

Joseph P. Wilson Jr, Supervisor
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Deputy Supervisor
Regular Town Board Meeting
June 13, 2023 5:30 pm
Town Hall

Call to order

Approve Minutes: May 30, 2023 Bi-Monthly Board meeting

Privilege of the Floor:

Safety Path Construction Update: Vinny McClelland

Town Discussion of Old Business:

- Water Districts: Approve Rates
 - WD#1;
 - WD#2;
- FEMA park update
- Cemetery Construction Plans & Budget
- Volunteer Fire & EMS Local Property Tax Exemption: Introduce the Local Law and set public Public Hearing
- Community Day Update

New Business:

- Jackrabbit Trail Parking lot Easement
- Recruitment & retention pay scale
- Highway Dept Policy: Master battery Disconnect switch installation & use policy
- Resolution to allow construction on Langman property 53.4-1-8.002 and Grant Trust property 53.4-1-6.200 with a minimum 5 foot setback from Hulls Falls Cemetery property line.

Executive Session:

Budget Resolutions

Resolution to transfer funds:

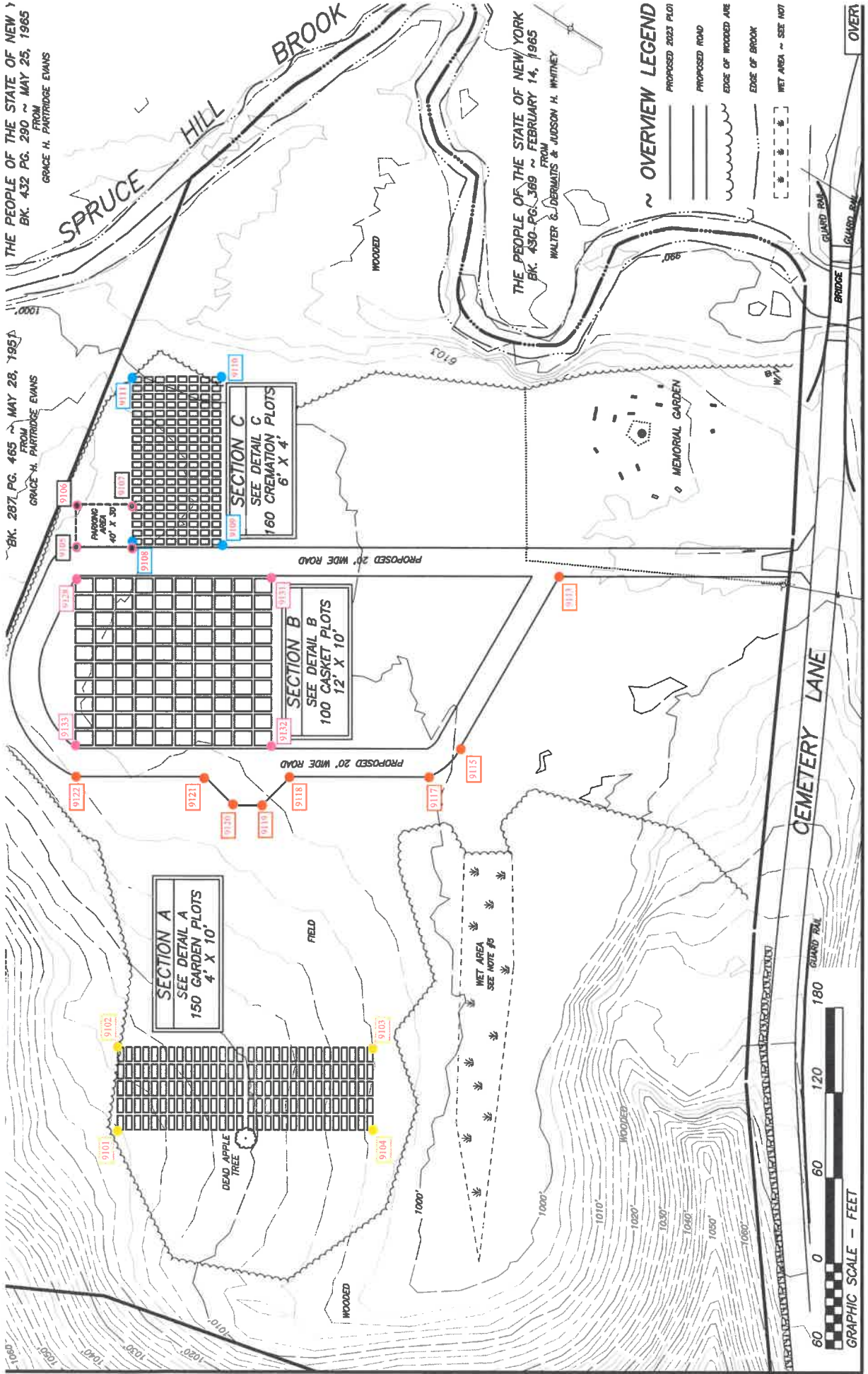
Resolution to amend the 2023 budget:

Supervisor's Report: March & April 2023

Audit Bills:

Resolution to audit Vouchers #2023- through #2023-

K. HALL EXHIBIT X ~ 06-05-2023



TOWN OF KEENE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF 2023**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Keene, Essex County, New York, will meet at the Town Hall located at 10892 NYS Route 9N, Keene, New York 12943, on the ___th day of _____, 2023, at ___ p.m. for the purposes of conducting a Public Hearing to introduce proposed Local Law No. ___ of 2023 entitled, "Local Law To Provide A Property Tax Exemption To Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers."

The purpose of this Local law is to implement the authority granted to local taxing jurisdictions by Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a – Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers. The Town Board of the Town of Keene finds and hereby determines that New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a makes available a tax exemption for volunteer firefighters at the option of the local municipality. The Town Board further finds and determines that the Town of Keene should exercise said option and implement said tax exemption because it would enhance the ability to recruit and retain the volunteers that are the lifeblood of the volunteer fire organization currently serving the residents of Keene.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at said Public Hearing to be held at the time and place set forth above, the Town Board will consider this Local Law and hear all parties interested therein concerning the same.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the full text of proposed Local Law No. ___ of 2023 may be obtained upon request from the Town Clerk of the Town of Keene.

Dated: June __, 2023

/s/
Ann Whitney, Town Clerk
Town of Keene
10892 US Route 9N
Keene, NY 12943

Resolution No.

FEBRUARY ___, 2023

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

NUMBER ___ FOR 2023 ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS”

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Keene Town Board hereby introduces proposed Local Law No. ___ of 2023 entitled “Local Law To Provide A Property Tax Exemption To Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers” reading and provided as follows:

TOWN OF KEENE LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF 2023

LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS

Section 1 - PURPOSE

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Section 2 - AUTHORITY

This local law is proposed pursuant to NY RPTL §466-a and NY Municipal Home Rule Law §10, all as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 3 – BODY OF THE LOCAL LAW

The Town Board of the Town of Keene hereby proposes Town of Keene Local Law No. ___ of 2023 entitled “Local Law To Provide A Property Tax Exemption To Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers” as follows:

1. Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, or such enrolled member and spouse residing in the Town of Keene shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of ten percent of the assessed value of such property for Town purposes, Town special district purposes, and exclusive of special assessments.
2. The exemption authorized by paragraph 1 shall be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service residing in the Town of Keene only if:
 - a. The applicant resides in the town or village which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;
 - b. The property is the primary residence of the applicant;
 - c. The property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by paragraph 1;
 - d. The applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporate volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service for at least two years or the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction of the incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated voluntary ambulance service for at least two years. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the each incorporated volunteer fire company, each incorporated volunteer fire department and each incorporated voluntary ambulance service to file an affidavit signed by a responsible officer annually, prior to the applicable taxable status date, with the assessor or other appropriate agency, department or office of each assessing unit served by such incorporated volunteer fire company, incorporated volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service listing its enrolled members with two or more years of service.
3. Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service located in Essex County, New York who accrues more than twenty years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent

exemption as authorized by this local law for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within Keene, New York.

4. The exemption authorized by this local law shall be continued for the un-remarried spouse of a deceased firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker killed in the line of duty provided that:
 - a. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member of such incorporated fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who was killed in the line of duty;
 - b. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least two years; and
 - c. Such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.
5. The exemption authorized by this local law shall be continued for the un-remarried spouse of a deceased volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker provided that:
 - a. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; and
 - b. such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty years; and
 - c. such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption for such property prior to the death of such volunteer.
6. Application for the exemption described in this local law shall be filed on a form prescribed by the New York State Board of Real Property Services with the assessor or other appropriate agency, department, or office of the assessing unit in which the real property is located on or before the taxable status date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Keene Town Board shall hold and conduct a public hearing on the foregoing proposed local law on the ___ day of _____, 2023, at _____, to hear any and all persons concerning the same.

Motion by: _____

Second by: _____

Roll call vote:

Supervisor Joseph P. Wilson _____

Robert Biesemeyer _____

Teresa Cheetham-Palen _____

David R. Deyo _____

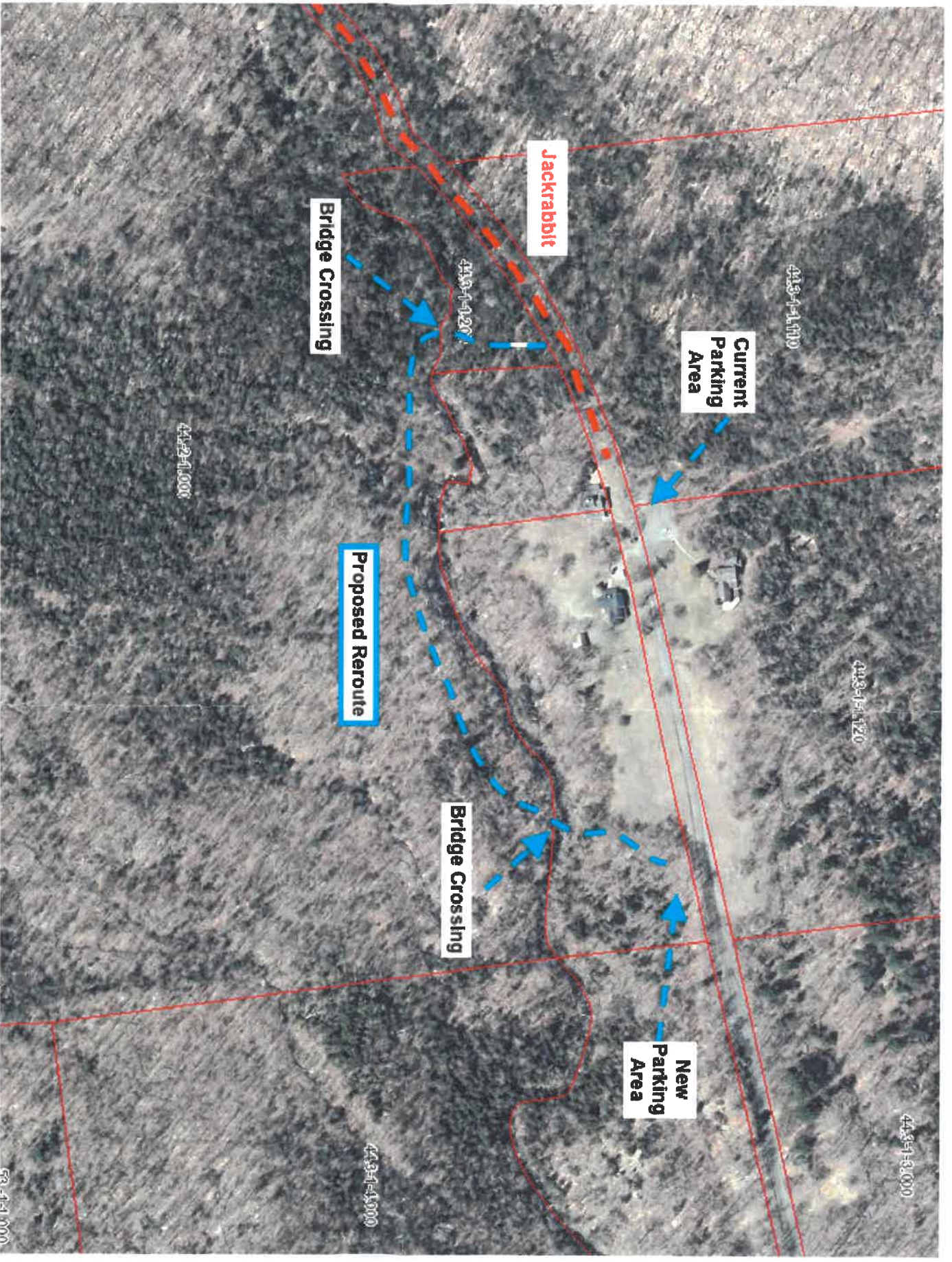
Christopher Daly _____

Absent:

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Keene.

Dated:

**Ann Whitney, Town Clerk
Town of Keene**



Jackrabbit

Current Parking Area

Bridge Crossing

Proposed Reroute

Bridge Crossing

New Parking Area

443-1-120

443-1-1110

443-1-1120

443-1-1200

442-1-1000

443-1-1300

52-1-1000



Welcome to the Essex County Parcel Viewer. With this viewer you can:

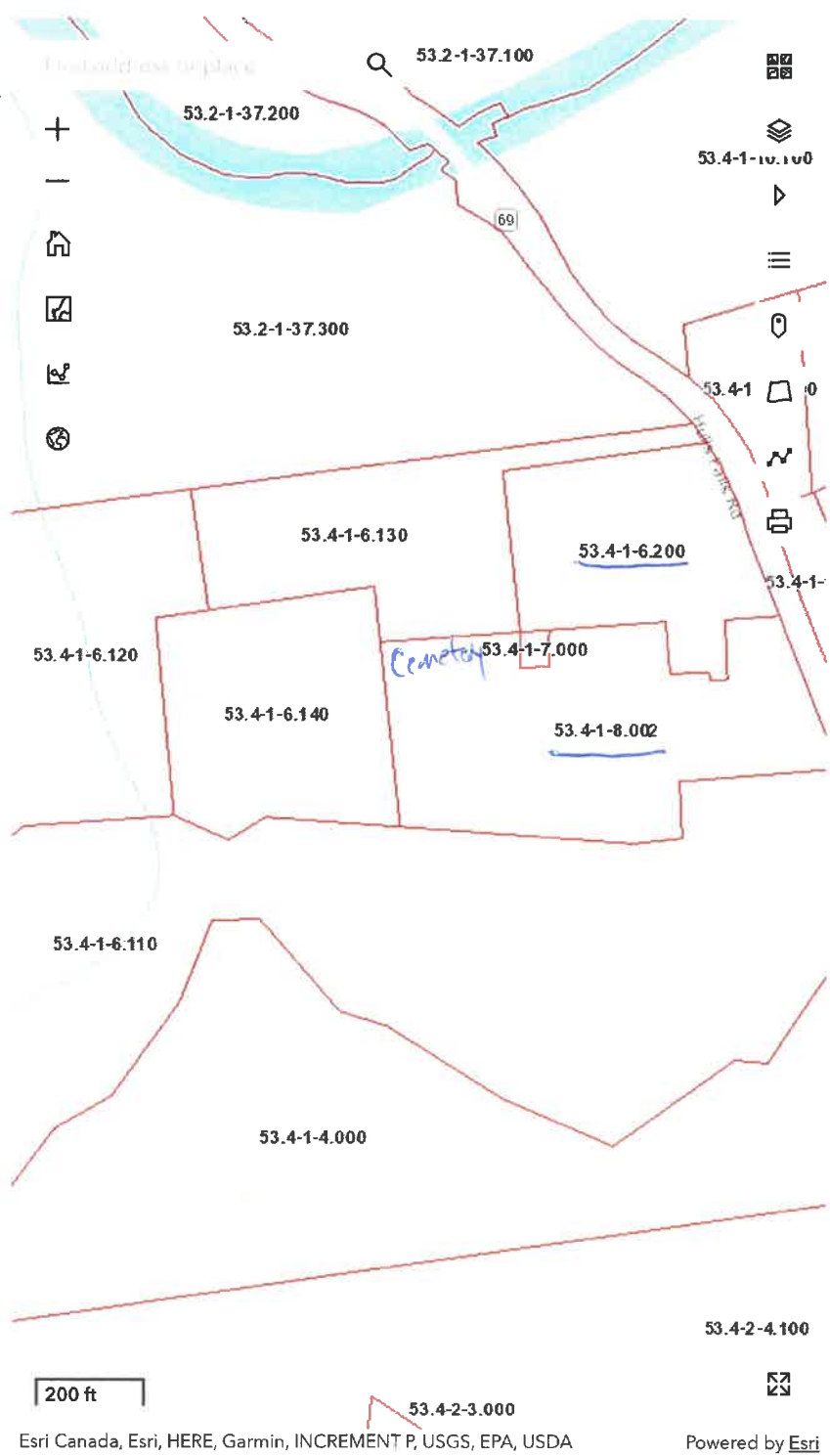
- Search for parcels by owner name, address, etc.
- Search for features by geometry
- Measure distances and areas
- Find addresses
- Use the Microsoft Bing Map inline
- and much more...

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3/31/2023

\$194.00

Champlain National BALANCE		Enhanced Business Solutions BALANCES	
MULTI FUND			Cash
Balance	\$ 736,653.58	General Fund	0.01 \$122,198.02
Less OS Checks	(\$70,058.30)	Hwy Fund	0.03 \$62,166.97
		Public Library	0.06 \$50,399.32
		Water District SW1	0.07 \$266,738.38
		Water District SW2	0.08 \$127,445.92
Due from 200.18 (KYC) @Bank		KYC Fund	0.18 \$2,745.67
only (see bach #1563)	\$50.00	Safety Path	0.16 \$34,757.00
		ARPA	
	\$ 666,645.28		\$666,451.28

Town of Keene Supervisor Report
March 2023

Fund		Fund Account	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Disbursements	End of Month Balance
General		200.01	\$161,108.93	\$179,271.02	\$218,181.93	\$122,198.02
Highway		200.03	\$112,290.60	\$31,497.32	\$81,620.95	\$62,166.97
Library		200.06	-\$2,389.75	\$117,199.00	\$64,409.93	\$50,399.32
Water #1		200.07	\$268,626.44	\$76,297.12	\$78,185.18	\$266,738.38
Water #2		200.08	\$141,845.14	\$148.00	\$14,547.22	\$127,445.92
KYC Fund		200.18	\$2,405.67	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$2,745.67
Safety Path		200.16	\$11,157.00	\$23,600.00	\$0.00	\$34,757.00
Total			\$695,044.03	\$428,352.46	\$456,945.21	\$666,451.28

Fund		Fund Account	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Deposits	Withdrawals	End of Month Balance
General		201.01	\$2,542,456.21	\$9,699.68	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$2,502,155.89
Highway		201.03	\$1,095,603.81	\$4,204.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,099,808.13
Library		201.06	\$133,254.93	\$447.68	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$103,702.61
Water #1		201.07	\$39,397.50	\$151.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,548.67
Water #2		201.08	\$135,649.19	\$520.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,169.74
Library		230.06	\$5,167.44	\$19.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,187.28
Buildings		230.25	\$70,022.39	\$268.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70,291.11
SW#2		230.10	\$72,234.79	\$277.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72,512.00
Highway		230.12	\$2,881.65	\$11.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,892.70
Shuttle		230.30	\$15,290.20	\$58.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,348.89
ROOST		230.20	\$131,483.92	\$499.57	\$0.00	\$2,097.50	\$129,885.99
Bike Park		230.20	\$43.43	\$0.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43.70
Total			\$4,243,485.46	\$16,158.75	\$0.00	\$82,097.50	\$4,177,546.71

Joe Pete Wilson, II

Town of Keene Supervisor Report
March 2023

Fund		Fund Account	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Disbursements	End of Month Balance	End of Month Balance
Champlain National Checking Accounts		Multifund Account					
General	200.01	\$122,198.02	\$54,362.90	\$85,423.70	\$91,137.22		
Highway	200.03	\$62,166.97	\$51,344.70	\$68,772.80	\$44,738.87		
Library	200.06	\$50,399.32	\$4,500.00	\$10,162.36	\$44,736.96		
Water #1	200.07	\$266,738.38	\$1,422.97	\$47,802.10	\$220,359.25		
Water #2	200.08	\$127,445.92	\$0.00	\$75,342.18	\$52,103.74		
KYC Fund	200.18	\$2,745.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,745.67		
Safety Path	200.16	\$34,757.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,757.00		
Total		\$666,451.28	\$111,630.57	\$287,503.14	\$490,578.71		
NY C.L.A.S.S.		Money Market					
Reserves							
Fund	Fund Account	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Deposits	Withdrawals	End of Month Balance	
General	201.01	\$2,502,155.89	\$9,664.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,511,820.63	
Highway	201.03	\$1,099,808.13	\$4,119.01	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$1,053,927.14	
Library	201.06	\$103,702.61	\$400.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$104,103.18	
Water #1	201.07	\$39,548.67	\$152.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,701.40	
Water #2	201.08	\$136,169.74	\$525.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,695.69	
Library	230.06	\$5,187.28	\$20.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,207.32	
Buildings	230.25	\$70,291.11	\$271.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70,562.61	
SW#2	230.10	\$72,512.00	\$280.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72,792.10	
Highway	230.12	\$2,892.70	\$11.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,903.85	
Shuttle	230.30	\$15,348.89	\$59.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,408.18	
ROOST	230.20	\$129,885.99	\$645.93	\$65,694.73	\$0.00	\$196,226.65	
Bike Park	230.20	\$43.70	\$0.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43.94	
Total		\$4,177,546.71	\$16,151.25	\$65,694.73	\$50,000.00	\$4,209,392.69	

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