

# Annual Report

TOWN OF

# BELVIDERE

VERMONT

*of the Town Officers*



*The old tuckshop.  
Across the river from Mr. (George)  
Beards house at Belvidere. The  
George Williams on the trail.*

*for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31*

—◆2021◆—



WILLIAM ROCKWELL



WENDELL BARRY



STANLEY HENRY



CHARLES ELDRED



ROBERT MCALLISTER



ROBERT FLETCHER



ROBERT CUTTING



CURTIS BROWN



CLYDE BARUP



ARTHUR TANNER



HENRY WATERS

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## *Dedication*

This year the town report is dedicated to all service members, past and present, from the Town of Belvidere. The inside front and back cover photos were donated to the town and have been on display for years in the Town Hall and later in the Town Office.

### **AUDITORS' STATEMENT**

The Town of Belvidere Auditors have examined the accounts of the Town Officers. As far as we can ascertain, the accounts of the town as presented in this report are correct.

Respectfully,  
Debora Baker  
William McLean  
Gary Edmonds

## TOWN OFFICERS

<b>Moderator</b> .....	Mary Hysick	Term expires 2022
<b>Town Clerk</b> .....	Cathy Mander-Adams	Term expires 2022
<b>Town Treasurer</b> .....	Cathy Mander-Adams	Term expires 2022
<b>Select Board</b>		
Earl Domina, Jr. ....		Term Expires 2023
Kenneth Adams, Jr. ....		Term expires 2024
Kevin Leavitt.....		Term expires 2022
<b>Road Commissioner</b> .....	Kevin Leavitt	Term expires 2022
<b>Auditors</b>		
Debora Baker .....		Term expires 2023
William McLean .....		Term expires 2024
Melissa Manka/resigned.....		
Gary Edmonds.....	appointed	Term expires 2022
<b>Collector of Delinquent Taxes</b> .....	Mary Hysick	Term expires 2022
<b>First Constable</b> .....	Charlene Spaulding	Term expires 2022
<b>Second Constable</b> .....	Stacy Chase	Term expires 2022
<b>Listers</b>		
Stephanie Draper .....		Term expires 2024
Stacey Chase .....		Term expires 2023
Jodi Tallman.....		Term expires 2022
<b>Town Agent</b> .....	Joseph Murphy	Term expires 2022
<b>LNMUUSD Board Member</b> .....	Stephanie Sweet	Term expires 2022
<b>District Solid Waste Supervisor</b> .....	Cathy Mander-Adams	Term expires 2022
<b>Justice of the Peace</b> .....	Cathy Mander-Adams Lucy Howard Thad Tallman Stephanie Draper Aaron Chase	

## APPOINTMENTS

Select Board Chair .....	Earl Domina, Jr.
Sexton .....	Larry Brown, Jr.
Fence Viewer.....	Bert Burleson Bill McLean
Heath Officer .....	Vacant
Flood Hazard Officer .....	Jack Slagle
Local Emergency Coordinator .....	Vacant
Transportation Advisory Council .....	Kenneth Adams, Jr.
Fire Warden .....	Vacant
Deputy Fire Warden .....	Vacant
Tree Warden.....	Kevin Leavitt
Animal Control Officer .....	Dean Mercier
Green Up Coordinator .....	Vacant
Lamoille County Planning Commission .....	Carol Caldwell-Edmonds
Planning Commission.....	Debora Baker 2023 Kenneth Adams Jr 2024 Mary Hysick 2022 Kathy Marchant 2022 Fran Levitt 2023 Vacant Vacant
Planning Commission Selectboard Rep .....	Kevin Levitt
E-911 Coordinator .....	Cathy Mander-Adams
Lamoille Fibernet CUD Representative .....	Carol Caldwell-Edmonds
Lamoille Fibernet CUD Alternate .....	Kipp Verner

**WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF BELVIDERE, VERMONT  
JUNE 7, 2022**

The inhabitants of the town of Belvidere who are legal voters in the Town Meeting of said Belvidere, are hereby warned and notified to meet in Town Meeting at the Belvidere Community Club Facility on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 10:00A.M.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for Town Meeting

Article 2: To elect all other Town Officers required by law; terms are for 1 year unless stated otherwise:

Town Clerk

Town Treasurer

By ballot, A Selectboard member for a term of 3 years

By ballot, a Lister for a term of 3 years

By ballot, an Auditor for a term of 3 years

Road Commissioner

First Constable and, if needed, a Second Constable

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Lamoille Regional Solid Waste District Supervisor for a term of 2 years

Article 3: To elect a Schoolboard member to the LNMUUSD for a term of 3 years.

Article 4: To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 5: To see what action the town will take regarding the collection of taxes. Will the town vote to pay education taxes to the Treasurer on or before September 22, 2022, and pay town taxes to the Treasurer on or before November 17, 2022, and a rate of interest of 1% per month be charged on all overdue taxes beginning December 1, 2022?

Article 6: To fix the rate of compensation for Town Officers, if any.

Article 7: Will the Town vote to expend the current revenues as proposed in the Selectboard's Budget to pay the debts and current expenses of the Town?

Article 8: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay the debts and current expenses of the Town in the anticipation of the collection of taxes?

Article 9: To do any other business that may legally come before the Town Meeting.

Earl Domina, Jr., Chairman Earl H. Domina Jr. Date 4/27/2022

Kenneth Adams Jr. Kenneth Adams Jr. Date 4/27/22

Kevin Leavitt K. Leavitt Date 4/27/22

As Selectboard of the Town of Belvidere

Received and recorded at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office:

Cathy Mander-Adams, Town Clerk Date 4/28/22



**TOWN OF BELVIDERE, VERMONT**  
**Town Meeting Minutes**  
**JUNE 8, 2021**

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Belvidere was held on June 8, 2021, at the Belvidere Community Club facilities. The date and location of the annual meeting was changed from previous years due to COVID-19.

Mary Hysick, Town Moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Mary introduced herself and the Rules for Meeting Order were given. Voting instructions for the meeting were given, as well as announcements.

**Article 1:** To elect a Moderator for Town Meeting. Mary Hysick was nominated by Debora Baker and seconded by Charlene Spaulding. There were no further nominations and Mary Hysick was elected as Moderator by voice vote.

**Article 2:** To elect all other Town Officers required by law:

**Town Clerk:** Cathy Mander-Adams was nominated by Freeda Powers and seconded by Rhonda Osgood. There were no further nominations, and Cathy Mander-Adams was elected by voice vote.

**Town Treasurer:** Cathy Mander-Adams was nominated by Steve Osgood and seconded by Jon Hysick. There were no further nominations, and Cathy Mander-Adams was elected by voice vote.

**By ballot: A Selectboard member for a term of 3 years:** Kenneth Adams, Jr. was nominated by Brent Jones and seconded by Pamela McKenna. There were no further nominations. Charlene Spaulding made a motion, and was seconded by Steve Osgood, that the clerk cast 1 ballot for the election of Kenneth Adams, Jr. for a term of 3 years. Motion carried. Kenneth Adams, Jr. was elected for a term of three years.

**By ballot: A Lister for a term of 3 years:** Stephanie Draper was nominated by Jodi Tallman and seconded by Stacey Chase. There were no further nominations. Jon Hysick made a motion, and was seconded by Earl Domina, Jr., that the clerk cast 1 ballot for the election of Stephanie Draper as Lister for a term of 3 years. Motion carried. Stephanie Draper was elected for a term of three years.

**By ballot: An Auditor for a term of 3 years:** William (Bill) Mclean was nominated by Debora Baker and seconded by Stacey Chase. There no further nominations. Chelsea Lindner made a motion, and Stacey Chase seconded, that the clerk cast 1 ballot for the election of William Mclean as Auditor for a term of 3 years. Motion carried. William Mclean was elected for a term of three years.

**Road Commissioner for a term of 1 year:** Kevin Leavitt was nominated by Pamela McKenna and seconded by Brent Jones. Randy Katon was nominated by Frank Machia and seconded by Julie Machia. There were no further nominations. Jack Schill questioned why Randy Katon was no longer Road Commissioner as he was elected at last year's Town Meeting. Earl Domina Jr. explained that Randy Katon resigned. Randy was asked to explain why he resigned, and the question was raised whether or not this was considered campaigning. The Moderator asked the body for a show of hands on whether or not to continue his explanation. The body voted 16 Nay and 14 Yay. Paper ballot was moved and approved by 7 or more voters in the body.

Kevin Leavitt recused himself from the counting of the ballots as he is a member of the Board of Civil Authority. There were 37 votes cast- 25 for Kevin Leavitt and 12 for Randy Katon. Kevin Leavitt was elected for a term of 1 year.

**First Constable and, if needed, a Second Constable:** Christopher (Bucky) Slayton was nominated by Frank Machia and seconded by Julie Machia. Charlene Spaulding was nominated by Stacey Chase

for First Constable and seconded by Pamela McKenna. Paper ballot was moved and approved by 7 or more voters in the body. There were 37 votes cast- 25 for Charlene Spaulding and 12 for Christopher Slayton.

**Second Constable:** Stacey Chase was nominated by Charlene Spaulding and seconded by Pamela McKenna. There were no further nominations, and Stacey Chase was elected by voice vote.

**Collector of Delinquent Taxes:** Mary Hysick was nominated by Debora Baker and seconded by Cathy Mander-Adams. There were no further nominations and Mary Hysic was elected by voice vote.

**Town Agent:** Joseph (Jay) Murphy was nominated by Kathy Marchant and seconded by Pamela McKenna. There were no further nominations and Joseph Murphy was elected by voice vote.

**Article 3: To receive and act on the reports of the Town Officers and those presented.** Stacey Chase made the motion to receive and act on the reports of the Town Officers and those presented. Jodi Tallman seconded the motion. Debora Baker, Auditor, corrected the omission on page 17. There should have been a total of \$703,672.27. The report was approved by voice vote.

**Article 4: To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes. Will the town vote to pay education taxes to the Treasurer on or before September 23, 2021, and pay town taxes to the Treasurer on or before November 18, 2021, and a rate of interest of 1% per month be charged on all overdue taxes beginning December 1, 2021?** L. Susan Schill moved the article and Brent Jones seconded. There were no questions. The article was approved by voice vote.

**Article 5: To fix the rate of compensation for Town Officers, if any.** Freeda Powers made the motion to fix the rate of compensation for Town Officers as presented on page 19. The motion was seconded by Pamela McKenna. There were no questions. The article was approved by voice vote.

**Article 6: Will the Town vote to expend the current revenues as proposed in the Selectboard's Budget to pay the debts and current expenses of the Town?** Kenneth Adams,Jr. made a motion requesting the Town vote to expend the current revenues as proposed in the Selectboard's Budget to pay the debts and current expenses of the Town with \$166,416.00 to be raised by the 2021property taxes. Seconded by Pamela McKenna. There were no questions. The article was approved by voice vote.

**Article 7: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay the debts and current expenses of the Town in the anticipation of the collection of taxes?** Pamela McKenna made the motion as presented and Brent Jones seconded the motion. There were no questions. The article was approved by voice vote.

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

Jodi Tallman reminded those present that the town will be completely reappraised this year. The Listers will make telephone calls requesting entrance into people's homes to do the reappraisal. Listers requested telephone numbers to help them reach residents for the purposed of making an appointment. The reappraisals will be done inside and outside unless requested for no entry. Stearns Allen will assist the Listers as they go to each building to reappraise.

Kenneth Adams,Jr. gave a limited report concerning the high-speed internet activity for the town of Belvidere. Carol Caldwell-Edmonds and Kipp Verner, Belvidere's representatives to Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District (CUD) were unable to attend due to family obligations. Mary Hysick added to the conversation by including her research. The type of connection will be by fiberoptic as opposed to the DSL internet that the town gets through Consolidated Communications telephone line.

Susan Schill requested more information from Randy Katon and Frank Machia concerning the issues with the roads. One question was about the opening of bids for road work and why they are done in Executive Session. Earl Domina, Jr., Selectboard Chair explained the procedure for reviewing proposals as recommended to him by the town's attorney. The town's attorney, Brian Monaghan of Monaghan Safar Ducham, recommended that any and all proposal information be reviewed in Executive Session so as not to put a disadvantage to the town or to the contractor's proposals. The chosen contractor is revealed in open meeting. Another concern raised was about the Purchasing Policy that was created by the Selectboard and the limits, as outlined in the Purchasing Policy. Also questioned was the Winter Road Contract and how said contract is awarded. Kevin Leavitt explained that the Selectboard determines that the contractors are selected based on what is in the best interest for the town.

Patrick Miller asked if Belvidere has made any changes to the ATV Ordinance. The answer is "no." At this time, the Belvidere ATV Ordinance has not changed since its adoption June 13, 2000.

Meeting adjourned: 12:27 pm.

Thad Tallman, Justice of the Peace

Kenneth Adams, Jr., Selectboard

## **MESSAGE FROM THE SELECT BOARD AND ROAD COMMISSIONER**

This past year, Town operations were again subject to the prevailing conditions and restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic, and thanks go out to everyone for their patience and cooperation in these extraordinary times.

Grant funded road improvements included Better Roads projects for FY21 and FY22, and Grant-in-Aid projects for FY21 and FY22. The Town also completed the Halloween storm repair projects that received FEMA reimbursement funding. Belvidere received surplus funding from FEMA for these storm repair projects, and FEMA authorized the Selectboard to spend it at our discretion on additional road improvements. All Town highway projects were coordinated to achieve operational efficiencies. This included FEMA repairs, Better Roads and Grant-in-Aid projects, and routine summer maintenance. To maximize the operational efficiencies previously mentioned, and to create a contiguous, more robust highway system, the Road Commissioner and Selectboard decided to invest \$11,000.00 over and above the 2021 Summer Roads budget on additional improvements. The Town will recoup this investment once we receive additional Halloween Storm reimbursement payments from the Vermont's emergency management funding.

The Emerald Ash Borer has been detected in Belvidere, and in a proactive approach, the town Tree Warden will be coordinating a roadside Ash tree inventory with the help of the appropriate state agencies.

The Selectboard and Road Commissioner decided to screen and stockpile 3,000 cubic yards of winter road sand at the Town pit, which we expect to last for several winter seasons. Instead of prorating the cost of this stockpile over the next several years, it was entirely expensed in fiscal year 2021, which shows a Winter Roads deficit of about \$3000.00 in the Town Report. We also plan to propose speed limit ordinances and appropriate signage for Smithville and Laraway Mtn. roads in 2022.

The Belvidere Planning Commission completed the Town Plan revision in 2021, and with support from LCPC, navigated the plan through the official adoption process. Many thanks for the effort put forth by the members of the Planning Commission, as well as help from LCPC, to get this task completed despite unavoidable delays.

The Town received funding from ARPA, and the Selectboard and Planning Commission will be working to seek public input and identify opportunities where this money might benefit our town.

The region's Communication Union District, Lamoille Fibernet, is dedicated to bringing high speed internet to our residents. Our representatives to this organization report regularly to the Belvidere Selectboard and Planning Commission on progress that the CUD is making.

The Vermont Appraisal Company, aided by our own board of Listers, has visited most property parcels in town and will complete the town-wide reappraisal in the spring of 2022. Thank you to all our property owners for cooperating with these folks as they performed their task.

On behalf of all Belvidere residents, the Selectboard offers a big "Thank You" to all who serve as an elected or appointed town official. It is because of their dedicated service that we thrive as a community and maintain our presence in discussions of regional importance within Lamoille County and beyond. For the last few years however, the Selectboard has been unable to fill some of the appointed officers' positions, and we encourage interested residents to consider accepting an appointment for one term to see if it is something they are comfortable doing.

# BELVIDERE SELECTBOARD 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

CODE	General Fund Expenses	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2021 Bud - Act	2022 Proposed
	<b>SALARIES (see detailed summary in town report)</b>				
	Town Clerk & Treasurer	16,000.00	13,808.00	2,192.00	21,320.00
	Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	3,000.00	3,161.00	(161.00)	4,000.00
135	Listers	1,575.00	1,699.00	(124.00)	2,100.00
	Quick Books Support	150.00	255.00	(105.00)	200.00
120	Auditors	1,125.00	548.00	577.00	1,500.00
150	Ballot Clerks	2,025.00	836.00	1,189.00	2,700.00
140	Board of Civil Authority	225.00	585.00	(360.00)	300.00
145	Board of Abatement	75.00	105.00	(30.00)	100.00
	Tax Collector Fees	-	3,121.00	(3,121.00)	-
	LRSWMD Rep	170.00	-	170.00	240.00
2000	Meetings and Training	200.00	181.00	19.00	200.00
2010	Mileage	250.00	393.00	(143.00)	500.00
130	Selectboard (includes \$150 SB Chair stipend)	2,200.00	2,050.00	150.00	2,200.00
	FICA & Medicare Match	1,900.00	1,556.00	344.00	2,500.00
1700	<b>TOWN REAPPRAISAL 2021</b>				
	Contracted Reappraiser	27,000.00	13,720.00	13,280.00	13,280.00
	Belvidere Lister Support	1,000.00	2,228.00	(1,228.00)	2,500.00
	Required computer software	-	830.00	(830.00)	-
	<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>				
1802	Office Supplies	500.00	1,154.00	(654.00)	1,000.00
201	Postage	850.00	801.00	49.00	850.00
210	Town Report Expense	700.00	641.00	59.00	850.00
1803	Office Machines	500.00	3,150.00	(2,650.00)	1,000.00
1800	Office Expense & Building Maintenance	2,500.00	1,024.00	1,476.00	2,500.00
1801	IT Expense & Town Website	1,800.00	2,741.00	(941.00)	2,800.00
922	Banking & Wire Fees and Reconciliation Adjustments	150.00	20.00	130.00	100.00
1505	Advertising	1,000.00	1,182.00	(182.00)	1,200.00
921	SOV Marriage License Payments	-	150.00	(150.00)	-
1850	Municipal Records Restoration & Preservation	7,500.00	1,238.00	6,262.00	3,500.00
1510	<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>				
920	License Fees	200.00	190.00	10.00	200.00
	Animal Control / Pound Fees	1,000.00	23.00	977.00	1,000.00
1900	<b>LEGAL</b>				
	Attorney's Fees	1,500.00	9,785.00	(8,285.00)	5,000.00
1520	<b>VLCT DUES</b>				
	Annual Pro-rated Fee	1,495.00	1,495.00	-	1,525.00
	<b>PLANNING EXPENSE</b>				
820	LCPC appropriation	210.00	210.00	-	210.00
	Belvidere Planning Commission funds	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
	<b>UTILITIES</b>				
410	Town Office Electricity	950.00	822.00	128.00	1,000.00
400	Street Lights Electricity	1,500.00	1,487.00	13.00	1,800.00
411	Sand Pile Electricity	250.00	248.00	2.00	350.00
412	Gravel Pit Electricity	600.00	246.00	354.00	400.00
420	Town Office Phone & Internet	1,050.00	991.00	59.00	1,100.00
430	Town Office Heating Fuel	1,500.00	1,426.00	74.00	1,700.00
	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
500	Lamoille County Sheriff 911 Dispatch	7,888.00	8,083.00	(195.00)	7,877.00
510	Johnson Fire Dept. Coverage	14,131.00	14,131.00	-	14,805.00
520	NEMS Ambulance Service	14,303.00	14,053.00	250.00	14,885.00
600	Insurance	2,600.00	572.00	2,028.00	2,600.00
1201	Emergency Shelter & Generator				
	Generator Annual Inspection	1,025.00		1,025.00	1,025.00
	Generator Repairs	500.00		500.00	500.00
	Generator Fuel	250.00		250.00	300.00
900	<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>				
	See Detailed Summary in Town Report	4,815.00	4,765.00	50.00	4,815.00
501	<b>LAMOILLE COUNTY ASSESSMENT</b>				
	Annual Pro-rated Fee	3,426.00	3,426.00	-	3,670.00
	<b>General Fund Expenses TOTAL</b>	<b>131,838.00</b>	<b>119,130.00</b>	<b>12,708.00</b>	<b>132,452.00</b>

## BELVIDERE SELECTBOARD 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

CODE	General Fund Expenses	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2021 Bud - Act	2022 Proposed
	<b>HIGHWAY</b>				
1000	Winter Road Maintenance	65,000.00	67,419.00	(2,419.00)	65,000.00
1100	Summer Road Maintenance	15,000.00	26,070.00	(11,070.00)	15,000.00
1001	SOV Class 3 Road Projects	18,500.00	19,688.00	(1,188.00)	18,500.00
1101	FY 21 & FY 22 Better Roads Projects	29,440.00	42,248.00	(12,808.00)	72,000.00
1106	FY 21 & FY 22 Grant-In-Aid Projects	5,000.00	12,259.00	(7,259.00)	6,000.00
1150	Municipal Road General Permit (Annual MRGP Fee)	750.00	500.00	250.00	500.00
1203	Storm Damage & Mud Season Expense	3,000.00	1,816.00	1,184.00	3,000.00
1107	Road Signs	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	4,000.00
1102	Gravel Pit Misc. Expense	500.00	135.00	365.00	500.00
1200	Highway Grant Matching Reserve Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
	<b>Highway Fund Expenses TOTAL</b>	<b>150,190.00</b>	<b>180,135.00</b>	<b>(29,945.00)</b>	<b>194,500.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>282,028.00</b>	<b>299,265.00</b>	<b>(17,237.00)</b>	<b>326,952.00</b>
2300	<b>TAX REFUNDS (unbudgeted)</b>				
	Overpayment of taxes refunded	-	3,864.00	(3,864.00)	-
				-	
	<b>EDUCATION (unbudgeted at the local level)</b>			-	
	Lamoille North Modified Unified District Payment	-	436,701.00	(436,701.00)	-
	Education expense is budgeted at the Lamoille District mtg. and voted by Australian ballot on Town Meeting Day				
1620	2021 FEMA Project #136251 (reimbursement pending)		54,968.00	(54,968.00)	
	2021 FEMA Projects (reimbursement received)		38,143.00	(38,143.00)	
	Reimbursements to General Fund for 2020 FEMA projects	-	65,010.00	(65,010.00)	-
	2021 FEMA Surplus Projects	-	47,894.00	(47,894.00)	-
1104	LCPC Admin Expense FEMA projects	-	20,000.00	(20,000.00)	3,000.00
	<b>TOTAL UNBUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>666,580.00</b>	<b>(666,580.00)</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENSES</b>	<b>282,028.00</b>	<b>965,845.00</b>	<b>-683,817.00</b>	<b>329,952.00</b>

## BELVIDERE SELECTBOARD 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

NON-TAX REVENUE					
		2021	2021	2021	2022
		Budget	Actual	Act - Bud	Proposed
	Tax Overpayments	-	3,864.00	3,864.00	-
	Education Payment	-	436,701.00	436,701.00	-
	Grant Reimbursements:				
	FEMA Halloween Storm Reimbursement 2019 - 2021	-	151,047.00	151,047.00	-
	(Anticipated in 2022) FEMA Proj. # 136251 Payment	-	41,226.00	41,226.00	-
	(Rec'd 2021 & Anticipated 2022) Better Roads Grants Payment	23,552.00	27,366.00	3,814.00	60,000.00
	(Anticipated in 2022) Grant-in-Aid Payment	4,000.00	9,807.00	5,807.00	4,800.00
	(Anticipated in 2022) FEMA Admin reimbursement Payment	-	10,800.00	10,800.00	1,496.00
	FEMA Admin match from Reserve fund		9,200.00	9,200.00	1,504.00
	SOV Class 3 Road Payment	18,500.00	19,688.00	1,188.00	18,500.00
	Better Roads & Grant-in-Aid Match from Reserve Fund	5,888.00	17,334.00	11,446.00	13,200.00
	Proj. # 136251 match from Reserve fund		13,742.00	13,742.00	
	Mun. Records Restoration & Preservation Reserve Fund	7,500.00	1,238.00	(6,262.00)	3,500.00
	Fleet Permits	200.00	235.00	35.00	200.00
	Interest Income	3,500.00	3,761.00	261.00	3,500.00
	Tax Collector Fees Collected	-	3,863.00	3,863.00	
	Reappraisal Reserve Fund	28,000.00	16,778.00	(11,222.00)	18,000.00
	Marriage License Revenue	120.00	180.00	60.00	120.00
	Pound Fee & Dog License Revenue	330.00	362.00	32.00	330.00
	Copies, Faxes, Misc. Fees	1,000.00	145.00	(855.00)	500.00
	Other Income	-	6,410.00	6,410.00	-
	Attorneys' Fees Collected		2,964.00	2,964.00	-
	Highway Budget Overages - General Fund reimbursement	-	13,490.00	13,490.00	-
	Contingency Reserve Fund - new copier purchase		3,150.00	3,150.00	-
	Recording Fees	-	4,028.00	4,028.00	-
	<b>TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>92,590.00</b>	<b>797,379.00</b>	<b>704,789.00</b>	<b>125,650.00</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES LESS REVENUE</b>	<b>189,438.00</b>	<b>168,466.00</b>	<b>20,972.00</b>	<b>204,302.00</b>
	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET LESS SURPLUS</b>	<b>15,940.00</b>			<b>20,972.00</b>
	<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>170,827.00</b>			<b>183,330.00</b>

## TOWN INCOME 2021

ARPA Funds .....	\$ 54,553.99
FEMA Funds.....	\$ 151,046.95
Current Town Taxes.....	\$ 154,400.33
Current Non-Res Ed. Taxes.....	\$ 214,869.74
Current Homestead Ed. Taxes .....	\$ 183,672.51
Current tax overpayments .....	\$ 289.89
Delinquent Tax collections .....	\$ 48,976.09
Delinquent Tax Collector fees.....	\$ 3,843.10
Delinquent Tax Interest.....	\$ 3,632.84
Delinquent Tax Overpayments .....	\$ 93.28
Attorney tax sale fees .....	\$ 1,899.01
Delinquent Tax attorney fees .....	\$ 1,064.98
Interest Income.....	\$ 283.31
Copies .....	\$ 92.75
Dog Licenses.....	\$ 339.00
Impound fee.....	\$ 25.00
Land Record copies.....	\$ 368.00
Green Mountain Passports.....	\$ 2.00
SOV Highway Class 3 .....	\$ 19,687.95
SOV Equalization Funds .....	\$ 292.00
SOV Reappraisal.....	\$ 2,482.00
SOV PILOT Funds.....	\$ 15,832.20
SOV Current use .....	\$ 43,627.00
SOV Grant-in-Aid Reimbursement .....	\$ 3,840.00
Better Roads Reimbursement .....	\$ 18,964.80
Recording Fees Other .....	\$ 5,460.00
Certified Copies.....	\$ 50.00
Vault use .....	\$ 134.00
Marriage License .....	\$ 180.00
Fleet Permits .....	\$ 235.00
Other Income.....	\$ 6,379.66
Tax Sale Profits.....	\$ 5,960.51
<b>General Fund Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$ 942,577.89</b>



## 2021 TOWN EXPENSE - AUDITORS' REPORT

(1/1/2021-12/31/2021)

### General Fund

Advertising .....	\$ 1,182.02
Town Clerk & Treasurer .....	\$ 13,807.50
Animal Control / Pound Fees.....	\$ 23.00
Listers .....	\$ 1,698.75
Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer .....	\$ 3,161.25
Auditors .....	\$ 547.50
Ballot Clerks .....	\$ 836.25
Withholding ,Social Security & Medicare Match .....	\$ 1,556.87
Board of Civil Authority .....	\$ 585.00
Board of Abatement.....	\$ 105.00
VLCT Dues .....	\$ 1,495.00
Town Reapprasaial .....	\$ 16,342.50
Bookkeeping support.....	\$ 255.00
Building Maintenance .....	\$ 1,023.72
<b>Community Services</b> .....	\$ 4,765.00
Lamoille County Courthouse .....	\$ 3,426.00
Insurance.....	\$ 571.50
Johnson Fire Dept. Coverage.....	\$ 14,131.00
Lamoille County Sheriff 911 Dispatch.....	\$ 8,082.75
Newport Ambulance .....	\$ 14,053.30
<b>Legal</b> .....	\$ 9,785.19
Meetings and Training .....	\$ 181.00
Mileage .....	\$ 392.67
Municipal Records Restoration & Preservation .....	\$ 1,238.12
LCPC Planning Assistant.....	\$ 210.00
Town Office IT Expense.....	\$ 2,740.80
Office Supplies .....	\$ 1,154.39
Town Office Machine Expense .....	\$ 3,150.00
Postage .....	\$ 801.01
Selectboard (includes \$150 SB Chair stipend).....	\$ 2,050.00
Marrige License Return .....	\$ 150.00
SOV Dog License Payment.....	\$ 192.00
Street Lights Electricity .....	\$ 1,487.24
Tax Collector Fees.....	\$ 3,120.88
<b>Town Office</b>	
Town Office Electricity .....	\$ 821.66
Town Office Heating Fuel .....	\$ 1,425.94
Town Office Phone & Internet.....	\$ 990.92
Town Report Expense .....	\$ 641.49
<b>VLCT Dues</b> .....	\$ 1,495.00

## TOWN EXPENSES 2021 *continued*

### Highway Fund

Winter Road Maintenance .....	\$ 67,418.88
Summer Road Maintenance .....	\$ 26,069.85
FEMA Projects .....	\$ 151,862.00
Better Roads Projects .....	\$ 42,247.64
SOV Class 3 Road Projects .....	\$ 19,687.95
Municipal Road General Permit (Annual MRGP Fee) .....	\$ 500.00
Sandpile Electricity .....	\$ 247.53
Town Gravel Pit Electricity .....	\$ 245.51
Gravel Pit Expense .....	\$ 135.00
Grant- In-Aid .....	\$ 12,258.50
Mud Season Expense .....	\$ 1,816.60
<b>Replaced outdated check .....</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<b>ED TAX Refund .....</b>	<b>\$ 680.00</b>
<b>Tax Refunds (unbudgeted) .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,184.33</b>
<b>Bank Charges .....</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>Education (unbudgeted at the local level)</b>	
Lamoille North Modified Unified District Payment .....	\$ 436,701.07
*Education expense budgeted at the LNMUUSD annual meeting and voted by Australian ballot on Town Meeting Day*	
<b>Grand Total Budgeted &amp; Unbudgeted Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 882,752.08</b>
Community Bank Checking .....	\$ 73,771.89
Community Bank Sweep .....	\$ 293,455.18
Highway Grants Matching Reserve Fund .....	\$ 56,190.10
Property Reappraisal Reserel Fund .....	\$ 19,975.00
Muni Records R/P/D Reserve Fund .....	\$ 13,458.69
Town Contingency Reserve Fund .....	\$ 25,000.00
Town Contingency Sweep .....	\$ 275,714.98
Accounts Receivable .....	\$ 76.70
Tax Sale escrow .....	\$ 5,960.77
Petty cash .....	\$ 50.00
NCFCU Share .....	\$ 25.13
Lease Land Conveyance - CD .....	\$ 45,964.23
Capital Account - CD .....	\$ 107,528.82
Gospel Fund - CD .....	\$ 8,108.83

## 2022 Community Services Summary

Expenses	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Proposed
<b><i>Community Services:</i></b>			
American Red Cross.....	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Johnson Food Shelf.....	150.00	150.00	150.00
Central Vt. Adult Basic Ed. ....	100.00	100.00	100.00
Cambridge Food Shelf.....	100.00	100.00	100.00
Capstone Community Action .....	300.00	300.00	300.00
Central Vt. Council on Aging.....	500.00	500.00	500.00
Clarina Howard Nichols Center .....	150.00	150.00	150.00
Habitat for Humanity of Lam. Co. ....	100.00	100.00	100.00
Home Share Now .....	100.00	100.00	100.00
Lamoille Restorative Center .....	250.00	250.00	250.00
Lamoille Community House - 365 .....	-	-	100.00
Lamoille County Mental Health.....	100.00	100.00	100.00
Lamoille Econ. Dev. Corp.....	50.00	50.00	50.00
Lamoille Home Health & Hospice.....	1,045.00	1,045.00	1,045.00
Lam. County Spec. Investigation Unit .....	225.00	225.00	225.00
Meals on Wheels of Lam. County.....	300.00	300.00	300.00
North Country Animal League .....	200.00	200.00	200.00
Rural Community Transportation.....	250.00	250.00	250.00
Varnum Memorial Library .....	100.00	100.00	100.00
VACD ( Vt. Dry Hydrant Program) .....	100.00	100.00	-
Vt. Center for Independent Living.....	195.00	195.00	195.00
Waterville Elem. Connections After Sch. Prog. ....	300.00	300.00	300.00
Belvidere Green Up Day Program.....	-	50.00	50.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$4,765.00</b>	<b>\$4,815.00</b>	<b>\$4,815.00</b>

## 2022 PROPOSED TOWN OFFICER COMPENSATION SUMMARY

	2022 Proposed at \$20.00 per hr.
Town Clerk & Treasurer	
1066 hours per year @ \$20 per hour .....	\$ 21,320.00
Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer	
200 hours per year @ \$20 per hour .....	\$ 4,000.00
Listers 105 hours per year @ \$20 per hour .....	\$ 2,100.00
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees (unbudgeted item) .....	\$ -
Quick Books assistance @\$20 per hour .....	\$ 200.00
FICA Medicare and Social Security matching .....	\$ 2,500.00
Sub-total 2022 proposed payroll expense items .....	\$ 30,120.00
*Auditors 75 hours per year @ \$20 per hour .....	\$ 1,500.00
*Select Board @ \$25 per meeting .....	\$ 2,050.00
plus Select Board Chair additional stipend .....	\$ 150.00
*Board of Civil Authority @ \$20 per meeting .....	\$ 300.00
*Board of Abatement @ \$20 per meeting .....	\$ 100.00
*LRSWMD Representative @ \$20 per meeting .....	\$ 240.00
*Ballot Clerks 135 hours per year @ \$20 per hour .....	\$ 2,700.00
Sub-total proposed non-payroll expense items .....	\$ 7,040.00
* Starred items not paid through "payroll", because no taxes were withheld	
<b>TOTAL 2022 PROPOSED TOWN OFFICER SALARIES EXPENSE .....</b>	<b>\$ 37,160.00</b>

## 2021 ACTUAL TOWN OFFICER COMPENSATION SUMMARY

	2021 Actual
Town Clerk & Treasurer .....	\$ 13,808.00
Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer .....	\$ 3,161.00
Listers @ \$15 per hour .....	\$ 1,699.00
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees (unbudgeted item) .....	\$ 3,121.00
Quick Books Set-up, training & assistance @\$15 per hour .....	255.00
FICA Medicare and Social Security matching .....	1,556.00
Sub-total 2021 Actual Payroll Expense .....	\$ 23,600.00
*Auditors @ \$15 per hour .....	\$ 548.00
*Select Board @ \$25 per meeting .....	\$ 1,900.00
plus Select Board Chair additional stipend .....	\$ 150.00
*Board of Civil Authority @ \$15 per meeting .....	\$ 585.00
*Board of Abatement @ \$15 per meeting .....	\$ 105.00
*LRSWMD Representative @ \$15 per meeting .....	\$ -
*Ballot Clerks @ \$15 per hour .....	\$ 836.00
Sub-total 2020 actual non-payroll expense items .....	\$ 4,124.00
* Starred items not paid through "payroll", because no taxes were withheld	
<b>TOTAL 2021 ACTUAL TOWN OFFICER SALARIES EXPENSE .....</b>	<b>\$ 27,724.00</b>

## DELINQUENT TAXES - 2021

<b>Beginning Balance .....</b>	<b>\$ 33,820.26</b>
Abated .....	\$ .00
Warrants Ed Taxes .....	\$ 44,504.87
Warrants Town Taxes .....	\$ 7,499.28
Total Due .....	\$ 85,824.41
Collected .....	\$ (48,974.24)
<b>Total Due .....</b>	<b>\$ 36,850.14</b>

## 2021 VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS: 3  
DEATHS - 0  
MARRIAGES - 3



### **What is Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District?**

After years of a lack of rural broadband service, Vermont passed legislation (VSA 30 Chapter 82), to enable Vermont towns to come together and form CUDs (Communications Union Districts) to provide high-speed internet to their communities.

Lamoille FiberNet CUD member towns include (as of October 30, 2021) Belvidere, Cambridge, Eden, Johnson, Hyde Park, Morristown, Stowe, Waterville and Wolcott. Governing board members are appointed by Selectboards, and the public is welcome to attend our meetings, which are posted on our website.

### **Our mission, goals and funding**

Our mission is to bring reliable, high-speed, symmetrical internet that is locally controlled and cost-effective to every address in our member towns—as soon as possible. Serving community, not profit.

We are working to build a broadband network that will bring high-speed internet to our communities primarily through fiber, with speeds of at least 100/100 megabits. These days, reliable, high-speed internet is as essential as electricity, making it possible to access education and health resources and support businesses and economic development.

By Vermont law, CUDs may not levy taxes on their districts, and our CUD is funded by State and Federal grants; in the future, we will seek financing for the later stages of construction of the fiber network.

### **Building the fiber network**

Currently, we are in the “pre-construction” phase, i.e., the many steps needed to build a fiber network: data surveys of utility and telecom poles that will hold the fiber, pole license applications, “make-ready” (work that determines what each pole needs before we can install the fiber), detailed designs and engineering, and lining up partners to provide construction and internet services on the network that our CUD will own.

Across the country, rural regions like ours are building broadband networks, so procuring the specialized materials and labor will be challenging due to high demand. However, we hope to begin building the first small segment of our fiber-optic network in 2022, connecting our first customers with high speed, symmetrical broadband internet in late 2022.

### **When will I get high-speed internet?**

The question we hear most often is: “When high-speed internet will come to my home/business?” Our schedule of construction will be determined by grant fund requirements and engineering/construction efficiencies. Also, you may find that other internet service providers (ISPs) that are for-profit, rather than non-profit like Lamoille FiberNet, are the first to bring fiber to your area. To stay updated on Lamoille FiberNet activities or find more information, please visit [www.lamoillefiber.net](http://www.lamoillefiber.net) or subscribe to our newsletter at [www.lamoillefiber.net/contact](http://www.lamoillefiber.net/contact).

Respectfully submitted by the 2021 Lamoille FiberNet CUD Governing Board

