

TOWN OF HYDE PARK, VERMONT

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Report of the Officers for the Period
Ending June 30, 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION

MUNICIPAL OFFICE: The Municipal Office is located at 344 VT 15 West. The Town Clerk's office is in the upper level and is open from Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM during the winter and Monday through Thursday 7:30 AM to 4 PM / Friday 8 AM to 1 PM during the summer. The telephone number is (802)888-2300 and the fax number is (802)888-6878. There is a drop box at the walkway of the upper-level entrance. The Community Meeting Room is on the lower level of the Municipal Office with parking in the Municipal Park and Ride Lot. Both levels of the building are handicap accessible. The Town's website is: www.hydeparkvt.com.

NOTICES AND WARNINGS: The Town publishes notices and warnings in the *News & Citizen*. The notices and warnings are also posted on the Town's website, the Post Offices, and the Lanpher Memorial Library.

Town Facilities available for use: Community Meeting Room, Lanpher Memorial Library, Hyde Park Fire Station, Gihon Valley Hall (formerly North Hyde Park Grange Hall) and Recreation Fields located off Garfield Road. See: 2016 Facility Use Policy for building rentals, fee schedule and the application on the town website.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Board and committees hold their meetings with virtual and hybrid attendance options provided on agendas.

SELECTBOARD: The Selectboard holds its regular monthly meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Offices.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD: The Development Review Board meets as needed in the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Offices.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The Planning Commission holds its regular monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Offices.

RECREATION FIELDS COMMITTEE: This committee holds its regular meetings prior to each sport season via Zoom or at a field location as notified on the meeting agenda. Additional meetings are as needed prior to each youth sports season start up or as the Committee needs. Dates and times of meetings are also on each agenda.

LANPHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES: The Library Trustees hold their regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM at the library located at 141 Main Street.

HYDE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT: This department holds its regular meetings on the first three Tuesdays of each month (not the 5th Tuesday if there is one) at 6:30 PM at the Hyde Park Fire Station located at 212 Centerville Road. In June, July and August, the department meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

ENERGY COMMITTEE: The Committee holds its regular monthly meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 3:30 PM in the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Offices with remote options.

JOINT TOWN & VILLAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD: This Board meets as needed in the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Offices.

GIHON VALLEY HALL COMMITTEE: This Committee meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:00 PM, and as needed. The Committee meets at the Gihon Valley Hall in North Hyde Park. Meeting dates and times may change during the winter months.

KNOT IN HYDE PARK COMMITTEE: This Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m., or as needed, by Zoom.

DEDICATION

With great appreciation and acknowledgement, Hyde Park recognizes Judith (Judy) Lanphear for her years of public service to the Town of Hyde Park.

Judy Lanphear became a Hyde Park resident when her family moved to the Village when she was in the second grade. Her parents ran two businesses in the Village – Lute’s Service Station and many years later, Lute’s Sales and Service. Judy attended and graduated from Lamoille Central Academy and then began working at the Lamoille County Bank. Judy married her husband, Russell, in 1962 and raised four children in Hyde Park – Kimberly, Kirk, Kara and Keith. She was a stay-at-home mom with many talents. They had a very successful dairy farm for over 48 years until their son, Kirk, took it over. While raising their children, Judy has been involved in several different aspects of the Hyde Park Community for over 40 years. She has been on the Cemetery Commission for 8 terms, 5 years each, and is retiring from that role this year. She has worn many hats at the 2nd Congregational Church – she is a member, has taught Sunday School, was the Collector, served on the Executive Committee and had the title of Chair for a few years. She was also very active in the fundraising efforts for many different groups involving the Church. She coached the 5th and 6th grade girls’ basketball team and volunteered on several committees or groups that involved her children, especially at Halloween time where large parties and contests took place in the school gym under her guidance. She continues to coordinate the LCA Alumni banquets. Once her children were older, she worked at the Lamoille County Courthouse where she retired in 2006.

In August 2016, she was given the Vermont Public Service Award for over 35 years of service to Lamoille County.

She has 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild whom she had certain “Meme days” scheduled for each one before they started school where lots of special memories were made. She loves to bake and continues to be called “Meme” to a lot of friends of her grandchildren. She is well known for her cookies and German apple cakes. She is always there to lend a hand to anyone and is the first one to make items for any bake sale while she continues to be a big supporter of her children and grandchildren’s extracurricular activities.



We wish you well in your future endeavors!

OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator (1 yr. term expires 2024)	Paul Nesky, (802)888-4535
Selectboard (3 yr. term expires 2024)	Chasity Fagnant, (802)595-1071
Selectboard (2 yr. term expires 2024)	Roland Boivin, (802)888-6369
Selectboard (2 yr. term expires 2025)	Susan Bartlett, (802)888-5591
Selectboard (3 yr. term expires 2025)	Matt Morin, (802)535-8327
Selectboard (3 yr. term expires 2026)	Savannah Droney, (802)793-6724
Town Clerk (3 yr. term expires 2025)	Kimberly J. Moulton, Kim@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-2300
Town Treasurer (3 yr. term expires 2025)	Kimberly J. Moulton, Kim@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-2300
Town Lister (3 yr. term expires 2024)	Krista Jones, Krista@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-2300
Town Lister (3 yr. term expires 2025)	Leslie Rollins, Assessor@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-2300
Town Lister (3 yr. term expires 2026)	Deanna Judkins, Assessor@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-2300
Lamoille Solid Waste Supervisor (2 yr. term exp 2026)	VACANT

ELECTED SCHOOL OFFICERS

Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2024)	Philip Kiely
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2025)	Lisa Jones Barry
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2025)	Tina Lowe
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2026)	Patricia Hayford

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Kimberly J. Moulton, Kim@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-2300
Assistant Town Treasurer	Krista Jones, Krista@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-2300
Assistant Town Clerk	Krista Jones, Krista@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-2300
Administrative and Finance Manager	Jennifer Tricou, Jennifer@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-2300
Animal Control Officer	Ally Judkins, (802)730-9340
Assessor	Justin Mason, Assessor@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-2300
E-911 Coordinator	Stephen McDonald, Stephen@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-2300
Fire Chief	Ryan Nolan, (802)279-6955
Fire Warden (5 yr. term exp 6/30/27)	Ryan Nolan, (802)279-6955
Road Commissioner	Mark French, (802)888-4625
Road Foreman	Mark French, Highway@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-4625
Highway Equipment Lead Operator	Ryan Nolan, (802)888-4625
Highway Equipment Operator / Grader	Jasson Wells, (802)888-4625
Highway Equipment Operator	Michael Griggs, (802)888-4625
Highway Equipment Operator	Jeff Baker, (802)888-4625
Library Director	Amy Olsen, Hydeparklibrary@yahoo.com ; (802)888-4628
Town Administrator	Brent Sheets (Eff 2/1/24), admin@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-2300
Zoning Administrative Officer	Stephen McDonald, Stephen@hydeparkvt.com ; (802)888-2300
Lamoille County Planning Commission Director	Greg Paus, 2-year ending 2024; (802)888-5073
Lamoille County Planning Commission Director	Richard Pearson, 2-year ending 2024; (914)819-8430
Lamoille Fiber Net	Michael Rooney, (802)851-0087
Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Committee	Robert "Sigh" Searles
Emergency Management Director	Roland Boivin, (802)888-6369
Emergency Management Coordinator	Brad Carriere, (802)730-6770
Tree Warden	David Palumbo, (802)888-4917
Town Health Officer (3 yr. term expires 9/30/25)	VACANT
Town Constable	Dave Gagnier, (802)888-7808
Green Mountain Access TV Representative	VACANT
Green Up Day Coordinator	Dawn Archbold, (802)888-2426

OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Cemetery Commissioners (Elected for a 5 year term):

Judith Lanphear	Term Expires 2024
Nioka Houston	Term Expires 2025
Robert Foss	Term Expires 2026
Sarrah Patch	Term Expires 2027
Christine Cooney	Term Expires 2028

Lanpher Memorial Library Trustees (Elected for a 5 year term):

Jim Noyes	Term Expires 2024
Elliott Buelter	Term Expires 2024
Ann Spearing	Term Expires 2025
Melanie Dickinson	Term Expires 2026
Robert "Sigh" Searles	Term Expires 2027
Kim Austin-Puleio	Term Expires 2027
JoAnne Ring	Term Expires 2028

Town Development Review Board (Appointed by the Selectboard for a 4 year term):

Mary Walz	Term Expires 2024
Elisa Clancy	Term Expires 2025
Bob Malbon	Term Expires 2025
Tom Wawrzeniak	Term Expires 2026
Malcolm Teale	Term Expires 2027
Alternate is Planning Commission Chair	On-going Term

Town Planning Commission (Appointed by the Selectboard for a 4 year term):

Bob Malbon	Term Expires 2024
Valerie Valcour	Term Expires 2024
Richard Pearson	Term Expires 2025
Brian Jones	Term Expires 2026
Leslie Rollins	Term Expires 2026
Eric Williams	Term Expires 2027
Chris Peel	Term Expires 2027

Community Circle Committee (Appointed by the Selectboard; on-going work committee, no terms):

V. Wiffy Brooks	Everett Dickinson	Pixie Loomis
Beth Carrier	Savannah Droney	Amy Olsen
John Clark	Elisabeth Fenn	Savalla Rambo
Judy Clark	Deb Henderson	
Eva Danyon	Kelly Lane	

Town Energy Committee (Appointed by the Selectboard for a 3 year term):

VACANT	Term Expires 2024
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Elisa Clancy	Term Expires 2025
Greg Paus	Term Expires 2025
Denise Greene	Term Expires 2026

Recreation Committee (Appointed by the Selectboard; on-going work committee, no terms):

Eric Bornemann	Gary Nolan
Erica Bornemann	Amy O'Toole
Ken Harvey	Debbie Slayton
Matt Morin	

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Gihon Valley Hall Committee (Appointed by the Selectboard; on-going work committee, no terms):

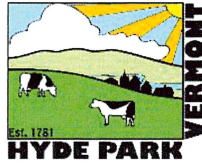
Liz Courtney	Andy Race
Monica Heath	Laura Race
Russ Longtin	Allen Spitzer
H. Dale Porter, Treasurer	Valerie Valcour, Clerk

Knot In Hyde Park Committee (Appointed by Selectboard; on-going work committee, no terms)

Thomas Breese	Rich Pearson
Erin Engler	Tina Pearson
Francis Landrey	Mary Walz
Wendy Lane	

Justices of the Peace (Elected November 2022 for a 2 year term to start February 1, 2023 expiring January 31, 2025)

Maxine Adams	Vicki Emerson
Charles "Brickett" Bailey	Edward French, Jr.
Richard Bailey	Mary "Pixie" Loomis
Virginia "Wiffy" Brooks	Sandra JC Noyes
Elisa Clancy	Greg Paus



**WARNING FOR THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF HYDE PARK, VERMONT**

The legal voters of the Town of Hyde Park are hereby warned and notified to meet at Lamoille Union High School, 736 Vermont Route 15 West, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 9:00 AM to transact business on the following articles not involving voting by Australian ballot, being Articles 2 through 6, which shall be voted from the floor.

The voters are further warned and notified to meet at the Hyde Park Municipal Building – Lower Level, 344 Vermont Route 15, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at seven o'clock in the forenoon (7:00 a.m.), at which time the polls will be open, until seven o'clock in the afternoon (7:00 p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote Article 1 by Australian ballot:

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

- Article 1. To elect Town and School District Officers as required by Australian ballot:
Selectboard Member for a term of two years
Selectboard Member for a term of three years
Lister for a term of three years
Lister for a term of three years (one years remaining)
Lister for a term of three years (two year remaining)
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years
Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District Director for a term of two years (one year remaining)

BY FLOOR VOTE

- Article 2. To elect the following Town Officers from the floor:
Moderator for a term of one year
Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years
Lanpher Memorial Library Trustee for a term of five years
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- Article 3. Shall the voters create a reserve fund for town highway road construction, such funds to be used for road resurfacing and roadbed improvements, to be under the control of the Selectboard with funding from a transfer of \$100,000.00 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance, donations, fees, grants, interest earned on investments, or gifts, and by any appropriation approved by voters in future years?
- Article 4. Shall the voters approve a total general fund expenditures amount for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 of \$3,336,900 of which \$2,805,100 shall be raised by property taxes and \$531,800 by non-property tax revenue?
- Article 5. Shall the voters approve the payment of property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four equal installments (32 V.S.A. 4792), as listed below; with delinquent taxes and assessments have charged against them an eight percent (8%) commission after the fourth installment (32 V.S.A. 1674) and interest charges of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for

the first three months; and thereafter, one and one-half percent (1½%) per month of fraction thereof from the due date of such tax? Such interest shall be imposed on a fraction of a month as if it were an entire month (32 V.S.A. § 5136). Payments are due in the hands of the Treasurer by 4:00 P.M. on the below due dates. Only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks will be accepted if postmarked on or before the due date (32 V.S.A. 4773).

First installment to be paid on or before Friday, August 30, 2024
Second installment to be paid on or before Friday, November 15, 2024
Third installment to be paid on or before Tuesday, February 18, 2025
Fourth installment to be paid on or before Thursday, May 15, 2025

Article 6. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The legal voters and residents of the Town of Hyde Park are further warned and notified that the Selectboard will hold a public informational meeting remotely to discuss Articles 2 through 5, including the proposed budget, on Tuesday, February 27, 2023, commencing at six o'clock in the afternoon (6:00 p.m.). The public may attend the informational session through the Zoom platform or by telephone at the following link and phone number:

Join Zoom – Budget Informational Meeting Video Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96666910290?pwd=V25TdVVTZ2xoWGN1UXk2Mkl0cjZiQT09>

Join Zoom Meeting Phone:

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
Alternate Phone #'s at zoom.com
Meeting ID: 966 6691 0290

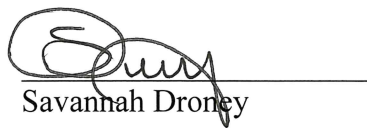
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The legal voters of the Town of Hyde Park are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said Annual Meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. Town Meeting Day will be held in-person only for voting and discussion. The Selectboard intends for the Annual Town Meeting to be viewable (with no ability to participate remotely) on YouTube; search “Hyde Park Selectboard Town Meeting 2024”.

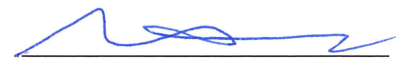
Selectboard, Town of Hyde Park, Vermont: Approved this 23rd day of January 2024.



Susan Bartlett



Savannah Droney

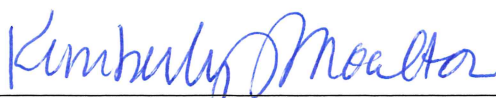


Matt Morin

Roland Boivin

Chasity Fagnant

Received and recorded at Hyde Park, VT on this 23rd day of January 2024.



Attest: Kimberly J. Moulton, Town Clerk
Town of Hyde Park

SELECTBOARD

The Selectboard is elected to oversee all day-to-day operations of the municipal government not designated by state law to other officials. This past year the town worked with staff on several matters, the least of which was the retirement of long-time Town Administrator Ron Rodjenski. Ron completed 12 years with Hyde Park, hiring new employees Brent Sheets, who will take on the Town Administrator role this winter, and Steve McDonald to fill the new town position of Planning and Zoning Administrator. Steve and Brent join Board Clerk Justin Mason and Finance and Administrative Manager Jennifer Tricou, both hired in 2022. The Selectboard feels that the new faces with long-term Town Clerk and Town Treasurer Kim Moulton and her Assistant Krista Jones, that the Town staffing is now ideally set up for many years and continued high quality service to town taxpayers.

The Town's Grand List, which generates 89% of the revenue required for town services, is now increasing closer to the 2.0% annual rate needed to help offset expenses. For the past 10 years, the average growth has been about 1.0%. New housing and commercial construction results in more value to spread out the cost of services, while depreciation, flat or reducing non-property tax revenue sources increase the tax burden. For future years, a 2% growth rate will help but not if the 8% inflation experienced in 2023 returns. The Board continues to work on the expense budget goal that will result in tax rate increase of 3.0% or less, however that was not possible this year with a projected tax rate increase for FY2025 of 5.03% proposed. The town expense budget is proposed to increase 7.62% with one special funding article to create a road paving reserve fund with \$100,000 from the general fund's unassigned fund balance. The proposed increased tax rate results in an additional \$46.80 per year for every \$100,000 of assessed residential property value.

In Calendar Year 2023, the Board accomplished the following:

- Approved a \$110,000 5-year loan for the North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department Inc. new fire truck.
- Approved Ryan Nolan as Hyde Park Town Fire Department Fire Chief.
- Approved up to \$6,000 from ARPA funding to accelerate the completion of the 911 house number sign installation program being completed by fire department volunteers.
- Approved investing in Certificates of Deposit for 4-month terms with town's available cash.
- Approved town fire fighters' wages increasing by the same rate as non-union town employees.
- Approved Necessity Resolution to borrow \$600,000 for replacement of a town fire truck.
- Voted to not mail ballots to all voters for Town Meeting 2023; residents will call town clerk.
- Approved paying town Animal Control Officers \$900 per year.
- Approved new Interlocal Agreement for town assessor services with the Town of Johnson.
- Approved a letter of support to expand the state law's Tax Increment Financing to small towns.
- Approved \$3,000 bonus for Krista Jones for her work during the absence of the town clerk.
- Accepted donation of 0.25-acre Cloud parcel adjacent to a large town culvert on Centerville Road.
- Accepted the 2020 Town Audit presented by Glenna Pound, CPA.
- Accepted the LVRT trailhead improvement scoping grant, later amended to design & construction; State grant \$452,614, town match \$120,754.
- Approved over-expenditure of diesel fuel (\$16,700) due to higher prices than budgeted.
- Appointed Deanna Judkins and Leslie Rollins as Town Listers (filling two vacancies).
- Appointed Beth Carrier as Assistant to Town Assessor.
- Appointed Ally Judkins as town Animal Control Officer.
- Approved Town Assessor Justin Mason working flexible hours while meeting job duties.

- Approved the 2023 Local Emergency Management Plan.
- Approved replacement of highway brine equipment controls at a cost of \$45,000 from ARPA.
- Approved up to \$6,500 for a storage shed for town committees & Hyde Park Community Circle.
- Approved Windows Dressers mini-grant to advertise winterization program.
- Approved Ron Rodjenski to be Grant Administrator for the replacement of the Whitcomb Island bridge over the Gihon River and bridge project on Garfield Road over the Green River.
- Approved Serenity Lane and Peaceful Path as private road names off Brook Road.
- Approved \$500/month for Krista Jones in the absence of the Town Clerk.
- Approved Hazard Mitigation Grant Program applications for two new bridges over the Gihon River and Green River.
- Received VTrans Bike-Ped scoping grant for North Hyde Park pedestrian improvements.
- Approved the Town Administrator signing future Vtrans Grants-in-Aid (GIA) applications.
- Approved contract with Lamoille County Planning Commission for grant management of the GIA Cricket Hill Rd project.
- Approved 15-year historic easement on the Gihon Valley Hall in consideration of \$50,000 grant for recently completed window & storm window reconstruction.
- Approved highway road cuts for ATV trails at North Hyde Park/Jones Rd.
- Approved 3-year mowing contract for town cemeteries and town properties at \$12,000/year.
- Approved \$5,000 hazard tree removal contract with Michel's Tree Service.
- Accepted opioid settlement funds (second round) & transfer \$772.40 to Jenna's House.
- Ordered town fire truck from Alexis Fire Equipment for \$552,472; delivery Summer 2024.
- Hired Vanesse Hangen & Brustlin "VHB" for Hyde Park LVRT Trailhead improvements.
- Approved State planning grant & up to \$3,000 from town's Economic Development Reserve Fund for design of three or four North Hyde Park welcome signs; project not to exceed \$11,600.
- Awarded North Hyde Park wastewater engineering contract for \$60,000 to Dubois-King.
- Approved new copier lease with National Business Technologies for \$298.68/month.
- Accepted \$62,735.00 in town fire apparatus reserve fund from the sale of a NHP/Eden Fire Department fire truck.
- Appointed Bob Malbon to Development Review Board for term ending March 2025.
- Provided \$25,000 of town ARPA funds for Lamoille FiberNet build out in Hyde Park.
- Hired 5th full-time highway crew member, added \$2.00/hr base pay to four employees and hired new planning and zoning administrator at 24 hours/week.
- Appointed Sigh Searles as town representative to new Rail Trail Regional Committee.
- Approved highway incentives program for certifications and base wage changes or bonuses.
- Approved hiring interim Town Administrator Ron Rodjenski as a contractor, ending 02/01/24.
- Provided \$10,000 of town ARPA funding for library sewer line repairs.
- Provided \$2,500 of town ARPA funding for Knot In Hyde Park goats/knotweed pilot project.
- Approved investing \$1 million in Treasury Bills for 4 months with available town cash.
- Approved payment to Jennifer Tricou for extra effort on investments at 1% of earned interest.
- Approved 3-year outside auditor contract with RHR Smith & Company; FY22, FY23 and FY24.
- Approved creating Town of Hyde Park Facebook page for improved public outreach.
- Assigned up to \$5,000 from FY2023 fire department budget to be used in FY2024 for uniforms.
- Approved 3% wage increase per the highway union contract and 5% for non-union employees.
- Hired Dale Nolan for summer roadside mowing duties.
- Approved up to \$33,000 from Fire Equipment Reserve Fund for NHP/Eden Fire Dept. Air-Paks.
- Submitted request to VTrans to reduce the VT 100 travel lane widths from 12' to 11'.
- Approved a \$500 refundable engineering inspection fee for 1111 highway access permits.

- Directed road foreman to accelerate winter sand pile building work, subsequently rescinded.
- Approved contract with Desroches Construction Services for \$740,000 to replace the Centerville Road and Brook Road culverts damaged in the 2019 Halloween storm.
- Authorized the Town Attorney to sign the Forest Hill Residential Care Home zoning settlement.
- Authorized Elisa Clancy to be Grant Administrator for the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) for the evaluation of potential heating improvements at several town buildings.
- Agreed to a town-wide reappraisal following the State order to do so; last reappraisal was 2018.
- Amended fees and building names in the town Facility Use Policy.
- Approved large-scanner joint purchase & MOU with a 50-50 cost share with the Town of Johnson; Cost approximately 1st year cost of \$2,500, then \$400 for annual service contract.
- Approved seeking a contractor to manage the July flood FEMA grant, hiring Stone Shore Municipal Consultants, LLC.
- Ordered plow truck from Allegiance Trucks, 2025 HV513 for \$293,974; delivery Summer 2024.
- Amended the Tax Collection Policy with minor edits and following town attorney advice.
- Approved spraying herbicide on the Town Office knotweed patch.
- Approved amending Interlocal Agreement for shared town assessor; add St. George as 3rd town.
- Approved amending Interlocal Agreement for shared town assessor; add Berkshire as 4th town.
- Appointed Richard Pearson to Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) Transportation Advisory Committee for a 3-year term.
- Received the \$10,000 mortgage payoff by Michael Bartlett on VT 100.
- Contracted with LCPC for grant management of Centerville Road dam removal study.
- Approved a consortium grant application to work with LCPC, Stowe & Cambridge on town plan amendments to comply with state law as all towns are on the same schedule.
- Purchased 3 dog kennels in response to Lamoille Kennels ending relations to accept strays.
- Approved Cargill winter salt contract for \$91.00 per ton.
- Approved job descriptions for Town Administrator and a Community Development Specialist.
- Approved the town Returned Check and ACH Policy.
- Approved the town Financial Management Questionnaire.
- Approved an option for employees to move health benefit plan to high-deductible with HSA.
- Approved revisions to the Road Foreman job description attached to a revised letter of hire.
- Approved up to \$7,500 in ARPA funds for dog kennel structure or shed.
- Approved ACO Ally Judkins as a town official able to issue municipal tickets (dog ordinance).
- Maintained the \$250,000 claim limit for uninsured motorist coverage.
- Approved the 2023 Accounting Policies and Procedure Policy.
- Appointed Nicholas Lange to a 2-year term on the board of Rural Community Transport.
- Approved change orders for the Desroches two culvert projects to a new total of \$766,965.
- Approved the Acknowledgement of Programmatic Requirements for the planned buy out of two homes using FEMA hazard mitigation funding: 5169 VT 100 and 5187 VT 100.
- Approve \$15,000 grant from US EPA for grant management services to be provided by LCPC for the North Hyde Park Wastewater Scoping Study.
- Approve a 3-year general engineering and stormwater consulting service agreement with Watershed Consulting, including work on DR-4720-VT (July 2023 severe rainstorm event).
- Approved the town Fraud Prevention Policy and town Investment Policy.
- Appointed Brad Carriere to the position of town Emergency Management Coordinator.
- Approved the town's Practice of Burying Animals to guide town officials if that is required.
- Approved investing for 6-months and 12-month periods in US Treasury Bills, earning \$26,370.

- Appointed Krista Jones to the Board of Listers, term expiring March 2024; lister pay \$20/hour.
- Approved letter of hire offer for new Town Administrator Brent Sheets.
- Increased Jennifer Tricou's investments incentive from 1% to 3% on interest earned.
- Accepted town fire department's bylaw changes, moving a meeting date.
- Approved the town paying the full 0.44% payroll tax for state's childcare contribution.
- Approved \$450 for ADA enhancements to the town website.
- Approved a grant letter of support seeking funds from Preservation Trust of Vermont for ADA accessibility improvements at the Gihon Valley Hall.

In 2024, the Board intends to work on the following:

- Seek highway & stormwater grants to support construction of the Net Zero stormwater & streetscape enhancement for Church St and Main Street.
- Complete the obligation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) one-time grant funding to meet the US Treasury deadline of December 31, 2024
- Review next steps to bring the two new bridges to final design at Whitcomb Island Road (iron truss bridge), Garfield Road (large culvert at Green River).
- Complete laying out of extension of town highway Beam Road, discontinue or reclassify to public trail several Class 4 town highways & unclassified town highways.
- Continue to work on gravel road and paved road improvement projects to maintain the town's compliance with the State Municipal General Roads Permit (MRGP) and limit degradation of road surfaces that result in costly reconstruction projects.
- The art installation along the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail will now be the centerpiece of a trailhead reconstruction project to complete design work in 2024 and move to construction in 2025 with new pavilion shelters, picnic areas, stormwater improvements and pedestrian safety enhancements.

The Board respects all community members' input and encourages residents to contact any member with questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Susan Bartlett, Chair; Chasity Fagnant, Vice-Chair; Savannah Droney, Roland Boivin, & Matt Morin

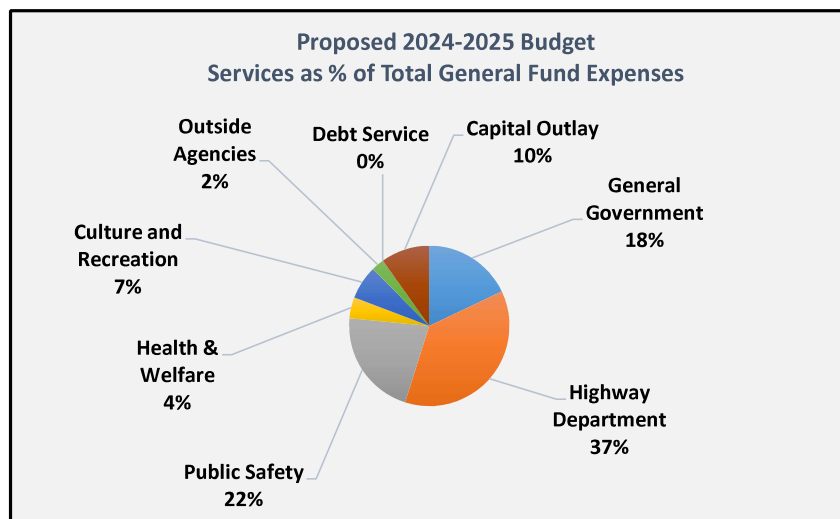


Municipal Revenues	BUDGET FY2023	ACTUAL FY2023	CURRENT FY2024	PROPOSED FY2025	CHANGE FY24 to FY25
Tax Revenues					
Property Taxes & Mun. Tax Adjustment	\$ 2,475,300	\$ 2,478,879	\$ 2,660,260	\$ 2,805,100	\$ 144,840
Current Property Taxes - Interest	6,000	10,342	8,000	9,000	1,000
Delinquent Taxes - Interest	7,000	3,747	3,500	3,500	0
Delinquent Taxes - Penalty	12,000	11,255	8,500	10,000	1,500
Current Use - Hold Harmless	100,000	98,647	95,000	100,000	5,000
State Payments Withheld	7,000	8,931	9,000	9,000	0
PILOT Revenue - ANR & State Buildings	66,000	69,660	69,000	69,000	0
Subtotal	\$ 2,673,300	\$ 2,681,461	\$ 2,853,260	\$ 3,005,600	\$ 152,340
Licenses and Permits					
Liquor and Cannabis Licenses	100	460	200	200	0
Dog Licenses	3,500	3,117	3,000	3,000	0
Building Permits	9,000	8,905	14,000	12,000	(2,000)
Vehicle Overweight Permits	300	970	500	700	200
Driveway & Highway Access Permits	700	390	700	500	(200)
Subtotal	\$ 13,600	\$ 13,842	\$ 18,400	\$ 16,400	\$ (2,000)
Fines and Interest					
Local Traffic Fines	5,500	4,587	4,000	4,000	0
Dog Fines	200	305	200	200	0
Interest on Investments	5,000	10,156	15,000	20,000	5,000
Subtotal	\$ 10,700	\$ 15,048	\$ 19,200	\$ 24,200	\$ 5,000
Grant Revenue					
Municipal Planning Grants	0	7,520	0	0	0
Other Grants	0	58,285	0	0	0
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 65,805	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Recreation					
Ballfield Rentals	1,500	3,165	3,000	3,000	0
Use of Recreation Reserve	2,000	0	0	0	0
Ballfield Concessions & Donations	3,500	4,644	4,000	4,000	0
Subtotal	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,809	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -
Other Revenue					
Photocopier Use Fee	2,800	2,239	3,500	2,500	(1,000)
Community Room Rental Fees	0	180	500	500	0
Fire Department Misc. Revenue	0	673	0	0	0
Sale of Equipment & Other Income	200	0	200	200	0
Town Clerk and Recording Fees	34,000	25,597	37,000	32,000	(5,000)
Use of General Fund Unassigned	0	0	0	80,000	80,000
Misc Revenues & History Books/KiHP	5,000	7,526	3,500	3,500	0
Subtotal	\$ 42,000	\$ 36,215	\$ 44,700	\$ 118,700	\$ 74,000
Highway Department					
State Aid to Highways & Supplement	138,000	141,133	141,000	143,000	2,000
Grants - GIA Class 2 & FEMA-DR4474	0	49,398	0	0	0
Highway Center Road	0	594,000	0	0	0
Gas/Diesel/Materials Reimbursement	4,000	4,474	5,000	5,000	0
Misc Revenue and Interest	0	76,108	0	5,000	5,000
Subtotal	\$ 142,000	\$ 865,113	\$ 146,000	\$ 153,000	\$ 7,000
Lanpher Memorial Library					
Investment Interest	12,000	7,451	7,000	7,000	0
Grant Revenue	0	6,021	500	500	0
Donations, Adopt-an-Author, Misc. Rev.	0	15,369	4,500	4,500	0
Subtotal	\$ 12,000	\$ 28,841	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,900,600	\$ 3,714,134	\$ 3,100,560	\$ 3,336,900	\$ 236,340
% Change = 7.62%					

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2023	ACTUAL FY2023	CURRENT FY2024	PROPOSED FY2025	CHANGE FY24 to FY25
General Government					
Town Office Wages & Benefits					
Selectboard	\$3,750	\$3,754	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$0
Employee Recognition	2,000	1,330	3,000	1,500	(1,500)
Town Clerk Salary	46,800	34,800	49,200	50,700	1,500
Town Treasurer Salary	20,100	20,100	21,100	21,700	600
Delinquent Tax Collector	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	0
Wages and Salaries	185,300	200,678	178,600	250,500	71,900
Subtotal	\$261,200	\$263,912	258,900	331,400	\$72,500
Benefits and Payroll Expense					
Health Benefit, Dental & Opt Out	29,000	40,712	34,100	59,400	25,300
Payroll Taxes, UI & Workers' Comp.	23,000	22,852	22,400	32,000	9,600
Pension and Accrued Leave Time	16,800	16,922	14,500	19,000	4,500
Life Insurance & Short-term Disability	2,500	1,983	2,000	2,300	300
Subtotal	\$71,300	\$82,469	\$73,000	\$112,700	\$39,700
Town Office Expenses					
Supplies	7,000	5,328	8,000	8,000	0
Meetings, Education & Training	2,000	549	1,000	1,000	0
Travel	2,000	746	1,000	1,000	0
Postage	5,000	2,498	7,000	6,000	(1,000)
Advertising	2,500	4,137	4,500	4,500	0
Telephone/Fiber	6,500	9,970	7,500	9,000	1,500
Professional Services - NEMRC & IT	20,600	33,818	22,000	22,000	0
Equipment Purchases & Repairs	6,000	8,430	6,500	6,500	0
Equipment Lease - Copier	3,300	4,354	4,000	4,500	500
KoFile Equipment Lease - Land Records	2,100	2,100	2,500	2,100	(400)
Misc Charges & Fees	1,500	1,927	1,500	1,500	0
Subtotal	\$58,500	\$73,857	\$65,500	\$66,100	\$600
Town Auditing and Reporting					
Printing of Town Reports	2,000	2,293	2,000	2,500	500
Professional Services - Town Audit	15,000	13,226	15,000	17,900	2,900
Subtotal	\$17,000	\$15,519	\$17,000	\$20,400	\$3,400
Town Listers, Tax Mapping & BCA					
Municipal Assessor/Listers	0	7,884	24,000	28,750	4,750
BCA Salaries & Election Expenses	3,000	532	1,500	1,000	(500)
Assessment Services - NEMRC	11,000	8,284	0	0	0
Mapping Services	5,000	2,000	6,000	6,000	0
Subtotal	\$19,000	\$18,700	\$31,500	\$35,750	\$4,250
Buildings and Grounds					
Supplies	1,500	2,921	1,000	1,500	500
Lawn and Landscaping	1,500	2,627	2,000	4,500	2,500
Cleaning - Town Office	1,500	637	1,500	1,500	0
Repairs - Town Office	2,000	2,541	2,000	2,000	0
Repairs - Gihon Valley Hall	3,000	2,017	3,500	3,500	0
Programs - Gihon Valley Hall Committee	500	505	500	500	0
Utilities & Wi-Fi GVH	2,000	1,864	2,500	2,500	0
Subtotal	\$12,000	\$13,112	\$13,000	\$16,000	\$3,000
Insurances, Legal Expenses & Dues					
Legal Services & Del.Tax Legal	7,500	21,754	10,000	10,000	0
Grants - Planning, LVRT Art	0	74,612	0	0	0
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	5,000	5,458	5,800	6,100	300
Subtotal	\$12,500	\$101,824	\$15,800	\$16,100	\$300
General Government Total	\$451,500	\$569,393	\$474,700	\$598,450	\$123,750
% Change = 26.07%					

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2023	ACTUAL FY2023	CURRENT FY2024	PROPOSED FY2025	CHANGE FY24 to FY25
Highway Department					
Hyde Park Highway Department					
Wages	\$292,500	\$266,434	\$381,300	\$424,300	\$43,000
Employee Recognition	0	4,741	3,000	1,500	(1,500)
Health Benefit, Dental & Opt Out	51,100	65,175	82,700	107,100	24,400
Payroll Taxes, UI and Workers' Comp.	43,100	35,366	50,000	54,600	4,600
Pension	17,100	16,431	25,800	29,700	3,900
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	9,700	11,822	14,000	13,400	(600)
Culverts	35,000	34,973	0	35,000	35,000
Chloride	30,000	47,086	35,000	35,000	0
Paving Program	180,000	0	215,000	215,000	0
Salt	75,000	63,873	75,000	75,000	0
Road Signs	2,500	1,718	3,000	5,000	2,000
Purchased Service - Gravel Crushing	0	0	42,000	0	(42,000)
Gravel Pit Maintenance	2,000	4,347	1,000	1,000	0
Purchased Service - Line Striping	6,000	0	6,000	0	(6,000)
Erosion Control/MRGP & Contracted Svcs.	10,000	8,415	5,000	5,000	0
Roadside Cutting, Hazard Trees & Brush	5,000	5,000	5,000	12,000	7,000
Fuel & Oils - Vehicles/Equipment	55,000	72,464	80,000	80,000	0
Road Maintenance Projects	30,000	16,314	30,000	30,000	0
Subtotal	\$844,000	\$654,159	\$1,053,800	\$1,123,600	\$69,800
Garage Expenses					
Supplies, Office Equipment & IT	4,500	3,533	4,500	4,500	0
Meetings and Dues	700	449	700	700	0
Telephone	1,100	637	1,300	1,500	200
Electricity	6,000	4,135	6,000	4,500	(1,500)
Water Fixed Charges	0	2,466	4,000	3,200	(800)
Heating Fuel	1,000	0	500	500	0
Uniform Service	8,000	9,532	8,500	8,500	0
Rubbish Removal	3,000	2,790	3,000	3,000	0
Tools	1,500	2,896	1,500	1,500	0
Permits/Compliance, Training & Safety	5,000	4,889	5,000	5,000	0
Building Repairs, Maintenance & Misc.	3,500	4,973	3,500	3,500	0
Tires	6,000	2,451	0	0	0
Heavy Equipment Maintenance	50,000	61,620	65,000	65,000	0
Small Equipment Purchases/Repairs	8,000	2,507	8,000	8,000	0
Subtotal	\$98,300	\$102,878	\$111,500	\$109,400	-\$2,100
Projects					
2021 Center Road Paving Loan P&I	143,800	608,819	0	0	0
2022 Volvo Excavator & Trailer	0	41,928	0	0	0
FEMA DR4474 Mitigation Projects/Match	15,000	101,999	0	0	0
MRGP Grants-In-Aid Program	0	12,752	0	0	0
EH05&MM18- Johnson St Ext "Sink Hole"	0	12,519	0	0	0
Subtotal	\$158,800	\$778,017	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway Department Total	\$1,101,100	\$1,535,054	\$1,165,300	\$1,233,000	\$67,700
				% Change = 5.81%	

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2023	ACTUAL FY2023	CURRENT FY2024	PROPOSED FY2025	CHANGE FY24 to FY25
Public Safety					
Town Fire Department					
Salaries	\$22,000	\$19,729	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$0
Payroll Taxes and Workers' Compensation	2,900	3,884	2,800	1,900	(900)
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	4,500	4,855	5,200	5,200	0
Office Supplies	800	4,491	800	2,500	1,700
Medical / Physicals	1,000	0	1,000	0	(1,000)
Telephone	2,900	2,430	2,900	2,900	0
Accidental Injury Insurance (UI)	1,200	892	1,200	1,000	(200)
Chemicals	400	321	400	500	100
Fire Prevention	300	945	250	250	0
Training	1,000	620	1,000	1,000	0
Equipment	12,000	8,981	12,000	12,000	0
Equipment Maintenance & Permits	7,000	5,554	8,000	9,000	1,000
Truck Maintenance	10,000	9,966	10,000	12,000	2,000
Radio Maintenance	2,200	2,146	3,800	3,800	0
Gas & Oil	3,000	2,606	3,500	3,000	(500)
Electricity	4,000	2,555	3,000	3,000	0
Water Fixed Charges and Usage Fees	20,000	24,729	17,000	24,000	7,000
Heating Fuel	4,000	4,604	4,500	4,500	0
Building Maintenance	4,000	3,827	4,000	4,000	0
Dry Hydrants - Maint. & Grant Expenses	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
Misc. Expenses & Dues	3,500	3,225	3,500	3,500	0
Subtotal	\$107,700	\$106,360	\$106,850	\$116,050	\$9,200
				% Change = 8.61%	
FAST Squad & Emergency Management					
Training, Supplies & Radios	2,500	1,250	2,000	2,000	0
FAST Stipend	1,500	396	1,300	1,174	(126)
AED Portable Defibrillator Units - 2 units/yr	4,200	3,990	4,000	4,000	0
AED Maintenance and Batteries	500	0	500	500	0
Emergency Planning & Equipment	500	0	0	0	0
E911 Number Signs	3,000	3,208	0	0	0
Subtotal	\$12,200	\$8,844	\$7,800	\$7,674	-\$126
N Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department					
General Expenses & Insurance	38,625	38,625	39,525	42,225	2,700
Subtotal	\$38,625	\$38,625	\$39,525	\$42,225	\$2,700
Police Services - Sheriff's Dept.					
LCSD - Patrol	446,300	446,239	468,600	482,608	14,008
LCSD - Communications	67,900	67,857	71,525	73,696	2,171
Subtotal	\$514,200	\$514,096	\$540,125	\$556,304	\$16,179
Public Safety Total	\$672,725	\$667,925	\$694,300	\$722,253	\$27,953
				% Change = 4.03%	



Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2023	ACTUAL FY2023	CURRENT FY2024	PROPOSED FY2025	CHANGE FY24 to FY25
Health and Welfare					
Ambulance Services					
Northern Emergency Medical Service (NEMS)	\$125,600	\$125,541	\$129,410	\$134,602	\$5,192
Subtotal	\$125,600	\$125,541	\$129,410	\$134,602	\$5,192
				% Change = 4.01%	
Animal Control					
Salaries	1,000	1,450	750	900	150
Supplies	200	207	200	200	0
Travel	250	0	250	300	50
Purchased Services - Kennel Lease	1,500	1,973	1,250	5,500	4,250
Equipment and Training	250	0	250	300	50
Subtotal	\$3,200	\$3,630	\$2,700	\$7,200	\$4,500
Health & Welfare Total	\$128,800	\$129,171	\$132,110	\$141,802	\$9,692
				% Change = 7.34%	
Culture & Recreation					
Cemeteries					
Hyde Park Cemetery Commission	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	0
Subtotal	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$0
Lanpher Memorial Library					
Salaries	81,000	80,041	85,000	96,200	11,200
Health Benefit, Dental & Opt Out	18,600	20,254	22,400	17,400	(5,000)
Payroll Taxes, UI and Workers' Comp.	6,900	6,253	7,200	9,150	1,950
Pension	3,200	3,126	3,400	3,900	500
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	6,100	5,985	8,000	7,400	(600)
Supplies	1,400	2,244	1,600	1,600	0
Meetings, Professional Development	1,000	993	1,000	1,000	0
Postage	1,500	1,360	1,600	1,600	0
Telephone	1,300	1,169	1,300	800	(500)
Electricity	2,500	2,247	2,500	2,500	0
Water and Sewer Fees	3,200	4,539	3,200	5,600	2,400
Heating Fuel	3,500	4,835	5,000	5,500	500
Materials/Programs	17,100	23,105	17,100	17,100	0
Memberships and Online Services	2,500	2,663	2,500	2,600	100
Technology	1,500	2,725	1,400	1,600	200
Custodial Services	4,500	4,420	4,500	4,700	200
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	7,124	0	0	0
Building Maintenance & Grounds	3,500	5,783	3,500	3,500	0
Grant Expense	0	2,925	0	0	0
Subtotal	\$159,300	\$181,791	\$171,200	\$182,150	\$10,950
				% Change = 6.40%	
Recreation Committee					
Supplies and Equipment	3,000	1,831	2,000	2,000	0
Hyde Park Softball/Baseball	1,000	501	1,500	1,500	0
Hyde Park Soccer	1,500	183	1,500	1,500	0
Hyde Park Basketball	500	500	500	500	0
Propane - Ballfield Power	500	1,682	1,500	1,500	0
Purchased Service - Repairs	500	1,515	500	1,500	1,000
Grounds Maintenance - Mowing	4,000	6,277	5,500	7,000	1,500
Subtotal	\$11,000	\$12,489	\$13,000	\$15,500	\$2,500
Community Events & Facilities					
Community Events & Green Up Day	2,000	286	1,500	1,350	(150)
Green Mountain Byway and LVRT	2,000	1,954	2,000	2,000	0
Knot in Hyde Park	0	296	3,000	3,000	0
Hyde Park Community Circle	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Subtotal	\$5,000	\$3,536	\$7,500	\$7,350	-\$150
Culture & Recreation Total	\$197,800	\$220,316	\$214,200	\$227,500	\$13,300
				% Change = 6.21%	

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2023	ACTUAL FY2023	CURRENT FY2024	PROPOSED FY2025	CHANGE FY24 to FY25
Local/County Member Agencies					
Lamoille County Conservation District	500	500	500	500	0
Lamoille County Courthouse Tax	31,900	31,803	33,200	35,500	2,300
Lamoille County Planning Commission Dues	1,829	1,829	1,829	2,200	371
Lamoille County Spec. Investigations Unit	1,907	1,907	1,907	2,000	93
Lamoille Ec.Development & Chamber Dues	2,200	2,000	2,200	2,200	0
VLCT Membership Dues	4,900	4,905	4,900	5,300	400
Subtotal	43,236	42,944	44,536	47,700	3,164
Outside Agencies - General Support					
American Red Cross - Northern VT	250	250	250	250	0
Lamoille Community Food Share	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Lamoille County Mental Health Services	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	710	710	710	710	0
Central Vermont Council on Aging/RSVP	1,725	1,725	1,725	1,725	0
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	0
HomeShare Vermont	500	500	500	500	0
HPES After School Program	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Hyde Park Youth Mentoring Program	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0
Lamoille Family Center	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
Lamoille Home Health & Hospice	8,862	8,862	9,060	9,060	0
Lamoille Housing Partnership	300	300	300	300	0
Lamoille Neighbors	800	800	800	800	0
Lamoille Restorative Center	900	900	2,500	2,500	0
Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0
North Central Vermont Recovery Center	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
North Country Animal League	500	500	500	500	0
River Arts	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Rural Community Transport	3,350	3,350	3,350	3,350	0
Salvation Farms	750	750	750	750	0
VT Association of Conservation Districts	100	100	100	100	0
VT Family Network	500	500	500	500	0
Subtotal	36,397	36,397	38,195	38,195	0
Outside Agencies & Memberships Total	\$79,633	\$79,341	\$82,731	\$85,895	\$3,164
				% Change = 3.82%	
Capital Outlay & Reserves					
Sidewalk Reserve	20,000	20,000	10,000	10,000	0
Highway Capital Reserve	130,000	171,406	199,000	199,000	0
Stormwater Capital Reserve	5,000	55,000	5,000	0	(5,000)
Fire Vehicles Reserve	85,000	85,000	95,000	95,000	0
Fire Equipment & Repair Reserve	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0
Community Building Reserve	0	40,000	0	0	0
Library Reserve	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0
Infrastructure Engineering	5,042	2,309	4,219	0	(4,219)
Capital Outlay & Reserves Total	\$269,042	\$397,715	\$337,219	\$328,000	-\$9,219
				% Change = -2.73%	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL EXPENSES	\$2,900,600	\$3,598,915	\$3,100,560	\$3,336,900	\$236,340
				% Change = 7.62%	

All Actual FY2023 amounts (revenues, expenses and reserves) are unaudited

RESERVE BALANCES - as of June 30, 2023			Prior FY ending 06/30/22
Fund Name & Number	Fund Balance	Source of funds (& interest earned):	
Municipal Record Restoration (Fund 11)	\$ 18,349	Recording Fees	\$ 16,028
Economic Development (Fund 12)	\$ 34,390	Harvey Loan Proceeds	\$ 17,797
Recreation Reserve (Fund 13)	\$ 6,182	Audited Recreation Surplus	\$ 10,193
Reappraisal (Fund 14)	\$ 114,228	Annual State Reappraisal Grants	\$ 97,805
Grange Hall Maintenance (Fund 15)	\$ (56,870)	Grant Reimbursement FY2024 due	\$ 1,521
ARPA Federal Relief Funds (Fund 16)	\$ 646,825	\$746,583 received, obligate by 12/2024	\$ 334,219
Town Community Buildings (Fund 17)	\$ 40,106	Annual Town Budget Appropriations	\$ 40,000
Sidewalk/Bike Projects (Fund 21)	\$ 211,783	Annual Town Budget Appropriations	\$ 188,217
Highway Capital Reserve (Fund 22)	\$ 219,189	Annual Town Budget Appropriations	\$ 231,802
Stormwater Capital Reserve (Fund 23)	\$ 60,466	Annual Town Budget & 1111 fees	\$ 8,818
FEMA DR4474 Nov 1 2019 (Fund 24)	\$ 114,002	Disaster grant continuing into FY2024	\$ (249,937)
Fire Vehicle (Fund 31)	\$ 414,399	Annual Town Budget Appropriations	\$ 203,500
Fire Equipment & Repair (Fund 32)	\$ 30,563	Annual Town Budget Appropriations	\$ 36,699
Library Building Reserve (Fund 41)	\$ 50,869	Interest Earned on Investments	\$ 14,349



	Town Budget	3,336,900.00
	Non-Property Tax Revenue	(531,800.00)
	To Be Raised from Property Tax Revenue	2,805,100.00
June 2023 GL 2,825,765	Final 2024 Grand List (Est 2.0% Inc)	2,882,280.30
	Tax Rate (Rounded)	0.9732
	ADD - Local Agreement Rate (Veterans Exemptions)	0.0039
	Tax Rate With Local Agreement	0.9771
Town Meeting funding articles		
	None proposed that may impact FY2025	
	Add to tax rate	-
	Projected Municipal Tax Rate with All Approvals \$	0.9771
	Increase from Current Tax Rate of \$0.9303 \$	0.0468
Summary of Proposed Budget Changes & History		
Revenues		
Current Use Hold Harmless actual allocation increased	\$	5,000
Town Clerk's Office recording fees decreased with less property transactions	\$	(5,000)
Use of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for employee/benefit transitions	\$	80,000
Increased highway interest earned to off-set expenses	\$	5,000
Expenses		
Town office staff changes following restructure of several positions; plus 3%	\$	71,900
Increased cost for admin health benefit by 12.5% & plan choice changes	\$	25,300
Payroll expenses increased with increased payroll and Child Care Contribution	\$	4,750
Adding elected board of listers annual payment and adjusted for Assessor time	\$	4,750
Increased cost for highway wages; base increases & retention	\$	43,000
Increased cost for highway health benefit plan 12.5% & plan choice changes	\$	24,400
Increased to cover Village water fees at town fire station	\$	7,000
Increased 3% for police patrol services provided by Lamoille County Sheriff	\$	14,008
Increased 4% for ambulance service through Newport Ambulance/NEMS	\$	5,192
Increased for new leased stray dog space at Lamoille Kennels; proposed	\$	4,250
Increased wages for library due to pay scale changes plus 3% annual increase	\$	11,200
Municipal Budget History		
FY23	\$2,900,600	\$ Change
FY24 Current	\$3,100,560	\$ 199,960
FY25 Proposed	\$3,336,900	\$ 236,340
Municipal Tax Rate History		
FY23	\$0.8783	% Change
FY24 Current	\$0.9303	5.92%
FY25 Proposed	\$0.9771	5.03%
Impact of Rate Increase = For every \$100,000 of property value, the taxpayer owes an additional \$46.80 per year in municipal property taxes (excludes school)		

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town Administrator is appointed and supervised by the Selectboard to assist the board in conducting the day-to-day activities of the local government. In June 2023, Ron Rodjenski retired after 12 years serving Hyde Park and 33 years in Vermont local government. In July 2023, Ron agreed to continue as interim Town Administrator to assist the Selectboard in completing the FY2025 budget process and the search for a new Town Administrator. In January 2024, the town hired Brent Sheets, former City Manager of Fritch, Texas with a planned work start date of February 5, 2024.

Due to an extensive restructuring of the town office staff over the last several years, the Town Administrator will no longer serve as the Town Zoning administrative Officer. The town welcomed Steve McDonald to serve in the new position of Planning and Zoning Administrator, with a three-year term ending May 2026. Steve will also take over from the Town Administrator, the role of town's E911 Coordinator, staff to the Town Planning Commission, and staff to the Town Development Review Board (DRB). Both the Town Administrator and Planning and Zoning Administrator will provide staff support on town committees, like the Gihon Valley Hall Committee, Energy Committee, Recreation Committee and from time to time assisting the Town Health Officer & Animal Control Officers. Another role that was removed from the Town Administrator position in 2022 was Board Clerk, with those duties of posting agendas and taking meeting minutes now filled by Justin Mason.

The Town Administrator role will now have the time and responsibility to focus on long-term community needs and the oversight of all budgeting and operations of all town departments, seeking grants to supplement property tax revenues and recommending proactive measures to address potentially difficult or costly situations relative to town policy, seeking professional services when appropriate and partnering with other towns and agencies.

A new Town Finance Committee mission statement was planned to be organized in 2022, but due to staffing turnover that was delayed. Community members will be asked to join an active finance committee once all outstanding town audits are completed. The new committee will make recommendations to the Selectboard on town investments and financial policies. If you are interested in serving, please send a note to Town Finance and Administrative Manager Jennifer Tricou and she will be in touch with you.

Town staff and committee members welcome new ideas or suggestions for improvements to existing community services. Public comments are encouraged on any topic at any time. Meeting agendas and notices are posted on area bulletin boards (municipal office and town library) and the town website (www.hydeparkvt.com), with public hearings warned in The News and Citizen. Moving forward to 2024, please stop by and introduce yourself to the new Town Administrator as Brent works to set out pathways to revitalize and improve the streetscape in both villages. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to offer support in any of these areas, please contact a Selectboard member or attend a Selectboard meeting (the first few minutes of each meeting are open for public comment).

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

The Town Clerk's Office assists residents to license their dogs, apply for a civil marriage certificate, register to vote, renew DMV registrations, obtain hunting and fishing licenses, pay property taxes, apply for a Green Mountain Passport, obtain Notary Public services and posting of private land. We also work with the Vermont Department of Liquor Control to issue liquor licenses. Our vaults contain all the Town's birth, death and marriage records, surveys and meeting minutes dating back to the late 1700's. Vermont's land records are stored at the town level, and so recording, storage and restoration of the land records is the responsibility of the Town Clerk's Office. Hyde Park's land records have seen a progression from hand-written documents to digital recording.

I was on medical leave until mid-June. While I was out of the office, Krista Jones, Assistant Town Clerk, stepped up to oversee the office daily functions and was appointed the Presiding Officer for 2023 Annual Town Meeting. A huge thank you to some of our Justices of the Peace (JP) who stepped up to help get the schedules set up for the Town Meeting in my absence. Their assistance gave Krista the opportunity to focus on other needs in the office while still focusing on other election needs. I am grateful to have Krista as my Assistant Clerk and to have Board of Civil Authority (BCA) members who were so helpful while I was out of the office. I am very happy to be back in the office!

During the 2023 calendar year, our office managed one election. All elections require registering new voters, managing absentee ballot requests, staffing the polls with election staff, and having enough people in place to count ballots after the polls close. Each election requires approximately 4-6 weeks of pre-election work and approximately 3-5 days of post-election work. Although we take great pride in our efforts to efficiently manage all elections, we would not be able to do it without the people who volunteer to assist us during elections. To those election workers, we offer a heart-felt thank you for your assistance.

Registering to vote is easy in Vermont! Your voter registration can be processed as part of a transaction at the Department of Motor Vehicles, or you can register to vote online on the My Voter Page from the comfort of your home. If you are already registered to vote in Hyde Park, you can make changes by using the My Voter Page:

- 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: <https://mvp.vermont.gov>

Online registration can be found at: <https://olvr.vermont.gov>

The State of Vermont now mails ballots to all active voters for the General Elections. Because of this, I highly recommend that all voters log into the My Voter Portal to verify that their legal address, mailing address and contact information is current. This will help when the State of Vermont mails out the General Election ballots at the end of September or beginning of October.

In the back of the town report are sample ballots that you will be voting on Town Meeting Day. The school budgets and information regarding the budgets are provided in the school district annual report, which is available around town, including the Town Clerk's office.

In 2023, we updated our digital online recording database by adding older land record books 46-49, property transfer tax returns, and liens. Our online land records now go back to late March 1979. We used ARPA funds in the amount of \$16,232.75 for this project.

In the last year or so, we have made many documents available online and added the ability to pay property taxes online (with a 3rd party fee being charged). Check out the town website! www.hydeparkvt.com

The Town Clerk's winter Office hours are Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm. Our summer hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30am to 4:00pm and Friday 8am to 1pm. We are also closed all Mondays *prior to all elections* and the Town Clerk's office is ***closed on election days*** so that we can devote our full attention to managing the election process. Our winter and summer hours have worked well, and we will continue to use these summer hours every year. The office is open for vault research, but we ask that people make an appointment to do so. We can only accommodate two people at a time as we have two research computers available.

Please notify us of any changes, including address changes or name changes, so that you may receive timely correspondence. Please visit our website www.hydeparkvt.com to find out about all the municipal services that are offered. The Town Clerk's Office utilizes the town website, the Front Porch Forum and the News & Citizen and NOW FACEBOOK to notify residents of tax due dates, dog licensing dates, office closing dates and any other important news and updates. As always, please do not hesitate to call us with questions at (802)888-2300.

As Treasurer, I'd like to remind homeowners that the Homestead Declaration form, the HS-122, should be filed annually with your income taxes. If you aren't required to file income taxes, you should still file the HS-122 form. This form is the State of Vermont's way to determine if you qualify for a state payment towards your property taxes. Here is the link to the State of Vermont Department of Taxes website for all things Homestead Declaration related: <https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration>. The deadline to file is the same deadline as the Vermont Income Tax filing deadline annually.

Glenna Pound, CPA, finalized our FY21 audit and it is available for viewing or printing on the town website. The FY22 audit is being done by RHR Smith & Co. It is almost done and when complete, it will also be available on the town website. They will be doing our FY23 audit, as well.

Our Town Report continues to be published by Repro out of Winooski. They continue to give us the best pricing for our Town Report publication year after year. Their customer service is top notch, and we greatly appreciate their responsiveness in assisting us during the process of getting our report ready for publishing. I'd also like to thank Teresa Farquharson and Jim Noyes for their time helping to proofread our town report pages before they go to print. It's always so helpful to have multiple sets of eyes reviewing the reports for errors before publication.

Thank you!

Kimberly J. Moulton, CMC, CVC, CVT
Town Clerk and Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE STATISTICS

Land Records (Calendar Year 2023):

Total documents & document pages processed as Land Records: 569 docs / 2,037 pages

Total number of Property Transfer Tax forms filed: 104

Total number of survey maps recorded: 11

Green Mountain Passports Issued: 18

Dogs Licenses Issued: 358

DMV Registration Renewals: 73

Fish & Game Licenses Issued: 4

Overweight Permits Issued: 66

Liquor Licenses Issued: 3

Total Tax Bills Issued: 1,521

VITAL STATISTICS

Total Births: 21

Total Deaths: 26

Total Civil Marriages: 26

Certified Copies Issued: 119

ELECTIONS

March 7, 2023

Registered Voters: 2,265

Annual Town Meeting Attendance: 78 Voters

Town Meeting Ballots Cast: 374

Absentee Ballots Requested: 40 Requested / 38 Returned

New Registered Voters in 2023: 132

Challenged Voters in 2023: 47

Purged Voters in 2023: 124

Transferred Voters 2023: 65

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Notes Payable	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
General Obligation debt Center Road 1-yr 2.49%	\$ 594,000.00	\$ -	\$ 594,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Note Excavator 5-yr 1.59% 12/1/2026	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 38,826.49	\$ 161,173.41	\$ 39,309.34
Equipment Note NHP/Eden Fire 5-yr 0.0% 12/1/2024	\$ 44,000.00	\$ -	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
Equipment Note NHP/Eden Fire 5-yr 0.00% 12/31/27	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
Total Notes Payable	\$ 948,000.00	\$ -	\$ 654,826.49	\$ 293,173.41	\$ 83,309.34

DELINQUENT TAXES

As of December 31, 2023

2022-2023

Bishop, Chelsea		\$206.38
Bishop, Chelsea		\$1,216.72
Chamberlain, Kim & Shuma, Stephanie L		\$2,134.86
Clegg, John E. & Marion F.	*	\$949.73
Server, Judith H.		\$550.86
TOTAL DELINQUENT		\$5,058.55

*Paid after December 31, 2023

The *Delinquent Tax Collection Policy* was jointly approved by the Selectboard and the Delinquent Tax Collector in April 2016. This policy includes offering a written payment agreement between the Delinquent Tax Collector and the delinquent taxpayer to avoid tax sales. Written payment agreements must be on file by the end of the day August 15th annually, or the first business day after. Parcels with a delinquent balance owing as of August 16th, or the first business day after, will be sent to the Tax Sale Attorney for preparation for the tax sale. Once a property is sent to the Tax Sale Attorney, the payment agreement option is no longer available.

Tax sales are normally held the first Thursday of November annually. Additional tax sales may be scheduled if payment agreements are defaulted on during the payment agreement term.

There was a tax sale held June 27, 2023, where one property was sold. Another tax sale was held on December 19, 2023, where three properties were sold. The *Report of Tax Sale* for both tax sales are recorded in the Land Records.

You can view a copy of the *Delinquent Tax Collection Policy* and the *Delinquent Property Tax Agreement* form on the town website <https://hydeparkvt.com/town-treasurer> and scroll to the bottom.

Please feel free to contact me at (802)888-2300 option 1 or by email kim@hydeparkvt.com with any tax questions.

Kimberly J. Moulton
Delinquent Tax Collector

2023 HYDE PARK LISTERS AND ASSESSOR TOWN REPORT

Common Level of Appraisal & Coefficient of Dispersion (CLA & COD)

The Town's 2023 CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) is 64.93% compared to 76.47% in 2022. The CLA is calculated using the last three years of sales data. The three-year analysis causes the CLA to move more slowly than the general market, either upward or downward. The Town's 2023 COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) is 27.47% compared to 25.05% in 2022, showing that uniformity of appraisal for different property types in the grand list is worsening. The higher the COD is, the greater the disparity. Exceeding 20% COD will result in a State Order to reappraise (Townwide Reappraisal).

Grand List

The Total Municipal Grand List for 2023 is \$2,868,362.00. The Total Municipal Grand List for 2022 was \$2,825,765.25. The Total Municipal Grand List increased by 1.015%.

Homestead Declarations

Homestead Declarations must be filed on an annual basis. The Homestead Declarations can be filed by Town Residents who own property and reside in the Town of Hyde Park as their primary residence. Town of Hyde Park residents file online from the Vermont Tax Department website at www.tax.vermont.gov. The Property Tax Adjustment Claims will also need to be filed each year, just as in the past. **The Homestead Declarations and Property Tax Adjustment Claims are due by April 15th each year** (income tax deadline), but if you miss that date, you will be able to file your claim by October 15th, with a potential penalty charged for filing late.

Short Term Rentals (Airbnb, VRBO, etc.) are considered a Rental Use of your property and must be declared on your Homestead Declaration.

- If the short-term rental is in an outbuilding, this building is not part of the homestead. Check the "Business or Rental Use of Improvements or Other Dwellings" on the Homestead Declaration form. See 32 VSA §5401 (7)(F) and 32 VSA §5401 (7) (H) for further information.
- For portions of the primary dwelling, a percentage business use is required. Add the square footage of the bedrooms and bathrooms used plus the square footage of the common areas such as the kitchen to create the breakfast, living room and dining room if it is used by guests. Divide this by the square footage of the primary dwelling and multiply this quotient by the quotient of days the short-term rental is advertised available (if it is seasonal) divided by 365 days. Put this percentage on the "Rental Use of Dwelling" line.
- Notice: It does not matter whether the rooms are filled. It goes by advertised availability time. If it is available year-round the calculation is 365/365 per year. If it is advertised available for June, July, and August the calculation is 92/365 per year. Please contact your Tax Preparer or the Vermont Department of Taxes for clarification or more information.

Online Resources

Hyde Park Town Website

Website: <https://hydeparkvt.com/>

State of Vermont Department of Taxes

Website: www.tax.vermont.gov

Property Valuation & Review Annual Reports (PVR)

Website: www.tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/reports/pvr-annual-reports

These reports provide statewide statistics broken down by county and town covering assessments, tax rates, property transfers, & adjustment claims. They also contain information on how statistics are computed.

Tax Maps

The Town Listers and Assessor are working together to update the Town Parcel Maps from 2021. CAI Technologies continues to provide our tax maps and they are now available online. They can be accessed from the town website at <https://hydeparkvt.com/>. Click on the Parcel Maps link on the home page. Paper maps are still available at the Town Office.

Property Inspections

The Town Listers and Assessor will be performing property inspections on March 28, April 4, and April 11, 2024, for the 2024 Grand List. Property inspections are performed based on the information received through Municipal Permits, Village Permits, State Wastewater Permits, Highway Access Permits, Land Use Permits, information reported to the Town Listers by Municipal Officials and Property Owners, changes noted visible via public highway, web-based imaging, and changes per Multiple Listing Service (MLS) information that is allowable according to PVR's advisement. Appointments for property inspections are not required unless an interior inspection is needed. Property owners with no trespassing signs may be contacted directly by the Listers Office through USPS or other contact information on file. Changes may be made to the property assessment per the information available and valued at highest and best use if no response is received. Please note: Property inspections are performed to obtain an accurate, defensible, and equitable Grand List for the Town of Hyde Park.

Office Hours, Contact Information & Grievances

The Hyde Park Selectboard has appointed Deanna Judkins, Leslie Rollins, and Krista Jones as the Town Listers through the 2024 Annual Town Meeting. The Town of Hyde Park has also hired Justin Mason, VPA I, as the Town Assessor through the recently established Interlocal Agreement for Assessor Services as of 2023 with the Towns of Johnson, St. George, and Berkshire. The Town Assessor reports any changes and grievances to the Town Listers for their opinion and approval prior to finalizing and adjusting the Grand List. Justin Mason is available for questions by calling the town office during the Listers Office Hours at (802) 888-2300 x4 or by email at

assessor@hydeparkvt.com. The Listers Office Hours are Thursdays 8:00am – 10:00am and by appointment. Please note: Grievance hearings are held in June for the completion of the initial Grand List as of April 1, 2024.

All those requesting a grievance must complete an Application for Grievance form (created by the state), allowing the Town Assessor and Board of Listers to ‘hear’ the grievances. Depending on the state of the Coronavirus, remote meetings may be required.

You may request a grievance hearing by contacting the Town Assessor and Listers at the Town Office for a grievance form. The formal form of grievance must be received by the deadline indicated on the Change of Appraisal Notices. Notice of Grievance Hearings will be posted at the 5 physical posting locations and advertised in the Town of Hyde Park’s selected newspaper.

Sincerely,

Deanna Judkins, Leslie Rollins, and Krista Jones, Town Listers – Available by appointment

Justin Mason, Town Assessor, VPA I - Available regular office hours

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission is comprised of the following:

Brian Jones

Bob Malbon

Richard Pearson

Chris Peel

Leslie Rollins

Valerie Valcour

Eric Williams

In 2023, the Planning Commission focused on modernizing North Hyde Park Village. The Planning Commission has explored installing sidewalks, narrowing Route 100 to reduce speeding, reducing density requirements to encourage development, making North Hyde Park a Designated Village Center, stormwater management, and development of public sewer. The Planning Commission also considered multiple North Hyde Park welcome sign designs and with community input, selected the final design to be placed on Routes 100 and 100C.

The Planning Commission continues to examine the zoning bylaws to clarify some of the existing bylaws, to enact bylaws to address new circumstances not covered by the existing bylaws, to update the table of uses, and to comply with changes in Vermont Statutes.

In addition, the Planning Commission has extensively examined the zoning bylaws and has proposed amendments thereto to encourage development of affordable housing including less restrictive requirements for accessory dwelling units.

The Planning Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00. As always, public input is welcome.

Bob Malbon, Chairman

Stephen McDonald, Planning Commissioner

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Development Review Board (DRB) meets as needed to consider applications for Conditional Use Review, Subdivision Review, Site Plan Review, Waivers, and Administrative Decision Appeals. The DRB follows rules and procedures set forth in Vermont Statutes and the Town of Hyde Park, Vermont Land Use and Development Regulations, Effective June 15, 2022.

Notices of DRB Hearings are posted on the Town of Hyde Park Website (www.hydeparkvt.com) the Town Clerk's Office, the Hyde Park Post Office Bulletin Board, and published in the News & Citizen. The following applications were approved in Calendar Year 2023:

Jones-Ferry Street-2 Lot Subdivision
Emerson-Beam Road-Amendment to Subdivision Approval
Marcoux-Battle Row-Two Lot Subdivision

In June 2023, the Town of Hyde Park hired Stephen McDonald as Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator position is now a dedicated position focused primarily on zoning issues and 911 coordination. This position also requires attention to compliance and enforcement. Most permits can be approved administratively by the Zoning Administrator, but some permits may require approval by the DRB which will take longer. Please plan your application timeline accordingly. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. He can be contacted by email at: stephen@hydeparkvt.com or by phone at: (802)-888-2300.

The Town of Hyde Park 2023 approved permits consist of the following:

8-Single Family Residences (include 1 mobile home and 2 replacement homes)
8-Additions to Existing Structures
10-Detached Structures Including Sheds, Barns, and Garages
2-Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)
2-Change of Use
2-Subdivision
8- Town Fill
10-Access Permits

Please note that the Village of Hyde Park and the Town of Hyde Park have separate zoning.

Respectfully submitted,
Malcom Teale, DRB Chair
Stephen McDonald, Zoning Administrator

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

During the 2023 road work season, the highway crew completed the following:

- Welcomed town resident Jeff Baker as the 5th full-time highway crew member!
- Completed road repairs to several roads following July 7-10 rainstorm event, with a few sites being considered for FEMA Mitigation program or USDA for resiliency improvements.
- Fixed Spring mud holes / shaped roads for chloride dust control; Mowed roadsides.
- Cleaned up winter sand left along roadways in the villages and built back the winter sand pile.
- Completed annual road grading and installed new controls for brine equipment.
- Assisted VTrans with installation of new Green Mountain Byway signs along state highways.
- Moved lots of downed trees and filled ditches with multiple excessive rainstorm events.
- Continued to plan for capital equipment replacements and advocating for more paving funds.
- Continued to work towards compliance with the new Municipal Roads General Permit, by adding crowns to paved and gravel roads, removing roadside berms to create negative grade road shoulders and improve ditching, with VTrans grant support for this work on Cricket Hill Road.

Major Projects 2023:

- Completed Centerville Road & Brook Road Culvert Replacements – FEMA Mitigation Grants.
- The “Sink Hole” Project – continues to work through right-of-way process (West Main St).
- Watched sink hole on Garfield Road at Collins Pond Road caused by July 2023 flood event which is undoing engineering for total replacement under FEMA mitigation grant program.
- Experimented with a new “flat snowplow blade” designed to reduce risk of digging into soft roads during the warmer winter conditions. March 2023 plow damage due to soft roads was over \$120,000 (insurance covered expense minus \$1,000 deductible).
- Held a “Brine Workshop” at the highway garage to discuss benefits of using brine on town roads with the state and local road crews gaining interest in the topic. Also, Road Foreman Mark French appeared on WCAX’s “Across the Fence” with UVM Extension Service to discuss brine use & its benefits (lowering town maintenance costs, salt into the environment).

Projects Planned Summer 2024:

Church Street Stormwater at Post Office – Possible construction through Lamoille County Conservation District grant.

West Main Street Sink Hole Project – Complete ROW clearance and advertised for bids Spring 2024 to replace the existing stormwater system along Johnson St Extension and stabilize ravine erosion sites on north side of West Main Street (VTrans grant EH05 MM18).

Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Improvements – Complete the design (VHB, Inc.) and prepare construction plans for new pavilion and pedestrian improvements at Depot St.

Potential Paving Locations – Centerville Road to North Hyde Park Road, North Hyde Park Road to Benson Road, Sterling View Road (possible, if no 3-acre stormwater work is needed).

Thank You! ... *to the residents for your nice words and compliments as we try our best to keep the roads cleared of snow & ice and summer traveling smooth.*



The Crew: Mark French, Foreman; Ryan Nolan, Lead Operator & Operators Michael Griggs, Jeff Baker & Jasson Wells

LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT
APPROVED FINAL BUDGET - FY2024-2025
WITH 2023 MUNICIPAL EQUALIZED GRAND LIST

1.17.24

Town	**2023** Grand List Dollars (1% value)	Percentage of Budget	Prior Year 7/01/23-6/30/24	Cost Per Town 7/01/24-6/30/25	Increase/ (Decrease)
Belvidere	\$ 544,980	0.717206%	\$ 3,887	\$ 4,420	\$ 533
Cambridge	\$ 7,055,600	9.285334%	\$ 56,349	\$ 57,218	\$ 869
Eden	\$ 1,910,310	2.514012%	\$ 14,543	\$ 15,492	\$ 949
Elmore	\$ 2,570,320	3.382601%	\$ 18,930	\$ 20,844	\$ 1,914
Hyde Park	\$ 4,415,340	5.810690%	\$ 33,181	\$ 35,807	\$ 2,626
Johnson	\$ 3,274,930	4.309884%	\$ 23,985	\$ 26,559	\$ 2,574
Morristown	\$ 10,794,120	14.205313%	\$ 84,798	\$ 87,536	\$ 2,738
Stowe	\$ 42,473,560	55.896192%	\$ 317,774	\$ 344,446	\$ 26,672
Waterville	\$ 868,830	1.143400%	\$ 7,161	\$ 7,046	\$ (115)
Wolcott	\$ 2,078,510	2.735367%	\$ 16,776	\$ 16,856	\$ 80
Totals	<u>\$ 75,986,500</u>	<u>100.000000%</u>	<u>\$ 577,384</u>	<u>\$ 616,224</u>	<u>\$ 38,840</u>
Tax Rate	0.00810965				

Lamoille County Court
Approved Final Budget FY2024-2025 with 2023 Municipal Equalized Grand List
As of 1/17/24

Approved Final Version 6.0

LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT

BUDGET

REVENUES:

LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT		7/1/22-6/30/23	7/1/23-6/30/24	7/1/24-6/30/25
		PRIOR YEAR	CURRENT	PROPOSED
BUDGET				
REVENUES:	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Municipal Assessments:				
Belvidere	3,546	3,546	3,887	4,420
Cambridge	55,753	55,753	56,349	57,218
Eden	13,772	13,772	14,543	15,492
Elmore	18,897	18,897	18,930	20,844
Hyde Park	31,803	31,803	33,181	35,807
Johnson	23,700	23,700	23,985	26,559
Morristown	75,269	75,269	84,798	87,536
Stowe	286,106	286,106	317,774	344,446
Waterville	6,379	6,379	7,161	7,046
Wolcott	16,762	16,762	16,776	16,856
Total Municipal Assessments:	531,987	531,987	577,384	616,224

Other Income:

Small Claims Court	4,850	8,000	8,000	6,000
Interest Income	1,257	1,000	3,000	5,500
Probate Fees	3,360	3,000	3,000	3,500
Miscellaneous	167	0	0	0
State of VT Co-Share Building	113,258	105,551	117,503	110,352
Reserve Funds Applied	39,061	39,061	0	30,000
Surplus Applied	16,092	16,092	22,287	23,001
Total Other Income:	178,045	172,704	153,790	178,353

TOTAL REVENUES:	710,032	704,691	731,174	794,577
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EXPENDITURES:

COURT	461,311	460,913	472,644	504,577
PROBATE	0	3,000	2,000	2,000
SHERIFF'S DEPT.	225,720	240,778	256,530	288,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	687,031	704,691	731,174	794,577
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NET REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	23,001	0	0	0
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Lamoille County Court
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As of 1/17/24

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**LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT
BUDGET**

**7/1/22-6/30/23
PRIOR YEAR**

**7/1/23-6/30/24
CURRENT**

**7/1/24-6/30/25
PROPOSED**

EXPENDITURES:

Actual

Budget

Budget

Budget

Personnel:

Maintenance	58,103	52,900	60,500	62,320
County Clerk	18,791	17,200	19,000	19,600
Asst. Judges	45,355	45,180	49,700	51,200
Asst. Judges - Bench Time	13,127	20,000	22,000	22,700
Soc/Sec and Medicare - Employer	10,948	11,328	12,676	12,935
Health & Dental Insurance	55,301	54,800	54,300	66,000
Retirement - Employer Share	5,443	2,555	3,193	3,272
Workers' Comp.	2,516	2,000	2,000	2,000
VT Dept. of Labor (SUTA)	130	250	250	250
Total Personnel:	209,714	206,213	223,619	240,277

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Auditor	6,500	6,500	0	8,000
Legal Fees	15,359	35,000	2,000	2,000
Reimbursement from State/Partners	(5,774)	(14,000)	0	0
Treasurer	7,515	6,200	7,000	8,000
Total Professional Services:	23,600	33,700	9,000	18,000

BUILDING EXPENSES:

Building Improvements	258	2,000	15,100	10,000
Contract Services	38,918	42,000	42,000	42,000
Electric	26,485	24,000	26,000	27,000
Heating Fuel	11,076	13,000	17,000	17,000
Water/Sewer	36,701	33,500	23,000	23,000
Water/Sewer HP Legal Fees	6,188	0	4,125	0
Repairs - Building/Equipment	13,695	10,000	10,000	12,000
Repairs - Cooling/Heating Plant	18,302	12,000	12,000	20,000
Repairs - Elevator	3,791	5,000	5,000	5,000
Custodial Supplies	3,146	4,000	4,000	4,000
Trash	4,674	4,000	4,800	4,800
Repairs - Grounds	6,942	6,500	7,000	7,000
Precautionary Expenses (Covid-19)	0	0	0	0
Total Building Expenses:	170,176	156,000	170,025	171,800

TRAINING, EDUCATION, & OTHER:

Education/Training	206	2,000	2,500	1,000
Travel/Meals	113	2,000	500	500
Total Training & Education:	319	4,000	3,000	1,500

DUES/MEMBERSHIP

Judges' Assoc.	1,334	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total Dues/Membership:	1,334	1,500	1,500	1,500

SUPPLIES:

Office Supplies	2,959	2,500	2,500	3,000
Kitchen/Jury Supplies	1,963	4,000	4,000	2,500
Equipment/Furnishings	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Supplies:	4,922	8,500	8,500	7,500

Lamoille County Court
Approved Final Budget FY2024-2025 with 2023 Municipal Equalized Grand List
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LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT BUDGET	7/1/22-6/30/23 PRIOR YEAR	7/1/23-6/30/24 CURRENT	7/1/24-6/30/25 PROPOSED	
EXPENDITURES (continued):	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
INSURANCE:				
Property /Liability	32,372			
Umbrella	5,730			
General Liability	2,520			
Public Officials Liability	8,182			
Bonds	854			
Total Insurance:	49,658	48,000	55,000	62,000
COMMUNICATIONS:				
Legal Notices	841	500	500	500
Postage	346	500	500	500
Telephone	0	1,000	0	0
Total Communications:	1,187	2,000	1,000	1,000
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Miscellaneous	401	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Miscellaneous:	401	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL COUNTY COURT				
	461,311	460,913	472,644	504,577

LAMOILLE COUNTY - PROBATE BUDGET	7/1/22-6/30/23 PRIOR YEAR	7/1/23-6/30/24 CURRENT	7/1/24-6/30/25 PROPOSED
EXPENDITURES:	Actual	Budget	Budget
Office Supplies	0	1,000	500
Equipment	0	1,000	1,000
Telephone	0	500	0
Education/Training	0	500	500
TOTAL PROBATE	0	3,000	2,000
TOTAL COUNTY & PROBATE COURTS	461,311	463,913	474,644

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LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT BUDGET	7/1/22-6/30/23 PRIOR YEAR	7/1/23-6/30/24 CURRENT	7/1/24-6/30/25 PROPOSED
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EXPENDITURES:	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
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PERSONNEL:

Secretary/Bookkeeper (contract)	123,728	123,728	133,855	147,450
Total Personnel:	123,728	123,728	133,855	147,450

ADMINISTRATIVE/OPERATIONS:

Office Equipment	346	1,500	1,500	1,500
Telephone	262	550	550	550
Total Administrative/Operations:	608	2,050	2,050	2,050

TRAINING, EDUCATION, & OTHER:

Ammunition	5,000	5,000	5,500	6,000
Education/Training	2,931	10,000	10,000	10,000
Sheriff's Uniform	2,154	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Training & Education:	10,085	16,000	16,500	17,000

INSURANCE:

Property	5,341			
Liability	1,680			
Police Professional	19,485			
Public Official	954			
Bonds	284			
Total Insurance:	27,744	28,000	31,000	35,000

BUILDING EXPENSES:

Building Repairs & Improvements	4,956	10,000	17,000	10,000
LCSD Building Special Project				25,000
Alarm Monitoring Courthouse	0	300	300	300
Cleaning	12,407	14,100	14,100	14,100
Supplies Custodial	542	1,600	1,600	1,600
Electricity	6,373	7,000	7,000	7,500
Heating & Fuel	3,691	5,000	5,000	5,000
Water & Sewer	28,953	29,000	20,000	20,000
Water/Sewer HP Legal Fees	6,188	0	4,125	0
Heating Plant	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Generator Maintenance	445	2,500	2,500	1,500
Precautionary Expenses (Covid-19)	0	0	0	0
Total Repairs & Maintenance:	63,555	71,000	73,125	86,500

TOTAL SHERIFF'S EXPENSES:	225,720	240,778	256,530	288,000
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**Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
2023 Annual Report**

The Lamoille County Communication's Center received 18,791 E911 calls this past year. We dispatched 36,824 fire, EMS and police calls, which are itemized as follows:

Fire Agency	Total Calls	Ambulance Agency	Total Calls	Police Agency	Total Calls
Barre Town	237	Barre Town	4376	Barre Town	6209
Cambridge	213	Cambridge	467	Hardwick PD	2513
Elmore	43	Hardwick	836	LCSD	7687
Greensboro	35	Morristown	845	Morristown PD*	4981
Hardwick	107	NEMS	1687	Stowe PD	4461
Hyde Park	81	Stowe	764		
Johnson	139				
Morrisville	257	Stowe Mountain	54		
North Hyde Park/Eden	64	Rescue			
Stowe	468				
Wolcott	50				
Total	1644	Total	9329	Total	25851

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

During calendar year 2023, the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department continued to see a substantial number of motor vehicle related complaints in every community that we provide police services to. The Department continues to utilize a strategic approach to reduce these quality of life complaints with stepped up motor vehicle enforcement, motor vehicle related arrests and sheriff's department presence.

Property crimes, thefts and vandalisms committed by prolific, repeat or habitual offenders have increased the same way that they have in our neighboring communities, the State of Vermont and the entire United States.

Reoffending rates have skyrocketed in our region and the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department spends a substantial amount of resources and time arresting, processing and conducting investigations related to a small, but persistent number of offenders who have re-victimized our citizens and businesses over and over again.

Many of these reoffenders have serious underlying drug habits and addictions and their crimes revolve around supporting their addiction. This has led to increasing levels of violent, out-of-state drug dealers visiting our communities and plying their trade in our otherwise peaceful, rural communities.

Nature of Call	Johnson	Hyde Park	Wolcott
Traffic Accident	68	78	38
Burglary	15	1	1
Citizen Dispute/ Family Fight/ Domestic	73	37	23
DUI/ DLS	22	21	11
Motor Vehicle Complaint	510	562	224
Noise Disturbance	13	7	2
Sex Offense, Inc., Investigations	23	9	5
Drug Investigations	10	12	2
Theft	29	15	14
Traffic Tickets	124	95	43
	Fine Amount \$23,691	Fine Amount \$18,367	Fine Amount \$8,265

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

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
Communications Budget
July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

	Budget 19-20	Budget 20-21	Budget 21-22	Budget 22-23	Budget 23-24	Budget 24-25	Percentage Increase	
COMMUNICATIONS SALARY	\$ 811,711	\$ 761,732	\$ 727,797	\$ 727,255	\$ 788,467	\$ 698,066		
OVERTIME - regular schedule						\$ 70,000		
OVERTIME - additional hours						\$ 20,000		
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE	\$ 60,183	\$ 56,360	\$ 55,679	\$ 56,644	\$ 58,405	\$ 58,364	-0.07%	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	0.00%	
HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE	\$ 131,757	\$ 135,487	\$ 123,520	\$ 136,847	\$ 164,678	\$ 174,698	6.08%	
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	0.00%	
RETIREMENT	\$ 82,132	\$ 76,753	\$ 85,161	\$ 121,637	\$ 125,826	\$ 129,233	2.71%	
EQUIPMENT	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	0.00%	
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 650	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	0.00%	
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	\$ 4,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	0.00%	
INSURANCE	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	0.00%	
UNIFORMS	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	0.00%	
ELECTRICITY & SEWER	\$ 10,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	20.00%	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 8,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500	\$ 5,000	-71.43%	
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,400	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	0.00%	
TRAINING/EDUCATION	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	0.00%	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 25,500	\$ 35,000	\$ 25,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	0.00%	
TELEPHONE	\$ 6,550	\$ 12,300	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,700	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	8.33%	
VEHICLES-SERVICES & SUPPLIES	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,800	\$ -	\$ -		
MANDATORY E-911 TRAINING	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	0.00%	
VIBRS SYSTEM CHARGE	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,250	\$ 9,250	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ -		
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -		
TOWER RENTAL	\$ 29,600	\$ 29,600	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	0.00%	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,600	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,000	-33.33%	
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	\$ 21,999	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	0.00%	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 1,252,232	\$ 1,230,182	\$ 1,172,557	\$ 1,212,783	\$ 1,302,176	\$ 1,302,661	0.04%	
911 Revenue	\$ -							
Town of Barre Revenue						\$ 76,301		
						\$ 270,798		
Barre & 911 Combined (previous)	\$ 331,195	\$ 338,841	\$ 338,841	\$ 344,911	\$ 373,191			
TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET	\$ 921,037	\$ 891,341	\$ 833,716	\$ 867,872	\$ 928,985	\$ 955,562	2.86%	

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
Patrol Budget
July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

	Budget 21-22	Budget 22-23	Budget 23-24	Budget 24-25	Percentage Increase	Assessment Increase
OPERATING BUDGET						
SALARIES	\$ 771,252	\$ 810,117	\$ 793,123	\$ 745,027		
OVERTIME				\$ 60,860		
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE	\$ 59,000	\$ 61,974	\$ 60,177	\$ 61,650	2.45%	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 4,600	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,900	\$ 5,000	-15.25%	
HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT	\$ 151,432	\$ 149,820	\$ 135,968	\$ 152,789	12.37%	
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$ 55,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 55,000	-8.33%	
RETIREMENT	\$ 90,552	\$ 137,498	\$ 123,862	\$ 128,618	3.84%	
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 5,300	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.00%	
UNIFORMS	\$ 8,500	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000	20.00%	
TRAINING/EDUCATION	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.00%	
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	50.00%	
INSURANCE - LIABILITY / UMBRELLA/AUTO	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	\$ 5,000	\$ 32,000		
AUTO	\$ 18,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000			
GAS EXPENSE	\$ 31,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	0.00%	
PATROL EQUIPMENT	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	0.00%	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.00%	
TELEPHONE/DATA LINE	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 13,000	100.00%	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 8,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	-50.00%	
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	0.00%	
GPS MONITORING	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900	0.00%	
CANINE		\$ -	\$ 6,500	\$ -		
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,284,836	\$ 1,377,959	\$ 1,347,130	\$ 1,386,044	2.89%	
CAPITAL BUDGET						
CRUISER	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	0.00%	
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	0.00%	
TOTAL BUDGET: FY 24-25	\$ 1,324,836	\$ 1,427,959	\$ 1,397,130	\$ 1,436,044	2.79%	

COP'S GRANT (IF WE CAN FILL THE POSITIOI	\$ 93,750	\$ 93,750	\$ 46,485	\$ 19,390		
CREDIT FOR LARAWAY SCHOOL	\$ 12,360	\$ 12,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500		
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT	\$ 20,600	\$ 22,600	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000		
CREDIT FOR ELMORE PATROL	\$ 16,458	\$ 16,952	\$ 17,460	\$ 17,984		
ASSESSMENT - HYDE PARK	\$ 433,242	\$ 446,239	\$ 468,551	\$ 482,608	3.000%	
ASSESSMENT - JOHNSON	\$ 496,214	\$ 511,100	\$ 536,655	\$ 552,755	3.000%	
ASSESSMENT - WOLCOTT	\$ 238,931	\$ 246,099	\$ 258,403	\$ 266,155	3.000%	
CONTRIBUTION FROM LCSD	\$ 13,281	\$ 78,719	\$ 36,076	\$ 63,652		
ADJUSTED TOTAL	\$ 1,324,836	\$ 1,427,959	\$ 1,397,130	\$ 1,436,044		

HYDE PARK TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT
212 Centerville Road

For the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, the Hyde Park Town Fire Department responded to 78 calls for service as compared to 96 calls the prior year. The calls were as follows:

Structure Fires	4	Automatic Alarms	19
Wild Land Fires	4	Hazardous Materials	2
Vehicle Fires	1	Motor Vehicle Accident	23
Other Types	4	Mutual Aid	13
Medical Assistance	5	CO Alarms	3

The members of the department would like to thank the taxpayers for approving the purchase of a new fire engine. The new truck has been on order, and we are expecting it late fall.

Remember that properly installed smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms save lives. Please remember to check the dates on your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms and replace them according to the manufacturer's specifications. Many of the false alarms we respond to are a result of an outdated detector. Also, remember to change your detector's batteries. This is another cause of false alarms that we respond to. If your alarm goes off, call 911 to report it immediately and exit the building until the fire department arrives. Carbon Monoxide is a very poisonous, odorless, colorless gas which kills.

Like all departments in the area, we are experiencing a shortage of membership, and we continue to look for new members. If you are interested in protecting our community, please contact any officer or member for more information about joining.

The department members would like to thank the taxpayers of the community for your continued support of the department.

Stay safe,
Chief Ryan Nolan

HYDE PARK FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Please contact Forest Fire Warden, Ryan Nolan at (802)279-6955 Monday through Friday, 4pm to 8pm, for your Burn Permits. You will also need to contact the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department at (802)888-3502 to report your burn.

HYDE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

NAME:	RANK:	YEARS OF SERVICE:
Audet, Zachery	Firefighter	8
Burnor, Dan J. Jr.	Lieutenant	13
Bouchard, Jared	Sr. Firefighter *	9
Byrne, Mailin	Jr. Firefighter	3
Carriere, Alex H.	Lieutenant	9
Carriere, Brad E.	Sr. Firefighter *	29
Contois, Connor	Firefighter	1
Cook, George L.	Safety Officer	47
Hill, Robert W.	Sr. Firefighter *	6
Jones, Chris D.	Engine Lieutenant	9
Lamos, Allen	Chaplain Firefighter *	3
Lashomb, Tanika L.	Firefighter	5
Mayhew, Chris A.	Sr. Firefighter	36
Nolan, Ryan D.	Chief Engineer *	32
Powers, Dylan S.	Sr. Firefighter	6
Wetherell, Kaleb M.	Captain *	10

Honorary Members:

Gray, Lynwood "Cookie"	Retired Chief	43
Audet, Kevin R.	Retired Assistant Chief	30
Green, Roy "Mike"	Retired Captain	20
Webster, Edwin W. JR.	Retired Captain	15
Larock, Jeremy W.	Retired Lieutenant	20
Boivin, Roland A.	Retired Engineer	33
Bapp, Quint L.	Retired Firefighter	33
Boivin, David J.	Retired Firefighter	23
Burnor Dan J. SR.	Retired Firefighter	12
Reeve, Wallace	Retired Firefighter	9
Webster Edwin SR.	Retired Chief	48
Rohleder, John	Retired Lieutenant	17

HYDE PARK FAST SQUAD

Did you ever wonder what FAST Squad stands for? It's the First Aid Stabilization Team.

The Hyde Park FAST Squad has been in service for many years and consists of volunteer members. Previously, we operated under the Hyde Park Town Fire Department. In 2009, the Hyde Park Selectboard created a stand-alone "Hyde Park FAST Squad" to complete the same duties outside of the fire department structure.

The FAST Squad includes Emergency Medical Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians. Our service is licensed with the State of Vermont as a Basic Level Service.

Members are expected to participate in trainings and business meetings held each month.

We encourage anyone who might be interested in joining the FAST Squad to email Brad Carriere at hpfsms1@yahoo.com or call him at (802)730-6770.

We, the members, are asking for \$4,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Our service is dispatched with Northern EMS on all medical calls, motor vehicle accidents, and CO alarms, along with the Hyde Park Town Fire Department and the North Hyde Park Eden Fire Department for all calls within the Town of Hyde Park.

We are always looking for new members to join the Fast Squad. The Fast Squad meets the first four Thursdays of the month at 7:00PM at the Hyde Park Town Fire Department.

Hyde Park Fast Squad Members

Chief Brad Carriere	NREMT	26 Years of service
ASST. Chief George Cook	EMT	26 Years of service
Dorothy Cook	EMT	26 Years of service
Michael Riddle	NREMT	4 Years of service
Desitea Barrows		6 months of service
Jeason Greaves		New Member

Hyde Park Fast Squad Proposed Budget for 7/1/24- 6/30/25

Administration	\$500.00
Training	\$500.00
Supplies	\$500.00
Radio Maintenance	\$1,000.00
Payroll	\$1,500.00
Total	\$4,000.00

NORTH HYDE PARK/EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The North Hyde Park Eden Fire Department responded to 64 calls in 2023.

	Hyde Park	Eden
Fire / CO alarm	22	6
Lift Assist	0	2
Car Accident	2	6
Chimney Fire	0	0
Structure Fires	5	4
Brush Fire	2	1
Vehicle Fire	0	1
Good Intent	1	2
Hazmat Situation	0	3
ATV accident	0	1
Lost or injured hiker	0	1
Mutual Aid to the County	5	



Much appreciation to John Savage for his years as NHPEFD Chief. John stepped out of the Chief position but will continue to serve the department as Safety Officer. The North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department would like to thank the selectboards, taxpayers, highway departments, and wrecker services for their ongoing support. The department received the new utility truck in October and is looking forward to the arrival of the new Engine 2. The new engine and utility truck will be an asset to getting around in some of the elements and hard to reach areas of our towns. NHPEFD would like to

thank the towns for initially approving the purchase of seven new air packs. We are fortunate that the Town of Eden applied for and received a grant that covered the complete cost of \$65,744.00 of the equipment. The Town of Hyde Park has given us approval on a bathroom renovation, which will allow us to install a shower in the event the station is used for an emergency shelter, such as when we hosted the Swift Water Rescue Team 1 from Virginia during the July 2023 flooding. It will also offer members the option to shower before returning home after a fire call, reducing the transference of carcinogens. The department is anticipating approval on the replacement of our hydraulic rescue tools and is applying for a grant toward that purchase as well as an upgrade of our current radio system. Upgraded radio equipment will assist the Department in gaining improved emergency response communications. The department is always looking for new members. We meet on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully Submitted

Chief Brent Lanpher

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Position/ *FF1 Certified</u>
Brent Lanpher	32	Chief*
Marvin Whitcomb	23	Assistant Chief/Treas*
Scott Audet	34	Captain*
Vacant at this time	00	Captain
Ethan Griggs	12	Lieutenant*
Dakota Aither	6	Lieutenant
John Savage	42	Safety Officer*
Quint Bapp	25	Firefighter*
Justin Gillen	13	Firefighter*
Matthew Hill	6	Firefighter
Zack Degree	6	Firefighter
Ben Collier	6	Firefighter*
Jakob Boyer	6	Firefighter*
Mariah Ingalls	6	Firefighter
Rebecca Ferland	4	Firefighter
Kelley Wells	3	Firefighter/Secretary
Donald Audet	2	Firefighter
Thorin Bingham	2	Firefighter
Matt Hill	1	Firefighter
Steven Lockwood	1	Firefighter
Stewart Guyette	1	Firefighter
Andrew Race	1	Chaplain
Jarren Edwards	2	JR firefighter

Honorary Members

FF	Robert Parsons
Captain	Delano Heath
FF	Dennis Heath
FF	Paul Dumas
Asst. Chief	Gary Lanpher
FF	Brian Jones
FF	Wade Larose
Chief	Dexter Stewart
Captain	Larry Draper
Chief	Marvin Locke
FF	Gary Larose
LT	Kevin Jones
FF	Rodney Burns
FF	Gary Wright
FF	Roger Audet
Chief	Eric Aither



Virginia Swift Water Rescue Team 1



Photo by Jim Topham www.firenews.org
2019 HME Freightliner M2-112 1500



1997 body built by Phil Ward (Past Chief) 2008 International cab and Chassis

NORTH HYDE PARK/EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

	Actual Jul 22 - Jun 23	Budget Jul 22 - Jun 23	Current Jul 23 - Jun 24	Proposed Jul 24 - Jun 25
INCOME				
Operation Income-Eden	\$38,625.00	\$38,625.00	\$39,525.00	\$42,225.00
Operation Income-Hyde Park	\$38,625.00	\$38,625.00	\$39,525.00	\$42,225.00
Apparatus/Fuel Tax credit	\$14.55			
Insurance Rebate	\$271.00			
Miscellaneous Income	\$315.30			
Sale of 2005 International(E2)	\$130,000.00			

TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$207,850.85</u>	<u>\$77,250.00</u>	<u>\$79,050.00</u>
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EXPENSES

sale of 2005 International(E2)	\$130,000.00
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Administration	\$180.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Air Packs	\$1,383.48	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Apparatus Fuel	\$2,337.15	\$1,900.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Building Maintenance	\$208.10	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Capital Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chemicals	\$792.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Employee Medical Expenses	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues	\$631.88	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Electricity	\$1,814.40	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Equipment	\$992.66	\$1,500.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,609.07	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00
Fire Gear	\$11,922.81	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$13,000.00
Fire Prevention	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Fire Station Supplies	\$213.71	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
Firefighting Supplies	\$551.74	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Food	\$816.16	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Generator	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Heating Fuel	\$4,758.22	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
Hose/Ladder Testing	\$2,356.20	\$2,200.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Insurance	\$14,054.00	\$19,800.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$1,188.22	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Professional Fees	\$1,415.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Pump Testing	\$230.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
Radio/Pagers/Active911	\$2,397.35	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Salaries	\$10,872.46	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Snow Plowing/Removal	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Telephone	\$2,850.39	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,600.00
Training	\$440.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Transfer To Money Market	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Truck Maintenance	\$9,787.73	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$210,757.73</u>	<u>\$77,250.00</u>	<u>\$79,050.00</u>	<u>\$84,450.00</u>

Income 2021/2022	<u>-\$2,906.88</u>
Beginning Balance (7-1-22)	\$3,932.15
Ending Balance (6-30-23)	\$1,025.27
Balance Money Market (6-30-23)	\$19,686.11

BACKYARD BURNING RULES

PROHIBITED

- Garbage
- Tires
- Rubber
- Plastic
- Waste Oil
- Asphalt Materials
- Asbestos
- Pressure-treated Wood
- Plywood

WHY NOT BURN?

Burning trash and debris is illegal and releases many harmful pollutants including:

Dioxin – causes cancer, birth defects, and enters the food chain.

HCB – Persistent toxin that enters the food chain and is a probable carcinogen.

Formaldehyde – causes burning in eyes and throat, nausea, and difficult breathing.

Hydrogen Chloride Gas – causes fluid buildup in the lungs and possible ulceration of the respiratory tract.

Particulates – causes respiratory infection.

Carbon Monoxide – Prevents oxygen from being absorbed by the heart and lungs.

OKAY

- Natural Wood– timber, logs, boles, trunks, branches, limbs, stumps, untreated lumber
- Clean Wood Pallets
- Leaves
- Brush



QUESTIONS?

Please call your local fire warden prior to burning for a permit. Feel free to contact the Vermont DEC Air Quality and Climate Division at (802) 828-1288 with any questions or concerns.

Recycle, Reuse, Respect

NORTHERN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Our NEMS location in Johnson is one of our four locations in Northern Vermont. Besides our corporate headquarters in Newport, we also have stations in Morgan and Troy, which opened in April of 2023. In total, we provide 24/7 ambulance service for sixteen towns and five unincorporated grants and gores. Geographically, we are one of the largest ambulance services in the State of Vermont responsible for covering 786 square miles. Our crews, numbering over 60 people, using our ten fully stocked and prepared ambulances and one paramedic first response vehicle, responded to a total of 5,300 calls in 2023.

Our crews in Johnson, which also covers the towns of Belvidere, Eden, Hyde Park, and Waterville, responded to a total of 1,746 calls in 2023. Of these, 921 were emergency calls, 748 were transports and 77 were mutual aid calls. We responded to 290 emergency calls in Hyde Park and provided transport services for 63 Hyde Park residents between Copley Hospital and other facilities.

In 2023, we asked for funding to add a second crew for three of our seven evening shifts. In 2024, we are asking for additional funding for a second crew for the remaining evening shifts. This second crew will ensure that we can offer quicker response times in the evenings for emergency services, reduce the need for mutual aid and provide emergency transports between Copley and other facilities.

We are very pleased to announce that we recently received a \$140,000 education grant from the State of Vermont. This funding will allow us to assist our employees in furthering their education to increase their levels of certification. Six of our employees have begun the process of obtaining their paramedic level certification. Three of these employees are from our NEMS facility in Johnson. This two-year program ensures we will be able to provide high level emergency response services for years to come.

We, at Newport Ambulance Service, thank you for your support and we look forward to continuing to support all of you and your communities.

Respectively,
Jeffrey J. Johansen
Executive Director

NORTHERN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUDGET

	2022	2023	2024
Income			
4000 · Town Appropriations	\$364,377.00	\$375,219.00	\$393,685.00
4006 Interest Income	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$250.00
4005 · Donations	\$1,000.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
4007 Covid Testing	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
4009 · Service Ambulance Runs	\$810,000.00	\$989,632.00	\$1,178,431.00
4012 · Intercept Income	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
4018 . Ambulance Coverage Time	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Total Income	\$1,209,877.00	\$1,389,776.00	\$1,576,766.00
Expense			
5000 · Billing Services Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5000.01 · Collection Fees	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$250.00
5001 · Administration Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5001.01 ·02.03.04.17 Payroll	\$43,524.00	\$51,480.00	\$51,000.00
5001.05 Nas 11 R&M	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$680.00
5001.6 Nas 11 Fuel	\$546.00	\$500.00	\$510.00
5001.08 · CPA	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$680.00
5001.10 · Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$68.00
5001.11 · Telephone	\$1,775.00	\$1,775.00	\$1,714.00
5001.12 · Cell Phones	\$1,497.00	\$1,497.00	\$1,306.00
5001.13 · Dues	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$170.00
5001.14 · Health Insurance	\$2,354.00	\$2,354.00	\$4,144.00
5001.15 · Pension	\$4,520.00	\$4,520.00	\$4,522.00
5001.17 Board of Directors	\$8,190.00	\$8,190.00	\$7,140.00
5001.20 Software Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$585.00	\$796.00
5006 · Rubbish Removal Expense	\$1,100.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,680.00
5007 · Diesel Fuel/Gas Expense	\$28,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$42,000.00
5008.01 · Insurance Package	\$14,985.00	\$16,500.00	\$18,020.00
5008.03 · Health Insurance Exp	\$54,324.00	\$84,000.00	\$83,120.00
5008.05 · Workers Comp. Ins Exp	\$60,675.00	\$60,675.00	\$56,780.00
5009 · Bank Charges/ Fees Exp.	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
5010 · Interest Expense	\$11,870.00	\$4,374.00	\$15,468.00
5011 · Staff & Squad Training	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
5012 · Payroll Expenses	\$803,070.00	\$912,053.00	\$994,000.00
Special Pay	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5013 · Postage/Delivery Expense	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
5016.01 · Meals Expense	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
5016.02 · Travel Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
5017.01 TPA	\$1,053.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,530.00
5017 · Pension Plan Expense	\$31,500.00	\$31,500.00	\$33,780.00
5018.06 · NEMS #1 R&M	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00
5018.07 · NEMS #2 R&M	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00
5018.08 · NEMS #3 R&M	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00
5018.14 · Service Agreements/Equipment PMI	\$1,000.00	\$5,209.00	\$3,752.00

5018.10 · Misc. Ambulance R&M	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$900.00
5023 Grounds	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
5019 · Building R&M Expense	\$6,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
5020 · IT Support	\$0.00	\$2,340.00	\$2,040.00
5021.01 · Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$500.00
5021.03 · Med. Supplies/Equip.	\$12,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$25,000.00
5021.04 · General Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00
5021.05 · Equipment Batteries	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
5024 · Oxygen Expense	\$2,500.00	\$2,800.00	\$3,000.00
5025 · Employee Recognition	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
5027 · Paging Expense	\$1,015.00	\$1,015.00	\$1,000.00
5028.03 · Internet Service	\$1,620.00	\$1,620.00	\$2,104.00
5029 · Electricity Expense	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$4,000.00
5030 · Heating Expense	\$3,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00
5032 · Comp Exp Non-Capitalized	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
5033 Furniture Non-Capitalized	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
5034 · Radio Exp Non-Capitalized	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
5040 · Squad Uniforms	\$1,400.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
5041. Equipment Repairs	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
5043 · Public Relations	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
5044 Time Clock	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$748.00
5045 · Equipment Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
5046 · Ambulance Replacement	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$13,500.00
5049 Property Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,803.00
5047 Billing Contract	\$22,558.00	\$22,558.00	\$22,558.00
5053 GPS Units	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,183.00
Mortgage 2026	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEMS 3 2018	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEMS 1	\$13,491.00	\$17,763.00	\$0.00
NEMS 2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Zoll Lease	\$4,060.00	\$5,414.00	\$0.00
Provider Tax	\$23,810.00	\$25,564.00	\$32,941.00
Trucks / Equipment Loans	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,729.00
Total Expense	\$1,209,877.00	\$1,389,776.00	\$1,576,766.00
 Income	 \$1,209,877.00	 \$1,389,776.00	 \$1,576,766.00
Expense	\$1,209,877.00	\$1,389,776.00	\$1,576,766.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

This is a non-audited report.

VERMONT E911

The 911 system was designed to improve response time for emergency services. A properly numbered and signed address could quite possibly save your life or the life of a loved one.

Proper signage assists our local responders and especially mutual aid responders coming from neighboring towns. House numbers must be visible as you approach your driveway. Statistics show that even a few seconds saved not “searching” for a house number can significantly improve the outcome during a significant medical emergency. It is also a fact that fire doubles in size every minute given the right conditions. This means finding the correct address PROMPTLY can help us prevent a trash fire from turning into a room and contents fire.

Signage Requirements:

All numbers must be placed at the beginning of your driveway, must be visible, not be covered by snow, trees or bushes, be at least 4 INCHES in height and be reflective. First Responders do appreciate visible numbers as they approach your driveway.

The recommended color is white reflective numbers on a reflective green background. As nice as they look, brass numbers on a white background are not easy to locate, even during the daytime. Signs at least 42” from the ground will be visible in most winter conditions. If your sign does not face the road, it is important to post a double-sided sign so that responders can see the number as they are approaching your home from either direction. All new construction will be required to comply with the signage as part of the permitting process.

It is important to know that although the 911 address is used by the Post Office and other delivery companies, it is calculated solely for the purpose of efficient response by emergency responders. No “designer” numbers or change in numbering to avoid delivery confusion will be granted.

If you have questions about your 911 number, please contact the town offices at 888-2300 or stephen@hydeparkvt.com.



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Ally Judkins (802)730-2292 *Emergency calls direct to 911*

Please welcome Ally Judkins as our Lead ACO for Hyde Park. At the end of March, 2023 Ally was appointed as Assistant ACO under Keith Ulrich. Since then, Keith has resigned as the lead ACO. We thank Keith for his dedication and work as the ACO and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

The Animal Control Officer provides domestic animal control services to the community and provides fair and impartial enforcement of animal-related laws. The goal is to promote a safer community through responsible animal ownership and humane care. The Animal Control Officer responds to citizen requests for the following: loose animals, barking or dangerous dogs, injured animals, and other requests for service. The Animal Control Officer is also available to provide advice on dog behavior and other education regarding dogs.

Dog Licensing is a **VERMONT STATE LAW** - During the 2023 license year, the Town of Hyde Park issued 358 dog licenses. In 2022, there were 438 licensed dogs.

Animal Control Ordinance

In 2018, the Town of Hyde Park adopted an Animal Control Ordinance that prohibits **Running at Large** which means to move about without restraint, control or limitation as to property lines or areas. It also prohibits **Public Nuisance** caused by animals or dog owners, which means any conduct which endangers life, health or property or not immediately removing fecal material when off property and not disposing of it in a sanitary manner. Please see the town website, hydeparkvt.com, for the full animal control ordinance.

Violations are subject to penalties as follows:

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| • First Offense | \$25.00 |
| • Second Offense | \$75.00 |
| • Third Offense | \$100.00 |
| • Fourth Offense | \$150.00 |
| • Fifth / Subsequent Offenses | \$200.00 |

Reminder – *Hyde Park has a leash law. All dogs must be on a leash or under voice control when off the property of the owner. Any barking whining, calling or howling for a continuous period of 20 minutes or more is also prohibited.*

Animal Cruelty: Information and reporting can be made to Chittenden County Humane Society <https://www.chittendenumane.org/Report-Animal-Cruelty>

Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office annually starting the first business day of January. **All dogs or wolf-hybrids six months of age and older must be licensed annually on or before April 1st.** Before obtaining a dog license, a copy of a **current** rabies vaccination certificate and a spay/neuter certificate, if applicable, must be presented to the Town Clerk.

Please mail or drop off your check with the appropriate fee or stop in the office to obtain your license. Again, bring a copy of your updated rabies certificate if your dog received a vaccination within the past year.

The tag must be worn by your dog. It helps the town locate a lost dog's owner quicker and lets people know the dog has been vaccinated from rabies,

Effective July 1, 2015, dog license fees and surcharges are as follows:

**Dogs or Wolf Hybrids
(NOT Neutered or Spayed)**

\$ 8.00 License Fee
\$ 2.00 Town Surcharge
\$ 5.00 State Surcharge
\$15.00 Total

(After April 1, 2024, \$19.00)

**Dogs or Wolf Hybrids
(Neutered or Spayed)**

\$ 4.00 License Fee
\$ 2.00 Town Surcharge
\$ 5.00 State Surcharge
\$11.00 Total

(After April 1, 2024, \$13.00)

There will be a rabies clinic hosted by the Stowe Veterinary Clinic and will be located at the Hyde Park Municipal Building lower-level parking lot on March 23, 2024, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. The Town Clerk will be available in the office on March 23, 2024, from 11:00am to 1:00pm to license dogs. If you can't make the Hyde Park Rabies Clinic, there are others across the state or call your nearest Tractor Supply Store for their monthly rabies clinic schedule.

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VVSA). Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, resources are limited by the number of dogs licensed as required by law by 6 months of age. The first vaccination can be given at 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a vet office, Community Animal Aid (free to those on public assistance: 734-0259 at the E. Barre Fire Station) & Tractor Supply host monthly clinics. After vaccinating, contact your Town Clerk to license your dog. By statute, unlicensed dogs can be seized. Rabies is in Vermont, and it is deadly.

For an Application for VSNIP send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if it is for a cat, dog, or both. To print out, go to: [VSNIP.Vermont.Gov](https://www.vsnip.vermont.gov). VSNIP helps income challenged Vermonters with neutering and vaccinations. If approved, you'll receive a voucher and instructions. If not, a list of low-cost resources will be sent. Several humane societies host spay/neuter clinics open to the public. Your cost for a VSNIP surgery is \$27.00, if without complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with their \$4.00 fee collected at licensing. **Veterinarians and their staff are the backbone of this important program. Thanks to their generosity and altruistic vision, Vermont no longer uses routine euthanasia as a means of population control. Sincerely thank your veterinarian for their participation in VSNIP. If they are not currently a participating office, please ask them to join and help make a difference in your community. They are very needed.**

Thanks to now retired Lynn Murrell, DVM, who first agreed to extend reduced rates for animals in need, and all the Veterinarians and Clinics that served for the last forty years plus. A sincere thank you to Bernard "Snook" Downing for helping support many animals in need over the years with his hard work, contributions, and the donors we are unable to thank in print – but you know who you are!

Together We Truly Do Make a Difference!

800 HI VSNIP (1-800-448-7647)

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator: VSNIP Executive Director: VVSA

LANPHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Lanpher Memorial Library is so much more than books!

Last year, the library's new Community Room and upstairs meeting area combined were used 125 times by 36 different groups and organizations.

We held 148 programs that were attended by 1,893 people.

We partnered with over 60 groups, organizations, and other libraries to expand our services, programs, and reach more community members.

In June 2022, the Lanpher Library installed a Water Bottle Filling station with a grant from Green Up Vermont, Chittenden Solid Waste District, and the VT Agency of Natural Resources. Since then, the filling station has saved 1,402 (and counting) plastic bottles!

The Lanpher Library has 33 "non-traditional" items for loan. This includes 11 pairs of snowshoes, a wide variety of different cake pans, a moisture meter, a "kill-a-watt" energy meter, a ghost hunting kit, and Watershed Explorer Kits. Library members enjoy pass or membership benefits for VT State Parks, VT Historic Sites, Shelburne Museum, Fairbanks Museum, Echo Center, Shelburne Farms, VT History Museum, Old Stonehouse Museum and Craftsbury Chamber Players.

With more people working from home, the Lanpher Library is often used by folks as a supplemental workspace. Our Wi-Fi, quieter upstairs area, and separate tables provide comfortable spaces to get work done while being out in the community.

In the wintertime, our fireplace offers a cozy spot to read, and be warm. In the warmer months, our air conditioning makes the library an even cooler place to be.

Children (and adults) love to hang out and play in the children's room. Our big, full Lego bin gets a lot of use after school and on Saturdays, and thanks to our involvement in the Vermont Early Literacy Initiative, we were able to purchase new wooden toys, plastic animals, and more to add to the fun and learning in the library for children.

We thank the friends of the Lanpher Memorial Library for their support. Last year, they sponsored several programs that we hosted. They also sponsor the above-mentioned Shelburne Museum, and Fairbanks Museum memberships, as well as gifting us a second State Parks Pass so that more community members can enjoy free admission to VT State Parks.

Thank you for your continued support of the Lanpher Library. We look forward to finding innovative, new ways to serve the community of Hyde Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Olsen, Library Director

lanpherlibrary.org

Trustees: Kim Austin-Puleio, Ann Spearing, Melanie Dickinson, Jim Noyes, Sigh Searles, Jo-Anne Ring, and Elliott Buelter

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER REPORT

The Hyde Park Cemetery Commissioners have had a very busy, but beneficial year.

We entered into a 3-year contract with the Town to hire Spaulding Property Management, LLC for property mowing and maintenance service.

Stone cleaning was completed in the Village Cemetery, Center Cemetery, North Hyde Park Cemetery, Jedediah Hyde Cemetery and Hooper Cemetery. Holbrook Cemetery did not need cleaning at this time. In the past, we have only been able to do cleaning of sections at a time; however, we were able to clean the entire cemeteries this past year.

A section of the rail fence in the Holbrook Cemetery needed attention and was replaced with new rails.

The front section of the chain link fence in the North Hyde Park Cemetery was removed and replaced with new fencing. Repair work on several stones in this cemetery was completed and the flagpole was removed due to rust and deterioration.

The white fence in the Village Cemetery was painted, and several trees and old stumps removed.

Old stumps were also removed in the Hooper Cemetery.

The hedge in the Jedediah Hyde Cemetery was trimmed as well as clipped and some shrubs removed.

The Trustees approved a consolidated list of Rules and Regulations to be posted at the six cemeteries they oversee in Hyde Park. A copy of the Rules and Regulations is part of this report.

We have discussed applying for ARPA Funds to be used towards the purchase of fences as well as fertilizing and seeding areas that have been winter killed; Jedediah Hyde Cemetery definitely needs attention. At the present time, we have not been able to get estimates for these two projects.

We want to thank Spaulding Property Management, LLC for working with us in keeping our cemeteries cared for and to Hillside Trash for cemetery trash removal.

Please feel free to contact any Commissioner if you have any questions or want to discuss the purchase of a cemetery lot.

Hyde Park Cemetery Commissioner

Judith T. Lanphear, Secretary

Christine Cooney

Sarrah Patch

Robert Foss, Treasurer

Nioka H. Houston

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. No glass containers.
2. No dogs allowed.
3. Trees, shrubs, and bushes not allowed.
4. Any plants at gravesites must be planted and of the nature that they will NOT block or obscure any writing on the front or back of a stone.
5. All artificial flowers, pots, and solar lights must be removed by November 12th.
6. All Christmas wreaths and any other decorations must be picked up by May 1st.
7. The Cemetery Commission is NOT responsible for the destruction or loss of any items placed in the cemetery.

These Rules and Regulations are posted in the Center Cemetery, Holbrook Cemetery, Hooper Cemetery, Jedediah Hyde Cemetery, North Hyde Park Cemetery, and Village Cemetery.

**HYDE PARK CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
2023 FINANCIAL REPORT**

INCOME

Sale of lots	\$ 2,950.00
Town Appropriation	\$22,500.00
Interest	<u>\$ 47.70</u>

TOTAL INCOME **\$25,497.70**

EXPENSES

Caretaker: Spaulding Property Mgmt, LLC	\$10,000.00
Rubbish Removal: Hillside Trash	\$ 99.00
Round Hill Fence: NHP Cemetery	\$ 6,817.62
JBW Excavation: NHP - Stumps/Trees	\$ 1,467.00
JBW Excavation: Hooper - Stumps/Trees	\$ 510.00
JBW Excavation: Village - Stumps/Trees	\$ 1,446.00
VT Monuments: Corner Posts	\$ 600.00
VT Monuments: Foundation Repairs - NHP – Center	\$ 10,100.00
Judith Lanphear: Jedediah Hyde - Hedge Cutting	\$ 150.00
John Jonuskis - General Maintenance/Painting	\$ 1,700.00
Cutting Edge Graphics: Signs	\$ 570.00
Menard's Agway: Holbrook - Fence Repairs	\$ 667.43
Dirt Rock Cleaner: Village - NHP – Hooper	\$ 18,876.50
Appropriations	
Garfield Plain's	\$ 1,375.00
St. Teresa's	<u>\$ 1,375.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE **\$55,753.55**

NET INCOME **\$-30,255.85**

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Denise Greene, *Chair*, Elisa Clancy, *Vice Chair*, Greg Paus, *Member*

Weatherization and Energy Efficiency

As a committee, our goals are to help residents and the Town save financial and natural resources through conservation and efficient use of energy. One of the easiest ways to save energy is to weatherize your home and business.

WindowDressers Low-Cost Storm Window Inserts Program

HPEC partnered with WindowDressers of Maine, the Stowe Energy Committee, Stowe Electric, Morrisville Water and Light, Johnson Electric and the Town of Wolcott. A total of sixty-four low-cost storm window inserts were provided to Hyde Park residents at or below cost. Volunteers, many from Hyde Park, helped make the week-long event a success.

MERP - Municipal Energy Resilience Program

The State of Vermont extended the MERP to municipalities and the Hyde Park Energy Committee has been working with the Lamoille County Planning Commission to take advantage of this program. Our committee received a mini-grant to promote our Window Dressers initiative and used the MERP mini-grant grant funds to design and mail a postcard to all Hyde Park residents informing them of the availability of heat-saving, window inserts to help weatherize their homes. The MERP program also allowed us to conduct energy assessments on four municipally owned buildings, the Gihon Hall, the Library, the Hyde Park Fire Department, and the Municipal office. These energy assessments, which are just coming in now as we create this annual report, will show us the potential energy saving of improvements of these buildings.

Our committee together with the Selectboard, will review the recommendations of the assessments and prioritize which upgrades we would like to apply to the MERP grant program for funding. The Town of Hyde Park is eligible for the MERP Implementation Grant, up to \$500,000 for weatherization, thermal efficiency, and supplementing/replacing fossil fuel heating systems with more efficient renewable or electric versions. We will be working with LCPC to make sure we apply for this funding.

Public Awareness

HPEC partners with Efficiency Vermont to increase public awareness for energy efficiency. We help disseminate messages that provide residents with new Efficiency Vermont programs and cost saving measures for weatherization and low cost, energy efficient heating.

Assistance for Low-Income Households

Low-income households spend more on energy bills as compared to non-low-income households, creating a high energy burden. The Hyde Park Energy Committee is available to assist low-income households to connect with energy efficiency programs designed to meet their needs. In our area, no-cost weatherization services are provided by Capstone Community Action. We partner with Capstone to promote their programs through social media and other means.

Residential Energy Building Standards

Homeowners, builders, and architects are now required to meet the State of Vermont's energy conservation requirements, RBES. "Residential construction" means new construction of residential buildings, and the construction of additions, alterations, renovations, or repairs to an existing residential building. If you are building in Hyde Park and have questions about meeting these standards, please talk to our Zoning Administrator or Efficiency Vermont.

Love Your Lawn Initiatives

Increasing public awareness of energy issues and building awareness and public support for sustainable systems is a goal of HPEC. Lawn care accounts for a large use of natural resources. In 2021 our committee designed a three-prong approach to lawn care to improve our lawn health naturally, use quiet, efficient means to care for our lawns, and even convert mown areas to no-or-low mow areas and wildflower meadows. We continue to work with partners to promote their initiatives and encourage residents to mow less and differently, reduce lawn size, convert lawns to meadow, and use electric tools when possible.

Raise the Blade

This outreach campaign raises awareness of the benefits of reduced stormwater runoff and improved soil health, by mowing grass no lower than 3 inches. Healthy soils reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality. HPEC continues to work closely with [LawnToLake.org](https://www.lawntolake.org) and partners with the Lanpher Library and Lamoille North Supervisory Union to Raise the Blade at the Lamoille Union High School and HPES. Signs are placed at participating locations.

Meadow It

HPEC partnered with the Town of Hyde Park and the Village of Hyde Park in 2022 and non-profit Bee the Change to create two large wildflower meadows on the Town office lawn and in the Village at the Elsa French Park. In 2023 two meadow strips were planted at the Village Reservoir property. If you have an interest in converting a portion of your lawn to a wildflower meadow, contact Denise Greene.

Mow Electric!

This campaign is aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emission and create more livable communities. Electric lawn care equipment, from mowers to chore tools, have significant environmental and economic benefits. HPEC encourages residents to check out the savings, compare CO2 emissions, find vendors, and consider switching from gas/diesel equipment to electric. Visit mowelectric.org.

Help Us Continue Our Energy and Conservation Work

HPEC will continue these programs in 2024 and our committee membership drive is on-going. Securing new members will ensure the success of all our programs. We would love to have your help, either as a committee member or simply by participating in our initiatives.

GIHON VALLEY HALL

The Gihon Valley Hall (GVH) Committee is a volunteer group dedicated to the restoration and revitalization of the former Grange Hall in North Hyde Park Village and to improving the vitality and social connections of the North Hyde Park neighborhood.

The GVH Committee would like to thank the neighbors of North Hyde Park and surrounding communities for making **2023 a showcase year**. Attendees of these events came from next door to as far away as Montgomery, many attending multiple events. One person who rented the hall for a private event had reached out to say, “We enjoyed the space so much!”.



The GVH Committee has worked tirelessly to open the hall for **more than 40 events** including theater, music, dancing, community planning meetings and private events. In 2023 the Gihon Valley Hall hosted four recurring events:

- Weekly beginner line dancing was an overwhelming success.
- Theater workshops used the hall’s stage and new lighting system.
- Monthly Pickin’ Circles kept growing in popularity.
- Monthly Lamoille Valley Swingers square dancing returned.



The neighbors to the hall supported fall events by turning on their porch lights to help make walking to the hall safer. Donations and use fees raised during these events supported the purchase of comfortable folding chairs, an event promotion sidewalk sign and traffic safety cones.

The impact of 2023 demonstrates how the GVH Committee has been putting the previous year’s grant awards to good use. The window restoration project funded by a **\$50,000 Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant from the Preservation Trust of Vermont, was completed this year**. This, along with the heat pumps, installed in 2021, helped the hall extend the event season earlier into the spring and later into the fall.

For FY2025, the GVH Committee is requesting level funding. The current \$6,500 annual maintenance, repairs and utilities covers the expenses of broadband wi-fi, heating utilities and minor repairs.

The Gihon Valley Hall Committee looks forward to re-opening the doors in the spring. If you have ideas for events you'd like to bring to Gihon Valley Hall, or just a general curiosity about how you can get involved with our efforts, contact us at gihonvalleyhall@gmail.com, visit our website (<https://gihonvalleyhall.wixsite.com/home>), follow us on Facebook or Instagram (@gihonvalleyhall), or call Al Spitzer at (802)730-3374. The committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 6pm – all are welcome to drop in, and we’re actively seeking new members to support our amazing volunteer team. The hall is also available for private rentals.

With gratitude – Allen Spitzer (Chair), Andy Race (Vice Chair), Valerie Valcour (Secretary), H. Dale Porter (Treasurer), Liz Courtney, Monica Heath, Laura Race and Dr. Russ Longtin.

HYDE PARK COMMUNITY CIRCLE

Statement of Intention: “The Hyde Park Community Circle is called for Hyde Park residents and friends who are interested in building community together. The Circle is called so that people can think and act creatively together, providing on-going support in a cooperative spirit.”

On March 11, 2023, we held the first **Think Spring! Puppets & Plants** event since 2019. Our community sure missed it! There was a big turnout for No Strings Marionette Company's take on the Three Little Pigs, and the enjoyment of making hand kites, planting seedlings to take home, getting free books from the library, and sharing homemade treats.

July 24, 2023, was our **Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social**. In the early afternoon, the rain clouds rolled in and wind started blowing but as it came time to eat ice cream, the weather cooperated. Music by Lovesick Trio was played, and a performance was done by Lamoille County Players. Our turnout was so great, we ran out of hot fudge sauce; don't worry, we will make more for 2024.

Hyde Park Home Day was a success on September 9, 2023! Many local vendors and food businesses came out to celebrate our community. We had great weather and a good crowd who enjoyed the parade down Main Street and music by the Michelle Fay Band. Many thanks go to the sponsors of the event and those who donated items for the raffle. See you next year!

The 2023 **Lighting of the Wreaths** was held at Gihon Valley Hall in North Hyde Park on December 2, with their organization handling the bulk of the planning and execution. The hall was lovely, and the addition of live music added to the ambience. HPCC provided a delicious array of cookies and several members acted as greeters and wreath lighters. We are looking forward to hosting the 2024 Lighting of the Wreaths in Hyde Park Village in early December.

★ Coming soon, be on the lookout for Hyde Park community t-shirts for sale! These sage green t-shirts sport the Hyde Park town logo on the back and are a stylish addition to any wardrobe. The Community Circle plans to start taking t-shirt orders in the spring with a planned pick-up this summer.

2023 Financial Report

<u>HPCC 2023 Event</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Net Gain/Loss</u>
Think Spring	(\$41.52)	\$15.00	(\$26.52)
Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social	(\$936.00)	\$365.00	(\$571.00)
Home Day	(\$1,556.79)	\$1,233.00	(\$323.79)
Lighting Ceremony	(\$100.50)	\$395.00	\$294.50
Miscellaneous	<u>(\$446.00)</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$554.00</u>
TOTAL	(\$3,080.81)	\$3,008.00	(\$72.81)

Save the Dates:

Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 10:00 am -12:00 pm Think Spring! Puppets & Plants @ Hyde Park Elementary School Gym. This free family friendly event includes No Strings Marionette Company's performance of "Treasure Hunt". After the show, attendees can plant their own seeds to take home, create a craft, and enjoy refreshments.

Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 4:00 pm Lighting of the Wreaths' ceremony. This reverent celebration of remembrance and gratitude is co-hosted by HPCC and Gihon Valley Hall. Community members may purchase commemorative lights in the days prior to the ceremony that will illuminate the wreaths to be displayed through January 2025 at the Court House in Hyde Park and the Gihon Valley Hall in North Hyde Park. Delicious hot chocolate and an array of delectable cookies will be served.

Submitted By: Deborah Henderson, Treasurer, with input from event chairs Amy Olsen, Savalla Rambo, Savannah Droney and Elisabeth Fenn



Home Day Grand Marshal Kim Moulton (and family)

Photo Credit: Ryan Nolan

HYDE PARK RECREATION

The Hyde Park Recreation Department hosted two tournaments (down one from last year), and one night of league play at the Garfield Road facilities. The two tournaments were state ASA tournaments. The tournaments generated some revenue paid by Vermont ASA. In addition to the field rental fees, our committee members ran the snack shack generating additional money to assist with the budget for the fields' maintenance costs. The men's league paid per field and per team for the use of the fields, as well as donated time to help with the upkeep and field maintenance.

This year, Lamoille County Little League hosted their first youth softball and baseball tournament at our facility.

The Hyde Park Fire Department hosted a benefit corn hole tournament at the facility as well.

We saw additional cost for mowing in 2023 as well as higher trash removal costs. Hyde Park Recreation and Hyde Park Youth Sports Program adopted a banner program to allow local businesses to advertise at the facilities and create revenue to help offset costs.

Hyde Park Youth Sports (the subcommittee) has been maintaining the facility during sport seasons for youth sports.

HYDE PARK YOUTH SPORTS (HPYS)

Hyde Park Youth Baseball:

Eric and Erica Bornemann were Program Managers for Hyde Park Youth Baseball.

Baseball was our first sport of 2023 under the Hyde Park Recreation Committee. HPYS successfully hosted 4 teams, including hosting our first girls' softball team in a long time. Due to the lack of number for some groups, we were forced to merge with neighboring towns to field full teams.

Hyde Park Youth Soccer:

Matt Yoskowitz was the program manager for Hyde Park Youth Soccer.

2023 Enrollment of soccer had 115 kids on 6 different teams. This was our third year hosting the soccer program at the Garfield facility. HPYS purchased an additional set of goals to allow the facility to have 4 fields. In previous years, Hyde Park Youth Soccer was hosted at Finnegan's Field which is owned by Lamoille Union. The Garfield facility has offered better parking and less hazards for the kids, for example, the sewer covers at Finnegan's Field and the adjacent VT 15 traffic exposure.

Hyde Park Youth Basketball:

Michelle Pellitier was the program manager for Hyde Park Youth Basketball.

2023 Enrollment of basketball has 122 kids on 7 different teams. Hyde Park hosted a 3-4 boys and girls tournament this year. Each team had 12-16 games scheduled and played around the county with an even balance of away and home games. HPYS schedules the use of the gym with Hyde Park Elementary School.

2024 GOALS

Hyde Park Recreation would like to work with the property owners that neighbor the Garfield facility to access power. Jim Harrison has offered his assistance and is willing to work with the town to make it happen.

Within HPYS, all sports will operate the same. We have had interest and are hoping to start a youth lacrosse skills and drills program.

HPYS will continue to operate on parent involvement and will continue to create a positive place for youth athletes.

Thank you,
Matt Morin

HYDE PARK TREE WARDEN REPORT

The Town Tree Warden is a statutory volunteer position appointed by the Selectboard to support and protect public shade trees. These are trees in the public right-of-way (ROW) which is 49.5 feet wide. The town is responsible for the safety of the roadway and the care and maintenance of all the trees approximately 25 feet out from the center of the road on each side. The Tree Warden also oversees the care of the trees in other public spaces in the town and village. It is very important that any trees that pose a danger to vehicles, bicyclists or pedestrians are managed in a timely manner. For example, trees with storm damage, shedding limbs, physical damage or disease that are “hazard trees” are identified and dealt with by the town highway department.

Last spring the town removed 34 hazard trees along McKinstry Hill and Centerville Roads. Most of these hazard trees were ash trees that will be killed (99% probability) by the invasive Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). EAB is responsible for the destruction of tens of millions of ash trees in 36 states and 5 Canadian provinces to date. EAB is in every county of Vermont and has been identified in Johnson and Eden as of late 2023. EAB kills infected ash trees in a short period of time (2 to 4 years) and as sizable ash trees die, they become brittle and can be very dangerous if they are located along roadways or close to buildings or hiking trails. Standing dead ash trees are known to fall apart with large heavy sections and long limbs crashing to the ground with no warning. Spreading the work over several years will result in large savings of tax dollars spent on hazard tree removal. By ramping up our efforts over the next several years, we should be able to stay ahead of the problem. Also, the work is safer when done before the trees die because the trees are not brittle when they are still living. Emily Potter, our Lamoille County Forester, estimates “the majority of Vermont’s ash trees will be infested and on their way out within the next ten years”.

Thankfully, both North Hyde Park Village and HP Village only have a few ash trees located along their roadways. Property owners should educate themselves <https://vtinvasives.org/land/emerald-ash-borer-vermont> on ash tree identification and they should come up with action plans to deal with EAB on any ash trees near their buildings, driveways, play areas and walking trails. In addition to the safe removal of the tree by chainsaw, there is an option of treating the ash tree with insecticide injections before they are infected and at least every two years for the foreseeable future. This treatment would be very costly for the Town of Hyde Park to undertake on a large scale. At an estimated average of about \$175 per tree, this would add up over each twenty-year period to be \$175,000 in today’s dollars to treat 100 ash trees. Keep in mind, we have many more ash trees with which to deal with. There is the possibility of unintended consequences when using insecticides on trees as it may harm beneficial insects besides killing EAB. The insecticide could possibly affect woodpeckers, other birds, and other animals. Compare this to the one-time expense for safe removal of ash trees at an estimated average of \$175 per tree. The downed ash trees can be used locally as firewood and, in some cases, as saw logs in our local mills.

As tree warden, I also want to add to Hyde Park residents’ understanding of the importance of trees and forests. I will continue to post articles in Front Porch Forum. Trees are often taken for granted and that should never happen. Some of the important points to think about:

- Trees are a major source of oxygen for the air we breathe. Trees also clean the air by filtering out particulate matter from air pollution.

- Trees sequester and store carbon. Carbon sequestration is the removal of carbon dioxide from the air by plants. Carbon storage is the amount of carbon bound up in the woody parts of the tree. Furniture made with wood continues to store carbon as does the framing timber in your house. Support sustainable forestry and more use of locally sourced wood products to be used in place of energy intensive materials such as steel, concrete, and plastic wherever practical.
- Woodlands are important to our local economy. Providing wildlife habitat, protecting biodiversity and helping to provide resilience to climate change, are essential for the health of both our water and soil. Woodlands provide food and nutrition for people as well as animals, provide a resource for heating, conserve energy in both summer and winter and provides shelter for many living things.

Dave Palumbo, Tree Warden

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

J. Keith Ulrich resigned his office in 2023 and the Town is now looking for a new Town Health Officer to work with the Town Administrator in responding to the few situations each year needing the health officer's attention. By law, each Vermont town is required to appoint a Town Health Officer. Town Health Officers have the authority to prevent and abate public health hazards in their communities. In the past, the health officer has responded to animal bites, rental unit inspection, prepare health orders and investigating illegal trash disposal. Training and technical support are provided by the town attorney and Vermont Department of Health. If you are interested in filling this position (annual cash payment provided), please contact the Town Administrator.

KNOT IN HYDE PARK COMMITTEE



The Knot in Hyde Park Committee (KiHP) is a volunteer-based effort dedicated to stopping the spread of Japanese Knotweed (KW) in our beautiful town. Left unchecked, KW will take over a site. If there is some KW in a location you can be sure, if we do nothing, that it will eventually become a solid thicket, crowding out everything else. Most importantly, a single patch of KW is the birthplace of even more patches of KW. Any part of the plant can be moved along through road works, mowing, flooding events, or any kind of excavation activity. Pieces of the plant will take root and take over. “Early detection and rapid response” is key to our work.

2023 was our third season. There are now nearly 70 sites under active management around Hyde Park, including our largest patch on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail at Black Farm Road.

Our management work is mainly “mechanical control” which means repeated and persistent cutting and pulling of the KW, as often as 10 times a season or as few as 3 times. This forces the plant to ‘run out of gas’: the underground rhizomes use stored energy to re-sprout in response to our repeated cuts. We use ‘drying stacks’ and pallets to dispose of the cut/pulled material. The ‘drying stack’ method is extremely effective and safe. Separating the green stalks from any rhizome/root masses is critical.

We are also experimenting with “smothering”. It isn’t going to kill the plant quickly, and we do still have to pull whatever sprouts along the edges of the smothering material. But this method ‘buys us time’ in that we can stop the patch of KW from getting larger or being at risk of spreading, with a lot less labor; allowing us to get more sites under management for any given number of person-hours.

Important highlights from Season 3:

- We conducted a pilot program to use herbicide at 7 small sites: a single, late-season application is the benchmark standard for chemical control.
- Thanks to the Burnor Jr family, we put goats to work on some KW in North Hyde Park.
- Friends of Green River Reservoir led management of two patches of KW along the Dam Road.
- The work of Chris Whitlock and his LUHS science students continued at the Cricket Hill site.
- Volunteers devoted at least 60 person-hours collecting KW rhizomes from 15 acres of hayfield on the Lamoille River that had been inundated with KW as a result of the July floods.
- Finally, we started to share our work on Instagram #knotinhydepark

We hope you’ll consider getting involved in 2024. Adopt some Knot! Act early and persist.

Please visit our website www.hydeparkvt.com/knot-in-hyde-park/ (or use the QR code here):

Email us: knotinhydepark@gmail.com

Thanks to the Select Board and Road Crew for supporting our work, and to everyone who came out to pull some KW or learn more about it. Many Hands Make Light Work.



SERVICE AGENCY REPORTS

The American Red Cross Northern New England Region

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the Northern New England region and the Town of Hyde Park:

- We made **700 homes safer** by installing **2,177** smoke detectors and educating **897** families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **42,950 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **133,100 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,400** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.
- We responded to 1 home fire in Hyde Park and assisted 1 individual. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Hyde Park. This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$250.00. These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region who benefit from our unique services at no cost. Contact: [\(800\)464-6692](tel:8004646692) or on the web: www.redcross.org/nne

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc., CVABE, a community-based nonprofit organization, has served the adult education and literacy needs of Hyde Park residents for fifty-eight years.

CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16 - 90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer, and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

Hyde Park is served by our learning center in Morrisville.

Last year, CVABE served 13 Hyde Park Residents. Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72% chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels. By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Hyde Park residents for generations to come.

We deeply appreciate Hyde Park's voter-approved *past* support. This year, your level funded support is again critical to CVABE's free, local education services.

Central Vermont Council on Aging

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. CVCOA services are available to those age 60 and up, caregivers, and families. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible. CVCOA serves 54 towns throughout the Central Vermont region.

CVCOA makes a difference in the lives of older Vermonters by connecting them to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive free of charge. CVCOA utilizes town funding to provide individualized support to Hyde Park residents through case management, information and assistance, options counseling, resource and benefit enrollment (nutrition, transportation, mental health counseling, legal services, etc), long-term care planning, health insurance counseling, family caregiver support, connection to wellness and social activities, and more. CVCOA supported 111 residents of Hyde Park. CVCOA case manager Sarah Wilhoit served older adults in Hyde Park.

CVCOA served 4,040 unduplicated clients from 07/01/2022 through 06/30/2023. CVCOA mobilized 497 volunteers through our AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP and general volunteer programs. These volunteers served over 40,000 hours, providing direct service, delivering meals on wheels, supporting nutrition sites, leading wellness classes, offering companionship and creative encouragement, and more. All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Hyde Park for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Hyde Park community. Contact: info@cvcoa.org or call (802)479-0531.

Clarina Howard Nichols Center

June 2023 marked forty-two years of the Clarina Howard Nichols Center providing services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Lamoille County.

During the past year, Clarina served 396 individuals, including:

- Provided shelter to 51 individuals (36 adults and 15 children) for a total of 2,568 bed nights
- Provided criminal and civil court advocacy to 342 individuals
- Responded to 893 hotline calls

Funding from the Town of Hyde Park supports the continued availability of high quality, no cost advocacy, education, and shelter services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Our Services:

- 24-hour hotline - support, information and options from a trained advocate including access to emergency shelter and assistance with filing emergency Relief from Abuse Orders.
- Emergency shelter – a safe environment in which to explore options and identify next steps toward a life free of violence. We are a pet friendly shelter because we recognize that pets are an important emotional support for survivors and their children and may also be abused if they remain in the home.
- Advocacy - legal (criminal and civil), housing, community/general, and medical.
- Outreach and Education - presentations and training to groups, organizations and schools in Lamoille County to raise awareness about domestic/sexual violence and Clarina's services.
- Children's Services - support for survivors to build and maintain healthy relationships with their children and support and skill building for children who have experienced or witnessed violence.

HomeShare Vermont

Homeshareshing helps people stay in their homes whether they are aging, people with disabilities or simply someone just trying to make ends meet. At the same time, it helps someone else find an affordable place to live and use existing housing more efficiently. At its core, homeshareshing is about two people helping each other. HomeShare Vermont provides a comprehensive screening and matching service to help people find the right match, then ongoing support for as long as they decide to live together.

Outcomes

In Hyde Park we processed 7 applications and supported 4 individuals in 2 matches. Across our entire service area, 224 people shared a home in our program in FY 2023. 28,600 hours of assistance were provided by our homeshareshers during the year. This assistance ranged from simple companionship to cooking, cleaning, pet care, yard work, etc. Each match is unique depending on the needs and interests of both parties.

Those who shared their homes ranged in age from 27-98 and those who found housing ranged in age from 22-81. 80% of matched participants were considered low income. The average rent in our program last year was only \$378/month. Of those who shared their homes, 72% reported feeling less lonely, 73% felt safer, 54% slept better and 77% even felt happier just by having someone living with them.

(802)863-5625 www.HomeShareVermont.org

Hyde Park Elementary School

Hyde Park Elementary School provides with town funding support, after-school and summer camp programs. Research has shown that after-school programs have a positive impact on academic achievement and improve test scores, and summer programs help curb summer learning loss. The after-school program offers enrichment opportunities including STEAM, art, fitness activities, and homework support during the school year.

Hyde Park Youth Mentoring Program

The Hyde Park Youth Mentoring Program (HPYMP) serves the community's children ages 6-12 years. Currently, there are 8 mentors /mentee matches at the HP Elementary School meeting for about 30-40 minutes per week. The mission of this program is to provide positive role models who will support and nurture student's social development, personal growth, and influence academic success. Mentors guide students toward positive choices through one-on-one sustained relationships. Often a mentor will be with a student for more than one year as they move on to a higher grade.

Our ultimate goal is for every young student who wants or needs a mentor, has one; and every adult who wants to be a mentor, can be one. We continually look for mentors as the mentee list keeps growing during the school year. If you are interested in making a difference by becoming a mentor in our community, please contact Mentoring Program Coordinator Mary Donohoe at (610)357-3369 or marylou422@aol.com. Thank you.

Lamoille Community Food Share

Lamoille Community Food Share's mission is to help support and improve the physical well-being of individuals who might otherwise go hungry. We provide supplemental food free of charge to residents of Lamoille County in a supportive environment, striving to offer healthy choices within our budget.

Over the past couple of years, we have seen significant growth in visitors to our pantry, and to date have regular visits from people living within 30 towns across Vermont. The average monthly increase in visits

to LCFS is 59% as compared to 2019. Since January 2023 we have served nearly 7,000 people and average 500 families each month.

Many families continue to struggle to keep food on the table, and we are also seeing a record number of first - time visitors to our pantry. It seems now, more than ever, Lamoille County families are counting on us.

Your continued support allows us to continue our Mission to serve our neighbors in need who experience food insecurity and ensures that our pantry visitors from the Town of Hyde Park will continue to have access to healthy, nutritious food. Tess Milner, Executive Director

The Lamoille County Conservation District

The Lamoille County Conservation District (LCCD) staff work with town officials and landowners to develop stormwater and water quality improvement projects throughout Lamoille County. State and Federal funding support our work with local community grant-matching. Through a Natural Resource Conservation Commission Block Grant provided by Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation in 2022, the Lamoille County Conservation District (LCCD) implemented a stormwater garden at the end of Prospect St in the village of Hyde Park. LCCD still works with the town and neighbors to maintain it. Through a Clean Water Service Provider grant, LCCD was awarded Stormwater Preliminary Design monies in 2023 to help treat stormwater runoff from Church St and surrounding buildings at the Hyde Park Village Post Office. LCCD is currently working with Hyde Park and Watershed Consulting to complete this in 2024. Through a Lake Champlain Basin Programing grant in 2023, LCCD will help match Lamoille Union High School (LUHS) reach its 3-acre permit requirements through the installation of a sub-surface stormwater treatment system, educational signage, and an integrated stormwater curriculum for the teachers of LUHS. All this is slated to occur in 2024. Agricultural Outreach to farms in Hyde Park includes help with Nutrient Management Plans, advice on Best Management Plans and farm viability options.

Lamoille County Mental Health Services

Lamoille County Mental Health Services (LCMHS) provides behavioral health services to all towns that comprise Lamoille County. Over the past year, we provided quality services to Lamoille Valley residents with all our programs including a 24/7 Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) responding to requests from children, families, and individuals as well as local police, ambulance, Copley Hospital inpatient and Emergency Department, Lamoille Valley school districts and other partners. The Mobile Crisis Team also provides Critical Incident Stress Debriefing for first responders, families, and work colleagues coping with the aftermath of a traumatic event. This is the only full-time mental health emergency crisis response service in the region. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, we served 125 individuals from the town of Hyde Park. In the past five years, we have created a community peer support program, The Cadre Team, to support individuals who are experiencing a difficult time, need a peer to talk with, or need assistance getting over a temporary challenge. We have also developed a Zero Suicide initiative to help reduce suicides in our area, which is among the highest for suicide related deaths in Vermont. This effort has been successful in training over 200 staff and community members on basic suicide prevention and over 70 providers on doing specific suicide intervention therapy. Funding support from local towns helps to support these efforts. Our agency continues to work with local, county, and state police and other first responders and local schools to help improve outcomes for persons impacted by sudden and unexpected events such as accidents and other serious incidents. In these challenging times, town contributions and support are always valued, making them more important than ever as all of us wrestle with the post-COVID 19 recovery and the impact of last summer's devastating flooding. We are committed to do what

we can to support our families and friends who find themselves in need and help to mitigate the many mental health impacts of these recent events.

The Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit

The Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to investigating, prosecuting, and providing victim advocacy services for child sexual abuse, child serious physical abuse, adult sexual assaults, and crimes against vulnerable adults. The LCSIU represents a collaborative partnership between the Lamoille County State's Attorney's Office, Vermont State Police, The Lamoille County Sheriff's Department, Morristown Police Department, Stowe Police Department, The Clarina Howard Nichols Center, Morrisville Probation & Parole, the Department for Children and Families, as well as various medical, school, and therapeutic service providers.

In fiscal year 2023, the Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit was involved in 139 incidents throughout Lamoille County: 123 investigations related to allegations of physical and sexual violence against children and 16 investigations related to allegations of abuse against adult victims. Lamoille County has consistently been running 4th highest in cases for the state. Town funds supplement our state and federal funds. The funds support our detectives to investigate incidents in a timely manner and assist our victim advocates in helping victims through this very difficult and traumatic process. Town funds are primarily used to train our core team, specific to the work we do.

The LCSIU space in Hyde Park provides a secure and comfortable area to meet with victims and their non-offending caregivers, and through a multidisciplinary team approach, ensures victims can seamlessly access the services they need. LCSIU obtained a National Accreditation as a Child Advocacy Center (CAC). This designation means we meet rigorous national standards that ensure allegations of child sexual and physical abuse are investigated and prosecuted while providing coordinated support services to victims and their families.

As the Executive Director, I would welcome opportunities to talk with Lamoille County groups and organizations about the important work of LCSIU. Please contact me at (802)851-8116 if you have questions or would like additional information. Thank you for your continued support. Tracy Patnoe, Executive Director

Lamoille Economic Development Corporation

These municipal funds help support multiple economic development services in your town and beyond. We welcome your continued endorsement of our mission to grow our local economy through small business support services, business financing and many other important initiatives.

By supporting LEDC, you help bring many direct business services to our local small businesses, including one-on-one business advising and counseling for all entrepreneurs and start-up businesses in Lamoille County. These advising services are specific to each entrepreneur and are provided free of charge. These consulting sessions can cover topics including drafting business start-up plans, obtaining business financing, marketing your business, digital marketing strategies, accounting best practices, locating appropriate commercial spaces and more. If a business has needs that exceed our level of expertise, we have resources to refer businesses to the proper channels. Your funding support directly assists with this effort.

In addition to free business advising & consulting services, LEDC also oversees the Lamoille County Revolving Loan Fund. This important loan fund provides businesses seeking financing with an opportunity that some lending institutions often do not allow. We accept higher risk loans to businesses

that are often unable to obtain funding elsewhere, which creates opportunity for entrepreneurs that would not otherwise be able to start or maintain their business. This funding is sometimes used as a bridge loan to leverage additional financial services businesses may not be able to obtain without the additional assistance our loan fund provides.

In addition, LEDC also has a marketing consultant contracted to work with individual businesses free of charge. This work runs the gamut of marketing activities, often with a focus on digital marketing. As part of this program, LEDC offers grants for website start-up builds and existing website redesigns. Your support helps fund this work.

In addition, LEDC, along with the assistance of 11 other Regional Development Corporations throughout the state, works closely with trusted business support groups in Montpelier throughout the legislative session to promote and advocate for the needs of the local business community. All Vermont businesses benefit from this work in the way of legislative action aimed at funding and supporting their efforts. Your support helps make this effort possible.

LEDC also serves as a point of contact for municipalities seeking additional information on economic development activities, local business projects, funding opportunities, legislative action and more. Our services are available to all businesses in all commercial sectors whether they are existing businesses looking to expand, start-ups or businesses seeking to relocate to Lamoille County. Strengthening the county's economy by helping facilitate the creation, retention and expansion of jobs and businesses and investing in the prosperity of Lamoille County communities are cornerstones to all LEDC efforts. It is only through your continued support that we can strive to accomplish these important goals.

Pat Ripley, Executive Director

Lamoille Family Center

Since 1976, the Lamoille Family Center has served thousands of children, youth, and families throughout the Lamoille Valley, offering home visiting, parent education, playgroups, infant wellness support, child-care resource and referral, prevention programming, youth services, and emergency assistance. In fiscal year 2023, our caring and dedicated staff reached more than 4,000 individuals and impacted many more.

Examples of Hyde Park residents served include:

- Children's Integrated Services team provided 38 families with support and early intervention
- 36 children received toys, games, and books through the Holiday Project
- 175 residents received emergency assistance for rent, fuel, groceries, diapers, and other needs
- 10 families received Welcome Baby visits by our Maternal-Child Health Specialist
- 7 families were supported by a DULCE family specialist around pediatric infant wellness
- 7 residents visited the Story Stroll to promote movement and literacy skills
- 23 Hyde Park residents attended Playgroups to strengthen social connections
- Many people attended Parent Education Workshops to learn about raising healthy families
- 71 families received childcare support services including financial assistance and referral
- More than 240 Hyde Park 6th grade students, parents and teachers learned from Healthy Lamoille Valley, LFC's prevention program

Together, we strive to help families become mentally and physically healthy, resilient, safe, strong and independent. We cannot do this work without you. Please call if you would benefit from our services or visit our website: <https://www.lamoillefamilycenter.org>. Thank you for your support.

Carol Lang-Godin, Executive Director clang-godin@lamoillefamilycenter.org

480 Cady's Falls Road Morrisville, VT 05661 (802)888-5229 ext. 124

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice is in its 52nd year of providing care to hundreds of Lamoille County residents and their families. With programs such as prenatal care, home care, rehabilitation therapy, long-term care and hospice care, our services span a lifetime.

LHH&H is your local, non-profit home care and hospice provider. Our Agency is deeply connected to the community and to the health of every resident. As a non-profit organization, LHH&H is able to ensure that everyone receives the care they need. All of our neighbors matter to us. Our Agency works closely with our local hospital, nursing home, physician practices, service agencies and families. Last fiscal year, LHH&H staff made 5,986 visits to Hyde Park clients. A total of 42,097 visits were made to all residents of Lamoille County, traveling 330,605 miles. These visits included nursing, physical therapy, speech therapy, medical social worker, licensed nursing assistant, personal care attendants, case managers, chaplain and hospice volunteers.

Town allocations, personal donations and committed volunteers afford us the opportunities to provide the finest home health care with a hometown touch! LHH&H exists to service you and your loved ones by providing hope, healing and recovery. Your continued support makes a world of difference to so many in Lamoille County. Sincerely, Kathy Demars, RN, Executive Director

Lamoille Housing Partnership

LHP collaborates with communities to create and preserve quality, affordable housing opportunities in the town of Hardwick and in Lamoille County. Since 1991, LHP has developed and maintained 350 income eligible, subsidized, and affordable rental apartments for households earning lower and moderate incomes through employment or social security. LHP is the local provider of *Support and Services at Home* (SASH) a free, statewide health and wellness program designed to assist aging individuals and individuals with disabilities to age safely and independently in their home.

In 2023, LHP completed Village Center and Gordon Lane Apartments in Morrisville, creating 50 new, affordable rental apartments for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. The same year, LHP supported more than 325 households with affordable homes including 112 children, 301 adults, 107 older adults, 86 individuals with disabilities, and 104 households who had previously experienced homelessness. In the 2023 and 2024 annual municipal tax cycles, LHP will pay a combined total of \$332,315 in property taxes to the Towns of Stowe, Morristown, Cambridge, Johnson, Hardwick, and Hyde Park, which includes LHP's current project rehabilitating Hyde Park's recently closed residential care center into a 21 bed, year-round homeless shelter expected to be completed in Spring 2024. This will be LHP's first ever property in Hyde Park.

LHP's affordable housing developments are initiated with charitable donations and Town Appropriated funds and completed with federal and state resources. Donations and town appropriations are used towards local housing needs studies, feasibility studies, permitting, site assessments and environmental review. Federal and state resources including Vermont Housing & Conservation Board, Vermont Housing Finance Agency, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits, Vermont Community Development Program, and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds are used towards land acquisition, building materials, and construction.

In October 2023, LHP had 13 vacancies and 629 waitlisted applicant households. Continued compounding pressures on Hardwick and Lamoille County's housing landscape include extremely low housing vacancy rates, homeownership and rental costs that significantly outpace incomes, sluggish housing production

rates, population growth, rapid annual conversion of long-term rental apartments to short-term vacation rentals, plus hundreds of homes destroyed by 2023 flooding.

LHP requests \$300 in appropriated funds from the Town of Hyde Park to fund future affordable housing development in Hardwick and Lamoille County. Annually, LHP seeks to fundraise \$100,000 on a fiscal year timeline.

LHP is a 501c3 registered nonprofit, federal tax identification number: 22-3177209. Learn more, visit www.lamoillehousing.org or contact LHP's office, (802)888-5714.

Lamoille Neighbors

Lamoille Neighbors started serving its members in 2019. For the five years since, the organization has successfully carried out its mission to support local seniors living in the home of their choice and help them remain active and engaged in their community.

Lamoille Neighbors' dedicated volunteers have transported members to medical and other appointments, social and cultural events, grocery stores, the library, the bank, and the post office. The organization has provided gardening help, light handyman repairs, pet care, and meal deliveries. Lamoille Neighbors' 49 volunteers have completed 995 hours of services to 81 members this past year. A large portion of these services are to citizens of Hyde Park at 41% . Transportation is approximately 50% of all services.

To relieve the social isolation of seniors, the organization has held 145 events such as concerts, on-line lectures, in person discussion groups, birdwatching walks, and garden tours. The board, administrators, and volunteers regularly check up on members by calling on the phone, sending cards, making friendly visits to the more vulnerable seniors, and delivering holiday baskets door to door.

Lamoille Neighbors continues to apply for grants from foundations and businesses to bring new programming to members as well as make sure the cost of membership is not a barrier to participation. All volunteers undergo a criminal background check and, if they volunteer to drive, a DMV records check.

This year Lamoille Neighbors is asking for the same amount of support as last year (\$800.00) from the Town of Hyde Park to help increase the membership and volunteer base, expand services, and subsidize more low-income memberships.

Website: www.lamoilleneighbors.org / E-Mail: lamoilleneighbors@gmail.com / Phone: (802)585-1233

Lamoille Restorative Center

Lamoille Restorative Center (LRC – *f/k/a Lamoille Court Diversion*) was established in 1979 with the mission of upholding the dignity and resilience of individuals and families through restorative justice principles and programs.

A total of 57 children, youth and adults from Hyde Park were served by LRC's 18 professionals in one or more of LRC's dozen programs last year. Below is a summary of services provided to residents of Hyde Park in the last fiscal year. When the program participant number is fewer than five it is left out to assure individuals' privacy rights.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

- School Engagement Services – Seven students and their families received interventions to support educational success.
- Youth Development Program (YDP) – Youth who were in state’s custody received transition and independent-living services.
- Balanced & Restorative Justice Program (BARJ) – Youth whose behavior in school, in the community, or in their family could lead to involvement in the legal system received services.

EMPLOYMENT

- Jump on Board for Success Program (JOBS) – Youth received employment-focused services ranging from career exploration to employment retention supports.

LEGAL SYSTEM

- Court Diversion – Twenty-one youth and adults were served by the Court Diversion program. CD is an alternative, restorative response for youth and adults charged with delinquency or facing criminal charges.
 - Civil Driving with License Suspended Diversion helps people regain their driver’s license while they pay off their fines and fees (included in Ct. Div. number above).
- Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program – Youth between ages 16 and 21 who were cited for possession or consumption of illegal substances, including alcohol, were served by YSASP.
- Tamarack – This program is an alternative and restorative justice response for adults who are charged with a crime and have a substance misuse or mental health treatment need.
- Victim Services – Ten adult victims of crime were supported with small grants to address harm caused by crime.
- Pretrial Services – Nine adults were assisted accessing necessary mental health care, substance misuse treatment, or other community services during the pretrial process.
- Reparative Program – Adults met with trained community volunteers to examine the impact of their crime.

The Lamoille Restorative Center is located at 221 Main St. Hyde Park, VT 05655 www.lrcvt.org (802)888-5871. To learn more about Lamoille Restorative Center and its programs or how to volunteer, please contact Heather Hobart, Executive Director, at (802)888-0614 or hhobart@lrcvt.org.

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County

The mission of Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County is to improve health and enhance the quality of life for our community elders by providing nutritious meals and social interaction. Our daily meal and well-check visit help elders live independently in their homes and communities.

Meals on Wheels is not an income-eligible program. Any person is eligible who is age 60 or older and is unable to obtain or prepare meals on a temporary or permanent basis due to a physical, mental, or cognitive condition that requires assistance to leave home. Caregivers are also eligible regardless of age, and individuals under 60 with a disability who reside with a qualified individual receive meals.

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County also offers community-style meals at The Hub at 21 Munson Avenue in Morrisville. See our website for more information: www.mowlc.org.

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County also contracts with the Vermont Center of Independent Living to provide meals to those under 60 with disabilities living independently in Lamoille County.

Our 9 employees and over 65 volunteers are crucial to our success. Volunteers and staff deliver 10 routes, traveling over 325 miles daily. Each meal provides 1/3 of the daily Recommended Dietary Allowance and complies with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Our work is only possible because of support from communities like yours. State and Federal funding account for 40% of our budget. We fill the gap by writing grants and campaign letters, fundraising activities, client contributions, and town appropriations.

This fiscal year, October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023, Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County has prepared 53,544 meals. Of those, 7,295 were for 65 recipients of Hyde Park.

Thank you for your ongoing support. For more information about our services or to become a volunteer, please call (802)888-5011.

North Central Vermont Recovery Center

North Central Vermont Recovery Center is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe, supportive, welcoming, and substance-free environment for individuals and families on their paths to lasting recovery from alcohol and other drugs.

Our programs and services are provided to all citizens regardless of age, race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation. All services and programs offered at NCVRC are free of charge. The majority of our staff, coaches, volunteers, and board members are people who have experienced addictions, allowing us to provide powerful, effective insights working with the people we serve.

While the number of individual Peer Recovery Coaching sessions remained relatively the same in 2022 (969) as 2021 (1001), the number of ER coaching sessions (Peer Recovery Coach called out to provide support to a community member at Copley's ER) rose from 163 in 2021 to 269 in 2022. This rise tells the story of people in crisis – not surprising considering the flooding events and pent-up Covid trauma our neighbors are living with.

The Covid-19 pandemic and recent flooding have brought unprecedented challenges for us, as it has for everyone. We have been able to keep close-to-normal hours, opening our doors to the community with available staff at least 56 hours per week while also hosting support groups and workshops in the evenings outside of official open hours.

We support numerous pathways to and in recovery, including:

- Recovery Coaching (individual support and goal setting)
- Recovery Coaching for family members
- Health and Wellness Workshops
- SMART Recovery* and *All Recovery* groups
- Refuge Recovery (Buddhist-based meditation)
- Al-Anon (for family members/loved ones)
- Recovery Yoga
- 24/7 Emergency department recovery coaching at Copley Hospital
- A safe space to visit and meet others in a substance-free environment, including the use of computers, television, and a full kitchen to prepare meals.
- Opiate addiction recovery assistance
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Families Anonymous
- Financial Planning Workshops
- Arts and Music programs
- Substance-free social activities
- Employment counseling

We distribute harm reduction to-go packs (HRPs), including Narcan, educational and instructive materials, fentanyl test strips, and Xylazine wound care kits. We collaborate with our many valued community

partners, providing referrals and resources to assist with barriers and challenges connected with Substance Use Disorder, such as housing, healthcare, food, employment, parenting, transportation, inpatient and outpatient treatment, and legal issues.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the whole NCVRC family, we greatly appreciate and thank the community for supporting North Central Vermont Recovery Center.

North Country Animal League

North Country Animal League promotes compassionate and responsible relationships between humans and animals through sheltering of homeless animals, adoptions, education, spay/neuter and outreach programs, and support of cruelty prevention. With support from the Town of Hyde Park, we are able to continue to work towards our mission and improve the lives of animals and community members. Your support is invaluable in helping us continue to do this important work and grow our programs. Tracy Goldfine, Executive Director, (802)888-5065 x 106, tracyg@ncal.com

River Arts

River Arts is a non-profit community arts center with a mission of enriching and empowering the community through the arts. River Arts is committed to serving local communities with ongoing art opportunities and exposure. For many, these programs serve as a vital connection to their community, encouraging therapeutic self-expression and enriching relationships to self and the community at large.

In 2023, River Arts hosted 256 classes, 15 summer camps, gave out \$30,200 in tuition assistance and served over 5,000 people. In Hyde Park alone, River Arts has served 438 residents, the third largest township that accesses our organization, and 46% of those who have given funds to support our mission.

A community arts non-profit like River Arts is not possible without the support of our generous donors and dedicated community. Behind every program and event, there are costs to both create and run them. River Arts relies on the generosity of others to help underwrite the expenses associated with high-quality programming and events that bring energy and vitality to our community. We hope the Town of Hyde Park will help us to fully realize our mission.

Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

Thank you for your continued support for Rural Community Transportation (RCT). Your support is felt in our communities daily. RCT is a private nonprofit 501c3 corporation that has provided public transportation services throughout Lamoille, Caledonia, Orleans, and Essex Counties. RCT operates fare-free shuttle and commuter bus routes, micro transit, and emergency relief transportation, facilitating connections between towns in our region and the ability to travel throughout Vermont and beyond. RCT also provides demand-response transportation services under several programs, such as Medicaid, the Older People & People with Disabilities program, and Rides 2 Recovery.

RCT runs four commuter routes to enhance access to employment, connecting Morrisville to the towns of Barre and Waterbury and St. Johnsbury to Montpelier and to Littleton. We operate three shuttle routes tying Morrisville, Newport/Derby, and St. Johnsbury/Lyndonville residents and nearby Vermonters to essential locations, from grocery stores to medical centers. Shopping routes provide similar services spanning Morrisville and Stowe in the west, Newport and surrounding towns in the north, and Lyndon to New Hampshire in the east. Our neighbors, who utilized over 130,000 rides in FY2023, have expressed their gratitude and noted their dependence on our services.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match and are crucial to RCT's operations. Your generosity allows RCT to transform your funding into the ability to thrive, grow, and provide your community with reliable, quality transportation service.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support,
Caleb R. Grant, Executive Director, Rural Community Transportation

Salvation Farms

Over the course of the past four years, Salvation Farms has moved approximately 1,134,250 servings of surplus food from more than 45 local farms into the community, serving upwards of 50 community food programs. In this work, Salvation Farms has engaged volunteers who have contributed more than 3,965 hours collecting and distributing surplus farm food, among other tasks.

All this work is performed at no cost to farmers or the food programs that receive this food.

Within 2023, Salvation Farms has delivered locally raised food and vegetable starts to the following community food programs in the Lamoille Valley that likely serve residents of Hyde Park:

Food Program Served by Salvation Farms in 2023	Produce Delivered in 2023	Veggie Starts Delivered in 2023	Cheese Delivered in 2023
Johnson Emergency Food Shelf	2156		100
Laraway Youth & Family Services	823	48	9
Teen Challenge New England	2,858	180	75
Jenna's Promise	147		
Copley House (Morrisville)	1,580		14.5
Lamoille Community Food Share (Morrisville)	3,094	125	125
Lamoille County Mental Health Services – Food Shelf (Morrisville)	2,464		25
Lamoille Health Partners	396		50
Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County	2,528		62
The Manor (Morrisville)	1,619		14.5
WIC (Morrisville)	1,140	294	47.5
Morrisville Out & About	1,141		41.5
North Vermont Recovery Center	40		
Cambridge Community Food Shelf	1,766		100
Total	21,752 pounds	647 starts	664 pounds

Vermont Rural Fire Protection

The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations

Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project (\$15,000 for a couple special case projects). New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development, are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2023 was **\$199,158** of which **\$82,374** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **17 rural fire protection projects** throughout Vermont. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Division of Fire Safety of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2023, we received over **\$9,375** in town appropriations from **90 towns**.

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support. **235** Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Tom Maclay, Chair, RFP Task Force, (802)426-3265 | 83creameryst@fairpoint.net
Troy Dare, Program Manager, RFP (802)828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com

Vermont Family Network

The Vermont Family Network's mission is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those of children with special needs. Our Family Support program employs experienced parents of children with special needs and provides families with the information and training they need to help their child reach their greatest potential. In the last year we are proud to have served 2 Hyde Park families through 7 unique interactions, and greatly appreciate the support provided by the Town of Hyde Park.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much-needed services to families all across the state. Please feel free to reach out to me at Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org, or (802)876-5315, ext. 105 if you have any questions.
Claire Giroux-Williams, Development and Communications Manager



To: Lamoille County Selectboards
From: Lisa Birmingham
Cc: Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District Governing Board
Re: Lamoille FiberNet 2023 Report/2024 Plan
Date: January 1, 2024

Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District had a very productive 2023 and is poised to make great progress and begin construction in 2024.

Our 2023 efforts and 2024 priorities are summarized below and on our websiteⁱ, but first, I want to thank our remarkable Governing Board for their leadership. If you know them, thank them. If you have questions, ask them.

Belvidere: Carol Caldwell-Edmonds
Cambridge: Sam Lotto, Matt McCabe
Eden: Carey Earle
Elmore: Randy Tomlin
Hyde Park: Michael Rooney, Carol Fano
Johnson: Paul Warden, Jeffrey Bickford

Morristown: Jane Campbell, John Meyer
Stowe: Stephen Friedman
Waterville: Jeff Tilton (Chair), Scott Johnson
Wolcott: Andrew Ross (Vice Chair), Bradley Horstman

I also want to thank the Lamoille County Planning Commission, the Lamoille Economic Development Corporation, and the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) and their talented staff, and our Lamoille County legislative delegation. Their collective leadership has helped bring universal broadband within reach.

So, let's take a quick look at our 2023 milestones:

- Developed a two-phase Universal Service Plan to bring fiber broadband to all unserved and underserved addresses in Lamoille County, and successfully applied for \$15.6 million in Vermont Community Broadband Board funding to build Phase 1 of the two-phase plan. Phase 1 reaches 86% or 4,170 of Lamoille County's unserved and underserved addresses. Because our partner Consolidated Communications (CCI) is investing almost \$10 million, Phase 1 is fully funded and will begin this spring!
- Thanks to widespread community support, we also raised \$225,800 in local ARPA pledges to support construction costs in Belvidere, Cambridge, Eden, Hyde Park, Johnson, Wolcott, and Waterville! The VCBB approved a 1:1 match, doubling the investments in these seven communities!
- We negotiated a 20-year partnership with Consolidated Communications (CCI) to operate and maintain the new fiber network with service quality, network performance and consumer protection commitments. This includes building a future-ready, 10Gbps network designed for growth and commitments to keep our network current - offering

the same products here as the rest of northern New England and keeping prices competitive and affordable. For current information on Fidium products and pricing visit <https://www.fidiumfiber.com/fiber-internet>.

- We also continued to build organizational capacity to oversee the implementation of the universal service plan and to remain accountable to our communities. Towards that end, in 2023, we recruited several new board members, launched new website, and completed audits for 2021 and 2022.

Turning to 2024, we have four major objectives:

- Complete Construction of Phase 1 which includes all unserved and underserved areas in Belvidere, Eden, Johnson, and Waterville, all of Lamoille FiberNet's footprint in Elmore and Wolcott, most of Hyde Park, except the northeast corner and all of Morristown, except a few addresses on VT 15 East near Wolcott border. We plan to build roughly 2/3rds of Cambridge and Stowe, building to the ends of line in Sterling Valley and Nebraska Valley in Stowe and North Cambridge to Fletcher in Cambridge. We will be sharing our construction plans with each community when they become available.
- Develop a program, funded by the local ARPA grants, to subsidize installation or extraordinary construction costs.
- Design and fund Phase 2 which will complete the universal service plan, ideally by December 2025.
- Draft long-term sustainability and governance plan, to ensure our grant commitments are fulfilled and our communities continue to benefit from digital equity initiatives. Just a reminder, as a communications union district, we cannot levy taxes. Funding is available through grants, revenue bonds, partnership commitments or contributions.

Our 2024 plan is a manageable challenge. With the continued support and leadership from our Governing Board, our communities, and legislative leaders, I am confident we will be successful.

Again, *THANK YOU!*

¹ Visit our website to keep up with our progress <https://lamoillefiber.net/news> or view our annual report in detail <https://lamoillefiber.net/document/2023-annual-report>.

Lamoille County Planning Commission

FY23 Municipal Report



FY23 Municipal Assistance

July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

HYDE PARK TOWN

The Lamoille County Planning Commission is a political subdivision of the state, governed by a board that includes representatives from each Lamoille County municipality. In the absence of County government, the LCPC provides an essential link between local, state, and federal government agencies and local Lamoille County communities. The LCPC is uniquely positioned to provide broad and cost-effective professional planning services to local municipalities.

In Hyde Park these services included:

- ❖ Providing funding, through LCPC's Brownfields Program, to conduct environmental assessment at a site in the Village of Hyde Park;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics between State officials and Hyde Park Highway Department;
- ❖ Facilitating technical support and coordination with VTrans related to traffic and bike-pedestrian safety, speed limits, and signs on town and state roads;
- ❖ Providing information and technical support regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Facilitating Grant In Aid funds, used to assist the town in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- ❖ Working with the Town to develop options for pedestrian safety improvements in North Hyde Park Village. Applying to the Vermont Agency of Transportation for a demonstration project to "test" two potential crosswalk locations in North Hyde Park;
- ❖ Assisting with VEM funded planning for two road structures in Hyde Park;
- ❖ Conducting Gap and Needs analysis regarding public transit services;
- ❖ Assisting the Town to manage two "Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities" grants for engineering to upgrade the Whitcomb Island Bridge and a culvert on Garfield Road;
- ❖ Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts specific to the North Hyde Park Pedestrian Safety Study;
- ❖ Assisting with updating of Local Emergency Management Plan;
- ❖ Assisting with review of flood hazard regulations for compliance with FEMA standards, and potential opportunities to reduce flood insurance premiums for property owners;

LCPC Board Member

Greg Paus

Richard Pearson

(appointed 09/27/2022)

Transportation Advisory Committee

Richard Pearson

- ❖ Assisting with updating town Zoning maps and overlays;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards, including the “3 Acre Rule” and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach on funding opportunities for Clean Water projects;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance for the Town of Hyde Park’s Clean Water Service Provider application to fund preliminary design for the Centerville Brook Dam Removal Project;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance and guidance regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and reporting;
- ❖ Managing a FY22 Municipal Planning Grant to evaluate and identify opportunities for bylaw modernization in the context of North Hyde Park;
- ❖ Assisting with a Municipal Planning Grant to develop “Gateway Signs” welcoming travelers to North Hyde Park;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources about the Municipal Energy Resilience Program;
- ❖ Conducting a municipal consultation with the Hyde Park Planning Commission on the next update of the Town Plan. Assisting in exploring funding opportunities for the Town/Village Plan update.



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

**Success on
Green Up Day
May 6, 2023**



Green Up Day continued to grow with 23,500 volunteers statewide who cleaned up nearly 348 tons of litter and 15,000 tires. We saw 23% more volunteers lend a hand and heard in many cases there was less litter (30%) to be cleaned up. Tire collection saw a 4.8% increase. The statistics show that the hard work to beautify Vermont is still needed but also that our efforts for awareness are paying off. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2024.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives.

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. **Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.**

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Join us for Green Up Day on May 4, 2024. Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org (802)522-7245



LRSWMD Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report

The Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District (LRSWMD) is a municipal non-profit with a mission to reduce the quantity and toxicity of the trash generated and going to the landfill while maintaining or improving overall environmental quality (air, water, soil), treating customer and employees with respect, and operating within a balanced budget.

The LRSWMD is comprised of the 12 communities: Belvidere, Cambridge, Craftsbury, Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Johnson, Morristown, Stowe, Waterville, Wolcott, and Worcester. Each town either appoints or elects a representative to serve on the Board of Supervisors; Hyde Park currently does not have a representative on this board. The LRSWMD provides outreach and education on materials management in schools and in communities, free use of waste receptacles for community events, sells recycling and composting bins at subsidized costs, assists member communities with compliance with state solid waste regulations, and hosts annual household hazardous wastes events which are free for all LRSWMD residents. The dates for the 2024 HHW collections at LUHS are May 4 and September 14 from 9 to Noon. The cost is \$10 per household. Businesses must pre-register one week before the event.

The LRSWMD operates facilities in the following communities: Craftsbury, Johnson, Morristown, Stowe, and Worcester and Lamoille Soil - a commercial food scrap composting facility in Johnson. The services offered at these facilities are open to both District and non-District users.

Learn more online: www.lrswmd.org, Facebook, Instagram and X (Formerly Twitter). Give us a call at (802)888-7317.

LRSWMD Locations	Hours
Office - 29 Sunset Dr. Morrisville ph: 888-7317 ADMINISTRATION ONLY - DOES NOT ACCEPT WASTE	Monday - Friday 8:00 ^{am} - 4:30 ^{pm}
Craftsbury - Town Garage, 40 Creek Road	Saturday 9 ^{am} - 1 ^{pm}
Johnson - 941 Wilson Road, off Route 100 ph: 635-9246	Fri., Sat., & Sun. 8:30 ^{am} - 3:30 ^{pm}
Lamoille Soil - Wilson Road, Johnson	By appointment only
Morrisville - 832 Cochran Road	Saturday 8:30 ^{am} - 1:30 ^{pm}
Worcester - 43 Calais Road ph: 229-2719	Saturday 7:30 ^{am} - 1 ^{pm}
Stowe - 91 Dump Road ph: 253-4059	Wed. thru Mon. 7:30 ^{am} - 3 ^{pm} CLOSED TUESDAY
Stowe Reuse Room NO DROP OFFS ACCEPTED ON TUESDAY. DROP OFFS ACCEPTED ONLY WHEN TRANSFER STATION IS OPEN.	Tuesday 10:30 ^{am} - 4:30 ^{pm} Sat. & Thurs. 8:30 ^{am} - 2:30 ^{pm}
Stowe Redemption Center (Call ahead 253-4059)	Closed Tues. & Sun. All other days 7:30 ^{am} - 3 ^{pm}

Site closures subject to occur without warning. Notice will be provided when possible.

WARNING — VERMONT PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY — MARCH 5, 2024

A statewide Presidential Primary will be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 to vote for candidates for the following offices:

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The polls will open at 7:00AM a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. The polling place(s) is/are located at:

HYDE PARK TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING - LOWER LEVEL: 344 VT 15 W, HYDE PARK, VT 05655


Town (or City) Clerk KIMBERLY J. MOULTON

VERMONT NOTICE TO VOTERS AND VERMONT VOTER RIGHTS

EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You can request early/absentee ballots at any time during the election year. The latest a ballot can be requested

in HYDE PARK is FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024 AT 4:00PM
(Town) (date and time office closes prior to election)

You or a family member can request early ballots in person, in writing, by telephone, or on your My Voter Page at mvp.vermont.gov. An authorized person can request ballots for you in person or in writing.

CHECKLIST: posted at town clerk's office by Sunday, February 4, 2024.
If your name is not on it, then you must register to vote.

SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. **Please register early** by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.vermont.gov.

Methods of voting early/absentee in the 45 days before the election (ballots available by January 19, 2024):

1. Vote in the town clerk's office prior to the election.
2. Voter may take the ballots out of the clerk's office and return in the same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
3. Have ballot mailed to you and return it to clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7 p.m. on Election Day.
4. If you are in the military, live overseas, or are ill or disabled you may receive your ballot electronically and utilize our accessible online ballot marking tool, but you must print your ballot and return it by mail.
5. If you are ill or disabled, you may ask the town clerk, on or before the deadline to request an absentee ballot, to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home on any day preceding the day of the election (once ballots are prepared) or the day of election.

Identification Required for First Time Registrants by Mail: If you are registering individually for the first time by mail or online, you must provide a copy of identification along with your registration: current valid photo I.D., or a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing your name and current address. If you do not provide I.D. or other documentation with your registration and do not have it when you come to the polls, you will be offered a provisional ballot.

CASTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT: If you accept the offer to vote a provisional ballot, you must complete a sworn affidavit on the provisional ballot envelope swearing that you are qualified to vote in Vermont and in the polling place where you are, and that you submitted an application to register to vote before the deadline. You will be given a card explaining how you can find out if your ballot was counted one week after the election by calling the Vermont Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-8683.

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error or has not been added even though you submitted an application: Explain the situation to your town clerk or presiding officer and ask that your name be added to the checklist. The town clerk or presiding officer will investigate the situation and then either have you complete a registration form and then add your name to the checklist or explain why you cannot be added.

If the town clerk or presiding officer and BCA members present cannot determine that you are entitled to be added to the checklist on Election Day, you may appeal to a superior court judge, who will give you a decision on Election Day OR you may vote a provisional ballot.

Any voter who wants assistance for any reason may bring the person of their choice into the voting booth to help or may ask for assistance from two election officials.

Voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place may have a ballot brought to a car outside the polls by two election officials.

Any U. S. citizen and resident of a Vermont town or city who submitted an application to register to vote on or before election day is entitled to vote regardless of race or physical ability.

THE LAW PROHIBITS THE FOLLOWING--DO NOT:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote.
- Socialize in a manner that will disturb other voters.
- Offer a bribe, threaten, or intimidate a person to vote for a candidate.
- Hinder or interfere with the progress of a voter going into or out of a polling place. Vermont law provides that a person cannot campaign within a polling place but does NOT specify any number of feet that campaigners need to be away from the polls outside. The presiding officer will set reasonable rules for where campaigners can stand.

The Election Officials at the polling place are here to serve you.

If you have any questions, or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

If you do not understand something, or you believe a mistake has been made that has not been corrected, or you have a question that cannot be answered to your satisfaction at the polling place:

**Call the Elections Division, Office of the Secretary of State
1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683)
(Accessible by TDD)**

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may call the Elections Division at 800-439-8683 or (802) 828-2363. You may also file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-1101.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office, the County State's Attorney or the Vermont Attorney General.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

VOTING PROCESS--INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

- Go to the entrance checklist table, give your name, and if asked, your street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- If you want to use the **accessible voting system** tell the entrance checklist official at this time. An election official will take you to the accessible ballot marking device, enter a security code, and then leave you to mark and print your ballot privately. More details about our new accessible ballot marking device are available on our website at <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/accessible-voting/>.
- You must ask for a major party ballot (Democratic or Republican). This is required by Vermont law for the Presidential Primary. (17 V.S.A. §2704.)
- Take the ballot from the election official and enter a voting booth. Once inside the voting booth, mark your ballot for each race.
- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate. **Do not vote for more candidates than the "Vote for not more than #" for each office. If you vote for more than the "Vote for not more than #," your vote will not count for that race.**
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" line on the ballot and either write in the name or paste on a sticker, then fill in the oval.
- **If you make a mistake or change your mind, DO NOT try to erase. Return your ballot and ASK an election official for a new ballot.** If you make a mistake again, you may ask for another ballot. Each voter may have up to 3 ballots.
- To cast your voted ballot: either insert your voted ballot into the tabulator machine, or in a hand count town, insert it into the ballot box.
- Go to the exit checklist table, if any, and state your name. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- Leave the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail. All voters who are in line at the polling place at 7p.m. will be permitted to vote. No voter can enter the polling place to vote after 7p.m.

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY
OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT
MARCH 5, 2024**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Vote for not more than ONE

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR of Delaware



MARK STEWART GREENSTEIN of Connecticut



JASON MICHAEL PALMER of Maryland



DEAN PHILLIPS of Minnesota



CENK UYGUR of California



MARIANNE WILLIAMSON of Washington, DC



(Write-in)



**REPUBLICAN PARTY
OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT
MARCH 5, 2024**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Vote for not more than ONE

RYAN L. BINKLEY of Texas



CHRIS CHRISTIE of New Jersey



RON DESANTIS of Florida



NIKKI HALEY of South Carolina



VIVEK RAMASWAMY of Ohio



DONALD J. TRUMP of Florida



(Write-in)



SAMPLE BALLOT

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HYDE PARK, VERMONT
MARCH 5, 2024**

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- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

<p style="text-align: center;">SELECTBOARD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Years VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>NICOLE CHAUVIN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LISTER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 Years VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>KRISTA JONES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LAMOILLE NORTH MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 Years VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>PHILIP KIELY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SELECTBOARD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 Years VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>CHASITY FAGNANT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LISTER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Year remaining of a VOTE FOR NOT 3 Year term MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>LESLIE ROLLINS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LAMOILLE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Year remaining of a VOTE FOR NOT 2 Year term MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">LISTER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Years remaining of a VOTE FOR NOT 3 Year term MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>DEANNA C. JUDKINS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	

OFFICIAL BALLOT

LAMOILLE NORTH MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #058A

MARCH 5, 2024

If in FAVOR of the Article, make a cross (X) in the square marked YES.

If OPPOSED to the Article, make a cross (X) in the square marked NO.

ARTICLE X

“Shall the voters of Lamoille North Modified Unified School District #058A (PreK-6th grade) approve the school board to expend \$16,353,135, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? ”

☐

YES

☐

NO

OFFICIAL BALLOT

LAMOILLE NORTH MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #058B

MARCH 5, 2024

If in FAVOR of the Article, make a cross (X) in the square marked YES.

If OPPOSED to the Article, make a cross (X) in the square marked NO.

ARTICLE XI

“Shall the voters of Lamoille North Modified Unified School District #058B (7th-12th grade) approve the school board to expend \$19,797,762, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? ”

☐

YES

☐

NO

ARTICLE XII

“Shall the voters of Lamoille North Modified Unified School District #058B, Green Mountain Technology & Career Center, approve the school board to expend \$3,973,185 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?”

☐

YES

☐

NO

RESUME OF TOWN MEETING – March 7, 2023

- Article 1:** Town Officers were elected by Australian Ballot as listed in front of this Town Report.
- Article 2:** Voted for obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Hyde Park in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$600,000) be issued (payable over a term of not more than ten (10) years) to fund the purchase and equipping of a fire truck for the Hyde Park Town Fire Department at a total cost of Six Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$600,000).
- Article 3:** Town Officers were elected by floor vote as listed in front of this Town Report.
- Article 4.** Voted to approve the sum of \$2,500 to be raised by taxes for the support of Lamoille Restorative Center.
- Article 5.** Voted to approve the sum of \$9,060 to be raised by taxes for the support of Lamoille Home Health & Hospice.
- Article 6.** Voted to create a Reserve Fund for repairs, construction, and improvements of Town Community Buildings, not including library or highway buildings, to be under the control of the Selectboard, with funding from donations, fees, grants, interest earned on investments, or gifts, and an appropriation of \$40,000 from the unassigned General Fund Balance.
- Article 7.** Voted against eliminating the office of lister, thereby requiring the Selectboard to contract with or employ a professional qualified assessor, who need not be a resident of the Town and who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for Listers or the Board of Listers under the provisions of Title 32 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, per 17 V.S.A. § 2651c.
- Article 8.** Voted to appropriate \$50,000 of the unassigned General Fund Balance to the Stormwater Capital Reserve Fund.
- Article 9.** Voted to approve, in addition to any other appropriations approved in prior articles, a total general fund expenditures amount for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 of \$3,089,000 of which \$2,648,700 shall be raised by property taxes and \$440,300 by non-property tax revenue.
- Article 10.** Voted to approve the payment of property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four equal installments (32 V.S.A. § 4792), as listed below; with delinquent taxes and assessments have charged against them an eight percent (8%) commission after the fourth installment (32 V.S.A. § 1674) and interest charges of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months; and thereafter, one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax. Such interest shall be imposed on a fraction of a month as if it were an entire month (32 V.S.A § 5136). Payments are due in the hands of the Treasurer by 4:00 P.M. on

the below due dates. Only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks will be accepted if postmarked on or before the due date (32 V.S.A. § 4773).

First installment to be paid on or before Thursday, August 31, 2023

Second installment to be paid on or before Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Third installment to be paid on or before Thursday, February 15, 2024

Fourth installment to be paid on or before Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Article 11. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2023

**Morrisville Local Health Office | 63 Professional Drive, Morrisville, VT
802-888-7447 | AHS.VDHMorrisville@Vermont.gov**

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. **The Morrisville Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Lamoille, Orleans, Caledonia, and Washington counties.** Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/morrisville



Women Infants & Children (WIC), Family and Child Health

- Our WIC team serves over 700 people and **celebrated a return to in-person visits** in August.
- In September, the Morrisville Local Health Office earned Elite status for excellent breastfeeding counseling support. We were the **only district in the country to get this recognition** from the National WIC Association.
- Through the Farm to Family Program we helped distribute **918 pounds of fresh produce** from Salvation Farms. Find out more at www.salvationfarms.org/our-work/
- Our Public Health nurses **worked with Healthy Lamoille Valley to develop youth substance-prevention strategies.** The Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor Association, out of the Executive Office of the President, recognized these efforts nationally.



Immunization

- **We have remained committed to Equity Immunization Clinics.** We have worked with local organizations to give out 280 free vaccines to underserved community members.
- Local Health staff **assisted our local primary care practices** in improving their immunization work. As a result, Lamoille County experienced an increase in vaccination coverage for the 24-35-month age group.



Emergency Preparedness

- Following historic summer flooding, our staff deployed for 8 weeks, moving between the towns of Johnson, Cambridge and Hardwick. Our staff worked with the American Red Cross, FEMA and other state agencies to **provide water testing kits, Tdap vaccines and other resources** to those affected.
- **We seek more Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers** for emergencies now and in the future. Contact us for more information!



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tax.vermont.gov/forms-request



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- Renter Credit

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TAX HELP

You may be eligible for free tax help through the IRS, AARP, or MyFreeTaxes.com.
To learn where to find tax help, visit tax.vermont.gov/free-prep

Email: tax.individualincome@vermont.gov

Phone: (802) 828-2865 or (866) 828-2865 (toll-free in VT)
tax.vermont.gov

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Hyde Park Town Clerk and Treasurer: Kimberly J. Moulton (802)888-2300 option 1
Town Administrator: Brent Sheets, (802)888-2300, admin@hydeparkvt.com
Planning, Zoning: Stephen McDonald, (802)888-2300 x302 Stephen@hydeparkvt.com
Town Listers' Office: (802)888-2300 x303, Office Hours: Thursdays 8:00am – 4:00 pm
Animal Control: Ally Judkins (802)730-2292. Emergency calls to 911
Hyde Park Village Trustees / Utility Billing (Village Electric, Water and Sewer): (802)888-2310
Hyde Park Highway Garage: (802)888-4625
North Hyde Park Water District #1: Roger Audet (802)635-7038
Hyde Park Opera House: (802)888-4507

FIRE, POLICE, AND AMBULANCE SERVICES

Dial 911 in Emergencies

Non-Emergency Numbers for:

Lamoille County Sheriff: Sheriff Roger Marcoux (802)888-3502
Ambulance: Newport Ambulance Services (NEMS) (802)334-2023
Hyde Park Fire Department: Chief Ryan Nolan (802)279-6955
North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department: Chief Brent Lanpher (802)279-6361

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT - LAMOILLE UNIT

154 Main Street · All mail to: P.O. Box 570 · Hyde Park, VT 05655
Criminal Division: (802)888-3887 Family Division: (802)888-3887
Civil Division: (802)888-3887 Probate Division: (802)888-3887

LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Main Office (802)888-7317, Visit www.lrswm.org for locations and hours
Contact Private Trash Haulers / drop off for residential/commercial needs:
Casella Waste Management (Hyde Park) - (802)888-5423
Town of Wolcott Transfer Station: Gulf Rd - (802)888-2746
Cambridge Transfer Station; VT 104 - (802)644-2251
All Metals Recycling: VT 15 Hardwick - (802)472-5100
Hillside Trash - (802) 888-7567

Community Services &
General Information

Dial 211
vermont211.org

Road Conditions
Dial 511
newengland511.org

ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

Lamoille-2 Representatives (Belvidere, Hyde Park, Johnson, Wolcott)
Melanie Carpenter mcarpenter@leg.state.vt.us; (802) 828-2228
Daniel Noyes dnoyes@leg.state.vt.us; (802) 828-2228
State Senator – Lamoille District
Richard Westman rawestman@gmail.com; (802) 644-2297
Governor Phil Scott (800) 828-3322; www.governor.vermont.gov
Lt. Governor David Zuckerman (802) 828-2226; www.ltgov.vermont.gov
Secretary of State Sara Copeland Hanzas (802) 828-2363; www.sos.vermont.gov
U.S. Senator Peter Welch (800) 642-3193; www.welch.senate.gov
U.S. Senator Bernard Sanders (800) 339-9834; www.sanders.senate.gov
U.S. Representative Becca Balint (888) 605-7270; www.balint.house.gov

SCHOOLS

Hyde Park Elementary School: pre-K to 6th Grade; (802)521-5400, www.hpes.lnsd.org; Diane Reilly, Principal
Lamoille Union Middle School: 7th to 8th grades; (802)851-1300, www.lums.lnsd.org; Denise Maurice, Principal
Lamoille Union High School: 9 to 12th grades; (802)888-4261, www.luhs.lnsd.org; Bethann Pirie, Principal
Green Mountain Technology & Career Center; (802)888-4447, www.gmtcc.lnsd.org; Erik Remmers, Director
Lamoille North Supervisory Union (802)581-1160, www.lnsd.org, Catherine Gallagher, Superintendent

PUBLIC TRANSIT

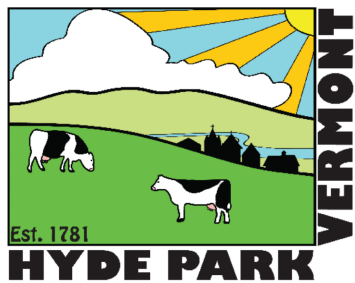
Rural Community Transportation; Johnson Shopper Route stops in Sterling View Mobile Home Park. (802)748-5275, Toll Free (855)811-6360; www.riderct.org

LIBRARY

Lanpher Memorial Library; (802)888-4628; located at the corner of Church & Main across from the Courthouse
Library Hours: Monday 12-7; Tuesday 10-5; Wednesday 10-5; Friday 10-5; Sat. 10-1
Story Time: Mondays 6:00 pm; Wednesdays 10:00 am; E-mail: hydeparklibrary@yahoo.com

OTHER ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANIES (in addition to Hyde Park Electric)

Morrisville Water and Light Company (MWL); South & East Areas; outage reports (802)888-2162; office (802)888-3348
Vermont Electric Cooperative (VEC); North Areas; outage reports (800)832-2667; office (802)635-2331
Central Vermont Public Service (GMP-CVPS); Near Johnson; outage reports or office (888)835-4672
Hardwick Electric Department (HED); Near Wolcott/Craftsbury; outage reports or office (802)472-5201



TOWN OF HYDE PARK

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