

TOWN OF
BAKERSFIELD
VERMONT
2023
AUDITORS'
ANNUAL REPORT

**For the Year Ending
December 31, 2023**

**Town Meeting Day
March 5, 2024**



Mary Lumbrá was an independent, feisty, tough, opinionated, adventurous member of our Bakersfield community who we will sorely miss. She died on Thanksgiving Day, 2023. Born in Sheldon, the family moved around, had a farm on Pudvah Hill, then the homestead on Waterville Mountain Road where her sister Doris lives. She was living alone since Grady died, at the end of her long dirt road, gardening and putting up food, doing the chores, stacking her wood, feeding her birds, doing 1000 piece puzzles. She was especially close with her sister Doris who lives so close. With the help of Dan Forand, who came almost daily to visit, haul water when her spring was dry, make sure her road was drivable, and generally help with the things she could not do, she was quite self-sufficient. She was serving tea to her friends up until the week before she passed. Her grandson Chris had come at just the right time to be with her when she really needed him. She was not a complainer and she kept on going as long as she possibly could.

Mary served our community for years as a member, Chair, and then Treasurer of the Bakersfield Conservation Commission. She loved being and working outside. She took part in trail clearing workdays, snowshoe hikes, Town Park clean up days, pollinator garden chores, and whatever else would come up that could get her outside. She worked out at the gym every week for years. She went to the Fairfield Community center every week and had plans to become a more active volunteer there. She had all the stories about the old days in Bakersfield, like a walking history book. She was truly a one-of-a-kind type of person, a friend to all, who spoke her mind, loved sharing good old times with her friends and family, and always enjoyed a good joke. Our little community is poorer for her loss.

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Dear Fellow Residents:

We have performed an audit of the financial records of the Town. The CPA firm RHR Smith and Company has audited the Northern Mountain Valley Unified Union School District accounts for the fiscal year. Included within are all financial and informational reports of the Town of Bakersfield. To the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and reports contained herein show the financial position of the Town of Bakersfield for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Auditors: Jason Bapp, Susan Wooten, Carolyn Bronz, & Phil Bronz

Reports of entities whose officers are elected by the Town or appointed by the Selectboard, or receiving funds from the Town are contained herein. Reports of agencies not administered by the Town are available in the Town office.

JUST A REMINDER:

Because of the nature of property evaluation, it is impossible for the auditors to verify individual appraisals. It is your responsibility to examine your listers' sheet and take any necessary action. You may obtain a copy of your appraisal at the Town Office, Monday thru Thursday mornings between the hours of 8 and 12 or request one to be mailed by calling 802-827-4495. If you have questions or concerns, please schedule a time to meet with the Listers. If you intend to file a grievance, grievances are heard beginning in mid June by appointment.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE - Open Monday through Thursday from 8 am until noon.
Town Clerk: Katherine Westcom Treasurer: Vera Lawyer

SELECTMEN - Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Chairman: Josh Goss

PLANNING COMMISSION - Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Co-Chairmen: Ken Carter and Bill Irwin

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month as needed at the Town Hall at 7 pm.

NORTHERN MOUNTAIN VALLEY UUSD - Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. There is no meeting in July. The School District Annual Meeting and Budget Informational Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station at 7:00 pm. Fire Chief: Matt Hull, 1st Asst: Todd Cosgrove, 2nd Asst: Ginger Parent, Fire Department Liaison EOC: Gary Rounds

FIRE DISTRICT#1 (VILLAGE WATER DEPARTMENT) - Village Meeting is held on the second Monday in January of each year. Other meetings held as warned.
Chief Engineer: William Newett
Prudential Committee: Alan Lawyer, William Newett, Craig Paquette

LIBRARY - Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Library at 7:00 pm.
Library hours are Tuesday 9am-5pm; Wednesday, 2 pm to 6 pm; Thursday; 9 am to Noon and 2 pm to 6 pm; Friday temporarily closed until further notice; and Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm. Storytime is held on Tuesday.
Librarian: Hadley Priebe Asst: Mary Schwartz
Website: HF BrighamLibrary.wordpress.com; Email: hfbrighamlibrary@gmail.com

CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 5 pm, Currently via zoom: to attend please call 933-4479 for a zoom link. Chair: Pat Evans

SENIOR CITIZENS - Bakersfield-Fairfield Mealsite: Community Center in East Fairfield. Tuesday at Noon. Tel: 827-3130 Suggested Donation: Seniors \$4 and \$6 for people under 60 Food Shelf hours: Tuesday 3-5 pm, Every other Friday 10-Noon Contact Person: Nancy Shaw

HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Historical Society Building. President: Gary Foote

DOG LICENSES – Dogs must have valid licenses no later than April 1 each year.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Town Clerk's Office	827-4495	Library	827-4414
School	827-6611	Town Garage	827-6133
Emergency Coordinator	Vacant	Fire/Ambulance/Emergency	911

**NOTICE TO VOTERS
BEFORE ELECTION DAY**

CHECKLIST POSTED: JANUARY 31, 2024

Make sure your name is on it. If your name is not on it, you must complete an application to the checklist (available online at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us> Click on Elections or from your Town Clerk.

REGISTER TO VOTE: At the Town Clerk's Office or mail to the Department of Motor Vehicles with a postmark before the deadline. You may register at the polling place on Election Day.

SECRET PARTY CHOICE: You do not register by party in Vermont. For presidential primaries you must declare a party.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Apply no later than NOON on March 4, 2024, at the Town Clerk's Office either in person, in writing, or by telephone. Voter or family member may apply in all three ways or authorize another person to apply for voter, in person or in writing. **WAYS OF VOTING ABSENTEE:** Vote in Town Clerk's Office before the deadline. Pick up or have a ballot mailed to you. Mail or have your ballot delivered so that it is in the Town Clerk's office before 7:00 PM on election day; Have two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at home on the day before or the day of the election. You may request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the justices.

NEW ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

- **Elections Management System (EMS)** – Includes a new statewide voter checklist and other resources and tools to be used by town and city clerks across Vermont to conduct all of their election related business – from registering voters, to processing absentee ballot requests, to entering election results;
- **New Online Voter Registration Tool** – allows all eligible Vermonters to submit his/her voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet: and
- **New "My Voter Page"** – online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where he/she can request an absentee ballot, track its status, update his/her voter registration record, find his/her polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more can be located at <https://townofbakersfield.org/my-voter-page-and-online-registration-2>

**SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: FEBRUARY 22, 2024
ON ELECTION DAY:**

POLLS ARE OPEN 10:00 am TO 7:00 pm

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your Town Clerk and ask that it be put back on.

If the problem is not cleared up to your satisfaction, have the Authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the Board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.

If you are still not satisfied, you may appeal to a judge, who will settle the matter that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (8683) for more information.

If you know voters who have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or cannot read, let them know they may bring a friend or relative who is a registered voter to help them vote.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car to the polling place, let them know that a ballot may be brought to the car by two election officials.

DO NOT: Knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns; mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote; leave campaign materials in the voting booth or building containing a polling place; socialize in a manner that will disturb other voters.

HELP OR INFORMATION? Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (8683) (TDD Accessible)

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR		
John West	1 year term	Expires 2024
TOWN CLERK		
Katherine Westcom	3 year term	Expires 2024
TREASURER		
Vera Lawyer		Appointed
SELECTMEN		
Terri Gates	3 year term	Expires 2024
Joshua Goss	2 year term	Expires 2024
Todd Cosgrove	2 year term	Expires 2025
John West	3 year term	Expires 2025
Lance Lawyer	3 year term	Expires 2026
SCHOOL DIRECTORS		
Arlene O'Rourke	1 year term	Expires 2022
Erin Paquette	3 year term	Expires 2022
LISTERS		
Sue Sonski	3 year term	Expires 2024
Sharon Evans	3 year term	Expires 2025
Patrick Evans	3 year term	Expires 2026
AUDITORS		
Susan Wooten	3 year term	Expires 2024
Carolyn Bronz	1 of 3 year term	Expires 2025
Philip Bronz	2 of 3 year term	Expires 2026
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS		
Stacey Maynard	5 year term	Expires 2024
Ron Marcotte	5 year term	Expires 2025
Heather Tanner	5 year term	Expires 2026
Linda McCall	5 year term	Expires 2027
Harmon Mayo	5 year term	Expires 2028
LIBRARY TRUSTEES		
Nicola Cribb	3 year term	Expires 2024
Kerry Flieger	3 year term	Expires 2024
Rebecca Anne Bennett	3 year term	Expires 2025
Wendy Cobb	3 year term	Expires 2025
Jennifer Sanchez	3 year term	Expires 2026
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS		
Lance Lawyer	3 year term	Expires 2024
Tennyson Doane	3 year term	Expires 2025
Pat Evans	3 year term	Expires 2026
BRIGHAM ACADEMY COMMITTEE		
Sarah Jo Willey Marcotte	3 year term	Expires 2024
Nicola Cribb	3 year term	Expires 2025
Cheryll DeRue Irwin	3 year term	Expires 2026

TOWN OFFICERS (continued)

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE		
Polly Cosgrove	2 year term	Expires 2024
Patrick Evans	2 year term	Expires 2024
Brenda Chuchill	2 year term	Expires 2024
Janice Ketchum Marcotte	2 year term	Expires 2024
Sara Jo Willey Marcotte	2 year term	Expires 2024
Arlene O'Rourke	2 year term	Expires 2024
Mark Doremus	2 year term	Expires 2024
PLANNING COMMISSION		
Nicola Cribb	2 year term	Expires 2024
Bill Irwin	3 year term	Expires 2024
Kenneth Carter	3 year term	Expires 2024
Heather Jewett	2 year term	Expires 2025
Tami Brennan	3 year term	Expires 2025
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT-Appointments		
Melanie Riddle	1 year term	Expires 9/24
Heather Jewett	1 year term	Expires 9/24
Maura Horne	1 year term	Expires 9/24
TOWN AGENT		Select Board
GRAND JUROR		Larry Krygier 2024
FIRST CONSTABLE		Select Board
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Select Board
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR		Katherine Westcom 2024
	APPOINTMENTS	
ASST. TOWN CLERK/TREASURER		Tami Brennan
BAKERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION		Chair, Mary Lumbra
CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICER		Select Board
ENERGY COORDINATOR		Jerry Brown
FENCE VIEWERS		Select Board, Mark Allen
FIRE WARDEN (5 year term)		Robert Willey, Expires 2028
HEALTH OFFICER		Ginger Parent
NORTHWEST SOLID WASTE REPRESENTATIVE		Mark Doremus
RDAG COMMITTEE		Select Board
Chairman		Larry Krygier
Secretary		Select Board
Treasurer		Maria DeRosia
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONER		Bill Irwin
ROAD COMMISSIONER		William Newett
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER		Select Board
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION		?
TREE WARDEN		Larry Krygier
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR		Brian Westcom
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR (EMC)		Select Board
DEPUTY EMC		Select Board
NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT		Brenda Churchill
		Heather Jewett

WARNING
TOWN OF BAKERSFIELD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Bakersfield, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town House in the said Town of Bakersfield on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, at 10:00 am in the forenoon to consider and act on the following articles, and vote by Australian ballot for Article 2. Polls open at 10:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

Informational Meeting for Article 2a and 2b to be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Bakersfield Town Hall.

1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To vote by Australian Ballot for the following officers and questions.
 - a. Shall the Town appropriate \$425,000.00 for ROAD WORK?
 - b. Shall the Town appropriate \$362,000.00 for GENERAL EXPENSES for the Town?
 - c. Select Board member 3-year term.
 - d. Select Board member 2-year term.
 - e. Town Clerk 3-year
 - f. Lister 3-year term
 - g. Auditor 1 year of a 3-year term.
 - h. Auditor 2 year of a 3-year term.
 - i. Auditor 3-year term.
 - j. Planning Commission 3-year term.
 - k. Planning Commission 3-year term.
 - l. Planning Commission 2-year term.
3. To act on the reports of various Town Officers as contained in the current financial statement.
4. To elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
 - a. First Constable.
 - b. Second Constable.
 - c. Collector of Delinquent Taxes
 - d. Grand Juror.
 - e. Town Agent
 - f. Cemetery Commissioner 5-year term.
 - g. Cemetery Commissioner 4 years of a 5-year term.
 - h. Library Trustee 3-year term
 - i. Library Trustee 3-year term.
 - j. Trustee of Public Funds 3-year term.
 - k. Brigham Academy Committee Person 3-year term.
5. Shall the Town vote to have its Property Taxes due on October 7th, 2024.
6. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate to cover expenses as voted?
7. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?
8. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 for a PAVING/GRANT FUND (Matching funds for grants)?
9. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 for BRIDGE REPAIR FUND?
10. Shall the Town appropriate \$28,000.00 for EQUIPMENT REPAIR FUND?
11. Shall the Town appropriate \$49,485.70 for the H.F. Brigham Library for 2025?
12. Shall the Town appropriate \$15,000.00 for Maple Grove Cemetery for 2025?

13. Shall the Town appropriate \$5,000.00 for the Bakersfield Historical Society for 2025?
14. Shall the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 to the Reappraisal Fund?
15. Shall the Town appropriate \$4,000.00 for Fireworks for annual 4th celebration needs?
16. Shall the Town vote to exempt Bakersfield Fire Volunteer Fire Department from property tax located At 181 Main Street North for a period of 5 years beginning April 1, 2024?
17. Shall the voters exempt Fairfield Fire District #1 Water and Reservoir Building from property taxes under 32 V.S.A 3832 paragraph 1 for a period of five years starting April 1, 2024
18. Shall the Town appropriate the following sums of money:
 - a. \$2,776.00 for the Franklin County Home Health?
 - b. \$1,655.00 for Northwest Vermont Solid Waste District?
 - c. \$200.00 for the Franklin County Industrial Development Corp?
 - d. \$1521.00 for the Northwest Regional Planning Commission?
 - e. \$600.00 for the Missisquoi River Basin Association?
 - f. \$500.00 for the American Red Cross?
 - g. \$100.00 for VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force?
 - h. \$1,000.00 for the Lucas James Williams Memorial Youth Fund Ltd.?
 - i. \$500.00 for Cat Crusaders of Franklin County, Inc.?
 - j. \$1,000.00 for Lauries's House of St. Albans?
 - k. \$95.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living?
19. To do any other business that can be properly transacted at this time.

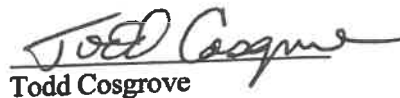
Dated this 22nd day of January 2024, by the Select Board members of the Town of Bakersfield.


Joshua Goss, Chair


Lance Lawyer


Terri Gates


John West


Todd Cosgrove

**TOWN OF BAKERSFELD
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**

GRANDLIST: HOMESTEAD 82,690,700 X 1% = 826,907 NON-HOMESTEAD 38,777,200 X 1% = 387,772
Town 121,382,400 x 1% = 1,213,824

**Taxes Assessed & Distribution of Collection
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023**

	<u>Voted</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Assessed</u>	<u>Distribution</u>
ROAD WORK	400,000.00	0.3295	399,955.01	400,000.00
PAVING/GRAVEL FUND (MATCHING)	10,000.00	0.0082	9,953.36	10,000.00
BRIDGE REPAIR FUND	10,000.00	0.0082	9,953.36	10,000.00
GENERAL EXPENSES	297,950.00	0.2455	297,993.79	254,768.71
OUTSIDE AUDIT (2028) Reserved Funds	5,000.00	0.0041	4,976.68	5,000.00
EQUIPMENT FUND	15,000.00	0.0124	15,051.42	15,000.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	26,050.00	0.0215	26,097.22	26,050.00
H.F. BRIGHAM LIBRARY For 2024	44,355.00	0.0366	44,425.96	44,355.00
CEMETERY	15,000.00	0.0124	15,051.42	15,000.00
BAKERSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY	10,000.00	0.0082	9,953.36	10,000.00
BAKERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMM.	500.00	0.0004	485.53	500.00
REAPPRAISAL FUND	10,000.00	0.0082	9,953.36	10,000.00
4TH CELEBRATION NEEDS	5,000.00	0.0041	4,976.68	5,000.00
FRAN. CTY. HOME HEALTH	2,776.00	0.0023	2,791.80	2,776.00
NORTHWEST VERMONT SOLID WASTE	1,527.60	0.0013	1,577.97	1,527.60
FRANKLIN CTY. INDUSTRIAL DEV.	200.00	0.0002	242.76	200.00
NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING	1,477.00	0.0012	1,456.59	1,477.00
MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION	600.00	0.0005	606.91	600.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS	500.00	0.0004	485.53	500.00
GREEN UP VERMONT	100.00	0.0001	121.38	100.00
FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER	4,000.00	0.0033	4,005.62	4,000.00
VT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION	100.00	0.0001	121.38	100.00
VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	95.00	0.0001	121.38	95.00
NORTHWEST COUNSELING	600.00	0.0005	606.91	600.00
LUCAS JAMES MEMORIAL FUND	1,000.00	0.0008	971.06	1,000.00
CAT CRUSADERS	500.00	0.0004	485.53	500.00
LAURIE'S HOUSE	1,000.00	0.0008	971.06	1,000.00
TOWN VOTED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	<u>863,330.60</u>	<u>0.7113</u>	<u>863,393.03</u>	<u>820,149.31</u>
2023 HOLD HARMLESS	(82,200.00)	(0.0677)	(82,175.88)	
TOTAL TOWN	<u>781,130.60</u>	<u>0.6436</u>	<u>781,217.15</u>	<u>820,149.31</u>
SCHOOL				
HOMESTEAD TAXES	1,167,179.23	1.4115	1,167,179.23	1,186,415.32
NON-HOMESTEAD TAXES	661,190.04	1.7051	661,190.04	639,085.11
TAX ADJUSTMENT SCHOOL				(334,015.14)
TOWN 1/8 OF 1%				(3,355.84)
TOTAL TO SCHOOL FROM THE TOWN	<u>1,828,369.27</u>		<u>1,828,369.27</u>	<u>1,488,129.45</u>
GRAND TOTAL SCHOOL & TOWN	<u>2,609,499.87</u>		<u>2,609,586.42</u>	<u>2,308,278.76</u>
Amount Voted	2,609,499.87			
Homestead Declarations Late Filings	(2,179.20)			
Grantlist changes after tax rate set	358.79			
Penalties	161.12			
Rounding Adjustment	86.72			
Actual Amount Raised on Grand List	<u>2,607,927.30</u>			
Current Taxes Collected	2,141,439.35			
Tax Adjustment from State	354,869.38			
2023 Delinquent Tax Collected	81,923.02			
Overpayments (returned)	(13,484.48)			
Overpayments not returned	(1.26)			
Total Current Receipts	<u>2,564,746.01</u>			
2023 Delinquent Taxes Left Due	43,181.29			
Actual 2023 Taxes	<u>2,607,927.30</u>			

Auditor's Notes

*Hold Harmless Payments are issued by the State to reduce the tax in recompence for the drop in the Grand List due to Current Use Appraisals.

School tax rates are set by the State.

Town of Bakersfield Budget					
GENERAL FUND					
	2020	2021	2022	12/31/2023	FY24 Budget
RECEIPTS					
Bank Interest	\$315.53	\$54.53	\$362.67	\$621.41	
ARPA Award Book Fund				\$20,000.00	
ARPA Award Grant Writing				\$45,657.29	
BCC	\$1,500.00	\$130.00		\$750.00	
Book Fund	\$5,490.00	\$6,534.00	\$4,816.00	\$3,728.00	
Brigham Donation			\$1,000.00		
Brigham Residence			\$6,250.00		
Cannabis Control Board			\$100.00	\$100.00	
Clerk Fees	\$16,524.50	\$20,518.50	\$13,871.00	\$12,425.66	
Current Taxes	\$2,033,903.00	\$2,075,687.95	\$1,997,947.37	\$2,160,192.57	
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$3,416.67	\$10,410.12	\$4,150.05	\$7,935.44	
Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$4,328.50	\$10,786.16	\$10,052.31	\$10,562.88	
Delinquent Taxes	\$56,607.49	\$134,388.02	\$125,653.11	\$132,035.90	
Donations				\$410.00	
Dog Fees - Clerk	\$236.00				
Dog Fees - Town	\$166.00				
Faxes					
Fee Refunds					
Hold Harmless	\$66,712.00	\$76,722.00	\$78,862.00	\$82,200.00	
Land Use Change	\$1,838.50				
Lease Payment					
Liquor License	\$285.00	\$370.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Lister - State	\$6,944.50	\$6,897.00	\$6,887.50	\$6,906.50	
Misc. Income	\$6,185.00	\$29,722.23	\$99.00	\$4.00	
Next Year Taxes	\$5,500.00	\$4,350.00	\$2,101.02	\$3,365.88	
Not Town to be transferred to ARPA			\$93.59		
Over pay - Delinquent	\$117.76				
Planning	\$500.00	\$160.00	\$890.00	\$895.00	
Previous Year Taxes			\$1,759.28	\$1,753.00	
Reimbursements				\$684.71	
Zoning	\$5,221.24	\$7,754.72	\$6,742.66	\$4,965.31	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,215,791.69	\$2,384,485.23	\$2,261,957.56	\$2,495,493.55	\$0.00
EXPENSES					
	2020	2021	2022	12/31/2023	FY24 Budget
Advertising	\$125.20	\$142.00		\$865.05	\$500.00
Ambulance Contract	\$32,808.42	\$33,463.11	\$37,566.99	\$39,754.80	\$41,247.70
Bakersfield Conservation Comm.	\$1,308.75	\$864.14	\$1,555.29	\$1,519.26	\$2,275.00
BCA Expense	\$1,657.50	\$318.65	\$645.00	\$88.85	\$2,000.00
BCA Refund of Tax Penalty				\$172.87	\$0.00
Bakersfield Fire Dept. Contract	\$36,183.50	\$108,550.50	\$73,814.00	\$83,814.00	\$88,004.00
Book Fund			\$697.60	\$2,466.18	\$0.00
Brigham Expense	\$218.77	\$5,000.00	\$5,187.75		\$500.00
Brigham Residence	\$7,990.00		\$29,653.91	\$14,187.37	\$250.00
Building Expense/Town Hall Repairs	\$597.07	\$138.95	\$188.39	\$745.00	\$500.00
Cemetery Expense	\$1,034.05	\$413.39	\$175.00	\$458.21	\$0.00
Copier Lease	\$2,483.98	\$2,858.76	\$1,800.83	\$1,962.44	\$2,000.00
Court tax	\$10,794.30	\$10,111.28	\$10,488.24	\$12,544.38	\$13,000.00
Direct Tax	\$1,969,075.20	\$1,983,063.64	\$1,767,768.70	\$2,033,010.05	\$0.00
Direct tax previous year			\$4,307.57	\$139,750.39	\$5,000.00
Dispatch			\$16,080.00	\$16,884.00	\$17,728.00
Dog Expense	\$101.94	\$161.44	\$112.69	\$115.21	\$250.00
Donation		\$250.00			\$0.00
Education	\$68.00		\$332.00	\$30.00	\$1,000.00
Electricity	\$825.58	\$949.89	\$1,397.09	\$1,257.70	\$1,500.00
Fireworks/July 4th			\$3,759.75	\$4,100.21	
Flags (Memorial Day)			\$1,581.26	\$1,109.27	\$1,750.00

GENERAL FUND CONTINUED						
EXPENSES	2020	2021	2022	12/31/2023	FY24 Budget	
Flowers			\$300.00	\$150.00		\$500.00
Generator			\$2,389.53	\$4,164.39		\$2,500.00
Grant Writing Expense				\$1,307.50		\$0.00
Heating Oil	\$2,120.71	\$1,932.58	\$3,786.71	\$2,771.27		\$5,000.00
Employer FICA/Medicare	\$6,002.55	\$7,757.38	\$7,150.57	\$7,864.58		\$9,000.00
Health Officer Expense						\$250.00
Internet	\$164.45	\$194.35	\$164.45	\$179.40		\$250.00
Late Fees/Penalties/Interest		\$627.48	\$840.25	\$130.69		\$500.00
Library Expense		\$954.32	\$250.00	\$654.02		\$0.00
Library Grants Transferred			\$1,100.61	\$300.00		\$0.00
Lister Education				\$294.00		\$400.00
Lister Expense	\$691.76	\$719.79	\$471.61	\$567.84		\$600.00
Lister Mileage	\$71.79	\$38.58	\$67.67	\$180.54		\$220.00
Membership/Dues	\$2,713.00	\$2,713.00	\$2,687.00	\$2,775.00		\$3,000.00
Memorial Day	\$526.76	\$235.87				\$0.00
Mileage	\$61.15					\$500.00
Misc.	\$670.00	\$232.00	\$117.49	\$1.53		\$1,000.00
Monument Expense			\$0.00			\$250.00
Office Expense	\$5,523.45	\$4,064.73	\$3,614.67	\$3,805.85		\$6,000.00
Outside Audit						\$5,000.00
Overpayment Del. Tax	\$117.76					\$0.00
Overpayment taxes	\$18,029.50	\$20,352.89	\$20,723.68	\$13,484.48		\$0.00
Overpayment Zoning			\$33.60			\$0.00
Park Expense	\$151.09	\$180.00	\$113.74			\$2,000.00
Park Loan Interest	\$199.98	\$101.95				\$0.00
Park Loan Principal	\$2,450.78	\$2,548.75				\$0.00
Park Water Bill		\$180.00	\$160.00			\$180.00
Planning Expense	\$94.50	\$47.10	\$234.20	\$381.02		\$500.00
Portolet		\$100.00	\$128.00	\$128.00		\$650.00
Postage	\$119.00	\$215.09	\$700.90	\$320.69		\$750.00
Property & Casualty/Worker's Comp.	\$24,881.00	\$6,002.50	\$22,619.25	\$27,229.25		\$31,000.00
Public Announce. System			\$300.00			\$750.00
Quickbooks			\$905.10	\$1,153.28		\$2,500.00
Selectboard Expense	\$70.00	\$3,300.31	\$562.87	\$655.15		\$500.00
Legal		\$3,822.50				\$10,000.00
Simple IRA Employer						\$600.00
Street Lights	\$1,992.92	\$1,998.91	\$2,093.81	\$2,161.58		\$2,200.00
Tax Prep		\$120.00				\$0.00
Telephone	\$1,462.23	\$1,625.53	\$1,583.83	\$1,634.94		\$2,000.00
Unemployment	\$621.00	\$664.00	\$574.00	\$524.00		\$548.00
VT Tax		\$157.37				\$0.00
Water	\$360.00	\$180.00	\$160.00	\$140.00		\$180.00
Website	\$188.75			\$214.87		\$500.00
Zoning	\$57.30	\$725.69	\$391.08	\$203.66		\$500.00
Zoning Legal			\$6,250.00	\$375.00		\$0.00
Zoom		\$149.00	\$149.00			\$250.00
Wages	\$78,124.52	\$100,242.81	\$93,473.01	\$102,802.79		\$94,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,212,738.21	\$2,308,470.23	\$2,131,208.69	\$2,531,390.56		\$362,082.70
Total Budget Spent	\$243,663.01	\$325,406.59	\$2,131,208.69	\$2,531,390.56		
Total Budget Voted In	\$225,000.00	\$265,000.00	\$281,080.00	\$297,950.00		
Total Receipts	\$2,215,791.69	\$2,384,485.23	\$2,261,957.56	\$2,495,493.55		\$0.00
Total Wages & Expenses	\$2,212,738.21	\$2,308,470.23	\$2,131,208.69	\$2,531,390.56		\$362,082.70
	\$3,053.48	\$76,015.00	\$130,748.87	-\$35,897.01		\$362,000.00
Amount to be Voted						

Town of Bakersfield Budget					
ROAD ACCOUNT	2020	2021	2022	12/31/2023	FY24 Budget
RECEIPTS					
ATV Permits	\$0.00	\$2,290.00	\$930.00	\$670.00	
Bank Interest	\$5.38	\$6.13	\$10.81	\$21.02	
Direct Tax	\$315,700.00	\$90,834.84	\$386,384.84	\$400,000.00	
FEMA Loan		\$475,218.40	\$307,308.43		
FEMA Reimbursement		\$96,282.75	\$482,321.89	\$357,060.80	
From New Equip. for Grader			\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	
Gravel Pit Account	\$2,755.61	\$1,755.61	\$1,744.11	\$1,813.20	
Loans from our Accounts	\$284,391.89		\$20,000.00		
Miscellaneous		\$634.50		\$205.24	
Paving Reimbursement				\$140,314.73	
Reimbursements Fuel		\$173.38	\$99.53		
Reimbursement			\$1,925.50	\$240.97	
Reimbursement Loan Interest				\$27.08	
Reimbursement from New. Equip.				\$6,000.00	
Road Access Permits	\$100.00	\$1,040.00	\$995.00	\$560.00	
Mower Sale			\$5,150.00		
State Aid	\$113,504.24	\$93,007.17	\$96,735.25	\$92,941.07	
State Aid for 2024				\$49,252.77	
TAN Loan		\$105,744.52			
Vehicle/Fleet Permits	\$380.00	\$400.00	\$425.00	\$405.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$716,837.12	\$867,387.30	\$1,364,030.36	\$1,109,511.88	
	2020	2021	2022	12/31/2023	FY24 Budget
SALARIES					
William Newett	\$55,416.60	\$60,309.40	\$63,906.92	\$67,742.68	
Mark Allen	\$53,846.60	\$56,679.39	\$60,524.30	\$64,528.93	
Daniel Forand	\$48,120.05	\$50,449.49	\$53,398.08	\$39,929.98	
Alan Cook				\$12,393.75	
Josh Goss		\$150.00			
Lance Lawyer			\$5,981.25	\$962.50	
TOTAL SALARIES	\$157,383.25	\$167,588.28	\$183,810.55	\$185,557.84	\$200,000.00
EXPENSES					
Advertising			\$372.50	\$60.00	\$500.00
ATV Stickers			\$75.00	\$54.00	\$100.00
CDL				\$90.00	\$200.00
Clothing Allotment	\$1,471.24	\$798.83	\$1,837.60	\$1,113.50	\$1,500.00
Contracted Labor	\$29,363.50	\$7,937.50	\$7,661.25	\$1,222.92	\$5,000.00
Culverts	\$7,499.88	\$7,554.54			\$5,000.00
Dental & Vision			\$1,410.13	\$1,357.34	\$1,500.00
Diesel	\$15,154.90	\$21,305.97	\$31,636.00	\$29,209.13	\$35,000.00
Disability Insurance	\$270.00	\$259.50	\$251.36	\$217.00	\$300.00
Ditch/Drainage Supplies	\$6,776.22	\$9,054.95			\$15,000.00
Electricity	\$1,314.33	\$1,509.06	\$1,441.25	\$1,515.31	\$2,100.00
Equipment Chains			\$3,059.56		\$0.00
Equipment Gas	\$35.53	\$25.01	\$70.31	\$60.95	\$100.00
Equipment Rental					\$10,000.00
Equipment Repair Fund	\$3,266.79	\$24,897.73			\$0.00

ROAD ACCT. CONTINUED	2020	2021	2022	12/31/2023	FY24 Budget
Excavator Expense				\$262.50	\$0.00
FEMA Work Expense	\$100,765.92	\$96,282.75	\$384,360.02		\$0.00
FEMA Principal/Interest Paid			\$417,321.89	\$380,349.74	\$0.00
FEMA LOC Interest			\$9,672.41		\$0.00
Gates (Skinner Hill)		\$325.92	\$0.00		\$500.00
Grader			\$120,000.00		\$0.00
Grant Aid				\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Gravel Pit Expense	\$1,350.00	\$320.00	\$160.00	\$776.64	\$15,000.00
Gravel Pit Loan Interest	\$3,141.06	\$3,755.41	\$2,460.92	\$1,117.61	\$0.00
Gravel Pit Principal	\$36,858.94	\$36,244.59	\$37,539.08	\$37,815.61	\$0.00
Guard Rails	\$0.00	\$4,452.50	\$0.00		\$5,000.00
Health Insurance	\$43,365.60	\$35,886.08	\$32,639.90	\$11,674.94	\$20,000.00
Health Stipend				\$1,800.00	\$2,500.00
Heating Fuel	\$2,435.05	\$2,738.15	\$6,154.93	\$5,111.54	\$7,500.00
Hydro-Seeder expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155.70	\$187.62	\$2,500.00
Loan Paybacks to our accounts				\$26,000.00	\$0.00
Mileage	\$1,720.94	\$1,176.00	\$1,754.48	\$1,340.16	\$1,750.00
Miscellaneous	\$258.30	\$118.20	\$19.61	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Mower Sale to N. Equipment			\$5,160.00		\$0.00
Office Expense				\$319.00	\$0.00
Pagers			\$597.60	\$615.60	\$625.00
Paving			\$140,314.73		\$0.00
Plowing (after flooding)				\$4,600.00	\$0.00
Radio License					\$600.00
Reimbursement				\$574.20	\$0.00
Repairs North Station				\$255.22	\$15,000.00
Road Erosion Invent./Renewal Fee			\$8,240.00	\$640.00	\$1,000.00
Road Signs		\$2,233.99	\$147.67	\$3,838.36	\$1,000.00
Roadside Mowing	\$3,000.00				\$0.00
Salt/Chlorine/Cold Patch	\$23,428.97	\$21,217.09	\$22,459.73	\$28,208.98	\$30,000.00
Sand/Gravel/Stone			\$8,694.00	\$13,279.00	\$0.00
Shop Expense	\$2,158.82	\$3,140.87	\$5,179.06	\$7,314.09	\$5,000.00
Simple IRA (Town Share)	\$4,721.48	\$4,965.08	\$5,397.77	\$5,166.08	\$6,000.00
Social Security & Medicare	\$12,039.88	\$12,509.10	\$14,061.54	\$14,195.26	\$15,300.00
Storm Water Operating Fee		\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,285.00	\$1,500.00
Street Lights	\$153.30	\$153.76	\$161.06	\$166.28	\$175.00
TAN Interest	\$1,997.26	\$735.13			\$0.00
TAN Principal	\$162,487.00	\$102,587.50			\$0.00
Telephone	\$734.67	\$888.85	\$809.70	\$1,002.85	\$1,500.00
Truck #3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00		\$0.00
Truck Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,832.84	\$55,832.84	\$55,000.00
Water	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$320.00	\$280.00	\$280.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$466,129.58	\$404,784.06	\$1,329,329.60	\$640,909.27	\$265,030.00
Total Receipts	\$716,837.12	\$867,387.30	\$1,364,030.36	\$1,109,511.88	\$0.00
Total Wages and Expenses	\$623,512.83	\$572,372.34	\$1,513,140.15	\$826,467.11	\$465,030.00
	\$93,324.29	\$295,014.96	(\$149,109.79)	\$283,044.77	

**GENERAL FUND
STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 362,320.74
RECEIPTS		
Hold Harmless Payment	82,200.00	
2022 Taxes	1,753.00	
2023 Taxes	2,160,192.57	
2024 Taxes	3,365.88	
ARPA Funds	65,657.29	
Bank Interest	621.41	
BCC	750.00	
Book Fund	3,728.00	
Cannabis Control Board	100.00	
Delinquent Taxes	142,598.78	
1% Interest	7,935.44	
8% Penalty to Collector	12,425.66	
Donations	410.00	
Zoning	4,965.31	
Planning Commission	895.00	
Liquor Licenses	300.00	
Lister--State	6,906.50	
MISC	278.00	
Reimbursements	684.71	
	2,495,767.55	
Total Receipts		2,495,767.55
Total Available		2,858,088.29
TOTAL SELECTMEN'S ORDERS DRAWN		2,531,458.19
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 326,630.10

**GENERAL FUND
ANALYSIS OF ORDERS DRAWN**

SALARIES		
Selectmen	6,160.00	
Selectboard Secretary	3,030.00	
Town Clerk	15,000.00	
Treasurer	18,500.01	
Assistant Clerk	10,795.00	
Assistant Treasurer	1,075.00	
Land Records	3,220.00	
Delinquent Tax Collector	10,612.12	
Listers	14,960.25	
Auditors	261.25	
Zoning Administrator	3,300.00	
Town Clerk Fees	12,326.66	
BCA-Ballot Clerks	952.50	
Custodian	1,560.00	
Health Officer	300.00	
Cook Cemetery	750.00	
Total Salaries	102,802.79	\$ 102,802.79
GENERAL EXPENSES		
Advertising	865.05	
Ambulance Contract	39,754.80	
Bakersfield Conservation Commit	1,519.26	
Bakersfield Volunteer Fire Department Contract	83,814.00	
BCA/Ballot Clerk Expense	88.85	
Book Fund	2,466.18	
Brigham Academy Residence Project	14,187.37	
Copier Contract	1,962.44	
Court Tax	12,544.38	

Direct Tax Previous Year	139,750.39	
Dispatching Fees	16,884.00	
Dog Expense	115.21	
Education	30.00	
Electricity - Cemetary	458.21	
Electricity - Office	1,257.70	
Fireworks 4th of July	4,100.21	
Flags	1,109.27	
Flowers	150.00	
Grant Writer Expense	1,307.50	
Heating Fuel	2,771.27	
Internet Comcast	179.40	
Late Fees	130.69	
Listers' Expense	861.84	
Lister Mileage	180.54	
Membership Dues VLCT	2,775.00	
Miscellaneous	369.12	
Office Expense	3,805.85	
Office Water Bill	140.00	
Overpayment of Property Taxes	13,657.35	
Planning Expense	381.02	
Portolet	128.00	
Postage	320.69	
Property and Casualty - VLCT	26,557.25	
QRTly Contribution - VLCT - Unemployment	524.00	
Quick Books	1,807.30	
School Generator	4,164.39	
Select Board Expense	655.15	
Social Security/Medicare	7,864.62	
Street Lights	2,161.58	
Town Hall Repairs	745.00	
Telephone (Consolidated)	1,634.94	
Website Expense	214.87	
Workers Comp VLCT	672.00	
Zoning Expense	578.66	
Total General Expenses		\$ 395,645.35

DIRECT TAXES

American Red Cross	500.00	
Bakersfield Historical Society	10,000.00	
Bridge Repair Fund	10,000.00	
Cat Crusaders of Franklin County	500.00	
Equipment Fund	15,000.00	
Equipment Repairs	26,050.00	
Fairfield Community Center	4,000.00	
Franklin County Home Health	2,776.00	
Franklin County Industrial Development	200.00	
Green Up Vermont	100.00	
H.F. Brigham Library	44,355.00	
Laurie's House	1,000.00	
Lucas James Williams Memorial Fund	1,000.00	
Maple Grove Cemetery	15,000.00	
Missisquoi River Basin Association	600.00	
N. W. Vt. Solid Waste Management District	1,527.60	
Northwestern Counseling	600.00	
Northwest Reg. Planning and Dev Comm.	1,477.00	
Paving/Gravel Fund	10,000.00	
Road Work	400,000.00	
School District	1,488,129.45	
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00	
VT Center for Independent Living	95.00	
Total Direct Taxes Paid		\$ 2,033,010.05
TOTAL SELECTMEN'S ORDERS, DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 2,531,458.19

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023
PROPERTY TAXES

	Balance January 1, 2023	To Collector	Collections	Balance December 31, 2023
2020 \$	400.24		\$ (400.24)	\$ -
2021	23,069.55		(18,656.05)	4,413.50
2022	41,193.48		(30,576.08)	10,617.40
2023		125,104.31	(81,923.02)	43,181.29
TOTAL \$	64,663.27	\$ 125,104.31	\$ (131,555.39)	\$ 58,212.19
				\$131,555.39
				7,935.44
TOTAL RECEIVED				\$139,490.83

**GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

CURRENT ASSETS	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023
Town Treasurer-Cash Balance	\$ 362,320.70	\$ 326,630.10
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	64,663.20	58,212.19
Total Assets	\$ 426,983.90	\$ 384,842.29
PETTY CASH FUND		
BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 300.00
RECEIPTS		
Feb 28, 2023	\$ 292.24	
Dec 28, 2023	\$ 274.09	
Total Receipts		566.33
Total Available		866.33
DISBURSEMENTS		
BCA Expense	\$ 43.85	
Postage	\$ 320.69	
Office Supplies	\$ 26.59	
Listers Expense	\$ 23.38	
Planning Expense	\$ 151.82	
Total Disbursements		566.33
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 300.00

GRAND LIST FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 15,345.92
RECEIPTS		
State Fund for Maintenance of Grand List	727.00	
Total Receipts	<u>727.00</u>	727.00
Total Available		<u>16,072.92</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Listers' Salaries	14,960.25	
Classes	294.00	
Dues	50.00	
Mileage	180.54	
Supplies/Postage	23.38	
Software Maintenance	494.46	
Transfer to Reappraisal fund as voted	10,000.00	
Listers' FICA	<u>1,144.52</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>27,147.15</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		<u>\$ (11,074.23)</u>

ZONING INCOME AND EXPENSE

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ (2,608.38)
RECEIPTS		
Zoning Fees	4,965.31	
Total Receipts	<u>4,965.31</u>	4,965.31
Total Available		<u>2,356.93</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Zoning Administrator	3,300.00	
FICA	252.48	
Advertising Fees	84.80	
Classes	58.00	
Postage & Supplies	23.90	
Legal	375.00	
Mileage	<u>36.96</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>4,131.14</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		<u>\$ (1,774.21)</u>

PLANNING INCOME AND EXPENSE

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 6,533.78
Planning Fees	895.00	
Total Receipts	<u>895.00</u>	895.00
Total Available		<u>7,428.78</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Advertising Expense	209.20	
Supplies/Postage	151.82	
Classes	<u>20.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>381.02</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		<u>\$ 7,047.76</u>

TOWN HALL REPAIR

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 54,543.62
RECEIPTS		
Delinquent Tax Interest	7,935.44	
Total Receipts	<u>7,935.44</u>	7,935.44
Total Available		<u>62,479.06</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Building Expense	745.00	
Total Disbursements	<u>745.00</u>	745.00
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 61,734.06

BOOK RESTORATION, PRESERVATION AND DIGITALIZATION FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 28,696.40
RECEIPTS		
Book Fund	23,728.00	
Total Receipts	<u>23,728.00</u>	23,728.00
Total Available		<u>52,424.40</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Book Fund	5,932.52	
Total Disbursements	<u>5,932.52</u>	5,932.52
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 46,491.88

BAKERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 2,129.39
RECEIPTS		
Donation	125.00	
Direct Tax	500.00	
Transfer per Selectboard	600.00	
Grant	625.00	
Total Receipts	<u>1,850.00</u>	1,850.00
Total Available		<u>3,979.39</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Grants	992.50	
Reimbursements	161.66	
Plants	109.10	
Portolet	256.00	
Total Disbursements	<u>1,519.26</u>	1,519.26
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 2,460.13

FOURTH OF JULY FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ (73.02)
RECEIPTS		
Direct Tax	5,400.00	
Total Receipts	<u>5,400.00</u>	5,400.00
Total Available		<u>5,326.98</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Fireworks Expense	4,100.21	
Total Disbursements	<u>4,100.21</u>	4,100.21
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 1,226.77

REAPPRAISAL FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ -
RECEIPTS		
As voted	20,000.00	
Transfer per Selectboard	<u>6,179.50</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>26,179.50</u>
Total Available		<u>26,179.50</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Disbursements	<u>-</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>-</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 26,179.50

AUDIT FUND 2028

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ -
RECEIPTS		
As voted	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Available		<u>5,000.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Disbursements	<u>-</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>-</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 5,000.00

GRANT WRITING FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ -
RECEIPTS		
ARPA funds	45,655.89	
Interest income	<u>1.40</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>45,657.29</u>
Total Available		<u>45,657.29</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Grants	<u>1,307.50</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>1,307.50</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 44,349.79

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 425.00
RECEIPTS		
Direct Tax	-	
Total Receipts	<u> -</u>	
Total Available		425.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Rental	-	
Total Disbursements	<u> -</u>	
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 425.00

BAKERSFIELD RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 16,574.19
RECEIPTS		
RDAG Loan principal	2,782.37	
RDAG loan interest	1,099.34	
Bank Interest	17.69	
Total Receipts	<u> 3,899.40</u>	
Total Available		20,473.59
DISBURSEMENTS		
RDAG Loan	-	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u> -</u>	
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 20,473.59

	Notes Payable 1/1/2023	2023 Additions	2023 Payments	Notes Payable 12/31/2023	2023 Interest Paid
TOWN OF BAKERSFIELD					
Kansas St. Bank of Manhattan Truck #1	\$ 25,203.41	-	25,203.41	\$ -	\$ 793.92
Kansas St. Bank of Manhattan Truck #3	\$ 84,685.98	-	27,447.37	\$ 57,238.61	\$ 2,388.14
Community Bank - Gravel Pit	\$ 35,927.84	-	35,927.84	\$ -	\$ 1,090.53
Community Bank - FEMA	\$ 372,586.03	-	372,586.03	\$ -	\$ 7,763.71

	Notes Payable 1/1/2024	Due Date	Interest Rate
TOWN OF BAKERSFIELD			
Kansas St. Bank of Manhattan Truck #3	\$ 57,238.61	4/3/2025	2.80%

ROAD ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023 \$ 2,915.79

RECEIPTS

ATV Permits	670.00	
Bank Interest	21.02	
Direct Tax	400,000.00	
FEMA Reimbursement	357,060.80	
Fleet/Vehicle Permits	405.00	
Gravel Pit Account	1,813.20	
Reimbursements	140,582.78	
Road Access Permits	560.00	
State Aid - 2023	92,941.07	
State Aid - 2024	49,252.77	
From New Equipment for Grader	66,000.00	
Total Receipts	1,109,306.64	
Total Available	1,112,222.43	

DISBURSEMENTS

Total Road Orders Drawn	826,261.87	826,261.87
Total Disbursements	826,261.87	\$ 285,960.56
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 285,960.56

GRAVEL PIT ACTIVITY SUMMARY

RECEIPTS

Lease payments	\$ 1,813.20	\$ 1,813.20
Total Receipts	\$ 1,813.20	

DISBURSEMENTS

Permits	\$ -	\$ -
Total Disbursements	\$ -	

ROAD ACCOUNT-DISBURSEMENTS BY JOB

FEMA loan payments and expenses	381,251.31
Dirt Work	145,721.80
Winter Work	262,447.72
Town Road #14	7,710.26
Town Road #20	23,130.78
New Equipment Fund	6,000.00
TOTAL ORDERS DRAWN DECEMBER 31, 2023	\$ 826,261.87

ROAD ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS BY ITEM

SALARIES

William Newett	67,742.68	
Mark Allen	64,528.93	
Alan Cook	12,393.75	
Daniel Forand	39,929.98	
Lance Lawyer	962.50	
Total Salaries	\$ 185,557.84	

OTHER EXPENSES

SIMPLE IRA	5,166.09
ATV	54.00
Advertising	60.00
CDL License/Training	90.00
Clothing Reimbursement	1,113.50
Dental/Vision	1,357.34
Diesel	29,209.13
Disability Expense	217.00
Ditch, Straw&Stone	13,279.00

Electricity (North Building/Old Fire Station)	408.42	
Electricity (South Building)	1,106.89	
Equipment Gas	60.95	
Equipment Rentals	1,222.92	
Excavator	262.50	
FEMA Interest	7,763.71	
FEMA Loan Principal paid	372,586.03	
Grants Aid	1,000.00	
Gravel Pit Expense	776.64	
Gravel Pit Loan Interest	1,117.61	
Gravel Pit Principal	37,815.61	
Health Insurance & Stipends	13,474.94	
Heating Fuel (North Building/Old Fire Station)	1,005.67	
Heating Fuel (South Building)	4,105.87	
Hydro Seeder Expense	187.62	
Loan repayments	20,000.00	
Mileage	1,340.16	
Miscellaneous	1,368.97	
New Equipment	6,000.00	
Office expense	319.00	
Pager	615.60	
Plowing	4,600.00	
Repairs North Station	255.22	
Road Erosion Inventory	640.00	
Salt/Chloride/ Cold pat.	28,208.98	
Shop Expense	7,314.09	
Signs	3,838.36	
Social Security & Medicare	14,195.24	
Storm Water Operating Fee	1,285.00	
Street Light	166.28	
Truck payment	55,832.84	
Telephone	1,002.85	
Water (North and South)	280.00	
		<u>640,704.03</u>
Total Other Expenses		<u>\$ 826,261.87</u>
TOTAL ORDERS DRAWN DECEMBER 31,2023		

EQUIPMENT REPAIR FUND		
BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 8,950.16
RECEIPTS		
Deposit	20.00	
Direct Tax	26,050.00	
Interest	0.45	
		<u>26,070.45</u>
Total Earnings		<u>26,070.45</u>
Total Available		<u>35,020.61</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Loader	3,051.49	
Grader	7,818.77	
Truck #1	1,084.39	
Truck #2	4,585.16	
Truck #3	2,373.22	
Screener	633.87	
Shop Expense	39.54	
Tractor/Snowblower	995.15	
York Rake	3,399.92	
Chipper	198.95	
Chainsaw	86.95	
		<u>24,267.41</u>
Total Expenses		<u>24,267.41</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		<u>\$ 10,753.20</u>

NEW EQUIPMENT FUND		
BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 65,784.66
RECEIPTS		
Interest	173.54	
ARPA	120,000.00	
ARPA	130,000.00	
Direct Tax	15,000.00	
Total Receipts	<u>265,173.54</u>	
Total Available		<u>330,958.20</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Clark Communication	1,567.92	
Pete's Equipment	162,000.00	
Grader	60,000.00	
Total Disbursements	<u>223,567.92</u>	
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		<u>\$ 107,390.28</u>
BRIDGE ACCOUNT		
BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 56,072.75
RECEIPTS		
Direct Tax	10,000.00	
Loan from Road	20,000.00	
Interest	64.27	
Total Receipts	<u>30,064.27</u>	
Total Available		<u>86,137.02</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Loan to Road	<u>-</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>-</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		<u>\$ 86,137.02</u>
PAVING / GRANT FUND		
BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 60,115.91
RECEIPTS		
Direct Tax	10,000.00	
Interest	6.62	
Total Receipts	<u>10,006.62</u>	
Total Available		<u>70,122.53</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Paving	<u>25,823.97</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>25,823.97</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		<u>\$ 44,298.56</u>
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT		
BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 390,914.06
RECEIPTS		
Funds received from government	93.59	
Interest income	14.02	
Total Receipts	<u>107.61</u>	
Total Available		<u>391,021.67</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
ARPA Administrator	150.00	
ARPA Secretary	175.00	
Payroll taxes	24.87	
Projects	389,697.72	
Equipment repairs	20.00	
B+H Photo and Video	954.08	
Total Disbursements	<u>391,021.67</u>	
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		<u>\$ -</u>

BAKERSFIELD FIRE DISTRICT #1 2023

OPERATING FUND BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023 **\$52,531.61**

RECEIPTS

Current Water Receipts	37,689.00
Delinquent Water Receipts	8,420.56
Penalties	88.00
Delinquent Interest	947.65
Street Lights	2,327.86
Overpayments	60.00
Recording Fees	15.00
Refund USPS	2.60
Reimbursement for certified and returned check	31.00
Bank Interest	9.70

Total Receipts **\$49,591.37**

DISBURSEMENTS

Electricity	9,989.01
Insurance	1,524.25
Dues	1,345.00
Office supplies, calls etc.	135.97
Water samples, bottles, etc.	1,084.00
Permit To Operate	1,363.20
Social Security & Medicare	372.13
Collector	1,200.00
Treasurer	700.00
Clerk	600.00
Operator	1,111.25
Labor	103.50
Auditors	100.00
Prudential Committee	1,050.00
Repairs & Maintenance	148.06
Overpayments Returned	60.00
Box Rent	82.00
Training	42.00
Contracted Labor	330.00
License Renewal	80.00
Travel Expense	470.40

Total Disbursements for Operating Expenses **\$21,890.77**

Transferred to Replacement Fund per Votes **\$14,681.07**

Cash on Hand in Checking Account December 31, 2023 **\$65,551.14**

Replacement Fund Balance on Hand January 1, 2023 **\$62,447.31**

Expenses \$0.00

Bank Interest 69.83

Transferred from Operating Fund per Votes 14,681.07

Replacement Fund Balance on Hand December 31, 2023 **\$77,198.21**

Delinquent Water, Penalties, & Interest **\$8.32**

SUMMARY OF THE SOURCES & PURPOSES OF THE BAKERSFIELD TRUST FUNDS

BRIGHAM ACADEMY FUND

In 1878, Sarah Jacobs and two others gave to build the Academy.....	\$8,000.00
(Used to build, not included in Trust)	
In 1877, Peter Bent Brigham left to aid education.....	30,000.00
In 1891, Sarah Jacobs left to support the Academy.....	100,000.00
With accumulated interest	3,475.00

TOTAL BRIGHAM ACADEMY TRUST FUNDS \$133,475.00

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

In 1877, Peter Bent Brigham left to start a cemetery trust fund.....	\$10,000.00
In 1928, willed by Mattie Boutell Smith.....	500.00
willed by Loretta Brown	100.00
In 1955, willed by Mathilda Potter.....	100.00
In 1956, willed by Caroline Shattuck.....	1,000.00
In 1961, willed by Elwyn Vincent.....	177.93
willed by Child.....	2,499.07
In 2002, willed by May E. Regan.....	5000.00
In 2015, willed by Holden Doane.....	2000.00

GILBERT FUND

In 1957, Howard Gilbert left to establish a fund for cemetery care.....	\$29,466.71
In 1986, Gilbert Stock Principal Inc.....	63.29

COWAN FUND

In 1990, Marian Cowan left for the care, maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery.	\$2,000.00
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TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS \$52,907.00

J.K. MAYNARD FUND

In 1888, Jesse K. Maynard left in trust, for the care of the worthy poor, with the unused income subject to the vote of the town.....	\$15,518.00
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LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

WEEKS FUND

In 1942, willed by Mary F. Weeks to build, equip, and maintain the H. F Brigham Library.....	\$22,043.00
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SHELDON LIBRARY FUND

In 1989, given in memory of Hortense Sheldon to be invested by the Trustees of Public Funds, with income for the benefit of the H. F. Brigham Library.....	\$35,000.00
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SHELDON LIBRARY BOOK FUND

In 1994, willed by Hortense Sheldon, to be invested by the Trustees of Public Funds, with all income used to buy books for the H. F Brigham Library.....	\$16,315.00
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TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS \$73,358.00

BRIGHAM HOUSE FUND

In 1983, sale of the principals house (established by vote, not will) with proceeds usually voted to the School District.....	\$15,000.00
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MARGARET J. CUTTING FUND

1991-1993 from the Maebelle Cutting Estate willed to the Town of Bakersfield, under the management and discretion of its Trustees to form the Margaret J. Cutting Trust. The income is to be used: 20% to the Bakersfield First Congregational Church (with specific directions); and 80% to be awarded to students first in Bakersfield and then Franklin County, as funds are available (with guidelines contained in the will).....	\$508,389.00
In 2015, willed by Holden Doane, for Scholarships.....	20,000.00

TOTAL CUTTING FUNDS \$528,389.00

THOMAS L. TUPPER FUND

In 2003, received from the Trustee, the residue of the Thomas L. Tupper Estate, for relief and assistance of the needy and poor persons of Bakersfield." Held in an expendable interest account, and dispensed at the discretion of the Trustees of Public Funds.	\$135,323.01
In 2015, willed by Holden Doane.....	8,000.00

TOTAL TUPPER FUNDS \$143,323.01

BRIGHAM ACADEMY EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$	56.46
RECEIPTS			
Mortgage Interest	\$ 1,245.40		
Savings Interest	<u>67.36</u>		
Total Receipts			<u>1,312.76</u>
Total Available		\$	<u>1,369.22</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Bakersfield School District	\$ 1,301.86		
Total Disbursements			<u>1,301.86</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$	<u>67.36</u>

BRIGHAM HOUSE EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$	2,526.39
RECEIPTS			
Savings Interest	\$ 10.92		
Total Receipts			<u>10.92</u>
Total Available		\$	<u>2,537.31</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
School District (by vote)	\$ -		
Total Disbursements			<u>-</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$	<u>2,537.31</u>

WEEKS LIBRARY EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$	1,763.61
RECEIPTS			
Mortgage Interest	\$ -		
Savings Interest	<u>0.15</u>		
Total Receipts			<u>0.15</u>
Total Available		\$	<u>1,763.76</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
H.F. Brigham Library	\$ 1,763.61		
Total Disbursements			<u>1,763.61</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$	<u>0.15</u>

SHELDON LIBRARY BOOK EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023	\$	313.75
RECEIPTS		
Savings Interest	<u>\$ 14.08</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>14.08</u>
Total Available	\$	<u>327.83</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
H. F. Brigham Library	<u>\$ 313.75</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>313.75</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023	\$	<u>14.08</u>

J. K. MAYNARD EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023	\$	3,274.29
RECEIPTS		
Savings Interest	<u>\$ 18.42</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>18.42</u>
Total Available	\$	<u>3,292.71</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Requested Needs	<u>\$ -</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>-</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023	\$	<u>3,292.71</u>

GILBERT/COWAN/CEMETERY EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023	\$	3,532.76
RECEIPTS		
Savings Interest	<u>\$ 8.92</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>8.92</u>
Total Available	\$	<u>3,541.68</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Cemetery Operating Fund	<u>\$ 3,532.76</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>3,532.76</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023	\$	<u>8.92</u>

MARGARET J. CUTTING EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 28,318.47
RECEIPTS		
Investment Account	\$ 37,261.44	
Unused Scholarships	<u>3,350.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>40,611.44</u>
Total Available		\$ <u>68,929.91</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Church of Bakersfield & Fairfield Scholarships	\$ 8,767.90	
Administrative Costs	<u>34,500.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>43,303.90</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ <u>25,626.01</u>

SHELDON LIBRARY INVESTMENT EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 1,279.26
RECEIPTS		
Investment Account	\$ <u>2,546.95</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>2,546.95</u>
Total Available		\$ <u>3,826.21</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
H. F. Brigham Library	\$ <u>3,826.21</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>3,826.21</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ -

THOMAS L. TUPPER EXPENDABLE INTEREST FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 15,940.19
RECEIPTS		
Investment Account	\$ 7,617.02	
Donation	\$ 200.00	
Refund	<u>1,143.18</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>8,960.20</u>
Total Available		\$ <u>24,900.39</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Requested Needs	\$ <u>10,315.74</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>10,315.74</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ <u>14,584.65</u>

**CIVIL SUIT JUDGEMENT
LINDA HALL**

BALANCE DUE JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 586,080.00
2023 Receipts		<u>(600.00)</u>
BALANCE DUE DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ <u>585,480.00</u>

	MARGARET CUTTING TRUST (R.M. Davis, Inc.)	SHELDON TRUST (LIBRARY) (R.M. Davis, Inc.)	TUPPER TRUST (R.M. Davis, Inc.)
BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023	\$ 783,363.75	\$ 69,174.14	\$ 212,854.69
RECEIPTS			
Net Earnings and Capital Return	18,894.73	1,291.41	3,862.44
Change of Value	147,136.33	1,715.75	5,131.00
Total Receipts	<u>166,031.06</u>	<u>3,007.16</u>	<u>8,993.44</u>
Total Available	949,394.81	72,181.30	221,848.13
DISBURSEMENTS			
Scholarships	30,253.48	-	-
First Congregational Church	7,007.96	-	-
Library	-	2,546.95	-
Tupper Expendable Interest Fund	-	-	7,617.01
Administrative Charges	6,758.89	460.21	1,376.43
Total Disbursements	<u>44,020.33</u>	<u>3,007.16</u>	<u>8,993.44</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023	\$ 905,374.48	\$ 69,174.14	\$ 212,854.69

**CEMETERY OPERATING FUND
MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY**

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2023		\$ 36,424.79
RECEIPTS		
Direct Tax	15,000.00	
Cemetary/Cowan/Gilbert Trust Interest	3,532.76	
Bank Interest	34.74	
Total Receipts	<u>18,567.50</u>	
Total Available		<u>54,992.29</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Water	140.00	
Grounds Keeping--Ross Allen	9,660.00	
Flowers/Mulch/Fertilizer	138.85	
Supplies (Paint, weed control, chain)	78.73	
Tree Service	3,350.00	
Bank Fee	10.00	
Port-o-Let	128.00	
Total Disbursements	<u>13,505.58</u>	
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 41,486.71

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS 2023

	B.A. HOUSE	BRIGHAM FUND	CEMETERY/ COWAN/ GILBERT/DOANE	J.K. MAYNARD	SHELDON BOOK	WEEKS	TOTAL
<u>MORTGAGE ACTIVITY</u>							
Balance in Mortgages 1/1/23	0.00	36,719.61	44,100.00	0.00	1,972.64	22,043.00	104,835.25
New Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Principal Payments	0.00	(36,719.61)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(36,719.61)
Balance in Mortgages 12/31/23	0.00	0.00	44,100.00	0.00	1,972.64	22,043.00	68,115.64
<u>SAVINGS ACTIVITY</u>							
Principal in Savings 1/1/23	8,615.00	40,887.72	8,807.00	15,518.00	14,342.36	0.00	88,170.08
Principal Payments		36,719.61					36,719.61
New Loans							0.00
Court Judgment to Principal		600.00					600.00
Principal in Savings 12/31/23	8,615.00	78,207.33	8,807.00	15,518.00	14,342.36	0.00	125,489.69
<u>PRINCIPAL SUMMARY</u>							
Principal in Mortgages	0.00	0.00	44,100.00	0.00	1,972.64	22,043.00	68,115.64
Principal in Savings	8,615.00	78,207.33	8,807.00	15,518.00	14,342.36	0.00	125,489.69
Missing Principal		55,267.67					55,267.67
Total Original Principal	8,615.00	133,475.00	52,907.00	15,518.00	16,315.00	22,043.00	248,873.00
<u>INTEREST EARNED</u>							
Mortgage Interest Earned		1,245.40					1,245.40
Bank Interest Earned	10.92	67.36	8.92	18.42	14.08	0.15	119.85
Total Interest Earned	10.92	1,312.76	8.92	18.42	14.08	0.15	1,365.25

**CASH ON HAND AND IN BANKS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

General Fund	\$ 2,858,088.29	
General Fund Petty Cash	300.00	
Bakersfield Rural Development	20,473.59	
Maple Grove Cemetery Checking	41,486.71	
Library Checking	1,531.24	
Library Savings	62,331.35	
Library Petty Cash	150.00	
ARPA	-	
TOTAL General Accounts	-	\$ 126,272.89

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Checking Account	\$ 28,960.56	
Equipment Repair Fund	10,753.20	
New Equipment Fund	107,390.28	
Bridge Account	86,137.02	
Paving / Gravel Fund	44,298.56	
TOTAL Road Commissioner's Acct.	-	\$ 277,539.62

TRUST FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Brigham Fund Principal Savings	\$ 78,207.33	
Brigham Fund Expendable Interest Savings	67.36	
Brigham House Principal Savings	8,615.00	
Brigham House Expendable Interest Savings	2,537.31	
Gilbert/Cowan/Cemetery Principal Savings	8,807.00	
Gilbert/Cowan/Cemetery Expendable Interest Savings	3,541.68	
Weeks Library Principal Savings	-	
Weeks Library Expendable Interest Savings	0.15	
Sheldon Library Book Principal Savings	14,342.36	
Sheldon Library Book Expendable Interest Savings	14.08	
J.K. Maynard Principal Savings	15,518.00	
J.K. Maynard Expendable Interest Savings	3,292.71	
Thomas L Tupper Fund Principal--Charles Schwab	212,854.69	
Thomas L Tupper Fund Expendable Interest Savings	14,584.65	
Sheldon Trust Fund Principal--Charles Schwab	69,174.14	
Cutting Fund Principal--Charles Schwab	905,374.48	
Cutting Fund Expendable Interest Checking	25,626.01	
TOTAL Trust Principal & Savings	-	\$ 1,362,556.95
TOTAL TOWN CASH ACCOUNTS		\$ 1,766,369.46

**H.F. BRIGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Banking Balance as of January 1, 2023

19,184.61

RECEIPTS

ARPA AWARD	1,200.00	
Copier/Printer Use	38.60	
Direct Tax 2023	35,000.00	
Direct Tax 2024	44,355.00	
Donations	204.00	
Fund Raisers	123.00	
Grants	1,436.48	
Savings Interest	16.63	
Sheldon Book Fund Interest	313.75	
Sheldon Library Invested Fund Interest	3,826.21	
Storytime Reimbursement	1,236.32	
Weeks	1,763.61	
Total Receipts		89,513.60
Total Available		108,698.21

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries - Gross	25,825.63	
Fica & Medicare	1,975.72	
ARPA Grant Computer	1,006.98	
Books Purchased	1,902.13	
Building Management	270.12	
Computer Expense	235.75	
Courree Grant Ours	612.45	
Dues	700.00	
Electricity	729.52	
Equipment Maintenance and Replacement	215.21	
Grants Expense	1,370.94	
Heating Fuel	3,088.17	
Improvement Fund	585.00	
Internet	2,223.00	
Misc	36.22	
Penalty & Interest	57.09	
Periodicals	120.00	
Postage	159.07	
Programs	371.07	
Software - Accounting	654.02	
Storytime	1,327.12	
Supplies	246.23	
Telephone	984.18	
Water Fees	140.00	
Total Disbursements		44,835.62

Note: Funds included in December 31st Balance of:

Improvement Fund	63,862.59
Direct tax for 2024	\$18,619.02
Balance of Grant Funds	\$44,355.00
Operating funds left at year end for 2023	\$1,340.36
	(\$451.79)

Improvement Fund January 1st Balance	7,188.93
Spent in 2023	(585.00)
Added excess per Town Meeting Vote	12,015.09
Left in Improvement Fund December 31, 2023	18,619.02
Petty Cash	150.00

H.F. BRIGHAM FREE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REPORT 2023



2023 was a busy time in the library! Patron visits to the library surpassed pre-covid visits and we are so happy to see everyone who comes in..

During 2023 we re-established a weekly storytime on Tuesday mornings for young members of the community. This has been helpful as a cornerstone for our programming. In addition to storytime, the library has partnered with the afterschool program to offer some activities. The groups that have come over after school have been excited to learn about the library and for some of the older students, get their own library cards.

The library has been hard at work on the collection by weeding out the books no longer being read and providing books based on the tastes of the community. If you visit the library, you will notice that some of the books have been moved around. We spent last spring organizing the books to provide a better flow through the space.

2023 Activities:

- Outdoor Summer Movie Series: We tried. We really did but it rained every single movie we had planned.
- Pollinators with Master Gardener Ricky Klein: Ricky came to the library and talked about gardening, pollinators, and lawns. We hope to have him back this year!
- Summer Reading: Last summer we focused on community, kindness, and friendship throughout our programs. We had a very successful visit with the Southern VT Natural History museum who brought community animals to the library. We got to meet a snake, a frog, and some birds. We also met at the library to make friendship bracelets, lego club, nature prints, and celebrated friendship with donuts. One of the highlights of the summer was learning about pollinators with Jerry Schneider and decorating t-shirts.
- Book Groups: We read and discussed a variety of different books ranging from sci-fi to contemporary fiction. There was interest in a fantasy specific group that met in the fall last year but did not continue after the holiday season.
- Trunk or Treat: We had a great time with Trunk or Treat! Everyone's costumes were wonderful and so were the displays put on by everyone who handed out treats. We hope to be just as spooky this year!
- Holiday Light Contest: The weather was better this year for the light contest and we had some interest in it but not as much as in previous years. We will be revising some aspects of the contest in 2024!

There were some programs that weren't quite as successful as others but we will keep looking for ideas that will engage the community. As we move into 2024 we are looking at increasing programming for adults and continuing to be a partner in the community. We are hopeful the weather this summer will allow for outdoor movie nights and other outdoor programming. One of the things the community has made clear is that nature walks, garden/animal talks, and

programs that highlight the natural world are wanted. We plan to lean into nature programs a little more this year.

This year we are asking for a slight increase over last year. While we have cut back and saved wherever we can, we are faced with some expenses over which we have no control. Utilities have increased exponentially and there will be new payroll taxes starting this summer that play into our budget. Since we were successful with increased programming last year and plan to offer more this year, we are budgeting a bit more for programs. Salaries have gone up due to an increase in the minimum wage and Friday afternoon library hours will be returning this spring.

We invite you to stop by the Library to check out the revamped fiction section and borrow your next big read! Thank you for your continued support.



**Bakersfield Volunteer Fire Department
P.O. Box 12
Bakersfield, Vermont 05441**



Our mission is to save lives and protect property, to the best of our ability in the Town of Bakersfield

Bakersfield Residents:

The Officers, Firefighters and First Responders of the Bakersfield Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. continue to provide a selfless, dedicated, and vital service to our community. Thanks to the support of their families and you, they can serve the needs of our town with Fire Protection and First Response services.

BVFD has made it a priority to ensure the safety and well being of this community. The officers and firefighters of BVFD are committed to ongoing training and fire prevention activities. This year, we had two firefighters attend the International Firefighters Academy in Emmitsburg, VA, two individuals obtained their EMTA certifications, and two members completed the First Responder course.

Great progress has been made in the placement of E911 signs around the community. There are still occasions when our response time is hindered due to a lack of highly visible E911 signs from the roadway. The department has signs for those that need them for a donation of \$10.00. Please see a member of the department to obtain your E911 sign if you have not yet done so.

Elections were held at our Annual meeting in January. The 2023 officers for BVFD are as follows: Chief: Matt Hull, First Assistant Chief: Todd Cosgrove, Second Assistant Chief: Ginger Parent, Fire Captains: Brendan Wadsworth, Robert Willey, and Andrew Nichols. EMS Captain: Robert Willey, Training Officer: Bill Irwin, Secretary: Ginger Parent, Treasurer: Lance Boardman. BVFD would like to extend congratulations to Andrew Nichols who was named as Emergency Responder of the Year for the department. This award is voted on by the department member, naming those who have gone above and beyond, donating countless hours of their lives to the betterment of the department.

In closing, I find it an honor to be elected as Fire Chief for the town of Bakersfield. The dedication put forth by every member of BVFD, the support from our families, and the support from the community make it possible for us to volunteer our time and provide the town with professional assistance in times of need. We thank you very much for your continued support of the Department officers and members.

Respectfully,
Matthew W. Hull, Chief

2023 Incidents

60- Medical First Response/FD Assist, 12-medical assist, 3-building fire, 1-vehicle fire, 13-motor vehicle accidents, 1-rescue, 1-carbon monoxide, 1-power line down, 6-other: Total incident responses: 86

2023 Volunteer Hours

Incident response: 220.9 Training & work night: 1286
County meetings/chief/dispatch/administrative/outside training: 4007.1
Total volunteer hours: 5514



December 28, 2023

Town of Bakersfield
Attn: Tami Brennan
P.O. Box 203
Bakersfield, VT 05441

Dear Tami,

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the Northern New England region:

- We made **700 homes safer** by installing **2,177** smoke detectors and educating **897** families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **42,950 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **133,100 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,400** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Bakersfield. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$500.00.* These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Service Delivery sheet for Franklin County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Warmly,

Lauren Jordan
Development Coordinator

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Burlington, VT 05401

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Concord, NH 03301

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Portland, ME 04101

**STATE OF VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
VERMONT STATE POLICE**



**St. Albans Field Station
140 Fisher Pond Rd
St. Albans, VT 05478**

January 5th, 2024

On behalf of the Vermont State Police, St. Albans Barracks, we are providing our 2023 Annual Report. This report will provide our mission, identify specialty services provided by the Troopers assigned to the St. Albans Barracks, and provide data for your respective town.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Vermont State Police is to individually and collectively serve and protect by providing the highest quality of professional law enforcement services. The mission of the Troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks is to protect the citizens of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. By working together, we can educate, empower and foster trust within our community. We will strive to reduce crime and enforce the laws of our roadways through criminal investigations and aggressive motor vehicle enforcement.

Specialty Services Provided by Troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks

In addition to their field primary responsibilities, many of the troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks are members of special response teams that provide expert response capabilities in a variety of areas to address critical needs throughout Vermont.

The breakdown of these responses is as follows:

1 Trooper – Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)

5 Troopers – on the Tactical Services Unit (TSU)

1 Trooper – on the Critical Action Team (CAT)

1 Trooper – on the Search and Rescue Team (SAR)

1 Trooper – on the Bomb Squad (EOD)

1 Trooper – on the CLAN lab team

2 Troopers – on the Crash Reconstruction Team (CRT)

1 Trooper – on the Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU)

“Your Safety Is Our Business”

Annual Crime Statistics for the St. Albans Barracks:

Total Cases: 6066

Total Arrests: 456

Total Tickets Issued: 337

Total Warnings Issued: 1070

Fatal Accidents: 7

Total Burglaries Investigated: 48

Total DUI's: 50

Local Community Report for Bakersfield:

Total Cases: 122

Total Arrests: 15

Total DUI's: 3

Total Accidents – Property Damage: 9

Total Accidents – Injury: 5

Total Vandalisms: 0

Total Alarms: 4

Total Burglaries: 2

Total Tickets: 5

Total Warnings: 8

We will continue to make our communities safer through enforcement, prevention, and community outreach. It is our privilege to serve the citizens of this community. Together, we will get through these challenging times.

Respectfully,



**Lieutenant Michael Filipek
Station commander**

Bakersfield Historical Society, Corp.
P.O. Box 70
Bakersfield, VT 05441

January 2024

The year 2023 was a year for the Bakersfield Historical Society, Corp. to get back on its feet in the post-COVID 19 era. The following is a review of what has been accomplished and what is planned for the future.

- In March 2023 the Historical Society hosted our last Town Meeting Day Potluck Dinner. Voters decided that all matters relating to normal Town Meeting Articles should be decided by Australian Ballot, as they were during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Also, in March 2023 the Historical Society held their Annual Sugar on Snow Party. The local "Rusty Bucket Band" provided the music for the enjoyment of attendees. Rodney Allen provided the syrup and with his skills of having it at the right temperature and consistency, it was ready as people came through the door!
- In April of 2023 we received approval of our request for ARPA Funds to help payoff the balance on the temporary loan from the Town of Bakersfield that was needed to supplement the funds we had acquired through a grant and donations for the emergency repairs to our building. COVID-19 restrictions had prevented our ability to obtain the sufficient grant funding for the project.
- May 20th - Howard Coffin, Vermont Historian, gave a presentation on the Vermont Humanities Council event "**1800 and Froze to Death**". This was a look back to the year 1816 which was known as the year without a Summer.
- On June 24th - the Historical Society members hosted the Annual Brigham Academy Alumni Banquet. Our Fundraising Committee, with Lisa Stone and Deanna Allen at the helm, worked to provide a varied buffet of offerings from some of Bakersfield's best cooks; for the enjoyment of attendees.
- Bakersfield Elementary School Summer Camp students visited with our Collections Guru, Alice Foote, at the Historical Society Building to learn about Bakersfield's early history as part of their "Explorers Week" activities.
- Two trees were removed: 1) the large Maple Tree that was mostly dead and located near the southwest corner of our building needed to be professionally cut to ensure it didn't fall and hit our building and 2) members: Ivan Stone and Rodney Allen cleaned up the maple tree as well as the removal of the overgrown Cedar "shrub" at the northeast corner of the building.
- On July 4th - in the new post-COVID fashion, we held our "abbreviated" annual fundraising event of Ice Cream and Homemade Pie Sales, prior to the evening fireworks.
- September 2nd - although 2022 marked our 25th Anniversary, we delayed celebrating until this year, due to COVID limitations.
- September 2nd - the much anticipated Roadside Marker for the Historical Society building was unveiled and dedicated. This Roadside Marker was made possible by the hard work and research done by Sue Tillotson and her coordination of the project with Laura Trieschmann, Vermont Historic Preservation Officer. This marker is a gift to the Town of Bakersfield from the Vermont Department of Historic Preservation.
- November 11th - the Historical Society hosted a Craft Sale along with our ever popular "Crockpot Cafe"
- Our building continues to be used, as needed and as weather permits, for local community and private events in coordination with our mission and the guidelines of our insurance restrictions.
- Our quarterly newsletter gets published under the care and persistence of Mary Schwartz.

2023 - Thank You Notes We have been able to meet the goals of its mission and maintain the Historical Society Building as a viable building from Bakersfield's historic past because of the support we receive from current and past residents and members. This translates into donations of money, "in-kind" contributions of labor, and donations of products used at fundraising events.

- Special *Thank you* to Larry Westcom for "in-kind" service. His winterizing of our building's plumbing in early winter enables us to save on heating fuel costs and flushing the waterlines in the spring without fear of broken pipes allows us to reopen in a timely manner for spring events.
- Special *Thank you* to Rosaire Paquette who on his own initiative donated his time and equipment to keep the grounds around our building mowed and trimmed. Rosaire's pride in our community is very much appreciated.

What's in store for 2024 ?.... The year 2024 presents continued fundraising challenges coupled with needed building maintenance and improvements in a post-COVID economy. Both are focused on enabling us to expand our mission responsibilities in our community. First on our list is electrical work focused on the installation of ceiling fans and an outdoor outlet. Second, expand programs for our community outreach.

Regards,



Gary Foote, President



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Bakersfield Town Report - 2023

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a multi-purpose governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners.

2023 BAKERSFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts, including consulting with the Planning Commission on its municipal plan.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods.
- Provided support to grass roots effort to restore Bakersfield General Store as both a retail operation and community center.
- Provided business assistance to 1 farm business and market access assistance to 1 farm business in Bakersfield.
- Administered a VCDP planning grant for the Brigham Academy redevelopment project. The site has potential for new housing and community space.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Bakersfield is a member.
- Completed traffic counts on the Boston Post Road.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with maximizing local, state and federal infrastructure funds, water quality project implementation, Municipal Roads General Permit compliance, local energy and climate planning, zoning bylaw modernization, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. NRPC will help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails, support local farm and food businesses through its Healthy Roots Collaborative, assist the Northwest Communications Union District in expanding broadband access in the region, and coordinate Housing For All, a three-year housing development campaign. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for NRPC is greatly appreciated. We are your resource - please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, mapping or other needs.

Bakersfield Town Regional Commissioners - William Irwin & Linda McCall

Transportation Advisory Committee - vacant seat

NRPC Projects & Programs

Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting

Brownfields site assessments, clean-ups and redevelopment plans

Transportation planning and project management

Bike and pedestrian planning and project management

Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience

Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects

Water quality planning and project management

Regional plans for growth and development

Geographic Information System maps and data

Downtown and village revitalization and community development

Grant writing and administration

Associated Projects & Programs Managed by NRPC

Healthy Roots Collaborative

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail

Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.

Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi and Lamoille River Basins

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Bakersfield Conservation Commission

EOY Report for 2023

Sadly, we lost a member of our Commission this year: Mary Lumbrá passed away on Thanksgiving Day and we dearly miss her and her contributions and her good old Vermont wisdom and humor.

Your Conservation Commission has been busy this past year! **Our biggest project is our quest to save the Carriage Barn** on the Town Park property. Alice Foote and Sharon Evans have devoted much work and many hours towards this goal. They did the groundwork, got estimates, and with support from the Selectboard we hired a grantwriter who has submitted the grant to stabilize and rehab this important historical building. **Thanks for all your dedication and hard work Sharon and Alice!** Other projects:

- We are researching creating a Conservation Reserve Fund, a capital fund which accumulates and can leverage other funds when an opportunity comes up for land acquisition – for instance, a Town Forest.
- We implemented No Mow May in the Town Park and have done outreach on the importance of fostering a beneficial environment for our hard-working pollinators. **Mac Newett has been volunteering to mow the Town Park for years and we are very grateful, thank you Mac!**
- We held numerous workdays and expanded the Community Pollinator Garden, planted 12 more varieties of native plants, and have edged half of it so far.
- We are members of the VT Community Garden Network and our garden is posted on their website. In August we had a visit from one of their garden experts.
- With the help of other town organizations we again sponsored the portalet in the Town Park for four months in the summer.
- We're developing signage and maps for the Pollinator Garden, the Town Park Kiosk, and Shattuck Mountain Trail.
- We're keeping in touch, attending events, and collaborating with the other three local Conservation Commissions, as well as Cold Hollow to Canada (CHC), and Upper Missisquoi and Trout River Ass'n. (UMATRA)
- From this point on, our Commission will be working closely with the volunteers who caretake the Town Common.
- Renee Reiner graciously hosted a small group of us to observe the herons nesting on her property off from Egypt Road. Staff from CHC and UMATRA led us on a stream walk behind the school, part of the same stream system which flows through the Heron Rookery. They pointed this out as a good example of a clean and healthy stream.
- A landowner in town is interested in donating acreage for a Town Forest, an opportunity that we will pursue.
- Our minutes are posted in the Town Clerk's office and on our FaceBook page (Bakersfield Conservation Commission)

Up to this past year, we have been self-supporting with a small budget that comes from grants that we have received. This year we are grateful that our budget request (\$500) was approved by town voters. Thank You for your support of our work! Members of our CC are: Pat Evans, Chair; Maura Horne, Vice-Chair; Carolyn Bronz, Clerk; Alice Foote, Larry Krygier, and Julie Hill. We have three vacancies and are interested in recruiting new members. We welcome your interest and input.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Bronz, Clerk



The Lucas James Williams Memorial Youth Fund Ltd.

December 22, 2023

To the Bakersfield Town Select Board

The Memorial was put together by his family, Lucas a 19-year-old Bakersfield Resident died while serving his country as a United States Marine December 22, 1998. This is a request to ask the Town of Bakersfield Voters in March 2024 for a sum of 1000.00 dollars. This is the same amount requested in March 2023 that was approved by the Town Voters. These funds will be used to provide activities and programs to children and youth. These services have been in place since May 1999 as a Bakersfield community-based organization. A 501© (3) non-profit. Which the services are all provided with volunteers. The Memorial provided a place for the Community Easter Egg Hunt in 2023, and for a volleyball league during the summer. An Annual Haunted Forest. It is a food distribution site as well. Activities and programs include an annual fishing derby which is the second Saturday in June. 2023 was its 23rd year. Annual Hunter education class averaging 75 students teaching what to do and what not to do if they encounter a firearm. The whole northeast district summer leaps program 6 schools shared this summer during July and August 2023 at the Memorial Field. Over 560 youth were provided a meal, safe and fun filled activities during the day. Community service was given to high school students from BFA St. Albans, Richford and Enosburg as credit towards graduation. Bonfires, movies, dances, food are always offered to the youth. Please consider this request to put before the Voters

Thank You Rosalie Williams (Mother of LCpl Lucas James Williams)

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FRANKLIN COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

FCIDC Annual Report for 2023

The Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation (FCIDC) was established in 1971 when our region was experiencing double digit unemployment levels. We have come a long way since then to the point where Franklin County has one of the strongest economies in the State. With that said, it is important to note that if we cannot start to fill job vacancies in all sectors of our economy then we will begin to take steps backwards. Recently we learned that Kaytec located in Richford will be closing their doors in 2024. Kaytec produces vinyl siding and it is recognized as a quality product in the construction industry. The company has been struggling to find employees for a couple of years now and they were forced to operate at less than half of their capacity. In addition to the workforce issues dairy prices remain stagnant in the \$23.00 per hundredweight area and the price continues to be less than the cost of production for many farms.

The workforce shortage is probably the number one issue that all businesses are faced with. It doesn't matter if it is manufacturing, agriculture, Main St., retail or the service industry there are help wanted signs everywhere. On average 50% of graduating seniors choose not to go on to the trades or college. Now is the prime time for high school students and graduates to begin developing their work resumes. Businesses, unlike 10 years ago, are much more flexible with part-time employees and their work schedule needs. In addition to the job flexibility, the pay scale has never been higher. So, encourage your kids to find a job and start supporting our local economy. FCIDC has been collaborating with our five county high schools to educate our students as to what employment opportunities exist for them. We will be coordinating business tours in 2024.

FCIDC has been active in the redevelopment of the Perley Block located at 366 Main Street in Enosburg. The retail space on the first floor was vacant for more than five years. The building has eight apartments upstairs and there was an attached cold storage warehouse on the backside of the building. FCIDC invested \$1.9 million to purchase and renovate the existing building and convert the back warehouse into office space and hopefully soon to be four more apartments on the second floor. The building now has two retail businesses, Healthy Nutrition and B's Flowers, and 4000 square feet of office space that is mostly occupied by Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union also has two offices being rented by Northwestern Counseling and Support Services. This project took about 18 months to complete and has been a great addition to downtown Enosburg. If you have a chance please stop in to support the two retail businesses. This project would never have happened had it not been for the vision and leadership of Jim Cameron and Green Dolphin Construction.

In addition to the Perley Block renovation we have also been busy in FCIDC's St. Albans Town Industrial Park. We sold three acres to Purpose Energy in April and since then the company has broken ground on constructing an anaerobic digester. Their mission is to capture millions of tons of food waste flowing from our local value added food producers (i.e. Ben & Jerrys, Franklin Foods etc) and convert it to renewable energy, clean water and healthy soil amendments. With the construction of the Purpose Energy facility our industrial infrastructure is that much stronger as waste will be diverted from our waste stream while energy is produced. FCIDC has had multiple conversations with other interested parties regarding the purchase of lots in the Park and we are optimistic for additional sales in 2024.

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Respectfully submitted by


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Bakersfield Cemetery Commission
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Bakersfield Cemetery Report - 2023

The Cemetery Commission, with five elected commissioners, is responsible for the care and maintenance of the Bakersfield cemeteries: Cook Cemetery and Maple Grove Cemetery. This includes the Hearse House which has historically been and continues to be used in support of the cemetery maintenance.

- The Cemetery Commission hired Shane Lumbrá to cut, remove, and grind the stumps of two large maple trees at the front of Maple Grove Cemetery that were at risk of falling and damaging headstones. Additionally, two trees in that front row showed signs of dead and dying limbs. Shane trimmed those trees and removed the debris from the Cemetery.
- Since 1963 the Cemetery Commission has been tasked with the care and maintenance of the Town Common which adjoins Maple Grove Cemetery. This has been found to be a violation of Vermont State Statute 18V.S.A. 5435(a) that states... "The income of a cemetery association whether derived from the sale of lots, burial spaces, crypts, or niches, from donations, or otherwise, shall be **exclusively** applied to paying for the land or other cemetery property, laying out, preserving, protecting, and embellishing the cemetery and avenues leading thereto, the erection of buildings necessary for cemetery purposes, the establishing of a fund to care permanently for the cemetery, the repair and upkeep of mausoleums, vaults, columbariums, crypts, and niches therein, and to paying the necessary expenses of the cemetery association." To comply with this Statute and avoid the co-mingling of Bakersfield Cemetery Funds, the care and maintenance of the Town Common ceased being the responsibility of the Bakersfield Cemetery Commission at the end of 2023 mowing season.
- The Cemetery Commission has a contract with Maria DeRosia for the maintenance of the grounds in Maple Grove Cemetery. In 2024 her contract will be amended to expand work in the cemetery, while maintenance of the Town Common will be under the jurisdiction of the Selectboard.
- In cooperation with the Bakersfield Conservation Committee and Historic Preservation Trust of Vermont, the Cemetery Commission agreed to a condition evaluation of the Hearse House by Structural Engineer, Jan Lewandowski. The written report from this evaluation will be instrumental in facilitating our request for grant funds to resolve structural issues identified.
- The Cemetery Commission has typically left the gate at the lower end of Maple Grove Cemetery open in the winter to facilitate our families ability to place and remove Christmas wreaths and Holiday decor on the graves of their family members. Unfortunately, this past December an individual violated the sanctity of our cemetery by driving their vehicle into the open burial area, at night, leaving tire marks of several circular loops in the snow and pressed into the lawn. Some of these tire marks were over the grave of a resident who had passed within the year. This action caused his family undue heartache and anguish. We have done our best to block that entry for the remainder of the winter.
- Going forward, our budget will need to include funds that can be utilized for fence repair and replacement, as well as Hearse House maintenance. We will be applying for grant program support when they are available. We are currently working to update and complete an application to place the Hearse House on the National Registry of Historic Buildings. This status is an eligibility prerequisite for some grant applications.

Respectfully submitted,
Bakersfield Cemetery Commission



2023 Annual Report

The NWCUD dba Northwest Fiberworx was officially formed on August 3, 2020. The NWCUD is a municipal body consisting of representatives from Northwest Vermont municipalities for the purposes of building communication infrastructure.

As of January 2024, the NWCUD represents 22 Northwest municipalities: Alburgh, Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburgh, Fairfield, Franklin, Fairfax, Georgia, Grand Isle, Highgate, Isle la Motte, Milton, Montgomery, North Hero, Richford, Saint Albans Town, Sheldon, South Hero, Swanton, Village of Alburgh, Village of Enosburg Falls and Village of Swanton.

The mission of the NWCUD, as adopted by the Board of Representatives, is: "Leverage partnerships and procure funding to connect Northwestern Vermont via Open Access Fiber to ensure opportunity for all homes and businesses in our region."

2023 Highlights

ISP Partnership

We reached a milestone agreement with the Biddeford Internet Corporation, d/b/a Great Works Internet Vermont (GWI VT), paving the way for our communities to access a robust, reliable, and affordable fiber internet network. Under the agreement, NWCUD will construct, own, maintain, and operate an "open access" fiber optic cable network and associated equipment and facilities. GWI VT will license the network from NWCUD and deliver services.

Fiber Acquisition

We doubled our fiber optic cable supply by taking advantage of a unique opportunity from a neighboring CUD. This came at no cost to NWCUD and further prepared us for materials needed for Phase 1 of construction.

Model & Design Refinement

In preparation for Phase 1 of construction and our grant application for the VCBB Construction Grant Program, joint efforts with GWI are underway to prepare us for our next steps. A financial model/plan is currently in its final stages, and a refinement of the High-Level Design completed earlier this year is in progress. We are working quickly through these steps and anticipate construction to begin in 2024.



Budget Snapshot

This year, the NWCUD received \$1,805,908 in grants from the VT Community Broadband Board (H360) to support broadband expansion and capacity building.

The NWCUD 2024 budget of \$18 million includes capital and operational expenses which include integral line items.

Totals	FY 2023 Est. Actuals	FY2024 Budget
TOTAL CAPEX	\$ 1,405,339	\$ 17,546,000
TOTAL OPEX	\$ 500,864	\$ 556,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,906,202	\$ 18,102,600
Net Income	\$ 47,454	\$ -
Net Cash	\$ 47,454	\$ -

Cost to Towns

The NWFx model does not require any money—**\$0 (zero) dollars**—from the Member Towns and Villages (no taxpayer dollars). A CUD may not accept funds generated by taxation from a town, nor can it levy any taxes or obligate the town in any debt. The network buildout and operation will be funded via ISP lease payments, Federal and State grants, and a possible nominal “subscriber surcharge.”

Contact NWFx

Email - info@nwcud.com

Phone – 802-489-7685

Website – [Northwest Fiberworx - Home \(nwfiberworx.com\)](http://Northwest Fiberworx - Home (nwfiberworx.com))

Sign-up for "The Worx Newsletter" here: <https://tinyurl.com/mvnm86bn>

Annual Snapshot 2022/2023

Voices Against Violence works toward the elimination of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking through direct service, prevention and social change. We use a survivor center approach—we support survivors where they are at. We believe that everyone has strengths that can help them achieve their own goals around relationships, sexuality and safety. Voices serves the communities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, VT.

PROGRAMS/SERVICES

Voices provides a variety of services that strive to meet the needs of all people experiencing stalking, sexual assault, dating violence, trafficking and domestic violence. We provide emotional support, information/referral and advocacy in the following areas:

Housing (emergency and transitional) and economic advocacy ● Children/Youth Services ● Civil and Criminal Legal ● Medical and Hospital . We also provide Community Outreach ● Education and Training ● Systems Advocacy ● Social Justice Engagement ● Healing activities and resources ● and supervised visitation and exchange through All About Kids.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

All About Kids— AAK is our supervised visitation and monitored exchange center. Services are provided in a respectful and welcoming environment for parents wanting to maintain or reestablish a healthy relationship with their children, while protecting the safety and security of survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Over the past years, AAK has moved to a more engaged strengths based model that believes change is possible. This model is designed to promote increased accountability for the harm caused; the development of empathy for the children and adult victim; a strong and safe parent/child relationship and pathways for healing and change. A true restorative approach . **Laurie's House Anniversary**—this past year we celebrated with a press event the 20th anniversary of Laurie's House. It has been quite the journey It started all those many years ago as an idea based on an assessed need for safe shelter for survivors and their children in our community. An idea that became a reality through the support of our community and housing partners including the City of St. Albans, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Northwestern Medical Center, community partners, and individuals who saw the worth of our vision and were willing to help. We have created a safe and trauma responsive environment that promotes community connection and healing. Since opening, 1218 people have found safety and support at Laurie's House for a total of 33,634 nights.

Working Together to End Domestic and Sexual Violence in our Community

VOICES' COMMUNITY RESPONSE

OVER 11,250 responses to people experiencing domestic and sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking

458 unduplicated people served including **51 children/youth**

1832 hotline calls, webchats and e mails from people seeking services for themselves or on behalf of someone else

Provided shelter to **64 adults and 26 children** for a total of 5906 shelter nights. Also provided Transitional housing to **8 families**.

Provided **290 instances of financial assistance** such as food and gas cards, moving assistance, safety items, etc.

All About Kids served 30 families including 45 children for a total of 573 visits. Served 4 families with 6 children for 50 exchanges.

19 trainings reaching 166 professionals in the community
62 Community education trainings
114 youth targeted educational programs
22 tabling opportunities at community events



FINANCIAL

Program Services



- Housing/Economic Supports
- Supervised Visitation
- Advocacy/Support
- Children/Youth
- Education/Prevention
- Administration

Revenue Streams



- Federal
- State
- Misc. Grants
- Town Donations
- Fundraising/Donations

THANK YOU to our many friends, donors and partners for their continued support and commitment to ending domestic violence and sexual harm in our community. We are so fortunate to be in community with you!

Voices Against Violence
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 St. Albans, VT 05478
 802.524.8538 Office
 802.524.6575 Hotline
 voices@cvoeo.org

Drop In Center
 23 Catherine Street
 St. Albans, VT 05478
 Monday—Friday
 8:30 to 4:30

All About Kids
 95 S. Main St.
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 St. Albans, VT 05478
 802.370.2851
 allaboutkids@cvoeo.org



Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
170 Lower Sumner Hill Road, Sumner, ME 04292
(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com | www.vacd.org

Thank you to the Towns and Fire Departments that supported the Rural Fire Protection Program in 2023!

Bakersfield	Holland	Ryegate
Barnard	Hubbardton	Salisbury
Belvidere	Hyde Park	Sandgate
Berkshire	Jamaica	Sharon
Bethel	Jay	Sheldon
Bridgewater	Lemington	South Hero
Bridport	Londonderry	Stamford
Brookfield	Lowell	Starksboro
Brookline	Maidstone	Stratton
Cabot	Marshfield	Sutton
Canaan	Middlesex	Tinmouth
Cavendish	Monkton	Topsham
Charleston	Montgomery	Troy
Charlotte	Mount Tabor	Tunbridge
Clarendon	Newark	Underhill
Corinth	Newbury	Victory
Craftsbury	Newfane	Waitsfield
Danby	Norton	Walden
Dorset	Orwell	Wallingford
Dummerston	Panton	Warren
Eden	Pawlet	Washington Fire Dept
Elmore	Peru	Weathersfield
Enosburgh	Pittsfield	Wells
Fairlee	Pittsford	West Fairlee
Glover	Plymouth	West Windsor
Granby	Poultney	Westfield
Granville	Richford	Westmore
Hancock	Ripton Volunteer Fire Dept	
Highgate	Rochester	
Hinesburg	Rupert	

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts

Rural Fire Protection Program

FY 2023 Financial Report (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)

Income

Town Appropriations/Donations	9,375
VT Dept. of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety	146,629
VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation (US Forest Service)	15,625
Sale of Dry Hydrant Spare Parts	12,460
VACD	<u>15,069</u>

Total Income

199,158

Expense

Personnel	79,840
Travel	3,974
Office and Program Oversight	24,822
Dry Hydrant Spare Parts	8,148
Rural Fire Protection Grants to Towns & Fire Departments	<u>82,374</u>

Total Expense

199,158

Net Income

0

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000
TOWN OF BAKERSFIELD
SUMMARY REPORT**

Request Amount: \$95.00

For over 44 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'23 (10/2022-9/2023) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **140** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **4** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **178** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **115** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **73** individuals with information on assistive technology; **41** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **379** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **17** people and provided **7** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is in downtown Montpelier (although we are working from home as our office (along with so many others) was devastated in the July flood and we have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY'23, **3** residents of **Bakersfield** received services from the following programs:

- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.

DELINQUENT TAXES

2021 thru 2023

Blanchard, Dennis - Blanchard, Tyler	\$ 701.81
Cahill, Dale & Darcy	2,985.00
Comfort, Curtis - Comfort, Joungmin Lee	1,387.02
Dezotelle, Carlyle & Patrick, Bruce Estate, Pike & Lori	7,763.60
Gagne, Celeste & Phillip	753.32
Gagne, Kenneth	1,132.08
Gagnon, Eric & Joseph	1,343.32
Gauthier, Jane & Devino, Herbert	2,470.04
Haible, Paul	2,055.60
Jade, Wendy - Gonzalez, Pedro	5,984.48
Mcdonald Preservation Trust	7,513.11
Nelson, Douglas	2,344.61
Reid, Kevin	6,691.63
Reynolds, David	2,501.36
Sullivan, Matthew - Recica, Mary Ann	1,629.19
Williams, Rosalie	5,226.15
Wilson, Nancy	5,729.87
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES DECEMBER 31, 2023	<u>\$ 58,212.19</u>

NOTE: Taxes not received in the Town Clerk's Office by noon the day before the last business day of the year cannot be credited in that year.
Checks must also be cleared to be credited in that year.
Amounts listed above **DO NOT** include penalties and interest.