

## **TOWN DIRECTORY**

The **Town Clerk's Office** is open Monday, Tuesday  
and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
The office phone number is 644-8865.

The **Select Board** meets every other Monday night  
at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office.

**Delinquent Tax Collector:** Nancy LaRose, 644-8865

**Waterville Elementary School:** 644-2224 or 521-5550  
Principal: Jan Epstein

**Waterville Post Office:** 644-5151

The **Waterville Town Library** is located in the Old School building.

## **FIRE WARDEN NOTICE**

A person shall not kindle or authorize another to kindle a fire in the open air for the purpose of burning brush, weeds, grass or rubbish of any kind except where there is snow on the site, without first obtaining permission from the fire warden or deputy warden of the town, stating when and where such fire may be kindled.

Any person(s) failing to comply with these regulations will be responsible for all costs and penalties in the event that the Fire Department needs to be called to the site.

**Our Forest Fire Warden for the Town of Waterville is:**

**Jesse Hanley**  
**644-8470 or 730-4223**

***Please call the Sheriff's Department also: 888-3502***

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## **DEDICATION**

### **Donald W. Lynch, Sr.**

As a longtime resident of Waterville, Don Lynch has been an elected community official for more years than he has not. As a municipal leader, he devoted countless hours to upholding small town values and demonstrating civic commitment as well as preserving Vermont's democratic traditions. As a community member, Don has proven to be a trusted neighbor, selfless volunteer, and a champion of small town living, dedicated to fostering a town residents are proud to call home.

Don was born in Providence, Rhode Island on December 1, 1949 to Dorothy and Donald Richardson Lynch. Never one to shy from hard work, Don held a paper route to earn tuition for a private school across town in hopes for better education. As a teen, Don and his family moved to VT, finally settling in Waterville. He attended Cambridge High School and later became a member of the first graduating class of Lamoille Union High School.

Don has always had a penchant for creativity and working with his hands. Following Graduation, he capitalized on this, enlisting in the Navy as a machinist mate on the USS *Robert H. McCard* (DD-822) out of Charleston, South Carolina. Later, he honed his construction skills under the tutelage of many local contractors, leading to a career as the head of Maintenance at Smuggler's Notch Ski Resort and eventually to the establishment of his own business, Northern Building Maintenance, in 1983. Through the years, Don has supported the Waterville community with these skills, aiding in the restoration of the Town Hall, construction of the Town Green covered bridge, overseeing maintenance needs of town facilities, and many other capacities.

Don began his public service as a town Lister in 1979; a position he held until 1988. Then, in 1993, having earned the respect and trust of his fellow voters, Don accepted a nomination to the town Select Board. Throughout his 29 years as a member of Waterville's Select Board, he has served on immeasurable committees, facilitated appeals, navigated town ordinances, and most recently sat as Select Board Chair. Upon relinquishing his long held position in 2022, the Senate and House of Representatives, on behalf of the General Assembly, bestowed honors on Donald W. Lynch Sr. for his outstanding municipal leadership.

Don may not be a Waterville native, but one would be hard pressed to find another more dedicated and committed to the prosperity and integrity of a town's people. Don is not simply a member of the community. Don embodies the community and Waterville is the community he's chosen to call home; to live, to play, to raise his family, to retire (sort of), and to rest.

Our town will forever be grateful for the services he's so willingly given and maintains.

## TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Heather Mateja	
TOWN CLERK	Nancy LaRose	
TOWN TREASURER	Nancy LaRose	
SELECTBOARD	Arthur Tilton	Term Expires 2023
	Jay Marsh	Term Expires 2024
	L. Carlos Martin	Term Expires 2025
ROAD COMMISSIONER	Hunter Locke	Term Expires 2023
LISTERS	Linda Ward	Term Expires 2023
	Cathy Day	Term Expires 2024
	William Baker	Term Expires 2025
FIRST CONSTABLE	Robin Genetti	
SECOND CONSTABLE	Warren Lyon	
AUDITORS	Donna Barry	Term Expires 2023
	Wanda Locke	Term Expires 2024
	Kylee Bezio	Term Expires 2025
LIBRARY		
TRUSTEES	Wade Chivington	Term Expires 2023
	Alice Godin	Term Expires 2023
	April Vanderveer	Term Expires 2023
	Drew Bressel	Term Expires 2024
	Chrissy Wade	Term Expires 2024
	Katie Keszey	Term Expires 2024
	Tim Burgess	Term Expires 2025
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	Nancy LaRose	
GRAND JUROR	Lucas Tilton	
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY	Diane Schwarm	
AGENT TO CONVEY REAL ESTATE	Diane Schwarm	

AGENT TO PROSECUTE  
& DEFEND SUITS

Shawn LaRose

POUND KEEPER

Susan Locke

FIRE WARDEN

Jesse Hanley

ASS'T FIRE WARDEN

LRSWMD

REPRESENTATIVE Lucas Tilton

Term Expires 2023

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

COORDINATOR John Terrel

Term Expires 2023

LNMUUSD

DIRECTOR Bart Bezio

Term Expires 2025



Three years ago, Secretary of State Jim Condos announced the launch of VT's new Elections Management Platform. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information. Over 25,000 Vermonters registered to vote online last year. For the November General Election, nearly 6,500 Vermonters requested an absentee ballot through the My Voter Page.

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

# **WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF WATERVILLE, VERMONT**

## **March 7, 2023**

The inhabitants of the Town of Waterville, who are legal voters in Town Meetings, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Waterville Town Hall/Town Green in said Waterville, on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00 in the forenoon Standard Time, to act on the following business:

**Article 1:** To elect a Moderator of the Town Meeting.

**Article 2:** To elect all Town Officers for the ensuing year:

- Town Clerk for one year
- Treasurer for one year
- Selectman for three years
- Road Commissioner for one year
- Lister for three years
- First Constable for one year
- Second Constable for one year
- Auditor for three years
- Library Trustee for three years
- Library Trustee for three years
- Library Trustee for three years
- Delinquent Tax Collector for one year
- Grand Juror for one year
- Trustee of Public Money for one year
- Agent to Convey Real Estate for one year
- Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for one year
- LRSWMD Representative for two years
- Emergency Management Coordinator for two years

**Article 3:** To hear the report of the Auditors and to take the action as is deemed necessary in the adoption of such report.

**Article 4:** Will the Town of Waterville appropriate the sum of \$7,993.34 to support the following:

\$ 250.00	Lamoille Restorative Center
600.00	Central Vermont Council on Aging/RSVP
2,058.00	Lamoille Home Health & Hospice
200.00	Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.
411.00	Lamoille County Planning Commission
200.00	Clarina Howard Nichols Center

440.00	Meals on Wheels
300.00	Lamoille Day Health Services (aka Out & About)
200.00	North Country Animal League
400.00	Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)
434.34	Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit
<u>2,500.00</u>	Waterville Town Library
<b>\$7,993.34</b>	

**Article 5:** To see if the Town of Waterville will vote a specific sum of money on the Grand List of said Town for the year 2023 and appropriate same its current expenses and its indebtedness? If so, to set the amount and manner of its Collection.

**Article 6:** Will the voters authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes for such purposes, by note on the general town?

**Article 7:** Shall the Waterville Town Library be open year round for the residents of Waterville?

**Article 8:** To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, A.D. 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Arthur Tilton - *Arthur Tilton*

Jay Marsh *Jay Marsh*

L. Carlos Martin *L. Carlos Martin*

Select Board, Town of Waterville

ATTEST:

Nancy LaRose *Nancy LaRose*  
Town Clerk, Town of Waterville

A true copy: Nancy LaRose  
Town Clerk, Town of Waterville

## Resume of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting

Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Heather Mateja at 10:01 A.M. Eastern Standard Time at Waterville's Town Green on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, to act on the following business, to wit:

**Article 1.** To elect a Moderator of the Town Meeting. Heather Mateja was elected.

**Article 2.** To elect all Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Town Clerk for one year. Nancy LaRose

Treasurer for one year. Nancy LaRose

Selectman for three years. Carlos Martin was elected. Don Lynch declined.

Recess at 10:13-10:19 for presentation of Resolution to Don Lynch.

Road Commissioner for one year. Hunter Locke

Lister for three years. William Baker

First Constable for one year. Robin Genetti

Second Constable for one year. Warren Lyon

Auditor for three years. Kylee Bezio

Library Trustee for one year. Wade Chivington

Library Trustee for three years. Tim Burgess was elected. Sue Davis declined.

Delinquent Tax Collector for one year. Nancy LaRose

Grand Juror for one year. Lucas Tilton

Trustee of Public Money for one year. Diane Schwarm

Agent to Convey Real Estate for one year. Diane Schwarm

Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for one year. Shawn LaRose

LNMUUSD Director for three years. Bart Bezio

**Article 3.** To hear the report of the Auditors and to take the action as is deemed necessary in the adoption of such report. Report accepted.

**Article 4.** Will the Town of Waterville appropriate the sum of \$7,329.34 to support the following:

\$ 250.00	Lamoille Restorative Center
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200.00	North Country Animal League
400.00	Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)
434.34	Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit
<u>1,875.00</u>	Waterville Town Library
\$ 7,329.34	



Total appropriations of \$7,329.34. Voted in Favor, by voice.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town of Waterville will vote a specific sum of money on the Grand List of said Town for the year 2022 and appropriate same its current expenses and its indebtedness? If so, to set the amount and manner of its Collection. It was voted, by voice, to accept the proposed budget of \$359,703.66 (which includes Article 4). The manner of its collection will be the same as last year - tax bills will be sent out by August 5<sup>th</sup>, due September 6<sup>th</sup> with a 4% discount; after September 6<sup>th</sup>, no discount. Taxes due by October 6<sup>th</sup>; tender to delinquent tax collector after October 6<sup>th</sup>. Delinquent tax collector charges 8% on amounts tendered for collection.

**Article 6.** Will the voters authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes for such purposes, by note on the general town? Voted in Favor, by voice.

**Article 7.** To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Lucy Rogers announced she's not running for re-election. She thanked the crowd for her past 4 years and said it's been an honor. Jenny Blackman thanked Lucy.

Rebecca Pitre announced she will be running for the Waterville/Cambridge representative spot. Scott Johnson asked if there were any ideas/thoughts on how the stimulus money will be spent.

Ideas, with discussions, were road projects; town green old building removal; renewable energy for town buildings; dog waste station, trash cans, playground upgrade for town green; ice rink for town green; parking lot for town hall; renovations/improvements on any town buildings; records being digitalized; making library handicapped accessible.

It was strongly suggested that this money benefit as many people as possible.

Carlos reminded the crowd that there are 3 openings on the Planning Board.

Dave Ransom spoke.

Katie Keszey spoke about the Library and gave an update on their activities. There are 6 library trustees and 2 volunteers. It was open all winter with the same usage as spring/summer/fall. It's hard to tell exactly how much extra it cost to keep it open, but there seemed to be quite a bit of interest in keeping it open year round.

Edna Lafountatin suggested having Town Meeting back inside next year.

Bill Baker announced there will be a town-wide Reappraisal done beginning this summer.

Adjourned the Town Meeting at 11:31 A.M.

Dated at Waterville this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

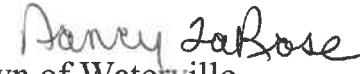
  
Arthur Tilton

  
Jay Marsh

  
L. Carlos Martin

Select Board, Town of Waterville

ATTEST:

Nancy LaRose   
Town Clerk, Town of Waterville

# GENERAL FUNDS

## Treasurer's Statement of Receipts & Disbursements

Cash Balance January 1, 2022 \$413,819.93

### RECEIPTS

Current Tax Levy 254,311.39

Refund from LNMUUSD ('21 overpayment) 13,263.71

Current Use Hold-Harmless Payment, State of VT 28,986.00

Grand List Parcel Payment, State of VT 3,298.00

Listers' Education 388.00

Natural Resources, State of VT (PILOT) 1,429.64

Land Use Change Tax & Fees 1,243.50

Delinquent Taxes 37,487.85

Liquor License 70.00

Dog Licenses (36) 110.00

Use of Copier/Fax 120.00

Road Permits 260.00

State Aid, Roads, State of VT 30,395.24

Griffin Road, MRP Grant ('21) 7,820.00

Lapland Road, Grants-In-Aid ('22) 6,700.00

Twiss Hill Road, VTrans Better Roads Grant ('22) 20,000.00

Interest, Union Bank, Money Market 1,254.89

Interest, Union Bank, Checking 27.56

\$820,985.71

### DISBURSEMENTS

Select Board Orders \$360,070.42

2022 Property Tax Refunds 7,012.54

Reappraisal 28,524.00

Bank Service Charges 352.97

Cash on Hand December 31, 2022 425,025.78

\$820,985.71

# GENERAL EXPENDITURES

	<u>2022</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>PROPOSED</u>
Town Hall/Street Lights	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,962.13	\$ 2,500.00
Town Hall Fuel	1,500.00	1,409.56	1,500.00
Town Hall	1,400.00	1,265.09	1,500.00
Office Supplies/Education	1,200.00	1,755.45	1,600.00
Computer Tech Services	2,256.00	2,358.00	4,460.00
Telephone	1,200.00	1,155.49	1,200.00
Postage	1,100.00	1,091.70	1,100.00
Bonds/Insurance/Memb. Dues	8,282.00	8,282.00	9,437.00
Lamoille County Tax	6,379.00	6,379.00	7,161.00
Fire Protection	22,980.00	22,980.00	23,669.00
Auditing	500.00	576.00	600.00
Listing	8,000.00	7,742.25	8,000.00
Town Reports	1,000.00	981.54	1,000.00
Sheriff's Dept.	14,787.00	14,789.00	15,414.00
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous/Public Notices	700.00	617.90	700.00
Roads/Highway	170,000.00	202,622.46	150,000.00
Selectmen/Clerk Salary	28,000.00	27,890.56	31,000.00
Town Clerk's Office	4,500.00	6,820.79	5,000.00
TC/Old School Repairs Loan	11,878.32	11,878.32	11,878.32
Coburn Gravel Pit	700.00	671.84	700.00
Ambulance	<u>28,512.00</u>	<u>28,512.00</u>	<u>29,395.00</u>
	\$317,374.32	\$352,741.08	\$307,814.32
* Reappraisal	(37,931.60)	(28,524.00)	(9,407.60)
Article 4: Town Appropriations	<u>7,329.34</u>	<u>7,329.34</u>	<u>7,993.34</u>
	\$324,703.66	\$360,070.42	\$315,807.66
4% Discount	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>36,349.32</u>	<u>37,000.00</u>
	\$359,703.66	\$396,419.74	\$352,807.66

\* Reappraisal monies have already been received from State of Vermont, 2010-2022.

## STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED 2022

### GRAND LIST:

Municipal Grand List	\$555,434.00
Education Grand List (homestead)	407,251.00
Education Grand List (non-residential)	148,183.00

### TAXES ASSESSED & BILLED RAISED:

Municipal/Town Taxes (\$.5954 tax rate)	330,705.40
Education/Homestead (\$1.6335 tax rate)	665,244.51
Education/Non-Residential (\$1.7184 tax rate)	254,637.67
Late Homestead Penalty	<u>335.48</u>

\$1,250,923.06

### COLLECTIONS:

General Property	\$958,195.07
Received from State of VT	221,160.67
4% Discount	36,349.32
Delinquents	42,354.63
Revised Tax Bills/Refunds *	<u>(7,136.63)</u>

\$1,250,923.06

\* Due to Late Homestead Declaration Filers and Property Tax Adjustment Credits received from the State of VT.

## ITEMIZED ROAD BUDGET 2022

Winter Roads	\$ 80,959.35
Sand/Gravel/Crushing	30,889.28
Salt	2,095.73
Summer Roads	40,940.22
MRPG (VT Stormwater Program)	500.00
Roadside Mowing	2,610.00
Lapland Road, VT Grants-in-Aid	19,084.34
Twiss Hill Road, VTrans Better Roads	<u>25,543.54</u>

\$202,622.46

# **DELINQUENT TAXES**

**(As of January 23, 2023)**

2019          Jessiman, Brian

**TOTAL 2019** **\$    491.40**

2020          Barup, Medford  
                Jessiman, Brian  
                LaBelle, Mark

**TOTAL 2020** **\$ 1,561.05**

2021          Barup, Medford  
                Berg, Timothy  
                Jessiman, Brian  
                LaBelle, Mark

**TOTAL 2021** **\$ 3,168.01**

2022          Barup, Medford  
                Berg, Timothy  
                Jessiman, Brian  
                LaBelle, Mark  
                Lavigne, Jessica  
                Brigham, Christopher  
                Ploof, Jacob  
                Tallman, Peter  
                Turner, Damian & Lori  
                Wade, Jason & Christine

**TOTAL 2022** **\$ 16,891.79**

**TOTAL TAXES DELINQUENT** **\$ 22,112.25**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy LaRose,  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

**TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY**  
**For the year ending 12/31/2022**

**Cemetery Account**

We have to date the following funds in trust.

Cheney fund	\$500.00
McFarland fund	\$500.00
Westover fund	\$500.00

**Library Account**

We have one fund left in the trust with interest to be used for the purchase of books for the Library.

Willey fund	\$500.00
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<b>TOTAL CD BALANCE (as of 12/31/2022)</b>	<b>\$ 2,108.37</b>
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Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Schwarm

**ARPA FUNDS ACCOUNT**  
**(American Rescue Plan Act)**  
**Pandemic-Related Aid for State and Local Governments**

Funds Received in 2021	\$105,520.89
2021 Interest	9.25
Funds Received in 2022	105,570.64
2022 Interest	184.00
<b>TOTAL BALANCE, as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$211,284.78</b>

**AUDITORS' REPORT**

We have examined the accounts of various town officers, and, as far as we can confirm and determine, the accounts are correct as they are presented in this town report.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna Barry, Wanda Locke, Kylee Bezio

## 2022 DOG REPORT

Through April 1<sup>st</sup>:

22 Neutered/Spayed Dogs @ \$9.00	\$198.00
1 Male Dog @ \$13.00	13.00
1 Female Dogs @ \$13.00	<u>13.00</u>

\$224.00

After April 1<sup>st</sup>:

11 Neutered/Spayed dogs @ \$11.00	\$121.00
1 Female Dog @ \$17.00	<u>17.00</u>

\$138.00

**36 Dogs**

**\$362.00**

Less 36 Dogs @ \$2.00/dog collection fee: ( 72.00)

Less 36 Dogs @ \$1.00/dog to State of VT: ( 36.00)

Less 36 Dogs @ \$4.00/dog to State of VT: (144.00)

(252.00)

**TOTAL TO TOWN:**

**\$ 110.00**

## WATERVILLE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT

Waterville Cemetery Association is committed to preserving and maintaining the beauty of the Waterville Cemetery. It's with the group efforts of many that allows us to provide the upkeep and maintenance of our cemetery. Please consider a tax deductible donation in honor or memory of loved ones. Donations to the Waterville Cemetery Association can be sent to Donna Barry, 1950 VT Route 109, Waterville, VT 05492.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Barry, Treasurer

## Waterville Town Library 2022 Report

With support from the select board and community members, the Waterville Town Library was able to stay open throughout the 2022 calendar year, serving patrons from Waterville and neighboring towns on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Library volunteers offered events and programming that aimed to be inclusive of all ages and abilities. During the winter months, the Library hosted knitting circles, yoga classes, storytimes, and its annual sledding party. In the summer, we were pleased to bring the Vermont Institute of Natural Science to Waterville for Raptors Up Close, a presentation with live hawks and owls; a Meteorology talk with Haley Bouley; and a live music event with Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate. The library participated in the Vermont Department of Libraries' summer reading program, Oceans of Possibilities, and summer reading challenge. These programs encourage summer reading for youth of all ages. We hosted our second annual Trick-or-Treat on Halloween. During late fall and early winter, we resumed storytimes and knitting circles. In total, events drew more than 225 people to the Library this year.

The Library offers a wealth of resources to our small community. There are 405 patrons who hold library cards from Waterville and surrounding towns who use the Library. In addition to providing reading and educational materials, the Library is a place to gather, connect, and play; to access Wi-Fi both indoors and out; to attend programs for youths and adults; to borrow museum and state park passes; and to find computer and printing/copying or online services such as eBooks and audio books. In 2022, there were more than 560 visits to the Library, and patrons borrowed more than 750 books, DVDs, state park passes, and other items. The Library issued 20 new library cards this year. The community also continues to utilize the Tiny Library.

The Library applied for and received two American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants, \$2000 in 2021 used for purchases in 2022, and \$500 in 2022. These are federal awards administered by the Vermont Department of Libraries. ARPA 2021 funds were used to purchase a new computer, a picnic table, an outdoor sign, and books. ARPA 2022 allowed us to create a "Library of Things," lendable backpacks with books and other materials for exploring themes like gardening, backyard bugs, kites, and race cars. These have quickly become popular items to borrow.

The Library applied for and received a Rural Libraries Grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF). This provided \$2,000 worth of brand-new children's books for the Library, as well as \$500 worth of brand-new children's books for the Waterville Elementary School library. The grant includes two storytelling presentations for elementary school students and two storytelling presentations for local child care/preschool programs, which provide two new books for all students and children who attend. The grant also includes \$250 to support a program initiative at the Library.

At the end of the year, the Library was proudly featured in the *News and Citizen*. Thank you to April Vanderveer, Diane Adams, and Drew Bressel for sharing the WTL story in the local paper.

WTL is run solely by volunteers. We are fortunate to benefit from the hard work and commitment of faithful long-time trustees Alice Godin, April Vanderveer, Chrissy Wade, and Drew Bressel. We are also grateful for the work of newer trustee, Katie Keszey, and volunteers Diane Adams and Patty Genadio. On Town Meeting Day 2022, the Library gained two new trustees, Wade Chivington and Tim Burgess. Two enthusiastic new volunteers, Katie Grenon and Lisa Towery joined the Library over the summer. Many thanks to Susan Davis, who retired from the board in 2022, for her years of dedication and service. The library board always welcomes new volunteers, new ideas, and suggestions. Even if you only have a couple hours a month, we would appreciate your help.

WTL is a place where the Waterville and surrounding communities can find connection and inspiration, and we are happy to report that the Library is growing, changing, and becoming an even more vibrant resource for the citizens of Waterville.

### Library Budget

Checking Account Balance, 01/01/22: \$ 6,650.80

#### Budget, Grants, and Gifts

\$1,875 Town approved budget of \$1875

\$500 ARPA Grant Round 2. (2022) Used to purchase Library of Things

\$300 Summer Programming Grant (Vermont Department of Libraries)

\$1,000 Gifts

\$3675 (2022 budget, grants, and gifts)



**Expenses (Actual)**

\$250 Internet/Town of Waterville

\$420 Subscriptions/Passes (Library Thing \$120, Listen Up GMLC membership \$200; Shelburne Museum \$100)

\$750.14 Books

\$403.75 Library Supplies

\$2000 ARPA 2021 expenditure (New Computer \$1219.99, outdoor sign \$175.18, picnic table \$480, books 121.98, Velcro \$2.85)

\$500 ARPA Expenditure (backpacks, books, themed items, journals, pencils)

\$419 Raptors Up Close program (\$300 Summer Programming Grant & \$100 discount VINS grant & \$119 from WTL)

\$4742.89 Total expenses

\$6,650.80 Checking account balance 1/1/22

+ 3,675.00 (2022 budget, grants, and gifts)

\$10,325.80 TOTAL

- 4,742.89 (expenses actual)

\$5,582.91 Checking account balance 12/31/22

**IN KIND DONATIONS**

\$100 VINS Grant (Grant in the form of a \$100 discount for Raptors Up Close program)

\$2,250 CLiF Grant (CLiF organization purchases all books and materials for the library – no money received)

\$40 Book Donation from Pat Delang

Library Budget Request for 2023	2023	2022
New Books	800	750
Book Supplies	100	100
Listen Up Vermont [This cost has increased due to an increase in the number of patrons registered to the library]	250 (Actual: 243.60)	200
Internet/DSL – Town of Waterville	250	250
Library web site domain	40	0
Supplies	190	90
Programming	500	115
Tiny Cat (online library catalog)	120	120
Museum passes	250	250
Total	2,500	1,875

**Free**

**Gale databases provided by VT Department of Libraries IMLS grant (to all publics)**

**ECHO library pass provided by ECHO Leahy Center**

**Vermont State Park & Vermont Historical Sites library passes provided by VT Department of Libraries**

**Trustees**

Susan Davis, retired 2022

Alice Godin, Chair, term expires 2023

Tim Burgess, Vice Chair, term expires 2025

April Vanderveer, Secretary, term expires 2023

Wade Chivington, Financial Secretary, term expires 2023

Chrissy Wade, term expires 2024

Drew Bressel, term expires 2024

Katie Keszey, term expires 2024

Library Website: <<http://www.watervillelib.org>>

Facebook Page: <<https://www.facebook.com/WatervilleTownLibrary>>

Respectfully submitted by the Waterville Town Library Board of Trustees January 23, 2023

## LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Checking Account Balance, 01/01/22: \$ 6,650.80

### RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	\$ 1,875.00
ARPA Funds	500.00
Summer Performance Grant	300.00
Donation	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$ 3,675.00

### DISBURSEMENTS

VINS Presentation	419.00
Consolidated/Internet	250.00
Passes/Memberships	420.00
Books	872.12
Computer/Library Supplies	<u>2,781.77</u>
	\$ 4,742.89

Checking Account Balance, 12/31/22 \$ 5,582.91

Savings Account Balance, 11/12/21 \$ 2,519.87

Interest 5.76

Savings Account Balance, 11/14/22 \$ 2,525.63

Certificate of Deposit Balance, 12/31/22 \$ 1,500.00

## TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

Balance, 01/01/22 \$ 34,289.80

### RECEIPTS

Donations	4,544.00
Capital Refund from VEC	10.20
Interest	<u>25.27</u>
	\$ 4,579.47

### DISBURSEMENTS

Town Green (Lawn)	1,680.00
Town Green (VT Electric Coop)	242.45
New Folding Chairs	1,930.90
Flags	149.80
Cleaning/Windows	<u>641.50</u>
	\$ 4,644.65

Balance, 12/31/22 \$ 34,224.62

## PLANNING COMMISSION ACCOUNT

Balance, 01/01/22 \$ 16.56

NO ACTIVITY

Balance, 12/31/ \$ 16.56

## **Waterville Planning Board**

On May 8, 2003 the Waterville Select Board appointed eight members to reconstitute the Waterville Planning Board. The Select Board charged the Planning Board with the responsibility of preparing a Town Plan for Waterville as a revision and update of the Town Plan originally written in 1989. Waterville benefits by having a Town Plan in order to establish a vision for our community and to be eligible for other federal and state grants.

We have worked closely with the Lamoille County Planning Commission, the VT Division of Historic Preservation and the Department of Public Service in the development of projects.

**2003** - Reconstituted the Waterville Planning Board and adopted a new Waterville Town Plan on September 23, 2003.

**2004** - Awarded \$1,500 in funding through the Vermont Municipal Planning Grant Program efforts to inventory and document the integrity of our public historic structures.

**2005** - Awarded \$1,000 from Downs, Rachlin and Martin to create a Historical Photographic Record of the Waterville Town Hall and Village Center. Awarded \$4,000 in funding through the Vermont Municipal Planning Grant Program to obtain Village Center Designation (approved January 2006) and Certified Local Government certification (approved April 2006).

**2006** - Awarded \$3,200 in funding from the Municipal Planning Grant Program and \$4,800.00 in matching funds from VT Historic Preservation to work with the Preservation Board to prepare a National Register Nomination application for the Waterville Historic District. In September 2007 the application was approved by the National Park Service.

**2007** - Awarded a \$5,800 grant from the Municipal Planning Grant program and worked with the Lamoille County Planning Commission to update the Waterville Town Plan.

**2008 to 2009** - Awarded \$4,995 from the Department of Public Service, Clean Energy Development Fund, to support a small-scale hydro assessment project. The goal is to generate electricity from the Kelly River (North Branch of the Lamoille) to meet local needs either by lower energy costs through renewable energy or sold to generate income to help offset property taxes. Phase I was completed in October 2009 and we began pursuing funding opportunities for Phase II including: permitting and legal issues, engineering and construction design, construction & turbine costs, and financial feasibility.

**2010** - The Town of Waterville was awarded \$40,993.00 from the Department of Public Service for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for energy efficiency renovations to the Town Hall and Town Clerk's Office which were completed in 2011. Awarded \$9,333.00 from the Municipal Planning Grant Program to conduct Phase II of our hydro assessment project to generate electricity from the Kelly River.

**2011** - Awarded \$3,390.00 from the Clean Energy Development Fund by the Lamoille County Planning Commission to study the feasibility of installing an Archimedes Screw turbine for comparison purposes to a more traditional Kaplan-type turbine.

**2012** - Received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to use the Traditional Licensing Process for our Hydro project and to the VT Agency of Natural Resources for a 401 Water Quality Certification. Applications remain pending at 12/31/12.

**2013 -2014** - Updated the Waterville Town Plan and the Lamoille County Planning Commission held a Public Hearing and approved the plan on September 23, 2014.

- Held several meetings with public and private project developers to find partners for the technical and financial aspects of the Waterville Hydro project. An engineering study would be needed, and cost is estimated at \$20,000. It is difficult to justify this expense without ownership of the property.

**2015** - This year brought to conclusion our efforts to develop hydroelectric power generation in Waterville because the Laraway Mill site is not available for sale.

- Applied for and received preliminary approval for renewal of our Village Center Designation through the Vermont Downtown Program, Department of Housing and Community Development.
- We thank Paul Rogers for his service as he stepped down effective 12/31/15.

**2016** – We welcomed the following new members to the Board following Town Meeting: Heather Mateja, Carlos Martin and Damian Turner and we thank Howard Duchacek for his service as he stepped down effective 4/11/16.

-The Planning Board applied for and received a Municipal Planning Grant in the amount of \$3,159 to update the 2014 Town Plan with a Flood Resiliency Plan. We begin writing the Plan in 2017.

**2017** - The Waterville Planning Board worked with the Lamoille County Planning Commission to write a Flood Resilience Plan for incorporation in the next Town Plan update, revised and established a single jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Waterville, and began working on the Public Safety and Natural Resources sections of the Waterville Town Plan due for approval in 2019.

**2018** – A year of transition, as we thanked Scott Johnson and John Farrell for their many years of service, and we welcomed Timothy Burgess to the board. The Waterville Planning Board has been working closely with LCPC to conduct a thorough update of the Waterville Town Plan. The Plan update will be completed this spring by end of May 2019. Public Hearings will be held by the Waterville Planning Commission and Selectboard to solicit input on the 2019 Waterville Town Plan. Notable additions to the Town Plan include the drafting of an Enhanced Energy Plan, and a Flood Resilience and Water Quality chapter.

**2019** – The 2019- 2027 Waterville Town Plan was adopted by the Selectboard and approved by the Lamoille County Planning Commission on July 23,2019.

- Waterville in conjunction with Hyde Park was awarded a Consortia Municipal Planning Grant of \$22,749 to work with the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) to develop strategies to enhance public spaces and create vibrant, walkable environments in North Hyde Park and Waterville Village Centers.

- In the fall of 2019 the Waterville Planning Board met with LCPC staff about Broadband planning efforts. Members of the Planning Board have been engaged in this topic and participated in local and regional events.

**2020** – The Waterville Planning Board hosted discussions/updates regarding Broadband Planning for the Town and neighboring area.

- Winter of 2020 received Municipal Planning Grant as part of a Consortium application with North Hype Park and Eden. The Grant was awarded for the Waterville Mainstreet Initiative project to explore traffic calming practices and visual cues that could be implemented along VT 109 in the Village.

**2021** – Due to Covid meetings were very limited. In collaboration with local, regional, and state partners to pursue two key projects: (1) The Waterville Main Street Initiative, which looked at improving walkability, safety, and visual cues in the Village. (2) Updating the Waterville Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is updated every five years. The plan will be available for public review and comments in February 2022

**2022** - In 2022 the Waterville planning board added two new members Bill Baker and Christopher Mann. We also worked to develop and institute formal bylaws to govern the planning board. We have also worked with the Lamoille County Planning Commission to determine what grants are available and appropriate for the town of Waterville.

Waterville has a rich history of community engagement and “can do” attitude that allows us to enjoy, promote and improve our community. The members of the Waterville Planning Board are pleased to be able to make our contribution.

Sincerely,

Carlos Martin, Chairperson

## **WATERVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD ACCOUNT**

Checking Account, Balance as of 01/01/22	\$1,575.00
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### **RECEIPTS**

Sale of Coit's Gore books	\$ 180.00
Petty Cash	30.00

Checking Account, Balance as of 12/31/22	\$1,785.00
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## **WATERVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD 2022**

Although much of COVID-19 is past, the Preservation Board has not had any activities during the year.

I'm still hoping for someone to step forward and lead the Board now and forward to future events.

Sincerely,

John E Terrel  
Treasurer

## **WATERVILLE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION RESERVE FUND (FOR LAND RECORDS BOOKS)**

Balance, as of 01/01/22	\$ 7,426.21
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### **RECEIPTS**

Deposits	\$ 1,968.00
Interest	3.55

Balance, as of 12/31/2022	\$ 9,397.76
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# **TOWN OF WATERVILLE**

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2022**

During 2022 Waterville dealt with various weather conditions during the fall and winter months. Snow conditions were not a big factor that would have caused a weather event. Freezing rain/sleet which does cause the most concern with EM. I've noticed a couple of years ago that winds have been an increasing problem for not only our town, but for the county. I will be working with the county and state to conduct wind related Table Top exercises in the coming training period.

December 23 -24 Waterville along with other town's had a WIND event (winter storm Elliot) where incurred power outages for several hours and caused more than \$2 million to public and private infrastructure and assessments are on-going. Waterville EM responded to two families without power. One family was assisted with a generator and heat device and the other was directed to regional shelter in Enosburg. This event also caused flooding in low lying areas due to warm temperatures and snow melt. I want to give a BIG shout-out the Vermont Electric Coop folks who did a great job of getting the power back on. Thank You.

EM had obtained from the State EM a large pallet (4416 plastic 4 oz bottles of hand sanitizer) to be given out free to anyone wanting them. They were distributed to several different organizations.

Emergency Manage is made up of Federal, State, County and local municipalities. In Vermont the Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies (VAPDA) is made up of 11 regional planning commissions and Waterville is an active member of the Lamoille County Commission. Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) have federal and state statutory responsibilities in transportation, land use, emergency management, brownfields, housing, energy, economic development and more. Lamoille County Planning is our resource for many services, infrastructure and needed equipment that our town does not presently have. RPC's help maximize recovery before, during and after emergency events with local, state and federal funding dollars. They also play a key role in applying for grants that have broad benefits across each region.

I want to give you a follow up on the USDA grant for obtaining a generator for the Elementary school. At this point we are waiting for the school district to compile their budget for 2023/2024. I hope to have more news about this grant before too long, and I'll put out any news on the Front Porch Forum.

Sincerely,

John E Terrel, EMD

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department  
Communications Assessment  
For the Years FY 2023 -2024

Total Budget Assessment  
One Half of Budget  
FY 2023 -2024  
\$ 928,985 \$ 464,493

Town Name	Population Portion 50% of allocation			Grand List Portion 50 % of allocation			FY 23-24			FY 22-23			Overall Assessment Percentage
	Population	Percentage	Cost	Grand List	Grand List Percentage	Grand List Portion	Assessment	Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Increase/ (Decrease)	
Belvidere	355	1.188%	\$ 5,519	\$ 432,500	0.62%	2,878	\$ 8,397	\$ 7,877	\$ 520	\$ 7,877	\$ 520	6.61%	0.90%
Cambridge	3815	12.769%	\$ 59,309	\$ 6,269,210	8.98%	41,725	\$ 101,034	\$ 97,704	\$ 3,330	\$ 97,704	\$ 3,330	3.41%	10.88%
Eden	1335	4.468%	\$ 20,754	\$ 1,618,060	2.32%	10,769	\$ 31,523	\$ 29,826	\$ 1,697	\$ 29,826	\$ 1,697	5.69%	3.39%
Elmore	882	2.952%	\$ 13,712	\$ 2,106,150	3.02%	14,017	\$ 27,729	\$ 27,052	\$ 677	\$ 27,052	\$ 677	2.50%	2.98%
Hyde Park	3019	10.104%	\$ 46,934	\$ 3,691,660	5.29%	24,570	\$ 71,504	\$ 67,857	\$ 3,647	\$ 67,857	\$ 3,647	5.37%	7.70%
Johnson	3546	11.868%	\$ 55,127	\$ 2,668,470	3.82%	17,760	\$ 72,887	\$ 68,686	\$ 4,201	\$ 68,686	\$ 4,201	6.12%	7.85%
Morristown	5522	18.482%	\$ 85,847	\$ 9,434,350	13.52%	62,790	\$ 148,637	\$ 135,573	\$ 13,064	\$ 135,573	\$ 13,064	9.64%	16.00%
Stowe	5288	17.699%	\$ 82,209	\$ 35,354,570	50.66%	235,301	\$ 317,510	\$ 289,930	\$ 27,580	\$ 289,930	\$ 27,580	9.51%	34.18%
Waterville	691	2.313%	\$ 10,742	\$ 796,720	1.14%	5,303	\$ 16,045	\$ 14,783	\$ 1,262	\$ 14,783	\$ 1,262	8.54%	1.73%
Wolcott	1673	5.599%	\$ 26,009	\$ 1,866,410	2.67%	12,422	\$ 38,431	\$ 36,908	\$ 1,523	\$ 36,908	\$ 1,523	4.13%	4.14%
Hardwick	2951	9.877%	\$ 45,877	\$ 2,449,470	3.51%	16,302	\$ 62,180	\$ 58,418	\$ 3,762	\$ 58,418	\$ 3,762	6.44%	6.69%
Greensboro	801	2.681%	\$ 12,453	\$ 3,103,510	4.45%	20,655	\$ 33,108	\$ 32,258	\$ 850	\$ 32,258	\$ 850	2.63%	3.56%
	29878	100.00%	\$ 464,493	\$ 69,791,080	100.00%	464,493	\$ 928,985	\$ 866,872	\$ 62,113	\$ 866,872	\$ 62,113	7.04%	100%

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department  
Communications Assessment  
For the Years FY 2022 -2023

Total Budget Assessment  
One Half of Budget  
FY 2022 -2023  
\$ 866,872 \$ 433,436

Town Name	Population Portion 50% of allocation			Grand List Portion 50 % of allocation			FY 22-23			FY 21-22			Overall Assessment Percentage
	Population	Percentage	Cost	Grand List	Grand List Percentage	Grand List Portion	Assessment	Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Increase/ (Decrease)	
Belvidere	358	1.206%	\$ 5,229	\$ 360,690	0.61%	2,648	\$ 7,877	\$ 7,888	\$ (11)	\$ 7,888	\$ (11)	-0.14%	0.91%
Cambridge	3839	12.936%	\$ 56,071	\$ 5,671,040	9.61%	41,633	\$ 97,704	\$ 98,655	\$ (951)	\$ 98,655	\$ (951)	-0.96%	11.27%
Eden	1338	4.509%	\$ 19,542	\$ 1,400,820	2.37%	10,284	\$ 29,826	\$ 30,516	\$ (690)	\$ 30,516	\$ (690)	-2.26%	3.44%
Elmore	886	2.986%	\$ 12,941	\$ 1,922,180	3.26%	14,111	\$ 27,052	\$ 25,096	\$ 1,956	\$ 25,096	\$ 1,956	7.79%	3.12%
Hyde Park	3020	10.177%	\$ 44,109	\$ 3,234,850	5.48%	23,748	\$ 67,857	\$ 65,898	\$ 1,959	\$ 65,898	\$ 1,959	2.97%	7.83%
Johnson	3491	11.764%	\$ 50,988	\$ 2,410,700	4.08%	17,698	\$ 68,686	\$ 70,521	\$ (1,835)	\$ 70,521	\$ (1,835)	-2.60%	7.92%
Morristown	5434	18.311%	\$ 79,367	\$ 7,656,130	12.97%	56,206	\$ 135,573	\$ 132,967	\$ 2,606	\$ 132,967	\$ 2,606	1.96%	15.64%
Stowe	5223	17.600%	\$ 76,285	\$ 29,101,720	49.29%	213,645	\$ 289,930	\$ 263,159	\$ 26,771	\$ 263,159	\$ 26,771	10.17%	33.45%
Waterville	686	2.312%	\$ 10,019	\$ 648,840	1.10%	4,763	\$ 14,783	\$ 14,791	\$ (8)	\$ 14,791	\$ (8)	-0.06%	1.71%
Wolcott	1670	5.627%	\$ 24,391	\$ 1,704,950	2.89%	12,517	\$ 36,908	\$ 37,005	\$ (97)	\$ 37,005	\$ (97)	-0.26%	4.26%
Hardwick	2920	9.840%	\$ 42,648	\$ 2,148,080	3.64%	15,770	\$ 58,418	\$ 56,803	\$ 1,615	\$ 56,803	\$ 1,615	2.84%	6.74%
Greensboro	811	2.733%	\$ 11,845	\$ 2,780,520	4.71%	20,413	\$ 32,258	\$ 30,416	\$ 1,842	\$ 30,416	\$ 1,842	6.06%	3.72%
	29676	100.00%	\$ 433,436	\$ 59,040,520	100.00%	433,436	\$ 866,872	\$ 833,715	\$ 33,157	\$ 833,715	\$ 33,157	3.98%	100.00%

**Lamoille County Sheriff's Department  
2022 Annual Report**

The Lamoille County Communication's Center received 21,546 E911 calls the past year, which is down from the 23,679 in 2021. We dispatched 36,751 fire, EMS and police calls, which are itemized as follows:

Fire Agency	Total Calls	Ambulance Agency	Total Calls	Police Agency	Total Calls
Barre Town	215	Barre Town	4337	Barre Town	7007
Cambridge	186	Cambridge	486	Hardwick PD	2526
Elmore	40	Hardwick	821	LCSD	6173
Greensboro	48	Morristown	958	Morristown PD*	5214
Hardwick	91	NEMS	1744	Stowe PD	4971
Hyde Park	99	Stowe	900		
Johnson	134				
Morrisville	241				
North Hyde Park/Eden	72				
Stowe	449				
Wolcott	39				
<b>Total</b>	<b>1614</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>9246</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>25891</b>

\* Total number of calls dispatched by LCSD & department's own part-time dispatch.

LCSD saw an overall *increase* of 4.5% in calls for service, up 266, from the previous year. Routine traffic stops, to include fine amounts increased overall 25%. Wolcott saw traffic fine amounts double compared to the previous year. The patrol division returned to full staff giving us the opportunity to spend more time on the road in our communities. As a result, directed patrols were up nearly 100%, and our DUI/DLS arrest rate was up almost 125%. Drug overdose and drug investigation cases continue to rise, and we continue to be very productive with narcotic seizures to include nearly a pound of crack/cocaine, heroin and fentanyl. Some of these cases have resulted in Federal prosecution. This department investigated 28 cases related to sex crimes involving juveniles resulting in over a dozen arrests. Below are just some of our incident totals:

Nature of Call	Johnson	Hyde Park	Wolcott
<b>Traffic Accident</b>	64	87	30
<b>Burglary</b>	7	2	0
<b>Citizen Dispute/ Family Fight/ Domestic</b>	96	63	12
<b>DUI/ DLS</b>	25	11	7
<b>Motor Vehicle Complaint</b>	516	519	290
<b>Noise Disturbance</b>	23	14	5
<b>Sex Crimes</b>	12	12	4
<b>Drug Investigations</b>	12	17	0
<b>Theft</b>	55	8	3
<b>Traffic Tickets</b>	103	122	71
	Fine Amount \$21,824	Fine Amount \$22,476	Fine Amount \$14,557

Respectfully,  
Roger M. Marcoux Jr., Lamoille County Sheriff





Newport Ambulance Service Inc, P.O. Box 911 Newport, Vermont 05855

Dear Residents of Belvidere, Eden, Hyde Park, Johnson, and Waterville.

This past year 2022 has been a busy year for our NEMS station. Calls for service increased from 1436 in 2021 to 1766 in 2022. Emergency 911 calls increased from 758 to 924, Medical transfers increased from 553 to 773. The number of mutual aid calls we responded to decreased from 125 to 69.

Individual calls for service increased in all five towns as follows:

	2022	2021
Belvidere	18	17
Eden	179	111
Hyde Park	297	259
Johnson	406	350
Waterville	24	21

As a board we attempt to decrease any long-term costs as we have found we have little to no control over short-term cost increases. In 2021 we were able to pay off the mortgage on the NEMS ambulance station 5 years early. In 2022 we were able to pay for the replacement of the aging NEMS ambulance station roof and replace it with a modern metal roof that will last much longer. We were also able to pay off 2 NEMS ambulances 3 years early.

The 2023 budget we present to you yields a 3% increase in funding from the five towns we serve. We have worked hard to keep this increase as low as possible when compared to the inflation rate of approximately 8%. Increases in salaries, medical supplies, health insurance, and fuels are the largest factors in this increase.

We are pleased that also included in this increase is adding an additional crew on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Adding the additional crews is a balance between the revenue anticipated for the period the crews will cover as compared to the cost of the staff. We feel confident that now is the time to add this additional crew.

If you or anyone you know is interested in potentially beginning a career in the health care field, contact us to schedule a ride along with an EMS crew to witness their daily routines.

Thank you,

Newport Ambulance Board of directors.

## Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns across Lamoille County in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, the Morrisville Local Health Office:

**Protected communities from COVID-19:** Since the pandemic began three years ago our doors have remained open, and we've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. Our Morrisville district office worked closely with our Medical Reserve Corp in providing vaccine, testing, and information, along with other key public health services.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In collaboration with community partners, since COVID-19 response efforts began, we hosted over 150 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 8,500 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped managed 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

**Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies:** We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 13 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered.

**Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved:** We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools without access, shelters, meal, and food distribution sites, farms, and more.

**Collaborated with Town Health Officers around environmental health:** To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about environmental health including lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at [www.healthvermont.gov/environment](https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment).

**Provided WIC services and resources to families and children:** Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 982 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at [www.healthvermont.gov/wic](https://www.healthvermont.gov/wic).

**Supported student health and youth empowerment:** According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 57% percent of students in Lamoille County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, efforts like mentoring and afterschool enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

**Promoted health in all policies:** Health is not just individual behaviors and access to care, it's also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We continue to work with towns, schools, worksites, providers, and other community groups to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. We're proud to share that adults in Lamoille County (4%) are statistically less likely to say their community is not safe for walking when compared to all Vermont adults (Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2019/2020 Report), which speaks to the safety of our community and outdoor spaces, and the chronic disease prevention efforts of multiple town partners.

## **REPORTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING TOWN FUNDS IN 2023**

LAMOILLE RESTORATIVE CENTER is for first-time offenders (adults and juveniles) of non-violent misdemeanors who learn accountability for their actions. Offenders must make restitution to the victim for property damage, make a personal apology to the victim and perform volunteer community service work. Successful completion of the contract results in dismissal of the charge and no court record. 884 individuals throughout Lamoille Valley received support last year. The number of children, youth and adults, who reside in Waterville served by LRC's 11 programs was 13 in 2022. 888-5871

CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING works to support Vermont Seniors to live independent, self-chosen and secure lives, in their own homes, for as long as possible. 479-0531 or 800-642-5119

LAMOILLE HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE is a non-profit organization that provides home health care services including nursing, aide, therapy and homemaker regardless of ability to pay. Town financial support offsets the costs not covered by insurance, Medicaid or Medicare. This past year, LHH&H staff made 541 visits to Waterville clients. 888-4651

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION aids in providing individual reading, writing, math, GED, ESL and CDL tutoring to Waterville adults. It's free to adults 16 years and older with less than 12 years of education. Last year CVABE served 3 residents of Waterville. 888-5531

LAMOILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION provides technical assistance to the municipalities in Lamoille County for land use planning and community related services. Last year, they provided broadband planning assistance, local EMP assistance, technical support with road erosion inventory for the MRGP, assistance with VTrans grant programs and MRGP grants. 888-4548

CLARINA HOWARD NICHOLS CENTER is a shelter for battered women and their children. The Center provides an emergency hotline, court advocacy, counseling, help in living in a non-violent life and a place where women and children are listened to. Last year they served 390 individuals in Lamoille County. 888-2584

MEALS ON WHEELS provides the meals-on-wheels services, congregate meals, transportation and advocacy services to Waterville seniors. 226 meals were provided to Waterville residents last year. They always welcome new referrals. 888-5011

LAMOILLE DAY HEALTH SERVICES (aka Out and About) is a program that provides adults with an alternative choice for long-term healthcare while remaining as independent as possible in the care setting of their choice. This includes meals/snacks, nursing services, personal care, activities and socialization, art programs, caregiver respite and transportation. 888-7045

NORTH COUNTRY ANIMAL LEAGUE basic service includes finding homes for animals surrendered for adoption or turned over as strays. NCAL accepted 7 strays or surrenders from Waterville this past year. 888-5065

RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION (RCT) is a non-profit corporation providing transportation to the elderly, handicapped and disabled in your community through a volunteer service. RCT coordinates the trips and has provided 49 trips, approximately 2,191 miles, for 5 residents of Waterville over the past year. 748-8170

LAMOILLE COUNTY SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT/CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER was created to respond to reports of child sexual abuse, adult sexual assaults, serious child physical abuse, as well as abuse of vulnerable adults and the elderly in Lamoille County. Their goal is to promote cooperative efforts between police agencies, prosecutor's office, the medical community, child protection services, and victim advocacy groups. They strive to conduct quality investigations that result in prosecution, reduce stress and trauma to the victim, and protect both the victim and the community. 851-8116

WATERVILLE TOWN LIBRARY seeks to provide a gathering place for Waterville residents of all ages with access to entertainment, ideas, information, and inspiration through its books, programs, electronic media and online resources for the purposes of lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, and personal development. The Library was open 2 days/week throughout the year. The Library hosted several events. In 2022, 560 patrons visited. The Library applied for and received two grants. The Library used grant funds to purchase a new computer, picnic table, an outdoor sign and books. The Library is run solely by volunteers.  
[www.watervillelib.org](http://www.watervillelib.org)

## **2022 VITAL STATISTICS**

### **BIRTHS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS</u>
05/15/2022	Delaney Rita Locke	Ashley & Dylan Locke
05/28/2022	Vivienne June Locke	Rebecca Abair & Jesse Locke
06/05/2022	Kelty Dale Welch	Lauren & Trevor Welch
06/15/2022	August David Keszey	Katherine & Jacob Keszey
09/11/2022	Lena Raelynn Fortin	Melissa Almy & Dylan Fortin
09/24/2022	Oliver James Tilton	Erin Dubray & Isaac Tilton
12/05/2022	Lincoln Anthony Levesque	Gwenn Kearns & John Levesque
12/20/2022	Weston Merle Locke	Katelyn & Angela Locke

### **DEATHS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>
01/13/2022	Evelyn Mary Tilton	07/17/1927
04/27/2022	Steven John O'Hearn	06/18/1955
08/11/2022	Medford Leon Barup, Jr.	06/05/1959
11/29/2022	Ann Lois Burt	09/17/1941

### **CIVIL MARRIAGES**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BRIDE</u>	<u>GROOM</u>
06/25/2022	Taylor Jeanne Adams	Stephen Christopher Lockwood
08/05/2022	Brittanie Alexis Lucia	Michael Frank Clark
09/03/2022	Chelsea Ann-Marie Collier	Alexander David Vilord

# **\*\* DOG LICENSE REMINDER \*\***

## ***DOG OWNERS – TOWN OF WATERVILLE***

All dogs or wolf-hybrids six months of age and older must be licensed annually on or before the first day of April. Before obtaining a dog license, a copy of a current rabies vaccination certificate must be presented to the Town.

### **2023 License Fees are as follows:**

Neutered/Spayed Dogs or Wolf-hybrids:       \$ 9.00\*  
Unneutered/Unspayed Dogs or Wolf-hybrids: \$13.00\*

- \* \$1.00 surcharge (included) was implemented by the State in 1995 to fund a Rabies Control Program.
- \* \$4.00 surcharge (included) was implemented by the State in 2004 to fund a Spaying and Neutering Program.

All licenses issued **after April 1<sup>st</sup>** are subject to a 50% increase in the license fee.

Neutered/Spayed Dogs or Wolf-hybrids:       \$11.00  
Unneutered/Unspayed Dogs or Wolf-hybrids: \$17.00

Please call 644-8865 if you have any questions.

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**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE TOWN MEETING**