With warm regards and appreciation,

Adam Kane
Executive Director

Special Appropriations

St. Johnsbury Town Band

This year the band celebrated its 195th season! Weekly summer concert attendance was very good with enthusiastic audiences motivating the band to do their best. Every summer concert included a free ice cream social sponsored by local businesses and organizations. We offered free ice cream and cake, and a children's parade at our 195th birthday concert, plus NVRH and the Quahog Dancers while we played Jerusalem. (You can see a video of this on our Facebook page.)

We held benefit concerts where all the proceeds benefited the new construction at NVRH, the St. Johnsbury History and Heritage Center. Unfortunately, another benefit concert to support the renovations at the United Community Church had to be cancelled.

In addition to our weekly summer concerts, we joined St. Johnsbury School and St. Johnsbury Academy for a spring Festival of Bands concert. We also provided a concert of patriotic music for the community's Memorial Day and Veterans Day Observances.

The following individuals were elected at our 2025 Annual Meeting: Gary Aubin – Music Director, Kirsten Harter – Assistant Music Director, Randa Jacobs – Secretary, Cheryl Gove – Treasurer, Matt Bader – Website, David Hare – Manager, Rusty Speicher – Assistant Manager, Billie Winter – Trustee, Carol Stevens – Trustee, Leslie Fredette – Librarian, Jean Ashley – Uniforms, Sue Gallagher – Publicity, Deb Smith – Trustee. We thanked Paul Tidyman for his great work on building our Facebook page over the last several years.

The Board awarded Lifetime Member status to Sally Fishburn (trumpet), Joan Tyler Mead (clarinet), and Nola Forbes (bass drum), for their many years of playing with the band. Youth Awards were given to Danielle Peterson and Lily Call for their commitment and participation.

We performed several paid concerts outside of St. Johnsbury to help meet our budget including a return to the Caledonia County Fair after a hiatus of about 100 years!

For our full schedule please see our Calendar here: <https://www.stjohnsburyband.org/calendar> and like us on Facebook for concert updates.

We are grateful to the State of Vermont for our rehearsal space inside the Caledonia County Courthouse and give special thanks to the Building and General Services staff who manage the door from the Courthouse to the bandstand every concert. Without their support, putting on weekly concerts would be very challenging.

Now is an opportune time to consider joining the band. Joining the band is free and only requires basic music reading skills and a concert type band instrument. In some cases, we can connect you to resources to help you rent or purchase a re-conditioned instrument, or repair that one in the closet you played 20 years ago. We have strong members in each section, and you will be surprised how quickly your music reading skill and playing improves.

Please join us for our concerts either as part of the audience cheering us on, or better yet, help us make the music. "There is no better place to hear a concert than from inside the bandstand!"

David Hare, Manager

manager@stjohnsburyband.org

Northeast Kingdom Council On Aging



Dear Stacy Jewell and Members of the Selectboard:

The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging respectfully requests continued financial support from the Town of St. Johnsbury to assist older residents in living safely, independently, and with dignity in their own homes and communities.

In **FY2025**, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging supported **687 older adults in St. Johnsbury**, providing **673 service interactions** that connected individuals with resources such as fuel and food assistance, Medicare guidance, case management, transportation coordination, caregiver support, and evidence-based wellness programs. Through our network of nutrition partners, we also coordinated **19080 home-delivered meals**, ensuring that our older neighbors received nutritious food and critical daily safety checks.

Every day, older residents of St. Johnsbury reach out to us through our **Statewide Helpline (1-800-642-5119)** seeking support during moments of need. Our staff and volunteers respond with compassion, urgency, and respect—ensuring that no older Vermonter is left without assistance.

As demand for services continues to grow and the cost of essential supports increases, the Town's partnership is vital. We respectfully request \$ 9000 in municipal funding to maintain and strengthen services for older adults in St. Johnsbury.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your continued commitment to supporting your older neighbors.

Sincerely,

Meg Burmeister

Executive Director
www.nekcouncil.org

Questions or Additional Information: Melinda Martin, Director of Communications & Development mmartin@nekcouncil.org • (802) 748-5182

Special Appropriations

Kingdom Animal Shelter



Shall the Town of St. Johnsbury vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$2,000.00 for the support of Kingdom Animal Shelter to provide services to residents of the Town?

KINGDOM ANIMAL SHELTER MISSION STATEMENT: Kingdom Animal Shelter is a limited access, **primarily volunteer, non-profit certified 501(c) (3), animal rescue organization.** Our mission is to facilitate the placement of rescued, abandoned, abused, or neglected animals into safe, life-long homes. We respect the inherent value of every animal in our care, and we strive to prevent overpopulation and cruelty to animals.

We provide many services to the area, including accepting stray and unwanted cats to our shelter, rescues from abusive and hoarding situations, and the trap/neuter/release (TNR) of feral and barn cats; these cats are a serious and ongoing problem in the communities we serve. We take in cats from St. Johnsbury, Waterford, Barnet, Peacham, Danville, Burke, Cabot. From September 15, 2024 through September 15, 2025, we took in 123 cats, and 96 cats were placed in their forever homes. We work with the community to raise awareness of the importance of spay/neuter programs and the responsibilities of pet ownership. **Each cat that comes to the shelter costs an average of \$500 for vaccinations, testing, spay/neuter, other medical treatment, food, and lodging between intake and adoption.**

The cats in our care are with us until they are adopted. During their stay they are lovingly cared for, played with and socialized by many of our volunteers. Any medical needs are tended to promptly and the cats are provided with vaccinations as appropriate. They are spayed or neutered before they go home with their forever family. We welcome cats of a wide variety of ages, colors, and personality types.

Our volunteers work tirelessly to raise the funds necessary to meet our annual operating expenses of approximately \$160,000 which pays for veterinary bills, food, rent, utilities, and supplies. To help in our fundraising efforts, we attended Danville Autumn on the Green, have yard sales in the spring, summer, and fall; sell calendars at local businesses as a part of our calendar fundraiser in the fall; and have our Memorial Tree and Giving Tuesday fundraisers in the winter. In April we have a rabies vaccination clinic and pets, both dogs and cats, received a one or three-year vaccination as appropriate for \$25.00.

We operate with no federal or state funding, which means we depend on the generosity of towns and individuals to meet our operating expenses. We're asking for an appropriation of \$500 (**unchanged from previous year's requests**) to assist us in our mission of finding homes for unwanted or abandoned cats, and providing quality care and a safe, clean shelter for our cats until they are adopted. We welcome any assistance given to help our animals in need. We greatly appreciate your interest and support.

Kingdom Animal Shelter Board of Directors:

Helen Morrison--President, Nancy Rivet, Rod Lauman,
Kathy Bouffard, Caleb Stone, Julia Persch

1161 Portland Street
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
802-473-3377

email: info@kingdomanimalshelter.com
www.kingdomanimalshelter.com
Kathy Bouffard, Caleb Stone, Julia Persch

Rural Edge



Dear Select Board Members,

Gilman Housing Trust, Inc., dba RuralEdge, wishes to seek an appropriation of \$2,000 at the 2026 Town Meeting for our Support and Services at Home (SASH) program. Our request this year is the same amount as last year; thus, it is our understanding that we can submit this request without a petition.

The SASH program is offered throughout the State of Vermont and is designed to provide personalized coordinated care to help participants stay at home safely regardless of age or residential setting. It uses state Medicare funds in a targeted way, knowing that it is both cost-effective and preferential for people to stay in their homes rather than move to higher care facilities before it is really needed. To that end, there is no cost for an individual to participate in SASH.

Each SASH participant has an assigned coordinator and community wellness nurse. Together, they provide individualized care including food assistance, assistance with housing, and application assistance for fuel and food benefits. They also provide regular blood pressure checks, medication reconciliations, and home visits to help alleviate isolation. SASH also regularly offers wellness programming such as exercise and balance training. As opportunities for assistance become available, SASH staff are always there to assist participants in any way they can.

In St. Johnsbury, we provide SASH services to around 89 people at any given time. Participants are within RuralEdge properties like Passumpsic View Apartments, New Avenue, Mountain View Housing and Moose River Housing, along with non RuralEdge properties such as the St. Johnsbury House, as well as individuals living in their own homes.

The SASH Embedded Wellness Clinician through Northeast Kingdom Human Services has completed her first year. The SEWC provides support groups, group programming, and individual counseling to SASH participants in RuralEdge housing.

It takes many dedicated people and a lot of funding to make these services available, and town appropriations go a long way toward meeting our funding needs. Thank you for your assistance in this request.

Sincerely,

Patrick Shattuck

Executive Director

patrick@ruraledge.org

St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

The St. Johnsbury Athenaeum had a successful year in 2025. We continued to be open six days per week, every week of the year (holidays excepted) and we circulated more than 45,000 total items, including more than 10,000 downloaded books and videos. More than 2000 new items were added to the Athenaeum's collections for circulation to our patrons and another 1,200 were borrowed from other libraries.

Our children's library partnered with nineteen preschool and daycare classes for book bags and story times every two weeks. Staff also visited kindergarten and first grade classes at St. Johnsbury School monthly. The fifth grade students gave their National Park speeches in the Athenaeum in June and second and third grade students participated in a Restorative Justice Art Exhibit in the spring. Free books were given out to 100 children as part of the Athenaeum's literacy celebration and another 125 children received two free books as part of the Clif Reading Celebration.

Many programs were hosted for adults in 2025 as well. In addition to regular programming that includes movie nights, poetry readings, book clubs, and seed swaps, the Athenaeum hosted three Legislative Breakfasts

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and a Vermont Symphony Orchestra Jukebox program. In November, the Athenaeum held Mystery Month which ended with a live "Clue" game.

The Athenaeum was also able to raise funds in 2025 to repair the tower roof before winter. The finials and other trim on the tower will be reinstalled in 2026.

If you have suggestions for programs or materials, please let the Athenaeum staff know. We ask for your support at the 2026 Town Meeting. Our request is the same as it has been since 2011. Please contact Kacy with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the staff and Trustees.

Kacy Guill, Athenaeum Director

kguill@stjathenaeum.org 802-745-1389

www.stjathenaeum.org

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice (CHHC) is Northern Counties Health Care's (NCHC) certified Medicare and Medicaid comprehensive Home Care and Hospice division.

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice has proudly served the residents of Caledonia and Southern Essex counties since 1968. Our mission is to provide high quality, accessible, patient-centered health care, and our vision is to be a key partner in building healthy families and thriving communities.

In the last year, Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice was honored to provide 9773 visits to 335 residents of St. Johnsbury, VT.

While working with residents, we provided physical, occupational, and speech therapies. We provided physician, skilled nursing, physical and occupational therapy, medical social work, home health aide and home-maker visits. We work together with primary care physicians so that care is specific and structured to treatment goals.

2026 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics St. Johnsbury, VT

- # of residents served: 335
- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW): 5,950 visits
- Long Term Care (Case Management, Personal Care, Respite): 1,760 visits
- Hospice (Nursing, Therapy, Personal Care, Respite): 1,803 visits
- Maternal Child Health: 260 visits

Total Visits in St. Johnsbury, VT = 9773 visits

Testimonials

"We couldn't have asked for better people, better care. Every single person we met was kind, informative and so easy to deal with. I am so grateful to all of the staff for everything they did for my family. There aren't enough words to express my gratitude."

"I am very pleased with each person that is involved with my care, Great bunch of people all around. Love that when something is high or low, Miss Molly is right on top of it. Gives me peace & comfort to know my team is always there, checking up on me."

"We as a community are rich with organizations such as Caledonia Home Health. Seniors need this help. Many are not able to get out to get the care they need. There are so many issues seniors have that keep them homebound. I feel very fortunate that I can stay in my home where I feel secure and have this wonderful care. They are very good and knowledgeable in their profession."

To learn more about our programs and services please visit www.nchcvt.org or call (802) 748-8116. Thank you!

Umbrella



Activity Report for Town of St. Johnsbury

Fiscal Year 2026: July 2025 – June 2026

Town Appropriation Request: \$9,500

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 3 multifaceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

- **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 FY25, Advocacy supported approximately 1,172 survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- **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 FY25, Our Social Change programs provide prevention education and support to 2,751 youth in local schools with prevention education and supported 461 adults through workshops and training. Our Accountability Programs: served 65 individuals, and celebrated 33 program graduates.
- **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 FY25, Kingdom Child Care Connection program served 2,015 families. The Family Room, provided safe, supervised visits for 57 families.

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 732 people in the Town of St. Johnsbury were served by Umbrella in Fiscal Year 2025 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 St. Johnsbury's support.

Respectfully,

Amanda Cochrane

Executive Director

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NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.

Dear voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury

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

Johnsbury. Imagine a future where our adult education initiatives flourish and every individual can access high-quality learning opportunities to improve their skills and pursue their dreams. We believe that education is the key to a brighter future for our students, and we need your support to make that happen. Your appropriation of \$2,500.00 will directly fuel our efforts to enhance and expand our programs.

Our Adult Education and Literacy programs, available at learning centers located in Canaan, Hardwick, Island Pond, Newport and St. Johnsbury, have directly benefited St. Johnsbury residents who have earned their diplomas, GEDs, and work credentials with NEKLS. These include programs for residents age 16 and older who are not in high school and who are interested in:

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

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

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

Join us in making a difference by investing in the education of your community.

Respectfully
Michelle Faust
Executive Director

NORTHEAST KINGDOM YOUTH SERVICES

NEKYS has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975.

In 2025 NEKYS served 423 individuals throughout Caledonia and Southern Essex Counties.

NEKYS Family Programs Provide:

- After-hours emergency support to families in crisis.
- Supportive counseling for youth and families, case management, family mediation and support for youth and families within their schools.
- Summer Central Scholarship program offering scholarships for children to attend summer activities they otherwise could not afford.

NEKYS Youth Programs Include:

- After-hours emergency support for youth, families, and individuals in crisis.
- Support to local young people ages 15-22 that are homeless or at risk of homelessness; have current or past involvement with foster

care; are pregnant and/or parenting; experiencing mental health issues; struggling with substance misuse; have current or past involvement with the criminal justice system.

- Programs that utilize a positive youth development, trauma-informed approach that is tailored to meet the needs of young people.
- Encouragement for each young person to identify their strengths and achieve goals related to housing, education, employment, and life skills.
- Access to short-term and long-term housing support that addresses the complex needs of young adults who are 18-22 years old. Young adults receive support which include in-home case management, rental assistance, landlord mediation, job skill development and educational advancement support.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services is a private, non-profit agency governed by a community-based, volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts, donations and appropriations from the towns we serve to continue our mission. Thank you for supporting the youth and families in our community. Please call our office at 748-8732 if you have any questions.

Northeast Kingdom Human Services



Dear Town of St. Johnsbury Select Board and Community Members:

Please consider financially supporting Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.'s (NKHS) mission to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support by including the following article in your 2026 Town Meeting Warning.

ARTICLE: Shall the Town of St. Johnsbury vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$7983 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care?

This request is the same amount as voted at the 2025 Town Meeting and 8.42% 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 503 NKHS professional employees work to help others live fulfilling lives and contribute to their community. We offer confidential services that include 24/7 emergency mental health care with Enhanced Mobile Crisis response, walk-in support at the Front Porch Urgent Mental Health Care center, and call/text/chat mental health support through 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. NKHS also offers outpatient therapy for adults, children, and families through various programs and supports individuals with developmental disabilities, ensuring equal rights, respect, and dignity. For more information about our agency and services, please visit our website at <https://www.nkhs.org> or call our offices.

Between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, NKHS provided supportive services to 2724 individuals, 515 lived in the Town of St. Johnsbury benefiting from 40,332 service hours. NKHS also provided 363 hours of community outreach with Starting Over Strong VT support, community meetings, and training impacting 6034 individuals. During this time, over 3,995 unique individuals benefitted from the 988-crisis line.

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

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

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Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc.



Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA) is the leading agency in addressing the conditions of poverty the Northeast Kingdom serving Orleans, Essex, and Caledonia counties. NEKCA's mission, "to empower all generations in the Northeast Kingdom to grow, prosper, and thrive," guides our work and interactions with our community. NEKCA is committed to empowering those who seek assistance to improve the quality of their lives and strengthen our communities. We provide direct program activities, referrals, advocacy, and education to our most vulnerable neighbors during challenging times. In 2025, NEKCA provided 12,090 individual services to St. Johnsbury residents.

NEKCA Services include: Head Start/Early Head Start, Parent-Child Center Services, Children's Integrated Services, Economic Access, Food Shelves, Housing and Homelessness, Heat and Utility Assistance, Community and Restorative Justice, and Youth Services.

NEKCA is a private, non-profit funded by grants, contracts, donations and appropriations from the towns we serve to continue our mission. Thank you for strengthening the St. Johnsbury community with your support. Please call our main line at 855-663-5224 if you have any questions about NEKCA services or are curious how to further support our mission.

The Community Restorative Justice Center

Dear Chad and Lesley,

The Community Restorative Justice Center provides conflict resolution and community building services to the Town of St. Johnsbury. Along with our Diversion (AGO) and Dept. of Corrections (DOC) programs the CRJC currently provides St. Johnsbury residents conflict mediation, the parking ticket appeal board, victim services for all crime victims in STJPD's Valcour system, free food and EBT card procurement and a mailing address for homeless individuals in town, direct referrals from STJPD for low-level pre-charge criminal incidents, free legal advice and legal information and referrals.

Last year, the general fund included a line item of \$10,000 for the FY 2024-2025 budget cycle to finance the services that are provided to the Town of St. Johnsbury. We are again asking to be included in the General Fund this year for \$10,000 to support the community building and safety programs that directly affect St. Johnsbury.

In FY 24-25, outside of DOC and AGO funded programs, we offered services to 145 crime victims referred through STJPD's Valcour database, 25 residents through the Free Legal Services programs, and 24 residents for parking ticket appeals. We provided 987 contacts to homeless individuals for free food, support, and EBT card procurement. Many of these individuals we provided other referral services for as well. St. Johnsbury residents served in our other programs were over 100 Court Diversion (underage drinking, diversion cases, assistance with reinstating driver's licenses) clients, 41 Reparative Panel clients, 53 additional victim contacts through reparative cases, 16 Transitional Housing clients, 10 Circles of Support and Accountability and numerous Reentry Navigation clients.

Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Neil Favreau, Executive Director

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) respectfully request that the following special appropriation article appear in the 2026 warning for the Town Meeting:

Article: Shall the Town of St. Johnsbury vote to rise, appropriate and expend the sum of

\$17,509.50 for the support of Rural Community Transportation, Inc. To provide services to the residents of St. Johnsbury.

Please know that we have adjusted our appropriation request to reflect the level of service your community receives, using a formula of \$1.50 per ride based on the average number of rides provided to your town over the past three years. We truly appreciate your continued support, which helps ensure that residents have access to safe and reliable transportation throughout the region

RCT is a nonprofit 501© (3) corporation which provides public transportation throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2025, RCT provided 16,088 rides, traveling 258,342 miles at a total cost of \$462,432.18 to St. Johnsbury residents. RCT

continued to provide safety focused, demand-based rides, and all the 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 matches and 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 St. Johnsbury.

Sincerely,
Renee Stalczynski Office Administrator

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ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED 2023	AMOUNT APPROVED 2023	AMOUNT REQUESTED 2024	AMOUNT APPROVED 2024	AMOUNT REQUESTED 2025	AMOUNT APPROVED 2025	AMOUNT REQUESTED 2026
American Red Cross	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Caledonia Home Health Care	\$18,382.00	\$18,382.00	\$18,382.00	\$18,382.00	\$18,382.00	\$18,382.00	\$18,382.00
Catamount Arts	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Fairbanks Museum	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00
First Night North	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Good Living Senior Center	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Kingdom Animal Shelter	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
NEKCA, INC			\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
N. E. Kingdom Council on Aging	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
NEK Human Services	\$7,983.00	\$7,983.00	\$7,983.00	\$7,983.00	\$7,983.00	\$7,983.00	\$7,983.00
NEK Learning Services, Inc.					\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
NEK Youth Services	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Rural Edge/SASH	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
RCT	\$13,050.00	\$13,050.00	\$13,050.00	\$13,050.00	\$13,050.00	\$13,050.00	\$17,509.50
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00
St. Johnsbury Kiwanis Pool	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00
St. Johnsbury Town Band	\$770.00	\$770.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
St.J. Nutrition Center - Meals on Wheels	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Umbrella	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
VABVI	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00
TOTAL	\$313,860.00	\$313,860.00	\$334,390.00	\$334,390.00	\$336,890.00	\$336,890.00	\$341,349.50
TOTAL	\$305,570.00	\$305,570.00	\$314,670.00	\$314,670.00	\$335,200.00	\$335,200.00	\$336,890.00

2026 Legislative Report

Senator Scott Beck

Serving the Caledonia District: Barnet, Danville, Groton, Hardwick, Newbury (Orange County), Peacham, Ryegate, Stannard, St. Johnsbury, Walden, Waterford, and Wheelock

Town Report Summary: Key Community Priorities

Education

There are ten public schools and one approved independent school in the Caledonia Senate District. Enrollment varies from less than 50 to 1,000; all play a vital role in their community and beyond. Vermont has lost 30% of its students, and current birth rates suggest that we will lose another 10-15%. Many Vermont schools have already lost over 50% of their students. The question confronting Montpelier is how to reform and transform our school districts and schools so that students will receive excellent educational opportunities and options at a price that property taxpayers can afford.

I don't have a crystal ball and can't predict what this reality will mean for our schools. I am committed to ensuring that local communities will have a say. Please attend school district meetings, especially budget meetings. Take the time to understand what is going on in your school district and help your school board members; they are making difficult decisions.

Housing Affordability

The legislature is committed to making housing more affordable and available. This is a monumental problem that has evolved into a crisis over the last 40 years. Efforts to slow development many decades ago were not revisited, and Vermont chronically underbuilt housing.

Vermont is now trying to catch up. Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP) and Community and Housing Infrastructure Program (CHIP) are programs that will help, but the bigger problem to solve is how to reduce the cost to construct a home enough so that banks can lend without requiring very large downpayments that most Vermonters cannot afford. Smart deregulation, density, and competition are our allies.

Energy Affordability

The price of oil is down right now, thankfully. The cost of electricity is increasing too fast for Vermont family budgets. The best use of public assistance is efficiency, especially weatherization.

I continue to remain committed to repealing the Clean Heat Standard, which, if enacted, would add \$0.59 to a gallon of heating fuel. The acceleration of the Renewable Energy Standard is projected to increase Vermont's electric costs by \$1B over 10 years. Our electric utilities already receive 97% of their kilowatts from carbon-generation.

Our area generation plant in Ryegate produces 7% of all Vermont electricity and is undergoing an upgrade to increase efficiency. This is great news for ratepayers and our area economy, especially the forest industry.

Healthcare

Vermont healthcare and hospitals are transforming rapidly. The Oliver Wyman report issued in 2024 recommended that hospitals seek efficiencies and reduce their budgets by \$300M by 2030, combined. Our hospitals have stepped up and already trimmed costs by \$200M and are expected to meet the final goal two years early.

Hospitals are doing this through shared services and cooperation. The legislature invoked reference-based pricing and pharmaceutical cost controls in 2025. The Green Mountain Care Board took dramatic steps to reform the UVM Medical Center and replaced senior leadership.

There are many other important topics: mental health, addiction, public safety, transportation and many others. Please reach out if you would like to discuss any of them. I can be reached at sbeck@leg.state.vt.us.



Sen. Scott Beck
Senate Minority Leader



Delinquent Taxpayers & Report

Name	Tax year	SHONIA TIMOTHY H	2023, 2024	TANNER JUSTIN A	2023, 2024	PARRISH KARENA	2024
JEFFREY STEPHEN D	2024	WILCOX JONATHON MA	2023, 2024	ASTRALIS DEVELOPME	2024	SAVICKAS JOHN P	2024
JENKINS ROBERT D	2024	BLAKE DANIEL	2024	CENTER FOR INTEGRA	2024	STEIN NIKOLAS	2023, 2024
LAMONT KENNETH	2024	BABCOCK BARBARA -	2024	BEHR EDWARD A	2024	MCCORMACK JOHN	2024
BACON NICK	2024	JIBY CO	2024	JIBY CO	2024	LOOMIS PAIGE N	2024
YOUNG ROBIN	2024	KENDALL JAMES S	2024	POGINY ANDREA L	2024	CHARBONNEAU CHRIST	2024
LAMONT KENNETH	2024	KENDALL HAZEL L TR	2024	OCTAGON BUILDINGS	2024	LUANGRATH KHAMPAHN	2024
BOYNTON LAURIE	2023, 2024	KENDALL MARVIN R	2023, 2024	OCTAGON BUILDINGS	2024		
FLEURIE JOSHUA	2024	KENDALL JAMES S	2024	BAINES ADAM	2024		
CONWAY DAWN M	2024	COUSINS ROBERT L -	2024	ZION CORPORATION	2023, 2024		
LOPEZ DIANA	2022, 2023, 2024	EVANS DOROTHEA	2024	GREENLEAF WILLA	2024		
BILLINGS-GREGORY L	2023, 2024	GRIECO GIULIANA	2023, 2024	NOYES CLYDE	2024		
KING JASON L	20,232,024	SHATTUCK RODERICK	2024	HEATON NATHANIEL	2024		
SABENS IRENE	2024	STEMPLE ROBERT B	2024	ROY CHADWICK	2024		
DUTCHBURN JOHN	2024	SHONIA IRENE M - L	2023, 2024	MCFARLANE BRANDON	2024		
D S & C ENTERPRISE	2024	SHAW KEVIN	2023, 2024	KENDALL HAZEL L TR	2024		

Delinquent Tax Summary Report		1/7/26			
Tax Year	Payment	Interest	Penalty	Total	
2022	\$652.56	\$196.74	\$39.60	\$888.90	
2023	\$11,278.88	\$1,612.19	\$295.78	\$13,186.85	
2024	\$104,219.45	\$11,009.48	\$7,101.16	\$122,330.09	
2025	\$192,656.15	\$5,513.89		\$198,170.04	1st installment
Totals	\$308,807.04	\$18,332.30	\$7,436.54	\$334,575.88	

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January 27, 2026

Board of Selectmen
Town of St. Johnsbury, Vermont
51 Depot Square
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of St. Johnsbury, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025 and have issued our report thereon dated November 3, 2025.

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Office, (or on the Town's website @www.stjvt.com).

Sullivan, Powers & Co.

Financials: Balance Sheet

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Services Fund	Grant Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 1,053,506	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 69,900	\$ 1,123,406
Restricted Cash Equivalents	1,661,286	0	0	0	0	1,661,286
Investments	0	0	0	0	270,298	270,298
Receivables	356,685	2,845,457	11,325	739,280	0	3,952,747
Due from Other Funds	568,888	0	399,501	0	32	968,421
Prepaid Items	110,869	0	895	0	0	111,764
Deposit on Fire Truck	30,000	0	0	0	0	30,000
Total Assets	\$ 3,781,234	\$ 2,845,457	\$ 411,721	\$ 739,280	\$ 340,230	\$ 8,117,922
LIABILITIES						
Accounts Payable	\$ 203,659	\$ 78,806	\$ 3,397	\$ 195,482	\$ 0	\$ 481,344
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	53,404	29,733	21,429	0	0	104,566
Due to Other Funds	0	857,518	0	647,304	136	1,504,958
Unearned Revenue	0	0	0	2,401	0	2,401
Tax Sale Overpayments	56,024	0	0	0	0	56,024
Short-term Debt Payable	0	1,124,000	0	0	0	1,124,000
Total Liabilities	313,087	2,090,057	24,826	845,187	136	3,273,293
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Prepaid Property Taxes	38,272	0	0	0	0	38,272
Unavailable Property Taxes, Penalties and Interest	247,232	0	0	0	0	247,232
Unavailable Grants	0	2,845,457	0	342,928	0	3,188,385
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	285,504	2,845,457	0	342,928	0	3,473,889
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable	140,869	0	895	0	5,161	146,925
Restricted	1,647,134	0	386,000	0	334,933	2,368,067
Assigned	1,086,766	0	0	0	0	1,086,766
Unassigned/(Deficit)	307,874	(2,090,057)	0	(448,835)	0	(2,231,018)
Total Fund Balances/(Deficit)	3,182,643	(2,090,057)	386,895	(448,835)	340,094	1,370,740
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 3,781,234	\$ 2,845,457	\$ 411,721	\$ 739,280	\$ 340,230	

Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are Different Because:

Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities are not Financial Resources and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds. 29,062,418

Other Assets are not Available to Pay for Current-Period Expenditures and, Therefore, are Deferred in the Funds. 3,435,617

Long-term and Accrued Liabilities, Including Bonds Payable and the Net Pension Liability, are not Due or Payable in the Current Period and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds. (11,604,367)

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Pension Plan and its Participation in VMERS are Applicable to Future Periods and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds. 781,980

Net Position of Governmental Activities **\$ 23,046,388**

Financials: Net Position

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2025

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 1,123,406	\$ 410,983	\$ 1,534,389
Restricted Cash Equivalents	1,661,286	0	1,661,286
Investments	270,298	219,082	489,380
Receivables	3,952,747	916,483	4,869,230
Internal Balances	(536,537)	536,537	0
Prepaid Expenses	111,764	0	111,764
Deposit on Fire Truck	30,000	0	30,000
Capital Assets:			
Land	614,197	185,592	799,789
Construction in Progress	2,722,659	11,687,178	14,409,837
Other Capital Assets, (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	25,725,562	28,003,080	53,728,642
Total Assets	35,675,382	41,958,935	77,634,317
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	701,133	72,853	773,986
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Pension Plan	84,272	9,363	93,635
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	785,405	82,216	867,621
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	481,344	757,134	1,238,478
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	104,566	11,929	116,495
Unearned Revenue	2,401	6,018	8,419
Tax Sale Overpayments	56,024	0	56,024
Short-term Debt Payable	1,124,000	0	1,124,000
Accrued Interest Payable	17,494	36,325	53,819
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	608,179	490,700	1,098,879
Due in More than One Year	10,978,694	15,123,716	26,102,410
Total Liabilities	13,372,702	16,425,822	29,798,524
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid Property Taxes	38,272	0	38,272
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	3,425	355	3,780
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	41,697	355	42,052
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	24,366,936	24,894,030	49,260,966
Restricted:			
Non-Expendable:			
Cemetery	5,161	0	5,161
Expendable:			
Public Safety	386,895	0	386,895
Cemetery	334,933	0	334,933
Other	15,848	0	15,848
Unrestricted/(Deficit)	(2,063,385)	720,944	(1,342,441)
Total Net Position	\$ 23,046,388	\$ 25,614,974	\$ 48,661,362

Financials: Activities

TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Functions/Programs:							
Primary Government:							
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ 2,037,350	\$ 243,370	\$ 46,586	\$ 0	\$ (1,747,394)	\$ 0	\$ (1,747,394)
Public Safety	4,423,839	472,752		1,735,578	(2,215,509)	0	(2,215,509)
Public Works	6,941,829	6,757	3,227,115	35,330	(3,672,627)	0	(3,672,627)
Culture and Recreation	328,407	0	51,811	83,248	(193,348)	0	(193,348)
Community Development	644,562	0	149,730	0	(494,832)	0	(494,832)
Cemetery	35,004	8,550	0	0	(26,454)	0	(26,454)
Interest on Long-term Debt	127,267	0	0	0	(127,267)	0	(127,267)
Total Governmental Activities	14,538,258	731,429	3,475,242	1,854,156	(8,477,431)	0	(8,477,431)
Business-type Activities:							
Water	1,883,929	1,446,176	33,846	3,881,928	0	3,478,021	3,478,021
Sewer	2,178,884	1,815,646	3,075	374,529	0	14,366	14,366
Total Business-type Activities	4,062,813	3,261,822	36,921	4,256,457	0	3,492,387	3,492,387
Total Primary Government	\$ 18,601,071	\$ 3,993,251	\$ 3,512,163	\$ 6,110,613	(8,477,431)	3,492,387	(4,985,044)
General Revenues:							
Property Taxes					7,347,427	0	7,347,427
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes					111,361	0	111,361
General State Grants					372,322	0	372,322
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					59,763	10,414	70,177
Other Revenues					7,637	0	7,637
Total General Revenues					7,898,510	10,414	7,908,924
Change in Net Position					(578,921)	3,502,801	2,923,880
Net Position - July 1, 2024					23,578,884	22,112,173	45,691,057
Net Position - June 30, 2025					\$ 22,999,963	\$ 25,614,974	\$ 48,614,937

Financials: Revenues, Expenditures & Change In Fund Balances

TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Services Fund	Grant Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ 3,321,470	\$ 2,419,098	\$ 1,528,064	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,268,632
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	111,361	0	0	0	0	111,361
Intergovernmental	253,761	564,522	81,465	1,959,043	0	2,858,791
Charges for Services	615,492	541,321	33,437	0	8,550	1,198,800
Permits, Licenses and Fees	213,741	3,858	0	0	0	217,599
Fines and Forfeits	4,412	0	8,382	0	0	12,794
Investment Income	26,785	0	0	0	32,978	59,763
Donations	325	0	0	0	0	325
Other	6,883	754	0	0	0	7,637
Total Revenues	<u>4,554,230</u>	<u>3,529,553</u>	<u>1,651,348</u>	<u>1,959,043</u>	<u>41,528</u>	<u>11,735,702</u>
Expenditures:						
General Government	1,960,888	0	0	39,138	0	2,000,026
Public Safety	2,417,279	0	1,501,039	0	0	3,918,318
Public Works	0	6,300,992	0	0	0	6,300,992
Culture and Recreation	272,582	0	0	55,803	0	328,385
Community Development	336,966	0	0	307,596	0	644,562
Cemetery	26,594	0	0	0	8,410	35,004
Capital Outlay:						
General Government	1,263	0	0	0	0	1,263
Public Safety	349,232	0	11,566	1,837,974	0	2,198,772
Public Works	0	339,386	0	5,100	0	344,486
Culture and Recreation	789	0	0	104,061	0	104,850
Debt Service:						
Principal	70,000	529,589	0	0	0	599,589
Interest	54,519	61,540	0	0	0	116,059
Total Expenditures	<u>5,490,112</u>	<u>7,231,507</u>	<u>1,512,605</u>	<u>2,349,672</u>	<u>8,410</u>	<u>16,592,306</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(935,882)</u>	<u>(3,701,954)</u>	<u>138,743</u>	<u>(390,629)</u>	<u>33,118</u>	<u>(4,856,604)</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):						
Issuance of Long-term Debt	1,654,000	336,725	0	0	0	1,990,725
Transfers In	257,650	0	170,000	201,650	0	629,300
Transfers Out	(349,818)	(21,832)	(257,650)	0	0	(629,300)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>1,561,832</u>	<u>314,893</u>	<u>(87,650)</u>	<u>201,650</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,990,725</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	625,950	(3,387,061)	51,093	(188,979)	33,118	(2,865,879)
Fund Balances/(Deficit) - July 1, 2024	<u>2,556,693</u>	<u>1,297,004</u>	<u>335,802</u>	<u>(259,856)</u>	<u>306,976</u>	<u>4,236,619</u>
Fund Balances/(Deficit) - June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 3,182,643</u>	<u>\$ (2,090,057)</u>	<u>\$ 386,895</u>	<u>\$ (448,835)</u>	<u>\$ 340,094</u>	<u>\$ 1,370,740</u>

Financials: Pension Trust Fund

TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
 PENSION TRUST FUND
 JUNE 30, 2025

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Pension Liability:				
Service Cost	\$ 55,402	\$ 76,347	\$ 60,804	\$ 72,792
Interest	871,942	880,332	831,324	832,838
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	214,397	(262,333)	152,825	61,966
Change in Benefit Terms	0	0	488,988	0
Changes in Assumptions	0	0	0	24,603
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Member Contributions	(780,468)	(788,857)	(799,839)	(964,438)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	361,273	(94,511)	734,102	27,761
Total Pension Liability, January 1	13,798,288	13,892,799	13,158,697	13,130,936
Total Pension Liability, December 31	14,159,561	13,798,288	13,892,799	13,158,697
 Plan Fiduciary Net Position:				
Contributions - Employer	303,696	415,433	135,000	181,965
Contributions - Members	36,957	38,325	39,954	43,828
Net Investment Income/(Loss)	996,349	1,424,818	(1,662,678)	1,315,703
Administrative Expenses	(16,700)	(16,100)	(19,400)	(32,800)
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Member Contributions	(780,468)	(788,857)	(799,839)	(964,438)
Net Change in Fiduciary Net Position	539,834	1,073,619	(2,306,963)	544,258
Plan Fiduciary Net Position, January 1	10,615,377	9,541,758	11,848,721	11,304,463
Plan Fiduciary Net Position, December 31	11,155,211	10,615,377	9,541,758	11,848,721
Net Pension Liability, December 31	\$ 3,004,350	\$ 3,182,911	\$ 4,351,041	\$ 1,309,976
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liab	78.78%	76.93%	68.68%	90.04%
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 897,670	\$ 779,134	\$ 960,275	\$ 804,348
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	334.68%	408.52%	453.10%	162.86%

Notes to Schedule

Benefit Changes: None.

Changes in Assumptions and Methods: None.

Changes in Plan Provisions: The Fire Department employee contribution rate was increased from 6% to 8% to match the collective bargaining agreement.

Financials: Pension Trust Fund Cont.

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$ 85,259	\$ 79,645	\$ 100,951	\$ 115,097	\$ 123,154	\$ 115,139
826,926	846,547	830,076	804,914	770,068	766,804
(10,623)	310,902	190,276	120,265	(220,202)	154,539
0	(474,858)	0	0	0	0
(44,863)	646,005	(133,641)	(62,871)	277,567	0
<u>(756,467)</u>	<u>(761,862)</u>	<u>(677,771)</u>	<u>(573,298)</u>	<u>(562,465)</u>	<u>(554,653)</u>
100,232	646,379	309,891	404,107	388,122	481,829
<u>13,030,704</u>	<u>12,384,325</u>	<u>12,074,434</u>	<u>11,670,327</u>	<u>11,282,205</u>	<u>10,800,376</u>
<u>13,130,936</u>	<u>13,030,704</u>	<u>12,384,325</u>	<u>12,074,434</u>	<u>11,670,327</u>	<u>11,282,205</u>
207,815	272,713	183,928	249,761	255,115	307,593
43,402	47,686	56,442	58,955	47,723	35,703
899,043	1,681,968	(395,618)	1,153,615	878,054	64,102
(900)	(19,550)	(17,900)	(15,800)	(67,848)	(97,821)
<u>(756,467)</u>	<u>(761,862)</u>	<u>(677,771)</u>	<u>(573,298)</u>	<u>(562,465)</u>	<u>(554,653)</u>
392,893	1,220,955	(850,919)	873,233	550,579	(245,076)
<u>10,911,570</u>	<u>9,690,615</u>	<u>10,541,534</u>	<u>9,668,301</u>	<u>9,117,722</u>	<u>9,362,798</u>
<u>11,304,463</u>	<u>10,911,570</u>	<u>9,690,615</u>	<u>10,541,534</u>	<u>9,668,301</u>	<u>9,117,722</u>
<u>\$ 1,826,473</u>	<u>\$ 2,119,134</u>	<u>\$ 2,693,710</u>	<u>\$ 1,532,900</u>	<u>\$ 2,002,026</u>	<u>\$ 2,164,483</u>
86.09%	83.74%	78.25%	87.30%	82.85%	80.82%
\$ 1,020,208	\$ 1,013,837	\$ 1,103,148	\$ 1,314,736	\$ 1,408,393	\$ 1,474,283
179.03%	209.02%	244.18%	116.59%	142.15%	146.82%

Financials: Long Term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities outstanding as of June 30, 2025 were as follows:

Governmental Activities:					Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance				
<p>Note Payable, Passumpsic Savings Bank, Highway Equipment, Principal and Interest Payments of \$40,360 Payable on June 1 Annually, Interest at 4.44%, Due June, 2028</p>					145,006	0	33,921	111,085
<p>Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Welcome Center Improvements, Principal Payments of \$70,000 Payable on December 1 Annually, Interest Rates Ranging from 1.984% to 4.664% Payable on June 1 and December 1, Due December, 2031</p>	\$ 560,000	\$ 0	\$ 70,000	\$ 490,000				
<p>Note Payable, Passumpsic Savings Bank, Highway Equipment, Principal and Interest Payments of \$74,361 Payable on June 1 Annually, Interest at 4.96%, Due June, 2029</p>					0	336,725	72,805	263,920
<p>Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Fire Truck, Principal Payments of \$82,700 Payable on November 1 Annually Beginning November 1, 2026, Interest at 4.155% Payable on May 1 and November 1, Due November, 2045</p>	0	1,654,000	0	1,654,000				
<p>Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, CSO Project, Principal Payments of \$174,810 in Total Payable December 1 Annually, 0% Interest, Due December, 2036. This is the Governmental Activities Portion of the Bond.</p>	1,374,894	0	105,761	1,269,133				
<p>Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, CSO Project, Principal Payments of \$69,219 in Total Payable December 1 Annually, 0% Interest, Due December, 2046. This is the Governmental Activities Portion of the Bond.</p>	600,201	0	26,096	574,105				
<p>Bond Payable, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Westside Project, Principal and Interest Payments of \$102,832 in Total Payable on June 15 and December 15 Semi-Annually, Interest at 2.25%, Due December, 2041. This is the Governmental Activities Portion of the Bond.</p>	1,865,698	0	88,083	1,777,615				
<p>Note Payable, Community National Bank, Highway Equipment, Principal and Interest Payments of \$73,500 Payable on January 22 Annually, Interest at 2.1%, Due and Paid January, 2025</p>	\$ 72,211	\$ 0	\$ 72,211	\$ 0				
<p>Note Payable, Union Bank, Highway Equipment, Principal and Interest Payments of \$63,441 Payable on June 14 Annually, Interest at 1.79%, Due June, 2026</p>	123,558	0	61,233	62,325				
<p>Note Payable, Mascoma Bank, Highway Equipment, Principal and Interest Payments of \$78,041 Payable on June 21 Annually, Interest at 3.95%, Due June, 2027</p>	216,778	0	69,479	147,299				
<p>Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Water System Improvements, Authorized to \$12,399,522, but Eligible for \$7,619,522 Subsidy, Principal Payments of \$119,500 Payable on July 1 Annually Beginning July 1, 2026, 0% Interest, Due July, 2065. The Town Recognized \$3,824,649 of the Subsidy During the Year.</p>					1,343,506	6,218,941	3,824,649	3,737,798
<p>Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Water System Improvements, Authorized to \$2,842,370, but Eligible for \$2,131,778 Subsidy, Principal Payments of \$17,765 Payable on December 1 Annually Beginning December 1, 2025, 0% Interest, Due December, 2063. The Town Recognized \$39,113 of the Subsidy During the Year. In Addition, the Town Made a Principal Payment of \$17,765 During the Year.</p>					620,591	52,151	56,878	615,864
<p>Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Service Line Inventory, Authorized to \$235,000, but Eligible for 100% Subsidy on First \$100,000 and 50% Subsidy on Remaining Portion, Principal Payments of \$13,500 Payable on May 1 Annually Beginning May 1, 2028, 0% Interest, Due May, 2032. The Town Recognized \$33,846 of the Subsidy During the Year.</p>					0	33,846	33,846	0
Total Governmental Activities					\$4,958,346	\$1,990,725	\$599,589	\$6,349,482
Business-type Activities:								
Water Fund:								
<p>Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Water System Expansion, Principal Payments Ranging from \$160,000 to \$255,000 in Total Payable on December 1 Annually, Interest Rates Ranging from 2.00% to 2.55% Payable on June 1 and December 1, Due and Paid December, 2024. This is the Water Fund Portion of the Bond.</p>					\$ 81,600	\$ 0	\$ 81,600	\$ 0
<p>Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, CSO Project, Principal Payments of \$69,219 in Total Payable December 1 Annually, 0% Interest, Due December, 2046. This is the Water Fund Portion of the Bond.</p>					\$ 991,847	\$ 0	\$ 43,123	\$ 948,724

Financials: Long Term Liabilities Cont.

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance	Sewer Fund:	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Water System Improvements, Authorized to \$71,300, but Eligible for \$35,650 Subsidy, Principal Payments of \$7,130 Payable on June 1 Annually Beginning June 1, 2029, 0% Interest, Due June, 2033. The Town Recognized \$4,849 of the Subsidy During the Year.	\$ 0	\$ 9,698	\$ 4,849	\$ 4,849	Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Sewer System Expansion, Principal Payments Ranging from \$160,000 to \$255,000 in Total Payable on December 1 Annually, Interest Rates Ranging from 2% to 2.55% Payable on June 1 and December 1, Due and Paid December, 2024. This is the Sewer Fund Portion of the Bond.	\$ 78,400	\$ 0	\$ 78,400	\$ 0
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Water System Improvements, Authorized to \$77,300, but Eligible for \$38,650 Subsidy, Principal Payments of \$7,730 Payable on September 1 Annually Beginning September 1, 2029, 0% Interest, Due September, 2033. The Town Recognized \$13,317 of the Subsidy During the Year.	0	26,634	13,317	13,317	Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Westside South Project, Principal Payments of \$56,677 Payable on August 1 Annually, 0% Interest, Due August, 2028	283,382	0	56,677	226,705
Bond Payable, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Westside Project, Principal and Interest Payments of \$102,832 in Total Payable on June 15 and December 15 Semi-Annually, Interest at 2.25%, Due December, 2041. This is the Water Fund Portion of the Bond.	681,129	0	32,157	648,972	Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Sewer Planning Project, Principal Payments of \$33,405 Payable on August 1 Annually, 0% Interest, Due August, 2030	233,834	0	33,405	200,429
Bond Payable, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Phase II Water Construction, Principal and Interest Payments of \$15,384 Payable on June 21 and December 21 Semi-Annually, Interest at 2.5%, Due December, 2049	577,331	0	8,167	569,164	Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, CSO Project, Principal Payments of \$174,810 in Total Payable December 1 Annually, 0% Interest, Due December, 2036. This is the Sewer Fund Portion of the Bond.	\$ 897,656	\$ 0	\$ 69,049	\$ 828,607
Bond Payable, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Phase I Water Construction, Principal and Interest Payments of \$11,149 Payable on May 2 and November 2 Semi-Annually, Interest at 4.25%, Due November, 2049	344,780	0	7,718	337,062	Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Sewer System Improvements, Authorized to \$2,312,987, but Eligible for \$1,014,464 Subsidy, Principal and Administrative Fee Payments of \$57,979 Payable on July 1 Annually Beginning July 1, 2025, 2% Administrative Fee, Due July, 2054. The Town Recognized \$373,796 of the Subsidy During the Year.	776,755	790,738	373,796	1,193,697
Bond Payable, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Phase I Water Construction, Principal and Interest Payments of \$47,338 Payable on May 2 and November 2 Semi-Annually, Interest at 4.25%, Due November, 2049	\$ 1,463,885	\$ 0	\$ 32,773	\$ 1,431,112	Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, CSO Long-term Control Project, Authorized to \$236,230, but Eligible for \$200,000 Subsidy, Principal Payments of \$7,246 Payable on May 1 Annually Beginning May 1, 2026, 0% Interest, Due May, 2030	32,208	0	0	32,208
Bond Payable, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Water System Improvements, Principal and Interest Payments of \$4,764 Payable on March 19 and September 19 Semi-Annually, Interest at 2.625%, Due September, 2048	215,262	0	3,903	211,359	Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Sewer System Improvements, Authorized to \$40,300, but Eligible for \$20,150 Subsidy, Principal Payments of \$4,030 Payable on October 1 Annually Beginning October 1, 2026, 0% Interest, Due October, 2030	18,510	0	0	18,510
Bond Payable, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Water System Improvements, Principal and Interest Payments of \$9,192 Payable on May 20 and November 20 Semi-Annually, Interest at 1.25%, Due November, 2060	537,159	0	11,706	525,453					
Total Water Fund	6,857,090	6,341,270	4,154,686	9,043,674					

Financials: Long Term Liabilities Cont.

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Sewer System Evaluation Plan, Authorized to \$150,000, but Eligible for \$75,000 Subsidy, Principal Payments of \$7,500 Payable on October 1 Annually Beginning October 1, 2026, 0% Interest, Due October, 2035. The Town Recognized \$3,075 of the Subsidy During the Year.	50,036	6,150	3,075	53,111
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Portland Street CSO Project, Authorized to \$82,300, but Eligible for 100% Subsidy. The Town Recognized \$508 of the Subsidy During the Year.	\$ 0	\$ 508	\$ 508	\$ 0
Bond Payable, State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Railroad Street CSO Project, Authorized to \$67,200, but Eligible for 100% Subsidy. The Town Recognized \$225 of the Subsidy During the Year.	0	225	225	0
Bond Payable, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Westside Project, Principal and Interest Payments of \$102,832 in Total Payable on June 15 and December 15 Semi-Annually, Interest at 2.25%, Due December, 2041. This is the Sewer Fund Portion of the Bond.	414,599	0	19,574	395,025
Bond Payable, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Sewer Pump, Principal and Interest Payments of \$18,369 Payable on August 1 and February 1 Semi-Annually, Interest at 2.75%, Due August 1, 2047	622,920	0	19,742	603,178
Bond Payable, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Sewer System Improvements, Principal and Interest Payments of \$70,829 Payable on May 26 and November 26 Semi-Annually, Interest at 2.625%, Due November, 2048	2,547,277	0	75,282	2,471,995
Total Sewer Fund	5,955,577	797,621	729,733	6,023,465
Total Business-type Activities	\$12,812,667	\$7,138,891	\$4,884,419	\$15,067,139

Financials: Long Term Liabilities Cont.

Changes in long-term liabilities during the year were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
General Obligation Bonds Payable	\$ 4,400,793	\$ 1,654,000	\$ 289,940	\$ 5,764,853	\$ 291,933
Notes Payable	557,553	336,725	309,649	584,629	231,246
Compensated Absences Payable	248,276	133,190	0	381,466	75,000
Net Pension Liability - VMERS	1,833,956	268,806	0	2,102,762	0
Net Pension Liability - Town Pension Plan	2,886,900	0	182,985	2,703,915	0
Industrial Park Liability	64,669	0	15,421	49,248	10,000
Total Governmental Activities Long-term Liabilities	\$ 9,992,147	\$ 2,392,721	\$ 797,995	\$ 11,586,873	\$ 608,179
Business-type Activities					
General Obligation Bonds Payable	\$ 12,812,667	\$ 7,138,891	\$ 4,884,419	\$ 15,067,139	\$ 485,700
Compensated Absences Payable	21,710	6,965	0	28,675	5,000
Net Pension Liability - VMERS	199,570	18,597	0	218,167	0
Net Pension Liability - Town Pension Plan	296,011	4,424	0	300,435	0
Total Business-type Activities Long-term Liabilities	\$ 13,329,958	\$ 7,168,877	\$ 4,884,419	\$ 15,614,416	\$ 490,700

Compensated absences and required contributions to the pension plans are paid by the applicable fund where the employee is charged.

The addition/reduction to the compensated absences liabilities represent the net change in the liabilities from the previous year.

The change in the net pension liability is allocated to the function where the employee is charged.

Debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2026	\$ 523,179	\$ 153,306	\$ 485,700	\$ 189,221
2027	553,058	138,035	611,110	223,782
2028	484,899	121,717	629,775	216,647
2029	451,739	107,027	641,970	209,302
2030	383,066	95,792	595,733	201,743
2031-2035	1,739,790	357,688	2,879,804	887,264
2036-2040	1,344,888	204,492	2,819,029	661,641
2041-2045	733,973	64,421	2,667,005	409,187
2046-2050	134,890	1,718	2,275,097	155,367
2051-2055	0	0	978,288	29,589
2056-2060	0	0	474,974	5,268
2061	0	0	8,654	538
Total	\$ 6,349,482	\$ 1,244,196	\$ 15,067,139	\$ 3,189,549

Financials: General Fund Budget

Description	GENERAL FUND REVENUE FY 2027 BUDGET		
	Schedule 3-B		
	7/25-6/26 Budget	7/25-6/26 Projected	7/26-6/27 Budget
Beverage Licenses	4,000	3,800	4,000
Vendor permits	-	100	100
Dog Licenses	4,000	5,800	6,000
Zoning Permits	30,000	4,000	30,000
Housing Fees	63,000	60,000	60,000
Transfer Station Reimbursements	2,000	2,000	2,000
Overweight Permits	500	500	500
Dumpster Reimbursement St. J. Anthen.	800	840	800
Property Taxes	3,552,634	3,552,634	3,931,111
Delinquent Tax Penalties	55,000	60,000	65,000
VT Pilot Payments	180,000	159,868	170,000
Hold Harmless VT Payments	60,000	72,516	60,000
Education Billing Fee Retained	16,000	18,000	18,000
State Parcel Payment	26,000	26,000	26,000
Dispatch Services	470,936	470,935	464,192
Fire Department Services	50,000	55,000	55,000
Listers' Services	3,000	3,000	3,000
Town Clerk's Fees	78,000	70,000	70,000
Records Restoration	17,500	15,000	15,000
Interest and Dividends	35,000	35,000	35,000
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	33,000	35,000	35,000
Pomerleau Bldg. 2nd Floor Rent	26,000	-	-
Safer grant for fire recruits	-	-	120,429
Transfer from unassigned reserves	-	-	-
Transfer from water/sewer	16,423	16,423	17,408
Transfer to Town Manager	84,026	84,026	100,138
Transfer to Town Clerk	4,243	4,243	4,243
Transfer to Treasurer	49,209	49,209	72,842
Transfer to Dispatch	249,744	249,744	285,415
General Fund Revenue Total	5,111,015	5,053,638	5,651,178
Special Appropriation Tax	336,890	336,890	341,350
Total	5,447,905	5,390,528	5,992,528

Description	GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES FY 2027 BUDGET		
	Schedule 3-C		
	7/25-6/26 Budget	7/25-6/26 Projected	7/26-6/27 Budget
TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE			
Regular Salaries	402,561	426,496	439,747
Social Security	30,796	32,627	33,641
Group Insurance	128,888	125,000	108,898
HBA Expense	12,000	14,000	12,000
Workman's Compensation	1,230	1,400	2,985
Vmers	29,186	27,000	25,155
Unemployment Compensation	448	676	370
VT Child Tax	1,700	1,400	1,700
Office Supplies	5,500	5,500	5,500
Training	1,500	1,500	1,500
Postage	500	500	500
Advertising	200	200	200
Printing	5,000	5,000	5,000
New Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000
Gas, Oil, Mileage	500	500	500
Telephone	4,000	4,000	4,000
Contracted Services	3,000	3,000	3,000
Dues	400	400	400
	628,409	650,199	646,096
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE			
Regular Salaries	104,284	104,000	112,281
Overtime Pay	500	800	500
Social Security	8,016	8,000	8,628
Group Insurance	20,211	21,000	25,734
HBA Expense	3,000	2,500	3,000
Workman's Compensation	369	400	1,194
Vmers	7,561	8,000	8,421
Unemployment Compensation	161	320	70
VT Child tax	300	350	350
Recording Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,500
Training	400	400	500
Office Supplies	3,000	3,000	4,000
Postage	3,000	3,000	3,500
Advertising	500	500	500
New Equipment	5,000	5,000	5,000
Records Restoration	8,500	8,500	8,500
Records Restoration expense	1,000	1,000	1,200
Gas, Oil & Mileage	100	100	100
Telephone	2,500	2,500	2,500
Contracted Services	15,000	15,000	15,000
Repair & Maintenance Services	400	400	500
Dues	75	75	100
	184,877	185,845	203,078

Financials: General Fund Budget Cont.

	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
TOWN TREASURER'S OFFICE			
Regular Salaries	104,284	104,000	112,281
Overtime Pay	500	800	500
Social Security	8,016	8,000	8,628
Group Insurance	20,211	21,000	25,734
HBA Expense	3,000	2,500	3,000
Workman's Compensation	369	400	1,194
Vmers	7,561	8,000	8,421
Unemployment Compensation	161	320	70
VT Child tax	600	350	600
Office Supplies	1,500	1,200	1,500
Training	400	400	500
Postage	3,000	3,000	3,500
Advertising	500	500	500
New Equipment	500	500	1,000
Gas, Oil & Mileage	100	100	100
Contracted Services	2,000	2,000	2,000
Repair & Maintenance Services	200	200	500
Dues	75	75	100

	152,977	153,345	170,128
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	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY			
Regular Salaries	1,500	1,500	1,500
Social Security	153	153	200
Workers Compensation	-	-	20
VT Child tax	-	-	20
Office Supplies	500	500	500
Postage	1,500	1,500	1,500
Advertising	500	500	500
Contracted Services	4,000	4,000	2,500

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	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE			
Regular Salaries	9,518	10,000	14,071
Social Security	728	765	1,076
Group Insurance	18,435	8,400	10,131
HBA Expense	1,000	5,000	1,000
VMERS	690	500	597
Workman's Compensation	-	-	1,055
Unemployment Compensation	37	40	75
VT Child tax	50	30	50
Office Supplies	250	250	250
Training	250	250	250
Postage	400	400	400
Advertising	100	100	100
Reappraisal	27,500	27,500	27,500
Telephone	550	550	550
Contracted Services	57,750	57,750	60,000
Dues			

	117,258	111,535	117,105
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	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
Office supplies	600	600	600
Travel & Mileage	1,500	1,500	1,500
Contracted Services	12,000	-	-
Designated Downtown	25,000	25,000	25,000
NVDA Dues	3,965	3,965	4,430
Industrial Park Taxes	76,000	76,184	76,000
Armory loan payable	-	7,200	10,800
Housing Development Reserve	30,000	30,000	30,000
Economic Development Reserve	20,000	20,000	20,000

	169,065	164,449	168,330
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	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
ZONING & PLANNING COMMISSION			
Regular Salaries	65,000	65,000	66,817
Social Security	4,973	4,973	5,112
Group Insurance	13,591	13,591	14,305
HBA Expenses	2,500	2,500	2,500
Workman's Compensation	246	246	597
VMERS	4,713	4,713	5,011
Unemployment Compensation	89	90	74
Vt Child tax	275	275	275
Office Supplies	500	500	500
Training	500	-	500
Postage	1,500	1,500	1,500
Advertising	4,200	4,200	4,200
Telephone	800	800	800
New Equipment	500	-	500
Gas, Oil, Mileage	600	600	600
Professional Services	2,000	2,000	2,000
Planning Grant Expense	3,000	3,000	3,000

	104,987	103,988	108,291
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	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
Maintenance			
Regular Salaries	48,672	52,000	51,264
Overtime	-	5,000	-
Social Security	3,723	4,361	3,922
Group Insurance	13,566	25,000	26,469
Workman's Compensation	1,393	1,400	597
HBA Expense	2,500	2,500	2,500
VMERS	3,529	4,800	3,844
Unemployment Compensation	115	200	410
VT Child tax	75	240	240
Cleaning Supplies	4,000	4,000	4,000

	77,573	99,501	93,246
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Financials: General Fund Budget Cont.

	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
CODE ENFORCEMENT			
Regular Salaries	68,709	68,709	71,638
Social Security	5,256	5,256	5,480
Group Insurance	36,845	36,845	38,852
HBA Expense	4,000	4,000	4,000
VMERS	246	246	597
Workman's Compensation	4,981	4,981	5,373
Unemployment Compensation	89	160	74
VT Child tax	275	275	275
Office Supplies	500	500	150
Training	200	200	200
Postage	800	800	800
Advertising	-	-	-
New Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000
Gas, Oil & Mileage	2,000	2,000	2,000
Telephone	400	400	400
Contracted Services	100	100	125
Dues			
	125,401	125,472	130,964

	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING			
Heating Fuel	14,000	14,000	14,000
Public Utility Services	11,000	11,000	11,000
Waste Disposal Services	2,000	2,000	2,000
Contracted Services	5,000	5,000	5,000
Repair & Maintenance Supplies	10,000	10,000	10,000
	42,000	42,000	42,000

	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
DOG CONTROL			
Contracted Services	1,000	3,000	1,000
Riverside Animal Shelter	5,000	5,000	5,000
	6,000	8,000	6,000

	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
BOARD OF SELECTMEN			
Salaries	6,400	6,400	6,400
Social Security	490	490	490
Training	100	100	100
	6,990	6,990	6,990

	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
DISPATCH CENTER			
Regular Salaries	441,235	420,000	456,954
Overtime Pay	54,000	80,000	60,000
Social Security	37,885	38,250	39,547
Group Insurance	131,910	144,000	163,168
HBA Expense	9,000	10,000	10,000
Workman's Compensation	1,721	1,800	3,582
Retirement Contributions	25,820	25,820	30,488
Vmers	29,936	36,000	38,853
Unemployment Compensation	624	650	591
VT Child tax	4,200	4,200	4,200
Office Supplies	3,800	3,500	3,200
Advertising	400	400	400
Training Supplies	3,500	1,000	2,500
Postage	100	100	100
New Equipment	10,000	10,000	30,000
Mileage	500	250	1,000
Uniforms	2,000	1,000	1,000
Telephone	10,000	9,800	12,000
Contracted Services	30,000	21,000	30,000
Repair & Maintenance Services	20,000	15,000	12,000
Equipment Reserve	-	-	10,000
	816,631	822,770	909,583

	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Regular Salaries	778,863	812,628	890,365
Overtime Pay	60,100	60,100	75,903
Social Security	57,077	66,708	73,920
Group Insurance	225,982	225,982	277,697
HBA Expense	15,000	15,000	15,000
Workman's Compensation	44,581	45,000	69,200
Retirement Contributions	84,474	84,474	73,692
Vmers	39,380	56,000	71,092
Unemployment Compensation	831	1,000	717
VT Child tax	3,500	3,500	3,500
Office Supplies	2,000	2,000	2,000
Training Supplies	12,600	12,600	12,600
Postage	200	200	200
Advertising	200	200	200
New Equipment	45,970	45,970	49,510
New fire trucks (2)	-	1,700,000	-
Gas, Oil & Mileage	10,000	10,000	10,000
Uniforms	11,275	11,275	11,973
Telephone	3,200	3,200	4,160
Heating Fuel	2,000	2,000	2,000
Public Utility Services	800	800	800
Contracted Services	20,957	20,957	21,600
Supplies	9,500	9,500	9,500
Repair & Maintenance Services	30,500	50,000	49,350
Motor Vehicle Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,000
Alarm System Supplies	4,000	4,000	4,000
Equipment Fund	100,000	100,000	-
Fire truck loan payments	-	68,724	149,706
	1,563,990	3,412,818	1,879,685

Financials: General Fund Budget Cont.

	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
SOLID WASTE			
Advertising & Printing	-	-	-
Waste Disposal Services	35,000	36,000	37,500
Contracted Services	5,000	5,000	5,000
	40,000	41,000	42,500

	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
POMERLEAU BUILDING			
Heating Fuel	14,000	14,000	14,000
Public Utility Services	14,000	14,000	14,000
Waste Disposal Services	2,000	2,000	2,000
Contracted Services	8,000	18,000	10,000
Bond Principal	70,000	70,000	70,000
Bond Interest	22,978	21,250	17,200
Repair and Maintenance. Supplies	3,000	5,000	-
Building Taxes	13,500	-	-
	147,478	144,250	127,200

	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
REVITALIZATION			
New Depot P&I grant	-	628	-
Rink Inc MG	-	600	-
H&H Planning Implementation		10,412	
NVRH Housing Evaluation		50,000	
True Temper project		20,000	
		81,640	

	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
CEMETERIES			
Wages	15,000	15,000	4,819
Social Security	1,148	1,148	369
VT Child Tax	-	40	50
Telephone	-	500	-
Mileage	-	40	-
Contracted Services	21,000	18,000	23,500
	37,148	34,728	28,738

	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE			
Office Supplies			
Public Utility Services	1,500	500	500
Internet expense	50,000	75,000	75,000
Web Site expense	5,500	5,500	5,500
IT Upgrades	15,000	15,000	1,500
Contracted Services	20,000	30,000	30,000
Audit	8,000	9,000	10,000
Legal Services	35,000	40,000	35,000
Judgments & Losses	-	2,000	-
VLCT Dues	11,145	11,145	11,721
Community Justice Center	10,000	10,000	10,000
Prop & Liability Insurance	69,333	63,525	70,238
Health Insurance Account Expense	2,600	2,600	2,600
County Taxes	75,000	72,176	75,000
Ambulance Service Contract	324,000	324,000	324,000
Transfer to Special Services	150,000	150,000	150,000
Beautification operating supplies	18,000	18,000	18,000
Beautification repair and maintenance	2,000	2,000	2,000
Transfer to Recreation Fund	85,000	85,000	143,445
	882,078	915,446	964,504

General Fund Totals	5,111,015	7,030,489	5,651,178
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American Red Cross	1,800	1,800	1,800
Area Agency on Aging for the NEK	9,000	9,000	9,000
Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	18,382	18,382	18,382
NEKCA	12,000	12,000	12,000
Catamount Arts	5,000	5,000	5,000
First Night	3,000	3,000	3,000
Fairbanks Museum	63,000	63,000	63,000
Good Living Senior Center	20,000	20,000	20,000
Kingdom Animal Shelter	2,000	2,000	2,000
NEK Learning Services	2,500	2,500	2,500
Northeast Kingdom Human Services	7,983	7,983	7,983
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	5,500	5,500	5,500
Rural Community Transportation, INC (RCT)	13,050	13,050	17,510
Sash program	2,000	2,000	2,000
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum	115,000	115,000	115,000
St. Johnsbury Band	7,500	7,500	7,500
St. Johnsbury Kiwanis Club Pool	29,000	29,000	29,000
St. Johnsbury Nutritional Center	10,000	10,000	10,000
Umbrella	9,500	9,500	9,500
Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Vis. Imp.	675	675	675
Special Appropriations Expense	336,890	336,890	341,350

Total	5,447,905	7,367,379	5,992,528
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Special Service Fund Expenditures Fy 2027 Budget

Description	Schedule 3-E		
	7/25-6/26 Budget	7/25-6/26 Projected	7/26-6/27 Budget
POLICE DEPARTMENT			
Regular Salaries	890,415	720,000	785,628
Overtime Pay	90,000	160,000	80,000
Social Security	75,002	68,850	66,221
Group Insurance	260,979	180,000	244,159
HBA Expense	16,000	20,000	18,000
Workman's Compensation	44,581	45,000	76,358
Retirement Contributions	32,052	32,052	-
Vmers	65,664	80,000	77,097
Unemployment Compensation	1,500	1,500	871
VT child tax	4,000	3,500	4,000
Office Supplies	4,000	4,500	4,500
Training	8,000	8,000	16,000
Postage	1,000	1,000	1,000
Advertising	500	300	3,000
New Equipment	15,000	15,000	25,000
Gas, Oil & Mileage	20,000	20,000	20,000
Uniforms	10,000	10,000	24,000
Telephone	4,200	4,200	4,200
Heating Fuel	3,000	3,000	3,000
Public Utility Services	4,000	4,000	4,000
Waste Disposal Services	1,200	1,200	1,200
Contracted Services	33,260	35,000	40,000
Ammunition	5,000	5,000	5,000
Repairs to Equipment	2,000	2,000	2,000
Dues	1,000	1,000	1,000
Repairs to Cruisers	12,000	12,000	12,000
Investigation Supplies	3,000	3,000	3,000
Gov Highway Safety Grant	5,000	5,000	5,000
Equipment Fund Reserves	20,000	20,000	20,000
	1,632,353	1,465,102	1,546,234
	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26	7/26-6/27
	Budget	Actual	Budget
SPECIAL SERVICE FUND EXPENSE			
Audit	8,000	9,000	10,000
Health Insurance Account Expense	1,200	1,200	1,200
Contracted Services	2,000	2,000	2,000
Property & Liability Insurance	35,718	32,000	69,560
Internet Expense	21,750	25,000	25,000
Transfer to Dispatch Services	249,744	249,744	285,415
	318,412	318,944	393,175
Special Service Fund Total	1,950,765	1,784,046	1,939,409

Special Service Fund Revenue

Description	SPECIAL SERVICE FUND REVENUE FY 2027 BUDGET		
	7/25-6/26 Budget	7/25-6/26 Projected	7/26-6/27 Budget
District Court Fines	12,000	10,000	10,000
Report Revenue	1,500	1,500	1,500
Property Taxes	1,579,484	1,579,484	1,580,347
VT Pilot Payments	25,000	34,270	25,000
Hold Harmless VT Payments	100	-	-
Police Dept Services	3,000	2,000	2,000
Fingerprinting Services	55,000	50,000	50,000
SIU Revenue	45,000	45,000	45,000
Gov. Hwy. Sfty Grant-SAL	5,000	-	-
Transfer from General Fund	150,000	150,000	150,000
Transfer from water/sewer pilot	14,681	14,681	15,562
Transfer from Parking Meter Fund	20,000	20,000	20,000
Transfer from Special Services Fund	40,000	-	40,000
Special Services Fund Total	1,950,765	1,906,935	1,939,409

Highway Fund

Description	HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE FY 2027 BUDGET		
	7/25-6/26 Budget	7/25-6/26 Projected	7/26-6/27 Budget
State Aid Class I Highways	55,000	61,848	62,000
State Aid Class II Highways	49,000	53,604	55,000
State Aid Class III Highways	135,000	146,612	145,000
State Aid Lane Mileage	247	247	247
Property Taxes	2,406,553	2,406,553	2,489,671
VT Pilot Payment	75,000	63,110	80,000
Hold Harmless VT Payment	30,000	37,357	30,000
Sale of materials	-	-	65,000
Transfers from Water	219,696	219,696	219,696
Transfers from Sewer	305,988	305,988	305,988
Transfers from GF cemetery exp	15,000	-	15,000
Transfers from water/sewer pilot	15,738	15,738	16,682
Better Back Roads Grant	50,000	-	-
Grants	32,000	-	25,000
FEMA revenue	-	664,307	199,080
Construction reserves for paving	125,000	-	200,000
transfer from construction reserves	-	-	40,000
Sidewalk reserves for Pearl St.	40,000	-	40,000
transfer from sign reserves	-	-	20,000
loan proceeds	300,000	300,000	287,000
Vtrans paving grant	175,000	-	-
Unassigned resrves	150,000	-	-
	4,179,222	4,275,060	4,295,364

Highway Fund Expenditures

Description	Schedule 3-G		
	7/25-7/26 Budget	7/25-7/26 Projected	7/26-7/27 Budget
HIGHWAY GARAGE & EQUIPMENT			
Regular Salaries	62,890	62,890	65,262
Overtime Pay	2,000	2,000	2,000
Social Security	4,964	4,964	5,146
Group Insurance	34,796	34,796	36,685
HBA Expense	5,000	5,000	5,000
Workman's Compensation	2,049	2,049	3,728
VMERS	4,545	4,545	4,880
Unemployment Compensation	99	99	93
Vt Child tax	140	140	140
Office Supplies	1,500	1,500	1,500
Training	3,000	3,000	3,000
Advertising	200	200	200
New Equipment	10,000	10,000	10,000
New Tools	5,000	5,000	5,000
Gas & Oil for Equipment	100,000	100,000	110,000
Uniforms	7,700	7,700	8,000
Telephone	3,800	3,800	3,800
Heating Fuel	10,000	10,000	10,000
Public Utility Services	8,500	8,500	8,500
Waste Disposal Services	6,000	6,000	6,000
Contracted Services	6,500	6,500	6,500
Equipment Rentals	13,000	13,000	13,000
Repairs to Equipment	75,000	75,000	75,000
Maintenance Supplies	35,000	35,000	35,000
Safety Supplies	3,000	3,000	3,000
DPW Supplies	3,000	3,000	3,000
Outside Repairs	17,000	17,000	17,000
Repairs to Garage	15,000	15,000	15,000
Equipment Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000
	449,683	449,683	466,434
SUMMER MAINTENANCE			
	7/25-7/26 Budget	7/25-7/26 Projected	7/26-7/27 Budget
Regular Salaries	438,528	350,000	464,211
Overtime Pay	18,000	45,000	20,000
Social Security	35,100	30,218	37,042
Group Insurance	154,334	154,334	149,166
HBA Expense	18,000	18,000	18,000
Workman's Compensation	16,390	18,000	27,963
Retirement Contributions	54,722	54,722	52,936
Vmers	17,565	17,565	23,640
Unemployment Compensation	695	695	517
VT Child tax	2,200	2,200	2,200
Contracted Services	60,000	60,000	100,000
Stormwater Permit Fee ANR	6,000	6,000	6,000
Materials & Supplies	248,000	248,000	248,000
Maintenance (Paving)	300,000	300,000	300,000
	1,369,534	1,304,734	1,449,675

	7/25-7/26	7/25-7/26	7/26-7/27
	Budget	Projected	Budget
WINTER MAINTENANCE			
Regular Salaries	438,528	438,528	464,211
Overtime Pay	67,500	100,000	67,500
Social Security	38,887	38,887	40,676
Group Insurance	154,334	154,334	149,166
HBA Expense	17,000	17,000	17,000
Workman's Compensation	16,390	16,390	27,963
Retirement Contributions	54,722	54,722	52,936
Vmers	17,565	17,565	23,270
Unemployment Compensation	695	695	517
VT Child tax	2,200	2,200	2,200
Materials & Supplies	228,500	228,500	228,500
	1,036,321	1,068,821	1,073,939
STREET SAFETY & TRAFFIC			
	7/25-7/26 Budget	7/25-7/26 Projected	7/26-7/27 Budget
Public Utility Services	90,000	95,000	95,000
Railroad St. Parking L	2,000	1,871	1,871
Salaries	38,938	45,000	60,000
Social Security	2,979	3,443	4,590
VT Child tax	65	60	65
Contracted Services	3,000	3,000	3,000
Repair & Maintenance Services	1,000	1,000	1,000
Materials & Supplies	12,000	12,000	20,000
	149,982	161,374	185,526
HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSE			
	7/25-7/26 Budget	7/25-7/26 Projected	7/26-7/27 Budget
Advertising	300	300	300
Audit	8,000	9,000	10,000
Health Insurance Account Expense	1,800	1,200	1,200
Contracted Services	5,000	500	500
State stormwater operating fee	1,800	3,500	1,800
Sidewalk Reserve Fund	100,000	100,000	50,000
Construction Fund	20,000	20,000	20,000
Property & Liability Insurance	44,437	42,000	58,123
storm damage expense	-	165,000	-
Interest on current loans	-	8,000	-
Industrial Park taxes	61,000	61,000	61,000
Interest - Westside USDA 93/15	41,486	41,486	41,486
Principal - Westside USDA 93/15	88,083	88,083	88,083
CSO payment	131,857	131,857	131,857
New equipment 25-26	300,000	332,754	287,000
New equipment 25-26 lease payment	65,000	65,000	65,000
New equipment 24-25 lease payment	59,000	59,000	59,000
New Equipment 23-24 lease payment	40,000	40,000	40,000
New Equipment 22-23 lease payment	75,000	75,000	75,000
Equipment purchase 21-22	63,441	63,441	63,441
Local Share - Pearl St. Parking	40,000		40,000
Local Share NBRC	-	15,000	-
IT upgrades	1,500	-	-
Internet expense	26,000	26,000	26,000
	1,173,704	1,348,121	1,119,790
Highway Fund Total	4,179,222	4,332,733	4,295,364

Parking Meters

PARKING METER FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FY 2027 BUDGET

Description	Schedule 4-B		
	7/25-6/26 Budget	7/25-6/26 Projected	7/26-6/27 Budget
PARKING METER REVENUES			
Parking Tickets	40,000	4,000	40,000
Parking Meter Coin	2,500	2,000	2,000
Parking Permit Fees all lots	42,000	55,000	55,000
Impound Fees	-	100	-
Parking Revenue Total	84,500	61,100	97,000
PARKING METER EXPENSES			
Salaries	27,256	-	26,912
Social Security	2,085	-	2,058
Group Insurance	281	-	6,835
VMERS	1,976	-	-
Unemployment	83	-	-
VT Child tax	10	-	-
Office Supplies & Advertising	400	-	400
Gas, Oil & mileage	600	-	600
Postage	2,000	-	2,000
Contracted Services	3,000	2,625	3,000
Repair & Maint Supplies	300	300	300
Operating Supplies	1,000	800	1,000
Clerk's Office Expense	4,243	4,243	4,243
Town Manager's Expense	5,000	5,000	5,000
Police Dept Expense	20,000	20,000	20,000
Equipment Fund	-	-	-
Reserves	-	-	-
Parking Expenses Total	68,234	32,968	72,348

Recreation

RECREATION DEPT FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FY 2027 BUDGET

Description	Schedule 4-C		
	7/25-6/26 Budget	7/25-6/26 Projected	7/26-6/27 Budget
RECREATION REVENUE			
Transfer from General Fund	85,000	85,000	143,445
Program Fees	-	27,228	30,000
Recreation Revenue Total	85,000	112,228	173,445
RECREATION EXPENSE			
Salaries full time	-	70,000	75,705
Salaries part time	-	4,617	5,000
Social security	-	5,355	5,791
Group insurance	-	23,205	27,449
HRA expense	-	2,000	2,000
VMERS	-	4,148	5,678
Workers Comp	-	-	7,158
Unemployment Comp	-	-	74
VT Child Tax	-	250	350
Office supplies	-	2,000	2,000
Advertising	-	-	2,200
Program supplies	-	15,000	15,000
Telephone	-	540	540
Training and Conferences	-	2,000	2,000
Contracted Services	-	2,000	18,000
Subscription and Dues	-	500	4,500
Professional Services	85,000	-	-
Recreation Expense Total	85,000	131,615	173,445

Grant Fund

CAPITAL PROJECT (GRANT) FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal year ending June 30

Description	Schedule 5-B	
	Actuals 06/30/25	Projected 06/30/26
GRANT REVENUES		
Transfer from Highway Fund	21,832	28,000
Transfer from General Fund	179,818	110,000
Transfer from Special Services	-	-
Vtrans RR/S. Main bike path	-	-
Assistance to Firefighters	31,074	19,117
Downtown Transportation grant	-	-
Energy Resiliency grant	600	-
Haz. Waste Grant Revenue	16,280	15,000
RBDG Coop planning	143,480	56,000
DHS Dispatch equipment	79,974	133,934
Homeland security police radios	92,569	-
Three Rivers Phase II grant	-	253,496
Preservation grant	10,916	60,000
Vorec grant	43,271	-
Bylaw modernization grant	16,145	-
True Temper clean up	71,316	300,000
Armory clean up grants	1,180,000	296,677
Armory EPA Clean up grant	273,674	0
Grant Revenues Total	2,160,949	1,272,224

Description	Schedule 5-B	
	Actuals 06/30/25	Projected 06/30/26
GRANT EXPENSES		
Vtrans RR/S. Main bike path	-	-
Haz. Waste Grant Exp.	30,811	34,000
Assistance to Firefighters	31,209	19,117
Preservation grant	10,916	60,000
Haz mitigation plan	-	11,000
Vorec grant	21,811	-
Muni planning recreation	33,992	-
RBDG Coop planning	149,730	51,000
FEMA buyouts	4,472	-
Bylaw modernization	3,256	-
Energy Resiliency grant	600	500
DHS Dispatch equipment	26,240	155,000
Three Rivers Phase II grant	104,061	140,000
USDA Knob grant	-	10,000
True Temper project	71,316	300,000
Downtown Transportation grant	5,100	6,350
Armory EPA Clean up grant	1,424,000	42,400
Housing Assessment grant	157,866	70,000
Grant Expenses Total	2,075,380	899,367

Financials: Water Expenses & Revenues

WATERFUND EXPENSES June 30, 2026 projected

Description	Schedule 7-B	
	7/25-6/26 Budget	7/25-6/26 Projected
WATER ADMINISTRATION		
Property Taxes	110,000	50,000
Manager's Office Expense	39,513	39,513
Clerk's Office Expense	24,605	24,605
Transfer to GF	8,212	8,212
Transfer to Spec Services	7,341	7,341
Transfer to HF	7,869	7,869
Water Administration Total	197,540	137,540
WATER DISTRIBUTION		
Transfer to Highway Fund	216,696	216,696
Office Supplies	6,000	1,500
Postage	2,500	2,600
Advertising	200	-
New Equipment	4,000	4,000
Small Tools	1,000	1,200
Gas, Oil & Mileage	4,000	1,000
Heating fuel	-	-
Telephone	1,800	1,850
Public Utility Services	38,000	35,000
Water Contracted Services	60,000	105,000
Repairs & Maint Water Meters	50,000	5,000
Water Repair & Maint.	50,000	52,000
Paving	10,000	10,000
Water Operating Supplies	-	-
Water Distribution Total	444,196	435,846
WATER/FILTER PLANT		
Regular Salaries	107,968	111,000
Overtime Pay	30,000	50,000
Social Security	10,555	12,623
Group Insurance	24,562	40,000
HBA Expense	4,000	2,853
Workers Compensation	2,438	2,438
Retirement Contributions	28,808	28,808
VT Child tax	600	680
Unemployment Compensation	57	75
Office Supplies	300	250
Training	200	200
Postage	300	250
Advertising	100	-
New Equipment	8,000	81,000
Small Tools	5,000	2,000
Transportation Services	2,800	2,700
Uniforms	150	150
Telephone	2,500	2,600
Heating Fuel	8,000	8,500
Public Utility Services	55,000	58,000
Waste Disposal Services	1,200	1,000
Contracted Services	34,000	30,000
Repair & Maint. Supplies	2,000	1,500
Material & Supplies	200,000	198,000
Water/Filter Plant Total	528,538	634,627

WATER FUND

Description	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26
	Budget	Projected
Audit	8,000	8,000
VT Operations Fee	17,500	17,500
VT Dam Fee	2,000	2,000
Prop & Liability Expense	16,000	14,000
Interest Westside 93/15	14,418	14,418
Interest USDA 91/07	60,496	60,496
Interest USDA 91/09	14,248	14,248
Interest USDA 91/12	14,201	14,201
Interest USDA 91/24	5,522	5,522
Interest USDA 91/19	6,531	6,531
Principal Westside 93/15	32,885	32,885
Principal USDA 91/07	34,181	34,181
Principal USDA 91/09	8,050	8,050
Principal USDA 91/12	16,850	16,850
Principal RF3-300	43,124	43,124
Principal Moose River	11,853	11,853
Principal Oak Street	4,006	4,006
Water Fund Total	309,865	307,865
Water Expenses Total	1,480,139	1,515,878

WATERFUND REVENUES PROJECTED AT JUNE 30, 2026

Description	Schedule 7-A	
	7/25-6/26 Budget	7/25-6/26 Projected
WATER REVENUES		
Water Metered Service	1,472,900	1,475,000
Water Dept Services	-	3,000
Interest & Dividends	3,000	2,500
Interest Penalties	3,000	3,100
Grant Income	-	300,000
Misc. Income	-	59,000
Water Revenue Total	1,478,900	1,842,600

Financials: Sewer Expenses & Revenues

Description	SEWER FUND EXPENSES June 30, 2026 projected	
	Schedule 8-B	
	7/25-6/26 Budget	7/25-6/26 Projected
SEWER ADMINISTRATION		
Manager's Office Expense	39,513	39,513
Clerk's Office Expense	24,605	24,605
Transfer to GF	8,212	8,212
Transfer to Spec Services	7,341	7,341
Transfer to HF	7,869	7,869
Sewer Administration Total	87,540	87,540
	7/25-6/26 Budget	7/25-6/26 Projected
SEWER COLLECTION		
Transfer to Highway Fund	305,988	305,988
Office Supplies	2,200	2,100
Postage	2,250	2,600
Advertising	100	-
Gas Oil and mileage	4,000	5,000
New Equipment	4,000	3,500
Small Tools	1,500	1,550
Public Utility Services	15,000	11,000
Sewer Contracted Services	17,500	52,000
Repair & Maint Sewer Parts	25,000	25,000
Repair & Maint. Services	10,000	5,000
Paving	10,000	10,000
Sewer Operating Supplies	2,500	1,000
Sewer Collection Total	400,038	424,738
	7/25-6/26 Budget	7/25-6/26 Projected
SEWER PLANT		
Regular Salaries	331,532	322,000
Overtime Pay	22,000	30,000
Social Security	27,325	25,000
Group Insurance	110,796	75,000
HBA Expense	5,000	4,000
Workers Compensation	7,314	7,314
VMERS	26,006	27,000
Unemployment Contributions	498	340
VT child tax	1,200	1,300
New Equipment	59,300	60,000
Telephone	3,600	6,000
Fuel oil heating	20,000	15,000
Public Utility Services	110,000	90,000
Waste Disposal Services	25,000	35,000
Contracted Services	15,300	19,000
CSO Monitoring Expense	18,000	30,000
Operations Fee	8,000	7,000
Repair, Maint. & Supplies	2,500	2,000
Land application consulting	20,000	20,000
Solids handling	200,000	240,000
Chemicals	50,000	40,000
Operating Supplies	65,000	62,000
Sewer Plant Total	1,128,371	1,117,954

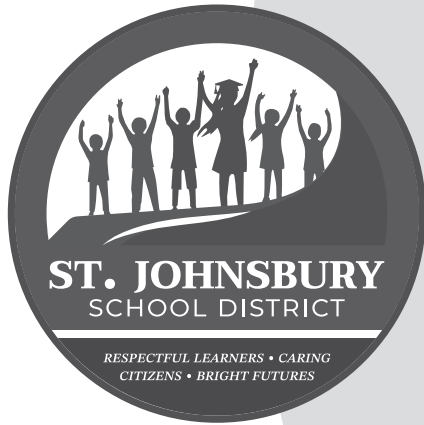
SEWER FUND	7/25-6/26	7/25-6/26
	Budget	Projected
Audit	8,000	8,000
Prop. & Liability Insurance	32,000	45,000
Interest RD Screw Pumps	16,449	16,449
Interest Westside 93/15	8,776	8,776
Interest USDA 92/25	64,386	64,386
Principal RF1-153	33,405	33,405
Principal Westside 93/15	20,017	20,017
Principal RF1016	56,676	56,676
Principal RD Screw Pumps	20,289	20,289
Principal RF1-168	69,051	69,051
Principal USDA 92/25	77,272	77,272
Sewer Fund Total	406,321	419,321
Sewer Expenses Total	2,022,270	2,049,553

SEWER REVENUES	SEWER FUND REVENUES PROJECTED AT JUNE 30, 2026	
	Schedule 8-A	
	7/25-6/26 Budget	7/25-6/26 Projected
Sewage Disposal Charges Metered	1,980,000	2,000,000
Grant Income	-	-
Misc Income	-	63,000
Interest & Dividends	4,500	3,100
Interest Penalties	4,000	5,000
Sewer Revenue Total	1,988,500	2,071,100

Statement Of Taxes Raised & Tax Rates Compared

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026				
				1/7/26
GRAND LIST before Contracts/Exemptions				\$864,461,100
Listed value of taxable real property				
Grand List(1% of taxable property after Contracts/Exemptions)			\$8,443,867	
TAXES VOTED				
General Fund Budget			\$3,552,634	
Appropriations			\$336,890	
Highway Fund Budget			\$2,406,553	
Local Agreement			\$13,510	
School tax(Nonresd and Homestead)			\$9,415,068	
Special Service Budget			\$1,579,484	
Total taxes voted			\$17,304,139	
TAXES ASSESSED				
	Grand List	Tax Rate	Amount	
General Tax	\$8,443,866	0.4202	\$3,548,112	
Appropriations	\$8,443,866	0.0399	\$336,910	
Highway Tax	\$8,443,866	0.2846	\$2,403,124	
Local Agreement	\$8,443,866	0.0016	\$13,510	
School tax Nonhomestead	\$4,458,505	1.1733	\$5,231,164	
School tax Homestead	\$3,935,570	1.0631	\$4,183,904	
Special Service tax	\$3,735,430	0.4218	\$1,575,604	
HS 131 Penalty			\$4,594	
Total taxes billed			\$17,296,924	
TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:				
Received by Treasurer		\$10,246,231		
Delinquent taxes charged to Collector		\$192,565		
Due on 2nd installment		\$6,868,014		
Total taxes accounted for			\$17,306,810	

TAX RATES COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS						
	7/1/20-6/30/21	7/1/21-6/30/22	7/1/22-6/30/23	7/1/23-6/30-24	7/1/24-6/30/25	7/1/25-6/30/26
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2,025.00
GENERAL FUND	0.4773	0.4682	0.4870	0.5159	0.5920	0.4202
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	0.0608	0.0606	0.0603	0.0614	0.0648	0.0399
HIGHWAY FUND	0.4075	0.4715	0.4870	0.4886	0.4678	0.2846
LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX	0.0026	0.0025	0.0027	0.0001	0.0033	0.0016
SPECIAL SERVICE DIST.	0.5548	0.6029	0.6009	0.6633	0.7024	0.4218
SCHOOL Nonhomestead	1.6728	1.6273	1.5427	1.6159	1.9184	1.1733
Homestead	1.4562	1.4048	1.3256	1.4303	1.7900	1.0631



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Welcome from the Superintendent

St. Johnsbury is a community that cares deeply about its children and their future. More than twenty years ago, our community made a forward-thinking decision to bring several smaller elementary schools together into one. This decision strengthened educational opportunities for students while improving long-term sustainability. While many districts across Vermont are only now beginning similar conversations, this early action positioned St. Johnsbury to remain focused on what matters most: student learning, growth, and well-being.

OUR DISTRICT VISION

Every student will follow their unique path to become a respectful, caring lifelong learner who positively contributes to the global community.

Over the past year, our work has been guided by our vision and a clear strategic plan. Across classrooms, programs, and district systems, we have continued to strengthen teaching and learning while responding thoughtfully to the evolving needs of students and families. Instructional practices have been refined to better support diverse learners, with an increased focus on student engagement, accessibility, and high expectations for all. These efforts reflect our belief that every student deserves meaningful opportunities to succeed and to feel a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

We have also made important progress in supporting student wellness and mental health. Expanding school-based services, refining systems of support, and strengthening coordination among educators and specialists have allowed us to reduce barriers and respond more effectively. At the same time, we have prioritized staff well-being, recognizing that healthy, supported educators are essential to a thriving school. Investments in professional learning, wellness initiatives, and leadership development continue to build a culture of trust, care, and shared responsibility.

Organizationally, the district has focused on improving systems that ensure long-term stability and responsible stewardship of resources. This includes planning for facilities and deferred maintenance, enhancing safety and security, and improving communication with the school community. These efforts are not about short-term fixes, but about building structures that allow the district to remain responsive, transparent, and sustainable in a changing educational landscape.

The progress made this year also reflects the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and the shared belief that strong schools are central to a strong community. Together, we will continue to focus on what matters most: ensuring that every student is supported, challenged, and prepared for the opportunities that lie ahead.

It is an honor to serve as your Superintendent and to lead this work on behalf of our students, families and our community.



Sincerely,

Karen E. Conroy

SUPERINTENDENT

From the School Board

As your school board, it's our duty to serve St. Johnsbury by ensuring the responsible, thoughtful, transparent operations of our district. Your trust in electing us is a privilege, and I'm proud to serve this town and this board as Chair. We want to build on that trust with a continued focus on proactive, clear communications.

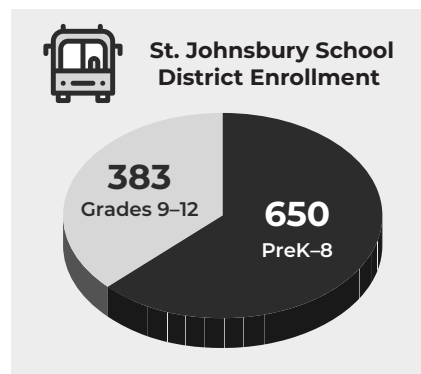
Our work is first and foremost governance and fiscal oversight, and I'm happy to say that we continue to see clean audit results, including our FY2024 single audit for our federal grant expenditures. We've also secured grant funding to support many programs, including our award-winning after school program, CatCH. Those dollars allow us to make (or continue) investments in initiatives our kids and community need without affecting our taxes.

As taxpayers, we know how important that is. And we are deeply concerned about affordability in Vermont and St. Johnsbury. We're engaging in regional and statewide conversations, representing our district as best we can. This year's budget increase of 5.3% reflects known cost pressures that were carefully considered throughout the budget process. We explored many lines as we looked for budget savings, but ultimately we stopped short of cuts that would have dramatically, negatively altered student programming.

That decision keeps this budget aligned with our community-originated Strategic Plan goals: Excellence, Wellness, Connections, and Organization. We've made significant strides across all four areas, and we're particularly proud of positive growth in our academic scores, our celebrated wellness program, our building's use as a community hub, and our very high staff

retention rates. It's been nearly 5 years since we drafted those goals, and this spring we will be establishing a new committee of community stakeholders to update our Strategic Plan. Please watch for additional information if you're interested in contributing!

As we solidify and expand our school's use as a community and recreational hub, we're acutely aware of maintenance issues we've deferred that we must reckon with over the next few



years. Those include items with code, safety, and water ingress implications. Fortunately, unexpected revenues resulted in a FY25 surplus, and we hope to use roughly half of that funding to begin to address these building concerns. The other half will be used to offset taxes in FY27 and FY28.

My favorite things about this role are conversations with my neighbors and working with the incredible teams that serve our kids every day, within our walls and beyond. Please reach out any time, for any reason. And thank you for your engagement and support.

Sincerely,

Colleen Morris

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

This spring we will be establishing a committee to update our Strategic Plan. Please watch for additional information if you would like to contribute.

St. Johnsbury School Board



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A Focus on Students

Farm to School Connects Students to Local Food

St. Johnsbury School's Farm to School program empowers students to explore nutrition, sustainable agriculture, and local food systems through hands-on learning experiences. Supported by a \$15,000 grant from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets, the program integrates taste-testing activities, classroom lessons, and community events that connect students with local farms and producers.

Highlights include student-led pizza-making projects featuring Vermont-grown ingredients, partnerships with local vendors, and collaborative STEAM projects such as a student-built water collection



system for the school garden. By linking wellness, sustainability, and community engagement, the Farm to School program encourages healthy eating habits, strengthens connections with local farmers, and provides students with meaningful, real-world learning.



6th Grade Hiking Trip an Unforgettable Adventure

Each fall, our 6th graders embark on a memorable adventure with the Appalachian Mountain Club, exploring the beauty of the outdoors while hiking with their classmates. This annual trip is an opportunity for students to build confidence, resilience, and teamwork as they navigate trails, overcome challenges, and encourage one another along the way.

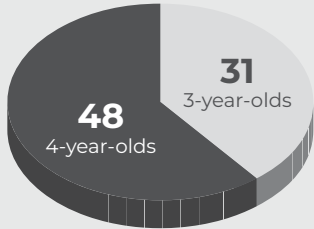
Beyond physical activity, the trip fosters a sense of connection. Students develop an appreciation for the environment, learn to support one another, and experience the joy of discovery outside the classroom. In the end, the AMC hiking trip leaves students with lasting memories, strengthened friendships, and a renewed excitement for learning and exploration.

Preschool Program Earns 5-STAR Rating



This year the St. Johnsbury School Preschool Program earned a 5-STAR rating, the highest distinction awarded by Vermont's Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS). This achievement highlights our program's excellence in teaching practices, family engagement, and leadership. Our dedicated team continues to exceed state standards, fostering a nurturing environment that builds a strong foundation for our youngest learners.

How many Universal PreK students do we serve?



Academics

Each spring, Vermont students in grades 3–9 and 11 take the Vermont Comprehensive Assessment Program (VTCAP). This computer-based assessment helps us understand how students are progressing in English Language Arts, Math, and Science (science is assessed in grades 5 and 8).

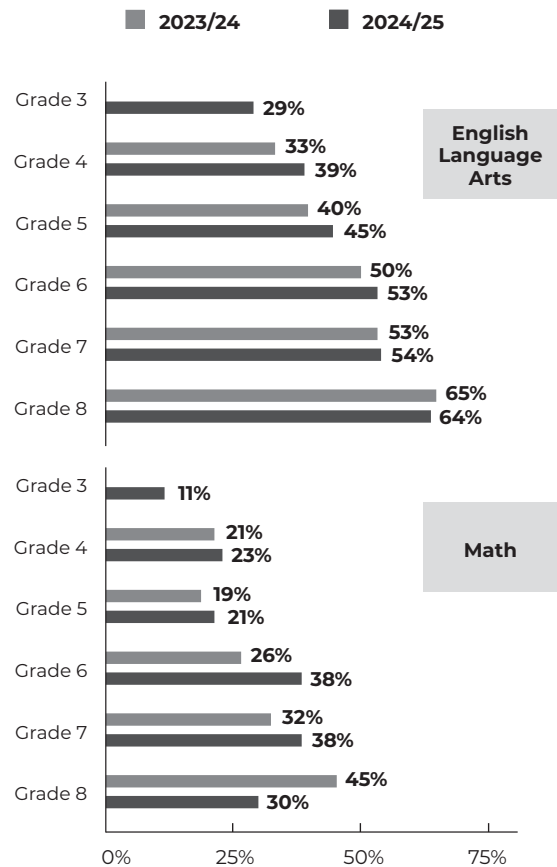
St. Johnsbury students are performing at or near the state average in reading and writing, showing steady development of important literacy skills. In math, while overall scores remain below the state average, we continue to see consistent and meaningful growth. Most students are making at least one full year of academic progress as they move from grade to grade.



We also closely monitor the progress of student groups who have historically faced greater challenges, including students experiencing poverty (65% of our school population) and students receiving Special Education services (26%). Although fewer students in these groups are reaching proficiency, they are still showing strong growth, with most making a full year's progress.

We are committed to improving outcomes for all learners and to closing achievement gaps for historically marginalized groups. By using evidence-based instruction and targeted interventions, we are ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed and grow.

VTCAPs Achievement Level Spring 2024–Spring 2025



Definitions



Students Experiencing Poverty: include students whose families generally make below 185% of the federal poverty line.

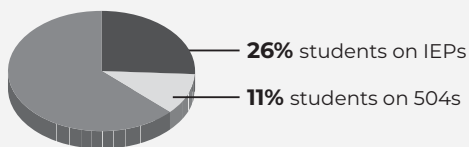


Special Education Students: include students on individualized education plans who generally receive additional services to ensure success.

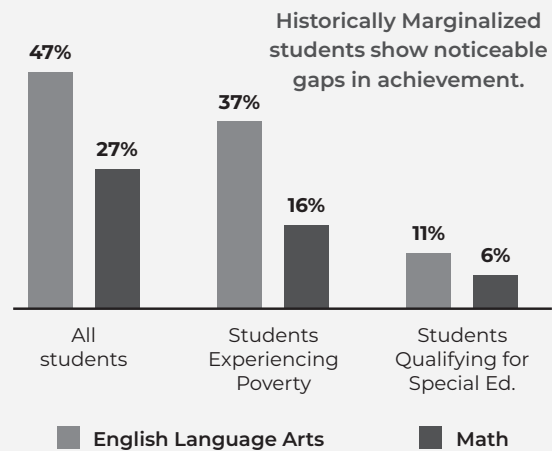


English Language Learners: include students whose first language is not English and whose lack of proficiency provides barriers to success.

Students Qualifying for Special Education



VT State Assessment Results Spring 2024–25, Grades 3–8



CatCH: Explore, Learn, Create!



Catamount Community Hours (CatCH) is a school-based program that provides free afterschool and summer programming for students in grades 1-8. Our vision is to help students and families feel more connected to their community, their school, and promote many ways to keep their minds and bodies active.

Working with local community partners, students engage in creative, academic, and real-world activities. From rock band performances and speech-and-debate tournaments to carpentry projects and cooking contests, CatCH offers dynamic, hands-on learning experiences.

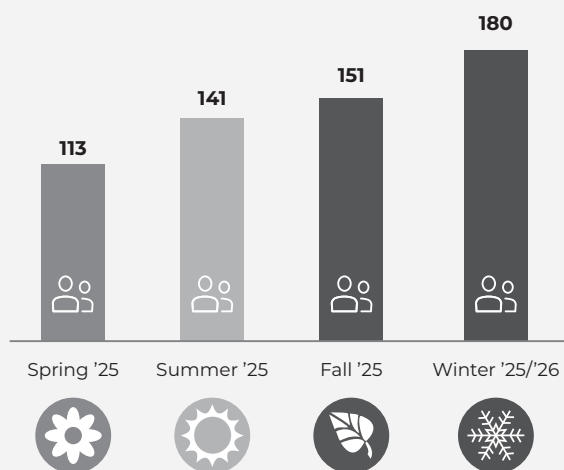
The program offers three 12-week afterschool sessions and a 5-week full-day summer session. All students,

including those from independent schools and home study, can participate free of charge thanks to grants and other in-kind donations. Community partnerships, including the Fairbanks Museum, St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, St. Johnsbury Rec, and Northwoods Stewardship Center, expand learning opportunities and foster meaningful connections.

CatCH emphasizes inclusivity, social-emotional growth, and academic support, while celebrating student achievements through end-of-session showcases for families and the community. Through these experiences, students build confidence, curiosity, and a sense of belonging, making CatCH a vital part of their growth both in and out of school.

2025-2026 CatCH...Captured

Students Served in 2025



Running the Numbers

-  **35** unique programs offered each session, on average.
-  **124** students, family and community members attended the Fall 2025 CatCH Showcase.
-  **13** middle and high school students support afterschool and summer programs.
-  **20** adult community members lead programs.
-  **14** licensed teachers lead enrichment programs.



Outdoor Education



Our Students Are Learning Beyond the Classroom

Since 2022, St. Johnsbury School's Outdoor Education Program has provided students with hands-on learning experiences that connect them to the natural world, local community, and each other. Rooted in our strategic plan, the program supports excellence, wellness, connections, and innovation by encouraging curiosity, personal growth, and meaningful engagement.

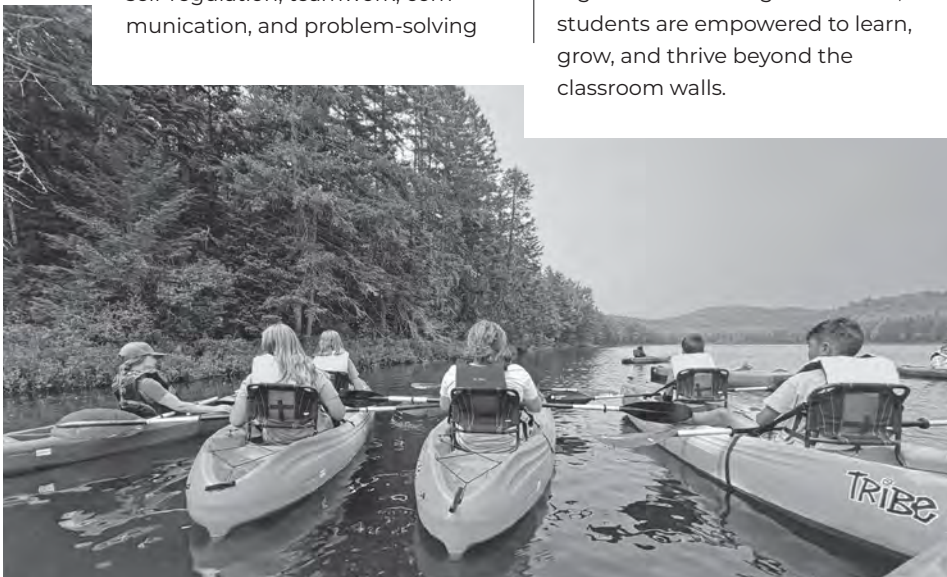
These experiences include off-campus academic activities, community outings, cycling programs, and farm-to-school projects. Students develop skills in self-regulation, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving

while exploring their interests in a safe and supportive environment. Dedicated staff ensure every student can participate fully, making outdoor education an accessible and essential part of learning.

Through these programs, students build connections with themselves, peers, the school community, and the broader Northeast Kingdom. They gain confidence, develop leadership, and engage in activities that spark motivation and joy. Whether riding bikes on local trails, visiting community partners, or participating in team-building adventures, students are empowered to learn, grow, and thrive beyond the classroom walls.



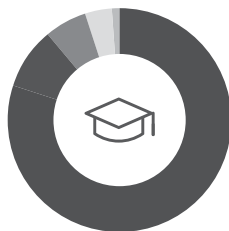
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High School: Alumni Spotlight

The St. Johnsbury School District does not operate a public high school and instead offers students access to a school choice system for grades 9–12. Under this model, each participating high school sets its own tuition rates, which are announced annually. The district pays tuition and eligible special education costs on behalf of resident students who attend these schools.

Where do our high schoolers go?



- St. Johnsbury Academy: **80%**
- Lyndon Institute: **9%**
- The Arlington School: **6%**
- Others: **4%**
- Danville School: **1%**



Alissa Gonyer, '24 – Alissa (center left), a 2024 graduate of St. Johnsbury School, is a sophomore at Lyndon Institute, where she plays volleyball and was recently named to the High Honor Roll.



Jackson Ladd, '22 – Jackson, a 2022 graduate of St. Johnsbury School, is a senior at St. Johnsbury Academy, where he recently celebrated his 100th career win in wrestling.



Emily Clark, '22 – Emily (third from right), a 2022 graduate of St. Johnsbury School, is a senior at St. Johnsbury Academy. She organized a flag football tournament as part of her capstone project and raised \$450 to help create a girls' flag football team.



Donley Johnson, '22 – Donley (far right), a 2022 graduate of St. Johnsbury School, is a senior at St. Johnsbury Academy and was named a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist in the 71st annual National Merit Scholarship Program.



Raine Rashid, '23 – Raine (far left), a 2023 graduate of St. Johnsbury School, is a junior at St. Johnsbury Academy and serves as secretary of the Student Government.

Proposed FY2027 Budget

We would like to begin by expressing our sincere gratitude to the St. Johnsbury community for its continued engagement and support throughout the FY2027 budget development process. Your participation in surveys, forums, committee meetings, and public



discussions plays a vital role in helping the district balance strong educational programming with fiscal responsibility. This partnership is essential as we work to meet the needs of our PreK-12 students while remaining

mindful of the impact on taxpayers.

In developing the budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY2027), the Board and administration focused on responding to stakeholder feedback while addressing rising fixed costs, special education needs, and long-term facilities considerations.

The initial draft budget reflected increases driven primarily by salaries and benefits, special education staffing and programming, and high school tuition costs. Following community input and Finance Committee review, the administration refined staffing structures, adjusted administrative roles, leveraged grants and capital reserve funds, and identified efficiencies to reduce the overall increase. As a result, the proposed FY2027 budget reflects total expenditures of \$31,830,266, representing a 5.34% increase over the current fiscal year.

Throughout this process, the district also evaluated options for responsibly using an anticipated one-time surplus from FY2025. While final figures are still pending auditor confirmation, the Board is planning to utilize \$250,000 of anticipated surplus as revenue in the FY2027 budget to offset the tax impact. This strategic use of one-time funds, combined with other budget refinements, helps

reduce the burden on taxpayers while maintaining essential programs and services for students.

Based on the current budget proposal, the estimated homestead tax rate is projected at \$1.14, reflecting an increase of \$0.07. This projection includes the anticipated state tax-rate buy-down and is preliminary. This rate is subject to change as updated information is provided by the state, including yield calculations and legislative adjustments.

This FY2027 budget reflects the district's commitment to maintaining high-quality educational opportunities, supporting students with diverse learning and social-emotional needs, and stewarding public resources responsibly. We remain grateful for the community's thoughtful engagement and ongoing partnership as we prepare to bring this budget to voters. Together, we continue to invest in the success, well-being, and future of St. Johnsbury's students.

Estimated Effect of Proposed Budget on Homestead Tax

	FY2026 TAX RATE	FY2027 TAX RATE	\$ TAX RATE CHANGE	% TAX RATE CHANGE
HOMESTEAD TAX RATE	\$1.06	\$1.14*	0.074*	6.95%*
APPRAISED PROPERTY VALUE	FY2026 ANNUAL PAYMENT	FY2027 ANNUAL PAYMENT	CHANGE IN ANNUAL HOMESTEAD TAX	CHANGE IN PAYMENT PER MONTH
\$100,000 HOME	\$1,063	\$1,137	\$74	\$6.16
\$200,000 HOME	\$2,126	\$2,274	\$148	\$12.32
\$300,000 HOME	\$3,189	\$3,411	\$222	\$18.47
\$400,000 HOME	\$4,252	\$4,548	\$296	\$24.63
\$500,000 HOME	\$5,316	\$5,685	\$369	\$30.79

*Please note that this estimate is based on the most current information available which includes the anticipated state buy-down. For more information please visit www.stjsd.org/budget.



Do You Qualify For A Tax Reduction? You may be eligible for an education property tax reduction if your household income is less than \$115,400. To apply for a tax reduction, contact the Vermont Department of Taxes at www.tax.vermont.gov/property/tax-credit or call 802-828-2505.

The St. Johnsbury School District Estimated Revenue Summary Comparison

REVENUE	FY2025 BUDGET	FY2026 BUDGET	FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	VARIANCE
EDUCATION SPENDING FUND	\$24,127,999	\$24,967,147	\$26,345,319	\$1,378,172
CENSUS BLOCK GRANT	\$2,711,444	\$2,569,496	\$2,462,189	-\$107,307
EXTRAORDINARY REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,023,585	\$2,266,571	\$2,051,483	-\$215,088
STATE AID TRANSPORTATION	\$225,725	\$227,025	\$227,025	\$0
REINVESTMENT RATE REVENUE	\$0	\$0	\$235,000	\$235,000
OUTSIDE DISTRICT TUITION	\$148,000	\$152,000	\$211,750	\$59,750
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$45,000	\$35,000	\$47,500	\$12,500
ANTICIPATED FY2025 SURPLUS	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000*
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	\$29,281,753	\$30,217,239	\$31,830,266	\$1,613,027

*Includes FY2025 surplus to offset taxes

Addressing Critical Facility Needs

The district expects to have a one-time surplus from FY2025, though the final amount is still pending auditor confirmation. This surplus provides an opportunity to reduce the tax impact on our community and address critical and deferred facilities repairs in our school building.

The school board has applied \$250,000 of the anticipated surplus as revenue in FY2027 to help offset taxes. Additionally, the Board is asking voters, through Article 2, to authorize allocating up to 50% of the surplus to a capital reserve fund for deferred maintenance and critical facilities improvements.

Any remaining balance would be applied in the following fiscal year to further reduce taxes. This approach allows the district to address both short-term tax impacts and long-term facility needs, ensuring safe, functional, and well-maintained spaces for students, staff and our community for years to come.



The capital reserve fund, if approved, will address peeling exterior paint that exposes masonry to moisture, increasing the risk of water infiltration and long-term damage to the building structure.

Understanding Article 2 on the Ballot

ARTICLE 02:

Shall the voters of the St. Johnsbury School District authorize the school board to allocate up to 50% of the FY2025 surplus to the capital reserve fund for deferred maintenance and critical facilities improvements?

YES
NO

Final amount pending auditor confirmation

Projects to address critical facilities needs related to code compliance, safety requirements, and the protection of building systems and structural integrity.

UNDERSTANDING THE SURPLUS: A surplus is one-time funding that remains after all fiscal year obligations are met. During FY2025, the district received several unanticipated revenues that were not included in the original budget, thus creating a surplus.

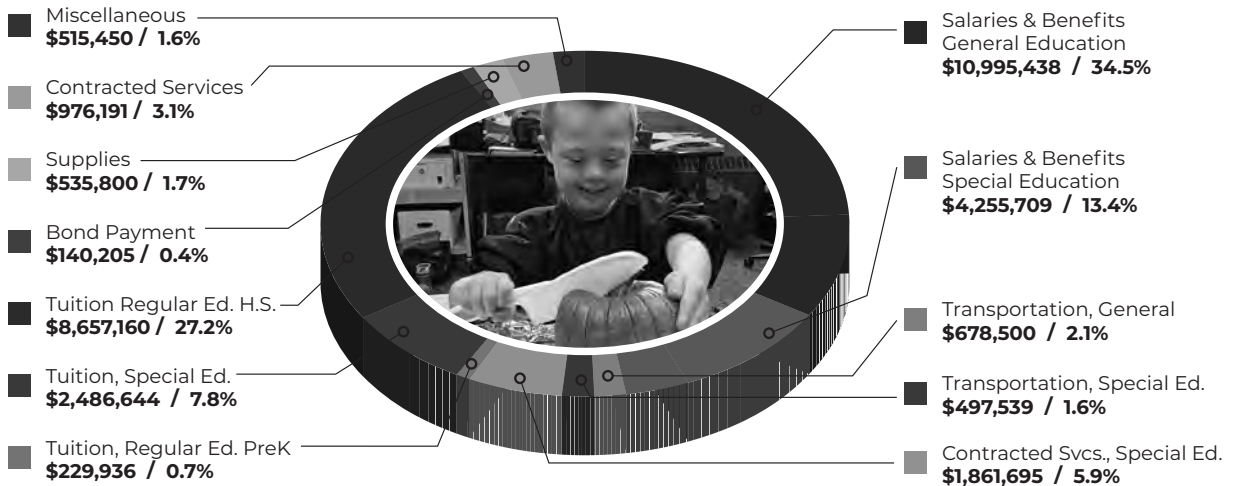
Estimated Homestead Tax Rates

	FY2026 TAX RATE	FY2027 ESTIMATED TAX RATE	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$30,217,239	\$31,830,266	\$1,613,027	5.34%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,250,092	\$5,484,947	\$234,855*	4.47%
NET EDUCATION SPENDING	\$24,967,147	\$26,345,319	\$1,378,172	5.52%
LTW AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	1,869	1,820	(49)	-2.64%
EDUCATION SPENDING PER PUPIL	\$13,359	\$14,479	\$1,120	8.39%
DOLLAR EQUIVALENT YIELD	\$8,596	\$9,212	\$616	7.17%
SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATE	\$1.5430	\$1.5627	\$0.0197	1.28%
2025 STATEWIDE ADJUSTMENT TO CLA	1.4514	1.3744	-0.077	-5.31%
ESTIMATED HOMESTEAD TAX RATE	\$1.0631	\$1.1370	\$0.0739	6.95%

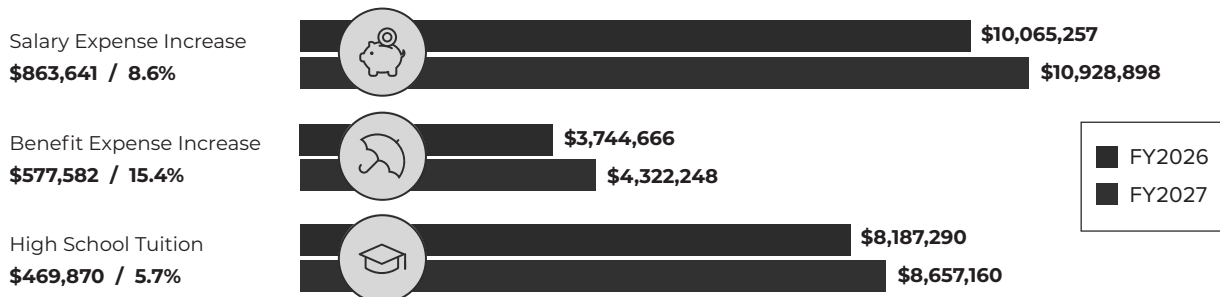
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FY2027 Proposed Budget at a Glance

Total Expenditures: \$31,830,266



Primary Factors for Budget Increase Estimate: FY2026 to FY2027



**The St. Johnsbury School District
Proposed Budget Summary: FY2026 to FY2027**

EXPENDITURE	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY27 PROPOSED BUDGET	VARIANCE \$	VARIANCE %
PREK INSTRUCTION	\$530,182	\$634,971	\$606,490	(\$28,481)	-4.49%
TUITION 9-12	\$7,678,386	\$8,249,790	\$8,674,410	\$424,620	5.15%
EARLY ED DIRECTOR	\$118,480	\$121,339	\$106,131	(\$15,208)	-12.53%
DIRECT INSTRUCTION K-8	\$3,972,136	\$4,106,946	\$4,737,954	\$631,008	15.36%
SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$7,297,257	\$8,004,719	\$8,438,145	\$433,426	5.41%
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR	\$342,215	\$355,323	\$382,069	\$26,746	7.53%
PREK SPED INSTRUCTION	\$46,448	\$18,155	\$3,200	(\$14,955)	-82.37% 1
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$587,299	\$593,607	\$668,988	\$75,381	12.70%
GUIDANCE SERVICES	\$269,813	\$287,605	\$311,261	\$23,655	8.22%
SCHOOL NURSE	\$343,950	\$314,236	\$332,502	\$18,266	5.81%
LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES	\$217,676	\$230,771	\$241,897	\$11,126	4.82%
TECH ED INSTRUCTION	\$134,583	\$136,142	\$142,940	\$6,798	4.99%
STEAM INSTRUCTION	\$98,146	\$114,131	\$123,123	\$8,992	7.88%
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	\$524,938	\$533,940	\$578,267	\$44,327	8.30%
SCHOOL BOARD/TREASURER	\$10,831	\$15,930	\$15,930	\$0	0.00%
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	\$274,417	\$291,277	\$301,371	\$10,095	3.47%
BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$716,369	\$693,032	\$577,678	(\$115,354)	-16.64%
STAFF WELLNESS	\$43,808	\$18,709	\$19,441	\$732	3.91%
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING SERVICES	\$127,693	\$134,576	\$136,069	\$1,493	1.11%
OCCUPATIONAL/PHYSICAL THERAPIST	\$108,840	\$117,614	\$122,817	\$5,203	4.42%
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST	\$119,416	\$136,996	\$146,682	\$9,685	7.07%
SPEECH & HEARING SERVICES	\$184,177	\$141,947	\$271,055	\$129,108	90.96% 2
FISCAL SERVICES	\$624,007	\$665,250	\$716,452	\$51,202	7.70%
CENTRAL SERVICES	\$600,692	\$466,500	\$469,080	\$2,580	0.55%
PLANT OPERATIONS	\$1,580,090	\$1,412,019	\$1,435,724	\$23,705	1.68%
OUTDOOR EDUCATION	\$245,422	\$234,093	\$245,014	\$10,921	4.67%
ART EDUCATION INSTRUCTION	\$187,224	\$243,658	\$229,792	(\$13,866)	-5.69%
PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION	\$423,208	\$445,963	\$352,430	(\$93,532)	-20.97%
CATCH AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM	\$169,151	\$147,692	\$181,584	\$33,892	22.95%
REGULAR ED TRANSPORTATION	\$499,476	\$647,250	\$582,750	(\$64,500)	-9.97%
DEBT-BOND	\$398,177	\$200,193	\$140,205	(\$59,988)	-29.97%
HEALTH INSTRUCTION	\$186,610	\$181,290	\$228,871	\$47,581	26.25%
MUSIC INSTRUCTION	\$232,972	\$245,408	\$256,713	\$11,305	4.61%
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER	\$6,383	\$19,137	\$7,183	-\$11,954	-62.46% 3
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT	\$81	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS	\$16,007	\$8,973	\$9,335	\$362	4.04%
ATHLETICS	\$26,156	\$45,556	\$34,213	(\$11,343)	-24.90%
INDIRECT COST SPENDING	\$68,425	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$29,011,143	\$30,217,239	\$31,830,266	\$1,613,027	5.34%

1- Position shifted to grant funding

2- Addition of 0.6FTE Speech Language Pathologist

3- Updated to reflect actuals

The St. Johnsbury School District FY2027 Proposed Budget Line by Line

EXPENDITURE	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
PREK INSTRUCTION					
SALARIES	\$250,584	\$262,147	\$276,093	\$13,946	5.32%
BENEFITS	\$87,049	\$98,624	\$94,411	(\$4,213)	(4.27%)
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$0	\$1,200	\$600	(\$600)	(50.00%)
STUDENT TUITION EXPENSE	\$184,102	\$270,000	\$229,936	(\$40,064)	(14.84%)
SUPPLIES	\$3,008	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	-
DUES AND FEES	\$5,439	\$0	\$2,450	\$2,450	100.00%
	\$530,182	\$634,971	\$606,490	(\$28,481)	(4.49%)
TUITION 9-12					
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$735	\$8,500	\$6,500	(\$2,000)	(23.53%)
STUDENT TUITION EXPENSE	\$7,673,602	\$8,187,290	\$8,657,160	\$469,870	5.74%
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$3,900	\$50,000	\$10,000	(\$40,000)	(80.00%)
SUPPLIES	\$149	\$4,000	\$750	(\$3,250)	(81.25%)
	\$7,678,386	\$8,249,790	\$8,674,410	\$424,620	5.15%
EARLY ED DIRECTOR					
SALARIES	\$92,287	\$94,532	\$78,750	(\$15,782)	(16.69%)
BENEFITS	\$17,977	\$18,357	\$18,931	\$574	3.13%
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$5,795	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	-
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$646	\$500	\$1,250	\$750	150.00%
SUPPLIES	\$977	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	-
DUES AND FEES	\$797	\$1,750	\$1,000	(\$750)	(42.86%)
	\$118,480	\$121,339	\$106,131	(\$14,458)	(11.92%)
DIRECT INSTRUCTION K-8					
SALARIES	\$2,882,322	\$2,877,795	\$3,374,498	\$496,703	17.26%
BENEFITS	\$1,054,069	\$1,186,401	\$1,321,706	\$135,305	11.40%
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	-
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$0	\$750	\$750	\$0	-
SUPPLIES	\$34,908	\$39,500	\$38,500	(\$1,000)	(2.53%)
DUES AND FEES	\$637	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
MISCELLANEOUS	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
	\$3,972,136	\$4,106,946	\$4,737,954	\$631,008	15.36%
SPECIAL EDUCATION					
SALARIES	\$2,182,564	\$2,194,096	\$2,484,686	\$290,590	13.24%
BENEFITS	\$900,986	\$786,398	\$1,022,081	\$235,683	29.97%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,692,535	\$1,970,150	\$1,867,570	(\$102,580)	(5.21%)
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$403,408	\$499,575	\$497,539	(\$2,036)	(0.41%)
STUDENT TUITION EXPENSE	\$2,088,260	\$2,531,000	\$2,486,644	(\$44,356)	(1.75%)
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$255	\$500	\$500	\$0	-
ADVERTISING	\$216	\$0	\$500	\$500	100.00%
LEGAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$2,125	\$2,125	100.00%
RENTAL LEASE	\$0	\$0	\$33,000	\$33,000	100.00%
SUPPLIES	\$18,603	\$18,000	\$28,500	\$10,500	58.33%
GASOLINE	\$4,103	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	-
DUES AND FEES	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	100.00%
MISCELLANEOUS	\$6,328	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
	\$7,297,257	\$8,004,719	\$8,438,145	\$433,426	5.41%
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR					
SALARIES	\$234,696	\$240,679	\$261,705	\$21,026	8.74%
BENEFITS	\$90,885	\$96,044	\$102,364	\$6,320	6.58%

EXPENDITURE	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$6,760	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	-
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$4,199	\$10,000	\$8,800	(\$1,200)	(12.00%)
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$2,773	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	-
SUPPLIES	\$405	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$1,200	100.00%
DUES AND FEES	\$2,496	\$3,200	\$2,600	(\$600)	(18.75%)
	\$342,215	\$355,323	\$382,069	\$26,746	7.53%
PREK SPED INSTRUCTION					
SALARIES	\$0	\$11,112	\$0	(\$11,112)	(100.00%)
BENEFITS	\$0	\$3,843	\$0	(\$3,843)	(100.00%)
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$44,416	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	-
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$2,031	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	-
	\$46,448	\$18,155	\$3,200	(\$14,955)	(82.37%)
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL					
SALARIES	\$395,601	\$405,882	\$421,381	\$15,499	3.82%
BENEFITS	\$166,618	\$164,975	\$222,607	\$57,632	34.93%
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$9,066	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$1,500	30.00%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$660	\$750	\$0	(\$750)	(100.00%)
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$1,480	\$2,000	\$3,750	\$1,750	87.50%
SUPPLIES	\$11,428	\$14,250	\$9,750	(\$4,500)	(31.58%)
DUES AND FEES	\$2,446	\$750	\$5,000	\$4,250	566.67%
	\$587,299	\$593,607	\$668,988	\$75,381	12.70%
GUIDANCE SERVICES					
SALARIES	\$214,077	\$225,324	\$242,410	\$17,086	7.58%
BENEFITS	\$51,547	\$54,281	\$60,851	\$6,569	12.10%
SUPPLIES	\$4,060	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	-
DUES AND FEES	\$129	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
	\$269,813	\$287,605	\$311,261	\$23,655	8.22%
SCHOOL NURSE					
SALARIES	\$282,237	\$249,277	\$251,419	\$2,142	0.86%
BENEFITS	\$58,506	\$60,959	\$77,083	\$16,124	26.45%
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$24	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
SUPPLIES	\$2,136	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	-
DUES AND FEES	\$1,048	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
	\$343,950	\$314,236	\$332,502	\$18,266	5.81%
LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES					
SALARIES	\$160,182	\$169,023	\$175,239	\$6,216	3.68%
BENEFITS	\$33,734	\$35,748	\$40,658	\$4,910	13.74%
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$101	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
SUPPLIES	\$14,843	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$0	-
TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE	\$8,816	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$0	-
	\$217,676	\$230,771	\$241,897	\$11,126	4.82%
TECH ED INSTRUCTION					
SALARIES	\$80,328	\$83,068	\$87,320	\$4,252	5.12%
BENEFITS	\$44,185	\$43,074	\$45,620	\$2,546	5.91%
SUPPLIES	\$10,071	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	-
	\$134,583	\$136,142	\$142,940	\$6,798	4.99%
STEAM INSTRUCTION					
SALARIES	\$60,047	\$71,147	\$77,345	\$6,198	8.71%
BENEFITS	\$37,171	\$41,984	\$44,778	\$2,794	6.65%
SUPPLIES	\$928	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	-
	\$98,146	\$114,131	\$123,123	\$8,992	7.88%

EXPENDITURE	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES					
SALARIES	\$164,022	\$168,727	\$177,965	\$9,238	5.48%
BENEFITS	\$75,722	\$79,013	\$83,102	\$4,089	5.18%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$129,564	\$125,500	\$135,500	\$10,000	7.97%
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$8,434	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$0	-
SUPPLIES	\$14,821	\$19,700	\$19,700	\$0	-
TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE	\$55,018	\$46,500	\$46,500	\$0	-
EQUIPMENT	\$77,357	\$80,000	\$101,000	\$21,000	26.25%
	\$524,938	\$533,940	\$578,267	\$44,327	8.30%
SCHOOL BOARD/TREASURER					
SALARIES	\$8,700	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$0	-
BENEFITS	\$1,053	\$930	\$930	\$0	-
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$300	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	-
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$0	\$750	\$750	\$0	-
SUPPLIES	\$220	\$250	\$250	\$0	-
DUES AND FEES	\$558	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	-
	\$10,831	\$15,930	\$15,930	\$0	-
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT					
SALARIES	\$195,993	\$199,301	\$209,656	\$10,355	5.20%
BENEFITS	\$52,014	\$56,776	\$56,515	(\$260)	(0.46%)
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$323	\$5,000	\$3,000	(\$2,000)	(40.00%)
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$1,470	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$0	-
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$3,502	\$5,000	\$4,500	(\$500)	(10.00%)
SUPPLIES	\$2,568	\$6,000	\$5,500	(\$500)	(8.33%)
DUES AND FEES	\$18,549	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$3,000	20.00%
	\$274,417	\$291,277	\$301,371	\$7,095	2.44%
BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT SERVICES					
SALARIES	\$501,262	\$472,881	\$393,642	(\$79,239)	(16.76%)
BENEFITS	\$208,522	\$215,151	\$180,036	(\$35,115)	(16.32%)
SUPPLIES	\$6,501	\$5,000	\$4,000	(\$1,000)	(20.00%)
DUES AND FEES	\$85	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
	\$716,369	\$693,032	\$577,678	(\$115,354)	(16.64%)
STAFF WELLNESS					
SALARIES	\$12,694	\$4,357	\$5,034	\$677	15.54%
BENEFITS	\$991	\$352	\$407	\$55	15.54%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$29,065	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	-
SUPPLIES	\$1,057	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	-
	\$43,808	\$18,709	\$19,441	\$732	3.91%
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING SERVICES					
SALARIES	\$87,979	\$90,179	\$92,378	\$2,199	2.44%
BENEFITS	\$34,905	\$37,247	\$36,541	(\$706)	(1.90%)
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,193	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	-
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$1,137	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	-
SUPPLIES	\$479	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	-
DUES AND FEES	\$1,000	\$1,150	\$1,150	\$0	-
	\$127,693	\$134,576	\$136,069	\$1,493	1.11%
OCCUPATIONAL/PHYSICAL THERAPIST					
SALARIES	\$92,413	\$98,311	\$100,395	\$2,084	2.12%
BENEFITS	\$14,152	\$15,303	\$19,172	\$3,869	25.28%

EXPENDITURE	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	(\$2,000)	(100.00%)
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$0	\$500	\$250	(\$250)	(50.00%)
SUPPLIES	\$2,275	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$1,500	100.00%
	\$108,840	\$117,614	\$122,817	\$5,203	4.42%
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST					
SALARIES	\$83,338	\$97,401	\$99,399	\$1,998	2.05%
BENEFITS	\$27,333	\$33,595	\$35,283	\$1,687	5.02%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$4,325	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	100.00%
SUPPLIES	\$4,420	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	100.00%
	\$119,416	\$136,996	\$146,682	\$9,685	7.07%
SPEECH & HEARING SERVICES					
SALARIES	\$113,352	\$113,232	\$203,982	\$90,750	80.15%
BENEFITS	\$19,984	\$24,040	\$61,323	\$37,283	155.09%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$45,333	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	100.00%
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
SUPPLIES	\$4,759	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	-
DUES AND FEES	\$750	\$675	\$750	\$75	11.11%
	\$184,177	\$141,947	\$271,055	\$129,108	90.96%
FISCAL SERVICES					
SALARIES	\$409,127	\$441,339	\$468,639	\$27,300	6.19%
BENEFITS	\$152,810	\$171,678	\$191,172	\$19,494	11.36%
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$12,964	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$2,000	28.57%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$9,505	\$5,750	\$5,000	(\$750)	(13.04%)
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$2,235	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,000	66.67%
RENTAL LEASE	\$31,592	\$30,733	\$32,791	\$2,058	6.70%
SUPPLIES	\$2,988	\$4,250	\$3,700	(\$550)	(12.94%)
TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE	\$1,095	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	-
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
DUES AND FEES	\$1,692	\$1,500	\$2,150	\$650	43.33%
MISCELLANEOUS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
	\$624,007	\$665,250	\$716,452	\$51,202	7.70%
CENTRAL SERVICES					
BENEFITS	\$123,256	\$0	\$17,980	\$17,980	100.00%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$38,590	\$45,000	\$44,000	(\$1,000)	(2.22%)
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$65,525	\$75,000	\$71,500	(\$3,500)	(4.67%)
INSURANCE EXPENSES	\$194,394	\$230,000	\$222,500	(\$7,500)	(3.26%)
ADVERTISING	\$5,731	\$12,000	\$6,750	(\$5,250)	(43.75%)
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$957	\$5,000	\$2,500	(\$2,500)	(50.00%)
POSTAGE EXPENSE	\$3,014	\$12,000	\$7,750	(\$4,250)	(35.42%)
AUDITING SERVICES	\$72,675	\$55,000	\$57,500	\$2,500	4.55%
LEGAL SERVICES	\$7,029	\$15,000	\$11,000	(\$4,000)	(26.67%)
SUPPLIES	\$15,284	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$0	-
TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE	\$8,182	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000	100.00%
DUES AND FEES	\$2,068	\$0	\$2,100	\$2,100	100.00%
MISCELLANEOUS	\$63,987	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
	\$600,692	\$466,500	\$469,080	\$2,580	0.55%
PLANT OPERATIONS					
SALARIES	\$463,057	\$478,306	\$499,919	\$21,613	4.52%
BENEFITS	\$177,161	\$178,313	\$226,105	\$47,792	26.80%
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	100.00%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$73,857	\$70,000	\$75,000	\$5,000	7.14%

EXPENDITURE	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$132,003	\$40,000	\$72,500	\$32,500	81.25%
UTILITY SERVICES	\$12,043	\$10,500	\$12,500	\$2,000	19.05%
CLEANING SERVICES	\$600	\$500	\$600	\$100	20.00%
SNOW PLOWING AND SANDING	\$17,195	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	-
LANDSCAPING/LAWN CARE	\$12,584	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	-
TRASH & RECYCLING	\$20,627	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0	-
EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$1,385	\$10,000	\$7,500	(\$2,500)	(25.00%)
CONSTRUCTION COSTS	\$283,903	\$100,000	\$50,000	(\$50,000)	(50.00%)
ELECTRICITY	\$94,202	\$110,000	\$102,500	(\$7,500)	(6.82%)
SUPPLIES	\$48,158	\$86,500	\$80,000	(\$6,500)	(7.51%)
OIL	\$66,041	\$125,000	\$85,000	(\$40,000)	(32.00%)
GASOLINE	\$2,080	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	-
WOOD CHIPS/PELLETS	\$83,522	\$60,000	\$88,600	\$28,600	47.67%
OTHER ENERGY EXPENSE	\$0	\$1,400	\$0	(\$1,400)	(100.00%)
TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
EQUIPMENT	\$5,372	\$35,000	\$27,500	(\$7,500)	(21.43%)
VEHICLE RENTAL	\$85,083	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$0	-
DUES AND FEES	\$160	\$1,500	\$1,000	(\$500)	(33.33%)
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,060	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
	\$1,580,090	\$1,412,019	\$1,435,724	\$23,705	1.68%
OUTDOOR EDUCATION					
SALARIES	\$82,935	\$83,261	\$92,015	\$8,754	10.51%
BENEFITS	\$43,314	\$43,032	\$45,999	\$2,967	6.90%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$32,201	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$0	-
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$28,970	\$30,500	\$32,500	\$2,000	6.56%
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$277	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	100.00%
SUPPLIES	\$18,132	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0	-
GASOLINE	\$602	\$2,500	\$1,000	(\$1,500)	(60.00%)
EQUIPMENT	\$9,371	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
DUES AND FEES	\$29,617	\$30,800	\$28,000	(\$2,800)	(9.09%)
	\$245,422	\$234,093	\$245,014	\$10,921	4.67%
ART EDUCATION INSTRUCTION					
SALARIES	\$128,980	\$162,162	\$146,710	(\$15,452)	(9.53%)
BENEFITS	\$47,642	\$63,496	\$65,082	\$1,586	2.50%
SUPPLIES	\$10,602	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$0	-
	\$187,224	\$243,658	\$229,792	(\$13,866)	(5.69%)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION					
SALARIES	\$303,314	\$312,402	\$246,000	(\$66,402)	(21.26%)
BENEFITS	\$103,161	\$115,561	\$88,430	(\$27,130)	(23.48%)
SUPPLIES	\$7,533	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	-
EQUIPMENT	\$9,200	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	-
	\$423,208	\$445,963	\$352,430	(\$93,532)	(20.97%)
CATCH AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM					
SALARIES	\$88,184	\$71,750	\$75,338	\$3,588	5.00%
BENEFITS	\$45,434	\$48,442	\$50,996	\$2,554	5.27%
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$32,400	\$25,000	\$52,250	\$27,250	109.00%
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$250	100.00%
SUPPLIES	\$2,888	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	-
DUES AND FEES	\$245	\$500	\$750	\$250	50.00%
	\$169,151	\$147,692	\$181,584	\$33,892	22.95%

EXPENDITURE	FY2025 ACTUAL	FY2026 BUDGET	FY 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
REGULAR ED TRANSPORTATION					
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$499,476	\$647,250	\$582,750	(\$64,500)	(9.97%)
	\$499,476	\$647,250	\$582,750	(\$64,500)	(9.97%)
DEBT-BOND					
MISCELLANEOUS	\$11,125	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
BOND INTEREST	\$237,052	\$50,193	\$52,292	\$2,099	4.18%
BOND PRINCIPAL	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$87,913	(\$62,087)	(41.39%)
	\$398,177	\$200,193	\$140,205	(\$59,988)	(29.97%)
HEALTH INSTRUCTION					
SALARIES	\$147,401	\$159,588	\$168,655	\$9,067	5.68%
BENEFITS	\$32,155	\$13,702	\$53,216	\$39,514	288.38%
SUPPLIES	\$7,055	\$8,000	\$7,000	(\$1,000)	(12.50%)
	\$186,610	\$181,290	\$228,871	\$47,581	26.25%
MUSIC INSTRUCTION					
SALARIES	\$161,994	\$166,135	\$174,640	\$8,505	5.12%
BENEFITS	\$47,299	\$53,273	\$56,073	\$2,800	5.26%
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$995	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	-
SUPPLIES	\$13,971	\$14,000	\$16,500	\$2,500	17.86%
EQUIPMENT	\$8,713	\$9,500	\$7,000	(\$2,500)	(26.32%)
	\$232,972	\$245,408	\$256,713	\$11,305	4.61%
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER					
SALARIES	\$5,876	\$17,011	\$6,005	(\$11,006)	(64.70%)
BENEFITS	\$475	\$1,376	\$678	(\$698)	(50.71%)
SUPPLIES	\$32	\$750	\$500	(\$250)	(33.33%)
	\$6,383	\$19,137	\$7,183	(\$11,954)	(62.46%)
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT					
SUPPLIES	\$81	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	-
	\$81	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	-
CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS					
SALARIES	\$13,266	\$6,682	\$7,017	\$335	5.01%
BENEFITS	\$1,055	\$541	\$568	\$27	5.01%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$0	\$1,750	\$0	(\$1,750)	(100.00%)
SUPPLIES	\$1,686	\$0	\$1,750	\$1,750	100.00%
DUES AND FEES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
	\$16,007	\$8,973	\$9,335	\$362	4.04%
ATHLETICS					
SALARIES	\$16,237	\$26,650	\$19,163	(\$7,487)	(28.09%)
BENEFITS	\$1,296	\$2,156	\$1,550	(\$606)	(28.09%)
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$5,613	\$5,000	\$5,750	\$750	15.00%
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$0	\$4,000	\$1,000	(\$3,000)	(75.00%)
MILEAGE AND TRAVEL	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$0	-
SUPPLIES	\$2,734	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$1,000	20.00%
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	(\$2,000)	(100.00%)
DUES AND FEES	\$275	\$500	\$500	\$0	-
	\$26,156	\$45,556	\$34,213	(\$11,343)	(24.90%)
INDIRECT COST SPENDING					
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$525	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$54,402	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
SUPPLIES	\$13,498	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
	\$68,425	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$29,011,143	\$30,217,239	\$31,830,266	\$1,613,027	5.34%



UVM Names Outstanding Educators at St. Johnsbury School

CONGRATULATIONS TO ASHLEY WHITEHILL AND REAGAN BECK

We are proud to recognize Ashley Whitehill and Reagan Beck and as our UVM Outstanding Educators for their extraordinary contributions to the St. Johnsbury School community.

Ashley Whitehill is a remarkable leader who balances her roles as a teacher, union co-president, and athletic director with grace and kindness. She is deeply loved by her students, who greet her with enthusiasm every morning, a testament to the strong relationships she builds. Her colleagues value her as a supportive teammate and a thoughtful leader who models fairness and collaboration,

consistently going above and beyond to strengthen the entire school community.

Reagan Beck is an exceptional teacher known for her calm, intelligent, and humorous approach to education. She creates a beautifully organized and inclusive classroom culture rooted in differentiation, ensuring every student feels seen and supported. Beyond the classroom, Reagan's unwavering dedication is shown through her presence at sporting events and her commitment to celebrating her students' accomplishments both inside and outside of school.



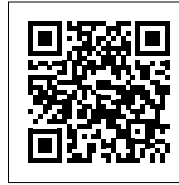
Staff Recognized for Service

APPLAUDING THREE OF OUR SCHOOL HEROES

We are proud to recognize the exceptional contributions of our dedicated staff members: Kaytlynn Epstein, Paraeducator of the Year, for her remarkable professional growth and advocacy work; Siobhan Meggers, Paraeducator of the Year, for her calm leadership and reliability; and Johanna Snedeker, District Staff of the Year, for her dedication and excellence.


Pictured from top to bottom, Kaytlynn Epstein, Siobhan Meggers and Johanna Snedeker.






To learn more about the St. Johnsbury School District proposed budget, use the QR code or visit www.stjbsd.org.

Voting Information



Informational Meeting
Monday, March 2
7:00 pm · School Auditorium
or join us virtually at stjbsd.org



Voting Day
Tuesday, March 3
8 am–7 pm · Town Offices
or vote now with an absentee ballot!

SCHOOL ARTICLES	
<p>ARTICLE 01: \$31,830,266 provides education for over 1,000 students.</p> <p>Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury School District approve the school board to expend <u>\$31,830,266</u> in general funds, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The St. Johnsbury School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending \$14,479, which is <u>8.39%</u> higher than the <u>per pupil education spending</u> for the current year.</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>

8.39% reflects an increase in the per pupil education spending cost compared to FY2026. For clarification, the total FY2027 budget increase is **5.34%** compared to FY2026.

Vermont uses “equalized pupils” to calculate spending, adjusting for factors like Pre-K enrollment, secondary school students, and those from disadvantaged backgrounds or non-English-speaking households, as these students typically incur higher costs.

<p>ARTICLE 02:</p> <p>Shall the voters of the St. Johnsbury School District authorize the school board to allocate up to 50% of the FY2025 surplus to the capital reserve fund for deferred maintenance and critical facilities improvements?</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
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Final amount pending auditor confirmation

These projects will address needs related to code compliance, safety requirements, and the protection of building systems and structural integrity.

Goals for the District’s 5-Year Strategic Plan

GOAL 1: EXCELLENCE

Every St. Johnsbury School student will grow each year in their knowledge, skill, and appreciation for the core academic areas, and will be supported and encouraged to identify and pursue individual interests and abilities in a variety of academic and non-academic areas.

GOAL 2: WELLNESS

St. Johnsbury School District students and staff will be supported in developing habits, tools, and motivation for keeping themselves physically and psychologically healthy.

GOAL 3: CONNECTIONS

St. Johnsbury School District will be a hub – a physical and relational community – where youth, families, and the public connect to increase educational, service, and other growth opportunities for all.

GOAL 4: ORGANIZATION

St. Johnsbury School District will be fiscally responsible and operationally transparent, sustainable, and reflective.



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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

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

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE Projected Growth by Year

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

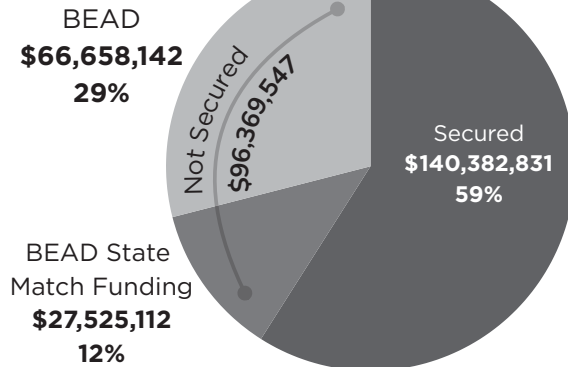
10,026  **SERVICE AVAILABLE** **1,055**  **MILES OF NETWORK**

1,902  **CUSTOMERS SERVED** 

BUILDING CAPACITY

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

TOTAL FUNDING



BUDGET SUMMARY

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

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

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

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

WARNING

WARNING ANNUAL ST. JOHNSBURY TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The voters of the Town and Town School District of St. Johnsbury, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet on Monday March 2, 2026, at 7:00 PM for a public informational meeting at the St. Johnsbury School, 257 Western Avenue, to discuss the following articles to be voted on March 3, 2026, by Australian ballot from 8:00AM to 7:00PM.

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M., Town Office Building, 51 Depot Square TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING ARTICLES BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

To elect the following Town and Town School District Officers as required by Law: One School Director for three years, One School Director for two years, One School District Treasurer for three years, One School Director for remaining 1 year of a 3 year term, Selectperson for three years, Two Selectpersons for one year, and Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

ARTICLE 01. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury School District approve the school board to expend \$31,830,266 in general funds, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The St. Johnsbury School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,479, which is 8.39% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 02. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury School District authorize the School Board to allocate up to 50% of the FY2025 surplus to the capital reserve fund for deferred maintenance and critical facilities improvements?

ARTICLE 03. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury School District vote to hereafter collect its Town School District taxes by the Town Treasurer?

ARTICLE 04. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury School District authorize the school board to secure a Tax Anticipation Note to cover cash flow needs for FY2027?

FOR THE TOWN MEETING

TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

ARTICLE 05. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize a General Fund Budget of \$5,992,528 of which, an amount not to exceed \$3,931,111 to be raised by local property taxes for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027?

ARTICLE 06. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize a Highway Fund Budget of \$4,295,364 of which, an amount not to exceed \$2,489,671 to be raised by local property taxes for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027?

ARTICLE 07. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the Town Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791 to collect current taxes?

ARTICLE 08. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$5,500 for the Northeast Kingdom Youth Services to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 09. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$20,000 for the Good Living Senior Center to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$115,000 for the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$7,500 for the St. Johnsbury Town Band to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$18,382 for Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 for First Night North to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 14. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$63,000 for the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 15. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$29,000 for the St. Johnsbury Kiwanis Pool to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 16. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$9,000 for the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 17. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$10,000 for Meals on Wheels St. Johnsbury to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 18. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$675 for the Vermont Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 19. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$17,509.50 for Rural Community Transportation ("RCT") to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 20. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$1,800 for the Northern Vermont Chapter of the American Red Cross to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

WARNING

ARTICLE 21. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 for Catamount Arts to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 22. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$9,500 for Umbrella, Inc., to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 23. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$7,983 for Northeast Kingdom Human Services to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 24. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 for the Kingdom Animal Shelter to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 25. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 for Support and Services at Home (SASH) Rural Edge to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

ARTICLE 26. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$12,000 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA), a not for profit 501(c)(3), to provide the "Marketplace" food resource (1197 Main Street) to residents experiencing food insecurity?

ARTICLE 27. Shall the voters of the Town of St. Johnsbury authorize the expenditure of \$2,500 for Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (NEKLS) to be raised by local property taxes for 2026?

DATED at St Johnsbury, Vermont this _____ day of January 2026.

Select board of the Town of St. Johnsbury

Steven Isham, Chair
Frank Empsall, Vice Chair
Brendan Hughes
Dennis Smith
Tracy Zschau

School Directors of St. Johnsbury School District

S. Colleen Morris, Chair
Abigail Campbell, Vice Chair
Joseph Achilles
Brittany Petty
Kelsey Stavseth

Attest:

Stacy Jewell, Town Clerk

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89838543339?pwd=0idQfetZA4bilUrqCeV0nsYvomzsNM.1>

Meeting ID: 898 3854 3339

Passcode: 219139

Special Services District Ballot

ARTICLE 01. Shall the voters residing within former Village of St. Johnsbury, as it was bounded December 31, 1965, authorize a Special Service Fund budget to pay current expenses and indebtedness incurred in continuing functions in that area which are not common to the Town of St. Johnsbury in an amount of \$1,939,409 of which, an amount not to exceed \$1,580,347 to be assessed by the Select board on the Grand List of said former village for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027?

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS MAY BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST TO ENSURE THAT THE MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF DISABILITY. REQUESTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO STACY JEWELL, TOWN CLERK, 51 DEPOT SQUARE, ST JOHNSBURY, VERMONT 05819 TELEPHONE (802) 748-4331.

