



TOWN OF WATERVILLE, VERMONT
For the fiscal year ending December 31,
2019

TOWN DIRECTORY

The **Town Clerk's Office** is open Monday, Tuesday
and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 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
Secretary: Deb Arel

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

LINDA ANN CUTTING (THOMAS)

Linda Ann Cutting (Thomas) was born July 21, 1943, the youngest of three daughters to the late Chauncey H and R Deborah Thomas (Alderman) of Waterville. She lived and spent most of her childhood at Fox Hill on her Grandparents farm.

Linda took on various jobs which consisted of cooking, cleaning and caregiving. From The Maple Grove Rest Home to The Neighborhood Market, she and her husband Duane shared ownership and responsibilities. She went on to caregiving in larger facilities where her comforting demeanor and ability to interact with people seemed to be a natural gift. Caregiving in her own home began 17 years ago when Linda and her husband took on a fostering role of youth and elders in need.

Linda's five children, four sons and a daughter, have always shared a certain wonderful family style relationship. Linda instilled a good balance of life's important assets. Great workmanship skills, strive to do your best and determination to finish the task to completion was her way. Most important was the humor she put in the mix that pulled it all together for a fulfilled life. Her 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren added even more to her happiness.

Enjoyment of flower and vegetable gardens were spring and summer time pleasures of Linda's while all her crafts took year round precedents. Crocheting, knitting, sewing and quilting were some favorites of hers. Each family member has a cherished homemade piece from Mom, Nana and Great Nana. Linda and Duane celebrated 40 years together December 29, 2019. Many years of love and happiness. Linda passed away January 3, 2020 following a very short illness. She gave the blessings of love and grace to all.



TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Heather Mateja	
TOWN CLERK	Nancy LaRose	
TOWN TREASURER	Nancy LaRose	
SELECTBOARD	Arthur Tilton	Term Expires 2020
	Jay Marsh	Term Expires 2021
	Donald Lynch, Sr.	Term Expires 2022
ROAD COMMISSIONER	Hunter Locke	Term Expires 2019
LISTERS	Linda Ward	Term Expires 2020
	Cathy Day	Term Expires 2021
	William Baker	Term Expires 2022
FIRST CONSTABLE	Carlos Martin	
SECOND CONSTABLE	Robin Genetti	
AUDITORS	Donna Barry	Term Expires 2020
	Wanda Locke	Term Expires 2021
	Kylee Bezio	Term Expires 2022
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Linda Wilson-Miller	Term Expires 2020
	Alice Godin	Term Expires 2020
	April Vanderveer	Term Expires 2020
	Drew Bressel	Term Expires 2021
	Chrissy Wade	Term Expires 2021
	Susan Davis	Term Expires 2022
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	Nancy LaRose	
GRAND JUROR	Marshall Pahl	
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 Howard Duchacek

Term Expires 2021

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

COORDINATOR John Terrel

Term Expires 2021

LNMUUSD

DIRECTOR Bart Bezio

Term Expires 2022



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 3, 2020

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 in said Waterville, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 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

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 \$7,729.34 to support the following:

\$ 250.00	Lamoille Restorative Center
500.00	Central Vermont Council on Aging
2,019.00	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
500.00	Waterville Baseball/Softball Association
<u>1,875.00</u>	Waterville Town Library
\$7,729.34	

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 2020 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: To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated this 20th day of January, A.D. 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Donald Lynch, Sr. *Donald Lynch Sr*

Arthur Tilton *Arthur Tilton*

Jay Marsh *Jay Marsh*

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 2019 Annual Town Meeting

Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Heather Mateja at 10:03 A.M. Eastern Standard Time at Waterville's Town Hall on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 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. Donald Lynch, Sr.

Road Commissioner for one year. Hunter Locke, by paper ballot

Hunter Locke – 48; Wayne Tobin – 37

Lister for three years. William Baker

First Constable for one year. Carlos Martin

Second Constable for one year. Robin Genetti

Auditor for three years. Kylee Bezio

Library Trustee for three years. Susan Davis

Delinquent Tax Collector for one year. Nancy LaRose

Grand Juror for one year. Marshall Pahl

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

LRSWMD Representative for two years. Howard Duchacek

Emergency Management Coordinator for two years. John Terrel

LNMUUSD Director for three years. Bart Bezio. Thank you was given to Amanda.

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 \$7,370.00 to support the following:

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500.00	Waterville Baseball/Softball Association
<u>1,800.00</u>	Waterville Town Library
\$ 7,370.00	

Total appropriations of \$7,370.00. 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 2019 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 \$341,115 (which includes Article 4). The manner of its collection will be the same as last year - tax bills will be sent out by August 5th, due September 5th with a 4% discount; after September 5th, no discount. Taxes due by October 7th; tender to delinquent tax collector after October 7th. 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 gave a Legislative Update.

Tim Burgess suggested a memorial plaque on little covered bridge for Marion Locke; Jon Fox reminded all that the Land Trust dedicated that bridge to the Montgomery's years ago.

Bob Wright mentioned that Green Up Day is first Saturday in May.

Jenny Blackman wanted us to remember Sue Wisehart at past town meetings; she wanted to volunteer to be a point person for dedicating the Town Green Garden to Sue.

John Terrel gave an Emergency Management and Historical Board update.

April Vanderveer gave a Library update and said they were looking for volunteers.

Oliver Beauchemin suggested hanging pictures of outstanding citizens to remember them.

A few people spoke about the late term abortion bill and urged us to reach out to Rich W.

Cathy Fuller spoke about parking at Town Hall; Cathy Wright reminded folks to slow down.

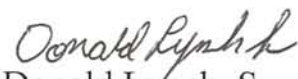
Jan Epstein gave an update on what's happening at WES, thanked Amanda and Bart.

Chrissy Wade suggested changing the Town Meeting time.

Tim Burgess and Heather Mateja reminded us of Planning Meeting to review Town Plan and talked about getting volunteers to do pedestrian counts at the Town Hall.

Adjourned the Town Meeting at 11:46 A.M.

Dated at Waterville this 7th day of March 2019.

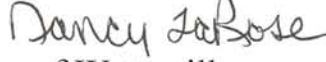

Donald Lynch, Sr.


Arthur Tilton


Jay Marsh

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, 2019	\$218,561.41
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RECEIPTS

Current Tax Levy	249,786.04
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Refund from LNMUUSD ('18 overpayment)	14,561.63
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Current Use Hold-Harmless Payment, State of VT	29,306.00
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Grand List Parcel Payment, State of VT	3,272.50
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Listers' Education	385.00
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Natural Resources, State of VT (PILOT)	1,131.00
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Delinquent Taxes	41,444.15
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Liquor License	70.00
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Dog Licenses (41)	128.00
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Use of Copier/Fax	195.00
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Road Permits	245.00
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State Aid, Roads, State of VT	27,505.12
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Oakes Road, Grant \$, MRGP	5,140.80
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Interest, Union Bank, Money Market	1,069.83
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Interest, Union Bank, Checking	15.40
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	<u>\$592,816.88</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS

Select Board Orders	\$339,201.34
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2019 Property Tax Refunds	16,907.84
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Cash on Hand December 31, 2019	<u>236,707.70</u>
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	<u>\$592,816.88</u>
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GENERAL EXPENDITURES

	<u>2019</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>PROPOSED</u>
Town Hall/Street Lights	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,457.46	\$ 2,700.00
Town Hall Fuel	2,000.00	2,252.11	2,300.00
Town Hall	1,000.00	1,136.11	1,200.00
Office Supplies/Education	2,000.00	831.03	1,000.00
Computer Tech Services	2,256.00	2,256.00	2,256.00
Telephone	1,000.00	987.04	1,000.00
Postage	1,300.00	987.43	1,100.00
Bonds/Insurance/Memb. Dues	8,618.00	8,618.00	8,947.00
Lamoille County Tax	5,883.00	5,883.00	5,294.00
Fire Protection	20,539.00	20,539.00	21,299.00
Auditing	350.00	325.00	350.00
Listing	3,500.00	4,358.59	4,500.00
Town Reports	1,200.00	992.66	1,200.00
Sheriff's Dept.	16,567.00	16,567.00	16,064.50
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous/Public Notices	600.00	1,324.30	700.00
Roads/Highway	160,000.00	194,622.15	170,000.00
Selectmen/Clerk Salary	25,500.00	25,311.70	26,000.00
Town Clerk's Office	6,500.00	6,142.94	11,000.00 *
TC/Old School Repairs Loan	11,868.00	11,878.32	11,878.32
Coburn Gravel Pit	700.00	697.50	700.00
Ambulance	<u>23,664.00</u>	<u>23,664.00</u>	<u>26,833.00</u>
	\$297,745.00	\$331,831.34	\$316,321.82
Article 4: Town Appropriations	<u>7,370.00</u>	<u>7,370.00</u>	<u>7,729.34</u>
	\$305,115.00	\$339,201.34	\$324,051.16
4% Discount	<u>36,000.00</u>	<u>34,383.04</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>
	\$341,115.00	\$373,584.38	\$359,051.16

*Improvements to Middle Room in TC Office Building; New Sign out front

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED 2019

GRAND LIST:

Municipal Grand List	\$535,532.61
Education Grand List (homestead)	398,350.61
Education Grand List (non-residential)	137,182.00

TAXES ASSESSED & BILLED RAISED:

Municipal/Town Taxes (\$.5822 tax rate)	311,787.08
Education/Homestead (\$1.7346 tax rate)	690,978.97
Education/Non-Residential (\$1.8149 tax rate)	<u>248,971.61</u>

\$1,251,737.66

COLLECTIONS:

General Property	\$957,523.81
Received from State of VT	248,895.16
4% Discount	34,383.04
Delinquents	27,973.27
Revised Tax Bills/Refunds *	<u>(17,037.62)</u>

\$1,251,737.66

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

ITEMIZED ROAD BUDGET 2019

Winter Roads	\$ 88,686.52
Sand/Pit Work	33,791.25
Salt	1,948.21
Summer Roads	42,841.17
MRPG	900.00
Roadside Mowing	2,250.00
Oakes Road	6,426.00
Codding Hollow/Montgomery Bridges	997.50
11/01/19 Storm	<u>16,781.50</u>
	\$ 194,622.15

DELINQUENT TAXES
(As of January 20, 2020)

2016	LaBelle, Mark	
TOTAL 2016		\$ 204.26
2017	LaBelle, Mark	
TOTAL 2017		\$ 200.61
2018	Barup, Medford LaBelle, Mark	
TOTAL 2018		\$ 2,091.06
2019	Anderson, W. Thomas Barry, Ralph E. II Barup, Medford Boozan, Eric Bushey, Rodney Jr. & Kathy Harakaly, Diane Jessiman, Brian LaBelle, Mark Mansfield, Daryl Peters, Norman Ploof, Jacob Spaulding, Travis & Jessica Stephens, Frederick D. Tallman, Peter Villeneuve, David & Brenda	
TOTAL 2019		\$ 11,891.23
TOTAL TAXES DELINQUENT		\$ 14,387.16

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy LaRose,
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY
For the year ending 12/31/2019

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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TOTAL CD BALANCE (as of 01/09/2020)	\$ 2,073.68
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Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Schwarm

AUDITORS' REPORT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Barry
Wanda Locke
Kylee Bezio

2019 DOG REPORT

Through April 1st:

25 Neutered/Spayed dogs @ \$9.00	\$225.00
1 Female Dog @ \$13.00	13.00
3 Male dogs @ \$13.00	<u>39.00</u>

\$277.00

After April 1st:

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

\$138.00

37 Dogs

\$415.00

Less 41 Dogs @ \$2.00/dog collection fee: (82.00)

Less 41 Dogs @ \$1.00/dog to State of VT: (41.00)

Less 41 Dogs @ \$4.00/dog to State of VT: (164.00)

(287.00)

TOTAL TO TOWN:

\$ 128.00

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. All are welcome to our next meeting on April 20, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the Waterville Town Hall. 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

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

Balance, 01/01/19 \$ 31,488.25

RECEIPTS

Donations	4,883.00
Interest	<u>32.27</u>
	\$ 4,915.27

\$ 36,403.52

DISBURSEMENTS

Town Green (Lawn)	1,630.00
Town Green (VT Electric Coop)	226.60
Town Green (engraving)	<u>219.00</u>
	\$ 2,075.60

Balance, 12/31/19 \$ 34,327.92

PLANNING COMMISSION ACCOUNT

Balance, 01/01/19 \$ 16.56

NO ACTIVITY

Balance, 12/31/19 \$ 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 - We reconstituted the Waterville Planning Board and adopted a new Waterville Town Plan on September 23, 2003.

2004 - We were 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 - We were awarded \$1,000 from Downs, Rachlin and Martin to create a Historical Photographic Record of the Waterville Town Hall and Village Center.

- We were 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 - We were 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 - We were 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 - We were 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.

2009 - We presented a proposal to the Select Board for *REGULATING THE BURNING AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTES*. It was adopted and went into effect on September 25, 2009.

- We worked with the Select Board and wrote a proposal to the Department of Public Service for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for energy efficiency renovations to the Town Hall and Town Clerk's Office

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.

- The Lamoille County Planning Commission held a public hearing on 9/28/10 and confirmed the municipal planning process for the Town of Waterville.

- We applied and received renewal of Village Center Designation.

- We were 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 - We were 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 - We 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.

- In September, we applied for a Municipal Planning Grant to revise the Waterville Town Plan. Our application was not accepted for funding and the Lamoille County Planning Commission agreed to assist us, at no cost, with revisions to the Town Plan in 2013.

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

- We 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.

- We 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.

- Waterville's commitment to mitigating flood hazard is high. Waterville implemented several Best Management Practices addressing erosion and water quality concerns, upsizing culverts and installing new stone-line ditches along municipal roads.

- 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 begin 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.

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, Heather Mateja- Chairperson

Waterville Town Library Report 2019

The library was open On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from June 1 to October 12th for a total of 69 days. There were 188 visits, 148 checkouts, 44 new patrons, and 14 park or museum library pass checkouts. We also had 74 checkouts of audiobooks and ebooks. Events this year included the 3rd annual WESPO Sledding party, the Summer Reading program with Field Days prizes, a card making workshop, and a field trip to the town library from Waterville Elementary school organized by school librarian Robin Wright and Library trustees Chrissy Wade and Alice Godin. 31 children attended, 36 new library cards were awarded to the students and some of their parents, and 15 books were checked out! The new book return has been in use and very helpful. 640 new items have been added to the collection including large print books and DVD's.

Volunteers this year were the Library Board: Linda Wilson-Miller, April Vanderveer, Drew Bressel, Sue Davis, Chrissy Wade, and Alice Godin. Many thanks also to family members Joel Miller, Josie Johnson, Josje Bonnet, Jason, Jed, and Odeliah Wade, Kathy Marcheterre, and Avery Godin: who volunteered, helped out with projects, accompanied board members and provided valued skill, muscle and encouragement. The library is run solely by volunteers.

Our collection has grown to 6,379 books, 55 DVDs, 1,979 audiobooks and 1,123 ebooks. We continue the process of weeding outdated materials and duplicates and adding newer up to date materials. Purchasing new books is an important part of keeping the library current and interesting. The library board welcomes new volunteers, new ideas and suggestions. Even if you only have a couple hours a month, we would appreciate your help.

Library Budget 2019	
New Books	750.00
Book Supplies	100.00
Listen Up Vermont	200.00
Internet/DSL – Town of Waterville	250.00
Library web site domain	40.00
Paper and Ink	90.00
Programming	75.00
Tiny Cat (online library catalog)	120.00
Museum passes: Shelburne Museum=\$100 Fairbanks Museum=\$75	175.00
Total	1800.00

Library Expenditures 2019	
New Books	715.79
Supplies and ink	153.40
Listen Up Vermont	200.00
Internet/DSL – Town of Waterville	250.00
Library web site domain	39.99
Tiny Cat (online library catalog)	120.00
Museum passes: Shelburne Museum=\$100 Fairbanks Museum=\$75	175.00
Total	1654.18

Library Budget Request for 2020	
New Books	750.00
Book Supplies	100.00
Listen Up Vermont	200.00
Internet/DSL – Town of Waterville	250.00
Library web site domain	40.00
Paper and Ink	90.00
Programming	75.00
Tiny Cat (online library catalog)	120.00
Museum passes: Shelburne Museum=\$100 VINS \$150	250.00
Total	1875.00

Trustees

Linda Wilson-Miller, term expires 2020
 Alice Godin, Vice Chair, term expires 2020
 April Vanderveer, Chair, term expires 2020
 Drew Bressel, Secretary, term expires 2021
 Chrissy Wade, term expires 2021
 Susan Davis, term expires 2022

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

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

LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Checking Account Balance, 01/01/19: \$ 3,839.74

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation \$ 1,800.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Fair Point/Internet 250.00
 Dues/Fees/Passes 495.00
 Books/Supplies/Computer 909.18
\$ 1,654.18

Checking Account Balance, 12/31/19 \$ 3,985.56

Savings Account Balance, 11/14/18 \$ 2,495.34

Interest 9.25

Savings Account Balance, 11/14/19 \$ 2,504.59

Certificate of Deposit Balance, 12/31/19 \$ 1,500.00

WATERVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD ACCOUNTS

Checking Account, Balance as of 01/01/19	\$1,451.20
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RECEIPTS

Sale of Books	280.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

Pictures/Books	233.36
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Checking Account, Balance as of 12/31/19	\$1,497.84
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WATERVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD 2019

The Waterville Historic Preservation Board was formed in 2006 as part of the town's designation as a CLG, Certified Local Government with the state of Vermont.

We are hoping to continue to be a resource with information about Waterville's history and to share the history of the town at events and in our historical space at the Town Clerk's Office building.

This past summer we hosted the Waterville Historic Social at the Town Hall. About 35 people came to share memories and meet up with residents and visitors from town and away. We hope this will become an annual event.

The oral history project is about to happen. If anyone is interested in sharing your stories of living in Waterville please let us know.

Thank you, Sheila Lord, for continuing to sell "Log Cabin Days Of Coit's Gore" at the Waterville Market.

A much appreciated box full of historic documents, photos and items were donated by Coral Shattuck Fisher and family. Carol is the daughter of Oliver "Pete" Shattuck and Colleen Shattuck. Pete wanted to pass these items on to the Waterville Historic Preservation Board. Once the items are organized, they will be available for public viewing.

Sincerely, Debbie Farrell, Chair
644-5631

TOWN OF WATERVILLE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2019

During the past year Emergency Management for Waterville in conjunction with the State of Vermont, planned to conduct a full scale Catastrophic 4 exercise (CAT 4) in order to advance its' preparedness. The exercise was conducted the week of October 21 to 25. The scenario contained a large rain and wind storm was expected to begin October 21 to 22. The exercise culminated from October 23 to 25 as the recovery period. Waterville conducted this period on the 23rd by opening our Local Emergency Operations Point (LEOP) at the Town Hall. Not only was the LEOP setup, additionally an Emergency Shelter was added to the over all plan. After the exercise was completed the State of Vermont gave the Town a very good rating as to how we conducted the exercise. Little did we know at the time, that experience would be needed for real. Just nine days later the CAT 4 exercise experience was used to help with our CAT 1 Halloween rain and wind storm.

Starting on October 31 to November 1st a rain/wind storm with wind gusts topping 50-60 MPH moved through Vermont. In the aftermath, flooding from four to five and a half inches of rain caused major impact to twelve (12) towns. Waterville being one of these twelve towns, many roads were either washed out or suffered heavily damaged culverts. Note: as of this writing no total cost has been ascertained, work to continue in town this spring.

State wide more than 25,000 customers were without electric service which took some time to reestablish. Waterville had only seven power outages according to VT Electric Coop.

In the aftermath of the Governor requested a Major Disaster Declaration for two programs for storm damages throughout Vermont. The request made was for help from the Public Assistance program, which seeks support for municipal infrastructure repairs.

In order to qualify for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that the state prove that more than the minimum \$1 million in damages are needed. Costs for recovery have been projected at \$5 million plus. The Governor stated, "The cost to repair roads and other public infrastructure will decimate some municipal road budget so this federal assistance is critical to our effort."

This year I'm hoping to conduct with the State a "Table Top" Exercise going beyond this year's CAT 4 scenario. This exercise would consist of a winter storm, high winds and power outage. The previous scenario for some time has been flooding incidents and I believe we are very versed with handling this particular type of emergency. I believe that "we've got this one covered".

Emergency management consists of five phases: prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. These factors will be addressed in a Table Top exercise.

I hope everyone enjoys a safe and healthy 2020 year with no need for Emergency Management activations for our town.

Sincerely,

John E. Terrel, EMD

Lamolle County Sheriff's Department
Communications Assessment
For the Years FY 20 -21

Total Budget
Assessment

One Half
of Budget

FY 20-21

\$ 891,341 \$ 445,671

Town Name	Population Portion 50% of allocation			Grand List Portion 50 % of allocation			FY 20-21 Assessment	FY 19-20 Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Increase/ (Decrease)	Overall Assessment Percentage
	Population	Population Percentage	Population Cost	Grand List	Grand List Percentage	Grand List Portion					
Belvidere	389	1.34%	\$ 5,976	\$ 311,490	0.60%	\$ 2,690	\$ 8,667	\$ 9,140	\$ (473)	-5.18%	0.97%
Cambridge	3945	13.60%	\$ 60,610	\$ 5,501,090	10.66%	\$ 47,515	\$ 108,125	\$ 112,952	\$ (4,827)	-4.27%	12.13%
Eden	1482	5.11%	\$ 22,769	\$ 1,321,120	2.56%	\$ 11,411	\$ 34,180	\$ 36,060	\$ (1,880)	-5.21%	3.83%
Elmore	923	3.18%	\$ 14,181	\$ 1,611,270	3.12%	\$ 13,917	\$ 28,098	\$ 30,187	\$ (2,089)	-6.92%	3.15%
Hyde Park	3043	10.49%	\$ 46,752	\$ 2,818,670	5.46%	\$ 24,346	\$ 71,098	\$ 74,306	\$ (3,208)	-4.32%	7.98%
Johnson	3429	11.82%	\$ 52,682	\$ 2,328,890	4.51%	\$ 20,115	\$ 72,798	\$ 75,255	\$ (2,457)	-3.27%	8.17%
Morristown	5173	17.83%	\$ 79,476	\$ 6,482,160	12.56%	\$ 55,988	\$ 135,465	\$ 140,172	\$ (4,707)	-3.36%	15.20%
Stowe	4406	15.19%	\$ 67,693	\$ 24,591,490	47.66%	\$ 212,405	\$ 280,097	\$ 284,230	\$ (4,133)	-1.45%	31.42%
Waterville	686	2.36%	\$ 10,540	\$ 555,710	1.08%	\$ 4,800	\$ 15,339	\$ 16,790	\$ (1,451)	-8.64%	1.72%
Wolcott	1805	6.22%	\$ 27,731	\$ 1,594,110	3.09%	\$ 13,769	\$ 41,500	\$ 42,753	\$ (1,253)	-2.93%	4.66%
Hardwick	2952	10.18%	\$ 45,354	\$ 1,964,290	3.81%	\$ 16,966	\$ 62,320	\$ 64,645	\$ (2,325)	-3.60%	6.99%
Greensboro	775	2.67%	\$ 11,907	\$ 2,517,940	4.88%	\$ 21,748	\$ 33,655	\$ 35,708	\$ (2,053)	-5.75%	3.78%
	29008	100.00%	\$ 445,671	\$ 51,598,230	100.00%	\$ 445,671	\$ 891,341	\$ 922,198	\$ (30,857)	-3.35%	100.00%



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

The 2019 calendar year was a financially difficult year for the NEMS division of Newport Ambulance Service. Unfortunately, we have experienced a financial loss approaching \$60,000 for the calendar year.

Our total call volume experienced a decrease from 1,503 calls in 2018 to 1,456 in 2019. Our 911 emergency calls in our service area increased from 699 calls in 2018 to a total of 734 calls in 2019. The call volume for the Town's we contract with were Belvidere – 29, Eden – 106, Hyde Park – 255, Johnson – 321 and Waterville – 34. Mutual aid calls to surrounding communities decreased from 149 in 2018 to 118 in 2019. Transports decreased from 655 calls in 2018 to 604 in 2019.

We are presently working on signing transport contracts with facilities in the area to solidify that portion of our business. Unfortunately, with the aging of the Vermont population more and more of our calls are for those of us insured thru the Medicaid program. This program continues to be grossly underfunded which transfers additional costs to you the property taxpayer thru your Town appropriations.

We are a 501 C3 charitable organization, thus donations to us are tax deductible. These are used to reduce costs to you, the taxpayer. Please feel free to contact us if you wish to donate.

We thank you for your support over the past 16 years and look forward to serving you in the future.

Sincerely,

Scott Griswold, Vice Chair NAS Board of Directors
Jeff Johansen, NAS Chief Executive Officer
Brad Carriere, NEMS Supervisor

REPORTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING TOWN FUNDS IN 2020

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. 1,028 individuals throughout Lamoille Valley received support last year. The number of children, youth and adults, who reside in Waterville served by LRC's 12 programs was 28 in 2019. 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. Last year, 12 residents of the town were served by case management. 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 581 visits to Waterville clients. These visits included skilled nursing (288), physical therapy (150), occupational therapy (52), speech therapy (5), medical social worker (12), licensed nursing assistants (12), personal care attendants (49) and case managers (13). 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 4 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, assistance was provided in updating the Town Plan and associated maps, updated the Local EMP, technical support for the MRPG, obtained funds to conduct a road erosion inventory in 2020, provided information regarding VTrans grant programs, provided \$6,710 of Grant in Aid funds for a 2020 project, assisted the Town in exploring funding opportunities to evaluate pedestrian/bike safety in the village near the Town Hall and conducted those counts on VT 109. 888-4548

CLARINA HOWARD NICHOLS CENTER is a shelter for battered women and their children. The Center provides and 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 403 individuals in Lamoille County. 888-2584

MEALS ON WHEELS provides the meals-on-wheels services, congregate meals, transportation and advocacy services to Waterville seniors. 33 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 day program serving the elderly and disabled adults in Lamoille County and nearby towns. The program is aimed at promoting the highest possible level of independent living, with emphasis given to activities that promote a sense of self-worth and continued self-development. 888-7045

NORTH COUNTRY ANIMAL LEAGUE basic service includes finding homes for animals surrendered for adoption or turned over as strays. 5 Waterville residents adopted dogs or cats in 2019. 1 Waterville resident participated in the humane education program. 851-5333

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 372 trips, approximately 11,013 miles, for 14 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 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION continued with their program last year. They fielded a boys' coach-pitch team and a girls' coach-pitch team. Some major league players played in other towns due to lack of numbers, but our Association paid for them. Enrollment was 30+ children and many parent volunteers. The program teaches sportsmanship, teamwork, and builds a strong sense of community in our children through county-wide competition. 355-8336

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 had 188 visitors, 148 checkouts, 44 new patrons, 14 park and museum library pass checkouts, and had 74 checkouts for audiobooks and e-books during the days they were open. www.watervillelib.org

2019 VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS</u>
03/18/2019	Aleyana Mae Lockwood	Taylor Adams & Stephen Lockwood
03/20/2019	Mara Jeanne Grenon	Katherine Grenon & Frank Grenon
07/25/2019	Madison Teague Nielson	Katie Nielson & Brandon Nielson

DEATHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>
02/17/2019	David A. Cushing, Sr.	05/13/1943
06/20/2019	Oliver Perham Shattuck, III	10/10/1925
11/17/2019	Roland J. Depot	05/28/1942
12/29/2019	Mary Gaboda	11/12/1919

CIVIL MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GROOM</u>	<u>BRIDE</u>
06/15/2019	Albert Beresford Baird	Kyla Brooke Wootton
06/21/2019	Daniel Alan Fortier	Angela Theresa Scott
07/27/2019	Tyler John Broe	Brandi Leah Locke
08/17/2019	Russell Harrison Roberge	Lisa Jean Haggarty



Every town is an important part of the American story.

Make sure your town's story is told by responding to the 2020 Census—the count of everyone living in the United States. When you do, you'll also help your town get the most out of the American dream.

Responding Is Important for Your Community

Census responses provide data that can attract new businesses and the jobs that come with them. The data also informs where over \$675 billion in federal funding is spent each year in states and communities. That includes money for things like:

- Medicare Part B
- Special education
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Cooperative Extension Service
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- Water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

Responding Is Safe

Your personal information is kept confidential by law.

Responding Is Easy

To complete the census, answer a handful of questions online, by phone, or by mail. Choose the option that works best for you.

Every Person Counts

Whether it's funding in communities across your state or helping determine the number of seats your state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives—every count makes an equal impact.

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The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

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

The most notable changes are:

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

For text of Act 46, go to

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

**** 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.

2020 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 1st** 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.

Nancy LaRose
Town Clerk

Town of Waterville
PO Box 31
Waterville, VT 05492

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE TOWN MEETING