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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022



ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 10, 2023

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BOARD OF VILLAGE TRUSTEES

The Trustees meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 857 Elmore Street, Morrisville at 5:30 PM. These meetings are open to the public but subject to change. For information contact (802) 888-3348.

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**General Government
Electric, Water & Wastewater Services**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tom Snipp	Term Expires 2023
Travis Knapp	Term Expires 2024
Bob Heanue	Term Expires 2025
Brad Limoge	Term Expires 2026
Carl Fortune	Term Expires 2027

Dedication

In mid- December 2022, weather forecasters began projecting that a serious storm was on the horizon of such magnitude that emergency preparations should begin. In our state and here in Morrisville, we all know we are a hardy people who are used to pretty harsh weather. Still, these projections were ominous.

We now know these projections were accurate and turned in to what became known as Winter Storm Elliott. Elliott came in three waves, two projected and one not. Early on the morning of December 23rd incredibly high winds, 50 to 70 mph, arrived in Morrisville resulting in hundreds of customers losing power. By noon of that day, it was beginning to look like this massive storm, while creating some trouble for our customers, was not to be long lived, and our team believed we'd complete repairs by early evening.

At around 1:00 pm, the second, unexpected wave of Elliott arrived with a very short- lived burst of high winds hitting our region. At a time when the forecasts had suggested we'd see winds diminish to around 10 mph, they suddenly increased to around 60 mph. These winds hit trees and poles that were already stressed by the first wave and resulted in our outage map lighting up like a Christmas tree. It was then that all involved knew this was a different kind of storm.

The third wave came in the early evening, again on December 23rd, as white out conditions made repairing the electric system virtually impossible for around a four-hour period. While this snow belt was anticipated, the ferocity of it was a surprise.

This annual report is dedicated to the amazing team of employees at Morrisville Water & Light who banded together to fight this storm and restore power. It is also dedicated to the people of all the communities served by MWL, who motivate us to do our best every day. The MWL team launched restoration efforts early in the morning of December 23rd and completed them around 4:00 am Christmas morning. While precise numbers are challenging to develop, something on the order of a third to half of our customers lost power for either a very short period of time to more than a day. Dozens of different outages occurred, each requiring separate efforts to bring those customers back on line.

Our linemen, of course, are the people at the tip of the restoration arrow. They battled wind, cold and snow over these 48 hours with their single-minded resolve to "get the lights back on" so our customers could enjoy their holiday plans. Our customers may not be aware that we've a young team of line workers here at MWL. For some this was their first massive storm experience. They certainly demonstrated their commitment to all our customers and our community. Behind the line workers are the rest of the team, working the same long hours in support of the line workers to assure power got restored as quickly as possible. Our team that cares for our dams, water system, and sewer system were all out in the elements working to clear debris, direct traffic, and troubleshoot problems. Our team in the office, most of whom were without power in their homes also, worked our telephones so our customers talked to a friendly voice and received updated information as

it became available. Even Morristown's highway crew pitched in during this crisis to lend a hand clearing brush and directing traffic. We want our customers to be aware of this incredible act of care for our community.

Over Christmas weekend we saw the truth of what the novelist James Lane Allen wrote come true. "Adversity does not build character, it reveals it." It is with incredible thanks that we acknowledge the character displayed by the employees of Morrisville Water & Light during winter storm Elliott.

Finally, there is, as Paul Harvey used to say, "the rest of the story". Our team was able to take a break Christmas Day – which was a blessing that many utilities in Vermont did not enjoy. However, the storm restoration was not complete – even though our customers all had power. For the next week, our team continued to remove trees from electric lines, repair damage to our transmission system, and make many more repairs. At this writing we still have one repair to make as the storm created a very odd surge of electricity that fed back to our hydro plant at Cady's Falls, damaging one of the generation stations there. Once repaired, we will be able to close the books on Winter Storm Elliott.

Throughout the storm, our customers (neighbors, friends, and colleagues) were simply amazing. Of course, you were all calling to let us know you didn't have power and to inquire when you might get it back. What was heartening to us was the concern and support our entire community displayed –. From posts on Facebook, to calls coming in, to people bringing snacks for our line workers, and so many other ways, our customers showed the best of humanity and Vermont. We stuck together, we supported each other, and we sure as heck didn't let a little (or in this case a lot) of weather beat us.

This is what is so great about community and about public power. Neighbors helping neighbors all invested in each other. It's why, at MWL, we say "Community is at the Heart of Morrisville Water & Light".

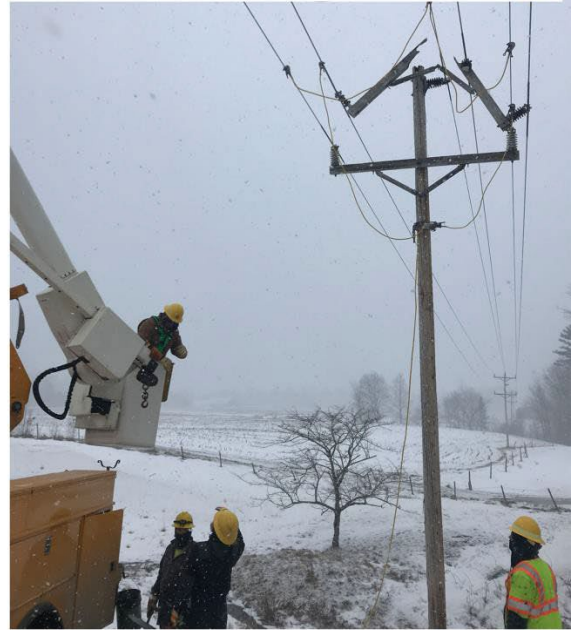
Many thanks for the incredible sacrifice made and incredible work provided by each and every employee at Morrisville Water & Light. Many thanks also, to the incredible spirit of our customers for your support and perseverance. It is for the character so vividly displayed by employees and citizens alike that this annual report is dedicated to you!



Mary L Collins
In the dictionary, under the word AWESOME is a description of Morrisville Water & Light Dept. 😊 Many thanks!!



Lisa Coolum LaMonda
Thank you ❤️❤️ and Merry Christmas 🎄🌲🍷🍷



Andrea Levesque
Thank you all!!! We really appreciate your hard work!!



Conal O'Brien
Thank you all so much!



Eileen Toomey
I would like to thank all of the families that gave up time with their lineman so we could have power in time for Christmas. Merry Christmas. 🎄🎁



John Fish
Amazing teamwork, thank you all so very much for your hard work and dedication! Merry Christmas 🎄



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WARNING
VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING
APRIL 10, 2023

The legal voters of the Village of Morrisville are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Morrisville VFW, 28 VFW Street in said Morrisville, Vermont on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Village Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Village Officers required by law:

- Village Clerk for a term of one (1) year
- Village Treasurer for a term of one (1) year
- Village Trustee for a term of five (5) years
- Collector of Delinquent Village Taxes for a term of one (1) year

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters compensate each Village Trustee an annual salary of \$1,500 to be paid \$75 from the General Village and \$1,425 from the Morrisville Water & Light Department?

ARTICLE 4 Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for the Village General Government operating expenses of \$12,141.82 all of which shall be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of \$500, approximately \$.00032 on the Village grand list, to fund the Village Special Projects Reserve Fund?

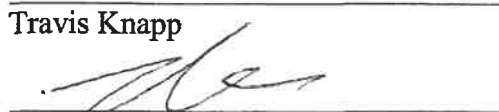
ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on November 15, 2023 by delivery to the Village Treasurer before 4:00 pm on that date with only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks accepted as postmarked mail?

ARTICLE 7: To transact any non-binding business.

Dated at Morrisville, Vermont this 1th day of March, 2023 by the Village Trustees:



Bob Heanue


Carl Fortune

Travis Knapp

Tom Snipp

Bradley Limoge

Received, filed & recorded March 1, 2023 by the Village Clerk:


Sara Allyn Haskins, Village Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS

ANNUAL MEETING VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE

Floor Vote: Monday April 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Morrisville VFW, 28 VFW Street

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by **March 10, 2023**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

HOW TO 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. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to <https://olvr.vermont.gov/>.

ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form. If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities, let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place, let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

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

NO PERSON SHALL:

- 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 true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION:

Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

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.

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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS: Floor Vote

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a colored piece of paper. This is your ballot.
- Show ballot if you wish to speak.
- Show ballot if a voice vote is called.
- If a paper ballot is called, deposit completed ballot in ballot box and return to checklist table to receive new colored ballot.



*Tree planted at Copley Golf Course funded by Village Special Project Reserve Fund
Photo Credit: Brant Slayton*

VILLAGE OFFICERS

ELECTED VILLAGE OFFICERS:

MODERATOR:

Shapleigh Smith Jr Term expires 2023

TRUSTEES:

Tom Snipp	Term expires 2023
Travis Knapp	Term expires 2024
Bob Heanue	Term expires 2025
Bradley Limoge	Term expires 2026
Carl Fortune	Term expires 2027

VILLAGE CLERK:

Sara Allyn Haskins Term expires 2023

VILLAGE TREASURER:

Sara Allyn Haskins Term expires 2023

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES:

Sara Allyn Haskins Term expires 2023

ELECTRIC, WATER & WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS:

Scott Johnstone	General Manager
Penny Jones	Controller
Kevin Newton	Plant Superintendent
David Heller	Electric Superintendent

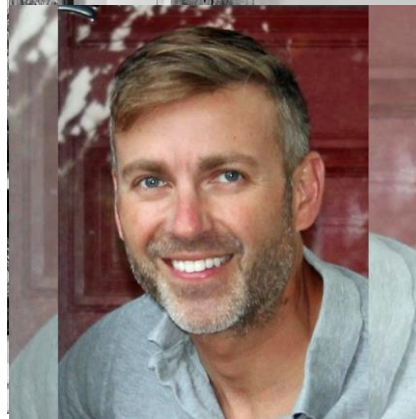
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY FOR THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE:

Aimee Towne	Term expires 2023	Justices of the Peace
Shelley Nolan	Term expires 2023	Justices of the Peace
Urban Martin	Term expires 2023	Justices of the Peace
Tom Snipp	Term expires 2023	Trustee
Travis Knapp	Term expires 2024	Trustee
Bob Heanue	Term expires 2025	Trustee
Bradley Limoge	Term expires 2026	Trustee
Carl Fortune	Term expires 2027	Trustee

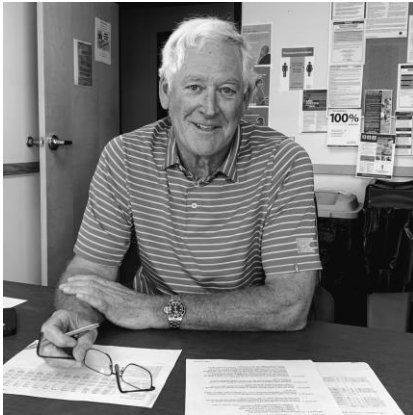
2022 Board of Trustees



Tom Snipp - Chair



Travis Knapp - Clerk



Robert Heanue



Brad Limoge



Carl Fortune



Manager's and Trustee's Report for 2022

By Scott Johnstone, General Manager

2022 Year in Review

The year past has been one of both substantial progress and significant challenge and change. The amazing employees continue to grow in their abilities and their clear focus on providing superior service to our friends, neighbors and colleagues in the town's we serve. Our team is top notch and is fully capable of providing all needed services to all of you, our customers.

At the same time, MWL, like all of you, has experienced significant cost pressure/inflation which is driving economic impacts. These impacts hit every service we provide – water, sewer and electric. Further, our state policies on renewable energy and strategic electrification create both practical operational challenges and challenging financial impacts for the coming five to ten year period. Let's be clear, this transition to all electric, renewable energy will be wonderful, environmentally and economically, for our children, grandchildren and our environment. But it requires the current generation to re-adopt the delayed gratification philosophy so prevalent of past generations. In 2022 it became apparent that we'll have to endure some costs and impacts now to create that better future for future generations.

As we address each and every issue that comes forward one thing is clear and can be counted on by all of our customers. At Morrisville Water & Light community is clearly at the heart of everything we do. Thinking about how to provide you the best and most affordable services we can kept us motivated in 2022 and drives us forward into 2023.

The Big Storm

On December 23rd our region was hit with Winter Storm Elliott. The incredibly high winds that hit us from the southeast created power disruption and destruction throughout Lamoille County and far beyond. At various times more than a quarter of our customers were without power, some for over a day. Our dedicated and talented team did an amazing job in getting power restored by very early in the morning on the 25th. The team at MWL is so appreciative of all the wonderful posts, notes, and expression of thanks to our team. And we wish to thank all of our customers for your patience and endurance while we worked to get power restored during this historic storm.

Electric Rates Rising

After a dozen years of having stable electric rates, MWL filed a rate increase of 11.25% with the Vermont Public Utilities Commission in December. Simply put a dozen years of increasing cost pressure, coupled with the meteoric price escalation of the past two years, increasing costs for compliance with state renewable energy laws, and dramatically increased costs to purchase power led to the need for this increase. We understand the timing of this increase is tough news – we wish it could be otherwise.

Our Employee's

The team at MWL is truly incredible. From our staff maintaining our water, sewer, and electric systems, the customer team that you all speak with to pay bills or let us know when something is wrong, to our management team, our community is fortunate to have such dedicated and talented people caring for these systems and services.

Importantly, as the year came to a close, one employee, Dino Fernandes, graduated from Apprentice Lineman to 1st Class Lineman. Congratulations to Dino! For our customers this means we've one more person able to fully take on the duties of a linemen. This then means your electric reliability is better today than it was a year ago.

At mid- year Penny Jones stepped down as General Manager and returned to her previous position as Controller. For much of her time as manager, Penny filled both roles providing a truly incredible service for our customers – even as it was not a sustainable solution. MWL is so fortunate that Penny stayed with us in her Controller role and we offer our deep appreciation for her leadership through the pandemic as manager

Our Financials

Over the past year all three of our utilities experienced significant cost pressures and challenges with our cash position. The team managed to navigate the year without new revenues. As noted previously, this also resulted in our filing for an electric rate increase late in 2022. Water and sewer rates remain stable, for now, but all three utilities will continue to be economically challenged in 2023 or until the incredible inflationary pressures ease.

Our auditors, Kittell, Branagan and Sargent, have not completed our audit for 2022 at the time of this writing. As always, we expect their review of our books will result in a clean audit being presented to the Trustees by mid-year. When that occurs, the audit will be made available on our MWL website and we'll alert the public to its availability on social media.

Our Services

Water

This year saw a good deal of action on improvements to the water system. The water lines on Union Street and Fairwood Parkway West were replaced. The preparations to install a generator at Well 3 were completed (generator to be installed in 2023). Lastly, a new SCADA system was installed to enable us to remotely manage water levels at our two reservoirs, updating a very old, finicky system that failed whenever it was wet outside.

Sewer

During the year, the new pump station at Bridge Street was installed. Also, significant relining of sewer lines on both Bridge Street and Portland Street occurred. Relining enables us to extend the life of a sewer line without digging it up – and it costs way less to do.

Electric

All electric systems, including MWL's, require constant investment to make sure customers have adequate, reliable power that meets their needs. During the past year investments included B22 transmission line rebuild, continued improvements to substation #3, relocation of the powerline to Children's Village Road from a cross country run and improved voltage.

Similarly, the voltage on Earl Grey Road was improved. In addition, one of our bucket trucks reached the end of it's useful life, resulting in our ordering a new truck that will arrive in April of 2023. Late in the year, we entered into a five year power purchase agreement to buy on shore wind energy from Maine to help us stabilize our energy costs. We also reached final agreements to install advanced meter infrastructure in 2024, which will enable us to meet state obligations to create time of use rates for our customers.

Work was begun to update our three year Integrated Resource Plan for our utility. This state mandated effort will advance the next stage of planning and investment necessary to meet our state energy policy. This means we'll continue to focus on deploying renewables and the adoption of energy efficiency while now also focusing on transitioning to all electric buildings – strategic electrification. This plan will be complete in mid-2023.

Hydro

For fourteen years now, MWL has been attempting to secure new permits to operate our three hydro electric generating dams. The odyssey continues. Progress is being made to address the differences between MWL and the State. Retaining the Green River Reservoir and generating local, green, renewable, hydro electricity remain the goals of the discussions. Our goal is to resolve these matters in 2023.

During the year, our generators at Cady's Falls have struggled to produce electricity. Both generators are well past due for upgrades to assure they can run reliably. In 2022 this resulted in lots of little repairs and serious planning efforts to accomplish a major upgrade of one of the generators in 2023.

Village

The Village sponsored a project, in partnership with the Town of Morristown, to install security cameras at Oxbow Park. This work, completed late in 2022, will improve security at the park and was funded, in part, by the special projects fund of the Village. Many thanks to the team at Morristown for bringing this project forward. It will surely improve our community.

In August, the community elected Travis Knapp as a new Trustee for the Village. He has hit the ground running and is a wonderful addition to our already strong Board of Trustees.

Closing

2022 will be remembered as a good year at MWL. It held tremendous accomplishment and opportunity while being filled with challenge and change. Our three utilities are strong and delivering the services the community needs and supports. However, the economic realities are hitting home both at MWL and at every kitchen table of our customers.

This is where public utilities can and should shine. Our customers are our neighbors and our only interest is in providing services that are needed and valued by all of you. Our team here feels both the joy and pain in our community because you are MWL and we, with you all, are Morrisville. It's why we say "Community is at the Heart of Morrisville Water & Light". More than a slogan or tag line – it's how we work together to navigate times both good and bad to do that which is right and necessary.

Many thanks to all our customers for your support and to both the team of employees here at MWL and our Board of Trustees. It has been my honor and privilege to join this team and community during 2022 and I look forward to standing with you all moving forward.

Respectfully Submitted by the General Manager and on behalf of the Village

Trustees: Chairman: Tom Snipp
Trustees: Travis Knapp, Bob Heanue, Brad Limoge, and Carl Fortune
General Manager: Scott Johnstone





Scott Johnstone, General Manager



Penny Jones, Controller



Kevin Newton, Operations Superintendent



Peter Crowley, Electric Superintendent





Misty Baker, Assistant Billing Clerk



Linda Osgood, Administrative Assistant



Christy Snipp, Staff Accountant



Tammy Gamble, Assistant Billing Clerk





David Heller, Line Foreman



Frank Ferrante, 1st Class Lineman



Dino Fernandes, Apprentice Lineman



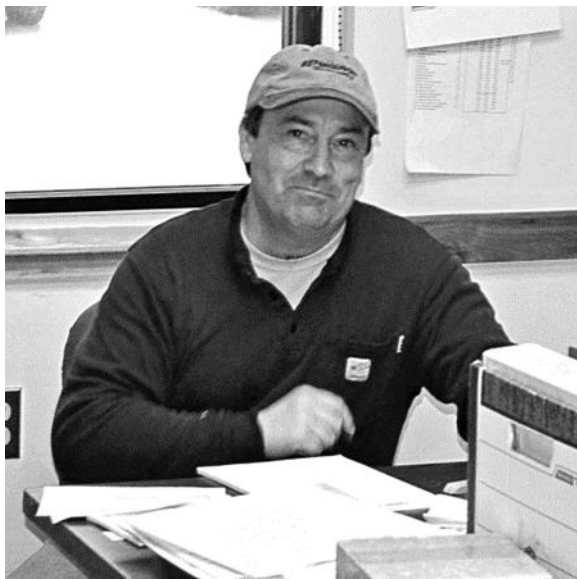
Patrick Sikora, Apprentice Lineman



Kyle Johnson, Apprentice Lineman



Mike LeRiche, Apprentice Lineman



John Tilton: Water, Hydro, Sewer



Brian Quad: Water, Hydro, Sewer

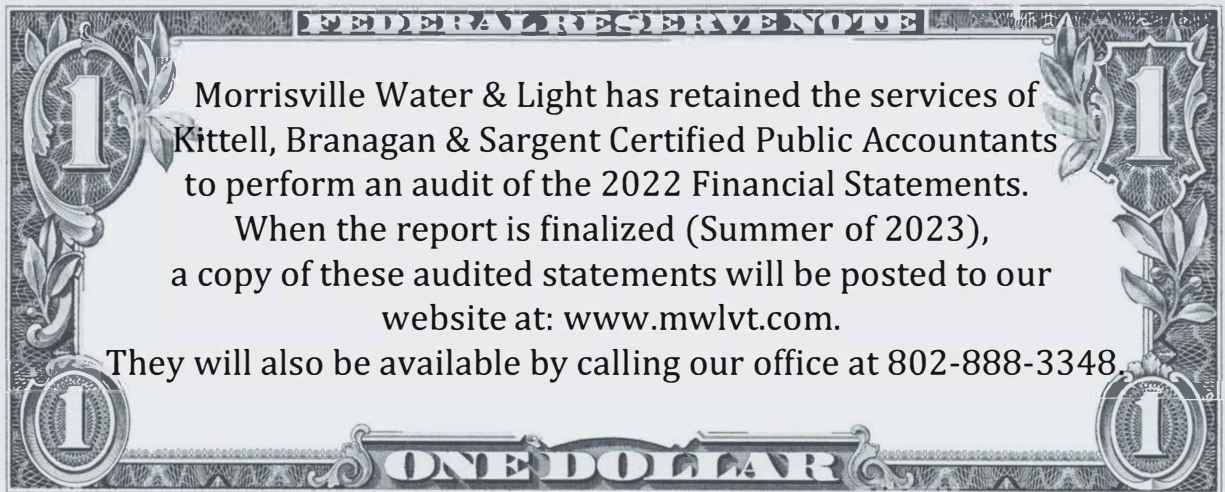


Eric Waterhouse: Meter Department



Mike Buchanan: Water, Hydro, Sewer





Morrisville Water & Light has retained the services of Kittell, Branagan & Sargent Certified Public Accountants to perform an audit of the 2022 Financial Statements.

When the report is finalized (Summer of 2023), a copy of these audited statements will be posted to our website at: www.mwlv.com.

They will also be available by calling our office at 802-888-3348.

The iconic grist mill was lost to fire on May 5, 2022



Village of Morrisville
General Government Income Statement
December 31, 2022

	General Fund			Amy Wade
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Trust
Revenues				
Tax revenues	\$ 12,050	\$ 11,872	\$ 178	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,444	\$ -	\$ 2,444	\$ -
Interest	\$ 14	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ 1,394
Total revenues	<u>\$ 14,508</u>	<u>\$ 11,872</u>	<u>\$ 2,636</u>	<u>\$ 1,394</u>
Expenses				
Insurance-Treasurer's Bond	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -
Village Reports	\$ 323	\$ 300	\$ (23)	\$ -
Advertising	\$ 345	\$ 400	\$ 55	\$ -
Salary - Village Trustees**	\$ 363	\$ 375	\$ 12	\$ -
Salary - Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 6,562	\$ 6,562	\$ -	\$ -
Salary - Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 411	\$ 411	\$ -	\$ -
Salary- Planning/ Zoning Administrator	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits - Clerk/Treasurer & Assistant	\$ 1,019	\$ 999	\$ (20)	\$ -
Meetings & Trainings	\$ 170	\$ 170	\$ -	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ -	\$ -
Postage	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -
Copier Program	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Bill Expenses	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -
Audit Expense	\$ 1,278	\$ 1,400	\$ 122	\$ -
Special Projects	\$ 3,500	\$ 500	\$ (3,000)	\$ -
Total expenses	<u>\$ 15,224</u>	<u>\$ 12,372</u>	<u>\$ (2,852)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net income	\$ (716)	\$ (500)	\$ (216)	\$ 1,394
Inter-fund transfers	\$ -			\$ -
Net assets, 12/31/21	\$ 18,766			\$ 149,957
Net assets, 12/31/22	<u>\$ 18,050</u>	<u>\$ (500)</u>	<u>\$ (216)</u>	<u>\$ 151,351</u>

**Village of Morrisville
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2022**

	General Fund	Amy Wade Trust
Assets		
Money market account	\$ 18,049.95	\$ -
Union Bank CD	\$ -	\$ 151,351.00
	<u>\$ 18,049.95</u>	<u>\$ 151,351.00</u>
Liabilities & net assets		
Net assets		
Reserved	\$ 14,627.73	\$ 21,487.00
Unreserved	\$ 3,422.22	\$ 129,864.00
Unrestricted Fund balance	\$ -	\$ -
Total liabilities & net assets	<u>\$ 18,049.95</u>	<u>\$ 151,351.00</u>
Variance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>



GENERAL GOVERNMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET OVERVIEW				
	2021 Voted Budget	2022 Voted Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	Voted % of change
Article 3: Trustees Salary & Benefits	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 403.69	7.65%
Article 4: General Government Budget	\$ 11,076.36	\$ 11,872.11	\$ 12,141.82	2.27%
Article 5: Village Special Projects Reserve	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0.00%
TOTAL WARNED	\$ 11,951.36	\$ 12,747.11	\$ 13,045.51	2.34%

GENERAL GOVERNMENT- REVENUES				
	2021 Actual	2022 Voted	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
Property Taxes	\$ 11,716.88	\$ 11,872.11	\$ 12,049.82	\$ 12,141.82
Current Use	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ 11.68	\$ -	\$ 14.49	\$ -
Pilot	\$ 46.00	\$ -	\$ 44.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 11,774.56	\$ 11,872.11	\$ 12,108.31	\$ 12,141.82

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - EXPENSES				
	2021 Actual	2022 Proposed	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
Insurance-Treasurer's Bond	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Village Reports	\$ 272.75	\$ 300.00	\$ 322.75	\$ 350.00
Advertising	\$ 295.51	\$ 400.00	\$ 344.75	\$ 350.00
Salary - Village Trustees**	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 363.32	\$ -
Salary - Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 6,196.35	\$ 6,561.93	\$ 6,561.93	\$ 6,955.65
Salary - Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 382.29	\$ 410.96	\$ 410.96	\$ 435.62
Salary- Planning/ Zoning Administrator	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Benefits - Clerk/Treasurer & Assistant	\$ 900.80	\$ 999.22	\$ 1,018.74	\$ 1,100.56
Meetings & Trainings	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00
Office Supplies	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Postage	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Copier Program	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Tax Bill Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Audit Expense	\$ 1,298.44	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,277.75	\$ 1,525.00
Transfer to VSP Reserves	\$ 17,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL	\$ 27,976.14	\$ 11,872.11	\$ 11,725.20	\$ 12,141.82

** voted as a separate article

RESERVE FUNDS

VILLAGE SPECIAL PROJECTS RESERVE FUNDS		
January 1 - December 31, 2022		
Starting Balance Jan 1, 2022	\$	12,904.57
Revenue		
Approved warned article	\$	500.00
Transfer from Bi-Ped Reserve Funds	\$	1,135.95
Copley Country Club Cell Tower	\$	2,400.00
Total Revenue	\$	4,035.95
Expenses		
Security cameras at Oxbow Park	\$	3,500.00
Total Expenses	\$	3,500.00
Ending Balance December 31, 2022	\$	13,440.52

VILLAGE GENERAL RESERVE FUNDS		
January 1 - December 31, 2022		
Starting Balance Jan 1, 2022	\$	-
Revenue	\$	1,187.21
Expenses	\$	-
Ending Balance December 31, 2022	\$	1,187.21

Total Reserve balance ending December 31, 2022 **\$ 14,627.73**



Basketball lights at Oxbow Park funded by Village Special Project Reserve Fund

VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE

Policy Name:	Special Projects Fund	Department:	Village Trustees
Policy Number:		Version:	
Date Authorized by Village Trustees	February 6, 2019	Authorized Signature & Title	

HISTORY. At various Annual Village meetings, voters have approved Articles that, in addition to the grand list tax rates, have raised tax dollars for special projects in or for the benefit of the Village.

POLICY. Organizations, individuals, or the Village itself can make funding requests for proposed Special Projects. The Village Trustees are charged with evaluation of proposals and determining which are funded at their sole discretion.

GUIDELINES. The following serve as guidelines for the Special Projects Fund:

1. At the end of each fiscal year, but no later than the first Monday of April of the succeeding year, the Village Trustees will review the balance of the Special Projects fund.
2. At the Annual Village Meeting held the second Monday in April each year, Village voters have approved, and in the future may approve, Special Projects Fund dollars.
3. After the Annual Village Meeting, if funds are available for projects, the Manager will post a Notice in the locations listed below informing the public that funds are available and applications for projects will be accepted. If funds are not available, no communication with the general public will be made. Locations for the Notice to include at a minimum:
 - the Village Office;
 - the Town Office;
 - the local newspaper; and
 - Front Porch Forum email list-serve.
4. Request for funds shall be made to the Village Trustees in writing. Adequate detail must be provided in order for the Trustees to ascertain the suitability of providing funding for the proposed project.
5. The Trustees will approve or disapprove projects for funding as requests are received. The General Manager will respond to all requests on behalf of the Trustees on the first day following the Trustee meeting during which projects were approved or disapproved.

6. Projects are expected to be completed prior to December 31 of the current calendar year that the award is received. Projects not completed before December 15 run the risk of not being reimbursed unless there were unforeseen circumstances as determined at the sole discretion of the Village Trustees.
7. In November, The Village Clerk will collect any funds that may have been approved by Village voters under Article 5 of the Village Annual meeting.
8. Reimbursement for projects will only be made after Village Taxes have been collected in November, unless subject to (13) below.
9. Payment will be made either directly to qualified vendors, or as reimbursement to individuals or organizations, following satisfactory completion of the project and satisfactory documentation of expenses.
10. General guidelines for Special Project requests are: beautification; recreation; safety; business promotion and general environmental projects. Special Projects may be above and beyond those that can be reimbursed by the Amy Wade fund. Examples include, but are not limited to: flowers; trees; VAST trail maintenance; cross walk signs and other pedestrian improvements; downtown and business informational signs; and recycling containers.
11. The following guidelines apply to projects that consist of individual tree or shrub planting projects on residents' private property:
 - a. Each 911 address can apply every other year.
 - b. Tree planting has to be a native species of tree or shrub with a high survival rate.
 - c. The award amount will not exceed \$75 per address.
 - d. Trees cannot be planted in any electric, water, or sewer right of way.
 - e. Individuals need to provide a photo of tree in final location, including home, road or other landmark for visual verification.
 - f. Individuals must provide the Trustees with a copy of purchase invoice.
 - g. All trees or plants must be purchased from a nursery in Lamoille County.
 - h. The Trustees will consider a reasonable number of grants per year based upon number of requests received and funds available.
 - i. Projects need to be completed by December 15 of each year.
12. The Amy Wade Fund, a separate fund, is governed by a separate Policy.
13. The Village of Morrisville Water or Sewer Dept. may, at its sole discretion, provide advance reimbursement of completed projects prior to November.

However, such advance reimbursement will be on a case-by-case basis and only as authorized by the Village Trustees.

The Village Trustees will review this policy from time to time, and revise it as they deem appropriate.

Special Project Fund Time Line	
Jan	
Feb	
Mar	Amount of Dollars Available Determined for Amy Wade Fund for the year.
Apr	Amount of dollars (if any) determined for the Special Project fund per Village Annual Meeting Article plus rollover dollars from prior year. Warn availability of funds (if any).
May	Start to Accept Applications
Jun	Approve Project Requests starting with the First Trustees Meeting of June Continue to accept and approve project requests for unspent funds Project Work – May 15 to Dec. 15
Jul	↓
Aug	↓
Sep	↓
Oct	↓
Nov	↓ Collect tax monies. Reimburse Approved Completed Projects.
Dec	Projects complete by December 15. Close out all projects – Funds not spent returned to Fund Balance December 31.
	Approved Projects will be reimbursed only upon completion and proper documentation of costs.

**Village of Morrisville
Balances of Amy Wade Fund
as of December 31, 2022**

	<i><u>Total</u></i>	<i><u>Fund Balances</u></i>			
	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Reserved</i>	<i>Unreserved</i>	<i>Approp.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Balances, 12/31/2021	149,957	21,487	128,470	0	149,957
2022 Activity					
Interest earned on Union Bank CD	1,394			1,394	1,394
Inflation adj added to principal ^[1] **			1,394	(1,394)	0
Balances, 12/31/2022	<u>151,351</u>	<u>21,487</u>	<u>129,864</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>151,351</u>

Account Summary:

Union Bank Certificate of Deposit 151,351 (invested through Electric Dept)

151,351

^[1] 12 mos inflation rate as of Dec 2022 6.11%

Definitions:

Reserved: Those portion of the assets that are restricted by the donor of the original gift. This is a legal restriction that can not be changed except by a Probate Court.

Unreserved: Those portion of the assets that are restricted by vote of the Board of Trustees. This restriction can be changed, modified and/or removed by vote of the Board of Trustees.

Appropriated: Those portion of the assets set aside for a future expenditure as determined by the designated authority.

AMY WADE FUND

Alexander Hamilton Copley owned a one-family home in Brockton, Massachusetts, and he provided his long-time secretary, Amy Wade, with a life lease in the residence. Following her death in 1961, and at Mr. Copley's direction, this real estate became the property of the Village of Morrisville. Village voters approved its sale which yielded proceeds totaling \$12,000. Over the next 19 years, this sum was invested and increased to \$21,487.25. Beginning in 1980, voters approved utilization of additional interest earned toward beautification of village streets and properties. In 2002, Village voters authorized the sale of .8 acres off Elmore Street, with the proceeds to be dedicated to the Amy Wade Fund. In 2004, \$80,000 was invested from the sale proceeds and interest income.

The Trustees have determined the following guiding principles for use of income earned from the Amy Wade Fund:

1. At the end of each fiscal year, but no later than February 1st of the succeeding year, the Village Trustees will review how much interest was generated but not spent on eligible projects.
2. The Trustees will then decide if unspent interest will remain classified as interest, or if it is converted to principal. In making this decision, the Trustees will be guided by their desire to ensure that the current principal increases each year by at least the rate of inflation.
3. The Trustees have full authority to spend any interest generated in a current year, as well as any unspent interest accumulated from previous years but not converted to principal.
4. Village voters must approve any expenditure that will require a reduction in principal of the Fund.
5. MWL staff has no authority to authorize expenditure of Amy Wade Funds.
6. Request for funds shall be made to the Village Trustees in writing by May 1st of each calendar year. Adequate detail must be provided in order for the Trustees to ascertain the suitability of the proposed project.
7. The Trustees will review, consider, and respond to all requests by June 1st of each calendar year.
8. Payment will be made directly to qualified vendors or as reimbursement following satisfactory completion of the project.

January 24, 2023

Richard Sargent, Co-Trustee
PO Box 696
Morrisville, VT 05661

Gloria Wing, Co-Trustee
PO Box 641
Morrisville, VT 05661

RE: Copley Fund

Dear Dick and Gloria:

The following is a listing of the Book Value and Market Value of assets held by the Copley Fund on December 31, 2022:

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Money Market Accounts	\$ 81,231.00	\$ 81,231.00
Equities	\$408,049.33	\$ 619,055.24
UB Shares	\$ 31,500.00	\$3,797,280.00
	<u>\$520,780.33</u>	<u>\$4,497,566.24</u>

Distributions were made as follows:

Lamoille County Food Share	\$ 2,900.00
Lamoille County Civic Association	\$ 15,600.00
Lamoille Adult Day Health Services	\$ 2,400.00
River Arts	\$ 4,900.00
Lamoille County Meals on Wheels	\$ 4,900.00
Morristown Centennial Library	\$ 2,850.00
Lamoille Home Health & Hospice	\$ 14,635.00
Lanphear Memorial Library	\$ 2,850.00
Johnson Public Library	\$ 2,850.00
Johnson Food Shelf	\$ 2,949.00
Cambridge Food Shelf	\$ 2,654.00
Varnum Memorial Library	\$ 2,850.00
Glee Merritt Kelley Community Library	\$ 2,850.00
Stowe Free Library	\$ 2,850.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 15,400.00
Home Share Vermont	\$ 491.00
Capstone Community Action	\$ 14,371.00
134 checks @ \$1,000.00	<u>\$134,000.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$232,300.00

Sincerely,

Lura L. Jacques

Lura L. Jacques, CTFA
Senior Vice President/Managing Director

THE COPLEY FUND
2022

Account of Richard Sargent and Gloria Wing, as Trustees under agreement and letters of trust with Alexander H. Copley, dated July 8, 1942 as amended August 29, 1945, providing, in substance, for the establishment of a home for elderly ladies in Morrisville, Vermont, under the terms, conditions and circumstances in said trust letters set forth at length; and including additions to said trust purposes pursuant to the late Levi M. Munson, Esquire of said Morrisville, VT.

Trust Assets forward December 31, 2021 \$475,411.77

Credits:

Dividends	\$236,982.31	
Interest on Money Market Account	\$ 1,826.67	
AI/1 Litigation Check	\$ 50.70	
Realized Gain/Loss	<u>\$ 57,163.02</u>	
		<u>\$296,022.70</u>
		\$771,434.47

Debits:

Management Fee	\$ 13,148.50	
Legal/Tax Prep Fees	\$ 1,538.64	
Taxes	\$ 3,667.00	
Gifts	<u>\$232,300.00</u>	
		<u>\$250,654.14</u>
Trust Assets December 31, 2022		<u>\$520,780.33</u>

THE COPLEY FUND

Pro Rata Share of Equities	\$ 72,909.25	
Pro Rata Share of Money Market Accounts	<u>\$ 31,246.82</u>	
		\$104,156.07

MUNSON ESTATE

Pro Rata Share of Equities	\$291,636.98	
Pro Rata Share of Money Market Accounts	<u>\$124,987.28</u>	
		<u>\$416,624.26</u>
		<u>\$520,780.33</u>

We certify that the foregoing is a true accounting:

Richard Sargent
Richard Sargent

Gloria Wing
Gloria Wing

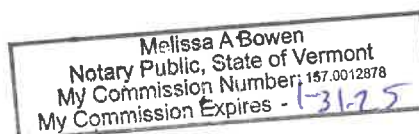
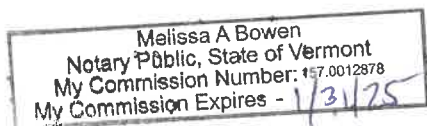
Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 2nd day of March, 2023

Melissa Bowen
Notary Public

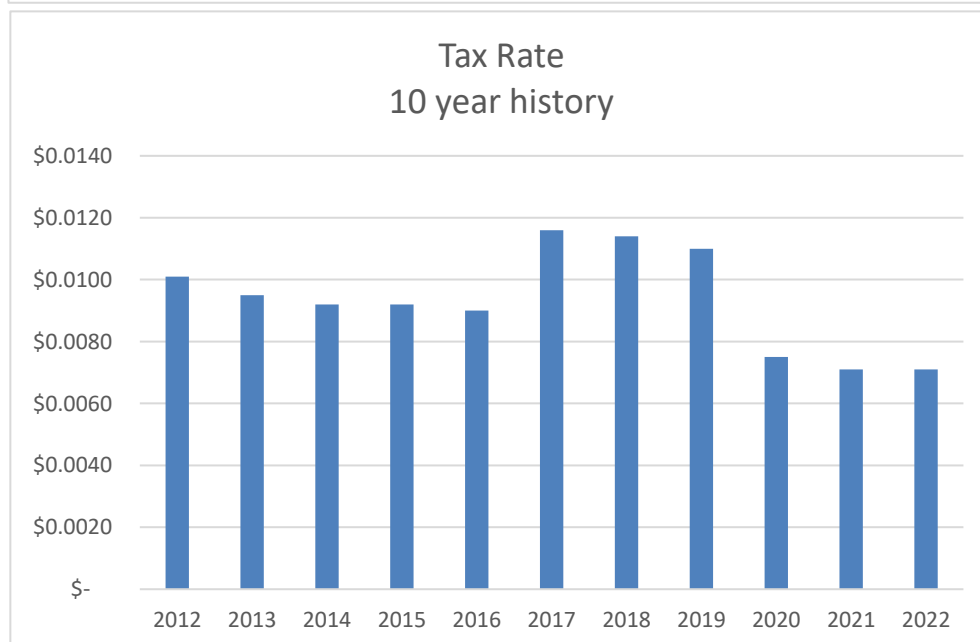
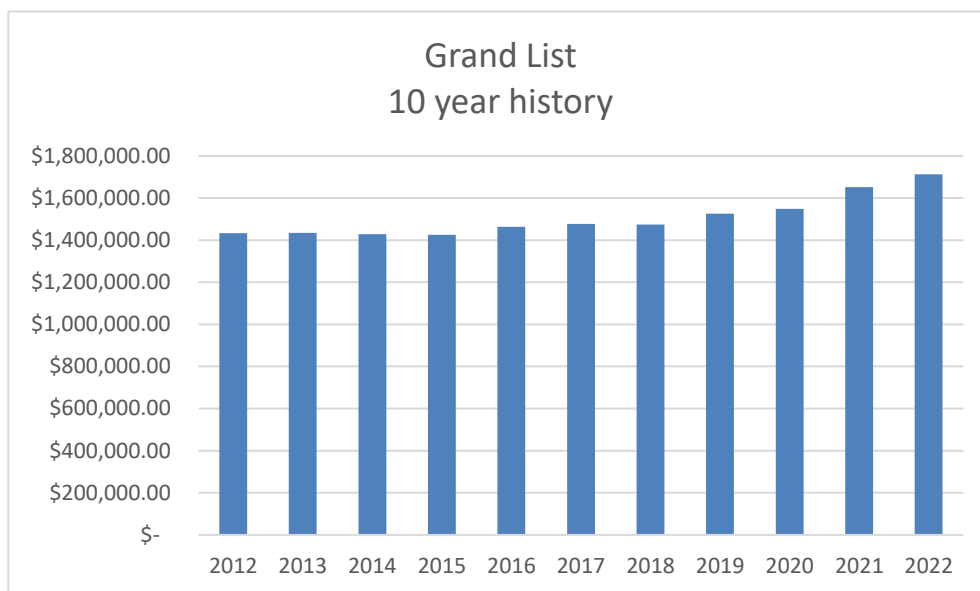
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*Union Bank Shares delivered to Broadridge to avoid impending rate increase.



VILLAGE GRAND LIST AND TAX RATE		
10 Year History		
Year	Grand List	Tax Rate
2012	\$ 1,432,566.67	\$ 0.0101
2013	\$ 1,433,938.06	\$ 0.0095
2014	\$ 1,429,007.13	\$ 0.0092
2015	\$ 1,425,863.93	\$ 0.0092
2016	\$ 1,462,766.63	\$ 0.0090
2017	\$ 1,476,893.27	\$ 0.0116
2018	\$ 1,473,847.61	\$ 0.0114
2019	\$ 1,525,851.00	\$ 0.0110
2020	\$ 1,548,178.00	\$ 0.0075
2021	\$ 1,652,451.56	\$ 0.0071
2022	\$ 1,712,432.00	\$ 0.0071



Morrisville Water & Light
Municipal Utility Service Quality & Reliability Plan Reporting Form
Report Period: January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Performance area		4th Quarter	3rd Quarter	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter	Annual Rolling Average	Baseline
1	Call Answer Performance						
2a	Percent of bills not rendered within 7 days of monthly billing cycle	-	-	-	-	0	
A	Bills not rendered within 7 days of scheduled billing cycle	12,878	12,892	12,797	12,720	12,822	
B	Total bills scheduled to be rendered	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
C	(A/B)						<=1.0%
2b	Bills found inaccurate						
A	Number of bills rendered inaccurate	3	7	3	9	6	
B	Total number of bills rendered	12,878	12,892	12,797	12,720	12,822	
C	(A/B)	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	<=1.0%
2c	Payment posting complaints						
A	Number of customers complaining about payment posting	-	-	-	-	0	
B	Total Number of Customers	13,786	13,758	13,602	13,492	13,660	
C	(A/B)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	<=0.05%
3	Percent of actual meter readings per month						
A	Number of meter readings not read	1	1	1	5	2	
B	Number of meter readings scheduled	13,786	13,758	13,602	13,492	13,660	
C	(A/B)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	<=10.0%
4a	Percent of customer requested work not completed on or before promised delivery date						
A	Number of jobs not completed on or before promised delivery date	-	-	-	-	0	
B	Total number of jobs promised complete in reporting month	64	224	211	140	160	
C	(A/B)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	<=5.0%
4b	Average number of days after the missed delivery date						
A	Total days of delay	-	-	-	-	0	
B	Total number of delayed jobs in the reporting month	-	-	-	-	0	
C	(A/B)	-	-	-	-	-	<=5 days
5	Rates of complaints to DPS/Consumer Affairs as reported to Utility						
A	Number of escalations to DPS/Consumer affairs	-	-	-	-	0	
B	Total number of customers	4,595	4,586	4,534	4,497	4,553	
C	(A/B)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.00	<=0.07%, minimum 2
6a	Lost time incidents (report annually in January)						
A	Total incidents that cause injury to an employee, occur while employee is working for utility and result in missed work beyond day of injury					0	<=2
6b	Lost time severity (reported annually in January)						
A	Cumulative number of work days missed by utility employees in calendar year as a result of injuries sustained while performing work for utility					0	<=18
7a	System average interruption frequency (reported annually in January)						
A	SAIFI as defined in PSB Rule 4.901 with the exception of Major Storms					2.23	3.00
7b	Customer average interruption duration (reported annually in January)						
A	CAIDI as defined in PSB Rule 4.901 with the exception of Major Storms					1.99	2.50
7c	Worst performing areas: Attach worst performing areas analysis (reported annually in January)						

Service guarantees

List service guarantees provided by utility and indicate number of times each guarantee was provided to customers during the month and quarter

Guarantee	4th Quarter	3rd Quarter	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter
1a) Line Crew Appointments	0	0	0	0
1b) Meter Work				
Customer requested Meter Readings	0	0	0	0
Meter Accuracy Verification	0	0	0	0
Final / Initial Meter Readings	0	0	0	0
1c) Delay Days	0	0	0	0

**MINUTES
FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE**

AUGUST 10, 2022

The inhabitants of the Village of Morrisville, who are legal voters of said Village were notified and warned to meet in Annual Village Meeting at the Community Meeting Room of the Morristown Municipal Building, 43 Portland Street in said Morrisville, Vermont on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 6:30 o'clock in the evening local time. Moderator Shap Smith called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. There were 23 Village voters in attendance. Attention was drawn to the dedication of the 2021 Annual Report to John Tilton. John worked in various positions for Morrisville Water & Light and retired last October after 34 years of service for the Village.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Village Moderator for the year ensuing.

Bob Heanue nominated Shap Smith. Shap Smith was elected moderator of the Village Meeting for the ensuing year on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Village Officers required by law:

- **Village Clerk:** **one year term**
Wally Reeve nominated Sara Haskins. Sara Haskins was elected Village Clerk on a voice vote.
- **Village Treasurer:** **one year term**
Wally Reeve nominated Sara Haskins. Sara Haskins was elected Village Treasurer on a voice vote.
- **Village Trustee:** **five year term**
Bob Heanue nominated Carl Fortune. Carl Fortune was elected Village Trustee on a voice vote.
- **Village Trustee:** **two-year remainder of a five year term**
Jeff Limoge nominated Travis Knapp. Travis Knapp was elected Village Trustee on a voice vote.

- **Collector of Delinquent Taxes:** **one year term**
Brad Limoge nominated Sara Haskins. Sara Haskins was elected Collector of Delinquent Taxes on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters compensate each Village Trustee an annual salary of \$1500 to be paid \$375 from the General Village budget and the remainder from the Morrisville Water & Light Department?

Gary Nolan made a motion to accept the article. Wally Reeve seconded it. A question was asked to clarify the language of the article and where the money would come from. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4 Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for the Village General Government operating expenses of \$11,872.11 all of which shall be raised by taxes?

Jeff Limoge made a motion to accept the article. Travis Knapp seconded it. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters raise and appropriate the sum of \$500, approximately \$.00032 on the Village grand list, to fund the Village Special Projects Reserve Fund?

Gary Nolan made a motion to accept the article. Travis Knapp seconded it. A question was asked regarding the current list of special projects in the works. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the Village General Reserve Fund to be used for covering unanticipated revenue shortfalls and to pay unanticipated general fund expenditures, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

Bob Heanue made a motion to accept the article. Wally Reeve seconded it. A question was asked about the amount of the reserves. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters deposit an amount not to exceed 10% of the prior year's approved budgeted operating expenses from the Village general fund surplus to fund the Village General Reserve Fund?

Travis Knapp made a motion to accept the article. Gary Nolan seconded it. A question was asked about the amount of the reserves. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on November 15, 2022 by delivery to the Village Treasurer before 4:00 pm on that date with only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks accepted as postmarked mail. Delinquent taxes and assessments will have charged against them an eight percent (8%) penalty after the due date 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 1/2%) per month. Such interest shall be imposed on a fraction of a month as if it were an entire month. (32 V.S.A. § 5136)

Sara Russell made a motion to accept the article. Travis Knapp seconded it. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To do any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

- Jeff Limoge asked for the contact person about the Copley Fund
- Scott Johnstone the new manager of Morrisville Water & Light introduced himself to the voters.

With no further business to legally come before the said meeting, the 2022 Annual Village Meeting was adjourned upon motion by Travis Knapp and seconded by Bob Heanue at 6:52 PM.

I certify that this is a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting.

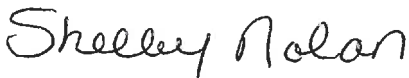


Sara Allyn Haskins, Village Clerk

Attest:



Shap Smith, Moderator



Shelley Nolan, Board of Civil Authority

THE VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE

“Whereas application in writing has been made to the undersigned selectmen of the Town of Morristown in Orleans County, State of Vermont, signed by more than seven freeholders of said town requesting us to lay out and establish bounds and limits to the village near Safford’s Mills in said Morristown, we hereby certify that in compliance with said application, we have layed out and established limits and bounds to said village as follows: viz. beginning at the bridge below Jedediah Safford’s mills and running up the Lamoille River on the south side thereof to the east line of Jedediah Safford’s land and running thence south on said Safford’s line to the south east corner of the Safford’s land thence west on said Safford’s south line to the brook that crosses the road near Calvin Burnett’s; thence down said brook to the river thence up said river to the bridge or bound begun at.

Given under our hands at Morristown the 18th of February, 1829.

Luther Brigham
Isaac Allen
Selectmen”

(From *Morristown Two Times*)

The Village of Morrisville was created by Public Law No. 255 of the General Assembly of the State of Vermont in 1888. In its first meeting on June 13, 1890, the Incorporated Village of Morrisville voted to accept the act of the legislature.

LAND AREA:	3.5 square miles
POPULATION:	2,009 inhabitants in the 2000 Census
	1,958 inhabitants in the 2010 Census
	2,086 inhabitants in the 2020 Census

**Village of Morrisville
PO Box 748
Morrisville, VT 05661**

**Morrisville Water and Light Dept.
857 Elmore Street
Morrisville, VT 05661**

**Please bring this Annual Report to the Village Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2023**