

ANNUAL REPORT
Of the Town Officers
Of the Town of
CANAAN, VERMONT

For the year ending

December 31, 2025

INCLUDING REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL DIRECTORS



Linda Lee Hikel (1950–2025)

Nearly forty years of devoted service as Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and School Treasurer, remembered for her kindness and commitment to the Town of Canaan (see page 1 for dedication).



Hilda Mary Lemay (1925–2025)

A longtime Canaan resident whose life of caregiving, community involvement, and generosity touched generations (see page 1 for dedication).

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
GENERAL INFORMATION AND DIRECTORY
(Canaan, Vermont was chartered on February 25, 1782)

BOARD MEETINGS: The **Selectboard** meetings are scheduled for **every other Monday starting January 5th, 2026**. They begin at **6:00 p.m.** at the **Canaan Town Office**, unless otherwise posted. The **Canaan School Board** meetings are scheduled for **every other Monday starting January 12th, 2026**. They begin at **4:30 p.m.** at the **Canaan Schools library** unless otherwise posted. The **Library Trustee** meetings are scheduled for the **1st Wednesday of every month, starting January 7th, 2026**. They begin at **4:00 p.m.** at the **Alice M Ward Memorial Library** unless otherwise posted. The **Canaan/Stewartstown Joint Sewer Commission** meetings are scheduled on the **second Tuesday of every quarter, beginning January 13th, 2026**. They begin at **5:30 p.m.** at the **Canaan Town Office or the Stewartstown Town Office**, unless otherwise posted. All of these meetings are open to the public and Townspeople are encouraged to attend. These meetings are the perfect time to raise your grievances and have your questions answered.

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

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

DIRECTORY OF IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Canaan Town Office:	802-266-3370
Alice M. Ward Library:	802-266-7135
Canaan Animal Control:	603-331-1688
Canaan Fire Warden:	603-331-1176
Canaan Post Office:	802-684-4418
Beecher Falls Post Office:	802-266-3037
Essex North Supervisory Union:	802-266-3330
Canaan Health Officer:	978-302-0279
Canaan High School:	802-266-8910
Canaan Elementary School:	802-266-3380
Canaan Treatment Plant:	802-266-7723
Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department (Non-Emergency):	802-266-3422
Essex County Sheriff: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	802-676-3500
Vermont State Police:	802-334-8881
Listed in order of preference: U.S. Border Patrol Station	802-266-3035
Swanton Sector Radio Room	800-689-3362
Beecher Falls Inspection Station	802-266-3336
PAIC:	802-277-8562

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

Town Facebook: Town of Canaan, VT

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Town Report Dedications - 2025

In Memory of Linda Lee Hikel (1950–2025)

The Town of Canaan respectfully dedicates this Annual Town Report to the memory of **Linda Lee Hikel**, whose life was defined by an enduring commitment to the people of this town.

For nearly forty years, Linda served the Town of Canaan as Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and School Treasurer. In these roles, she was far more than an administrator. She was a trusted guide, a steady presence, and a source of continuity for the town. Her knowledge of municipal operations, combined with her patience and attention to detail, helped ensure that town business was carried out accurately, responsibly, and with care for every resident.

She approached her work with integrity and compassion, taking time to explain processes, answer questions, and help people feel confident and supported. For many, the Town Office was not just a place of paperwork, but a place where Linda made them feel welcomed and respected.

Her dedication extended well beyond the responsibilities of her office. Linda believed strongly in helping wherever she was needed and willingly gave her time to support town, school, and community efforts. She was a constant and dependable presence—someone others could count on when work needed to be done.

Linda was a longtime member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a devoted member of the Grace United Methodist Church. Her involvement reflected her belief that a strong town is built through participation, generosity, and care for one another.

Many remember Linda for her warm smile and bright blue eyes, but even more for her kindness, sincerity, and gentle encouragement. She had a natural ability to put people at ease and a genuine interest in the lives of those around her.

Together with her husband Cecil, whose companionship was a familiar and comforting sight around town, Linda embodied devotion—to family, to faith, and to community. Their presence reflected the values of connection and commitment that define small-town life.

Linda leaves behind a lasting legacy of public service, dedication, and care. The Town of Canaan is stronger for the many years she gave, the standards she upheld, and the example she set through a life lived in service to others.

With gratitude and respect, the Town of Canaan honors her memory and dedicates this Annual Town Report in recognition of her faithful service.

In Memory of Hilda Mary Lemay (1925–2025)

The Town of Canaan respectfully dedicates this Annual Town Report to the memory of **Hilda Mary Lemay**, a lifelong caregiver, devoted neighbor, and cherished member of our community.

Hilda lived more than half of her nearly one hundred years in Canaan, where she built a life rooted in family, faith, service, and friendship. To many, she was not simply a resident of the town, but part of its heartbeat—someone whose presence brought comfort, familiarity, and kindness.

After raising seven children in Canaan, Hilda continued her life's work of caring for others by serving as a nanny to four local families. In doing so, she helped raise yet another generation of Canaan children, offering the same patience, gentleness, and steady support that defined her own family life. She also served the community through her work at the Canaan Schools as a teacher's aide, library aide, and cafeteria cook, and through her time working at local businesses that were once central gathering places in town.

Hilda took an active role in community life. She was a proud member of the Canaan Women's Club and the American Legion Auxiliary, and she faithfully marched in many Memorial Day parades, honoring those who served and reminding us of the importance of remembrance. She was always willing to help her fellow citizens—quietly, generously, and without expectation of recognition.

Known for her joyful spirit, Hilda brought laughter and light wherever she went. She was always ready to take part in local talent shows, sharing her love of singing and performing with enthusiasm that reflected her deep enjoyment of community gatherings and shared celebration.

In December 2021, Hilda was honored as the Town of Canaan's most senior citizen and presented with the Boston Post Cane, a distinction that recognized not only her age, but a life well lived among friends and neighbors.

Hilda will be remembered for her warmth, her generosity, and her unwavering care for others. Her legacy lives on in her family, in the many children she helped raise, and in the countless small moments of kindness that shaped life in Canaan.

With gratitude and affection, the Town of Canaan honors her memory and dedicates this Annual Town Report in recognition of a life that truly embodied the spirit of our community.



TOWN OF CANAAN, VT
WARNING
2026 TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2ND – 3RD, 2026

The legal voters of the Town of Canaan are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Canaan Memorial High School Gymnasium on Monday, the 2nd day of March 2026 A.D. at 6:00 P.M. to transact the School District business from the floor, and immediately thereafter, to transact the Town business from the floor:

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

Town Moderator	1 year
School Moderator	1 year
Selectboard	3 years
Town Clerk	3 years
Town Treasurer	3 years
Lister	3 years
Trustee of Public Funds	3 years
Auditor	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	2 years
School Director	3 years
School Director	2 years
School Director	2 years
Sexton	1 year

(Vote on the above articles to be by ballot on the 3rd day of March 2026 A.D. and ballot box to be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. The voting place will be at the Canaan Municipal Building)

TOWN BUSINESS- FLOOR VOTING

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

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

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate the sum of **\$52,000.00** to pay the balance of the South Canaan Cemetery fence replacement project?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** for the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital to help defray the costs of providing emergency and critical care clinic services?

TOWN OF CANAAN, VT
WARNING
2026 TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2ND – 3RD, 2026

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,271.00** with revisions, if any, for the following agencies?

a.	Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	\$ 4,400.00	
b.	Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	\$ 1,944.00	
c.	Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$ 1,500.00	
d.	Rural Community Transportation	\$ 1,977.00	
e.	Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	\$ 1,250.00	
f.	Umbrella, Inc.	\$ 700.00	
g.	Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.	\$ 2,000.00	
h.	Canaan Historical Society	\$ 2,000.00	
i.	North Country Missions	\$ 500.00	
	AGENCY APPROPRIATION REQUEST TOTALS	\$ 16,271.00	

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed Highway Budget, with operating expenditures totaling **\$357,795.00**, of which **\$286,742.00** shall be raised by taxes and **\$71,053.00** by non-tax revenues, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year?

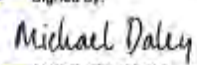
ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed Library Budget with operating expenditures totaling **\$93,750.00**, of which **\$93,750.00** shall be raised by taxes, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed General Budget with operating expenditures totaling **\$615,233.90**, of which **\$513,173.90** shall be raised by taxes and **\$102,060.00** by non-tax revenues, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
(Disclaimer: Any discussion that takes place under this article is for advisory purposes only, no action taken under this article shall be construed as legally binding action of the Canaan Selectboard or other legislative bodies within the Town of Canaan, VT).

Given under our hands at Canaan, Vermont this 19th day of January 2026 A.D.

Selectboard of Canaan, VT

Signed by:

Michael Daley, Chairman


Dillon Begin


Alfred Buckley

Town Meeting Schedule

Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Canaan Memorial High Gymnasium
Annual Town Meeting
Followed by the Annual School Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Canaan Municipal Office Building
Australian Ballot for the
Election of Town Officers

Town/School Meeting Procedures

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. **Voice (the usual way)** “All in favor of Article ___, say AYE,”

B. **Standing vote (a division of the Assembly)** If the Moderator feels the voice vote is close, or one voter calls for a division of the Assembly, those members who are registered voters will stand for ‘AYE’ or ‘NAY’ votes.

C. **Paper Ballot (During Town Meeting)** A single voter may move to vote by paper ballot and then a second is needed from **seven voters**. If this motion passes in the affirmative, then the vote will be taken via paper ballot. At this time, the Town’s election officials will facilitate the paper ballot voting process. Once every Townsperson who wishes to vote does, the Justices of the Peace and Town Clerk will tally the votes. This is the most accurate yet time-consuming method of voting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Australian Ballot Voting for Town Officers will take place continuously from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on March 3rd, 2026. The Annual School and Town business meeting will be held in the Canaan Gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. on March 2nd, 2026, and recess at the discretion of the Moderator (with the appropriate motion to recess) if the meetings run too late into the evening. The meeting will be scheduled to reconvene on March 3rd, 2026. All non-Australian ballot Articles will be taken up in numerical order unless voted differently by the Assembly.



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

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

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

Selectboard Annual Report - 2025

As we move to a New Year, I think it's important to reflect on some changes and accomplishments of the past year. I'd like to start by recognizing Richard Thibault for his 19 years of running the highway department in our town. Words can't describe the many contributions he made over the years to this community. We wish him well in his retirement and thank him profoundly for the time you gave.

With that being said we'd like to welcome Jason Busfield as the new highway supervisor and Jay Wasylyna as his assistant. Succession planning is always a chore, but I feel it went quite well. Jay will also be filling in as the assistant in the water and sewer departments. Show patience in the near future as they make themselves comfortable in this most challenging winter so far. The transition as always is hard on the budget but moving forward we anticipate everything returning to normal. The board would like to highlight the fact that the highway department stepped up this past year and took over mowing the town properties. That was subcontracted in the past for over \$20,000 dollars. That's money saved for both the town and school moving forward.

2025 also saw us welcome a new member to the board, Dillon Begin. He has proved to be a valuable addition and has used his background to help us in many areas. His youth and enthusiasm will benefit the town for years to come.

We lost two valued members of our community this past year and their contributions are recognized in our dedication of the report to both Linda Hikel and Hilda Lemay. Please take a minute to read their articles.

We purchased 4 radar signs to be rotated in different areas of town. Having been a bit hasty in our installation, we have now been permitted to prepare them and will set them back up in the spring. With that process the state has also designated Gale Street from the school to the bridge on the south side a no parking zone. Signs have been posted and law enforcement will be monitoring it.

The town hosted a firefighter appreciation day in the Rec Park with departments from Stratford, Errol, Colebrook, Pittsburg and our very own Beechers Falls. It was a huge success and drew hundreds of spectators and numerous dignitaries from both states. Plans are in the making to do another type of summer day event in the future.

Diana Rancourt is retiring from the Rec Park Committee and Fire District 2 Board. It just can't pass without saying everything that she has done as a volunteer in our community. She is the model citizen, and the board would like to thank her for that. Enjoy your free time, although I'm sure you will be the first to volunteer committee member or not.

As I wind down there are so many things accomplished and so little space to list them. We have received a FEMA reimbursement of over \$100,000, thank you to Richard, April, and Zach for countless hours of work to see it through. We paved Treatment Plant Road, as voted on last year. We replaced the floors in the office as planned and have more improvements on the way from generous grants. I look forward to the year ahead and would like to recognize Zach Brown for all his support in operating this board and town.

Michael Daley

Selectboard Chairman

Canaan Municipal Tax Rates 2021-2026 5-Year Survey

	2021 Tax Rates	2022 Tax Rates	2023 Tax Rates	2024 Tax Rates	2025 Tax Rates	2026 Proposed Rates	%Δ '25-'26
General/Police/Solid	\$0.4241	\$0.3631	\$0.4287	\$0.4567	\$0.4678	\$0.4612	-1.411%
Highway	\$0.3094	\$0.2569	\$0.2569	\$0.2382	\$0.2657	\$0.2577	-3.011%
Library	\$0.0958	\$0.0786	\$0.0788	\$0.0800	\$0.0844	\$0.0842	-0.237%
Voted Articles/ Special Services	\$0.0210	\$0.0181	\$0.0156	\$0.0153	\$0.0719	\$0.0650	-9.652%
Total Municipal Tax Rate	\$0.8503	\$0.7167	\$0.7800	\$0.7902	\$0.8898	\$0.8681	-2.443%



Al Buckley (Selectboard Member) and Zachary Brown (Town Clerk and Treasurer) are pictured here presenting Francoise Bohan with the Canaan Boston Post Cane. The Boston Post Cane is awarded to the oldest citizen of Canaan. Zach and Al were lucky enough to surprise Francoise with this honor on her 100th birthday party surrounded by her family. Congratulations Francoise and thank you for your many years shaping the landscape of Canaan. Francoise turned 100 on October 13, 2025.



STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED - 2025**Zachary Brown, Treasurer**

To Tax Bill - 2025	\$	2,641,301.07
Actual Cash Collected 10-01-2025	\$	2,277,498.96
Homestead Declaration State Receipts	\$	172,406.62
Delinquent Taxes to Collector	\$	190,294.03
Adjustment for late current filing	\$	1,101.46
Homestead Reconciliation	\$	-
	\$	2,641,301.07

APPORTIONMENT OF TAXES

Non Residential Education Tax	\$	1.3870	\$	845,657.66
Homestead Education Tax	\$	1.6809	\$	818,394.91
Highway Account	\$	0.2657	\$	291,483.90
Library Account	\$	0.0844	\$	92,590.21
General Account	\$	0.4678	\$	513,195.64
Voted Articles	\$	0.0719	\$	78,877.29
TOTAL			\$	2,640,199.61
Late Homestead Penalty			\$	1,101.46
			\$	2,641,301.07

MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST

Listed Real Property	\$	113,772,300.00
Veterans' Exemption	\$	(120,000.00)
Current Use	\$	(3,948,200.00)
Municipal Grand List	\$	109,704,100.00

EDUCATION GRAND LIST

Homestead Education Grand List	\$	486,879.00
Non Residential Education Grand List	\$	609,702.60
Total Education Property Value	\$	1,096,581.60

ACTUAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE - 2025**\$0.8898****SUGGESTED MUNICIPAL TAX RATE - 2026****Based on last year's Grand List of \$1,112,602.00****General Acct. - 0.4612, Highway Acct. - 0.2577, Library Acct. - 0.0842, Voted Articles - 0.0785****Suggested Municipal Tax Rate 2026 - Without voted Articles - 0.8031****Suggested Municipal Tax Rate 2026 - With voted Articles - 0.8816**

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

42 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411

AUDITOR'S REPORT
COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THREE YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12-31-2025

INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS			
CURRENT ASSETS	1-Jan-26	1-Jan-25	1-Jan-24
General Fund	\$ 467,643.48	\$ 242,605.00	\$ 249,281.18
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 33,795.86	\$ 15,604.39	\$ 15,404.65
Property Tax Fund	\$ 12,782.17	\$ 7,014.70	\$ 5,368.50
Tax Sale Fund	\$ 28,084.72	\$ 28,084.72	\$ -
Highway Fund	\$ 331,362.57	\$ 228,418.02	\$ 445,615.29
Sewer Fund	\$ 76,939.14	\$ 90,089.94	\$ 35,894.45
Cemetery Stone Fund	\$ 10,991.37	\$ 14,911.40	\$ 3,345.43
Alice M. Ward Library Fund	\$ 140,324.74	\$ 134,756.41	\$ 125,880.02
Community Rec. Park Fund	\$ 34,390.15	\$ 25,795.01	\$ 25,341.53
Community Forest Fund	\$ 9,804.18	\$ 28,058.25	\$ 29,455.67
Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 332,419.25	\$ 480,292.51	\$ 524,085.31
Trust Funds	\$ 49,811.37	\$ 49,195.21	\$ 48,433.40
ARPA Funds	\$ 0.50	\$ 13,765.14	\$ 186,731.57
Fire District #1 Fund	\$ 17,564.31	\$ 18,205.28	\$ 18,237.58
Fire District #2 Fund	\$ (6,425.11)	\$ 1,974.07	\$ 17,031.43
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 361,074.14	\$ 326,535.88	\$ 301,645.07
Delinquent Taxes & Utilities	\$ 150,124.85	\$ 156,424.28	\$ 117,621.55
CURRENT ASSET	\$ 2,050,687.69	\$ 1,861,730.21	\$ 2,149,372.63
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Notes Payable:			
Ford Motor Credit - Truck	\$ -	\$ 12,172.34	\$ 23,671.93
USDA Treatment Plant - 1st Loan	\$ 999,064.74	\$ 1,045,339.39	\$ 1,085,779.88
USDA Treatment Plant - 2nd Loan	\$ 179,942.84	\$ 182,636.09	\$ 187,939.98
USDA Fire District #1 - 1st Loan	\$ 1,613,355.47	\$ 1,654,902.68	\$ 1,695,884.48
USDA Fire District #1 - 2nd Loan	\$ 211,440.20	\$ 215,260.02	\$ 218,981.51
USDA Fire District #2 - 1st Loan	\$ 355,570.85	\$ 366,081.10	\$ 376,358.81
USDA Fire District #2 - 2nd Loan	\$ 166,085.02	\$ 170,013.86	\$ 173,870.60
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,525,459.12	\$ 3,646,405.48	\$ 3,762,487.19
SUMMARY OF CURRENT POSITION			
Current Assets	\$ 2,050,687.69	\$ 1,861,730.21	\$ 2,149,372.63
Current Liabilities	\$ (3,525,459.12)	\$ (3,646,405.48)	\$ (3,762,487.19)
	\$ (1,474,771.43)	\$ (1,784,675.27)	\$ (1,613,114.56)
To the voters and taxpayers of the Town of Canaan: We, the undersigned Auditors of the Town of Canaan, Vermont have examined the accounts of said Town and found them consistent as presented in prior years. We have examined files and source documents and found them accurate to the best of our knowledge. A summary of the findings have been reviewed by the Town Selectboard. A copy of our report is available at the Town Clerk's Office for inspection. Ursula Johnson, Ginette Ladd, and Fern Owen-Brown			

BORROWED MONEY TABLE

December 31, 2025

Lending Institute	Interest Rate	Principal Amount	Interest Paid	Paid Notes	Amount Remaining
Ford Motor Credit - Lease	5.850%	\$ 12,173.34	\$ 712.06	\$ 12,885.40	\$ -
USDA Loan 1 - CFD#1	1.375%	\$ 41,547.21	\$ 22,610.79	\$ 64,158.00	\$ 1,654,902.68
USDA Loan 2 - CFD#1	2.625%	\$ 3,819.82	\$ 5,626.18	\$ 9,446.00	\$ 211,440.20
USDA Loan 1 - CFD#2	2.250%	\$ 10,510.25	\$ 8,177.75	\$ 18,688.00	\$ 355,570.85
USDA Loan 2 - CFD#2	1.875%	\$ 3,928.84	\$ 3,169.16	\$ 7,098.00	\$ 166,085.02
USDA Loan 1 - Treatment Plant	2.375%	\$ 46,274.65	\$ 19,713.35	\$ 65,988.00	\$ 999,064.74
USDA Loan 2 - Treatment Plant	2.375%	\$ 2,693.25	\$ 7,042.75	\$ 9,736.00	\$ 182,636.09

Institution	Loan Amount	Maturity Date
Ford Motor Credit	\$57,139.00	June 2, 2025
USDA Loan FD#1	\$1,968,000.00	November 1, 2050
USDA Loan - CFD#2	\$491,000.00	October 20, 2051
USDA Loan - CFD#2	\$199,000.00	November 1, 2056
USDA Loan - Treatment Plant	\$1,410,000.00	October 20, 2045
USDA Loan - CFD#1 2nd loan	\$233,000.00	August 1, 2059
USDA Loan - Treatment Plant	\$208,000.00	December 12, 2049

GRANT MONIES RECEIVABLE TABLE

December 31, 2025

Grant Name	Department	Amount	Use
Canaan Naturally Connected/Weyerhaeuser Grant	Community Forest	\$ 3,000.00	Trail Work
Better Back Roads Grant	Highway	\$ 19,573.55	River Road Culverts
Grant in Aid	Highway	\$ 7,000.00	Todd Hill Drainage
New Hampshire Charitable Dash Grant	Rec Park	\$ 2,000.00	Student Workers
Household Hazardous Waste Grant	Transfer Station	\$ 3,000.00	HHW Assistance
TOTAL		\$ 34,573.55	

Leased Lots

The Town of Canaan no longer holds any ownership interest in the glebes or formerly leased lots that were established at the time the Towns of Canaan and Norfolk were originally chartered. (The Town of Norfolk was later incorporated into Canaan.)

These parcels date back to the colonial period. Under the authority of the British Government, certain lands—known as glebes—were set aside for the support of the Church of England. Over time, and through changes in law following independence, these lands were repurposed and granted to towns for various public uses, including the support of schools, the ministry, social worship, or the first settled minister, where the land had not otherwise been legally appropriated. These arrangements later evolved into what became known as perpetual lease lands.

For many years, towns retained a limited legal interest in these leased lots, while individuals held long-term lease rights to the land. To resolve longstanding questions surrounding ownership, the Vermont Legislature enacted legislation clarifying title to perpetual lease lands.

Under 24 V.S.A. § 2409(b)(1), effective January 1, 2020, fee simple ownership of perpetual lease lands transferred by law to the lessee of record, free and clear of any municipal interest, unless a municipality voted prior to that date to retain ownership of some or all of those lands.

Because neither the Selectboard nor the voters of the Town of Canaan voted to retain municipal ownership before January 1, 2020, ownership of these former leased lots vested in the lessees of record at that time. As a result, the Town no longer has any legal or ownership interest in these parcels.

Town of Canaan

Procedures for Collection of Delinquent Taxes

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

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

/s/ Dencie Cunningham
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent Tax Collector's Report

Dencie M. Cunningham, Collector

For Collection 2025

2022	\$1,806.93
2023	\$28,312.83
2024	\$91,558.61
2025	\$174,178.71
Total	\$295,857.08

Collected 2025

2022	\$1,696.34
2023	\$12,234.57
2024	\$60,984.64
2025	\$96,608.13
Total	\$171,523.68

2022	\$110.59	Total for Collection 2025	\$295,857.08
2023	\$16,078.26	Total Collected 2025	\$171,523.68
2024	\$30,573.97		
2025	\$77,570.58		
Total	\$124,333.40		\$121,678.37

Delinquent Property Taxes – 12/31/2022

Nelson, Cyril & Andrea

Total Due \$110.59

Delinquent Property Taxes – 12/31/2023

Finer Farms LLC
Morton, Frank & Grady Steph

Houle, Benoit & Deborah
Nelson, Cyril & Andrea

Houle, Benoit & Deborah
Nelson, Cyril & Andrea

Total Due \$16,078.26

Delinquent Property Taxes – 12/31/2024

Breault, Laura
Inkel, Claire Estate of
McKinnon, Shori
Nelson, Cyril & Andrea

Cormier, Daniel
Kimball, Harry Jr. & Joette
Morton, Frank & Grady Steph
Schmidt, Corey

Finer Farms LLC
Lewis, David
Nelson, Cyril & Andrea
Spencer, Duane & Joanne

Total Due \$30,573.97

Delinquent Property Taxes – 12/31/2025

241 Gale Street LLC
Benoit, Jonathan & Lenore
Bush/Fuchs, Danielle/Danielle
Decarolis Family Trust

Kimball, Harry Jr. & Joette
Mannino, Michael

Newell, Natasha
Rioux, Paul
Spencer, Duane & Joanne

Amus Burger Co. LLC
Bower, James D.
Cormier, Daniel
Finer Farms LLC
Grant/Gray, Douglas/Kaylan
Lewis, David
McKinnon, Shori
Nelson, Cyril & Andrea
Norris, Richard
Riverview Meadows LLC
Tyler/Maurais, Danielle/Raymond Jr.

Amus Burger Co. LLC.
Breault, Laura
Cornell, Derek & Kimberly
Frizzell, Justin
Inkel, Claire Estate of
Lewis, David
Morton, Frank & Grady Steph
Nelson, Cyril & Andrea
Placey, Ransom
Schmidt, Corey

Total Due \$77,570.58

**** Paid After 12/31/2025

Total Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/2025: \$124,333.40

TREASURER'S REPORT
GENERAL ACCOUNT-2025
Zachary Brown, Treasurer

RECEIPTS:	
Cash on Hand 01-01-2025	\$ 270,689.72
Total Property Taxes Collected 2025	\$ 2,388,210.36
2021 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 164.55
2022 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 1,701.91
2023 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 12,070.07
2024 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 65,630.30
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	\$ 12,661.81
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ 10,154.28
Fire District Adm. Charges	\$ 4,500.00
Marriage License Town and State Fees	\$ 45.00
Fish & Game Fees	\$ 18.00
Trustee of Public Funds	\$ 3.58
Reappraisal Reimb. & Lister Ed.	\$ 6,680.00
Liquor Licenses	\$ 530.00
Dog Licenses/Fines & State Fees	\$ 1,601.00
Zoning Permits & Adm fees	\$ 1,050.00
Traffic Fines	\$ 2,581.00
Hold Harmless - State of Vermont	\$ 30,275.00
Pilot Funds - State of Vermont	\$ 4,660.94
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 7,938.60
Restoration of Land Records	\$ 3,015.40
Fees & Misc.	\$ 1,637.81
Savings Interest	\$ 3,826.63
Sale of Cemetery Lot	\$ 100.00
Rental - NE Wireless	\$ 420.00
Transfer Station Revenues	\$ 36,623.55
Green MT Passport	\$ 4.00
Current Use Lien Release Fee	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 2,866,793.51
Due to Due From	\$ (172.74)
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CREDITS	\$ 2,866,620.77
EXPENDITURES	
Paid Selectboard Orders (General, Public Safety, Transfer Station)	\$ 2,370,719.83
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$ 495,900.94
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$ 2,866,620.77
BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE	
RECEIPTS	
Cash on Hand 01-01-2025	\$ 16,005.82
Savings Interest - 2025	\$ 224.85
Capital Reserve Transfer	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND	\$ 18,730.67
EXPENDITURES	
Paid Selectboard Orders - 2025	\$ -
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$ 18,730.67
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND CASH ON HAND	\$ 18,730.67

2025 GENERAL ACCOUNT			
SELECTBOARD'S DETAILED			
EXPENDITURES			
Selectboard		Public Safety	
Salaries	\$ 6,000.00	Beecher Falls Vol Fire Dept.	\$ 50,000.00
Administration	\$ 600.00	45th Parallel	\$ 120,195.24
Clerk & Treasurer's Office		Colebrook Fire Department	\$ 5,177.08
Salaries	\$ 74,734.63	Dry Hydrant	\$ 100.00
Telephone, Postage, etc.	\$ 3,220.13	Essex County Sheriff	\$ 37,774.50
Printing & Advertisement	\$ 750.00	Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,570.30
Contracted Services	\$ 3,000.00	Animal Control Supplies	\$ 141.81
Record Books/Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	Animal Control Kennel/Mileage	\$ 386.36
Office Equipment	\$ 433.67	FICA/Insurance	\$ 420.13
Health Insurance	\$ 13,377.50	State Fees	\$ 964.00
Retirement	\$ 4,090.24	Zoning	
Ballot Clerks	\$ 457.00	Commissioners' Stipend	\$ 2,170.00
Auditors	\$ 2,048.66	Zoning Expenses	\$ 229.00
Listers' Salaries/Contracted Svc	\$ 16,288.00	Street Lighting	
Listers' Materials/Supplies	\$ 675.30	Street Light Services	\$ 19,874.77
Lister Mileage/Education	\$ 234.25	Cemeteries	
Tax Map Updates	\$ 1,705.00	Salaries	\$ 3,676.74
Marriage License Fee	\$ -	Materials & Supplies	\$ 141.58
Del. Tax Collector Expense	\$ 478.87	Fuel & Lubricants	\$ 359.35
Del. Tax Collector Fees	\$ 13,258.16	Commissions' Stipends	\$ 1,050.00
Parks & Trees		New Equipment	\$ 489.00
Contracted Services	\$ 3,710.00	Equipment Repairs	\$ -
Materials & Supplies	\$ 660.32	Stone & Fence Repair	\$ -
Fletcher Park Mowing	\$ 1,500.00	Buildings	
Fletcher Park Electric	\$ 1,200.00	Utilities	\$ 5,459.85
BF Park Electric	\$ 500.00	Repairs	\$ -
BF Park Mowing	\$ 1,000.00	Building Capital Reserve Allot.	\$ 2,500.00
Rec Park Mowing	\$ 5,250.00	Materials & Supplies	\$ 500.00
General Services		Contracted Services	\$ 7,456.45
Banking & Legal Services	\$ 367.00	Insurance	\$ 1,200.00
Printing & Advertisement	\$ 1,785.90	Generator Expenditures	\$ 1,182.70
NVDA/VLCT/VMCTA Dues	\$ 3,296.00	Solid Waste	
GUV/ENRCD Dues	\$ 1,000.00	Stump Dump Expenses	\$ 2,223.80
Education/Mileage	\$ 900.00	Transfer Station Expenses	\$ 94,171.80
Workmen's Compensation	\$ 829.81	Appropriations	
Property/Liability Ins./Bonds	\$ 2,500.00	Voted Articles	\$ 21,919.64
County Tax	\$ 35,359.95	School Appropriation	\$ 1,318,365.13
FICA	\$ 10,398.95	Library Appropriation	\$ 92,507.00
Dispatch Center	\$ 10,970.08	Highway Appropriations	\$ 291,787.00
Internet/Webpage	\$ 2,397.18	Treatment Plant Road	\$ 49,150.00
Justice of the Peace	\$ 500.00	South Canaan Cemetery Fence	\$ 10,000.00
North Country Chamber Fee	\$ 100.00	SUB TOTAL	\$ 2,143,143.23
SUB TOTAL	\$ 227,576.60	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,370,719.83

**TOWN OF CANAAN - GENERAL FUND
2026 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
00-001-10 CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE				
00-001-0999 SELECTBOARD ADMINISTRATION	\$ 672.72	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
00-001-1000 SELECTBOARD SALARIES	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
00-001-1001 SALARIES	\$ 58,648.25	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 74,734.63	\$ 80,000.00
00-001-1002 TELEPHONE/POSTAGE/BOX RT	\$ 3,074.77	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,220.13	\$ 3,500.00
00-001-1003 PRINTING/ADVERTISEMENT	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
00-001-1004 OTHER CONTRACTED SVC.	\$ 2,631.21	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
00-001-1005 RECORD BOOKS/OFFICE SUP.	\$ 1,570.29	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
00-001-1006 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 433.67	\$ 1,500.00
00-001-1007 VMCTA DUES	\$ 45.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
00-001-1008 BALLOT CLERKS	\$ 1,212.48	\$ 500.00	\$ 457.00	\$ 1,500.00
00-001-1009 EMPLOYER RETIREMENT SHARE	\$ 3,878.47	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,090.24	\$ 4,350.00
00-001-1010 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 10,823.51	\$ 13,860.00	\$ 13,377.50	\$ 14,380.00
00-001-1011 MARRIAGE LICENSE STATE FEE	\$ 130.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1014 INTERNET EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,305.99	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
00-001-1015 CTCL ELECTIONS GRANT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1020 AUDITOR SALARIES	\$ 1,524.29	\$ 2,310.00	\$ 2,048.66	\$ 3,000.00
00-001-1022 AUDITOR EDUCATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1030 DEL.TAX COLLECTOR EXP.	\$ 549.70	\$ 500.00	\$ 478.87	\$ 500.00
00-001-1031 DEL. TAX COLLECTOR FEES	\$ 8,574.14	\$ -	\$ 13,258.16	\$ -
00-001-1039 LISTERS' CONTRACTED SVC.	\$ 5,605.71	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
00-001-1040 LISTERS' SALARIES	\$ 1,976.35	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 8,288.00	\$ 8,700.00
00-001-1041 LISTERS' MATERIAL/SUPPLY	\$ 526.15	\$ 750.00	\$ 675.30	\$ 750.00
00-001-1042 LISTERS' MILEAGE/EDUCATION	\$ 83.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 234.25	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-1043 TAX MAP UPDATES	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,705.00	\$ 1,200.00
00-001-1044 REAPPRAISAL CONTRACT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1045 REAPPRAISAL SALARIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1046 REAPPRAISAL FICA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1048 REAPPRAISAL MAT/SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 114,582.78	\$ 134,020.00	\$ 144,796.41	\$ 142,175.00
00-001-13 GENERAL SERVICES				
00-001-1300 BANKING & LEGAL FEES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 367.00	\$ 500.00
00-001-1301 PRINTING/ADVERTISEMENT	\$ 1,372.28	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,785.90	\$ 2,000.00
00-001-1302 N.V.D.A. DUES	\$ 762.00	\$ 851.00	\$ 851.00	\$ 851.00
00-001-1303 WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 818.29	\$ 700.00	\$ 829.81	\$ 850.00
00-001-1304 PUBLIC OFFICER LIABILITY	\$ 3,380.56	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,045.99	\$ 3,000.00
00-001-1305 TOWN OFFICE LIABILITY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 426.79	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-1306 EMP. PRACTICES LIABILITY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,027.22	\$ 1,500.00
00-001-1307 COUNTY TAX	\$ 37,264.43	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 35,359.95	\$ 40,000.00
00-001-1309 FICA/CHILD CARE TAX	\$ 7,540.71	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 10,398.95	\$ 13,000.00
00-001-1310 MISCELLANEOUS FEES	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
00-001-1313 ZONING/PLANNING SALARIES	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,170.00	\$ 2,800.00
00-001-1314 ZONING EXPENDITURES	\$ 241.50	\$ 250.00	\$ 229.00	\$ 250.00
00-001-1316 V.L.C.T.	\$ 2,349.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,471.00
00-001-1317 DISPATCH SERVICE CENTER	\$ 13,373.30	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,970.08	\$ 12,188.48
00-001-1318 EDUCATION/MILEAGE, ETC.	\$ 898.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00

**TOWN OF CANAAN - GENERAL FUND
2026 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
00-001-1320 GREEN UP DAY EXPENSE	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
00-001-1321 ESSEX NAT. RES. CONSERV.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-1322 WEB PAGE EXPENDITURES	\$ 660.71	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 797.18	\$ 900.00
00-001-1324 NORTH COUNTRY CHAMBER	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
00-001-1325 JUSTICE OF PEACE STIPENDS	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
00-001-1326 PROP. TAX REIMB. OVERPAID	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1327 MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
	\$ 72,810.78	\$ 75,101.00	\$ 71,358.87	\$ 83,960.48
00-001-12 PARKS & TREES				
00-001-1200 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 2,186.24	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,710.00	\$ 4,500.00
00-001-1201 MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 660.32	\$ 500.00
00-001-1202 SIDEWALK EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1205 FLETCHER PARK MOWING	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
00-001-1206 PARK ELECTRIC	\$ 724.02	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
00-001-1207 BF PARK ELECTRICITY	\$ 260.03	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
00-001-1208 BF PARK MOWING & MAINT.	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
00-001-1209 REC PARK MOWING	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ -
	\$ 11,420.29	\$ 13,450.00	\$ 13,820.32	\$ 6,700.00
00-001-14 FIRE PROTECTION				
00-001-1400 CONTRACT WITH BFVFD	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
00-001-1401 OTHER CONTRACTED SVC	\$ 376.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,927.08	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-1403 DRY HYDRANT	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
00-001-1404 45TH PARALLEL	\$ 100,969.08	\$ 120,250.00	\$ 120,195.24	\$ 123,034.42
00-001-1405 COLEBROOK RETAINER FEE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
	\$ 149,445.08	\$ 172,850.00	\$ 175,472.32	\$ 176,384.42
00-001-15 PUBLIC SAFETY				
00-001-1500 ANIMAL CONTROL SALARIES	\$ 1,203.18	\$ 1,323.00	\$ 1,570.30	\$ 1,650.00
00-001-1501 ANIMAL CONTROL MAT/SUP	\$ 127.22	\$ 200.00	\$ 141.81	\$ 150.00
00-001-1502 FICA - ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 92.05	\$ 132.30	\$ 120.13	\$ 132.00
00-001-1503 DOG LICENSE STATE FEES	\$ 660.00	\$ -	\$ 964.00	\$ -
00-001-1504 ANIMAL CTRL MILEAGE/KENNEL	\$ 468.50	\$ 600.00	\$ 386.36	\$ 500.00
00-001-1505 LIABILITY/WORKMAN'S COMP.	\$ 678.22	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
00-001-1524 ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT	\$ 25,844.48	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 37,774.50	\$ 40,000.00
	\$ 29,073.65	\$ 52,555.30	\$ 41,257.10	\$ 42,932.00
00-001-18 STREET LIGHTING				
00-001-1800 STREET LIGHT SERVICES	\$ 18,903.81	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,874.77	\$ 20,500.00
00-001-19 CEMETERIES				
00-001-1900 SALARIES	\$ 4,659.74	\$ 4,578.00	\$ 3,676.74	\$ 4,400.00
00-001-1902 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 24.76	\$ 100.00	\$ 489.00	\$ 100.00
00-001-1903 EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1904 FUEL & LUBRICANTS	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 359.35	\$ 600.00
00-001-1905 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 405.73	\$ 500.00	\$ 141.58	\$ 500.00
00-001-1908 FENCE REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-1910 CEMETERY COMM. STIPEND	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
	\$ 6,140.23	\$ 6,828.00	\$ 5,716.67	\$ 6,650.00

**TOWN OF CANAAN - GENERAL FUND
2026 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
00-001-20 BUILDINGS				
00-001-2001 WATER/SEWER/ELECTRICITY	\$ 2,526.20	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
00-001-2002 REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-2003 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
00-001-2004 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-2006 CONTRACTED CLEANING	\$ 3,854.40	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,192.62	\$ 4,400.00
00-001-2007 CONTRACTED LABOR	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 263.83	\$ 1,000.00
00-001-2008 BUILDINGS - INSURANCE	\$ 1,623.30	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
00-001-2009 CONTRACTED MOWING	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
00-001-2013 BUILDING CAPITAL RES ACCT.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
00-001-2015 GENERATOR EXPENSES	\$ 2,167.27	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,182.70	\$ 2,000.00
00-001-2016 TOWN OFFICE HEATING	\$ 2,223.36	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,659.85	\$ 3,000.00
	\$ 17,634.53	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 18,299.00	\$ 18,400.00
00-001-30 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 16,894.00	\$ 78,944.00	\$ 78,994.00	\$ 72,271.00
00-001-50 TRANSFER STATION				
00-001-5000 TRANSFER STATION SALARIES	\$ 22,952.82	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 22,697.58	\$ 25,300.00
00-001-5001 TRANSFER STATION FICA/CCC	\$ 1,758.30	\$ 2,420.00	\$ 1,789.97	\$ 2,750.00
00-001-5002 TRANSFER STATION ADM.	\$ 48.20	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
00-001-5004 TRANSFER STATION EQUIP.	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,303.10	\$ 2,500.00
00-001-5005 TRSFR CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 20,318.16	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,505.36	\$ 22,000.00
00-001-5006 TRSFR CONTRACTED MATERIAL	\$ 22,789.82	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 24,050.82	\$ 28,000.00
00-001-5007 TRSFR PAY AS THROW SYSTEM	\$ 3,481.73	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,186.25	\$ 2,500.00
00-001-5008 TRSFR MISC. EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-5009 TRSFR BUILDING CONST.	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 668.72	\$ 5,000.00
00-001-5010 TRSFR EQUIP. PURCHASE	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 138.33	\$ -
00-001-5011 EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$ 447.20	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
00-001-5012 WORKERS' COMP INSURANCE	\$ 2,127.14	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
00-001-5013 LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 1,169.43	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
00-001-5014 ANNUAL FEE TO COOS	\$ 8,293.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 8,285.00	\$ 12,282.00
00-001-5015 SOLID WASTE COMM. STIPEND	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
00-001-5017 UTILITIES	\$ 1,146.30	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,321.25	\$ 1,500.00
00-001-5019 TRANSFER STATION PROPANE	\$ 522.38	\$ 650.00	\$ 543.99	\$ 600.00
00-001-5020 HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY	\$ 26,790.59	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,023.21	\$ 5,000.00
00-001-5021 PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$ 91.37	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
00-001-5026 STATE FEES	\$ 1,810.15	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,908.24	\$ 2,000.00
00-001-5027 MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	\$ 973.92	\$ 500.00	\$ 421.48	\$ 500.00
00-001-5029 TIRES	\$ 742.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,028.50	\$ 1,100.00
00-001-5030 ELECTRONICS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-5037 METALS RECYCLING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-5038 FOOD WASTE EXP.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-001-6000 STUMP DUMP SALARIES	\$ 2,156.34	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,065.78	\$ 2,200.00
00-001-6001 STUMP DUMP FICA/CCC TAX	\$ 164.98	\$ 227.50	\$ 158.02	\$ 200.00
00-001-6004 STUMP DUMP CONT. SERVICES	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 119,884.33	\$ 111,622.50	\$ 96,395.60	\$ 117,532.00
TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 556,789.48	\$ 685,770.80	\$ 665,985.06	\$ 687,504.90

**TOWN OF CANAAN - GENERAL FUND
2026 PROPOSED BUDGET**

REVENUES	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
00-000-0580 CURRENT YEAR TAXES	\$ 384,726.64	\$ 592,117.80	\$ 464,536.01	\$ 585,444.90
00-000-0591 FIRE DIST ADMIN. CHARGES	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
00-000-0728 MARRIAGE LICENSE ST FEES	\$ 130.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-0731 FISH & GAME LICENSE FEES	\$ 14.00	\$ -	\$ 18.00	\$ -
00-000-0732 MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ -
00-000-0733 GREEN MTN PASSPORT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.00	\$ -
00-000-0734 SAV. INT.PROP. TAX ACCT.	\$ 5.41	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.14	\$ 6.00
00-000-1015 CTCL ELECTIONS GRANT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1070 TRUSTEE OF PUB. FUNDS INT.	\$ 2.96	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.58	\$ 4.00
00-000-1077 TAX SALE COSTS REIMB.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1078 INT. DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ 14,011.01	\$ -	\$ 10,154.28	\$ -
00-000-1079 DEL. TAX PENALTY FEES	\$ 8,574.14	\$ -	\$ 12,661.81	\$ -
00-000-1092 EEGL STUDY-STATE OF VT	\$ 5,848.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,950.00	\$ 6,000.00
00-000-1093 LISTERS STATE ED.	\$ 688.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
00-000-1201 LIQUOR & TOBACCO LIC.	\$ 460.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 500.00
00-000-1203 DOG LICENSES	\$ 750.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 650.00
00-000-1204 ZONING PERMITS	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
00-000-1206 ZONING ADM FEE	\$ 625.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
00-000-1300 DOG STATE FEES	\$ 708.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 961.00	\$ 700.00
00-000-1301 DOG FINES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
00-000-1302 TRAFFIC FINES	\$ 324.50	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,581.00	\$ 2,000.00
00-000-1401 HOLD HARMLESS FUNDS	\$ 29,490.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 30,275.00	\$ 30,000.00
00-000-1403 PILOT REIMB. TAX	\$ 4,910.97	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,660.94	\$ 4,000.00
00-000-1501 TOWN CLERK FEES	\$ 7,708.00	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 7,938.60	\$ 7,700.00
00-000-1502 RESTORATION/PRES	\$ 2,797.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,015.40	\$ 2,800.00
00-000-1504 MISC. FEES & CHARGES	\$ 1,071.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,637.81	\$ 1,500.00
00-000-1602 GENERAL INTEREST	\$ 2,961.17	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,826.63	\$ 2,500.00
00-000-1605 SALE OF CEMETERY LOT	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
00-000-1608 REAPPRAISAL ACCT. INT.	\$ 199.74	\$ 200.00	\$ 435.47	\$ 400.00
00-000-1610 RENTAL - NE WIRELESS CO	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00
00-000-1920 PAY-AS-YOU-THROW SYSTEM	\$ 18,121.50	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,405.50	\$ 15,000.00
00-000-1921 TRANSFER ST. BULKY REV.	\$ 10,725.10	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,318.00	\$ 13,000.00
00-000-1926 HHW GRANT	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
00-000-1928 METALS BOX	\$ 2,635.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,415.20	\$ 2,500.00
00-000-1931 LEMINGTON HHW	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,484.85	\$ 3,000.00
00-000-2021 2021 DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ 1,841.29	\$ -	\$ 164.55	\$ -
00-000-2022 2022 DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ 21,120.48	\$ -	\$ 1,701.91	\$ -
00-000-2023 2023 DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ 48,146.31	\$ -	\$ 12,070.07	\$ -
00-000-2024 2024 DEL. PROP. TAXES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,630.30	\$ -
00-000-2025 2025 DEL. PROP TAXES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 581,835.22	\$ 685,770.80	\$ 672,871.05	\$ 687,504.90
			Δ%	
2025 General Tax Rate w/Voted Articles	\$ 0.5397		TAX RATE	TOTAL BUDGET
2026 Suggested Tax Rate w/Voted Articles	\$ 0.5262		-2.5024%	0.2529%
2026 Suggested Tax Rate w/o Voted Articles	\$ 0.4612		-14.5381%	1.3854%
2026 Suggested Tax Rate w/o Cemetery Project	\$ 0.4795		-11.1623%	-5.9585%

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

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT				
EXPENDITURES	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
GENERATOR - FD#2 WELL HOUSE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	\$ 317.78	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,175.00	\$ 0.50
WATER LINE REPLACEMENT - FD#1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CLASS IV HWY REPAIR	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REC PARK SPLASH PAD	\$ 14,560.63	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ -
FD2 WATER METER PROJECT	\$ 75,313.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FD1 FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOWN OFFICE LINE STRIPING	\$ 630.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LAPTOP PURCHASE (TOWN/SEWER)	\$ 3,400.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CARRIAGE HOUSE ENGINEERING	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SOUTH CANAAN CEMETERY FENCE	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOWN GARAGE ROOF REPAIRS	\$ 11,644.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HAZARD MIT. PLAN GRANT MATCH	\$ 1,258.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SPEED RADAR SIGNS	\$ 12,760.00	\$ -	\$ 804.20	\$ -
HYBRID MEETING EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SEWER & WATER EMER. INVENTORY	\$ 14,017.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SCHOOL/EMER. GENERATOR REPAIR	\$ 5,781.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MAP/PLAT SCANNER	\$ 4,896.96	\$ -	\$ 1,097.24	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 174,582.74	\$ 13,750.00	\$ 13,826.44	\$ 0.50
REVENUES	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
ARPA INTEREST	\$ 1,615.81	\$ -	\$ 61.80	\$ -
	\$1,615.81	\$ -	\$ 61.80	\$ -
ARPA TREASURER'S REPORT				
Receipts		Expenditures		
Cash on Hand 01-01-2025	\$ 13,765.14	Paid Selecboard Orders		\$ 13,826.44
Savings interest	\$ 61.80	Cash on Hand 12-31-2025		\$ 0.50
	\$ 13,826.94			\$ 13,826.94
ARPA ENTITY BREAKDOWN				
ENTITY	AMOUNT AWARDED		PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL	
ALICE M. WARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY	\$ 15,000.00		5.31%	
CANAAN CEMETERY FUND	\$ 10,000.00		3.54%	
CANAAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND	\$ 7,040.38		2.49%	
CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT 1	\$ 59,175.27		20.95%	
CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT 2	\$ 93,848.98		33.23%	
CANAAN GENERAL FUND	\$ 23,477.75		8.31%	
CANAAN HIGHWAY FUND	\$ 33,186.51		11.75%	
CANAAN PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	\$ 13,564.20		4.80%	
CANAAN REC PARK	\$ 21,310.63		7.54%	
CANAAN SEWER FUND	\$ 5,858.96		2.07%	
TOTAL ARPA FUNDS AWARDED	\$ 282,462.68		100%	

2025 Solid Waste Report

Transfer Station

The Town of Canaan would like to thank residents for their continued cooperation with the programs and procedures in place at the Transfer Station.

The Town Trash Sticker Program continues to work very well. While sticker revenue does not fully cover the cost of operating the Transfer Station, it plays an important role in reducing the overall tax burden on our taxpayers. The State of Vermont's pay-as-you-throw system was designed with the intention of fully funding transfer station operations; however, in practice, it has proven difficult to achieve that goal. The sticker program remains the most effective and practical solution for our community. Stickers remain affordable, and the public response continues to be overwhelmingly positive. We remind residents that failure to properly sticker household trash ultimately results in increased costs that are reflected at tax time.

Recycling continues to run smoothly, and the required sorting of materials has been very successful. This process greatly benefits the Coös County Recycling Center by reducing both handling time and operating costs. We appreciate everyone's efforts in following the sorting requirements. We are pleased to report that, thanks to the cooperation of area Selectboard members, the County Recycling Center is once again accepting glass. The Town would like to extend sincere thanks to the area Selectboard members for working collaboratively to make this possible. The Freon appliance disposal program continues to operate successfully and remains a valuable service for our residents.

The Town would also like to thank Marc and Al for their continued hard work and dedication in keeping the Transfer Station operating safely and effectively. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events will again be held in 2026, providing residents with a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of hazardous materials. The events will take place at the former recycling building at the Canaan Transfer Station, 186 Treatment Plant Road, on **May 1–2, 2026** and **September 11–12, 2026**. The Town thanks residents for their continued participation and extends sincere appreciation to April for her hard work and dedication in coordinating and supporting the HHW program, which plays an important role in protecting public health and the environment.

Stump Dump

The Stump Dump was open the first two Saturdays following Christmas to accept Christmas trees and wreaths. The facility also accepts untreated wood, yard debris, and lawn and garden waste.

From May through October, the Stump Dump is open every Saturday from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** The Town would like to thank Dennis for his work maintaining and overseeing operations at the Stump Dump.

**TOWN OF CANAAN- COMMUNITY FOREST
2026 APPROVED BUDGET**

EXPENDITURES	YR 2024	YR 2025	YR 2025	YR 2026
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
09-001-1203 EVENT COORD. EXP	\$ 808.02	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 303.59	\$ 2,200.00
09-001-1204 SEPTAGE FEE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
09-001-1206 UTILITIES	\$ 2,174.89	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,129.58	\$ 2,500.00
09-001-1207 SUPPLIES	\$ 15.37	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
09-001-1208 PRINTING/ADS	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
09-001-1212 PILOT PAYMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
09-001-1213 TRAIL WORK	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 353.49	\$ 2,000.00
09-001-1216 ROAD WORK	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
09-001-1218 GRAVELING/MOWING	\$ 730.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,314.50	\$ 3,000.00
09-001-1219 KENNEY CAMP REP.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,014.99	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,928.28	\$ 10,750.00	\$ 22,116.15	\$ 10,300.00
REVENUES	YR 2024	YR 2025	YR 2025	YR 2026
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
09-000-1602 SAVINGS INTEREST	\$ 367.60	\$ 350.00	\$ 228.60	\$ 200.00
09-000-3405 SALE OF WOOD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,621.00
09-000-3406 MISC REIMB.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
09-000-3407 DONATIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 633.48	\$ -
09-000-3408 CNC GRANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
09-000-3409 SCHOOL REIMB.	\$ 2,163.26	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
09-000-3500 PRIOR YEAR FUNDS	\$ 1,397.42	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 18,254.07	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 3,928.28	\$ 10,750.00	\$ 22,116.15	\$ 19,321.00
COMMUNITY FOREST REVENUES				
Receipts		The savings account balance was initially started with the 2014 timber sale totaling \$30,549. This account has grown with numerous other revenue sources, including donations, grants, bank interest, and wood sales. In 2020, a notable donation was made by the late Kenneth Kirk Hann in the amount of \$20,000. Additionally, the wood sales have grossed approximately \$1,000 in revenue. To date the Canaan Community Forest has been self-sufficient and has not raised a single dollar of revenue through taxes.		
Cash on Hand 01-01-2025	\$ 28,058.25			
Savings interest	\$ 228.60			
Donations	\$ 633.48			
Grants	\$ 3,000.00			
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$ 31,920.33			
COMMUNITY FOREST EXPENSES				
Paid Selectboard Orders	\$ 22,116.15			
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$ 9,804.18			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$ 31,920.33			

Canaan Trust Fund – 2025

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

The earliest entry in the books is to the **Alice Hunt Cemetery Fund** by Gilbert Harriman, March 31, 1910, in the amount of \$200.00. The late Maurice Young of Canaan made a bequest of \$1,000.00 in 1980 to this account. Hervie E. Gray donated \$2,000.00 in 1990 to this account. With all additional entries for lots purchased, the fund now totals **\$23,110.81**.

The first entry to the **Village Cemetery Trust Fund** was also made by Gilbert Harriman in the amount of \$300.00. Mr. Maurice Young also bequeathed \$1,000.00 in 1980 to this account, which now totals **\$12,540.30**.

The first recorded purchase in the **South Canaan Cemetery Trust Fund** was made in the name of Mary S. Grant on February 25, 1925. On December 7, 1981, a check for \$5,000.00 was received as a bequest from the estate of John H. Hinman to be added to the South Canaan Cemetery Trust Fund, which now totals **\$7,596.19**.

Alice M. Ward, the widow of Dr. Artemus Ward, bequeathed her home in the Town of Canaan on July 1, 1932, to be used as a library. She also established a \$3,000.00 trust fund, the interest to be used to help defray library expenses. Mr. Maurice Young bequeathed \$500.00 to this account, and the total amount is now **\$3,600.80**.

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

Thomas O. Judd set up his **Road Trust** to be used to help defray expenses on Judd Road. The amount is **\$1,104.32**.

Our records on the **School Trust Fund** show only "Unknown Donor" in the amount of **\$533.10**, as does the **Church Fund** in the amount of **\$329.05**.

The Trust Fund for the **Fletcher Park Fountain** was a gift made by Mrs. B.M.E. Holmes in the amount of \$738.77. The Canaan Bicentennial Committee added an additional \$208.82, which brings the total to **\$996.80**.

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

Financial Report

Receipts:

Checkbook Balance 01-01-2025	\$0.00
Interest from Trust Funds-2025	\$158.20
Interest from Savings Accounts - 2025	\$7.72
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$165.92

Expenditures:

Interest on T.P. Judd Trust Fund	\$3.94
Interest on School Trust Fund	\$1.91
Interest on Alice M. Ward Library	\$12.92
Interest on Church Trust Fund	\$1.17
Interest on Village Cemetery Trust Fund	\$44.93
Interest on Alice Hunt Cemetery Trust Fund	\$70.90
Interest on South Canaan Cemetery Trust	\$26.57
Interest on Fletcher Park Trust Fund	\$3.58
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$165.92
Balance in Checkbook 12-31-2025	\$0.00
TOTAL EXP & CASH ON HAND	\$165.92

TRUST FUND AGREEMENT – 2025

T.P. Judd Trust Fund	\$1,104.32
School District Trust Fund	\$533.10
Alice M. W. Library Trust Fund	\$3,600.80
Church Trust Fund	\$329.05
Village Cemetery Trust Fund	\$12,540.30
Alice Hunt Cemetery Trust Fund	\$23,110.81
South Canaan Cemetery Trust Fund	\$7,596.19
Fletcher Park Trust Fund	\$996.80
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$49,811.37

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Zachary Brown
Dencie Cunningham
Solange Poulin

REAPPRAISAL ACCOUNT - 2025**RECEIPTS:**

Cash on Hand 01-01-2025	\$ 15,604.39
State of Vermont Reimbursement	\$ 17,748.00
Savings Interest	\$ 435.47

**TOTAL RECEIPTS &
CASH ON HAND** **\$ 33,787.86**

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Selectboard Orders	\$ -
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$ -**

Expenditures - 2025	\$ -
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$ 33,787.86

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES &
CASH ON HAND** **\$ 33,787.86**

CEMETERY STONE ACCOUNT - 2025**RECEIPTS:**

Cash on Hand 01-01-2025	\$ 14,911.40
2025 Tax Appropriation	\$ 10,000.00
Savings Interest	\$ 79.97

**TOTAL RECEIPTS &
CASH ON HAND** **\$ 24,991.37**

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Selectboard Orders	\$ 14,000.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$ 14,000.00**

Expenditures - 2025	\$ 14,000.00
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$ 10,991.37

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES &
CASH ON HAND** **\$ 24,991.37**

Listers' Report

2025 the board of listers saw the addition of Tana Trammell to their ranks who filled the vacant spot on the board.

Moving forward in 2026 the board of listers will continue to work with Jean Wilson from NEMRC to accomplish the updates to parcels and property valuations and timely lodging of the Grand List.

The 2025 Equalization Study Results for Canaan has our CLA at 75.36% and our COD at 21.82%. These calculations are solely based on the actual sales in Canaan. The CLA is determined by dividing the education grand list by the equalized education grand list (32 V.S.A. Section 5401. The COD is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within your municipal. It reflects the average deviation of sales ratio (assessed value divided by sale price) from the median. A high COD (above 20%) necessitates a reappraisal (32 V.S.A. Section 4041a).

Between January 1st and December 31st there were 60 property transfers of which 26 transfers were considered arm's length transactions.

<u>Property Type</u>	<u># of Parcels</u>	<u>Listed Value</u>
Residential	403	\$71,008,500
Mobile Homes	39	\$ 2,436,800
Seasonal/Camps	74	\$11,203,300
Commercial/Industrial	28	\$12,234,900
Utilities	6	\$ 6,261,100
Farms	7	\$ 3,007,300
Open Land	100	\$ 7,620,400
TOTALS	657	\$113,772,300
Less exemptions*		\$ 4,068,200
Total Grand List		\$109,704,100

*Exemptions include: Current Use: \$3,948,200 and Veterans: \$120,000

Town residents are reminded to file their Homestead Declarations (Forms HS-122 & HI-144) by April 15, 2026. For more information or to file online, visit www.tax.vermont.gov.

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

RECEIPTS - 2025

Balance on Hand 01-01-2025	\$ 226,123.02
Apportionment of Taxes	\$ 291,787.00
ARPA Highway Reimbursement	\$ -
State Aid to Highways	\$ 19,202.79
FEMA Flood Repair Reimbursement	\$ 105,264.92
Better Back Roads Grant	\$ 19,573.55
Road Permit Fees	\$ 190.00
Grant In Aid	\$ 7,000.00
Highway Department Services	\$ 462.50
Savings Interest	\$ 2,121.87
Sale of Equipment	\$ 92.32
T.P. Judd Trust Fund	\$ 3.94
River Road Paving Grant	\$ -
Capital Reserve Transfer	\$ -
Due to General	\$ -
TOTAL HIGHWAY RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	<u><u>\$ 671,821.91</u></u>

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectboard Orders - 2025	\$ 340,459.34
Savings Account Balance 12-31-2025	\$ 331,362.57
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	<u><u>\$ 671,821.91</u></u>

HIGHWAY CAPITAL RESERVE

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand 01-01-2025	<u>\$ 50,382.63</u>
Savings Interest - 2025	<u>\$ 740.70</u>
Capital Reserve Transfer	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	<u><u>\$ 71,123.33</u></u>

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectboard Orders - 2025	\$ 71,123.33
Savings Account Balance 12-31-2025	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	<u><u>\$ 71,123.33</u></u>

TOWN OF CANAAN - HIGHWAY

2026

PROPOSED BUDGET

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
01-011-10 TOWN GARAGE				
01-011-1000 UTILITIES	\$ 766.24	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,077.36	\$ 1,200.00
01-011-1001 REPAIRS	\$ 92.22	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
01-011-1002 TOOLS	\$ 1,113.80	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
01-011-1003 GARAGE INSURANCE	\$ 145.48	\$ 145.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 245.00
01-011-1004 MOWING	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
	\$ 2,917.74	\$ 6,645.00	\$ 2,722.36	\$ 2,445.00
01-011-11 EQUIPMENT				
01-011-1100 2021 FORD OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
01-011-1101 2021 FORD PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$ 1,368.91	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,080.06	\$ 3,000.00
01-011-1102 FUEL & LUBRICANTS	\$ 10,929.08	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,436.93	\$ 13,500.00
01-011-1103 REGISTRATION FEES	\$ 57.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
01-011-1104 CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
01-011-1105 EQUIPMENT INSURANCE	\$ 2,316.98	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,978.76	\$ 4,000.00
01-011-1106 BACKHOE OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 1,771.49	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
01-011-1107 BACKHOE PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,448.73	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 98.42	\$ 1,000.00
01-011-1108 GRADER OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 621.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 545.00	\$ 1,000.00
01-011-1109 GRADER PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,129.65	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,090.69	\$ 5,000.00
01-011-1110 NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$ 83,002.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
01-011-1111 2016- 1 TON OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
01-011-1112 2016- 1 TON PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,279.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
01-011-1113 2024 F600 OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 818.58	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,500.00
01-011-1114 2024 F600 PARTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,438.90	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,629.28	\$ 1,500.00
01-011-1115 HYDROSEEDER MAINTENANCE	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
01-011-1116 BACKHOE LEASE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
01-011-1117 TRUCK LEASE	\$ 12,884.40	\$ 12,885.00	\$ 12,885.40	\$ -
01-011-1118 TRUCK PURCHASE	\$ 75,159.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 216,975.76	\$ 65,835.00	\$ 60,554.54	\$ 54,500.00
01-011-12 SUMMER MAINTENANCE				
01-011-1200 SALARIES	\$ 30,227.49	\$ 57,700.00	\$ 67,337.53	\$ 65,000.00
01-011-1201 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 11,668.65	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,128.33	\$ 10,000.00
01-011-1202 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 917.44	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 170.75	\$ 500.00
01-011-1203 BRIDGES & CULVERTS	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
01-011-1204 HALL STREAM BRDG PROJECT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
01-011-1205 HALL STREAM BRDG- STATE AID	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
01-011-1210 FLOOD REPAIRS	\$ 113,843.27	\$ -	\$ 5,147.00	\$ -
01-011-1212 ARPA HGWY EXPENSES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
01-011-1213 GRANT IN AID- VT EXPENSES	\$ 3,702.50	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,039.91	\$ 18,000.00
	\$ 165,359.35	\$ 83,200.00	\$ 89,823.52	\$ 97,500.00
01-011-13 WINTER MAINTENANCE				
01-011-1300 SALARIES	\$ 46,698.98	\$ 49,200.00	\$ 52,315.43	\$ 55,000.00
01-011-1301 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 11,326.73	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,236.73	\$ 10,000.00
01-011-1302 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 5,257.08	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,758.16	\$ 10,000.00
01-011-1303 EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,500.00
01-011-1304 WINTER SAND	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
	\$ 73,157.79	\$ 76,950.00	\$ 80,360.32	\$ 85,500.00
01-011-14 CONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING				
01-011-1401 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 11,468.30	\$ 25,000.00
01-011-1402 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 30,804.98	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,370.52	\$ 25,000.00
01-011-1403 BETTER BACK ROADS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 24,614.71	\$ 20,000.00
01-011-1404 RIVER RD PAVING- STATE AID	\$ 108,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 183,804.98	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,453.53	\$ 70,000.00

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library Director's Report – 2025

2025 has been a full year filled with administrative duties, ordering books, writing grants, and organizing programs. The carriage house renovation project made headway beginning in January 2025 with the design development phase. In March, a team of engineers were here to assess the structural status of the building, as well as the future electrical, plumbing and climate control needs. Where our library is on the National Register of Historical Places, certain standards must be met to preserve the historical aesthetics of the carriage house, which were proposed. Over the spring and summer, a small but industrious group of people sorted through and cleaned out the area in preparation for its overhaul. Sincere thanks to Eugene Reid, Richard Thibeault, Tim Gray and two of his industrial art students, Pam Jordan, Dennis Fuller and members of the Canaan Historical Society who volunteered their time and knowledge about the contents. Without their advice, direction, and brute strength, the job would not have been accomplished!

We offered a variety of programs over the year beginning with a “Mocktail Party” in February which showcased the plans for the carriage house renovation. The annual “Tiny Art Show” was a great success, as was a felting class by Kristen Langlais in April. The month of July featured a fun children’s program, “Charlie & the Chocolate Factory” by local Donna Merson, the Vermont Institute of Natural Science visit to Canaan Schools, and the “Firefighters Day” Book Sale. August followed up with our “Sugar on Snow” and “Moose Festival” Book Sales which were well attended and successful. In September, Dr. Jacques Belair presented a “Wilderness Medicine and Preparedness” course and wildlife biologist, Will Staats was back to recount his amazing stories with our forest inhabitants. In October, “Hungrytown”, a Vermont folk duo, entertained us at Canaan Schools and Donna Merson hosted another children’s program, “Ratatouille”. Falun Dafa classes, mind-body Buddha-based relaxation techniques, were offered, and WIC began using library space for meetings with local clientele. Our Summer Reading Program and “Go Ask Alice” Book Club are going strong, and new members are always welcome!

Most of our programs are supported by grants, which we were awarded 6 of this year. We also were fortunate to receive the CLiF Rural Library Grant which grants our library \$2,000 worth of new children’s books and \$500 worth of new children’s books to Canaan Schools. It also provides author/illustrator visits and children's book giveaways.

The school children continue to visit Alice M. Ward Memorial Library once a month over the school year. The playgroup at our library ended due to poor attendance, unfortunately.

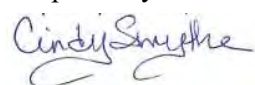
Our main book distributor, Baker & Taylor, closed which we replaced with a new distributor. This closure affected most libraries, resulting in many new book orders with this new distributor, causing backlogs and backorders. We are finally getting back to our new books arriving on a regular basis!

We had a dead tree removed from the library's front yard, and the adjacent tree pruned, and dead branches removed thanks to Ivan Belleville.

We also purchased 2 new desktop computers which are updated with Windows 11 and will be helpful and easy for the public to use. Over the past year we welcomed 54 new patrons to our library and in November the State Librarian, Catherine Delneo visited us. She was joined by Mark McClary, the director of the State of Vermont grant we received for the renovation project. They toured the carriage house and met with the architect to view the plans, which they were both excited and impressed with.

2026 promises to bring exciting new changes and the potential for many new opportunities for Alice M. Ward Memorial Library. But our mission remains the same, to be a warm and welcoming hub and resource center for our area's residents, and of course, a helpful public library where you can always find a good book!

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Cash on Hand 01-01-2025	\$	135,750.04
Property Tax Appropriation	\$	92,507.00
Donations	\$	6,945.68
Trust Fund	\$	12.92
Summer Reading Grant	\$	350.00
Paul Post Grant	\$	625.00
CLIF Reading Grant	\$	500.00
NE Grass Roots Grant	\$	500.00
Carriage House Reno Reimb	\$	73,119.49
VT Arts Council Grant	\$	1,000.00
Spark Community Grant	\$	500.00
Misc. Revenue	\$	339.20
Savings Interest	\$	1,313.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$	313,463.08

EXPENDITURES

Library Salaries	\$	45,924.84
FICA	\$	3,700.01
Postage & Fees	\$	1,040.90
Administration Expenses	\$	1,635.21
Programming	\$	1,784.87
Book, Magazine Sub, DVDs	\$	11,181.11
Materials & Supplies	\$	5,129.16
Professional Development	\$	165.91
Building Prop. Insurance	\$	2,370.81
Workers Comp.	\$	674.00
CLIF Reading Grant	\$	336.58
Summer Reading Grant	\$	335.00
VT Arts Council Grant	\$	795.00
Grass Roots Grant	\$	430.00
Spark Community Grant	\$	465.00
Paul Post Grant	\$	525.00

BUILDING

Telephone	\$	355.53
Electricity	\$	1,194.85
Water & Sewer	\$	781.00
Maintenance	\$	845.00
Fuel	\$	4,871.05
Internet	\$	816.00
Building Repairs & Supplies	\$	445.53
Carriage House Renovations	\$	87,535.98

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	173,338.34
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Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$	140,124.74
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Due to/Due from	\$	-
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$	313,463.08
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ALICE M WARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY				
2026 PROPOSED BUDGET				
		FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
		PROPOSED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
07-071-17 OPERATIONS TO -20 BUILDING				
07-071-1701 SALARIES	\$	49,504.00	\$ 45,924.84	\$ 52,000.00
07-071-1703 FICA	\$	3,788.00	\$ 3,700.01	\$ 4,000.00
07-071-1707 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$	3,500.00	\$ 3,383.86	\$ 3,500.00
07-071-1708 PROGRAMMING	\$	2,000.00	\$ 1,784.87	\$ 2,000.00
07-071-1709 BOOKS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$	12,000.00	\$ 10,692.45	\$ 10,000.00
07-071-1710 POSTAGE	\$	1,400.00	\$ 1,040.90	\$ 1,200.00
07-071-1711 EQUIPMENT & REPAIRS	\$	-	\$ 259.96	\$ -
07-071-1720 ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE	\$	1,700.00	\$ 1,635.21	\$ 1,700.00
07-071-1721 BUILDING PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$	2,241.00	\$ 2,370.81	\$ 3,000.00
07-071-1722 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$	674.00	\$ 674.00	\$ 700.00
07-071-1743 DVDS	\$	500.00	\$ 488.66	\$ 500.00
07-071-1744 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	500.00	\$ 165.91	\$ 500.00
07-071-2001 TELEPHONE/FAX	\$	400.00	\$ 355.53	\$ 450.00
07-071-2002 ELECTRICITY	\$	2,000.00	\$ 1,194.85	\$ 2,400.00
07-071-2003 WATER & SEWER	\$	800.00	\$ 781.00	\$ 800.00
07-071-2004 MAINTENANCE	\$	1,500.00	\$ 845.00	\$ 1,500.00
07-071-2005 FUEL	\$	6,500.00	\$ 4,871.05	\$ 6,500.00
07-071-2007 INTERNET	\$	1,000.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 1,000.00
07-071-2009 BUILDING REPAIRS & SUPPLIES	\$	2,500.00	\$ 445.53	\$ 2,000.00
	\$	92,507.00	\$ 81,430.44	\$ 93,750.00
07-071-22 GRANTS				
07-071-2221 SUMMER READING GRANT	\$	-	\$ 335.00	\$ -
07-071-2225 CARRIAGE HOUSE RENO.	\$	-	\$ 87,535.98	\$ -
07-071-2227 PAUL POST FUND GRANT	\$	-	\$ 525.00	\$ -
07-071-2228 CLIF READING GRANT	\$	-	\$ 336.58	\$ -
07-071-2229 GRASS ROOTS SEED GRANT	\$	-	\$ 430.00	\$ -
07-071-2230 SPARKING COMM. GRANT	\$	-	\$ 465.00	\$ -
07-071-2231 VT ARTS COUNCIL GRANT	\$	-	\$ 795.00	\$ -
07-071-3003 AMAZON PASS THROUGH	\$	-	\$ 291.71	\$ -
	\$	-	\$ 90,714.27	\$ -
TOTAL LIBRARY EXPENDITURES	\$	92,507.00	\$ 172,144.71	\$ 93,750.00
		FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
		PROPOSED	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
07-070-1084 PROPERTY TAX APPROPRIATION	\$	92,507.00	\$ 92,507.00	\$ 93,750.00
07-070-1502 DONATIONS	\$	-	\$ 6,945.68	\$ -
07-070-1503 TRUST FUND	\$	-	\$ 12.92	\$ -
07-070-1602 SAVINGS INTEREST	\$	-	\$ 1,313.75	\$ -
07-070-1609 MISC. (BOOK SALES/FAXES)	\$	-	\$ 339.20	\$ -
07-070-2221 VT LIBRARIES GRANT	\$	-	\$ 350.00	\$ -
07-070-2225 CARRIAGE HOUSE REIMB.	\$	-	\$ 73,119.49	\$ -
07-070-2227 PAUL POST FUND GRANT	\$	-	\$ 625.00	\$ -
07-070-2228 CLIF READING GRANT	\$	-	\$ 500.00	\$ -
07-070-2229 GRASS ROOTS SEED GRANT	\$	-	\$ 500.00	\$ -
07-070-2230 SPARKING COMMUNITY GRANT	\$	-	\$ 500.00	\$ -
07-070-2231 VT ARTS COUNCIL GRANT	\$	-	\$ 1,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	92,507.00	\$ 177,713.04	\$ 93,750.00
2025 LIBRARY TAX RATE - \$0.0836				Δ %
2026 SUGGESTED TAX RATE - \$0.0842			TAX RATE	0.7177%
GRAND LIST \$1,112,602			TOTAL BUDGET	1.3437%

Wastewater Treatment Facility Report

The Wastewater Treatment Facility has been operational for 10 years. The upgrade provides the towns of Canaan and Stewartstown NH with a state-of-the-art, reliable wastewater treatment facility that meets stringent Effluent Discharge limits to the Connecticut River and allows for a more efficient treatment process. The rules and regulations VT DEC and EPA set are getting stricter every year, and we continue to meet their requirements. Our facility is permitted to accept six thousand gallons per day of septage. We are due for a new permit and where our facility handles that limit so well, we are asking for an increase so we can better serve the public. If the limit is not reached by residents of the two towns, then we are able to accept septage from other towns and bring in revenue to offset facility costs. This year we brought in about \$80,000 in extra revenue.

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

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

We had personnel changes this year. Welcome Jay Wasylyna, who will be working for all departments in the town and after he obtains the proper work experience, he is looking forward to getting his Wastewater and Water certifications.

Chief Operator April Busfield, who is on the board of directors for Granite State Rural Water Association and Vermont Rural Water Association attended the Water Pro Conference in New Orleans. Billed as the “Water and Wastewater Industry Event of the Year,” WaterPro will welcome more than 2,000 attendees and 120 exhibitors from across the United States and Puerto Rico. The conference brings together operators, board members, government officials, and State Rural Water Association staff for three days of education, networking, and innovation. This year was the second Women in Wastewater Luncheon event which April attended. (See a pictures taken at the event on pages 38 and 41).

The Wastewater Treatment facility continues to have open doors for classroom or private tours if you ever want to see what your Town’s wastewater treatment entails.

If you have any questions or concerns, the Joint Commission meets at 5:30 pm quarterly on the second Monday of January, April, July, and October or you may come to a selectmen’s meeting every other Monday at 6:00 pm. Also feel free to contact me at 802-266-7723 or 45thwaterandsewer@gmail.com.

April Busfield, Chief Operator

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

Billed for Collection - 2025	\$ 207,316.26
Billed interest - 01-01-2025	\$ 198.23
TOTAL BILLED	\$ 207,514.49

Collected 2025	\$ 196,029.24
Arrears Collectable - 12-31-2025	\$ 11,485.25
TOTALS	\$ 207,514.49

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand 01-01-2025	\$ 89,331.61
Utility Collections - 2025	\$ 197,602.80
Interest from Delinquents	\$ 251.28
Interest from Savings	\$ 845.03
Utility Credits	\$ 2,946.48
West Stewartstown O & M	\$ 100,289.12
Sewer Connection Fee	\$ -
Treatment Processing	\$ 81,758.68
USDA Grant	\$ -
Septage Charges	\$ 14,308.67
Shared Operator Reimb.	\$ -
Sewer Miscellaneous	\$ 12,475.39
DUE TO/DUE FROM	\$ -
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH	\$ 499,809.06

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Sewer Orders	\$ 423,960.81
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$ 75,848.25
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 499,809.06
& CASH ON HAND	

SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand 01-01-2025	\$ 201,953.46
Capital Reserve Entitlement	\$ 22,183.00
Capital Reserve Savings Int.	\$ 2,820.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS &	\$ 226,956.71

CASH ON HAND

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Selectboard Orders	\$ 7,763.02
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$ 219,193.69
TOTAL EXP. & CASH ON HAND	\$ 226,956.71

**WASTEWATER ACCOUNT
DETAILED EXPENDITURES**

SEWER PLANT

Salaries	\$ 82,697.65
FICA	\$ 6,514.44
Employer Share Retirement	\$ 4,704.89
Operator Phone Stipend	\$ 120.00
Heat & Utilities	\$ 46,010.31
Repairs	\$ 10,152.50
Materials & Supplies	\$ 6,000.00
Plant Insurance	\$ 2,020.00
Contracted Labor & Equip	\$ 20,700.00
Lab Equipment	\$ 4,000.00
New Equipment	8378.26
Health Insurance	\$ 34,231.60
Life Insurance	\$ 350.00
Generator Fuel	\$ 2,000.00
Mowing	\$ 2,000.00
Workmen's Comp/Liability	\$ 4,010.00
WS Portion of Septage	\$ 37,609.30
Commissioner's Fees	\$ 925.00
USDA Loan #2	\$ 9,736.00
Muffin Monster Maint.	\$ 3,500.00

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Utilities	\$ 6,446.52
Repairs	\$ -
Mileage	\$ 1,100.00
Contracted Labor /Equip	\$ 19,000.00
Legal Fees	\$ 12.00
Administrative Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
New Equipment	\$ 10,000.00
Materials & Supplies	\$ 1,600.00
Generator Fuel for Stations	\$ 2,221.05
Operator Education	\$ 1,487.27
Capital Reserve Allotment	\$ 18,683.00
Sewer Capital Reserve Exp	\$ 7,763.02
USDA Loan	\$ 65,988.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 423,960.81

2025

DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS

DELINQUENT SEPTAGE CHARGES 2025

Baum, Robert & Sharon	\$ 50.00	Guilbault, Gary & Pamela	\$ 33.00
Benoit, Jonathan & Lenore	\$ 201.50	Hailey, Rajesh & Rebecca	\$ 100.50
Brockney, Kevin	\$ 547.62	Hammond, Richard	\$ 50.00
Bunnell, Roberta	\$ 50.00	Kenney, Rachel & Zachary	\$ 50.00
Burrill, Michael	\$ 404.54	Keyser, Arthur	\$ 83.84
Butler, Michael	\$ 100.50	Kimball, Harry Jr. & Joyette	\$ 557.62
Cairns, Jackyln Estate of	\$ 50.00	Kimball, Robert, Brian, & Crystal	\$ 50.53
Couture, Robert	\$ 456.59	Lawrence, Peter	\$ 50.00
D'Anjou, Alain (x2)	\$ 100.00	Linnell, Helen	\$ 302.50
Dacosta, Tony	\$ 100.50	Mannino, Michael	\$ 557.62
Daniels, Peter & Thomas	\$ 302.50	Maurais, Aleda Estate of	\$ 201.50
Dennis, Leonard Jr.	\$ 557.62	Maurais, Denis	\$ 252.00
Dimercurio, Michael	\$ 50.00	McComiskey/Paquette, Robert/Melanie	\$ 201.50
Favreau, David	\$ 100.50	Morais, Henri & Claudette (x2)	\$ 201.00
Fernandes, Antone	\$ 100.50	Morton/Grady, Frank/Steph	\$ 151.00
Finer Farms LLC	\$ 557.62	Nelson, Cyril & Andrea (x3)	\$ 756.00
Flanagan, Norman & Angela	\$ 50.00	Norris, Richard	\$ 557.62
Gobeil, Rene	\$ 201.50	Phinney, Bruce & Suzanne	\$ 557.62
Gobeil, Rene	\$ 201.50	Rancourt, Alex	\$ 100.50
Godin, Matthew	\$ 302.50	Sweatt, Jacob	\$ 151.00
Graves, Garrett III	\$ 151.00	Taggart, Christian & Shelby	\$ 150.50
Groh, Russell	\$ 50.00	Tyler, Danielle	\$ 404.54
Grodin, Dolores	\$ 50.00	Vargas, Epifanio & Ninette	\$ 50.00
Guay, Kenneth & Sarah	\$ 151.00	Wood, Albert Jr. & Jodi	\$ 50.00

TOTAL DELINQUENT SEPTAGE: \$10,507.88

DELINQUENT SEWER CHARGES 2025

241 Gale Street LLC	\$ 1,266.30	Houle, Benoit II	\$ 275.34
Belknap, Chelsea & Jason	\$ 105.00	Inkel, Paul & Samantha	\$ 221.79
Beres, Bence & Bailey	\$ 106.05	Johnson, Daniel (x2)	\$ 210.00
Bower, James	\$ 211.05	Kilson, Samantha	\$ 105.00
Cormier, Daniel	\$ 105.00	Lewis, David (x2)	\$ 422.10
Cornell, Derek & Kim	\$ 96.00	Lynch, Travis & Ashlie	\$ 105.00
Csizmesia, Ryan & Meaghan	\$ 210.00	Marchand, Jonathan & Cecily	\$ 105.00
Decarolis Family Revocable Trust	\$ 105.00	McKinnon, Shori	\$ 489.96
DeGray, Scott	\$ 105.00	Moaratty, Robert	\$ 105.00
Delong, Zachary	\$ 105.00	O'Dell, Brett	\$ 115.74
Denaro, Jeffory	\$ 2,771.45	Paquette, Christopher	\$ 104.23
Dorman, Wayne & Beverly	\$ 175.97	Philibert, Pauline	\$ 126.88
Gallien, Tyler & Kristilyn	\$ 105.00	Rice, Diane	\$ 105.00
Goudreau, Nathaniel & Katelyn	\$ 105.00	Slocum, Faith	\$ 105.00
Haynes, Haven Jr. & Marguerite	\$ 105.00	Spencer, Joanne	\$ 831.05
Hill, Angel	\$ 160.38	Vasquez, Daniel & Heather	\$ 105.00
Houle, Benoit & Deborah	\$ 97.46	Wood, Edward & Denise	\$ 152.28

TOTAL DELINQUENT SEWER: \$9,619.03

TOTAL DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS: \$20,126.91

TOTAL NUMBER OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS: 77

*** Denotes Accounts Paid Before 12/31/2025**

**TOWN OF CANAAN - WASTEWATER
2026 APPROVED BUDGET**

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
02-021-10 SEWER PLANT EXPENSE				
02-021-1000 OPERATOR SALARIES	\$ 76,552.02	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 82,697.65	\$ 87,000.00
02-021-1001 UTILITIES- ELECTRIC/TELE	\$ 39,268.04	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 44,010.31	\$ 45,000.00
02-021-1002 REPAIRS	\$ 6,856.61	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 10,152.50	\$ 7,000.00
02-021-1003 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 6,067.99	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
02-021-1004 LAB EQUIPMENT/TESTS	\$ 3,046.81	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
02-021-1005 PLANT INSURANCE	\$ 2,002.08	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 3,020.00
02-021-1006 CONTRACTED LABOR	\$ 20,618.57	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
02-021-1007 CONTRACTED EQUIPMENT	\$ 499.82	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
02-021-1008 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,097.43	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 8,378.26	\$ 4,500.00
02-021-1010 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 23,288.05	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 34,231.60	\$ 44,000.00
02-021-1011 LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 344.12	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 400.00
02-021-1012 WORK COMP	\$ 2,685.96	\$ 1,910.00	\$ 1,910.00	\$ 2,910.00
02-021-1013 LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 1,071.56	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 3,100.00
02-021-1014 SEWER COMMISSIONER FEES	\$ 925.00	\$ 925.00	\$ 925.00	\$ 925.00
02-021-1015 EMPLOYER RETIREMENT SHARE	\$ 4,049.72	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,704.89	\$ 6,500.00
02-021-1016 OPERATOR PHONE STIPEND	\$ 279.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
02-021-1017 LEGAL FEES	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
02-021-1018 OPERATOR EDUCATION	\$ 125.34	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,487.27	\$ 500.00
02-021-1019 GENERATOR FUEL	\$ 510.15	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
02-021-1020 HEAT/PELLETS	\$ 1,655.20	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
02-021-1081 MOWING	\$ 1,670.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
02-021-1082 USDA 2ND LOAN	\$ 9,736.00	\$ 9,736.00	\$ 9,736.00	\$ 9,736.00
02-021-1092 FICA/CHILD CARE TAX	\$ 5,782.74	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,514.44	\$ 8,700.00
02-021-1094 SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 18,683.00	\$ 18,683.00	\$ 18,683.00	\$ 18,683.00
02-021-1095 STEW. PORTION BOLENS	\$ 36,927.36	\$ 27,600.00	\$ 37,609.30	\$ 36,800.00
02-021-1099 MUFFIN MONSTER MAINT.	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
TOTAL PLANT	\$ 269,242.57	\$ 290,844.00	\$ 305,830.22	\$ 318,094.00
SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM				
02-021-1100 UTILITIES	\$ 6,187.19	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,446.52	\$ 6,500.00
02-021-1101 REPAIRS	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
02-021-1102 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,610.54	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
02-021-1103 CONTRACTED LABOR	\$ 14,895.18	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
02-021-1104 MILEAGE CHECKING PUMPS	\$ 1,051.72	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,200.00
02-021-1106 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,931.25	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
02-021-1107 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	\$ 3,836.57	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
02-021-1109 CONTRACTED EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-021-1110 GEN. FUEL FOR PUMP ST	\$ 421.86	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 2,221.05	\$ 4,500.00
02-021-1111 SEWER CAPITAL RES EXP	\$ -	\$ 24,495.00	\$ 7,763.02	\$ -
02-021-12 DEBT SERVICE				
02-021-1201 USDA LOAN	\$ 65,988.00	\$ 65,988.00	\$ 65,988.00	\$ 65,988.00
02-021-1600 ENGINEERING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-021-1603 WWTP PROJECT LEGAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-021-1604 TREATMENT PLANT MISC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-021-1615 BANK FEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ -
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$ 98,922.31	\$ 140,333.00	\$ 118,130.59	\$ 114,788.00
TOTAL PLANT & COLLECTION	\$ 368,164.88	\$ 431,177.00	\$ 423,960.81	\$ 432,882.00

**TOWN OF CANAAN - WASTEWATER
2026 APPROVED BUDGET**

PROJECTED REVENUES - 2026	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
02-020-1500 TAX SALE COLLECTOR'S FEE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1501 SEWER CONNECTION CHRG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1502 SEWER QUARTERLY CHRG	\$ 186,054.58	\$ 189,000.00	\$ 197,602.80	\$ 197,000.00
02-020-1503 SEWER CHARGES - W. STEW	\$ 98,488.75	\$ 134,016.00	\$ 100,289.12	\$ 134,000.00
02-020-1504 MISC FEES/CHARGES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1505 UTILITY INTEREST CHARGES	\$ 135.42	\$ 150.00	\$ 251.28	\$ 150.00
02-020-1507 UTILITY CREDIT	\$ 930.69	\$ -	\$ 2,946.48	\$ -
02-020-1508 SEPTAGE CHARGES	\$ 12,946.19	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 14,308.67	\$ 14,000.00
02-020-1602 INT. & DIVIDENDS - SEWER	\$ 607.94	\$ 500.00	\$ 845.03	\$ 600.00
02-020-1605 SEPTAGE RECEIVING REVENUES	\$ 83,908.50	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 81,758.68	\$ 80,000.00
02-020-1609 MISCELLANEOUS - SEWER	\$ 12.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1610 SEWER REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 8,186.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1710 COMM NATL BK - USDA REIMB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
02-020-1752 USDA GRANT FUNDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AMOUNT FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ -	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 7,763.02	\$ -
UNEXPENDED SEWER FUNDS	\$ -	\$ 6,011.00	\$ 18,279.05	\$ 7,132.00
	\$ 391,270.27	\$ 431,177.00	\$ 424,044.13	\$ 432,882.00

TOTAL BUDGET **Δ%**
0.3954%



Pictures for the Water Pro Conference and Trade Show the Operator April Busfield attended in New Orleans in September.

SOLID MATERIALS

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

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

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

Solid Material Disposal

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

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



NEVER FLUSH

The following common household items should never be flushed:

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



FATS, OILS, & GREASES

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

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

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

- In-sink disposals do not dissolve FOGs!

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

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



FOG SOLUTIONS

Bacon Grease & Deep-Fry Oil:

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

Regular Frying & Salad Oil:

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



DON'T FLUSH IT!



VOLUME 1: CLOGGERS!

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

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

This is the first of four brochures produced by Green Mountain Water Environment Association (GMWEA), thanks to a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program, with project support from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and your municipality. Future editions will cover other pollutants typical households flush, pour, or spill into their wastewater stream.

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2025 CANAAN REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand 01-01-2025 (Checking Account)	\$ -
Cash on Hand 01-01-2025 (Savings Account)	\$ 480,292.51
Begin Riverside Park LLC	\$ 14,319.36
Begin, Wanita	\$ 5,104.74
Canaan Border Riders	\$ 10,964.34
Cunningham Full Service Loan	\$ 22,766.76
Grand Bois Du Nord	\$ 17,009.88
Jackson Lakeside Realty	\$ 6,192.26
My Maple, LLC	\$ 33,728.04
RM Enterprises	\$ 6,806.40
Application Fees	\$ 200.00
Savings Interest	\$ 5,079.96
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$ 602,464.25

EXPENDITURES:

Begin, Wanita	\$ 150,000.00
Canaan Border Riders	\$ 120,000.00
Advertisements	\$ 45.00
Paid Revolving Loan Committee Orders - 2025	\$ 270,045.00
Cash in Savings/Sweep 12-31-2025 (Bangor Bank)	\$ 332,419.25
Cash in Checking 12-31-2025 (Bangor Bank)	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$ 602,464.25

TOWN OF CANAAN REVOLVING LOAN FUND

As many of you are aware, the Town of Canaan received a \$750,000.00 Community Development Grant in 1996. The Town loaned this money (less some management and administrative costs) to Ethan Allen, Inc. of Beecher Falls to erect a new building and purchase machinery and equipment. Ethan Allen paid this money back in full in 2011 and we have deposited these payments in a Revolving Loan Fund. Loans are available to qualified businesses and individuals who need funding for projects that benefit the community. Information and applications are available at the Town Office. If you are planning a start-up or expanding an existing business and can meet our criteria, our Revolving Loan Fund might be a valuable opportunity for you. The fund considers and grants loans without regard to race, creed, color, gender, handicap or ethnic origin. In 2025 we reviewed two new applications. We were happy to award both of these loans. We thank everyone who applied and all of our loanees!

2025 Reports of the Canaan Fire District #1

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1
Zachary William Brown, Treasurer

Report of the
Canaan Fire District #1

Water Utility Billed - 2025	\$ 142,439.21
Billed Interest	\$ 220.08
TOTAL BILLED - 2025	\$ 142,659.29

Water Rents Collected - 2025	\$ 139,222.93
Water Rent Arrears 12-31-2025	\$ 3,436.36
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 142,659.29

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand 01-01-2025	\$ 18,205.28
2025 Water Rents Collected	\$ 139,882.56
2025 Water Rents Penalties	\$ 99.23
Utility Credits	\$ 994.38
Connect/Disconnect	\$ 90.00
Savings Interest	\$ 171.36
Transfer from Capital Reserve	\$ 7,763.03
Miscellaneous	\$ -
TOTAL RECEIPTS	
& CASH ON HAND	\$ 167,205.84

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Prudential Orders	\$ 152,414.56
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$ 14,791.28
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
& CASH ON HAND	\$ 167,205.84

WATER CAPITAL RESERVE

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand 01-01-2025	\$ 39,713.97
Savings Interest 2025	\$ 524.55
2025 Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	
& CASH ON HAND	\$ 45,238.52

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Fire District #1 Orders	\$ 7,763.03
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$ 37,475.49
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
& CASH ON HAND	\$ 45,238.52

2025 was another good year for Fire District #1. We had no major projects or problems reported.

We would like to thank April Busfield, Jay Wasylyna, Kevin McKinnon, and Chester Smart for their continued work in maintaining the water system.

Due to the continuing rise of cost of operations, both the prudential committees of Fire District 1 (Canaan) found it prudent to increase water rates, effective January 1, 2026. To keep operations going with minimal increases to the budget residential water rates will see an increase of 10% to the per gallon rate. Wholesale water (Town of Stewartstown) users will see an increase of 20%. Notices with details on the rate increase were included with the last water bills that were mailed. If you have any questions or concerns, the Fire District #1 Prudential Committee holds their bi-monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, starting on March 18th, 2026.

Canaan Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

Jeffery Richards, Chairman
 Alfred Buckley
 Jeremy Labrecque
 April Busfield, Chief Operator
 Jay Wasylyna, Asst. Operator



(L-R) Kristi Harper, April Busfield, and Paula Jackson at WaterPro's Women in Rural Water Luncheon, in New Orleans on September 16, 2025.

**FDI PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
DETAILED EXPENDITURES
2025**

FIRE DISTRICT #1	YR 2025
COMMISSIONER FEES	\$ 1,200.00
OPERATOR SALARIES	\$ 13,329.76
OPERATOR MILEAGE	\$ 1,359.95
OPERATOR PHONE STIPEND	\$ 120.00
OPERATOR EDUCATION COSTS	\$ 1,473.49
FICA	\$ 1,113.15
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 2,360.40
RETIREMENT	\$ 275.65
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,977.34
CONTRACT LABOR	\$ 3,219.11
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	\$ 6,036.14
WORKMEN'S COMP & LIABILITY	\$ 2,563.69
CHEMICALS	\$ 4,048.49
GENERATOR EXPENSE	\$ 1,972.06
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 537.33
STORAGE TANK EXPENDITURES	\$ -
CAPITAL RESERVE TRANSFER	\$ 7,763.03
COMPUTER UPDATE	\$ 7,763.03
USDA LOAN PAYMENT	\$ 73,604.00
UTILITIES	\$ 19,997.94
FIRE DISTRICT 2 DEBT PAYMENT	\$ 1,700.00
	<u>\$ 152,414.56</u>

**CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1
UNCOLLECTED 2025**

241 GALE STREET LLC	\$ 725.55
BELKNAP, CHELSEA & JASON	\$ 133.69
BERES, BENICE & BAILEY	\$ 121.78
CORMIER, DANIEL	\$ 103.54
CSIZMESIA, RYAN & MEGHAN	\$ 158.47
DENARO, JEFFORY	\$ 1,664.73
DORMAN, WAYNE & BEVERLY (L. WALSH)	\$ 99.94
GALLIEN, TYLER & KRISTILYN	\$ 100.15
GOUDREAU, NATHANIEL & KATELYN	\$ 108.62
GOUDREAU, NICHOLAS & ASHLEY	\$ 115.86
JOHNSON, DANIEL	\$ 219.25
LEWIS, DAVID	\$ 213.01
LEWIS, DAVID	\$ 193.65
MARCHAND, JONATHAN & CECILY	\$ 142.66
MOARATTY, ROBERT	\$ 101.74
MORAIS, HENRI & CLAUDETTE	\$ 91.00
PHILIBERT, PAULINE	\$ 140.38
RICE, DIANE	\$ 91.00
SLOCUM, FAITH	\$ 113.89
SPENCER, JOANNE	\$ 913.68
VASQUEZ, DANIEL & HEATHER	\$ 111.95
TOTAL DELINQUENT	<u>\$ 5,664.54</u>

* PAID BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1 2026 APPROVED BUDGET

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
11-011-0998 RETIREMENT	\$ 540.91	\$ 750.00	\$ 275.65	\$ 1,070.00
11-011-0999 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 3,919.54	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,360.40	\$ 5,500.00
11-011-1000 COMMISSIONER FEES	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
11-011-1002 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 2,455.24	\$ 3,390.00	\$ 1,977.34	\$ 5,500.00
11-011-1004 CONTRACT LABOR	\$ 2,302.50	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,458.96	\$ 2,200.00
11+011-1005 DISTRIBUTION CONT LABOR	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
11-011-1006 ADM. EXPENSES	\$ 5,323.64	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,036.14	\$ 6,500.00
11-011-1008 WORK COMP./PROP LIAB.	\$ 1,957.06	\$ 2,563.69	\$ 2,563.69	\$ 2,700.00
11-011-1009 FICA/MEDI	\$ 1,117.94	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,113.15	\$ 1,420.00
11-011-1010 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 537.33	\$ 2,500.00
11-011-1011 OPERATOR EDUCATION	\$ 204.08	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,473.49	\$ 500.00
11-011-1012 OPERATOR SALARY	\$ 13,218.12	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 13,329.76	\$ 14,200.00
11-011-1013 OPERATOR MILEAGE	\$ 1,269.12	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,359.95	\$ 1,400.00
11-011-1015 GENERATOR EXPENSES	\$ 1,519.06	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,972.06	\$ 2,100.00
11-011-1016 OPERATOR PHONE STIPEND	\$ 279.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
11-011-1017 STORAGE TANK UTILITIES	\$ 268.58	\$ 350.00	\$ 361.95	\$ 450.00
11-011-1018 STORAGE TANK EXP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
11-011-1040 COMPUTER UPDATE	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 7,763.03	\$ -
11-011-1100 PUMP STA. UTILITIES	\$ 16,798.61	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 19,635.99	\$ 19,000.00
11-011-1101 PUMP STA. CONT SERVICES	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 760.15	\$ 2,000.00
11-011-1104 CHEMICALS	\$ 2,442.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 4,048.49	\$ 3,000.00
11-011-1106 USDA LOAN	\$ 73,604.00	\$ 73,604.00	\$ 73,604.00	\$ 73,604.00
11-011-1107 AUDITOR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11-011-1401 CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,763.03	\$ 5,000.00
11-011-1408 WATER LINE REPLACEMENT	\$ 736.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11-011-1409 WATER LINE PROJECT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OWED TO FD#2 - 5 YEAR PLAN	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 135,855.65	\$ 154,527.69	\$ 152,414.56	\$ 156,664.00
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
PROJECTED REVENUES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
11-010-1501 WATER CONN. FEE	\$ 90.00	\$ -	\$ 90.00	\$ -
11-010-1502 WATER RENT	\$ 133,819.55	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 139,882.56	\$ 154,564.00
11-010-1505 UTILITY INTEREST	\$ 175.86	\$ -	\$ 99.23	\$ -
11-010-1506 UTILITY CREDIT	\$ 1,551.33	\$ -	\$ 994.38	\$ -
11-010-1602 SAVINGS INTEREST	\$ 186.61	\$ -	\$ 171.36	\$ 100.00
11-010-1609 MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11-010-1611 TRANSFER FROM CAP RES	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 7,763.03	\$ 2,000.00
UNEXPENDED FD#1 FUNDS	\$ 45.66	\$ 5,027.69	\$ 3,414.00	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 135,869.01	\$ 154,527.69	\$ 152,414.56	\$ 156,664.00

REPORT OF THE FIRE DISTRICT #2

In March 2025, Gregory Noyes received a plaque in recognition of his many years of dedicated service as a Prudential Committee member. He was an asset to our water district, and we wished him the best of luck while welcoming Levis Boutin as his replacement.

Hydrant flushing was completed in 2025 as part of our preventive maintenance program. This process involves opening fire hydrants and allowing water to flow through them at high pressure. Flushing helps maintain water quality, prevents rusty water, and ensures that hydrants remain in proper working order and ready for use by the fire department.

The Emergency Management Plan has been updated with assistance that April was able to secure at no cost. The Source Protection Plan has also been updated and is currently awaiting approval from the State.

April, Zach, and Diana worked with Ashley Lucht from Quantified Ventures, a private consulting agency for the State of Vermont, to seek support for water infrastructure needs; however, they ultimately determined that the program was not beneficial.

We continue to face supply chain issues and rising costs, making it necessary to increase water rates again this year. Due to the increased expenses associated with maintaining the Canaan Fire District #2 water system, the Prudential Committee has approved a 10% water rate increase while keeping the current minimum charge unchanged. Depending on usage, the average household will see an increase of at least \$5.00 per quarter starting with the January 2026 billing cycle. Ethan Allen's rate will increase by 20%. We also found it necessary to implement a certified mailing fee for each delinquency notice sent via certified mail. We hope these adjustments will help move the district in the right direction. We are partnering with RCAP Solutions in Vermont. This collaboration offers numerous benefits, including expert guidance in establishing fair and sustainable water rates, free technical assistance for small and rural systems, and access to valuable resources that help communities manage their water systems more effectively. By working together, we can support improved financial planning, strengthen community governance, and develop comprehensive plans to address infrastructure needs, maintain water quality, and safeguard long-term public health.

In response to the water line breaks in 2025, Diana, in coordination with April Busfield and Zachary Brown, and with the approval of the Prudential Committee members, determined that it was critical to pursue funding for necessary improvements. In November 2025, an application was submitted to the Vermont Bond Bank for a grant to replace the water line. Additional applications are planned for the USDA Rural Development (ESWAG) program, the Vermont State Revolving Fund (SRF), and the Northern Border Regional Commission Grant. A preliminary estimate from MSK Engineering places the project cost at approximately \$800,000.

In 2025, the link to the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) was updated as requested by the State. The report—issued by your water supplier and detailing where your water comes from and what it contains—can be found on the Town website at: (https://canaan-vt.org/images/Rev_CCR_2025_-_FD2_VT0005107.pdf) The Water Rules, Regulations, and Schedule of Rates and Charges is available on the Town website. If you are unable to access these documents online, please call the Town Office at 802-266-3370 to request a copy by mail. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

In 2025, lead and copper service line inventory notification letters were mailed to all property owners.

Canaan Fire District #2 meetings are held bi-monthly at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Office. Scheduled meeting dates can be found on town bulletin boards or on the Town website at canaan-vt.org, where minutes from prior meetings are also available. To view them, navigate to the "Agenda & Meeting Minutes" page and select "Fire District #2. The Fire District #2 strongly encourages residents to attend these meetings to stay informed. If you notice or suspect a leak, please call 802-266-7723.

The Fire District #2 Prudential Committee members approved the proposed 2026 Budget at their meeting held on January 12, 2026.

We welcome Jay Wasylyna as Assistant Operator. We also have two backup operators for emergencies: Kevin McKinnon and Chester Smart. Thank you to April, Jay, Kevin, and Chester for all their hard work—we truly appreciate it. We look forward to a better year in 2026. We could not have done it without these employees.

Tony Wheeler, Committee Chair
Jody Riley, Levis Boutin
Canaan Fire District #2 Prudential Committee
April Busfield, Operator

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #2
TREASURER'S REPORT- 2025
Diana Rancourt, Treasurer

Water Utility Billed - 2025	\$ 65,884.25
Billed Interest	\$ 166.11
TOTAL BILLED - 2025	\$ 66,050.36

Water Rents Collected - 2025	\$ 63,360.08
Water Rent Arrears 12-31-2025	\$ 2,690.28
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 66,050.36

RECEIPTS:

Balance - 01-01-2025	\$ (1,535.56)
2025 Water Rents Collected	\$ 68,834.07
2025 Water Rents Penalties	\$ 88.81
Utility Credits	\$ 679.45
Connect/Disconnect	\$ 190.00
Savings Interest	\$ 12.29
Reimbursement from Interest on Loan	\$ 1,369.60
Reimbursement from Fire District 1	\$ 1,700.00
Transfer from Capital Reserve	\$ 11,140.93
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 82,479.59

& CASH ON HAND

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Prudential Orders	\$ 88,904.70
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$ (6,425.11)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 82,479.59

& CASH ON HAND

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #2 CAPITAL RESERVE

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand 01-01-2025	\$ 18,264.98
Interest on Capital Reserve	\$ 183.99
2025 Appropriation	\$ 3,650.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH ON HAND	\$ 22,098.97

EXPENDITURES:

Paid Fire District #2 Orders	\$ 3,618.97
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$ 18,480.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$ 22,098.97

**FD2 PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
DETAILED EXPENDITURES
2025**

FIRE DISTRICT #2	YR 2025
COMMISSIONER SALARIES	\$ 1,200.00
OPERATOR SALARIES	\$ 14,857.96
OPERATOR MILEAGE	\$ 1,591.32
OPERATOR EDUCATION	\$ 983.99
OPERATOR PHONE STIPEND	\$ 120.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 2,966.69
RETIREMENT	\$ 346.36
COMPUTER UPDATE	\$ 7,763.03
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 4,040.96
CHEMICALS	\$ 4,475.63
CONTRACTED LABOR & CONNECTIONS	\$ 943.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 4,575.29
WORKMEN'S COMP/LIABILITY	\$ 2,563.69
FICA	\$ 1,225.32
UTILITIES	\$ 2,703.53
GENERATORS	\$ 1,880.55
DISTRIBUTION LINES	\$ 6,713.01
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 11,413.03
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 25,786.00
STEWARTSTOWN TAX	\$ 368.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 96,517.36

**CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #2
UNCOLLECTED 2025**

BOLTON, JULIE & WILLIAM	\$ 121.03
BOWER, JAMES	\$ 195.21
DAVIS, DAN	\$ 143.90
DECAROLIS FAMILY REV. TRUST	\$ 97.12
DEELY, ED	\$ 590.90
DEGRAY, SCOTT	\$ 97.12
HAYNES, HAVEN JR.	\$ 97.12
HOULE, BENOIT & DEBORAH	\$ 107.86
JOHNSON, DANIEL (D. SPERRY)	\$ 97.12
KENNEY, GUIDA & PAUL	\$ 97.12
KILSON, SAMANTHA	\$ 96.76
LAFLAMME, RICHARD & LINDA	\$ 10.74
MCKEAGE, DIANE	\$ 97.90
MCKINNON, SHORI	\$ 576.08
PAQUETTE, CHRISTOPHER	\$ 96.34
PARISEAU, PHILLIP	\$ 165.77
PERRY, MIKE & TERESA	\$ 97.12
ROWELL, ISAAC	\$ 362.59
WOOD, EDWARD & DENISE	\$ 152.28
TOTAL DELINQUENT	\$ 3,300.08

* PAID BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #2
2026 APPROVED BUDGET

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
12-012-0997 RETIREMENT	\$ 523.22	\$ 750.00	\$ 346.36	\$ 920.00
12-012-0998 OPERATOR HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 4,070.12	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,966.69	\$ 6,000.00
12-012-0999 OPERATOR SALARIES	\$ 6,147.19	\$ 6,454.55	\$ 6,069.78	\$ 6,725.00
12-012-1000 EMPLOYEE WAGES	\$ 7,795.40	\$ 8,185.17	\$ 8,788.18	\$ 8,550.00
12-012-1001 OPERATOR MILEAGE	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,591.32	\$ 1,550.00
12-012-1002 OPERATOR EDUCATION	\$ 223.83	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 983.99	\$ 500.00
12-012-1003 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	4729.91	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 4,040.96	\$ 5,350.00
12-012-1004 CONTRACTED LABOR/EQUIP	\$ 3,375.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 943.00	\$ 3,000.00
12-012-1005 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$ 3,906.88	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,575.29	\$ 5,000.00
12-012-1006 WORK/COMP/LIABILITY	\$ 1,957.05	\$ 2,563.69	\$ 2,563.69	\$ 2,670.00
12-012-1007 UTILITIES	\$ 2,219.23	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,703.53	\$ 2,750.00
12-012-1009 FICA	\$ 1,162.59	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,225.32	\$ 1,500.00
12-012-1010 GENERATORS	\$ 1,753.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,880.55	\$ 2,300.00
12-012-1011 OPERATOR PHONE STIPEND	\$ 279.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
12-012-1012 DISTRIBUTION LINES	\$ -	\$ 825.00	\$ 6,713.01	\$ 2,000.00
12-012-1013 STORAGE TANK	\$ -	\$ 3,900.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
12-012-1019 CHEMICALS	\$ 2,504.93	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,475.63	\$ 4,200.00
12-012-1030 COMMISSIONERS FEES	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
12-012-1040 COMPUTER UPDATE	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 7,763.03	\$ -
12-012-1045 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1046 WELL REHAB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1054 LEGAL SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1055 STEWARTSTOWN TAX	\$ 376.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 368.00	\$ 450.00
12-012-1056 CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00
12-012-1064 DEBT SERVICE #1- USDA LOAN	\$ 18,688.00	\$ 18,688.00	\$ 18,688.00	\$ 18,688.00
12-012-1066 DEBT SERVICE #2- USDA LOAN	\$ 7,098.00	\$ 7,098.00	\$ 7,098.00	\$ 7,098.00
12-012-1620 ARPA WATER PROJECT	\$ 75,313.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-012-1100 CAPITAL RESERVE EXP.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,763.03	\$ -
PRIOR YEAR BUDGET DEFICIT	\$ -	\$ 1,657.59	\$ -	\$ 7,229.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 148,373.34	\$ 90,892.00	\$ 96,517.36	\$ 93,450.00
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
PROJECTED REVENUES	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
12-010-1500 TAX SALE COLLECTOR'S FEE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12-010-1501 CONNECT/DISCONNECT	\$ 180.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 100.00
12-010-1502 WATER RENTS	\$ 65,711.58	\$ 82,302.00	\$ 68,834.07	\$ 85,000.00
12-010-1503 UTILITY INTEREST	\$ 68.36	\$ -	\$ 88.81	\$ -
12-010-1505 UTILITY CREDITS	\$ 379.32	\$ -	\$ 679.45	\$ -
12-010-1602 SAVINGS INTEREST	\$ 50.29	\$ -	\$ 12.29	\$ -
12-010-1605 CAPITAL RESERVE INTEREST	\$ 194.16	\$ -	\$ 175.99	\$ -
12-010-1606 CAPITAL RES. ENTITLMENT	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 11,140.93	\$ 3,650.00
12-010-1613 REIMB. ON LOAN INTEREST	\$ 2,804.30	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,369.60	\$ 3,000.00
12-010-1614 REIMB. FROM FIRE DISTRICT 1	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
12-010-1620 ARPA FUNDS	\$ 75,313.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LOAN FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	\$ 1,657.61	\$ -	\$ 12,326.22	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 151,709.61	\$ 90,892.00	\$ 96,517.36	\$ 93,450.00

CANAAN COMMUNITY RECREATION PARK

The Town of Canaan's Recreation Park Committee, Town Selectboard, Town Clerk and the Community Builders Hub joined forces for an epic community celebration! With generous support from the Tillotson North Country Foundation, the Ben & Jerry's Foundation, Canaan Naturally Connected, the Kiwanis Club of Colebrook, and several in-kind sponsors, residents came together to create a truly memorable event. Together, we honored and supported the brave members of our local fire departments in Beecher Falls, Colebrook, Errol, Pittsburg, and Stratford, as well as our dedicated emergency medical service providers in Colebrook and Errol. The Firefighter's Appreciation Day event, held on July 19, 2025, was a tremendous success. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended, contributed, or volunteered to make the day so special. Special thanks to Angie Flanagan for setting up and maintaining the online store to benefit all the fire departments and emergency medical service providers.

In 2025, several upgrades were made to enhance accessibility, safety, and overall enjoyment of the Recreation Park. These improvements included adding gravel to the walking path from the Library to the park, repairing the parking lot, grinding and polishing the shuffleboard court, installing one complete set of yellow textured pickleball court lines, and performing maintenance on the fitness stations. Pavers were installed to create a walkway from the track to the pad, helping prevent grass from clogging the drains. A new merry-go-round was installed, and playground chips were spread around it and the children's play equipment to ensure a safe play area, with assistance from the Highway Department. Tim Gray, Nathan Burns, and Giovanni Lucian completed the park improvement projects during the summer. We will apply for another grant to support additional park maintenance in 2026. Odette and Harland Crawford generously purchased and donated two dog waste dispensers, along with bags, which will be installed in Spring 2026. The dispensers will be placed next to existing garbage cans for convenient use. The Board is very appreciative.

Many fundraisers were held in 2025, including two dance nights. The first took place on May 27th, with Shifters performing at the Border Jumpers. The second was held on September 6th, featuring Best for Last at the American Legion. A big thank-you to both bands for delivering unforgettable performances that kept everyone on their feet. Both fundraisers were a great success. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Elaine and Dan Dagesse and Dan and Lisa Hebert for their very generous donations. Cheryl Cote continues to hold pitch tournaments at the Time Out Tavern to raise money for various organizations, and the Recreation Park has been fortunate to be a recipient of some of those funds. We are very thankful for her support. The Class of '65 and Jennifer Owen also made generous contributions to the park, for which we are sincerely grateful. The Committee would like to thank everyone who supported us this past year. Whether through personal donations, in-kind assistance, or helpful suggestions, your contributions are invaluable and deeply appreciated. Special thanks as well to all who attended our fundraisers. None of our accomplishments in 2025 would have been possible without the assistance and support of so many dedicated community members. In November, we partnered with Canaan Naturally Connected to sponsor a benefit for an individual undergoing cancer treatment. A spaghetti dinner was held to support this effort.

Dawn Dion collected the fees for the Meadow Lot camping events in August and September, and we are grateful for her assistance. We are also very thankful to April Busfield and Norman Flanagan for their hard work in maintaining the Splash Pad and helping with other park maintenance. Additional thanks go to Nicholas Goudreau for his assistance in repairing the Splash Pad features. We are hoping to hold a few additional fundraisers in 2026. If you are interested in helping with any of our upcoming events or would like to share ideas, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Town Office. We strive to host activities that are enjoyable and engaging for the entire family.

Our plans for 2026 include repairing the shoulder along the walking path, sandblasting the dugouts, installing a new Harry Hopper Fun Bouncer Toy, and continuing work on the fitness stations and shelters. We also plan to install speed bumps to enhance safety and deter speeding in the parking lot. Plans are underway for a community concert to coincide with the town's 250th anniversary. Mark your calendar for July 18, 2026, from 4 to 8 p.m., and will be partnering with the Community Builders Hub and Canaan Naturally Connected. A DASH Grant will be applied for to help cover the costs of this event.

For large groups wishing to use the Rec Park or Meadow Lot, a Use of Facilities Application must be filed with the Rec Park Committee before hosting your event. Depending on the event, a Certificate of Insurance with a \$1,000,000 liability policy may be required. The form can be found at the Town Office or on the Town website: canaan-vt.org. The form can be filled out electronically and can be either emailed to clerktreas@canaan-vt.org or mailed to PO Box 159, Canaan, VT 05903. Failure to comply could result in future requests being denied. Once an event has been approved and completed, an inspection will be conducted and, if necessary, a fee will be assessed for the cost of any damages.

Vandalism has occurred again (damage to the porta-potty and the dugouts was vandalized with graffiti). We continue to ask for your help in the reporting of any vandalism that you see happening or that you discover has occurred to a committee member or the Police. It is up to all of us to keep the park safe for everyone.

Recreation Park Committee members hold monthly meetings at the Town Office on the second Monday of each month at 5 p.m. These meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend. Please note that no meetings will be held in January or February. If you're looking for opportunities to volunteer, the Recreation Park Committee would be glad to hear from you. Special thanks to Zachary Brown for all his help with the Recreation Park. If you are interested in donating to the park, please send a check payable to Canaan Recreation Park and drop it off at the Town Office or mail it to: Town of Canaan, Attn: Canaan Recreation Park, PO Box 159, Canaan, Vermont 05903. Contributions may be designated for a specific project or given as a general donation. All donations are greatly appreciated and will have a positive impact on the community we call home.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

CANAAN RECREATION PARK STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2025

RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand 01-01-2025	\$ 25,750.66
Organization Donations	\$ -
Firefighter Appreciation Day Revenues	\$ 13,332.08
Rec Park Donations & Fundraisers & Pitch Tournaments	\$ 23,314.24
Meadow Lot Revenues	\$ 2,060.00
Grant Funds	\$ 2,000.00
Savings Interest	\$ 355.42
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND	\$ 66,812.40

EXPENDITURES

Contracted Mowing/Trash Removal	\$ 1,245.00
Materials & Supplies	\$ 1,831.76
Administration	\$ 2,389.15
Grant Expenses	\$ 5,960.00
Insurance & Worker's Comp	\$ 449.62
Electricity	\$ 549.51
Firefighter Appreciation Day Expenses	\$ 8,819.15
Meadow Lot Expenses	\$ 400.00
Porta Potty Expenses	\$ 2,874.43
Splash Pad & Equipment	\$ 7,903.63
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 32,422.25
Expenditures - 2025	\$ 32,422.25
Cash on Hand 12-31-2025	\$ 34,390.15
Due to/Due from	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH ON HAND	\$ 66,812.40

**TOWN OF CANAAN - REC PARK
2026 APPROVED BUDGET**

	2025 - Expended	2026 - Proposed
REC PARK MAINTENANCE		
08-081-1010 CONTRACTED TRASH REMOVAL	\$ 200.00	\$ -
08-081-1011 CONTRACTED LABOR	\$ 1,045.00	\$ 500.00
08-081-1012 CONTRACTED MATERIALS	\$ 1,092.28	\$ 1,000.00
08-081-1013 MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	\$ 422.23	\$ 500.00
08-081-1014 WALKING PATH	\$ -	\$ 500.00
08-081-1015 SEED/FERTILIZER	\$ -	\$ 200.00
08-081-1016 SHELTERS/TABLES	\$ -	\$ -
08-081-1017 FIELD REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ 300.00
08-081-1018 COURT EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 500.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,759.51	\$ 3,500.00
PARK ADMINISTRATION		
08-081-1102 NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
08-081-1103 PORTA POTTY EXP- PARK	\$ 1,879.43	\$ 1,200.00
08-081-1202 EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$ -	\$ 200.00
08-081-1301 SPLASH PAD PROJECT	\$ -	\$ -
08-081-1302 SPLASH PAD MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,728.63	\$ 400.00
08-081-1501 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,175.00	\$ 2,000.00
08-081-1503 MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	\$ 317.25	\$ 500.00
08-081-1615 FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY EXPENSES	\$ 8,819.15	\$ -
08-081-1730 DASH GRANT EXPENSES	\$ 3,960.00	\$ -
08-081-1760 VT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT EXPENSE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
08-081-2000 SALARIES/CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
08-081-2001 INSURANCE/WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 449.62	\$ 500.00
08-081-2003 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	\$ 433.50	\$ 200.00
08-081-2005 ELECTRICITY	\$ 549.51	\$ 600.00
08-081-2012 ADMIN MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	\$ -
08-081-2015 SUMMER PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -
08-081-2016 PORTA POTTY EXP-MEADOW LOT	\$ 995.00	\$ 1,100.00
08-081-2017 MEADOW LOT EXPENDITURES	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 29,707.09	\$ 8,600.00
TOTAL REC PARK ACCOUNT	\$ 32,466.60	\$ 12,100.00
PROJECTED REVENUES - RECREATION PARK ACCOUNT		
	2025 - Actual	2026- Estimated
08-080-1602 SAVINGS INTEREST	\$ 355.42	\$ 150.00
08-080-1603 REC PARK DONATIONS	\$ 20,524.74	\$ 500.00
08-080-1604 PITCH TOURNAMENTS	\$ 184.50	\$ 300.00
08-080-1606 ARPA FUNDS	\$ -	\$ -
08-080-1607 RAFFLES	\$ -	\$ -
08-080-1608 ORGANIZATION DONATIONS	\$ -	\$ 500.00
08-080-1609 GRANT FUNDS	\$ -	\$ -
08-080-1611 PICKLEBALL DONATIONS	\$ -	\$ -
08-080-1612 NEWSLETTER ADS	\$ -	\$ -
08-080-1615 FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY	\$ 13,332.08	\$ -
08-080-1706 FUNDRAISERS	\$ 2,605.00	\$ 5,000.00
08-080-1708 MEADOW LOT REVENUES	\$ 2,060.00	\$ 1,500.00
08-080-1730 NH CHARITABLE FUND DASH GRANT	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
08-080-1760 VT COMMUNITY FOUND. GRANT	\$ -	\$ -
AMOUNT FROM SAVINGS	\$ -	\$ 2,150.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 41,061.74	\$ 12,100.00
NET INCOME	\$ 8,595.14	\$ -

Thanks to all that contributed to the success of the **Firefighter Appreciation Day**, held on July 19, 2025 at the Canaan Recreational Park! Seven local fire & EMS departments were honored & recognized for their contributions to the region.



SAVE THE DATE
JULY 18, 2026 from 4-8 PM
FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT
AT THE CANAAN REC PARK!



Live music by “The Shifters” on the Catamount Arts stage, food vendors & fun!
Join your neighbors for a great time, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the USA!

Sponsored by:
The Canaan Rec Park Committee
Canaan Naturally Connected
The Community Builders Hub
Additional Funders Pending

Zoning Administrator's Annual Report - 2025

With the rising cost of goods, it has been an amazingly busy time this year. We had 1 pole building, new decks, new porches, 2 partial changes of use, a sugar house, rebuilds and additions

During the 2025 year, we issued 39 permits. It is easier to apply and be within the boundaries, than fight your neighbors, and lose.

I would like to thank everyone that applied. We had a few who called and did not need a permit, you never know. We had none that required a special meeting with the Zoning Board.

A reminder, please contact the Town Office, 318 Christian Hill, Zack Brown, Town Administrator at 1-802-266-3370 or me at 802-266-3480 or 603-331-2995, with any questions. Permits are usually required.

You can print a form online at canaanvt.org.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Cote, Zoning Admin

PUBLIC NOTICE:

If you plan on making any site improvement or modifications to your property, please ensure that they meet the zoning laws set forth by the Town. If you have any question, please visit our website **canaan-vt.org** to view the Zoning Bylaws or Contact Cheryl Cote, Zoning Administrator. She can help walk you through the process and answer any questions you might have. If you are in doubt, contact Cheryl or the Town Office.

VITAL STATISTICS 2025

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

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

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

CANAAN VITAL STATISTICS 2024 RECORDED IN CANAAN

MARRIAGES	3	BIRTHS	4	DEATHS	2
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The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

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

The most notable changes are:

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

For text of Act 46, go to

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



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Trevor Colby
Sheriff

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**Essex County Sheriff's Department Report to Canaan Selectboard
for the Period of January 01, 2025 to December 31, 2025**

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

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

During 2025 in Canaan, more than 152 incidents were logged; over 91 were traffic tickets or warnings and over 61 were calls for service. In 2025, 30 traffic tickets were issued in Canaan, or roughly 10% of all tickets issued by the department.

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

Thank you for your continued support,
Sheriff Trevor Colby



BEECHER FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 2025

Current members

Steve Young
Stephen Roy
Norman Flanagan
Bob Couture
Doug Burns
Chris Bissonnette
Dillon Begin
Phillip Rondeau
Nathaniel Rougeau
Donald Gagnon
Asa Boulanger

Bernard Charest
Brian Bissonnette
Alan Leigh
Robert Brousseau
Vernon Crawford
Phillip Pariseau
Christian Anderson
Nick Goudreau
Colby Rodrigue
Hunter Roy
Leland Grenier

Paul Cote
Dan Lepine
Harland Crawford
Jeremy Forkey
Nate Goudreau
Ben Kosalek
Steve Noyes
Jamie Fogg
Roland Roy
Todd Nichols
Ken Knapper

We were able to add five new members in 2025. The new members were Asa Boulange, Donald Gagnon, Leland Grenier, Jeremy Forkey, and Colby Rodrigue. We would like to thank three members who left the department for their years of service to the fire department. Tucker McMann, Raymond Higgins, and Joseph Allen.

The Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire department answered a total of ninety-four emergency calls in the fiscal year December 1, 2024, to November 30, 2025. Our call volume was down by six calls over 2024. There were 6 structure fires in our jurisdiction for the year. The men on the department and all the mutual aid that responded to the Ethan Allen fire in June showed their dedication and commitment as volunteers. The fire was very challenging on a day that was close to 100 degrees. Everyone worked very hard to contain the fire and save many jobs. We would also like to thank all the non-members who showed up that day with food, water and support.

The fire department meets on most Wednesday evenings for training or work sessions. Beecher Falls hosted a weekend training with a company from Manchester NH. United Fire Company instructed the attendees on SCBA training, search and rescue, firefighter survival, and how to take care of our own firefighters if an instance occurs. The training was very informative and has been scheduled again for the end of February 2026.

We continue to build our capital reserves as we can looking forward to the future. The cost of fire equipment has gotten extremely expensive as has the operation of the department. The estimated cost of a new fire engine at today's pricing is in the vicinity of \$750,000 to \$800,000 with a 3 year wait time for delivery. Our newest truck engine 3 is already nine years old. Engine 1 purchased in 1973 with two upgrades is very dated. Engine two is 19 years old. Our tanker and our small rescue are also 19 years old. We currently have vendors scheduled to start the process of purchasing 10 sets of bunker gear if funds allow. NFPA requires that structural firefighting gear be replaced every 10 years. The last 10 sets that we purchased are already 5 years old. We are expecting that the ten sets of gear will be nearly 40,000.00.

The department was involved in three fundraisers for the year. The Border Jumpers Bar and Grill offered to host a Bocci Ball tournament that was well attended and very successful. The American Legion offered to host a Corn Hole tournament that was also successful. The Begin family from Beecher Falls were strong organizers of our annual wood raffle. The firewood was donated by the Begin family and Cunningham Logging. These acts of support are very much appreciated by the department.

The officers of the department would like to thank the membership for all their hard work over the past year. We had some large fires that required extended time on scene and hard work and dedication to see them through. The members never gave up and worked as a team to get the job done. This is not easy when the guys have worked all day, fight fire all night and must go to work the next morning. We want to thank everyone who has reached out to us in any way for your continued support, it is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Chief Steve Young



Fire Warden's Annual Report – 2025

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

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

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

Norman Flanagan
Canaan Fire Warden
603-331-1176



VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, designs installations, and finds financial resources to support the costs of construction. **During the 27+ years of the program, 1,224 grants totaling over \$2.9 million have been provided to Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.**

45th Parallel Emergency Medical Services

2025 Annual Report



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

January 2026

It is an honor to present the 2025 Annual Report for the 45th Parallel Emergency Medical Services. The 45th Parallel EMS is a 501-C-3 nonprofit corporation that was founded in 2008 to provide emergency medical services to Beecher Falls, Canaan, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dixville, Lemington, Norton, Pittsburg and Stewartstown. The agency started as a mix of volunteer and paid staff and has steadily grown over the years. The 45th Parallel EMS is now a full-time paramedic level service, offering the highest available Advanced Life Support services to the member towns, and transport services between local hospitals and larger specialty care and trauma centers.

EMS and healthcare systems nationwide still struggle with staffing issues, equipment and medication shortages, and consequently bed availability at tertiary and specialty care centers. Patients often experience longer waiting times to be seen by their primary care provider, specialists and even the emergency department. For emergency medical services, this means there are fewer ambulances available to respond in systems that are already overstressed. And ambulances that can respond, are traveling longer distances to tertiary care.

Ambulance Activity

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
ALS Transports	594	666	622	657	636	756
BLS Transports	290	339	392	373	363	330
Refused Care	105	123	145	108	123	128
DOA	21	17	38	24	20	21
Cancelled	41	55	41	55	78	82
Assisted Other Agencies	16	22	20	16	9	17
Lift Assist, No Transports	56	50	108	79	92	127
Total Calls	1123	1272	1366	1312	1321	1461

Receiving Destinations	32	49	42	39	26	32
Non – Emergent Transports	61	120	222	232	343	401

Equipment

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

- 45A1 – 2025 Crestline 3500 4x4
- **45A2** – 2024 Crestline 3500 4x4
- **45A3** – 2023 Demers Type II Ford Transit AWD
- **45A4** – 2016 AEV Type 1 F-550 4x4

The cost of a new ambulance is set to have a large increase next year. Due to demand and production delays, it will take over a year to obtain a new truck after ordering. 45A4 is the oldest truck in the fleet with 252,273 miles. It is being used as the “back-up” truck. 45A3 is used primarily for low priority transfers and averages about 75,000 miles a year.

Personnel

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

- 9 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)
- 6 Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT)
- 7 Nationally Registered Paramedics (NRP).
 - All paramedics have completed their PIFT pre-requisite. Most have training as Certified Intensive Care Provider (CICP), or the CCEMT-P Critical Care Paramedic class. We also have one board certified CCP-C critical care provider.

The members of the 45th Parallel EMS would like to extend the invitation to any community members that may be interested in learning about EMS and helping the community. Please feel free to reach out to Chief Chris Tanerillo with any inquiries on ways to participate with the 45th or how to obtain first aid training.

Education and Training

The 45th Parallel EMS partnered with North Woods Center for Continuing Education, to assist with EMS education. The 45th holds monthly in-house training that is offered to staff and local firefighters and EMTs for continuing education. Monthly meetings are tailored to the area we serve, and the unique challenges faced on calls in the North Country. We are also putting on an EMR class in the winter of 2025/2026 with Becker Training Associates to help gain EMS licenses in the community.

Community Education and Involvement

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

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

Public Access Defibrillator Program

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

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

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

911 Signs

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

Board of Directors

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

Steve Young, Chairman
Greg Placy, Vice Chair
Mike Dionne, Treasurer
Mike Collins, Secretary
Ed Lavery
Arnold Gray
Betsy Fontaine
Ed Manemeit
Dwayne Covell
Earl Bunnell II
Ray Gorman
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Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department
Town of Colebrook
Town of Clarksville
Town of Columbia
At Large Seat
Pittsburg Fire Department
Town of Norton
Town of Lemington
Town of Stewartstown
Colebrook Fire Department
Town of Dixville
Town of Pittsburg
Town of Canaan
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Tanerillo
Chief Executive Officer
45th Parallel EMS

NORTHERN BORDERS DISPATCH

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911



Northern Borders Dispatch ended 2025 with the installation of our new computer aid dispatch program. This new system was funded by grant that we received in 2023, part of the grant funds we purchased tablets for each fire department and ambulance department. The tablets give the departments access to see what the dispatch is getting for information on the call and the map location of the call for them to respond to, plus the information and location is also sent to every first responder's cellphone. This has been a great help with snowmobile accidents.

The other part of the grant funds is to simulcast both the Police channels and the Fire/EMS channels. Currently FCC has approved the Police channel simulcast with the addition of a new site on Halls Stream Rd. We are still working with Canada FCC to try to get a license for a channel on East Hereford Mountain for Fire and EMS. We have the agreement with the Canadian towns to put an antenna on that site, plus still waiting to hear from the US FCC to simulcast the sites on Magalloway, Ben Young, Cree Notch, Holden Hill and the Colebrook Town office. We did apply for a grant to fund the new site on Halls Stream Rd.

Seeing day in and day out what the Dispatchers here at Northern Borders Dispatch are responding to makes me, as their administrator, extremely proud of my staff who are taking care of our communities. It's not an easy feat, however, the staff handles every call with the time, care, and the attention each call demands. As calls continue to come in, it is imperative that our lines remain open for those in an actual emergency. Calls that continually clog our lines preventing those vital calls to come through, include the following:

- Power outages with no down lines, sparks, or fires.
- Power restoration times.
- Road and Trail conditions.
- Department of Motor Vehicle inquiries for hours, registrations, forms needed, licensing and medical cards.
- Non-emergency Police calls please call the police department covering your town directly.

To help reduce costs and the call volume into Northern Borders Dispatch, please share the above with your friends and family. Never hesitate to call us when in doubt as we are always here for you. We at Northern Borders Dispatch cannot stress the importance of properly numbering your home or business. For a small donation fee, the 45th Parallel will make you a number sign for your home or business. Please call the 45th Parallel at 603-237-5593 for more details. This simple act will save a life.

Again, I would like to thank the staff at Northern Borders Dispatch for their continued hard work, selflessness, and dedication. Without all of you, Northern Borders would not be what it is today. I would also like to extend our continued gratitude to Colebrook Police Department, Pittsburg Police Department, Coos Sherriff's Department, Essex Sherriff's Department, New Hampshire State Police, Vermont State Police, Colebrook Fire Department, Beecher Falls Fire Department, Pittsburg Fire Department, Errol Fire Department, 45th Parallel EMS, Errol Ambulance as well as our local Border Patrol Agents, New Hampshire and Vermont Fish & Game, Dartmouth Hitchcock Advanced Response Team, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, North Country Healthcare, and more who do what it takes, every day, to protect and service our area communities. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Becky Robinson
NBD Administrator

Newport Local Health Office Annual Report: 2025

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Newport Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Orleans and Northern Essex counties. Some highlights of our work in 2025 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/newport

If you need help accessing or understanding this information, contact AHS.VDHNewport@vermont.gov

Improve Family and Child Health



- In 2025, our Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) team provided direct nutrition education and support services to 157 individuals every month, with 881 participants receiving monthly food benefits.
- This summer, WIC distributed \$3,600 in Farm to Family coupons to WIC families to purchase produce at participating Vermont Farmer's Markets, Farm Stands, and Apple Orchards.
- In 2025, Newport WIC was awarded a USDA Breastfeeding Premier Award of Excellence, in recognition of exemplary breastfeeding practices and community supports. Locally, 75% of infants born in this community were ever breastfed, and 26% of pregnant and postpartum WIC participants are supported by WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselors.

Creating Resilient Communities

- The free Barton Dental Clinic served 38 community members - 84% adults and 16% children—providing no-cost preventive and restorative care. Services included 67 Silver Diamine Fluoride applications, 17 glass ionomer treatments, and 23 fluoride varnish applications. The average client age was 44.
- The Newport Local Health Office community garden yielded 365 pounds of produce that we distributed to the community, including seven large pumpkins, supporting access to fresh, healthy food. Partnering with Salvation Farms, our office distributed another 700 pounds of surplus produce to the community.

Protecting Community Against Injury and Disease

- Newport's immunization team administered a total of 137 vaccines this year to 117 individuals, including at local dairy farms and during Newport's annual PRIDE Fest.
- From October 2024 to October 2025, the Northeast Kingdom MRC volunteered 603 hours (valued at \$20,296) to support public health preparedness and emergency response.



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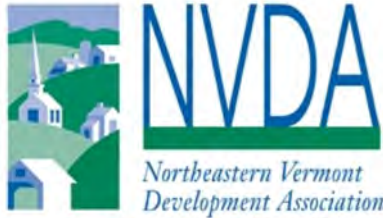


The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by members and comprising municipal officials from across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

Member Benefits – All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 140 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, and fire districts. As members, municipal officials and staff have exclusive access to the following range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services.

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt answers to thousands of questions on municipal operations and how to comply with state and federal legal requirements. A crucial information hub for local officials, VLCT creates topic-based FAQs, guidance, templates, and research reports to simplify the day-to-day work of municipal officials and staff. In 2025, VLCT updated its role-based handbooks – for selectboards, town clerks, town treasurers, and elected auditors – for members’ full online access and also filed Amicus Curiae (“friend of the court”) briefs with the Vermont Supreme Court supporting Burlington and Tunbridge in cases brought against them.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials.** VLCT provides information and training via webinars, classes at members’ locations, and its annual member conference. In 2025, VLCT augmented member dues by using part of its USDA Rural Development grant to offer more than 100 of these trainings at no cost to members to, for example: help them prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters; prepare, adopt, and enforce legal ordinances; and comply with the latest changes in Vermont’s Open Meeting law. Other grant funding is helping VLCT launch its new treasurer training program.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT’s recent legislative efforts were instrumental in creating the \$2 billion Community Housing and Infrastructure Program, protecting municipal authority for legal trails, expanding municipal financing flexibility, and increasing local option tax revenues. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont’s Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Not-for-profit insurance programs.** VLCT’s Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers’ compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members low group rates on desirable employee benefits. All of these are what municipalities need and ask for, and they help Vermont local governments stretch their budgets.

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



Annual Report to the Voters of Canaan

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

Our service delivery relies on annual dues from our member communities. These funds allow us to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage additional state and federal funds that benefit our region.

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

- Land use planning and regulation;
- Transportation studies and project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS services;
- Grant writing and administration;
- Direct business support, resource referrals, and lending to strengthen employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning;
- Planning for natural hazards and local emergency response;
- Brownfield assessments and remediation assistance;
- Training for local officials.

This year saw the implementation of Act 181, which entails significant reforms to Act 250 jurisdiction and thresholds. NVDA planning staff held training webinars (recordings available on our website) and spent countless hours creating regional land use maps in accordance with the statutory guidance. We met with local officials in your community to review draft maps, seek public comment, and answer questions. NVDA worked with the Planning Commission to refine the boundaries of transition areas, and create a resource-based recreation area in the regional FLU map.

In 2025, NVDA staff provided technical assistance in emergency planning and the MERP grant. Staff assisted Fire District #2 with a Bond Bank Grant and produced a map for the application. Other grant support was provided for the Northern Borders Regional Commission for Canaan Naturally Connected. NVDA assisted with the preparation of Canaan's Town Plan, and reviewed and regionally approved the recently adopted Town Plan. In addition, we helped support Act 174: Enhanced Energy Planning with Renewable Energy Siting Guidelines.

NVDA dues are just \$0.95 per capita, with a maximum of \$4,430.00 and a minimum of \$630.00. We take great pride in serving the communities and businesses of the NEK. This additional contribution allows us to continue providing a high level of professional service. We work hard to keep communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact Ihiggs@nvda.net to receive our e-newsletter, and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,

David Snedeker
Executive Director

CANAAN NATURALLY CONNECTED INC 2025 TOWN REPORT

What a year it's been for Canaan Naturally Connected and all of our partners! Many thanks to everyone who has supported our organization during 2025! Be it in-kind work, financial, or positive words shared with others, we are truly thankful. Once again, we are grateful for the voters of Canaan for your support in voting for our petition at the Town Meeting. Your tax dollars went towards the very successful Firefighter Appreciation Day in July, better tree lighting in Fletcher Park during December, and other projects that benefited the community and its members, such as supporting the Canaan Elementary EPIC After School Program holiday plays.

If you would like to review 2025 year's activities, please go to our website www.canaanvt.com and select the "Goals and Input" tab, then select "Agendas/Minutes/News Articles". This will open all our newspaper submissions for 2025. While on that page, please look at our minutes to get detailed information, should you choose. Also, take a moment to look at the 2025 Gallery for photos. A monthly column is also available in The Colebrook Chronicle.

We are very humbled and excited for having been the recipient of so many grants during this year. We will be able to have the Canaan Community Center become a reality, have a very strong Winter Series, and enable us to be able to cover advertising costs, materials, and other items that come up. We thank the Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation, Bangor Savings Bank Foundation, Freeman Foundation, Neil & Louise Tillotson New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, New England Grassroots Grow, Northern Borders Regional Commission, Tillotson North Country Foundation, USDA, Vermont Arts Council Facilities, Vermont Community Foundation's anonymous donor, and Vermont Humanities, for awarding our organization with grants to fulfill brick and mortar to programming needs for our town and surrounding areas. A heartfelt thank you goes to those who have and continue to support CNC through the Capital Campaign. CNC owes so much to our truly dedicated grant team! Without them, all of this would not be possible.

As we begin a very positive and productive 2026, we hope that more get-togethers with small groups will continue. These opportunities provide us with much needed feedback, data, and new members. The Winter Series begins in January and will run through May, providing a means to gather together to share a meal and experience fun and educational events in exchange for your thoughts, ideas. We look forward to your involvement with The Canaan Community Center in the not so distant future and holding events in that location! Community Center and Building Meetings for updates will continue where everyone is invited to attend. All events and meetings will be posted well in advance for greater community participation. Fundraising will continue to help fund monthly costs for the upkeep of the Center, as well as the opportunity to rent the building for events once it is in fruition. What a new and exciting phase to move into, and we hope that many will become a part of it.

CNC members look forward to 2026 and remain excited about the possibilities and partnerships that will continue to be made for the Town of Canaan! We invite anyone who has an interest in working with CNC to please get in touch with us. Monthly meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Besides the Destination Website <http://canaanvt.com> you can email your questions to cnaturallyc@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page, Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.



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2025 Annual Report

The Canaan Historical Society has had a productive 2025. We are nearly sold out of the second printing of Volume One of *From Stump to Mill and Side Trips in Between*, and more than two-thirds of Volume Two have also been sold. While supplies last, books may be ordered for \$34.95 each, plus \$6.00 for mail orders. Mail orders should be sent to: Canaan Historical Society, PO Box 214, Canaan, VT 05903. Books may also be purchased by calling 603-331-3410.

Due to the renovation project at the Library's Carriage Barn, the Society sought secure storage for the antiques displayed there. We are very grateful to David Begin, who has generously provided a 20-foot storage container rent-free for two years. Most of the items from the Carriage House have now been moved to the container in Beecher Falls. We also extend a special thanks to Denise Woods' class from CMHS for their much-appreciated help with the move.

Three years in the making, the newest addition to the 146-mile Pioneer Trail silhouette circuit has been installed in Fletcher Park—a statue honoring the late Bea Holmes. The park is now home to Bea's enduring presence in the Northeast Kingdom. The unveiling ceremony was held just before the Sugar on Snow event on Friday, August 1st. This project required close cross-border coordination. We worked with Canaan Naturally Connected and the Town on the U.S. side, as well as members of the Coaticook Regional County Municipality in Canada. During the ceremony, several speakers highlighted the collaboration and the significance of completing this newest cutout statue. Harland Crawford, dressed in period attire, served as the emcee for the event. Tiling around the statue was expertly completed by Billy Rioux of Clarksville, and we extend special thanks to François Bouchy-Pichon and Diane Lauzon-Rioux for their support in making this project possible, along with the Tillotson North Country Foundation for providing funds to support the Pioneer Trail. In the spring, we will continue enhancing the display by installing a QR code audio feature.

We have been fortunate to receive continued support from taxpayers, who have appropriated \$2,000 to help defray ongoing maintenance costs.

The foundation for the St. Thomas Church bell has been installed on the Library lawn, using stones as a base. The Town of Canaan highway crew has placed additional stones and moved the bell from the Carriage House. The Canaan Memorial High School CTE class built the frame for the base and will install a protective covering at a later date.

A Wassail Party (Holiday Party) was held on December 19th at 4:00 p.m. The program featured a slideshow showcasing some of the thousands of glass negatives in our collection. Thank you to those who follow our Facebook page. We try to post an interesting photo each week and enjoy the feedback.

We meet on the third Friday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Alice M. Ward Memorial Library. To better accommodate younger working members and encourage their participation, we are considering adjusting the meeting time. Please note that no meetings are held in January, February, or March. For those unable to attend in person, we are also set up to hold meetings via Zoom. Donations of historical artifacts and monetary contributions are gratefully accepted. They may be mailed to the Canaan Historical Society, PO Box 214, Canaan, Vermont 05903, or dropped off in person during our open hours.

Connecticut River Joint Commissions

Giving voice to New England's great river

New Hampshire – Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission

Vermont – Connecticut River Watershed Advisory Commission



Mission: The Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) is a bi-state organization dedicated to helping preserve the visual, ecological, and working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley while encouraging and maintaining economic viability throughout.

Guided by its mission, the CRJC works to shape and support activities within the watershed by initiating, reviewing, and providing input on a range of projects and regulatory proposals, including those related to shoreland protection, energy development, and clean water initiatives. Although the Vermont and New Hampshire Commissioners and local representatives pursue their own independent efforts, they are united by a deep respect and shared commitment to the Connecticut River, its surrounding landscapes, and the broader regional ecosystem. This collective spirit not only honors the achievements of the past decades but also fosters collaboration and accountability for the river's continued stewardship into the future. With its Full Commissions board and five Local River Subcommittees (LRS), more than 65 volunteers regularly engaged in the CRJC mission during Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) or July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Commissioners work in FY25 was informed by the CRJC's longstanding Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan, its current 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, and 35 years of experience. During FY25 the CRJC Commissioners engaged in the following priority activities through research and proactive engagement of local and state stakeholders from both states:

- Reviewed the VT & NH respective enabling statutes and worked on revisions for the CRJC mission statement.
- Water quality monitoring sites;
- Virtual expert presentation on the Connecticut River Water Quality and trends
- Commented and continued Intervenor status for the FERC hydro-power dam relicensing for the Vernon, Bellows Falls, and Wilder stations.
- Commented on the Dalton Landfill
- Participates in valley-wide projects on agriculture and stormwater working to address nitrogen pollution in the river.
- Remained apprised of other potential impacts/improvements along the Connecticut River

Both Vermont and New Hampshire funded the CRJC in FY25. State funding allows the CRJC to consistently serve communities of the Valley. In addition, CRJC appreciates the funding assistance of the Vermont LaRosa Partnership to advance water quality monitoring during the 2025 season. In the coming year, the CRJC will:

- *Convene bi-state discussions for collaborative management of the Connecticut River;*
- *Provide two virtual expert presentations for members and the public;*
- *Implement activities on water quality monitoring with state partners and each LRS; and*
- *Convene stakeholders to gather input for the Tactical Basin Plans in Vermont.*

The following individuals comprised the Executive Committee of the Joint Commissions for FY25: Marie Caduto, President (VT); Ted Cooley, Vice President (NH); Jeffrey Miller, Secretary (NH); Jason Rasmussen, Treasurer (VT); Greg Castell (NH); and Margo Ghia (VT).

If you would like more information on any of our projects, or if you are interested in assisting us, please e-mail us at info@crjc.org. For general information on the CRJC see <https://www.crjc.org/>



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

**Success on
Green Up Day
May 3, 2025**



Green Up Day was a resounding success because your community joined the statewide clean-up effort. As you can see by the stats graphic the entire State got a wonderful spring cleaning with nearly all our city and town roads covered. Businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued, and our healthy way of life cherished. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We've been able to rally thousands of volunteers for special projects and flood clean-up across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are also incorporating an innovation challenge fair called **greenSTEM** in 2026 for students in grades 7-12. Our goal is to engage more students in finding environmental solutions and connect them to community service.

We are requesting level funding for 2026.

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play. Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or at www.greenupvermont.org.

2026 Green Up Day is May 2nd.

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.



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

Pursuant to: 20 V.S.A. 53581 of the Vermont Statutes Title 20: Internal Security and Public Safety, Chapter 193: Domestic Pet or Wolf-hybrid Control. Sub-chapter 002: Licenses: A dog must be licensed (registered) by six months of age at your town office. To be licensed, proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required. A veterinarian will provide a form with the rabies vaccination number. There are alternative sources of rabies vaccinations if needed. Call 1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647).

A puppy (or kitten) can have their first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. A dog or wolf/hybrid less than one year of age must be vaccinated to be licensed. A dog two or more years old must have been vaccinated in the preceding 24 months. After the first two rabies vaccinations, vaccinations are only required every 3 years, but need to be licensed yearly. Dog and wolf /hybrids kept for breeding purposes must be licensed with a special license, annually, by April 1. Dogs not licensed after six months of age can be seized and euthanized by law.

Vaccinating and licensing identifies your dog and is proof the dog is protected from rabies in the event an animal or person is bitten. Immediate medical attention would still be needed. These unvaccinated animals could result in being quarantined or possibly euthanized, and the brain tested for rabies.

VSNIP, the VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program, helps income eligible Vermonters have dogs and cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated. Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the cost of licensing a dog, it is the VSNIP's only source of funding. The cost to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with the fee when licensing a dog which goes into a designated account. The number of animals that can be neutered is determined by the dogs licensed.

FACTS: Female cats as young as 4 months can become pregnant. The "mom" cat can/will become pregnant when her nursing is finished. Do not let her outside until she is spayed!

Male cats can travel for miles to find a female in heat, often not returning. Spaying and neutering help prevent forms of cancer later in life in cats and dogs.

Cats and dogs (naturally) mark their territory if not neutered. Resolve Carpet Cleaner will remove the odor. If there are no children in the house, a single moth ball will deter remarking.

70% of cats and 15% of dogs using VSNIP are reported as strays or abandoned, which is cruel and illegal. Report to authorities if you are aware of someone 'disposing' of litters.

Repeat litters can cause uterine infections, mammary tumors, kidney failure, etc., leading to death. Vermont has an overabundance of cats and kittens, please spay before the first heat.

Be wary of any seller of animals that will not allow you to see how they are kept before acquiring. Report suspected neglect to an Agent of the Fish & Wildlife Department who are now tasked with animal welfare. Report to your local Animal Control and Humane Society, too. V.S.A Title 13, Chapter 8 is the Vermont Animal Welfare Statute for your reference.

TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



2026 Town Meeting Appropriation Request and Fiscal Year 2025 Summary Report

Dear Town of Canaan Community Members:

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

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

This request is the same amount as voted at the 2025 Town Meeting and 2.05% 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, **16 lived in the Town of Canaan** benefiting from 827 service hours. NKHS also provided 363 hours of community outreach with Starting Over Strong VT support, community meetings, and training impacting 6034 individuals in the Northeast Kingdom. During this time, over 3995 unique individuals benefited 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

Derby

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PO Box 724, Newport, VT 05855
802-334-6744 · Fax 802-334-7455
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46 Lakemont Road Newport, Vermont 05855

Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

SERVICE REPORT FY 2025

ORLEANS ESSEX V.N.A. and HOSPICE, INC.

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

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

Total Agency Visits FY 2025	27,125
Total Visits FY 2025 - Town of Canaan	1,057

During Fiscal Year 2025, home based services were provided to 39 individuals in Canaan for a total of 1,057 multi-disciplinary visits.

Appropriation Request for 2026.....\$4,400.00

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN
Executive Director



The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging is honored to support older Vermonters in Canaan and throughout the Northeast Kingdom as they age with dignity, independence, and connection. Thanks to the commitment of our communities, we were able to make a meaningful impact throughout Fiscal Year 2025.

Over the past year, we were privileged to support 4,810 unique older Vermonters across the Northeast Kingdom. Together, we achieved the following:

- Delivered 151,099 Home-Delivered Meals to older adults who rely on daily nourishment and safety checks.
- Answered 4,136 calls through our statewide Helpline (800-642-5119), connecting people with fuel assistance, Medicare support, housing resources, crisis intervention, and more.
- Provided personalized guidance and advocacy through 577 case-managed individuals, helping older adults remain safely in their homes with the dignity they deserve.

Canaan Statistics

In FY2025, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging supported 35 older adults in Canaan, providing 12 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 2925 home-delivered meals, ensuring that our older neighbors received nutritious food and critical daily safety checks.

Every day, older residents of Canaan 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.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Winter in the Northeast Kingdom is beautiful—and brutal. Many older adults face the heartbreaking choice between heat and food, a decision no one should ever have to make. Our Fuel Assistance support prevents medical emergencies, protects older Vermonters from dangerous cold, and ensures dignity through the harshest months of the year. Community matters. Compassion matters. And every story matters. When we stand together, no one struggles alone. Thank you for supporting your neighbors and strengthening the spirit of Vermont community life.

The Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging respectfully requests continued financial support from the Town of Canaan to assist older residents in living safely, independently, and with dignity in their own homes and communities. As demand for services continues to grow and the cost of essential supports increases, the Town's partnership is vital. **We respectfully request \$ 1500 in municipal funding to maintain and strengthen services for older adults in Canaan.** Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your continued commitment to supporting your older neighbors.



Activity Report for Town of Canaan
Fiscal Year 2026: July 2025 – June 2026
Town Appropriation Request: \$700

Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression. Umbrella operates 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 12 people in the Town of Canaan 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 Canaan's support.

Respectfully,

Amanda Cochrane
Executive Director



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



Dear voters of the Town of Canaan ,

At NEKLS, our Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program, our K-12 Tutorial program and our Ready, Set, Grow Childcare Center (RSG) are on a mission to provide dynamic and impactful educational experiences for the members of our communities, Including residents of Canaan. Imagine a future where our adult education initiatives flourish and every individual can access high-quality learning opportunities to improve their skills and pursue their dreams. We believe that education is the key to a brighter future for our students, and we need your support to make that happen. Your appropriation of \$1,250.00 will directly fuel our efforts to enhance and expand our programs.

Our Adult Education and Literacy programs, available at learning centers located in Canaan, Hardwick, Island Pond, Newport and St. Johnsbury, have directly benefited Canaan residents who have earned their diplomas, GEOs, 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 childcare is licensed to serve 99 children.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Faust

Michelle Faust
Executive Director

Our mission is to inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond.

Newport (802) 334-6535 | St. Johnsbury (802) 748-5624 / Hardwick (802) 472-3183 / Island Pond (802) 723-1134 / Canaan (802) 274-2608



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

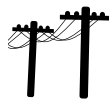
Projected Growth by Year

2025		2026 Projected	
Towns Served	40	Towns Served	55
Miles Built	510	Miles Built	555
Addresses Passed	10,026	Addresses Passed	15,000

SERVICE
AVAILABLE
10,026



1,055
MILES OF NETWORK



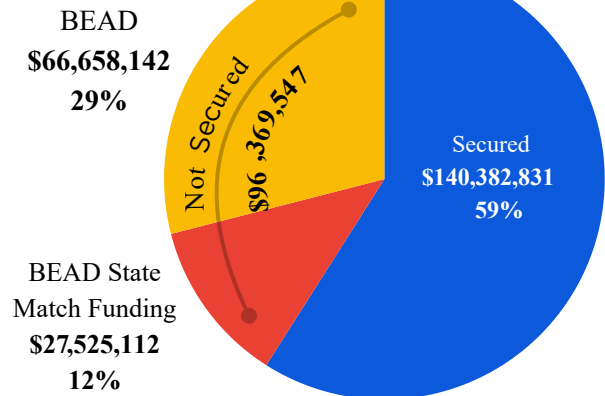
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CUSTOMERS
SERVED



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	\$3,856,318	\$8,708,463	\$8,000,707
Capital Investment Grant	\$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 Excluding Depreciation/Amortization	\$1,247,036	\$1,057,340	\$1,671,193
Administrative Costs	\$3,856,318	\$3,634,149	\$5,089,496
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,103,354	\$4,691,489	\$6,760,689
CASH FLOW FROM	\$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
TOTAL NON-CASH COSTS 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.



Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1677 Industrial Parkway • Lyndonville, Vermont 05851

Phone: (802)748-8170 • Fax: (802)748-5275 • <http://riderct.org>

"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"

Dear Canaan Voters,

Rural Community Transportation (RCT) respectfully requests that the Town approves an appropriation request of **\$1,977.00** during the 2026 annual Town meeting.

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 the residents have access to safe and reliable transportation throughout the region.

As a nonprofit 502(c)(3) corporation, RCT provides public transportation throughout the Caledonia, Essex, Orleans, and Lamoille Counties.

In FY 2025, RCT provided 1,100 rides, traveling 49,654 miles at a total cost of \$88,880.66 to the residents of Canaan. RCT continues to provide safety focused, demand-based rides and all buses operated fare free.

RCT operated with federal and state funding; however, most grants require a local match of 20-50%. Town appropriations are used exclusively for this purpose and therefore critical to maintaining and expanding our services.

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

Sincerely,
Renee Stalczynski

ANIMAL LICENSE REMINDER – April 1st, 2026

ATTENTION CANAAN AND BEECHER FALLS DOG OWNERS

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

The Vermont Legislature has voted to keep the minimum costs the same for 2026. Since Canaan charges the base amount, the cost will remain at \$11 for all altered pets and \$15 for all unaltered pets. Payments and certificates can be brought in or mailed to the Canaan Town Clerk & Treasurer.



Don't Forget to File your Homestead Declarations!

File both HS-122 and HI-144 by April 15, 2026!

By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont homestead must file a Homestead Declaration annually by the April 15th filing deadline. If eligible, it is important that you file so that you are correctly assessed the homestead tax rate on your property. Please remember to file both the 2026 Form HS-122 Homestead Declaration and 2025 Schedule HI-144 Household Income before the April 15th filing deadline.

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

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

- You are a Vermont resident
- You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2026, please note: If you meet these requirements, except that your homestead is leased to a tenant on April 1, 2026, you may still claim it as a homestead if it is not leased for more than 182 days in the 2026 calendar year.

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

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

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



Abstract of the 2025 Town Meeting Minutes

The March 3, 2025, Annual School and Town Meeting was opened by Moderator A. Morgan Wade at 6:00 P.M. Moderator A. Morgan Wade introduced herself and said she was elected as the Moderator. Moderator A. Morgan Wade stated that the meetings are governed by State Laws and the Robert Rules of Order and will be modified if needed. Moderator Wade asked anyone with questions to please stand up and wait to be called on. Moderator Wade also stated to make sure to give your name so the clerk can take notes.

Moderator Wade began the Town meeting by reciting the warning. “The legal voters of the Town of Canaan are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Canaan Memorial High School Gymnasium on Monday, the 3rd day of March 2025 A.D. at 6:00 P.M. to transact the school district business from the floor, and immediately thereafter, to transact the town business from the floor: Moderator Wade commented that she will read Article by Article.

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

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

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,794.00 with revisions, if any, for the following agencies? **Article 3 passed in the affirmative.**

a.	Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	\$ 4,400.00
b.	Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	\$ 1,944.00
c.	Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$ 1,500.00
d.	Tri-County Transit	\$ 2,000.00
e.	Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	\$ 1,250.00
f.	Umbrella, Inc.	\$ 700.00
g.	Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.	\$ 2,000.00
h.	Canaan Historical Society	\$ 2,000.00
	AGENCY APPROPRIATION REQUEST TOTALS	\$ 15,794.00

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

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,150.00 to reclaim and pave, with a 2.5” depth base coat, Treatment Plant Road? **Article 5 passed in the affirmative with one vote in the negative.**

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to offset the cost of the South Canaan Cemetery Fence replacement project? **Article 6 passed in the affirmative with several votes in the negative.**

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

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

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Canaan accept the proposed Highway Budget, with operating expenditures totaling \$308,640.00, of which \$271,787.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$36,853.00 by non-tax revenues, with revisions, if any, for the ensuing year? **Article 9 passed in the affirmative, with a number in the negative and one abstention from Mason Smith.**

ARTICLE 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. (Disclaimer: Any discussion that takes place under this article is for advisory purposes only; no action taken under this article shall be construed as legally binding action of the Canaan Selectboard or other legislative bodies within the Town of Canaan, VT). A discussion was had on the raises given by the selectboard, a thank you was given to Mark Bullard for his years of service on the selectboard, a thank you was given to all of the town employees, and Mike Daley asked voters to vote on the Town Plan.

Moderator Wade adjourned the 2025 Annual Town Meeting at 9:35 PM.

Dated this 12th day of March 2025.

Submitted by: Zachary William Brown, Town Clerk and Treasurer

Approved by: Michael Daley, Selectboard Chair and A. Morgan Wade, Town and School Moderator

Annual Reports of the Canaan School District, Canaan VT for year ending December 31, 2025



"Excellence in Rural Education"

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

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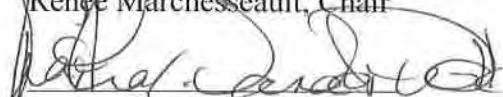
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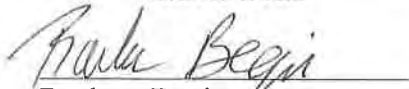
To the inhabitants of the Town of Canaan, Vermont who are legal voters of said Town School District, you are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Canaan Memorial High School Gymnasium on Monday, the 2nd day of March 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to transact the Town Business from the floor and immediately thereafter, to transact the following School business from the floor:

- ARTICLE 1.** To elect all Town School District Officers, as required by law.
(Voting for School District Officers to be by Australian Ballot. Polls open Tuesday, the 3rd day of March from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
- ARTICLE 2.** Shall the voters of the Canaan School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money for current operating expenses in anticipation of taxes?
- ARTICLE 3.** Shall the voters of Canaan School District approve the School Board to expend \$5,530,704 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Canaan School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$17,099 which is .082% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 4.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given unto our hands this 26th day of January 2026.


Renee Marchesseault, Chair


Martha VanderWolk


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**ABSTRACT OF 2025 SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES
WARNING AND VOTE THEREUPON**

The Monday, March 3, 2025, Annual School District Meeting was opened at 6:05 PM by Moderator Morgan Wade. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. The minutes in their entirety are available at the Essex North Supervisory Union Office.

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

CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4. Passed in the affirmative with an amendment to extend the authorization to sell the real estate located at 22 Bridge St., Colebrook, NH for a period of 5 years. Shall the voters of the Canaan School District authorize the School Board to sell the real estate located at 22 Bridge St., Colebrook, New Hampshire (as received by the district by way of a Warranty Deed from W. Timothy Brooks, dated September 26, 2019 with boundary line adjustment dated May 15, 2023)?

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

Submitted by:

Approved:

Approved:

Sylvia LaCasse
Administrative Assistant

Renee Marchesseault
School Board Chairperson

Morgan Wade
School Moderator

WELCOME TO CANAAN SCHOOLS

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

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

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

WHAT WE OFFER

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



Portrait of a Canaan Graduate

Transferable Skills

Clear & Effective Communication

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

Self-Direction

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

Creative & Practical Problem Solving

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

Responsible & Involved Citizenship

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

Informed & Integrative Thinking

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

Content Area Proficiency

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

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

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

Well Being

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



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

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

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

Industry Recognized Credentials	College Credits
Wildland Fire Control	Dendrology Tree and Shrub ID
AHACOR/AED	Forestry Resources
30 Hr.- Intro to Welding at WMCC	Intro to Environmental Science
OSHA -10 (Industry Specific) (General)	Hand and Tool Safety
Game of Logging (1,2,3,4)	Special Topics in Design
SOLO (Wilderness First Aid)	Intro to Business Logic/Ethics
ServSafe Food Handler Certification	Business Software Applications
Tractor & Machinery Operation	Comprehensive Presentation Methods
Basic Life Support CPR	Marketing
First Aid	Accounting I
NIMS Incident Command System: Intro 100	Emergency Medical Technician
NIMS Incident Command System: Basic 200	Biology
NIMS Incident Command System: National 700	Calculus I
Hazardous Materials	Chemistry
Incident Management Responder	Forensic Science
Workplace Readiness	Physics
Logger Education Advanced Professional	Pre-Calculus
National Career Readiness Cert. (Work Keys)	Forensic Science
Man Lift Certification	Quantitative Reasoning
Traffic Incident Management	Statistics
Gemini Certification	Intro to Business Administration
Social Media Marketing	
Sports Marketing Essentials	



Diversified Agriculture students attended the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana



Business students attended the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California



Staff members surprised the students one day by dressing up as lumberjacks before wishing them a great Spring break.



Spring Fling Champs –
The Class of 2028



Homecoming Float Champs -
7th Grade with the theme of
The Grinch Who Stole Christmas



The EPIC After School
Program enjoying some
outdoor learning with Siskin

CANAAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025



Class of 2025 (from L to R): Skye Hatfield, Isabella Ricker, Moriah Marchand, Aislinn Colerick, Jacob Hope, Joseph Noyes, Hayahn Masson, Matthew Smith, Christopher Tubbs, Jessica Nadeau, Leahana Haynes, and A'sia Baptiste



Congratulations Class of 2025

CLASS OF 2025 AWARDS

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
A'sia Baptiste	Arthur & Jacqueline Ross Memorial Scholarship
Isabella Ricker	American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Award (Female) Essex North Education Association Jeffrey Bryan Memorial Scholarship Klinefelter Family Memorial Scholarship North Country Firefighters Association
J Jessica Nadeau	American Legion Dept of Vermont Headquarters Educational Award American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Northland Scholarship Canaan Women's Club Scholarship Carrie Jones Lund Scholarship Les Beal Memorial Scholarship Nancy & Egide Carrier Memorial Scholarship Norton-Averill Memorial Scholarship Paul F. Biron Memorial Scholarship
Joseph Noyes	American Legion Americanism Award (Male)
Leahana Haynes	Abner & Rita Ladd Memorial Scholarship American Legion Northland Post #47 Canaan Women's Club Scholarship Harvey & Annette Boynton Memorial Scholarship Jeanette Maurais Student Athlete Award Kirk Hann Memorial Scholarship Margaret Dempsey Lima Memorial Scholarship
Moriah Marchand	American Legion Northland Post #47 Charles Young Memorial Scholarship Lucas Memorial Scholarship Margaret Dempsey Lima Memorial Scholarship

THE CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS

The following scholarships are held by the Canaan School District for disbursement as seen fit by the various scholarship committees and donor's family. The totals listed below are the balances, as of fiscal year end June 30, 2025 for the various accounts. These totals are made up of both savings accounts and certificates of deposit at Bangor Savings Bank and Citizens Bank. The Carrie Jones Lund Scholarship also has numerous stock certificates which earn dividends.

Paul Biron Scholarship	\$	1,408.39
Nicole Blanchard Scholarship	\$	53.84
Harvey & Annette Boynton Scholarship	\$	3,461.35
Jeffrey Bryan Memorial Fund	\$	2,377.23
John & Stanley Carr Memorial Fund	\$	4,551.08
Nancy & Egide Carrier Memorial Fund	\$	1,620.66
Canaan Scholarship Fund	\$	24,171.44
Kenneth Kirland Hann Scholarship	\$	16,637.59
Margaret Lima Memorial Scholarship	\$	14,255.60
Edwina Lucas Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$	5,101.59
Carrie Jones Lund Scholarship Fund	\$	10,698.94
Jeannette Maurais Mem. Scholarship Fund	\$	950.39
Peter Peron Scholarship	\$	-
Arthur & Jacqueline Ross Mem Scholarship Fund	\$	317.76
Neil Tillotson Fund	\$	-
Charles Young Scholarship	\$	446.49
Total Scholarship Funds Available	\$	86,052.35

CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF 2025-2026

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

SUPPORT STAFF

Josee Berry	B.S.	Student Assistant Program (SAP) Coordinator
Aaron Blake		Custodian
Katelyn Goudreau		Paraeducator
Scott DeGray		Custodian
Stacey Placey		Administrative Assistant
Frank Sawicki	B.A.	Technology Integration Specialist

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

December 20, 2025

Grade	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Total	19	9	10	15	10	19	9	13	9	15	7	14	8	14

Elementary (PK-6):103

Secondary (7-12):68

Total Enrollment:171

Canaan School Board – Chair’s Annual Report

This past year has been one of continued transition and careful planning for the Canaan School District. As in many small rural communities across Vermont, we continue to face the challenges of declining enrollment. Fewer students naturally affect everything from course offerings to staffing levels, and the Board has worked diligently to balance these demographic realities with our commitment to providing a strong educational experience for every child.

Maintaining fiscal responsibility remains a central focus of our work. We have examined expenditures closely, sought efficiencies wherever possible, and collaborated with our administrative team to ensure that resources are directed where they have the greatest impact on student learning. Even with tightening budgets, our priority remains to support programs that keep Canaan’s school a vibrant, safe, and effective learning environment.

This year has also been marked by statewide discussions and proposals regarding the consolidation of supervisory unions and broader efforts to equalize educational opportunities while managing tax burdens across Vermont. The Board continues to monitor these developments closely. We have participated in conversations with state officials and neighboring districts to understand how potential structural changes could affect our community—both financially and educationally. As always, we advocate to ensure that any statewide decisions recognize the unique needs of small, rural schools like ours.

Despite the uncertainties, we remain proud of the resilience and dedication shown by our students, staff, and families. Our school continues to be a cornerstone of the community, and the spirit of collaboration and problem-solving that defines Canaan has carried us through another productive year.

On behalf of the Canaan School Board, I thank the community for your ongoing support, your engagement, and your belief in the importance of public education. We look forward to continuing our work together in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Chair, Canaan School Board

Report of the Superintendent

Canaan Schools are grateful for the continued support of the Canaan community. Serving students from kindergarten through grade 12, our school is a central part of town life. The past year brought many accomplishments made possible through strong community involvement.

Students continue to make steady academic progress. This year, the district began transitioning to proficiency-based grading to better communicate student learning and is aligning curriculum across all grade spans for a more consistent experience. Club offerings have expanded, giving students more opportunities to explore interests and develop skills. The EPIC afterschool enrichment program remains a highlight, and FBLA, Key Club, and FFA clubs have performed exceptionally at state and national conferences. Our 6th-grade students designed ornaments for the Vermont Christmas tree in Washington, D.C., showcasing their creativity on a national stage. Notably, ornaments created by other students were also showcased at the White House, highlighting their talent and ingenuity.

Canaan Schools remain focused on educating the whole child. A community-based life skills program helps students build independence and real-world skills, while athletics, now spanning kindergarten through grade 12, continue to promote teamwork, confidence, and healthy habits. Several staff members have pursued additional teaching license endorsements to better meet student needs, and collaboration with neighboring districts helps address staffing challenges. Adult education opportunities, supported through grant funding, have also provided additional learning and skill-building for community members beyond the traditional school day.

The new building in the Canaan Community Forest has been utilized for many community events and ongoing learning opportunities for the integrated trades program, strengthening connections between school, students, and the wider community. Family engagement events and community forums focused on legislative advocacy continue to bring students, families, and residents together in meaningful ways.

As we look ahead, Canaan Schools remain committed to strong academics, student well-being, and careful stewardship of town resources. *My deepest gratitude to the residents of Canaan for their continued support and engagement.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lawcewicz

Superintendent of Schools

Essex North Supervisory Union

Principal's Report

Ryan Csizmesia

This school year has been one of hard work, change, and steady progress for Canaan Schools. Every day I see students, staff, and families showing up for one another, and I am grateful for the resilience and care that defines this community. Despite the fiscal challenges facing small rural schools across Vermont, our students continue to learn, lead, and do work they can be proud of.

A major focus this year has been strengthening teaching and learning. Our staff has continued professional development around high-quality instruction, clear learning targets, and meaningful feedback for students. Beginning in the second semester, we are moving toward proficiency-based grading practices. This shift is designed to give clearer information about what students know and can do, and to better align grading with learning rather than simple point accumulation.

We continue to prioritize literacy and math achievement. Intervention supports continue to be implemented, and we are using assessment information to guide instruction. This is steady, ongoing work, and our commitment to improving student outcomes remains strong.

Canaan Schools also stepped onto a broader stage this year. We were honored to host the Vermont Senate Education Committee in our building. Staff, students, administration, school board members, and community members shared their perspectives directly with legislators, powerfully advocating for the needs and realities of small rural schools. The message was clear: schools like ours matter, and the opportunities we provide depend on sustained support.

Learning here extends well beyond traditional classrooms. Our students continue to be active in athletics, the arts, and community service. A new addition this year has been our school podcast, Canaan Uncut, which gives students a platform to interview guests, reflect on school life, and build real-world communication skills. It has quickly become a point of pride and a strong example of student leadership.

We have worked hard to maintain safe, clean, and welcoming facilities so that students have an environment where learning can happen. I want to recognize our custodial and maintenance staff for their daily efforts behind the scenes to keep the building warm, functional, and ready for students.

Most importantly, I want to thank the people who make this place what it is. Our teachers and support staff care deeply about kids. Our students are kind, hardworking, and resilient. Our families and community continue to show up for the school, whether attending events, volunteering, or advocating for our future.

It is an honor to serve as principal of Canaan Schools. I look forward to the continued work ahead as we support our students today and protect the future of our small, rural school for the next generation.

Sincerely,
Ryan Csizmesia
Principal, Canaan Schools

Director of Student Support Report

Emily Cooney

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Emily Cooney
Director of Student Support

2025 Facilities and Maintenance Director's Report

Scott Conroy

The 2025 year brought its usual challenges for Canaan Schools, along with steady progress in maintaining and improving our facilities. A significant change was the retirement of a long-term custodian whose experience and dedication were greatly valued. His departure left a noticeable gap in daily operations, and while replacing that level of experience has been challenging, we are currently onboarding a new custodian and are hopeful this individual will be a strong addition to the team.

Several important safety upgrades were completed in 2025. Both school buildings are now fully connected to the fire alarm system, ensuring that an alarm pulled in either building triggers the system for school wide. This required additional overhead wiring between buildings and was completed with funding from the planned "Canaan Connector" project that did not move forward.

Building security was improved through the installation of additional cameras purchased through a grant. These cameras expanded coverage in key areas that were previously unmonitored. While additional cameras are still needed, this work significantly strengthened overall security, with further expansion planned for 2026 as funding allows.

Custodial operations saw a major shift this year. Due to changes with our previous vendor, the district transitioned to performing gym floor stripping and waxing in-house. A propane floor stripper and supplies were purchased from Brady Group, and the custodial staff completed the work themselves. Despite being a first-time effort, the results were excellent and resulted in substantial cost savings.

Mechanical work focused on the high school boiler room. Boiler #2 developed a leak similar to one repaired in the elementary school the prior year. DHI Construction repaired the issue by replacing seals and re-torquing connections, avoiding costly boiler section replacement. Additional in-house maintenance addressed aging components on Boilers #1 and #2, including burner tubes, motors, a squirrel cage fan, and a low-water trip. Both boilers are now operating reliably.

We also replaced an aging lawn mower, purchasing a new unit from DTM at a favorable price. The old mower was sold through a sealed bid process, with proceeds applied toward the replacement.

Finally, planning continued for improvements to drainage near the gym entrance and ADA-compliant access. Barton & Wilcox, which completed a site survey in 2024, is moving forward with engineering work. The School Board has identified this as a priority project for 2026.

Overall, 2025 reflected a year of hands-on problem-solving, safety improvements, and cost-effective maintenance that will continue to support the long-term needs of Canaan Schools.

Report of the Curriculum, Grants, and Community Schools Coordinator

Dr. Theresa Mercier

Curriculum

Progress Markers:

- Pre-K curriculum review completed; Creative Curriculum identified as leading option.
- Bookworms literacy and iReady math implemented in K–6.
- Year-long curriculum calendars and master K–6 schedule developed.
- Secondary needs assessment completed; Social Studies curriculum adopted for grades 6–12.
- Portrait of an Educator development initiated to guide instruction and professional learning.

Across ENSU and Canaan, significant work has focused on strengthening curricular coherence and alignment across grade spans. In PreK, an updated curriculum is being selected, with The Creative Curriculum emerging as the leading option. In K–6, curriculum internalization has been a priority, including implementation of Bookworms literacy, iReady math, and the development of year-long curriculum calendars and schedules that support both core instruction and interventions. At the secondary level, needs assessments have led to curriculum adoption and reallocation of grant funds. Ongoing work includes development of unit plans, vertically aligned curriculum, and the creation of a Portrait of an Educator to guide instructional expectations and professional learning.

Instruction

Progress Markers:

- Weekly learning walks and informal observations established across grade levels.
- Regular instructional leadership implemented.
- Professional development delivered on learning targets, UDL, inclusive practices, and iReady.
- MTSS instructional coordination strengthened for Tier 2 and Tier 3 supports.
- Elementary–middle school transition structures established through cross-grade collaboration.

Instructional leadership has emphasized observation, feedback, and professional development. Regular learning walks and informal observations are being used to monitor curricular implementation and instructional practices, with follow-up communication to staff. Professional development has focused on learning targets, UDL, inclusive practices, and effective use of instructional programs such as iReady. Instructional leadership meetings support coordination across PreK–12. MTSS structures are being supported through coordination with intervention staff and alignment of instruction to student needs.

Assessment

Progress Markers:

- Comprehensive local assessment calendar finalized and implemented.
- Fall benchmarking (Aimswest, NWEA, iReady) completed.

- Assessment data shared with teachers and integrated into MTSS
- Proficiency-based grading implementation is planned

Assessment systems have been strengthened through a clearly defined local comprehensive assessment system. Beginning-, middle-, and end-of-year assessments (Aimsweb, NWEA, iReady, Cognia, and local exams) have been scheduled. Proficiency-based grading continues in K–6, with parallel reporting structures in grades 7–12, supporting consistency and transparency.

Grants

Progress Markers:

- All active grants submitted and received first-round approvals.
- Reimbursements submitted and grant amendments managed as required.
- BEST/Act 230, PLP, Afterschool, Tobacco Prevention, and Community Schools grants approved or under active implementation.
- Continuous Improvement Plan completed, updated, and has achieved final approval.

Grant management has focused on compliance, sustainability, and alignment to district priorities. All major grants have received initial approvals, with reimbursements submitted and amendments addressed as needed. Recently approved or submitted grants include BEST/Act 230, Community Schools, PLP integration, Afterschool, Tobacco Use Prevention, and McKinney-Vento. The Continuous Improvement Plan has been completed and updated in alignment with data and AOE guidance. Ongoing collaboration with district leadership ensures grant-funded initiatives directly support curriculum, instruction, student supports, and community engagement.

Community Schools

Progress Markers:

- Community Schools leadership team established and meeting regularly.
- EPIC afterschool and summer programs expanded, with increased enrollment and student leadership roles.
- Afterschool programming extended to include grades 9–12.
- Community Connections communication strategies launched (newsletters, events, outreach).
- Partnerships with mental health providers sustained and expanded.

Community Schools work continues to advance the five pillars: integrated student supports; expanded and enriched learning time; family and community engagement; collaborative leadership; and safe, equitable, and inclusive learning environments. Leadership teams meet regularly to coordinate efforts and monitor progress. Key initiatives include expansion and coordination of EPIC afterschool and summer programming (including growth into grades 9–12), development of a Community Academy for adult education, and strengthened communication through newsletters, social media, and community events. Data team meetings, partnerships with mental health providers, peer observation systems, and professional development aligned to the Portrait of an Educator support both student success and staff growth. Enrollment and participation in afterschool and community programs continue to increase, reflecting strong community engagement.



Proven Expertise & Integrity

January 16, 2026

School Board
Canaan Town School District
Canaan, Vermont 05903

We have been engaged by the Canaan Town School District and are auditing the financial statements of the Canaan Town School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025. The following statements and schedules are being reviewed with management and have been excerpted from the 2025 financial statements, a complete copy of which, will be available for inspection at the Canaan Town School District Office upon completion of the audit.

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds	Statement C
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	Statement E
Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund	Schedule 1

RHR Smith & Company
Certified Public Accountants
Vermont Registration No. 092.0000697

CANAAN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	Grants Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 391,956	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,520	\$ 431,476
Investments	-	-	-	26,391	26,391
Accounts receivable (net of uncollectibles)	509,407	-	490,188	-	999,595
Prepaid items	1,350	558	-	-	1,908
Due from other funds	-	97,342	34,455	-	131,797
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 902,713	\$ 97,900	\$ 524,643	\$ 65,911	\$ 1,591,167
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 109,771	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109,771
Accrued salaries	14,208	-	-	-	14,208
Accrued expenses	1,244	581	-	-	1,825
Due to other funds	131,797	-	-	-	131,797
TOTAL LIABILITIES	257,020	581	-	-	257,601
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred revenues	5,601	97,319	-	-	102,920
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	5,601	97,319	-	-	102,920
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	1,350	558	-	-	1,908
Restricted	-	-	-	65,911	65,911
Committed	-	-	524,643	-	524,643
Assigned	3,826	-	-	-	3,826
Unassigned	634,916	(558)	-	-	634,358
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	640,092	-	524,643	65,911	1,230,646
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 902,713	\$ 97,900	\$ 524,643	\$ 65,911	\$ 1,591,167

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT E

CANAAN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund	Grants Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ 4,287,892	\$ 165,414	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,453,306
Tuition	821,540	-	-	-	821,540
Food service	128,569	-	-	-	128,569
Investment income	7,331	-	-	-	7,331
Miscellaneous revenues	240,523	-	-	104,350	344,873
TOTAL REVENUES	5,485,855	165,414	-	104,350	5,755,619
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Instructional	2,050,852	29,385	-	-	2,080,237
Special education	519,177	-	-	-	519,177
Improvement of instruction	251,313	-	-	-	251,313
Student activities	137,155	13,985	-	-	151,140
Guidance	87,808	2,869	-	-	90,677
SAP services	97,060	-	-	-	97,060
Health services	105,800	-	-	-	105,800
Library	75,841	-	-	-	75,841
School Board	20,327	-	-	-	20,327
Supervisory Union assessment	309,375	-	-	-	309,375
Administration and fiscal services	353,751	-	-	-	353,751
Transportation	112,495	-	-	-	112,495
Plant operations	460,152	119,175	38,286	-	617,613
Grounds maintenance	5,500	-	-	-	5,500
Food service	157,440	-	-	-	157,440
Program expense	-	-	-	126,038	126,038
On-behalf payments	612,927	-	-	-	612,927
Debt service:					
Principal	-	-	50,000	-	50,000
Interest	-	-	16,857	-	16,857
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,356,973	165,414	105,143	126,038	5,753,568
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	128,882	-	(105,143)	(21,688)	2,051
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	-	66,857	-	66,857
Transfers (out)	(66,857)	-	-	-	(66,857)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(66,857)	-	66,857	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	62,025	-	(38,286)	(21,688)	2,051
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	578,067	-	562,929	87,599	1,228,595
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 640,092	\$ -	\$ 524,643	\$ 65,911	\$ 1,230,646

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CANAAN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 578,067	\$ 578,067	\$ 578,067	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Act 68 state aid	3,446,071	3,446,071	3,446,071	-
Tuition	872,028	872,028	821,540	(50,488)
Intergovernmental - state and federal	385,516	385,516	228,894	(156,622)
Food services	118,800	118,800	128,569	9,769
Investment income	5,000	5,000	7,331	2,331
Miscellaneous	57,500	57,500	240,523	183,023
Amounts Available for Appropriation	5,462,982	5,462,982	5,450,995	(11,987)
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Current:				
Instructional	2,230,339	2,230,339	2,050,852	179,487
Building trades	50,000	50,000	-	50,000
Special education	412,098	412,098	519,177	(107,079)
Improvement of instruction	247,705	247,705	251,313	(3,608)
Student activities	150,950	150,950	137,155	13,795
Guidance	68,658	68,658	87,808	(19,150)
SAP services	90,836	90,836	97,060	(6,224)
Health services	105,424	105,424	105,800	(376)
Library	83,151	83,151	75,841	7,310
School Board	34,874	34,874	20,327	14,547
Supervisory Union assessment	347,328	347,328	309,375	37,953
Administration and fiscal services	370,804	370,804	353,751	17,053
Transportation	260,570	260,570	112,495	148,075
Plant operations	564,885	564,885	460,152	104,733
Grounds maintenance	-	-	5,500	(5,500)
Food service	149,050	149,050	157,440	(8,390)
Transfers to other funds	68,243	68,243	66,857	1,386
Total Charges to Appropriations	5,234,915	5,234,915	4,810,903	424,012
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 228,067	\$ 228,067	\$ 640,092	\$ 412,025
Utilization of assigned fund balance	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ (350,000)

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CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY 27 Proposed

Description	FY26 Approved Budget	FY 26 Anticip. Expense	FY27 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY26-FY27
1199 Pre-K				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	57,150	57,150	60,865	3,715
120 Director	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
120 Pre K - Para (1 FTE)	24,656	27,695	34,420	9,764
210 Group Insurance	4,885	39,767	40,432	35,547
220 FICA	6,700	6,875	7,672	972
234 VT Retirement	1,450	1,600	1,979	529
260 Payroll Insurances	1,600	1,146	1,600	-
339 Substitutes-Contracted from ENSU	5,000	5,000	-	(5,000)
610 General Supplies	1,000	1,332	900	(100)
640 Books & Periodicals	200	47	300	100
810 Dues & Fees	240	248	240	-
Total Pre-K	107,881	145,860	153,407	45,526
1100 Kindergarten				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	72,000	74,000	76,160	4,160
210 Group Insurance	3,636	1,636	1,636	(2,000)
220 FICA	5,508	5,661	5,826	318
260 Payroll Insurances	800	574	800	-
610 General Supplies	1,000	1,091	400	(600)
640 Books & Periodicals	760	445	300	(460)
Total Kindergarten	83,704	83,407	85,122	1,418
1101 Grade 1				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	62,550	62,550	64,427	1,877
210 Group Insurance	27,838	27,838	29,481	1,643
220 FICA	4,785	4,785	4,929	144
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
610 General Supplies	100	289	-	(100)
640 Books & Periodicals	475	255	110	(365)
Total Grade 1	96,548	96,290	99,746	3,198
1102 Grade 2				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	74,700	74,700	76,941	2,241
210 Group Insurance	1,636	1,636	1,636	(0)
220 FICA	5,715	5,715	5,886	171
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
610 General Supplies	500	289	-	(500)
640 Books & Periodicals	175	-	80	(95)
Total Grade 2	83,526	82,913	85,343	1,817
1103 Grade 3				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	69,417	50,400	51,912	(17,505)
210 Group Insurance	38,410	15,305	15,109	(23,301)
220 FICA	5,310	3,856	3,971	(1,339)
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
610 General Supplies	-	353	130	130
640 Books & Periodicals	1,280	-	300	(980)
Total Grade 3	115,217	70,487	72,222	(42,995)

Description	FY26 Approved Budget	FY 26 Anticip. Expense	FY27 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY26-FY27
1104 Grade 4				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	50,400	69,417	71,500	21,100
210 Group Insurance	27,449	27,872	29,515	2,066
220 FICA	3,856	5,310	5,470	1,614
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
610 General Supplies	520	68	-	(520)
640 Books & Periodicals	1,560	268	150	(1,410)
Total Grade 4	84,585	103,508	107,435	22,850
1105 Grade 5				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	74,700	74,750	76,941	2,241
210 Group Insurance	36,694	36,694	40,856	4,162
220 FICA	5,715	5,718	5,886	171
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
610 General Supplies	490	120	420	(70)
640 Books & Periodicals	1,170	-	-	(1,170)
Total Grade 5	119,569	117,855	124,903	5,334
1106 Grade 6				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	50,400	61,200	65,036	14,636
210 Group Insurance	27,885	1,636	1,636	(26,249)
220 FICA	3,856	4,682	4,975	1,119
260 Payroll Insurances	1,100	573	800	(300)
610 General Supplies	-	24	70	70
640 Books & Periodicals	530	583	120	(410)
Total Grade 6	83,771	68,698	72,637	(11,134)
1111 English				
110 Teacher Salary (1.5 FTE)	87,075	87,075	89,687	2,612
210 Group Insurance	39,101	39,111	41,601	2,500
220 FICA	6,661	6,661	6,861	200
260 Payroll Insurances	1,200	907	1,200	-
640 Books & Periodicals	1,990	725	1,990	-
Total English	136,027	134,479	141,340	5,313
1112 Health				
110 Teacher Salary (.5 FTE)	26,550	27,500	28,347	1,797
210 Group Insurance	1,773	774	778	(995)
220 FICA	2,031	2,104	2,246	215
260 Payroll Insurances	400	345	400	-
610 General Supplies	-	-	875	875
640 Books & Periodicals	1,500	165	600	(900)
Total Family/Consumer Science/Health	32,254	30,888	33,245	991
1113 Modern Language				
320 Contracted Services-Students	1,500	4,000	7,000	5,500
Total Modern Language	1,500	4,000	7,000	5,500
1114 Industrial Technology/Woodworking				
110 Teacher Salary (.51 FTE)	31,950	32,589	33,747	1,797
210 Group Insurance	27,825	27,884	29,458	1,633
220 FICA	2,444	2,493	2,582	138
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
430 Repairs/Maintenance	5,400	1,200	6,850	1,450
610 General Supplies	3,000	3,065	6,400	3,400
Total Industrial Technology	71,419	67,804	79,837	8,418

Description	FY26 Approved Budget	FY 26 Anticip. Expense	FY27 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY26-FY27
1115 Mathematics				
110 Teacher Salary (1.5 FTE)	109,108	109,350	112,631	3,523
210 Group Insurance	22,632	45,646	48,420	25,788
220 FICA	8,347	8,365	8,616	269
260 Payroll Insurances	1,200	1,146	1,200	-
610 General Supplies	1,910	1,367	2,846	936
640 Books & Periodicals	805	-	-	(805)
733 Furniture	-	-	260	260
Total Mathematics	144,002	165,874	173,973	29,971
1116 Science				
110 Teacher Salary (1.06 FTE FY 27, 1.13 FTE FY 26)	87,433	87,433	86,369	(1,064)
210 Group Insurance	15,959	15,411	16,563	604
220 FICA	6,140	6,689	6,324	184
260 Payroll Insurances	800	696	800	-
610 General Supplies	4,500	5,348	4,500	-
640 Books & Periodicals	750	-	500	(250)
Total Science	115,582	115,577	115,056	(526)
1117 Social Studies				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	47,700	47,700	49,131	1,431
210 Group Insurance	38,304	38,305	40,720	2,416
220 FICA	3,649	3,649	3,759	110
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
610 General Supplies	292	125	60	(232)
640 Books & Periodicals	300	-	-	(300)
Total Social Studies	91,045	90,352	94,469	3,424
1119 Drivers Education				
119 Teacher Salary	15,600	13,860	14,000	(1,600)
220 FICA	1,193	1,060	1,071	(122)
260 Payroll Insurances	200	100	200	-
442 Car Rental	3,600	3,600	3,600	-
522 Insurance	500	500	500	-
626 Gasoline	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
810 Dues & Fees	250	250	250	-
Total Drivers Education	22,843	20,870	21,121	(1,722)
1125 Art				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	65,790	65,790	67,764	1,974
210 Group Insurance	38,356	38,393	40,774	2,418
220 FICA	5,033	5,033	5,184	151
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
430 Repairs/Maintenance	250	-	500	250
610 General Supplies	4,320	4,320	5,500	1,180
640 Books & Periodicals	393	-	393	-
Total Art	114,942	114,109	120,915	5,973
1126 Computer Technology				
101 Technology Coordinator Salary (1 FTE)	67,850	67,200	69,200	1,350
210 Group Insurance	42,977	39,114	41,593	(1,384)
220 FICA	5,141	2,141	5,294	153
234 VT Retirement	3,864	3,478	3,979	115
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
330 Pro Ed Services	55,500	55,500	56,200	700
352 Contracted Services	27,500	20,507	-	(27,500)
430 Repairs/Maintenance	9,000	-	2,400	(6,600)

Description	FY26 Approved Budget	FY 26 Anticip. Expense	FY27 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY26-FY27
610 General Supplies	5,000	450	2,500	(2,500)
735 Software	14,750	21,342	31,870	17,120
734 Tech Related Hardware	-	1,766	19,500	19,500
810 Dues & Fees	1,500	902	4,690	3,190
Total Computer Technology	233,882	212,973	238,026	4,144
1127 Music				
110 Teacher Salary (.6 FTE)	30,690	33,480	34,484	3,794
210 Group Insurance	27,682	27,696	29,334	1,652
220 FICA	2,348	2,561	2,638	290
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
430 Repairs/Maintenance	500	-	700	200
610 General Supplies	150	-	215	65
640 Books & Periodicals	200	-	155	(45)
730 Equipment	400	-	800	400
Total Music	62,770	64,310	69,126	6,356
1129 Physical Education				
110 Teacher Salary (.9 FTE)	47,176	47,176	49,591	2,415
210 Group Insurance	12,873	11,974	12,535	(338)
220 FICA	3,609	3,609	3,794	185
260 Payroll Insurances	720	545	720	-
610 General Supplies	1,250	1,127	900	(350)
610 General Supplies	-	-	3,195	3,195
Total Physical Education	65,628	64,431	70,735	5,107
1198 Instructional Support Services				
111 Stipends-Mentors for New Teachers	10,000	9,000	10,000	-
112 Retirement Benefit Salaries	45,715	45,715	-	(45,715)
220 FICA	4,300	689	1,000	(3,300)
231 Annual Health Care Charge	45,000	45,000	40,000	(5,000)
320 Contracted Services	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
339 Substitutes Assessment to ENSU	39,000	55,000	60,000	21,000
610 General Supplies	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Total Instructional Support Services	169,015	180,404	136,000	(33,015)
1400 Student Activities				
102 Stipends-Cocurricular	23,000	24,305	26,275	3,275
220 FICA	1,800	1,860	2,015	215
260 Payroll Insurances	800	578	800	-
560 Tuition-Running Start/LNA	10,000	10,000	-	(10,000)
580 Travel	1,000	500	1,000	-
810 Dues & Fees	13,270	7,710	17,000	3,730
Total Student Activities	49,870	44,953	47,090	(2,780)
1420 Athletics				
102 Athletic Salary	21,000	27,867	63,155	42,155
220 FICA	1,600	2,132	5,175	3,575
260 Payroll Insurances	150	150	150	-
349 Referees	5,700	4,920	12,290	6,590
320 Contracted Services-Pay Pittsburg	54,000	54,000	39,700	(14,300)
580 Staff Travel-AD Only	-	737	200	200
610 General Supplies	9,720	6,620	10,200	480
730 Equipment	2,500	-	2,000	(500)
810 Dues & Fees	2,550	3,010	7,350	4,800
Total Athletics	97,220	99,436	140,220	43,000

Description	FY26 Approved Budget	FY 26 Anticip. Expense	FY27 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY26-FY27
2120 Guidance				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE) (10 add. Days)	53,110	25,710	59,494	6,384
210 Group Insurance	15,305	1,406	1,551	(13,754)
220 FICA	4,063	1,970	4,704	641
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
560 Tuition - Running Start/VLACS	-	-	12,000	12,000
610 General Supplies	280	-	-	(280)
810 Dues & Fees-Staff	75	-	100	25
812 Dues & Fees-Students	3,384	3,384	1,500	(1,884)
Total Guidance	77,017	33,043	80,149	3,132
2130 Nurse Services				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	64,241	64,241	66,168	1,927
210 Group Insurance	38,385	38,386	40,803	2,418
220 FICA	4,914	4,914	5,062	148
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
430 Repairs/Maintenance	120	-	120	-
610 General Supplies	1,475	896	1,475	-
739 Equipment	-	-	633	633
810 Dues & Fees	-	-	145	145
Total Health Services	109,935	109,010	115,207	5,272
2140 Student Assistance (SAP)				
101 Salary (1 FTE)	55,583	55,583	57,250	1,667
210 Group Insurance	38,743	38,743	41,160	2,417
220 FICA	4,252	4,252	4,380	128
234 VT Retirement	3,200	3,196	3,292	92
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
330 Contracted Services	-	-	56,000	56,000
610 General Supplies	700	484	1,000	300
630 Food	300	-	-	(300)
Total Student Assistance	103,578	102,831	163,882	60,304
2210 Improvement of Instruction				
111 Stipends-Run. Start & Beyond Contract	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
220 FICA	3,830	3,830	3,830	-
250 Tuition Reimbursement	11,500	11,500	15,000	3,500
260 Payroll Insurances	1,300	1,300	1,300	-
330 Employee Training	2,250	2,250	2,250	-
580 Staff Travel	7,000	7,000	7,000	-
810 Dues & Fees	5,500	5,500	5,500	-
Total Improvement of Instruction	81,380	81,380	84,880	3,500
2220 Library				
110 Salary (.5 FTE)	57,150	43,000	29,432	(27,718)
210 Group Insurance	15,338	1,494	744	(14,594)
220 FICA	4,372	3,290	2,252	(2,120)
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	400	(400)
610 General Supplies	2,400	200	2,400	-
640 Books & Periodicals	2,200	-	2,200	-
735 Software	700	-	700	-
Total Library	82,960	48,557	38,128	(44,832)
2310 School Board				
104 Salary (5 Canaan Board Members)	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
104 Salary (3 ENSU Board Members)	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
220 FICA	574	574	574	-
330 Professional Development	3,000	3,000	3,000	-

Description	FY26 Approved Budget	FY 26 Anticip. Expense	FY27 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY26-FY27
341 Legal Expenses	10,000	5,000	10,000	-
540 Advertising	8,000	1,500	3,100	(4,900)
550 Printing & Binding	300	300	300	-
810 Dues & Fees	4,000	6,814	4,000	-
890 Misc. Expenses	1,500	1,500	1,000	(500)
Total School Board	34,874	26,188	29,474	(5,400)

2410 Principal's Office				
140 Principal Salary (1 FTE)	90,000	85,000	87,000	(3,000)
106 Admin. Assistant Salary (1 FTE)	51,594	51,595	53,682	2,088
210 Group Insurance	58,745	70,095	71,694	12,949
220 FICA	10,832	10,450	10,762	(70)
234 VT Retirement	2,967	2,967	3,087	120
260 Payroll Insurances	1,600	1,290	1,600	-
339 Substitutes-ENSU (Contracted)	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
352 Tech Related Supplies	7,965	7,900	7,965	-
430 Repairs/Maintenance	11,000	13,241	12,000	1,000
533 Postage	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
534 Telephone	8,500	5,700	7,000	(1,500)
580 Staff Travel	2,100	2,100	1,000	(1,100)
610 General Supplies	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
640 Books & Periodicals	350	-	350	-
735 Software	1,000	100	200	(800)
810 Dues & Fees-Staff	2,500	1,415	2,500	-
Total Principal's Office	260,653	263,353	270,341	9,688

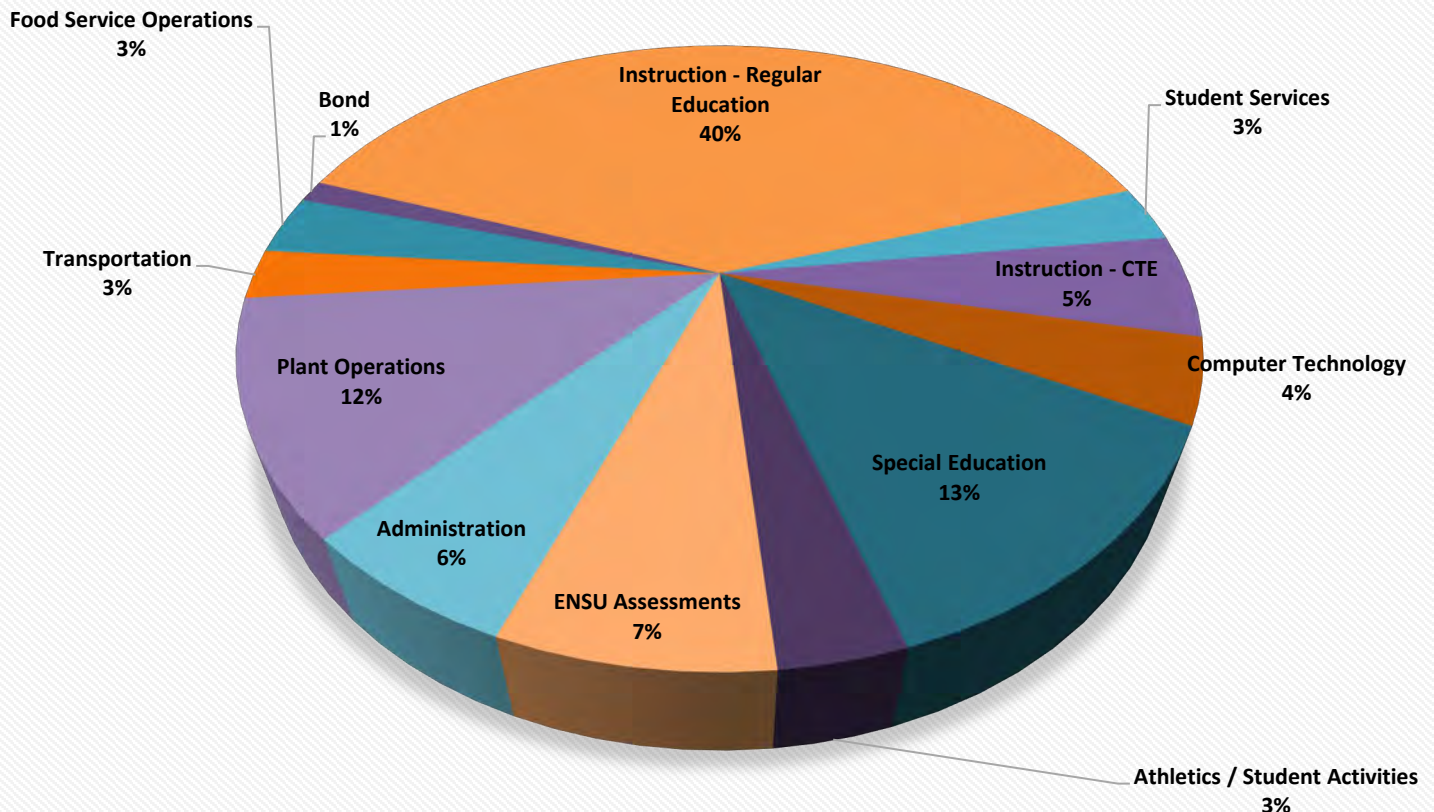
2510 Fiscal Services				
101 Treasurers Stipend	1,830	1,830	1,830	-
220 FICA	150	140	150	-
220 Payroll Tax - Act 76	11,000	11,000	11,000	-
342 Audit Services	18,000	18,000	17,000	(1,000)
834 Short Term Interest	4,500	6,185	6,000	1,500
Total Fiscal Services	35,480	37,155	35,980	500

2620 Plant Operations Bldg.				
151 Facility Coordinator (1 FTE)	76,771	76,771	78,771	2,000
181 Custodial Salary (2 FTE)	102,695	87,065	101,338	(1,357)
105 Part-Time Salary (1 Full Year, 1 Summer)	19,200	15,000	20,400	1,200
103 Substitute Salary	3,500	1,000	3,500	-
210 Group Insurance	48,227	48,227	77,134	28,907
220 FICA	13,729	13,680	15,859	2,130
234 VT Retirement	10,319	10,523	10,546	227
260 Payroll Insurances	4,500	3,385	4,000	(500)
330 Contracted Services	40,650	35,000	30,350	(10,300)
411 Water	12,000	10,000	12,000	-
412 Sewer	15,000	20,286	22,000	7,000
425 Disposal Services	8,500	10,200	10,200	1,700
430 Repairs/Maintenance	20,000	15,000	20,000	-
520 Property Insurance	20,000	37,322	38,000	18,000
532 Internet Service	21,000	14,000	16,000	(5,000)
580 Travel	-	-	1,250	1,250
610 General Supplies	22,500	22,000	24,600	2,100
622 Electricity	50,000	49,200	50,000	-
624 Heat	90,000	103,000	95,000	5,000
626 Gasoline	300	300	300	-
623 Bottled Gas	460	460	460	-
Total Plant Operations Bldg.	579,351	572,419	631,708	52,357

Description	FY26 Approved Budget	FY 26 Anticip. Expense	FY27 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY26-FY27
2621 Plant Operations-ENSU Office				
105 Part Time Salary-ENSU Office	3,550	2,000	3,300	(250)
220 FICA	272	153	252	(20)
260 Payroll Insurances	25	25	20	(5)
234 VT Retirement	210	200	200	(10)
411 Water	800	640	800	-
412 Sewer	900	960	1,000	100
430 Repairs/Maintenance	3,200	2,000	2,000	(1,200)
520 Property Insurance	750	750	750	-
622 Electricity	1,900	2,820	3,000	1,100
624 Heat	9,000	7,000	8,000	(1,000)
Total Plant Ops-ENSU Office	20,607	16,548	19,322	(1,285)
3100 Food Service Operations				
320 Contracted Services	151,010	161,000	165,000	13,990
425 Disposal Services	2,500	15,000	2,000	(500)
430 Repairs/Maintenance	1,300	1,300	1,300	-
610 General Supplies	1,750	-	700	(1,050)
623 Bottled Gas	1,500	1,500	700	(800)
730 Equipment	2,000	-	2,000	-
Total Food Service Operations	160,060	178,800	171,700	11,640
1110 Business (CTE)				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	77,158	77,158	55,800	(21,358)
210 Group Insurance	27,885	27,885	29,518	1,633
220 FICA	5,903	5,903	4,269	(1,634)
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
430 Repairs/Maintenance	950	-	950	-
610 General Supplies	2,300	1,298	3,100	800
640 Books & Periodicals	1,150	200	2,082	932
Total Business	116,146	113,017	96,519	(19,627)
1120 Diversified Trades (CTE)				
110 Teacher Salary (1 FTE)	76,050	76,050	78,332	2,282
210 Group Insurance	38,382	30,288	25,297	(13,085)
220 FICA	5,818	5,818	5,992	174
260 Payroll Insurances	800	573	800	-
430 Repairs/Maintenance	6,100	-	5,000	(1,100)
610 General Supplies	7,500	4,517	4,300	(3,200)
622 Electricity	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
623 Bottled Gas	800	800	800	-
626 Gasoline	1,000	100	1,000	-
739 Other Equipment	600	-	4,500	3,900
Total Diversified Trades (CTE)	138,550	119,646	127,521	(11,029)
1130 Fire & Emergency Services (CTE)				
110 Teacher Salary (.60 FTE)	48,125	48,125	49,569	1,444
210 Group Insurance	16,725	22,768	17,756	1,031
220 FICA	3,682	3,682	3,792	110
260 Payroll Insurance	480	362	480	-
610 General Supplies	4,950	1,646	650	(4,300)
640 Books & Periodicals	3,810	896	-	(3,810)
812 Dues & Fees	60	65	60	-
Total Fire & Emergency	77,832	77,544	72,307	(5,525)
2710 CTE Transportation				
519 Regular Transportation	10,000	10,000	5,000	(5,000)
Total CTE Transportation:	10,000	10,000	5,000	(5,000)
GRAND TOTAL CTE:	342,528	320,207	301,347	(41,181)

Description	FY26 Approved Budget	FY 26 Anticip. Expense	FY27 Proposed Budget	\$ Variance FY26-FY27
1301 Diversified Trades				
351 Contracted Services-Diversified Trades Res	50,000	-	-	(50,000)
Total Diversified Trades	50,000	-	-	(50,000)
5020 Bond				
833 Bond Principal Payment # 6 of 20	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
835 Bond Payment Interest	16,682	16,682	15,787	(895)
Total Bond	66,682	66,682	65,787	(895)
1200 Special Education				
594 ENSU-Special Ed Assess. for Canaan Cost:	721,906	721,906	693,225	(28,681)
Total Special Education	721,906	721,906	693,225	(28,681)
2300 ENSU Assessment				
321 ENSU Non Special Ed Services Assessment	101,196	101,196	95,792	(5,404)
593 Supervisory Union Assessment	288,977	288,977	306,533	17,556
Total ENSU Assessment	390,173	390,173	402,325	12,152
2710 Transportation (now Assessment)				
519 Regular Transportation (ENSU)	119,400	119,400	126,280	6,880
510 Class Field Trips (ENSU)	10,000	10,000	12,000	2,000
512 Athletic Transportation (ENSU)	30,000	-	-	(30,000)
Total Transportation	159,400	129,400	138,280	(21,120)
Grand Total Expenditures:	5,459,384	5,277,130	5,530,704	71,320

BUDGET AT A GLANCE PROPOSED PROGRAMS - FY27 BUDGET



CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT - BUDGET SUMMARY BY PROGRAM

	FY26 Budget	FY 27 Proposed	Increase (Decrease)	
1100 Kindergarten	83,704	85,122	1,418	B
1101 Grade 1	96,548	99,746	3,198	B
1102 Grade 2	83,526	85,343	1,817	B
1103 Grade 3	115,217	72,222	(42,995)	C
1104 Grade 4	84,585	107,435	22,850	C
1105 Grade 5	119,569	124,903	5,334	C
1106 Grade 6	83,771	72,637	(11,134)	C
1110 Business	116,146	96,519	(19,627)	D
1111 English	136,027	141,340	5,313	B
1112 Family/Consumer Science	32,254	33,245	991	
1113 Modern Language	1,500	7,000	5,500	E
1114 Industrial Technology/Woodworking	71,419	79,837	8,418	F
1115 Mathematics	144,002	173,973	29,971	A
1116 Science	115,582	115,056	(526)	
1117 Social Studies	91,045	94,469	3,424	B
1119 Drivers Education	22,843	21,121	(1,722)	
1120 Diversified Trades	138,550	127,521	(11,029)	B
1125 Art	114,942	120,915	5,973	B
1126 Computer Technology	233,882	238,026	4,144	B
1127 Music	62,770	69,126	6,356	G
1129 Physical Education	65,628	70,735	5,107	B
1130 Fire & Emergency Services	77,832	72,307	(5,525)	H
1198 Instructional Support Services	169,015	136,000	(33,015)	I
1199 Pre-K	107,881	153,407	45,526	A
1200 Special Education	721,906	693,225	(28,681)	J
1301 Building Trades-Renovation	50,000	0	(50,000)	K
1400 Student Activities	49,870	47,090	(2,780)	
1420 Athletics	97,220	140,220	43,000	L
2120 Guidance	77,017	80,149	3,132	B
2130 Nurse Services	109,935	115,207	5,272	B
2140 Student Assistance	103,578	163,882	60,304	M
2210 Improvement of Instruction	81,380	84,880	3,500	
2220 Library	82,960	38,128	(44,832)	D
2300 ENSU Assessments (SU/Non Sped)	390,173	402,325	12,152	O
2310 School Board	34,874	29,474	(5,400)	
2410 Principal's Office	260,653	270,341	9,688	B
2510 Fiscal Services	35,480	35,980	500	
2620 Plant Operations Bldg/Equip	579,351	631,708	52,357	O
2621 Plant Operations-ENSU Office	20,607	19,322	(1,285)	
2710 Transportation	169,400	143,280	(26,120)	P
3100 Food Service Operations	160,060	171,700	11,640	Q
5020 Bond	66,682	65,787	(895)	
TOTALS	\$5,459,384	\$5,530,704	\$71,320	

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES

- A. Changes in personnel, which led to an increase in the benefit cost as a result of a shift in health plans
- B. Changes in salaries and benefits cost
- C. This year's proposed budget reflects our current teaching staff, incorporating actual salaries and benefits
- D. Due to retirement, we have budgeted for a teacher with fewer years of experience
- E. Costs increased due to higher student enrollment in modern language courses and rising course expenses
- F. Increased costs for equipment repairs and project supplies
- G. The change reflects adjustments in FTE based on student need
- H. Costs decreased due to a reduced need for supplies and books
- I. The change reflects two key factors: final payments being made this year on retirement severance for 3 teachers and increase in the budgeted amount for substitutes based on actual expenditures
- J. The decrease costs is due to reduction in Special Education teachers and restructuring of paraprofessional staffing
- K. This item does not need to be reflected here, as it is also accounted for on the revenue side and therefore results in no net impact
- L. Reflects the scheduled biennial transfer of fiscal responsibility for the basketball program between Pittsburg and Canaan. In the upcoming fiscal year, Canaan will assume full responsibility for basketball-related expenditures and will invoice Pittsburg for fifty percent of those costs, as reflected in the projected revenue
- M. The increase is attributable to covering a portion of the cost of a school counselor, with the remaining cost funded through the Success Beyond Six grant
- N. Due to the current principal relocating out of the area, we used regional salary comparisons to determine the budgeted salary amount
- O. Change in personnel, which led to an increase in benefit costs as a result of a shift in health plans and utilities cost
- P. These costs are already accounted for under the athletics budget. Canaan reimburses Pittsburg for all athletic transportation expenses
- Q. This increase represents an increase within a multi year contract

CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY27 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY BY OBJECT

Object Code	Description	FY26 Approved Budget	FY27 Proposed Budget	Increase (Decrease)	% Variance FY25 - FY26
101	Stud. Asst. Program Coord. , Tech Coord. & Treasurer Salaires	125,263	128,280	3,017	2%
102	Athletics/Co-Curricular-Salaries	44,000	89,430	45,430	103%
103	Substitute Salary	3,500	3,500	0	0%
104	School Board-Salaries (moved to 322)	7,500	7,500	0	0%
105	PT Salaries-Student Custodians/Lrng Center	22,750	23,700	950	4%
106	Admin Asst to Principal-Salary	51,594	53,682	2,088	4%
110	Teacher Salaries	1,420,623	1,434,326	13,703	1%
111	Mentors/Beyond Contract Work Salaries	60,000	60,000	0	0%
112	Retirement Benefit Salaries	45,715	0	(45,715)	100%
119	Driver's Education-Salary	15,600	14,000	(1,600)	-10%
120	Para Educator-Salary	29,656	39,420	9,764	33%
140	Principal-Salary	90,000	87,000	(3,000)	-3%
151	Facility Coordinator	76,771	78,771	2,000	3%
181	Custodians/Maintenance-Salaries	102,695	101,338	(1,357)	-1%
210	Group Ins-Health/HRA/Dental/Life/LTD/STD)	733,650	767,736	34,086	5%
220	FICA	169,132	174,051	4,919	3%
231	Annual Health Care Charge	45,000	40,000	(5,000)	-11%
234	VT Retirement	22,010	23,083	1,073	5%
250	Tuition Reimbursement	11,500	15,000	3,500	30%
260	Workers Comp/Unemployment	29,675	28,470	(1,205)	-4%
320	Contracted Services-Students	221,510	226,700	5,190	2%
321	ENSU Non Spec Ed Para/Services Assessment	101,196	95,792	(5,404)	-5%
330	Contracted Services-Staff	101,400	147,800	46,400	46%
339	Subs Assessment to ENSU	48,000	64,000	16,000	33%
341	Legal Expenses	10,000	10,000	0	0%
342	Audit Services	18,000	17,000	(1,000)	-6%
349	Referees	5,700	12,290	6,590	116%
351	Contracted Services-Bldg Trades Restricted	50,000	0	(50,000)	-100%
352	Contracted Services-Comp Tech	35,465	7,965	(27,500)	-78%
411	Water	12,800	12,800	0	0%
412	Sewer	15,900	23,000	7,100	45%
425	Disposal Services	11,000	12,200	1,200	11%
430	Repairs/Maintenance	57,820	51,820	(6,000)	-10%
442	Drivers Education Car Rental	3,600	3,600	0	0%
510	Class Field Trips Assessment	10,000	12,000	2,000	20%
512	Athletic Transportation Assessment	30,000	0	(30,000)	-100%
519	Regular/CTE Transportation Assessment	129,400	131,280	1,880	1%
520	Insurance-Property	20,750	38,750	18,000	87%
522	Insurance-Driver's Ed/Div Ag	500	500	0	0%
532	Internet	21,000	16,000	(5,000)	-24%
533	Postage	2,500	2,500	0	0%
534	Telephone	8,500	7,000	(1,500)	-18%
540	Advertising	8,000	3,100	(4,900)	-61%
550	Printing and Publishing	300	300	0	0%
560	Tuition-Running Start/LNA	10,000	12,000	2,000	20%
580	Staff Travel	10,100	10,450	350	3%
593	ENSU-SU Assessment	288,977	306,533	17,556	6%
594	ENSU-Special Ed Assessment	721,906	693,225	(28,681)	-4%
610	General Supplies	92,607	92,336	(271)	0%
622	Electricity	53,400	54,500	1,100	2%
623	Bottled Gas	2,760	1,960	(800)	-29%
624	Heat	99,000	103,000	4,000	4%
626	Gasoline	2,800	2,800	0	0%
630	Food	300	0	(300)	-100%
640	Books & Periodicals	19,598	9,630	(9,968)	-51%
730	Equipment (Computer related)	4,900	4,800	(100)	-2%
733	Furniture	0	260	260	100%
734	Tech Related Supplies	0	19,500	19,500	100%
735	Software	16,450	32,770	16,320	99%
739	Other Equipment	600	5,133	4,533	756%
810	Dues & Fees	29,885	41,775	11,890	40%
812	Dues & Fees - Student Related	3,444	1,560	(1,884)	-55%
833	Bond Principal Payment	50,000	50,000	0	0%
834	Short Term Interest	4,500	6,000	1,500	33%
835	Long Term Interest	16,682	15,787	(895)	-5%
890	Board Misc. Expenses	1,500	1,000	(500)	-33%
TOTALS		\$5,459,384	\$5,530,704	\$71,320	1.31%

CANAAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY27 Revenue Projections

Revenue Source	FY 26 Actual	FY27 Projection	\$ Variance FY26 Actual- FY27 Projection
Diversified Trades (CTE) Trades-Restricted Revenue	\$50,000	\$-00	\$(50,000)
1302 Elem Tuition-In State (PK-6)	\$261,982	\$330,600	\$68,618
1302 Sec Tuition-In State (7-12)	\$168,000	\$224,000	\$56,000
1303 Sec Tuition-Out of State	\$144,000	\$84,000	\$(60,000)
1333 Drivers' Education	\$-00	\$1,000	\$1,000
1510 Interest	\$7,330	\$7,000	\$(330)
1901 Hot Lunch Sales	\$880	\$800	\$(80)
1922 Lease-ENSU Office	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$-00
1934 ENSU Purchased Services	\$11,013	\$12,000	\$987
1993 Federal Erate Reimbursement	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$-00
1994 Shared Athletic Costs	\$19,000	\$59,000	\$40,000
1990 Misc. Local	\$-00	\$-00	\$-00
3110 Education Fund	\$4,255,151	\$4,252,904	\$(2,247)
3114 Tech Center on Behalf of Payment	\$127,403	\$125,000	\$(2,403)
3145 Small Schools Grant	\$-00	\$-00	\$-00
3282 Drivers Education Reimbursement	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$(200)
3305 Vocational Ed Tuition Reimbursement	\$51,000	\$40,000	\$(11,000)
2460 Universal Meals & Seamless Summer Option Program	\$65,000	\$30,000	\$(35,000)
2465 Summer School Food Program	\$3,000	\$-00	\$(3,000)
3450 State School Lunch Match	\$900	\$900	\$-00
3453 State School Breakfast Match	\$400	\$-00	\$(400)
4450 Federal Hot Lunch Reimbursement	\$28,000	\$60,000	\$32,000
4452 Federal Breakfast Reimbursement	\$21,000	\$30,000	\$9,000
9000 Prior Year Surplus/Deficit	\$-00	\$250,000	\$250,000
TOTALS	\$ 5,237,759	\$ 5,530,704	\$ 292,945

FY26 REPORTING OF GRANT PROGRAMS
Essex North Supervisory Union & Canaan School District

GRANT PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION
Title I-A	Improving the Academic Achievement-School Wide	\$300,757
Tile II-A	Effective Instruction, Student Support Programs, and Contracted Instructional Services	\$80,053
Title IV Part A	Providing Students with a Well-Rounded Education, Supporting Safe & Healthy Students and Supporting the Effective Use of Technology	\$44,519
ACT 230	BEST Institute, PBIS, Leadership Forum, Data Day	\$6,000
BEST	SWIS License, Summer Institute, Staff Training	\$1,800
IDEA-B Pre School	Supporting Preschool Children Eligible for Special Education Services	\$4,551
IDEA-B	Funding Special Education & Related Services to Children with Disabilities	\$157,817
Community Schools	Funds programs that transform schools into hubs offering integrated student support, expanded learning, family engagement, collaborative leadership, and safe environments	\$100,000
Licensing Board	Licensing Board Stipends	\$510
IEP Medicaid	Services for Non-Special Education students as well as Medicaid Clerk Salary & Benefits	\$226,000
Tobacco	Family Engagement, Siskin, Book Clubs, Robotics, Girls on the Run & Hero Boys Programs	\$30,500
State School Food Service Equipment	support the purchase of food service equipment that will improve the infrastructure of healthy food production, food safety, and to support the purchase of computer point of sale (POS) meal counting and claiming systems or electronic free and reduced applications	\$9,404
Act 78- Center Afterschool and Summer Learning Programs	Allow for the development and expansion of larger comprehensive afterschool centers	\$150,000
Program Track State Afterschool Continuation	Expand afterschool and summer programs for K-12-aged youth	\$64,620
Integrating PLPs Across the Curriculum	Increase teacher understanding and student participation in the personalized learning planning process	\$7,000
TOTAL GRANT ALLOCATIONS:		\$1,183,532

Canaan School District ESTIMATED TAX RATE FY 27

ESTIMATED Tax Rates for FY27 with Variance to FY26	FY26 Actual	FY27 Estimated	FY26 Actual to FY27 Estimated Variance
Total Budget	\$5,459,394	\$5,530,704	\$71,310
Offsetting Revenues	\$1,076,830	\$1,152,800	\$75,970
Education Spending	\$4,382,564	\$4,377,904	(4,660)
Equalized Pupils	258.37	256.03	(2.34)
Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil	\$16,962	\$17,099	\$137
Dollar Equivalent Yield (Tax Commissioner's Recommendation)	\$8,596	\$8,849	(\$618)
Anticipated Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	\$2.07	\$1.97	(\$0.10)
Common Level Appraisal CLA (Property Valuation & Review)	122.78%	107.15%	-15.63%
Estimated District Homestead Rate to be Assessed by Town	\$1.6809*	\$1.8427**	\$0.1618

**** Note: This includes the excess spending of penalty of \$94,644.50, which represents \$.0394 of the tax rate**

Canaan's FY26 Spending per Equalized Pupil:

The difference between the Total Budget (expenditures the school plans to spend \$5,530,704) and the Offsetting Revenues (grants, tuitions, surplus, private donations, etc. \$1,152,800) is the Education Spending (amount that needs to be raised by education property taxes \$4,377,904). This value is divided by Canaan's number of weighted pupils (256.03) to calculate the Education Spending per weighted Pupil (\$17,099).

\$4,377,904 divided by 256.03 equalized pupils = \$17,099 per pupil

(Canaan's cost is projected to increase by \$137 per pupil compared to FY26)

Canaan's Equalized Homestead Tax Rate:

Education spending per equalized pupil determines the education Equalized Homestead Tax Rate by dividing the Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (\$17,099 by the Dollar Equivalent Yield \$8,849). This property yield is set annually by the Legislature. At the current recommended yield, for every \$ a district spends per equalized pupil, its equalized homestead tax rate will be \$1.00. This would be the rate if all properties were assessed at fair market value.

\$17,099 divided by \$8,849 = \$1.9323 Equalized Homestead Tax Rate

Canaan's Estimated Actual Homestead Tax Rate:

Based on the proposed budget, Canaan's Equalized Homestead Tax Rate would be \$1.9323 if the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) was 100%. To adjust for Canaan's CLA (107.15%), the Equalized Homestead Tax Rate (\$1.9323) is divided by the CLA (107.15%) to give you the education tax rate (\$1.8033) that is seen on a property tax bill of a resident homeowner.

\$1.9323 divided by 107.15% = \$1.8033 Estimated Actual Homestead Tax Rate

(This is a 0.1224 cent increase from FY26's rate)

Property Value	Estimated Homestead Taxes without penalty	Estimated Annual Increase without penalty	Estimated Homestead Taxes with Penalty	Estimated Annual increase with Penalty
\$75,000	\$1,352.48	\$139.96	\$1,382.03	\$169.51
\$100,000	\$1,803.30	\$186.60	\$1,842.70	\$226.00
\$150,000	\$2,704.95	\$279.90	\$2,764.05	\$339.00
\$200,000	\$3,606.60	\$373.20	\$3,685.40	\$452.00
\$250,000	\$4,508.25	\$466.50	\$4,606.75	\$565.00

District: Canaan SU: Essex North		FY25 was the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY23 & FY24. LTWADM are the new		T041 Essex County		Property dollar equivalent yield 8,849	<--See bottom note	Homestead tax rate per \$8,849 of spending per LTWADM 1.00
						12,154		Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2024	FY2025	FY2026			FY2027	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, and full technical center expenditures)	\$5,000,648	\$5,234,915	\$5,459,384			\$5,530,704	
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-				
3.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$5,000,648	\$5,234,915	\$5,459,384			\$5,530,704	
4.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-				
5.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-				
6.	Total Expenditures	\$5,000,648	\$5,234,915	\$5,459,384			\$5,530,704	
7.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-				
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-				
Revenues								
9.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc.)	\$1,851,056	\$1,640,758	\$1,076,830			\$1,152,800	
10.	Offsetting revenues	\$1,851,056	\$1,640,758	\$1,076,830			\$1,152,800	
11.	Education Spending	\$3,149,592	\$3,594,157	\$4,382,554			\$4,377,904	
12.	Pupils (eqpup FY23 - FY24, LTWADM FY25 - FY26)	146.85	273.60	258.37			256.03	
13.	Education Spending per Pupil	\$21,447.68	\$13,029.73	\$16,962.32			\$17,099.18	
14.	minus Principal & interest payments per LTWADM for voter approved bonds prior to July 1, 2024	na	na	\$258			\$257.00	
15.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$66,446 for an individual (per pupil)	Excess spending penalty suspended for FY24 & FY25 - Sec. 8 of Act 127, 2022.						na
16.	minus Less amount or deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to the transfer of students to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the fiscal year was passed (per eqpup)							based on \$67,638
17.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to excess spending if district has 20 or fewer pupils							16.
18.	minus Estimated costs of new students after fiscal year passed (per pupil)							na
19.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL students if electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)							na
20.	minus Less planning costs for small schools (per pupil)							na
21.	minus Teacher retirement costs for new members or Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per pupil)							na
22.	minus Costs incurred in sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.							na
23.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$22,204 na	threshold = \$23,193 na	threshold = \$15,926 na			threshold = \$16,470 \$16,470.00	
24.	plus Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	Suspended thru FY29 \$13,030	Suspended thru FY29 \$13,030	Suspended thru FY29 \$16,962			\$372.18	
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$13,030	\$13,030	\$16,962			\$17,471.37	
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	138.883% based on yield \$15,443	131.707% based on yield \$9,785	206.381% based on \$8,596			197.439% based on \$8,849	
Prorating the local tax rate								
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$17,471.37 ÷ (\$8,849 / \$1.00)]	\$1.3888 based on \$1.00	\$1.3171 based on \$1.00	\$2.0638 based on \$1.00			\$1.9744 based on \$1.00	
28.	Tax rate "cent discount" (FY25-FY29) adjusted by statewide adjuster of 70.33%							
29.	Cent discount adjusted anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate						\$1.9744	
30.	Percent of Canaan pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%			100.00%	
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.97)	\$1.3888	\$1.3171	\$2.0638			\$1.9744	
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	102.71%	97.95%	122.78%			107.15%	
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.9744 / 107.15%)	\$1.3522 based on \$1.00	\$1.3447 based on \$1.00	\$1.6809 based on \$1.00			\$1.8427 based on \$1.00	
		If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.						
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$17,471.37 ÷ \$12,154) x 2.00%]	2.45% based on 2.00%	2.58% based on 2.00%	2.91% based on 2.00%			2.88% based on 2.00%	
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.88%)	2.45% based on 2.00%	2.58% based on 2.00%	2.91% based on 2.00%			2.88% based on 2.00%	
36.		-	-	-				
37.		-	-	-				

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

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

2025

Annual Reports
of the Essex North Supervisory Union
Canaan, VT



FY 2025-2026 Annual Public Notice of Non-discrimination

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

ESSEX NORTH SUPERVISORY UNION
99 School Street
Canaan, Vermont 05903

CANAAN SCHOOLS is pleased to announce that it is offering, among other programs, the following Career and Technical Education Programs of Study for the school year 2025-2026:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Emily Cooney
504 Coordinator
99 School Street
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****The Essex North Supervisory Union includes Canaan Schools and all of its programs, preK-12. This notice addresses all regions of Canaan Schools, as well as the vocational programs.**

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

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

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Beth Drew	A.S.	Business Administrator
Megan Chappell	M.B.A.	Accounts Payable Clerk
Gina Vigneault		Payroll/HR Benefits Coordinator
Sylvia LaCasse		Admin Asst of Superintendent/Medicaid
Theresa Mercier	E.D.D.	Curriculum, Grants and MTSS Coordinator
Scott Conroy	A.D.	Director of Facilities and Maintenance
Emily Hawes Cooney	M.Ed.	Director of Student Support/Preschool Coordinator
Beth Lemnah	M.Ed.	Associate Director of Student Support
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Lydia Desaindes	M.A.	Special Education Teacher
Roxanne August	B.A.	Special Education Teacher
Austin Biron	B.A.	Adaptive Physical Education Teacher
Rebecca Hodge	M.A.	Reading Interventionist
Michella Biron	A.D.	Paraeducator
Pamela Chapple	A.D.	Paraeducator
Melissa Desaindes		Paraeducator
Isabella DeSimone	A.D.	Paraeducator
Paula Doyon		Paraeducator
Laura Garand		Paraeducator
Evie Day	AS.	Paraeducator
Lynne Gray		Paraeducator
Deloris Hebert		Paraeducator
Pamela Jordan		Paraeducator
Sarah Masters	A.D.	Paraeducator
Millicent Philbrook	B.A.	Paraeducator
Susan Rice	B.A.	Paraeducator
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STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

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

AUDIT REPORT AND REVIEW

The Essex North Supervisory Union engages in an independent audit completed by a public accountant every year. This review of our financial statements has taken place for the fiscal year 2025. The complete report, including notes on financial statements, is available for review at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grand Total All Revenues:	\$4,533,000	\$4,367,477	-\$165,523	\$2,117,668	\$2,232,009	\$0	\$17,800
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NEK Choice School District

2026-2027 (FY27) Preliminary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Total Non Special Education Services:		23,860	33,183	9,323
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NEK Choice School District				
2026-2027 (FY27) Preliminary Budget				

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

TOWN OFFICIALS

ELECTED 2025 TO 2026

APPOINTMENTS

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

* Denotes Postion is to be Elected or Appointed this Year



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