

**Caledonia Home Health & Hospice**  
**Visit Statistics for 2021 Town Appropriations**

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

Our Chief Executive Officer is Michael Costa at 165 Sherman Drive, St. Johnsbury, Vermont and can be reached at (802)748-9405.

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice currently employs 2 residents of Peacham.

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice has proudly served the residents of Caledonia and Southern Essex counties since 1968. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families by providing compassionate, accessible and affordable patient-centered health services to our community.

In the last year, Caledonia Home Health and Hospice was honored to provide 479 visits to the town residents of Peacham, VT. Our staff visited 11 homes of community members living in the Peacham area.

While working with residents, we provided physical, occupational, and speech therapies. We provided skilled nursing, medical social work, personal care attendants, and even home makers. We work together with primary care physicians so that care is specific and structured to treatment goals.

**2021 Town Appropriation Visit Statistics Peacham, VT**

- Home Care (Therapy, Nursing, MSW)= **197 visits**
- Hospice = **88 visits**
- Long Term Care (Case Management, Personal Care, Respite) = **194 visits**

**Total Visits in Peacham, VT = 479 visits**

## Catamount Arts

At Catamount Arts, our **mission** is to inspire appreciation of and participation in the Arts, promote the Arts throughout the region, and cultivate the Arts as an integral part of community life.

Support from our Peacham community members helps us:

1. ensure that Arts remain accessible and affordable for all NEK residents, and
2. promote community recovery in all sectors by sustaining the creative economy.

Catamount Arts programming typically includes 200 films and over 100 live shows per year via our Community Film Series, free monthly Bluegrass Nights, Peacham Acoustic Music Festival (PAMfest), KCP Presents Performing Arts, the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series at Dog Mountain, EPIC Music instruction, the Tap Into Film 48-Hour Student Film Slam, local and regional gallery shows, as well as summer camps, classes and workshops in topics such as Claymation, French, bookbinding, and mask-making.

Even in 2020, when our building was closed, large gatherings prohibited, and live performance tours canceled, we safely presented the Drive-In to Stay Safe movie and music series, Kat Wright and Brett Hughes at the first Vertical Concert in U.S. history, #GetDownTown live music, puppetry, and poetry performances, and 8 hours of free, family-friendly entertainment for First Night North.

We encouraged artists of all ages to participate from home in Kingdom COVID Chronicles, the COVID Discovery Quilt, the NEK What's Your Art? Creativity Showcase, and SOCAPA's 72-hour International Family Film Slam.

In 2021, we will continue adapting programming to support safe arts access for all.

Thank you.

## **Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium**

### Peacham Appropriation Request Summary

January 10, 2021

The Fairbanks Museum requests consideration of a \$650 appropriation from the Town of Peacham for 2021. The Museum's mission is to inspire wonder, curiosity, and responsibility for the natural world. This is accomplished through museum visitation, camps, on and offsite school and public programs, Vermont's only public planetarium, and weather forecasting and interpretation. Peacham's appropriation, which is based on \$1 per person according to the 2000 census, will be used for general operations, and will entitle all Peacham residents to free unlimited general admission in 2021. In 2019, the free admission benefit was used by 214 Peacham residents, and we strongly encourage residents to use this benefit as much as possible. In 2021, noteworthy improvements will include: new exhibits on animals from Europe, Africa, North America and the Arctic; x-rayed seashells; a mass timber exhibit; a seasonal, native butterfly house (summer); and in late 2021 the opening of a new addition to the Museum with experiential science exhibits. The Fairbanks Museum greatly appreciates Peacham's support and looks forward to welcoming its residents to their museum.

## Green Up Vermont

Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to Covid-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for clean neighborhoods and environment. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit whose initiatives execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride and engagement, which serves all Peacham residents and visitors.

Your municipality's support is essential to our organization. Funds help with administrative and supply costs, including 65,000 Green Up trash bags, promotional outreach, educational resources including activity books, contest prizes, and a \$1,000 scholarship to keep students engaged.

Awareness initiatives for Green Up Day tripled the number of submissions to our annual poster art and writing contests and produced 184 applicants for our first scholarship. We were able to offer "Greener" bags made with 70% post-consumer waste; add a Green Scuba team to clean in Lake Champlain; and had over 100 editorial stories in the news as well as a national mention in the *Washington Post*.

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont).

**Green Up Day, May 1, 2021**



*Shall the Town of Peacham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500.00 for the support of Kingdom Animal Shelter to provide services to residents of the Town?*

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

We provide many services to the area, including accepting stray and unwanted cats to our shelter, rescues from abusive and hoarding situations, trap/neuter/release (TNR) of feral and barn cats, as well as assisting those whose pets have been lost. We take in cats from area towns, including Peacham. We also have adopters from Peacham, including at least two cats adopted in 2020. From November 2019 through October 2020, we took in 130 cats and adopted out 127 cats. **Each cat that comes to the shelter costs roughly \$300-\$500 for vaccinations, testing, spay/neuter, other medical treatment, food, and lodging.**

The cats in our care are with us until they are adopted. Any medical needs are tended to promptly and the cats are vaccinated and spayed or neutered before they go home with their forever family.

We operate with no federal or state funding, so we depend on the generosity of towns and individuals to meet our operating expenses of approximately \$88,000 (excluding depreciation) which pays for veterinary bills, food, rent, utilities, and supplies. We're asking for an appropriation of \$500 (**unchanged from last year's request**) to assist us in our mission.

We greatly appreciate your support.

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### Northeast Council on Aging

The mission of the NEK Council on Aging is to provide communities the services to age well.

In Fiscal Year 2020 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020), the \$660 appropriation received by the Town of Peacham for the NEKCOA provided the following services to Peacham residents:

- 1) Assisted 7 people with State Health Insurance and Medicare support.
- 2) Supported 10 people for Case Management to help with independent living.
- 3) Coordinated congregate and take-out meals for 10 people and home-delivered meals for 13.
- 4) Supported 13 people with Wellness Classes.
- 5) Assisted 16 people with calls to the Helpline and 2 people with options counseling. A total of 71 Peacham residents were assisted in FY20 by the NEK Council on Aging.

The NEK Council on Aging serves residents in the counties of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans. Our staff of 24 and over 360 volunteers help to coordinate services for elder Vermonters across the entire Northeast Kingdom. We are committed to providing person-centered care and lifestyle options that inform, encourage, inspire, and support older adults.

Thank you for supporting the NEK Council on Aging.

### **Northeast Kingdom Human Services**

Article: Shall the Town of Peacham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$769 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., (NKHS) a not for profit 501(c)(3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities?

Mission Statement: To empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

In fiscal year 2020, six individuals from the Town of Peacham accessed support services offered at NKHS, regardless of an individual's ability to pay. Forty-nine residents sought support from NKHS during the past six years. Three of the 512 dedicated NKHS professionals who support community members in our Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, virtually during the pandemic, or in the community, live in the Town of Peacham.

Good mental health is important for everyone to live a fulfilled life. We know we do not live in a perfect world. We are doing our best to help people live as best they can, given the realities of their individual circumstances. The NKHS Parent Support Line (749-1111) is available to contact a mental health professional, especially during the pandemic. The 24/7 Emergency Crisis Line (802-334-6744 or 802-748-3181) is always available to anyone reaching out for mental health support during a crisis.

Thank you for your support.

## Northeast Kingdom Youth Services

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services' (NEKYS') mission is to create opportunities for youth, adults, and families to strengthen life skills and resiliency in the face of adversity.

NEKYS's staff relies on appropriations from the area towns it serves to enable them to provide vital case management supports and services through its varied programs. NEKYS' Family and Youth Programs staff is available 24 hours/7days a week to support youth and their families at times of crisis, including addressing family conflict as well as supporting youth as they transition into adulthood. NEKYS' Restorative Programs staff provides a voluntary and confidential alternative to the court process and assists individuals referred to take responsibility for repairing the harms they have caused to others and to the community through their illegal actions.

Historically NEKYS has served at least 25 Peacham residents per year.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Constance S. Sandahl

Executive Director

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## Peacham Community Housing

### Supporting Material for Town Appropriation Request

7 January 2021

According to its bylaws, Peacham Community Housing (PCH) is a non-profit organization that

...operates to increase the health and welfare of the people and services within the Town of Peacham by helping the disadvantaged, by educating, developing and sustaining a cohesive healthy society, by advancing community improvements while maintaining the historic, aesthetic and wholesome qualities of the town, and thereby lessening community decline, tensions among neighbors, and burdens on government.

More specifically, PCH:

- oversees the Academy Apartments, which currently house elderly citizens;
- owns and maintains the buildings in which the Peacham Café and the Peacham Corner Guild operate;
- is the channel for donations given to the Peacham Café;
- owns the open space once the site of the Peacham Academy, which is now used for purposes such as the Peacham Farmers Market, PAMFest events, artisan fairs, and other community functions; and
- receives nominations and selects the annual recipient(s) for the Harry Barnes Award for Extraordinary Volunteer Service to the Peacham Community.

People served by these functions in 2020:

- Academy Apartments: Eight elderly citizens.
- Peacham Café: 6,657 transactions (customers purchasing offerings).
- Peacham Corner Guild: 158 transactions; another estimated 100 store visitors who did not purchase.
- PAMFest/Crafts Fair: Approx. 600.
- Peacham Farmers Market: Numbers unavailable from overseers.
- Harry Barnes Award: Two.

The requested town appropriation would be gratefully received and put to use in carrying out the above responsibilities, especially in the area of facilities maintenance.

Respectfully submitted,

Dart Thalman, President, Peacham Community Housing

**Peacham Fire District No. 1**

To: Town of Peacham Residents

From: Peacham Fire District No. 1

Re: Appropriations Request

The Peacham Fire District No. 1 requests a special appropriation for \$3000 be included in the 2020 Town Budget. Our mission is to provide drinking water to the village of Peacham. At one time or another we serve everyone in the town. Approximately 20-25% of the Town Residents get their drinking water from the Fire District. Public buildings serving the town water include the Library, Town Hall, Church and Fire Station. The appropriation helps us defray the costs of producing and distributing water to the village.

The members of our prudential committee and other officers are all Peacham Residents. They include:

Larry Jensen, Water Operator

Cecelia Kane, Prudential Committee member and Clerk

Thor Magnus, Prudential Committee member

Jonathan Kaplan, Prudential Committee member

Bruce Westcott, Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Thank you for your past and continued support of the Peacham Fire District No 1

Respectfully Submitted,

Thor Magnus, Prudential Committee

Cecelia Kane, Prudential Committee

Jonathan Kaplan, Prudential Committee Chair

## Peacham Historical Association

In 2020 we collaborated with the Library to bring the Quest, “Pandemics of Peacham’s Past”, to 43 groups of people, proving that socially distanced fun, education and history are possible!

For 100 years our mission has been to (1) identify, collect, preserve and make accessible the history of Peacham, (2) encourage interest in Peacham’s history through talks, exhibits and publications, and (3) partner with other Town organizations to establish programs. Our facilities include the Blacksmith Shop, Archives and Research Center and the Historical House.

Our community involvement includes: the Peacham Elementary School, special interest groups like CCGS alumni, Pamfest, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Fall Foliage and Winter Carnival. Our last exhibit in 2019 (Kalischer) had 500 guest signatures and our Ghost walks averaged 75 to 100 each based on past ticket sales and guestbooks. We believe this demonstrates that a significant number of Peachamites of all ages are served annually.

The requested Appropriation is to:

1. Enhance entrance to the Historic House by providing handicap access into the building
2. Provide additional construction to make the interior of the Historical House more available to those with physical limitations
3. To provide updated technologies (Web etc.) which help to demonstrate the important of the ARC collection to students and adults in the community. This often involves genealogy research
4. To help fund a new book to honor our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and which will illustrate 100 critical objects in the association’s archives

**NO. RESIDENTS SERVED:** 100 – 200 In the calendar year

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** **\$1500.** Same as prior year.

## *Peacham Library*

### *Appropriation Request Summary*

The Peacham Library's mission is to support and enrich the Peacham community. We seek to provide a wide range of library resources and serve as a hub for activities and programs that reflect the changing needs and interests of the whole community.

According to the Vermont Department of Libraries' most recent report, we had 8,842 visits in 2019, which is as if each resident of Peacham used the library 14 times. We also continue to hold the top spot for total program attendance per capita - first in the state among all of Vermont's incorporated libraries.

Despite the pandemic, residents of all ages still participate in our programs, check out thousands of materials, use our free WiFi, and much more. Coffee hour has moved virtual, story time has turned into StoryWalks and activity bags, and programs are now on Zoom, but we see strong engagement and remain an important part of Peacham's social, intellectual, and community life. In fact, material circulation has increased compared to pre-pandemic times!

The Peacham Library respectfully requests an appropriation of \$26,000 in 2021, which is the same as last year. The appropriation we receive from the town each year is an essential part of our operating budget, allowing us to retain quality staff and maintain our facilities for the programs and services we provide. We are deeply grateful for the Peacham community's commitment to the library, and we ask the voters of Peacham to continue to invest in the library's sustainability. Thank you!

**Rural Community Transportation, Inc.**

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2021 warning for Town Meeting:

Article: Shall the Town of Peacham vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$500 for the support of Rural Community Transportation, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town of Peacham.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. The Mission of RCT is to provide public transportation for everyone that is safe, reliable, accessible and affordable to enhance the economic, social and environmental health of the communities we serve. In Fiscal Year 2020, RCT provided 412 trips to 7 residents of Peacham, travelling 9,371 miles at a total cost of \$9,883.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require 20% - 50% local match dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match.



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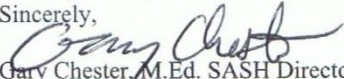
Town of Peacham  
Appropriations Committee  
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Dear Appropriations Committee,

My name is Gary Chester and I am the Director of the (SASH) Supports And Services at Home program for RuralEdge housing based in Lyndonville, Vermont. SASH is a statewide program offering free support to the elderly and disabled who are Medicare eligible. SASH has been working with the residents of Peacham for five years providing wellness visits, medication reviews, healthy living planning, blood pressure screening. SASH also offers falls prevention workshops and nutrition workshops to approximately 15 Peacham residents. Our next year's goal for Peacham is to increase the number of participants, increase the number of wellness programming and increase social opportunities for the residents. We would like to ask for \$2000.00 to continue and expand our service. We would like to thank the Peacham community for their support in 2020 and look forward to their continued support in 2021.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Chester, M.Ed. SASH Director  
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## **Umbrella**

Umbrella's Mission: Cultivating a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression.

### Our Work:

Social Change focuses on a variety of initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, substance misuse and tobacco use while creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed.

The Advocacy program serves survivors and children of survivors who have experienced domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating, human trafficking as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation.

Family Based Services focuses on connecting families to child care and strengthening family relationships. Kingdom Child Care Connection assists families in Caledonia and Southern Essex counties to receive subsidized child care, appropriate child care referrals and specialized child care placement support. The Family Room offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

Economic Empowerment supports women with significant barriers to employment to work on their challenges with wrap-around, no-judgment support. Women package and prepare food for homebound seniors via Cornucopia's Meals on Wheels program and food service at the Ready, Set, Grow Center in Newport.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 1 household in Peacham was served by Umbrella in FY20 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

## **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

### **Summary:**

VABVI's mission is to enable Vermonters, whether blind or visually impaired, to achieve independence, cultivate adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life. Our services include rehabilitation training, coaching in orientation and mobility strategies, instruction in adaptive techniques for daily living, procurement and training of assistive technology, social networking opportunities, and a statewide volunteer transportation system.

As with many nonprofits, VABVI had to make several adjustments in light of COVID-19. We quickly adjusted from providing services in client homes and schools, to providing remote services via telephone and video conferencing. We are continuing to accept new clients and are currently providing remote services.

It costs approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each individual adult client. Any funds received from the town of Peacham will go directly towards services that will benefit Peacham residents. During Fiscal Year 2020, VABVI served 1,804 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 1 adult client in Peacham, and 48 adults and 17 students in Caledonia County. The number of residents we serve in specific locations is related only to the demand for our services; in the future, if any additional Peacham residents requested our services, we would be happy to assist them.



## **West Danville Community Club**

The mission of the West Danville Community Club (WDCC) is to supervise the maintenance of Joe's Pond Beach and enhance the surrounding areas while promoting outdoor activities and community involvement.

We are fortunate to have the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) Trailhead positioned at Joe's Pond Beach and every year becomes increasingly busy for local residents and visitors. Peacham's support will help us sustain maintenance to regularly mow lawns, remove trash, provide portable toilets and make ongoing upgrades to picnic tables and landscaping.

The WDCC has no way of monitoring the number of Peacham residents using this area, but watching the Rail Trail's increased popularity, it is noted that West Danville is the entrance to our Northeast Kingdom. We can take pride on welcoming folks to our towns.

We greatly appreciate Peacham's past support and are asking the same amount we have requested each year: \$500 towards maintenance of Joe's Pond Beach.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Deborah Stresing, President

West Danville Community Club