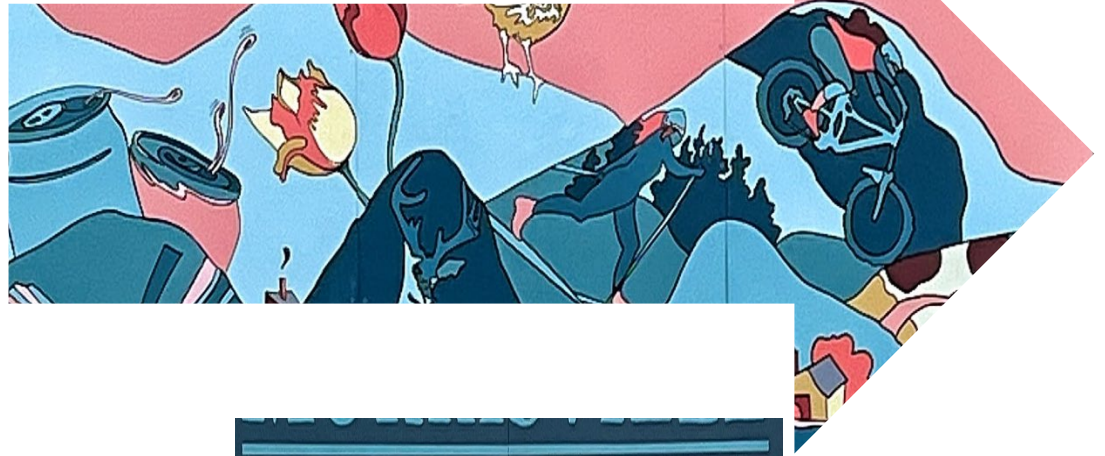


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ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022



Donnie & Julie Blake

DEDICATION

There are so many extraordinary citizens in Morristown. Each year the Selectboard is tasked with choosing one of them for the purpose of dedicating the Town Report to. There's no given criterium, no prerequisites. Simply, someone that has given of themselves in a way that has had a positive impact on our community.

Donnie Blake was born in Vermont and has lived here for the majority of his life. He grew up for several years on his grandparent's farm, in Hyde Park. In 1968, Donnie and his family moved to Morrisville. He graduated from Peoples Academy as a member of the Class of 1973. He worked locally at the Charlmont Restaurant. Later, he began working as a carpenter and laborer. In 1985, he opened the doors of Donald P. Blake Jr, Inc.

In 1974, Donnie met Julie while exploring the Smuggler's Notch area of Jeffersonville. He's been Julie's not-so-secret admirer ever since. They married in 1985 and raised two children, Lindsay and Jonathon. Cody became part of the family in his senior year of high school 2007. Donnie worked tirelessly building his company. Nights, weekends, and holidays, he put his 'never give up' spirit into high gear and kept driving forward. That is, until he realized he was missing out on something more important than business, family. Donnie redirected his priorities and became a softball coach for his daughter's teams. He coached for six years. He added youth soccer and Jr High basketball to his coaching resume', as well.

Donnie joined a group of parent volunteers and together they taught Environmental Learning for the Future, or E.L.F. for short. This program, delivered once a month in the elementary school, showed kids the amazing world of plants and animals. Outings around the school, on the trails and at the pond, revealed the many wonders of nature that surround us.

With Jonathon joining the local scouting program, Donnie became involved as an assistant scout master. He stayed active as such for 22 years. During that time, Donnie watched his son and the other youth move through the ranks, earning badges as they grew. Winter camping trips were always exciting, though these days Donnie appreciates a warm house on cold winter nights. Donnie assisted Jonathon and other young adults as they worked to achieve the coveted Eagle Scout award.

Donnie has been a Justice of the Peace for over 15 years. He's enjoyed the responsibilities that come with the position. His experience in construction practices has been beneficial as he serves as a member of the Board of Civil Authority. He brings a strong measure of common sense and fairness to the process of abatements. You'll find him working the polling area on election day. He is also serving as an alternate on the Development Review Board.

Spending some time with Donnie, listening to his views on the importance giving back to your community, will help you understand why he was this year's selection. He's carried that same outlook with him in his business practices. Donnie and his company have been involved in many projects around town including extensive work at the Noyes House Museum. Donnie's attention to detail and insistence on top quality craftsmanship has been the foundation for his success in business.

We are very fortunate to have Donnie and his family in our community. It is with grateful hearts that we dedicate this year's Town Report to Donnie P. Blake.

Eric Dodge

Town Administrator of Morristown, VT

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WARNING
TOWN OF MORRISTOWN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Morristown are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Morristown Municipal Building, 43 Portland Street in said Town on March 7, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. to transact the following business by Australian ballot:

Legal voters are further warned that the Selectboard will hold a public informational hearing on Articles 3 - 37 at the Morristown Municipal Building, 43 Portland Street in said Town on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The legal voters of the Town of Morristown 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.

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

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

Library Trustee term of five (5) years

Library Trustee term of five (5) years

Lister for a term of three (3) years

Selectboard Member for a term of three (3) years

Selectboard Member for a term of two (2) years

Town Clerk for a term of three (3) years

Town Treasurer for a term of three (3) years

Trustee of Public Funds for a term of three (3) years

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in two equal installments, with the due dates being November 15, 2023 and May 15, 2024 by physical delivery to the Town Treasurer before 4:00 pm on that date or delivery to the Municipal Office postmarked on or before that date?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$10,106,209, of which \$8,656,282 shall be raised by taxes and \$1,449,927 by non-tax revenues?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters authorize the construction of sidewalks on Jersey Way, any remaining balance should be used for sidewalk operating expenses in an amount not to exceed Two-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to be financed over a period not to exceed five years?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize the purchase of an ambulance and power stretcher in an amount not to exceed Three-Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$335,000) to be financed over a period not to exceed five years?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the Unallocated Reserve Fund to replace both the General Fund Unallocated Reserve Fund and the Highway Fund Unallocated Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed 10% of the prior year's operating budget be used for covering unanticipated revenue shortfalls and to pay unanticipated expenditures, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund to be used for the purposes of the construction or improvement of municipal buildings and deposit approximately \$988,887.37 from the general fund surplus created from former ARPA funds to fund this reserve fund, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the Bridge and Highway Infrastructure Reserve Fund to be used for the purposes of the construction or improvement of bridges and highway infrastructure and deposit approximately \$306,450.42 from the current bridge account to fund this reserve fund, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters authorize raising taxes equal to one (1) cent on the Grand List approximately \$67,757 to be dedicated to a Morristown Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters authorize raising taxes equal to one (1) cent on the Grand List approximately \$67,757 to be dedicated to a Morristown Highway Department Capital Equipment Fund?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters authorize raising taxes equal to one-half (1/2) cent on the Grand List approximately \$33,879 to be dedicated to the Noyes House Museum Repair and Maintenance Fund?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters authorize raising taxes equal to one-half (1/2) cent on the Grand List approximately \$33,879 to be dedicated to the Morristown Conservation Commission Fund?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the voters authorize raising taxes equal to one-half (1/2) cent on the Grand List approximately \$33,879 to be dedicated to the Bridge and Highway Infrastructure Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$900 for the support of Capstone Community Action to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,900 for the support of Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,500 for the support of Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,750 for the support of Clarina Howard Nichols Center to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000 for the support of Justice for Dogs to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,500 for the support of Lamoille County Civic Association to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$5,000 for the support of Lamoille County Food Share to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000 for the support of Lamoille County Habitat for Humanity to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,900 for the support of Lamoille County Mental Health/Community Connections to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,375 for the support of Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$4,000 for the support of Lamoille Day Services to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$4,000 for the support of Lamoille Economic Development Council (LEDC) to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,000 for the support of Lamoille Family Center to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 28: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$15,000 for the support of Lamoille Health Partners Community Center to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$15,681 for the support of Lamoille Home Health and Hospice to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 30: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000 for the support of Lamoille Housing Partnership to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 31: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,500 for the support of Lamoille Restorative Center to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 32: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$10,000 for the support of Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 33: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000 for the support of North Country Animal League (NCAL) to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 34: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000 for the support of Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 35: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$10,000 for the support of River Arts to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 36: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$10,963 for the support of Rural Community Transportation (RCT) to provide services to residents of the Town?

ARTICLE 37: Shall the Town of Morristown vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,500 for the support of Salvation Farms to provide services to residents of the Town?

Dated this 30th day of January 2023

By the Selectboard of the Town of Morristown:

Robert Beeman Jr Jessica Graham Judy Bickford

Donald McDowell Brian Kellogg

Attest:

Sara Haskins, Town Clerk

Received, filed and recorded this 30th day of January 2023

NOTICE TO VOTERS

ANNUAL MEETING TOWN OF MORRISTOWN: - Australian Ballot only

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Morristown Municipal Building – 43 Portland Street Morrisville

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by **February 5, 2023**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

SAMPLE BALLOTS will be posted by **February 25, 2023**.

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>.

EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: All active voters will be mailed a ballot by **February 15, 2023**. **Prepaid return postage will NOT be included**. If you don't receive one you or a family member can request one in writing, by telephone, email, or online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>. The latest you can request ballots for the **Annual Town Meeting** is 4:00 PM on **March 6, 2023**. (Any other person authorized by you, who is not a family member, must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

BALLOT RETURN OPTIONS:

Before March 7, 2023:

- In person in the Town Clerk's office - 43 Portland Street
- Drop box outside of Municipal Building - 43 Portland Street
- Mail -Town of Morristown, PO Box 748, Morrisville, VT 05661 **PREPAID RETURN POSTAGE IS NOT INCLUDED. Please allow at least 7-10 days for mail delivery.**

On March 7, 2023:

- Hand deliver to polling location by 7:00 p.m. - 43 Portland Street

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

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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: Australian Ballot

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOT:

- 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 ballot if you did not bring your mailed ballot.
- Go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOTS:

- For each office listed on the ballots, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."
- Fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CHECK OUT:

- There is no exit checklist
- Cast your vote by depositing your voted ballots into the vote tabulating machine.
- Leave the voting area immediately after voting.

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Legal voters of the Town of Morristown are hereby warned that the Morristown Selectboard will hold a public informational hearing to discuss Articles 3 - 37 of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting warning. Details on these articles can be found on the Town warning. The hearing will be held at the Morristown Municipal Building, 43 Portland Street in the Community Meeting Room on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will also be accessible remotely by electronic means.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8103424528>

Zoom Meeting Code: 8103424528

**MORRISTOWN, VERMONT
OFFICIAL RESULTS - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2022**

In response to the concerns posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Morristown Selectboard in conjunction with the Lamoille South Unified Union School District voted to use the Australian ballot method of voting for all warned articles and to mail all active voters their ballot as authorized by S.172 and recommended by the Governor.

Total registered voters:	4125		
Total in person ballots cast:	213	Percentage of total checklist:	5%
Total absentee ballots cast:	1256	Percentage of total checklist:	30%
Total votes cast:	1469	Percentage of total checklist:	35%

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Town Moderator for the year ensuring.

Shapleigh “Shap” Smith	1308	Overvotes	0
Write-ins	18	Undervotes	141

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

Selectboard Member for a term of three (3) years

Don McDowell	818	Overvotes	0
Gary Nolan	581	Undervotes	63
Write-ins	5		

Selectboard Member for a term of two (2) years

Judy A.S. Bickford	449	Overvotes	11
Laura Streets	428	Undervotes	102
Chris Wiltshire	288		
Paul “Doc” Winters	176		
Write-ins	13		

Selectboard Member for 1 year remainder of a term of three (3) years

Jessica “Jess” Graham	967	Overvotes	3
Brent S. Labree II	379	Undervotes	109
Write-ins	9		

First Constable for a term of (1) year

Richard Keith	1223	Overvotes	0
Write-ins	9	Undervotes	235

Second Constable for a term of one (1) year

Brian Tomlinson	1157	Overvotes	0
Write-ins	10	Undervotes	300

Lister for a term of three (3) years

Charles Burnham	1169	Overvotes	0
Write-ins	16	Undervotes	282

Trustee of Public Funds for a term of three (3) years

Angela Norder	1223	Overvotes	0
Write-ins	7	Undervotes	237

Library Trustees term of five (5) years (2 positions)

Michelle MacDonald	1194	Overvotes	0
Write In: John Buttolph	77	Undervotes	1636
Write-ins: Other various	27		

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a first constable and if needed, a second constable, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651a?

Yes	1119	Overvotes	1
No	255	Undervotes	92

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the General Fund Unallocated Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed 10% of the prior year's audited general fund balance to be used for covering unanticipated revenue shortfalls and to pay unanticipated general fund expenditures, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804?

Yes	1030	Overvotes	0
No	375	Undervotes	62

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters establish a reserve fund to be called the Highway Fund Unallocated Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed 10% of the prior year's audited highway fund balance to be used for covering unanticipated revenue shortfalls and to pay unanticipated highway fund expenditures, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804?

Yes	1043	Overvotes	0
No	353	Undervotes	71

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$8,104,941, of which \$6,616,549 shall be raised by taxes and \$1,488,392 by non-tax revenues?

Yes	990	Overvotes	0
No	381	Undervotes	96

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize bridge repair & replacement in the Town of Morristown in an amount not to exceed Five-Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$510,000) to be financed over a period not to exceed ten years?

Yes	1238	Overvotes	0
No	173	Undervotes	56

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters authorize asphalt paving of various Town roads in an amount not to exceed Five-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to be financed over a period not to exceed five years?

Yes	1223	Overvotes	0
No	193	Undervotes	51

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in two equal installments, with the due dates being November 15, 2022 and May 15, 2023 by physical delivery to the Town Treasurer before 4:00 pm on that date or delivery to the Municipal Office postmarked on or before that date?

Yes	1316	Overvotes	0
No	54	Undervotes	97

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters authorize raising taxes equal to one (1) cent on the Grand List to be dedicated to a Morristown Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund?

Yes	1087	Overvotes	0
No	293	Undervotes	87

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters authorize raising taxes equal to one (1) cent on the Grand List to be dedicated to a Morristown Highway Department Capital Equipment Fund?

Yes	982	Overvotes	0
No	384	Undervotes	101

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters authorize raising taxes equal to one-half (1/2) cent on the Grand List to be dedicated to the Noyes House Museum Repair and Maintenance Fund?

Yes	855	Overvotes	0
No	511	Undervotes	101

ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters authorize raising taxes equal to one-half (1/2) cent on the Grand List to be dedicated to the Morristown Conservation Commission Fund?

Yes	895	Overvotes	0
No	460	Undervotes	112

ARTICLE 14: Shall the voters appropriate a sum of \$101,969 for the following service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A 2691?

\$ 900	Capstone Community Action
2,900	Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE)
2,500	Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA)
1,750	Clarina Howard Nichols Center
15,000	Everyone = Morristown Community Center

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1,000	Justice for Dogs
2,500	Lamoille County Civic Association
5,000	Lamoille County Food Share
1,000	Lamoille County Habitat for Humanity
3,900	Lamoille County Mental Health/Community Connections
4,000	Lamoille Day Services
4,000	Lamoille Economic Development Council (LEDC)
3,000	Lamoille Family Center
15,681	Lamoille Home Health and Hospice
1,000	Lamoille Housing Partnership
1,500	Lamoille Restorative Center
3,375	Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit
10,000	Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County
1,000	North Country Animal League (NCAL)
1,000	Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
10,000	River Arts
10,963	Rural Community Transportation (RCT)

Yes	1141	Overvotes	0
No	227	Undervotes	99

We certify the above election results for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Sara Allyn Haskins, Town Clerk

Mitzi Fleming, Assistant Town Clerk

CONTACT INFORMATION

Main Offices, 43 Portland Street, PO Box 748, Morrisville, VT 05661 Fax: 802-851-7251
Hours: Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 4:00PM and Friday from 8:00AM – 1:00PM

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES	Phone: (802) 888-5147 Email: admin@morristownvt.org
TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE	Phone: (802) 888-6370 Email: shaskins@morristownvt.org
LISTERS' OFFICE	Phone: (802) 888-6371 Email: agriggs@morristownvt.org
ZONING/PLANNING/DRB	Phone: (802) 888-6373 Email: tthomas@morristownvt.org
MORRISTOWN EMERGENCY SERVICES	<i>IN AN EMERGENCY: DIAL 911</i> Phone: (802) 888-5628 Fax: (802) 888-6380 For non-emergencies: (802) 888-3575
BURN PERMIT Monday–Friday. Required for any outdoor burning.	Pager: (802) 826-2626
POLICE DEPARTMENT	<i>IN AN EMERGENCY: DIAL 911</i> Non-Emergencies: (802) 888-4211
HIGHWAY GARAGE	Phone: (802) 888-6369
STREET GARAGE	Phone: (802) 888-3398
MORRISTOWN CENTENNIAL LIBRARY Hours: 10:00AM – 7:30PM – Tuesday/Wednesday 10:00AM – 5:30PM – Thursday/Friday 9:00AM – 2:00PM - Saturdays	Phone: (802) 888-3853
CEMETERY LOTS FOR SALE Pleasant View Cemetery Association Morristown Cemetery Association	Phone: (802) 888-2865 Phone: (802) 888-3281
MORRISTOWN TRANSFER STATION The Lamoille Solid Waste Management District (LRSWMD) drop-off station is located on Cochran Road at the Town Highway Garage. Hours: Saturdays 9:00AM - 2:30PM.	Phone: (802) 888-7317

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U.S. Senator Bernard Sanders (I) Washington Office: 322 Dirksen Bldg, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510 Burlington Office: 1 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401	Phone: (202) 224-5141 Phone: (802) 862-0697
Representative Peter Welch (D) Washington Office: 1404 Longworth House, Washington, DC 20515 Burlington Office: 30 Main Street, Suite 310, Burlington, VT 05401	Phone: (202) 225-4115 Phone: (888) 605-7270
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Senator David Zuckerman 2083 Gilman Rd., Hinesburg, VT 05461	Phone: (802) 482-2199 Phone: (802) 598-1986 Email: dzuckerman@leg.state.vt.us
Senator Richard Westman 2439 Iron Gate Rd. Cambridge	Phone: (802) 644-2297 Email: rawestman@leg.state.vt.us
Representative Avram Patt 139 West Hill Rd., Worcester, VT 05682	Phone: (802) 223-1014 Email: apatt@leg.state.vt.us
Representative Saudia LaMont 115 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633	Phone: (802) 828-2228 Email: SLamont@leg.state.vt.us

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS	
TOWN MODERATOR- Term expires 2023	Shapleigh Smith, Jr.
SELECTBOARD- 2 Year Term Expires 2023 3 Year Term Expires 2023 2 Year Term Expires 2024 3 Year Term Expires 2024 3 Year Term Expires 2025	Brian Kellogg Jessica Graham Judy Bickford Bob Beeman Don McDowell
TOWN CLERK- Term Expires 2023	Sara Haskins
TOWN TREASURER- Term Expires 2023	Sara Haskins
LISTERS- Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2025	Brian Yeaton Duane Sprague Charlie Burnham
FIRST CONSTABLE- Term Expires 2023	Vacant
SECOND CONSTABLE- Term Expires 2023	Brian Tomlinson
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS- Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2025	Sara Haskins Mitzi Fleming Angela Norder
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
Term Expires 2023	Ruth Ann Rogers
Term Expires 2023	Johnna Cote
Term Expires 2024	Stephanie Hoffman
Term Expires 2025	Julie Pickett
Term Expires 2026	Kate Lamb
Term Expires 2026	Lucas Peterson
Term Expires 2027	John Buttolph III
Term Expires 2027	Nathaniel Beyer

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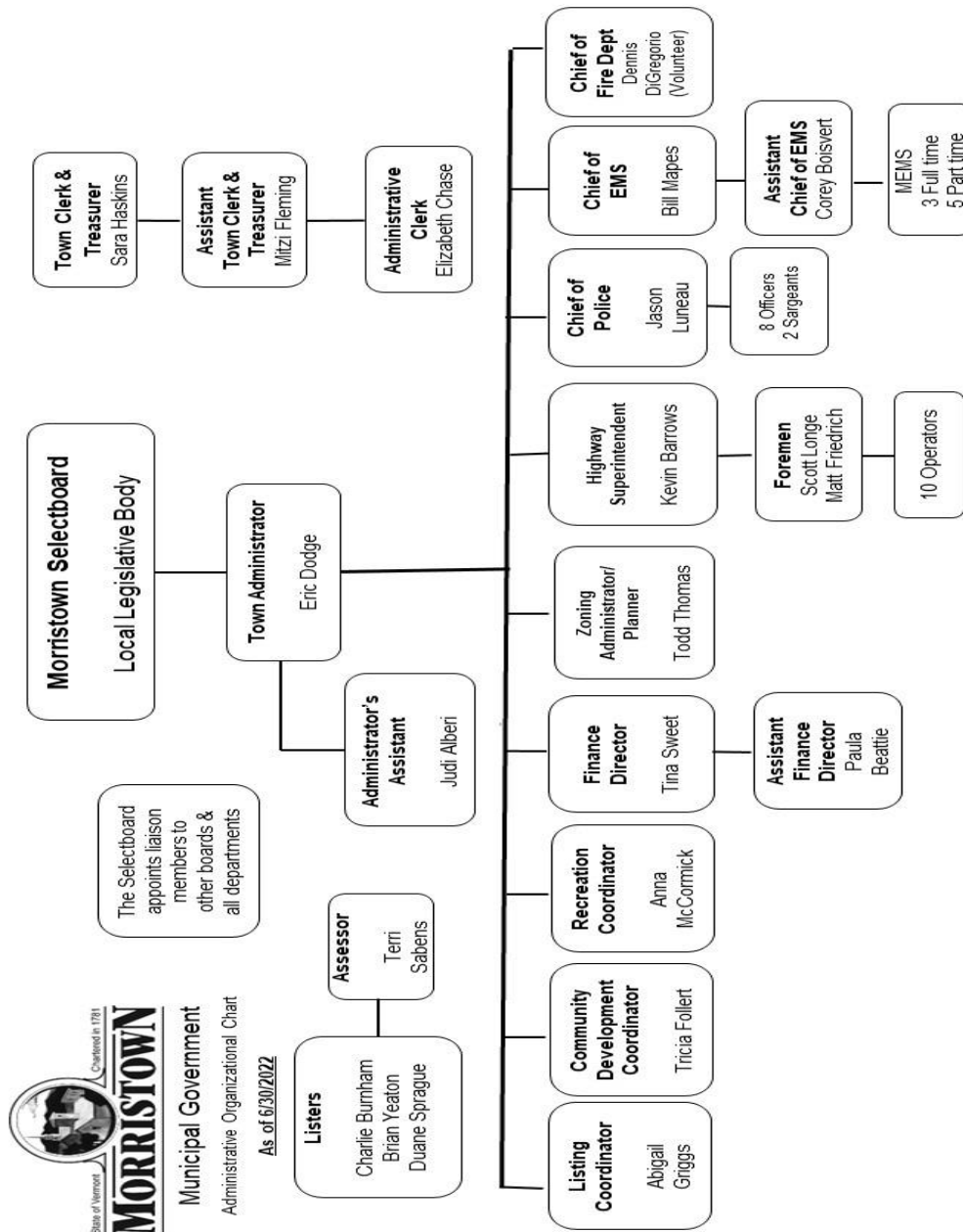
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE - ALL TERMS EXPIRE 1/31/2023	
Darcie Abbene	David McAllister
Andrea Beeman	Shelley Nolan
Judy Bickford	Brent Paine
Donald Blake, Jr	Siri Rooney
Julia Compagna	Shapleigh Smith, Jr
Richard Craig	Aimee Towne
Urban Martin	Edward Wilson
Monte Mason	
APPOINTED OFFICERS BY THE SELECTBOARD	
LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR 2 Year Term Expires 2024	Charles Cooley
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR 1 year Term expires 2023	Eric Dodge
E-911 COORDINATOR 1 Year Term Expires 2023	Abigail Griggs
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER 1 Year Term Expires 2023	John St. Amour
POUND KEEPER 1 Year Term Expires 2023	Brian Kellogg
TREE WARDEN 1 Year Term 2023	Fran Sladyk
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR 1 Year Term Expires 2023	(MCC) Jenifer Andrews
FENCE VIEWER 1 Year Term Expires 2023	Duane Sprague
HEALTH OFFICER 3 year Term Expires 2025	Todd Thomas
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER 3 year Term Expires 2025	Eric Dodge

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS Appointed by the Selectboard	
PLANNING COUNCIL (4 YEAR TERMS)	
Term Expires 2023	Etienne Hancock
Term Expires 2023	John Meyer
Term Expires 2024	Josh Goldstein
Term Expires 2024	Steve Foster
Term Expires 2026	Tom Snipp
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (4 YEAR TERMS)	
Term Expires 2023	Susanna Burnham
Term Expires 2024	Gary Nolan
Term Expires 2024	Mary Ann Wilson
Term Expires 2025	Chris Wiltshire
Term Expires 2025	Paul Trudell
Term Expires 2026	Melissa LeBlanc
Term Expires 2026	Laura Streets
Alternates	Christy Snipp & Donald Blake, Jr.
COPLEY TRUST BOARD	
Richard Sargent	Gloria Wing
Don McDowell	Bob Beeman
Judy Bickford	Brian Kellogg
Jessica Graham	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (4 YEAR TERMS)	
Term Expires 2024	Richard Sargent
Term Expires 2024	Kristen Connelly
Term Expires 2025	Ron Stancliff
Term Expires 2025	Brent Teillon
Term Expires 2026	Jim Pease
Term Expires 2026	Dave Stevens
MORRISTOWN DEVELOPMENT FUND (4 YEAR TERMS)	
Term Expires 2025	Peter Merrill
Term Expires 2025	Sam Guy
Term Expires 2025	Bob Beeman, Selectboard Rep
Term Expires 2026	Steve Leach
Term Expires 2026	Mary Ann Wilson

TOWN EMPLOYEES	
Town Administrator	Eric Dodge
Administrator's Assistant	Judi Alberi
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Sara Haskins
Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer	Mitzi Fleming
Administrative Clerk	Elizabeth Chase
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Sara Haskins
Finance Director	Tina Sweet
Assistant Finance Director	Paula Beattie
Listing Coordinator	Abigail Griggs
Assessor	Terri Sabens
Zoning Administrator/Planning Director	Todd Thomas
Community Development Coordinator	Tricia Follert
Chief of Police	Jason Luneau
Chief of EMS	William Mapes
Highway Superintendent	Kevin Barrows
EMS	Assistant Chief – Corey Boisvert Jason Tallman, Tammy Lurvey, Christopher Clement, Gervais Fitz, Colby Masse, Lori Martin, Heidi Bennet, Evan Gaskill, Zach Legge
Police Officers	Andrew Glover, Scott McCullough, Garth Christensen, Jacques Marcoux, Ron Audet, Lance Lamb, Peter Hughes, Nathan Wolfe, Brian Tomlinson, Bruce Emerson, Richard Keith, Scott McCullough, Nathan, Wolfe, Christopher Tetreault, Cole Charbonneau, Lucas Marcoux, Patric Saad, Adam Werth

Highway Garage	Jeff Baker, Robert Cookson, Panagiotis Kourkoulis, Alan Stearns, Derek Small, Michael Buchanan, Devin Matten, Matthew Dewey, Raymond LaCasse
Street Garage	Shane Blaisdell, Doug Wallace, Luke Heller, Joey Hall



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/SELECTBOARD

Growth, economics, and democracy have all been very visible this year. The Town Plan, Duhamel Gravel Pit, housing starts, fuel prices, supply chain delays, and budget building have kept your Selectboard very busy. Balancing the needs of the community and providing services we've all come to count on has proven a difficult financial task. The instability of our economy, locally and nationally, has required us to measure the way we provide services to ensure they are sustainable in the future. None of us are pleased with the size of the proposed increase in our budget. We are sensitive to the financial impact it will have on our friends and neighbors, as well as our own households. We will watch as the democracy we enjoy reflects the will of the voters on Town Meeting Day.

Our local government offices are busier than ever before. Our staff, from the zoning office to the town clerk's office to the administration office, are experiencing larger numbers of citizens coming through the doors. The workload has increased to a point that was necessitating overtime simply to keep up. No increase in staff has been seen in the administrative offices in over fifteen years. Our recreation program in the summer is incredibly valuable and much needed but could not sustain its reliance on a parent volunteer.

To manage the increased workload, we supported the creation of two new positions: Human Resources Director and Recreation Coordinator. The Human Resources Director removed the management and oversight of employee needs from the finance office. The HR Director, Paula Beattie, has been working to modernize the Town's policies and procedures which is a massive and much-needed undertaking. She has assisted employees with workplace communication that led to unnecessary conflict, which previously had the potential for staff turnover. Her work to assist department heads with redirecting some staff behaviors has been invaluable. She has implemented a new hiring process and following that, a new on-boarding process. Unfortunately, she has had to assist one of our families with the loss of their husband and father. Paula's work has saved untold numbers of hours in both the finance office and the town administrator's office.

Our summer recreation program had taken a two-year hiatus due to Covid-19. The summer of 2022 saw the program return. The program had for years been organized and delivered by a parent volunteer, Kristi McAllister. Kristi again got the program rolling for 2022, but we recognized the need for a town employee to provide direct oversight. We supported the addition of a part-time seasonal staff member working as a Recreation Coordinator. Local resident, Anna McCormick, was hired to fill the position. Her ten years of experience working with young children and having grown up in Morristown gave her the experience and local knowledge to be successful. We are supporting this position to be made full-time during the 2023-24 budget year. Along with delivering the summer rec program, Anna will be able to focus on community events and recreation opportunities for all ages throughout the year. We are very grateful for the incredible dedication and hundreds of volunteer hours Kristi gave to our community. Without her willingness to serve in that role the program would not have been available.

The police department has seen record setting increases in call volume. The opioid crisis and fentanyl have taken their toll on our community. That's not to say other illicit drugs have gone away, but the attention is more focused due to the increase in opioid overdose deaths. Our community held the dubious distinction of having the 2nd highest rate of opioid overdose deaths in Vermont, in 2021.

While that number has declined for 2022, it wasn't eliminated, and the drug problem persists. We supported the creation of a Lieutenant's position to focus directly on drug interdiction and assist with department administration. That position was filled by Todd Baxter, a recently retired detective lieutenant with the Vermont State Police. Lt. Baxter started at the police department at the start of 2023. Todd has been a member of our community for many years. We are excited to know he will be using his vast experience in the field of investigations and drug interdiction to help our community combat the distribution and use of illegal narcotics.

Morristown EMS has seen a larger-than-normal increase in call volume. The 801 calls they responded to in calendar year 2021 has been overshadowed by the 940 calls they responded to in 2022. They are a very enthusiastic and dedicated group of skilled professionals. They were the force that continued to respond to calls when Covid 19 and its ill effects were barely known. We are grateful for their commitment and for the advanced levels of medical care they provide to our citizens and all who would visit Morristown.

The Town Plan, which is a guiding document for our municipality, gets renewed every eight years. The process of building the new plan began three years ago. It is a significant undertaking and is the responsibility of our Planning Council to provide the framework. The plan contains goals and objectives, identifies the needs of our community as we continue to grow, and provides the foundation for growing and adapting our zoning regulations. Leading up to the adoption of the Town Plan there was more community involvement than had been present during the previous two years of development. Much of the interest was seemingly spurred on by the significant growth in housing units in our downtown. Whatever the motivation, it was exciting to see the community come out in such numbers. The Town Plan was adopted after many edits. The Town Plan plays a large role in helping our community achieve Downtown Designation. Our quest for Downtown Designation was temporarily halted, but our resolve is firm. We will continue the work necessary to get the plan approved at the next level.

Throughout the year, many items were brought to the Board for review and actions.

- We adopted a Declaration of Inclusivity through which we took a stand to welcome all who would come to our community. Combating racism in all forms as well as any form of discrimination.
- We formed a downtown parking committee to bring recommendations for ways to increase parking in our downtown.
- We saw the start of renovations to the second floor of the municipal offices. This will provide adequate workspace for current employees. It will provide more convenient and efficient access to our staff that work directly with the public.
- We had to have the furnace replaced at the Morristown Centennial Library due to age and disrepair.
- We reviewed and edited our Noise Ordinance to allow for local establishments to provide entertainment later into the evening on specific nights of the week.
- Following the recommendation of several citizens, we officially named the bridge over the Lamoille River in the downtown the "Francis Favreau Bridge". Francis provided decades of service, in many capacities, to our community. While he resides with family in the Middlebury area, we know his heart is still in Morristown.

Over the summer, we were saddened by the loss of a member of the highway department. Ray Lacasse was a member of the highway department for several years before leaving to work for the Town of Elmore's highway department in 2016. Ray rejoined our highway ranks in October of 2021. He was a friend to anyone he met. He was dedicated to his job and excelled in his skillsets. His smile and laugh were unmistakable. Ray passed away in October of 2022. He is missed by all that knew him. We are grateful for his service to our community.

Our town boundaries help to define our areas of responsibility from our neighbors. During times of need those boundaries don't stop our neighboring communities from lending a hand. As was witnessed during the worst mud season in recent memory, the Hyde Park Highway Department came to our assistance. The Stowe Highway Department has provided our staff with technical advice and are always willing to lend a hand if needed. So, to all our neighbors in Lamoille County we extend our thanks and appreciation for your assistance.

As Selectboard members, we get a closer look at the work provided to our community by the many employees of our municipal workforce. The dedication they show to our community and the exceptional way in which they provide those services, is a great source of pride for us. We thank them all for choosing to be part of the Morristown team and for the work they perform around the clock for us all.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Dodge
Town Administrator

Mudgett
Jennett &
Krogh-Wisner, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants #435

January 24, 2023

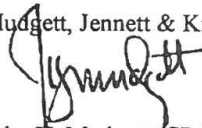
The Town of Morristown

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION

The financial statements of the Town of Morristown, Vermont for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 were audited by Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C. of Montpelier. In our report, dated November 21, 2022, we expressed an unmodified opinion on the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Town of Morristown, Vermont.

Sincerely,

Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C.



John H. Mudgett, CPA
Principal

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN BUDGET OVERVIEW

	2020-21 VOTED Budget	2021-22 VOTED Budget	2022-23 PROPOSED Budget	Voted % of Change
<u>Article</u>				
General Government	\$2,070,316	\$2,234,914	\$2,986,952	
General Government Revenue	\$(813,945)	\$(774,411)	\$(766,786)	
<i>Total</i>	\$1,256,371	\$1,460,503	\$2,220,166	52.0%
Police Department	1,391,688	1,628,828	2,011,371	
Police Revenue	(14,500)	(69,631)	(141,091)	
<i>Total</i>	1,377,188	1,559,197	1,870,280	20.0%
Fire Department	353,425	362,333	376,412	
Fire Revenue	-	-	-	
<i>Total</i>	353,425	362,333	376,412	3.9%
EMS Department	665,148	802,244	881,358	
EMS Revenue	(234,600)	(216,400)	(293,700)	
<i>Total</i>	430,548	585,844	587,658	0.3%
Highway Department	2,485,323	2,786,622	3,660,116	
Highway Revenue	(214,750)	(427,950)	(248,350)	
<i>Total</i>	2,270,573	2,358,672	3,411,766	44.6%
Paving	190,000	190,000	190,000	0.0%
Sand & Gravel	140,000	100,000	-	0.0%
Total OPERATING BASE Budgets	\$6,018,105	\$6,616,549	\$8,656,282	30.8%

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<u>Special Warning Items</u>				
Fire Dept Capital Equip. Fund (1C)	\$65,234	\$66,143	\$67,757	2.4%
Highway Dept Capital Equip. Fund (1C)	\$65,234	\$66,143	\$67,757	2.4%
Noyes House - Restoration (1/2C)	\$32,617	\$33,072	\$33,879	2.4%
Conservation Commission Fund (1/2C)	-	\$33,072	\$33,879	2.4%
Bridge & Highway Infrastructure Fund (1/2C)	-	-	\$33,879	100.0%
Sidewalk Article	-	-	\$44,200	100.0%
Purchase Ambulance	-	-	\$37,500	100.0%
Paving - Australian Ballot - \$500,000 5 years	-	\$104,700	-	0.0%
Bridge Replacement - Australian Ballot \$510,000 -10 yrs	-	\$58,000	-	0.0%
Salvation Farms Appropriation	-	-	\$2,500	100.0%
Lamoille Health Partners Community Center Approp.	-	-	\$15,000	100.0%
Total Special Warning Items	\$163,085	\$361,130	\$336,351	-6.9%
Sub-Total Town Budget	\$6,181,190	\$6,977,679	\$8,992,633	28.9%
<u>Appropriations</u>				
Service Agencies	\$101,969	\$101,969	\$86,969	-14.7%
	\$101,969	\$101,969	\$86,969	-14.7%

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Veterans Exemption	\$9,120	\$9,120	\$9,120	
Total Appropriations	\$111,089	\$111,089	\$96,089	-13.5%
<i>Total Wared</i>	\$6,292,279	\$7,088,768	\$9,088,722	28.2%
		\$796,489	\$1,999,954	Increase



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MORRISTOWN SUMMARY OF FUND RESERVES

<u>Fund Balance Cumulative Surplus</u>					
	Annual Increase	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	
June 30, 2019	\$(140,987)			\$290,619	
June 30, 2020	\$214,557			\$505,176	
June 30, 2021	\$313,674			\$818,850	
June 30, 2022	\$78,111			\$896,961	
GENERAL UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE AS OF 6/30/2022					\$896,961
<u>Restricted Funds</u>¹			<u>As of June 30, 2022</u>		
Reappraisal					\$248,605
Community Garden					\$2,779
DEA Fund					\$34,308
Trustee of Public Funds					\$3,890
Municipal Records Maintenance					\$180,752
Scholarship					\$51,852
ARPA Funds					\$(34,939)
VCDP Funds					\$(640)
Morristown Development Fund					\$509,041
Alexander Hamilton Copley Trust					\$1,719,084
Community Event Fund					\$6,690
Total Restricted Funds					\$
2,721,422					
<u>Committed Funds</u>²			<u>As of June 30, 2022</u>		

¹ These funds can only be used for specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

² These funds can only be used for specific purposes determined by the Town's highest level of decision-making authority - the voters.

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Land Conservation		\$29,811
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund		\$1
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund		\$173,901
Special Tax District		\$890
Noyes House Museum		\$19,723
Total Committed Funds		\$
224,326		
<u>Assigned Funds³</u>		<u>As of June 30, 2022</u>
Municipal Office Building		\$15,378
Paving		\$11,066
Highway Equipment Fund		\$58,000
Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)		\$10,260
Morristown Recreation Summer Program		\$66,739
Uncompensated Absences Reserve		\$32,856
Bridge & Infrastructure Reserve		\$233,623
Forest & Land Maintenance		\$19,969
Total Assigned Funds		\$
		447,891

³ These funds are intended to be used for specific purposes, but do not meet the criteria of Restricted or Committed Funds.

EXPENDITURES OF GRANT AWARDS

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF GRANT AWARDS					
FY 2021-2022 Expenditures					
	Start Date	Project Amount	Local Sources	Grant Amount	FY 2021-2022 Expenditures
Police					
VT Hwy Safety-GR 1645 (OP)	10/01/21	\$5,000	-	\$5,000	\$382
VT Hwy Safety-GR 1645 (DUI)	10/01/21	\$5,000	-	\$5,000	\$1,093
VT Hwy Safety-GR 1645 (Equip)	10/01/21	\$8,410	-	\$8,410	-
VT Hwy Safety-GR 1645 (Distracted)	10/01/21	\$23,091	-	\$23,091	\$213
VT Hwy Safety-GR 1537 (Equip)	10/01/20	\$8,470	-	\$8,470	\$8,470
VT Hwy Safety-GR 1537 (DUI)	10/01/20	\$5,000	-	\$5,000	\$1,130
2020 COPS Hiring Program Grant	07/01/20	\$125,000	-	\$125,000	-
Bullet Proof Vest Grant	on going	\$2,370	-	\$2,370	\$2,370
EMS					
Coronavirus Vaccination (08745)	01/01/21	\$100,000	-	\$100,000	\$1,092
Coronavirus Vaccination (09177)	01/01/22	\$50,000	-	\$50,000	\$676
Coronavirus Epidemiology & Lab (09177)	01/01/22	\$50,000	-	\$50,000	-
General					
ARPA Grant	06/11/21	\$1,024,718	-	\$1,024,718	-
FY 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation	01/30/18	\$7,613	-	\$7,613	\$4,566
Village Center Apartments	06/15/21	\$550,000	-	\$550,000	-

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Recreation Facilities Grant	09/08/21	\$8,310	\$4,155	\$4,155	\$8,310
VLCT PACIF Equipment Grant	03/29/22	\$10,000	-	\$10,000	\$5,490
	Start Date	Project Amount	Local Sources	Grant Amount	FY 2021-2022 Expenditures
2022 Park & Ride Grant	02/18/22	\$45,653	\$9,131	\$36,522	\$7,097
2022 Class 2 Paving Grant - Randolph	07/01/21	\$163,674	\$87,111	\$76,563	-
2022 Class 2 Paving Grant - Stagecoach	07/01/21	\$170,741	\$94,178	\$76,563	-
Grand Total				\$2,168,474	\$40,887



TOWN OF MORRISTOWN REVENUE

	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
TAX REVENUE:				
School Tax Admin Fee	19,000	21,813.89	\$19,000	\$21,800
St of VT - Current Use Reimbursement	300,000	325,487.00	300,000	325,000
St of VT - PILOT Reimbursement	53,000	56,665.80	55,000	56,000
Abatements	-	(15,158.61)	-	-
Abatement Penalty	-	(58.70)	-	-
TOTAL	\$372,000	\$6,665,840.53	\$374,000	\$402,800
LICENSES & PERMITS:				
Liquor Licenses	\$2,775	\$2,660.00	\$2,775	\$2,700
Dog Licenses	6,500	2,658.00	3,000	3,000
License - Marriage/Civil Union	300	340.00	350	300
Record Legal Documents	55,000	71,684.00	66,000	66,000
Fees - DMV Processing	500	327.00	150	350
Fees - Late Dog License	-	304.00	-	100
Fees - Zoning Permits	20,000	38,150.00	75,000	95,000
TOTAL	\$85,075	\$116,123.00	\$147,275	\$167,450
INTERGOVERNMENTAL:				
State Aid to Highways	\$214,000	\$244,817.85	\$218,500	\$245,000
Village - Zoning Svcs	8,000	8,000.00	8,000	8,000
Village - Clerk Treasurer	7,034	7,479.44	8,100	8,800
TOTAL	\$229,034	\$260,297.29	\$234,600	\$261,800

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
RECREATION:				
Summer Rec Program Fees	-	-	-	\$83,800.00
Sponsors/Donations	-	-	-	3,000
Class Income	-	-	-	4,000
	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$90,800.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:				
Charge - Use of Photocopier	\$4,000	\$5,045.15	\$4,500	\$3,000
Charge - Use of Vault	800	2,161.90	1,500	1,000
Charge - Facilities Rent	500	1,200.00	500	1,000
Sale-Cert. Copy VITALS	10,000	9,580.00	10,000	8,000
Charge - Tax Sale Legal	2,500	3,846.28	2,000	3,500
Charge - Tax Sale Costs	100	1,377.36	500	1,000
EV Charging Station	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$17,900	\$23,210.69	\$19,000	\$17,500
POLICE DEPARTMENT:				
Court Fines	\$6,000	\$5,868.14	\$5,000	\$5,000
Fines - Ordinances	3,500	2,895.00	3,000	3,000
Fines - Fingerprinting	3,000	2,225.00	3,500	3,500
Fees - Report Copies	2,000	2,070.00	2,000	2,000
Special Details - Officers	-	1,053.55	-	-
SUI Reimbursement	-	20,000.00	-	20,000

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Sale of Assets	-	3,000.00	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	236.09	-	-
COPS Grant Reimbursement	-	-	56,131	39,591
CDIP Grant Reimbursement	-	-	-	68,000
TOTAL	\$14,500	\$37,347.78	\$69,631	\$141,091
FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	174.05	-	-
TOTAL	-	\$174.05	-	-
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPT:				
Fees - Net Billing for Services	\$208,600	\$355,093.00	\$190,400	\$255,700
Fees – Allowances	-	(120,790.37)	-	-
Fees - Cover Elmore Calls	26,000	26,000.00	26,000	30,500
Sale of an Assets	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
Training Room Lease Fee	-	1,500.00		7,500
Miscellaneous	-	3,746.44	-	-
TOTAL	\$234,600	\$265,549.07	\$216,400	\$293,700
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:				
HWY- Overweight Vehicle	\$750	\$880.00	\$850	\$850
Sale of Assets	-	8,950.00	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	3,681.06	-	2,500
TOTAL	\$750	\$13,511.06	\$850	\$3,350

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
FINES & FORFEITS:				
Interest - Late Taxes	\$12,000	\$16,630.03	\$15,000	\$15,000
Interest - Delinquent Tax	6,000	4,304.16	4,000	4,000
Penalty - Delinquent Tax	11,000	36,752.34	6,000	5,000
Other Revenue - Delinquent Tax	-	425.43	-	-
Interest - Abatements	-	(45.25)	-	-
TOTAL	\$29,000	\$58,066.71	\$25,000	\$24,000
INVESTMENT INCOME:				
Interest Inc. - Cash Sweep Acct	\$65,000	\$42,574.75	\$45,000	\$43,000
Interest - General Acct	200	210.57	300	200
Interest - Payroll Acct	-	10.42	-	-
Interest - Misc.	-	25.87	-	-
TOTAL	\$65,200	\$42,821.61	\$45,300	\$43,200
CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS:				
Donations – Capital	-	\$1,100.00	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	\$1,100.00	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Misc. - Parking Lot Maintenance	\$4,236	\$4,236.25	\$4,236	\$4,236
Misc. - Other	500	28.29	-	-
Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-
Reimbursement of Expenses	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$4,736	\$4,264.54	\$4,236	\$4,236

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:				
Loan Proceeds	-	\$144,491.00	-	-
Lease Proceeds	-	39,611.00	-	-
Transfer In	\$225,000	\$211,930.13	\$352,100	-
TOTAL	\$225,000	\$396,032.13	\$352,100	-
BUDGET TOTALS	\$1,277,795	\$7,884,338.46	\$1,488,392	\$1,449,927

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
LEGISLATING:				
Salaries & Wages	\$7,500	\$7,500.00	\$7,500	\$7,500
Employee Benefits	575	573.60	574	574
Dues & Subscriptions	11,200	11,531.00	11,500	11,850
Meetings & Trainings	200	368.70	200	200
Insurance (all depts combined)	305,038	289,559.82	300,000	330,000
Insurance Deductibles	2,500	575.74	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	500	1,151.53	1,000	1,200
TOTAL	\$327,513	\$311,260.39	\$321,774	\$352,324
TOWN ADMINISTRATION:				
Salaries & Wages	\$126,921	\$103,563.87	\$139,963	\$165,090
Cash In Lieu of Health Insurance	4,817	802.78	-	5,545
Deferred Comp	-	6,813.00	6,507	7,135
Mileage Stipend	1,800	1,800.00	1,800	1,800
FICA/MEDI	10,078	8,603.41	11,343	13,737
Retirement	9,688	6,910.42	8,352	10,322
Health Insurance	19,527	5,273.42	6,302	-
Life Insurance	922	748.93	730	870
HRA	5,170	5,170.00	2,175	-
Misc. Emp. Benefit	80	131.99	500	-
Dues & Subscriptions	85	498.00	85	1,000
Meetings & Trainings	500	957.41	500	1,000
Other Purchased Services	5,000	5,021.74	17,000	30,000

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Travel & Transportation	500	52.64	500	100
TOTAL	\$185,088	\$146,347.61	\$195,757	\$236,599
ANIMAL CONTROL/SHELTER:				
Salaries & Wages	\$900	\$920.00	-	-
Employee Benefits	70	70.41	-	-
Other Purchased Services	1,500	245.00	3,500	-
Prof. Svcs. - Medical	-	22.00	-	-
TOTAL	\$2,470	\$1,257.41	\$3,500	-
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:				
Special Events	-	\$600.00	-	-
Green Up	2,000	2,399.04	2,000	3,000
TOTAL	\$2,000	\$2,999.04	\$2,000	\$3,000
FIRE WARDEN:				
Fire Warden	\$125	\$126.31	\$125	\$126
TOTAL	\$125	\$126.31	\$125	\$126
FOURTH OF JULY:				
Fireworks - July 4th	\$6,600	\$6,600.00	\$10,000	\$13,700
TOTAL	\$6,600	\$6,600.00	\$10,000	\$13,700

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
PRINT ORDINANCES & PROCEEDINGS:				
Advertising	\$7,000	\$8,096.10	\$7,800	\$8,500
TOTAL	\$7,000	\$8,096.10	\$7,800	\$8,500
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE:				
Elected Salaries	\$63,773	\$70,697.76	\$77,584	\$84,344
Salaries & Wages	98,508	102,148.83	109,637	121,077
Cash In Lieu of Health Ins	4,817	4,816.68	5,101	5,545
Village Wage - Reimbursed	7,034	7,479.44	8,100	8,800
FICA/MEDI	12,783	13,338.93	14,713	16,140
Retirement	10,444	11,442.70	12,982	14,240
Health Insurance	33,133	30,453.30	30,604	33,955
Life/Disability Insurance	1,269	1,252.96	1,123	1,285
HRA	10,340	10,340.00	9,700	10,100
Misc. Emp. Benefit	120	180.00	500	-
Election Expenses	2,500	6,346.91	7,000	3,000
Dues & Subscriptions	400	432.06	420	900
Meetings & Trainings	2,000	2,084.78	2,000	2,650
Miscellaneous	100	23.98	-	-
Print Tax Bills	800	315.32	325	325
Dog License Expense	3,900	326.10	400	400
Travel & Transportation	-	42.12	-	-
TOTAL	\$251,921	\$261,721.87	\$280,189	\$302,761

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY:				
Salaries & Wages	\$2,000	\$3,087.92	\$3,500	\$3,500
Employee Benefits	155	236.29	268	268
Meetings & Trainings	50	-	50	50
TOTAL	\$2,205	\$3,324.21	\$3,818	\$3,818
ACCOUNTING:				
Salaries & Wages	\$113,402	\$124,410.01	\$163,253	\$147,150
Deferred Comp	7,011	6,813.00	6,507	-
FICA/MEDI	9,212	9,812.03	12,987	11,257
Retirement	7,526	8,127.93	11,459	9,935
Health Insurance	19,527	17,955.84	18,041	40,000
Life/Disability Insurance	874	798.36	1,046	870
HRA	5,170	5,170.00	4,850	10,100
Misc. Emp. Benefit	80	111.16	500	-
Meetings & Trainings	750	500.00	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	\$163,552	\$173,698.33	\$219,643	\$220,312
COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY:				
Office Supplies	\$8,500	\$12,269.03	\$9,500	\$12,500
Postage	9,000	13,582.76	8,000	10,000
Phones - Landline	6,500	6,880.69	6,600	5,100
Phones - Cell	720	750.00	1,200	1,800
Internet/Cable	1,620	1,613.71	1,620	2,500

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Copiers - Lease	12,500	11,228.10	12,500	12,500
NEMRC Service Software	7,450	7,123.99	7,456	7,500
Recreation Software	3,500	2,895.00	3,500	3,500
EMS Software - Tritech	3,800	4,099.56	3,905	4,200
Contract: Licenses - Email	1,650	2,173.44	1,536	4,700
Contract: Web Page	2,800	2,740.00	2,800	4,600
Lister's Software License	717	1,077.68	1,215	1,215
Cemetery Software	2,000	1,500.00	2,000	1,800
Land Records System	11,580	13,510.00	11,580	11,580
Map/Scanner Main & Supplies	936	1,061.28	1,008	1,008
Interactive Software	-	158.99	600	7,000
Payroll Processing Contract	-	-	4,100	24,200
Computer - Cloud Hosted Ultimate	32,508	29,566.00	28,452	21,612
Network Systems	-	2,149.02	3,000	18,000
New Equipment	-	1,662.00	-	-
TOTAL	\$105,781	\$116,041.25	\$110,572	\$155,315
AUDITING:				
Professional Services	\$19,000	\$15,500.00	\$20,000	\$19,000
Printing Town Reports	1,395	1,241.80	1,395	2,370
TOTAL	\$20,395	\$16,741.80	\$21,395	\$21,370
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:				
Appointed Salaries	\$6,300	\$6,300.00	\$6,300	\$6,300
FICA/MEDI	482	479.07	482	482

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Retirement	394	-	394	426
Legal Service	5,000	8,420.80	6,500	9,000
Tax Sale Costs	-	947.36	-	1,000
TOTAL	\$12,176	\$16,147.23	\$13,676	\$17,208
TAX LISTING:				
Elected Salaries	\$1,000	\$6,128.07	\$4,000	\$4,000
Salaries & Wages	77,988	64,066.00	83,254	91,258
FICA/MEDI	6,043	5,455.96	6,675	7,285
Retirement	2,466	1,749.70	2,866	3,170
Health Insurance	13,162	13,031.00	18,041	20,000
Life/Disability Insurance	345	314.28	302	330
HRA	5,170	5,170.00	4,850	5,050
Misc. Emp. Benefit	80	152.48	80	-
Meetings & Trainings	500	65.17	500	200
Mapping Program	5,550	4,300.00	5,700	5,700
Travel & Transportation	500	287.07	500	500
TOTAL	\$112,804	\$100,719.73	\$126,768	\$137,493
LEGAL SERVICES:				
Professional Services	\$10,000	\$3,339.16	\$15,000	\$20,000
TOTAL	\$10,000	\$3,339.16	\$15,000	\$20,000
PLANNING & ZONING:				
Salaries & Wages	\$52,458	\$55,843.62	\$60,029	\$75,296
Village Wage - Reimbursed	8,000	6,768.55	8,000.00	8,000

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
FICA/MEDI	4,013	4,684.34	4,592	5,760
Retirement	4,197	4,958.05	5,102	6,400
Health Insurance	13,607	12,497.46	12,563	13,956
Life/Disability Insurance	414	378.24	366	416
HRA	5,170	5,170.00	4,850	5,050
Misc. Emp. Benefit	40	40.00	40	-
Dues & Subscriptions	500	534.00	550.00	550
Meetings & Trainings	200	-	100.00	500
Other Purchased Services	-	-	-	5,000
Printing	200	-	300.00	300
Travel & Transportation	450	59.70	100.00	200
TOTAL	\$89,249	\$90,933.96	\$96,592	\$121,428
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR:				
Salaries & Wages	\$49,130	\$50,135.28	\$52,874	\$62,254
FICA/MEDI	3,758	3,729.87	4,045	4,765
Retirement	3,071	3,106.04	3,569	4,205
Health Insurance	13,607	12,497.46	12,563	13,955
Life/Disability Insurance	476	361.92	350	400
HRA	5,170	5,170.00	4,850	5,050
Misc. Emp. Benefit	40	40.00	40	-
Meetings & Trainings	500	10.00	200	400
Travel & Transportation	200	44.80	200	200
Events (cover Summer/Rock/July 4)	6,750	4,350.85	6,750	6,750

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
TOTAL	\$82,702	\$79,446.22	\$85,441	\$97,979
HUMAN RESOURCES:				
Salaries & Wages	-	-	-	\$74,173
Deferred Comp	-	-	-	7,135
FICA/MEDI	-	-	-	6,220
Retirement	-	-	-	5,490
Health Insurance	-	-	-	-
Life/Disability Insurance	-	-	-	420
HRA	-	-	-	-
Misc. Emp. Benefit	-	-	-	1,600
Meetings & Trainings	-	-	-	2,000
Employee Recruitment/Retention	-	-	-	500
Travel & Transportation	-	-	-	100
TOTAL	-	-	-	\$97,638
PARKS & RECREATION:				
Summer Recreation Program	-	-	\$15,000	-
Salaries & Wages	2,000	6,787.42	33,684	53,685
Summer Camp Wages	-	-	-	89,700
FICA/MEDI	153	519.22	2,577	10,969
Retirement	-	293.76	2,274	3,625
Health Insurance	-	-	-	7,045
Life/Disability Insurance	-	-	350	360
HRA	-	-	-	2,275

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Misc. Emp. Benefit	-	-	40	200
Operating Supplies	600	395.65	600	4,000
Advertising	500	-	500	500
Meetings & Trainings	-	-	-	1,000
Field Trips	-	-	-	10,000
Facility Fees	-	-	-	3,500
Safety Classes	-	-	-	4,000
Uniforms/T-shirts	-	-	-	4,000
Travel & Transportation	-	-	-	18,000
Other Program Expenses	-	-	-	5,000
Program Development	1,500	582.00	2,300	-
Improvements	3,000	1,203.09	3,000	-
TOTAL	\$7,753	\$9,781.14	\$60,325	\$217,859
MAINT. GEN GOV'T BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:				
Operating Supplies	\$5,500	\$3,240.33	\$3,000	\$7,000
Flag Replacement Program	1,000	631.80	1,000	1,000
Repair & Maint. Supplies	1,500	169.98	1,000	-
Oxbow Park - Repair & Maintenance	6,500	1,707.65	3,500	5,000
Waste Disposal/Recycling	1,080	1,384.06	1,128	1,320
Oxbow Disposal/Recycling	-	696.22	1,962	-
Town Clock Maintenance	780	788.48	780	780
Mowing - Streets & Oxbow	2,000	3,325.00	4,000	4,000

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Mowing - Morristown Cemeteries	12,000	18,408.35	12,000	19,000
Oxbow Security System	-	2,303.99	2,388	2,425
Tourist Information	1,250	500.00	1,250	500
Repair & Maint. Services	14,250	17,458.94	17,421	18,000
EV Charging Station Repair	-	-	-	-
Heating Oil	3,700	4,681.12	4,054	8,900
Street Lights	28,000	26,192.21	28,000	29,000
Electricity	8,500	6,896.62	7,538	7,600
Oxbow Electric	-	536.11	500	600
Water & Sewer	1,200	1,200.54	1,100	1,200
Oxbow Water & Sewer	-	544.72	500	550
Capital Building Improvement	-	13,183.68	62,500	23,000
TOTAL	\$87,260	\$103,849.80	\$153,621	\$129,875
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Health/Wellness Expenses	\$800	\$275.17	\$1,500	\$500
County Tax	70,003	70,003.00	75,269	84,798
TOTAL	\$70,803	\$70,278.17	\$76,769	\$85,298
APPROPRIATIONS/BUDGETED:				
MACC (M' Alliance for Culture & Commerce)	\$7,000	\$7,000.00	\$7,000	\$7,000
Morrisville Military Band	1,500	1,500.00	1,500	1,500
Morristown Centennial Library	186,019	186,018.00	186,019	299,369
TOTAL	\$194,519	\$194,518.00	\$194,519	\$307,869

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
CEMETERIES:				
Cemetery - Sexton	\$10,000	\$1,275.00	\$15,000	\$15,000
Cemetery Records Maintenance	10,000	325.00	12,000	12,000
Pleasant View Cemetery	20,000	20,000.00	20,000	25,000
TOTAL	\$40,000	\$21,600.00	\$47,000	\$52,000
DEBT SERVICE:				
Interest Payments: Short Term	\$45,000	\$19,104.27	\$40,000	\$20,000
Tegu Building - Principle	39,200	27,173.93	39,164	39,164
Tegu Building - Interest	-	11,989.43	-	-
Oxbow Bathrooms - Principle	16,100	15,292.75	16,100	-
Oxbow Bathrooms - Interest	-	730.17	-	-
Bridge St Bridge - Principle	83,400	71,390.40	83,366	83,366
Bridge St Bridge - Interest	-	11,982.70	-	-
Paving 5 Year Plan - Principle	104,700	103,546.42	-	-
Paving 5 Year Plan - Interest	-	1,409.81	-	-
Bridge Replace 10 Yr. - Principle	-	0.00	-	58,000
Bridge Replace 10 Yr. - Interest	-	0.00	-	-
Paving - Principle	-	0.00	-	108,950
Paving - Interest	-	0.00	-	-
TOTAL	\$288,400	\$262,619.88	\$178,630	\$309,480
RESERVES:				
Uncompensated Absences - Retirees	-	-	\$10,000	\$75,000

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
TOTAL	-	-	\$10,000	\$75,000
BUDGET TOTALS	\$2,070,315	\$2,001,683.86	\$2,234,914	\$2,986,952
Less Anticipated Revenues:				
General Government Revenues				
Tax Revenue			\$(374,000)	\$(402,800)
Licenses & Permits			(147,275)	(167,450)
Intergovernmental Reimb			(16,100)	(16,800)
Charges for Services			(19,000)	(17,500)
Fines & Forfeits			(25,000)	(24,000)
Recreation			-	(90,800)
Investment Income			(45,300)	(43,200)
Miscellaneous			(4,236)	(4,236)
Other Financing Source			(143,500)	-
Total Anticipated Revenues:			\$(774,411)	\$(766,786)
NET TO BE RAISED BY TAXES			\$1,460,503	\$2,220,166
		Operating Budget		To be Raised by Taxes
Proposed: FY 2023-2024		\$2,986,952		\$2,220,166
FY 2022-2023		\$2,234,914		1,460,503
		\$752,038		\$759,663
		34%		52.0%

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

“Like the maple, leaders are the first to offer their gifts.” It reminds the whole community that leadership is rooted not in power and authority, but in service and wisdom.” - Kimmerer, Robin Wall (2013), Braiding Sweetgrass

Over the course of the past year, we have continued to offer high-quality service to our residents and visitors. It is my pleasure to serve our community and I take great pride in Morristown beginning recognized as one of the friendliest, most organized, and most knowledgeable Town Clerk/Treasurer Offices in Vermont.

Managing elections and continuing education were the primary focuses of the Town Clerks’/ Treasurer Office throughout 2022. As we have encountered over the past few years, there were numerous changes to state laws and statewide computer programs. With these new changes, we attended multiple trainings to stay up to date with the current laws and learn new software systems.

<i>Service provided</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>
DMV renewals	273	229	34	70	138
Documents notarized	312	351	154	167	297
Dog Licenses	629	652	538	511	568
Green Mountain Passports	59	52	25	59	56
Land Postings	13	19	18	14	23
Liquor licenses	43	42	50	55	52

The State of Vermont has transitioned to an online registration program for liquor and tobacco licenses. Going forward all businesses that wish to hold a liquor or tobacco license or special catering event permits will need to use this statewide software program. Local approval is still required by the Selectboard. Cannabis manufacturing and retail stores are now legal in Morristown. This licensing is done directly with the State, but the town will receive a very minimal fee per establishment.

In a joint effort between the Administration office and ours, we have partnered with CivicClerk to obtain a modernized agenda and minutes data management software that will help save staff hours in the creation and storage of agendas and minutes. A link to the program can be found on the agenda tab of the Town website and one feature is that you can subscribe to receive notifications when agendas and minutes are published to the online portal.

As pandemic restrictions lessen, we have slowly started to partner again with the schools. In September the Peoples Academy High School current events class came to our office to learn about civics and then they held an election with the high school students to choose next year’s dog tag. In a close election, the blue flower won and will be the 2023 Morristown dog tag.

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Chris Young was hired by the Town of Morristown to be our new cemetery sexton. Our office continues to work closely with both cemetery associations and the sexton to update processes for purchasing cemetery lots, interments, and cemetery record management.

<i>Vital Records</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>
Births at Copley Hospital	181	184	150	152	196
Births of residents at other hospitals	16	22	21	26	31
Civil marriages	37	23	36	33	37
Deaths	119	117	137	115	141
Sale of certified records	1196	1160	1170	982	664
Cemetery deeds	10	2	12	14	19
Interment orders	0	1	0	33	33

Morristown was chosen as one of three towns to partner with the Vermont State Archives & Records Administration (VSARA) on their new environmental monitoring program. VSARA has installed two HOBO dataloggers, one in the vault and one in the basement that will record the temperature and relative humidity over time for a year. At the end of the monitoring period, VSARA will provide a brief report to flag key findings and make suggestions for how to improve conditions during specific times of the year.

<i>Documents recorded</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>
Land record pages	5256	5037	5052	5872	6970
Property transfer tax returns	232	238	254	281	332
Survey maps	27	41	34	33	49

During the past year, our office was responsible for managing five elections, we registered 352 new voters, challenged 118 voters, purged 94 voters and 186 voters transferred to other towns in Vermont. There are currently 4263 registered voters on the Morristown checklist.

<i>Election Turn out</i>					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>#Voters</i>	<i>#Voted</i>	<i>#Absentee</i>	<i>%Voted</i>
March 1, 2022	Annual Town Australian Ballot	4125	1469	1256	35.61%
March 1, 2022	Annual School Australian Ballot	4125	1469	1256	35.61%
August 9, 2022	Statewide Primary Australian Ballot	4175	1032	422	24.72%
August 10, 2022	Annual Village Floor Meeting	1601	23	NA	1.44%
November 8, 2022	General Election Australian Ballot	4259	2577	1906	60.51%

Emergency legislation due to the pandemic was still in effect and both the Selectboard and School Directors voted to again use the Australian ballot system for the 2022 Annual Meetings and to mail all active voters their ballots.

The State issued municipalities new tabulators to use for counting election results and we used them for the first time at the August Primary. General Election ballots were automatically mailed to all active registered voters by the State. They will continue to automatically mail everyone General Election ballots.

A new slate of Justices of the Peace was elected at the General Election. We will miss those that will not be continuing to serve but are excited to welcome new members to join the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). The BCA spent a lot of time at the beginning of the year reviewing proposals by the legislature for redistricting. The finalized Lamoille-Washington House district continues to be the same two-member district but now includes a small portion of Stowe. I continue to serve as the District Clerk as we are the largest populated town in the district.

I would like to thank all our BCA members for their help with managing elections, their work on redistricting, and reviewing abatement requests throughout the past year. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that goes into preparing for elections from mailing out ballots, to processing absentee ballots, to working at the polling place and we could not do it without the support of our BCA members and election volunteers. Please reach out to me if you are interested in volunteering to help with elections.

It was an honor to witness Mitzi Fleming receive her Certified Vermont Clerk certification from the Vermont Municipal Clerks & Treasurers Association at the 2022 VMCTA annual conference. VMCTA certification is an honor given to a Vermont Clerk or Treasurer for professional development and community service. To earn this designation, recipients complete a series of

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mandatory continuing education courses, attend professional workshops, participate in the VMCTA, and serve with distinction in their local municipalities.

On January 19, 2022, I was proud to become a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) through the International Institute Municipal Clerks Association (IIMC). To earn the CMC designation, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive education programs and requires pertinent experience in a municipality. The CMC program prepares the applicants to meet the challenges of the complex role of the Municipal Clerk by providing them with quality education in partnership with institutions of higher learning.

I was privileged to represent Morristown and Vermont at the 2022 IIMC conference in Little Rock where I was recognized on the national stage for receiving my Athenian Fellowship. The Athenian Leadership Fellowship is an International Academy to recognize and honor Municipal Clerks who seek personal and professional improvement as an Athenian Leader. There are currently only 5 Vermont Municipal Clerks with this Fellowship.

I would like to thank Mitzi Fleming and Elizabeth Chase for their dedication to tasks throughout this year. Mitzi celebrated her 10th year working for the Town and Elizabeth has been here for 6 years. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated, caring, and knowledgeable individuals working for our community. I am grateful to be able to work with them every day.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve service and accessibility to information. Don't hesitate to contact me with suggestions or questions at shaskins@morristownvt.org or 888-6370. Our office hours are: Monday - Thursday from 8:00 - 4:00 and Fridays from 8:00 - 1:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Allyn Haskins, CMC, CVC, CVT



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NOTICE TO MORRISTOWN PROPERTY TAXPAYERS

Tax Year: July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

This property tax bill includes two installment coupons attached to the bottom and also includes Village taxes if applicable. **This is the only bill you will receive; you will NOT receive a second notice of payment due for the final installment.**

**FAILURE TO RECEIVE A TAX BILL DOES NOT
RELIEVE THE TAXPAYER
OF RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY THE TAXES WHEN DUE NOR
DOES IT RELIEVE THE ADDITION OF PENALTIES AND INTEREST.**

INSTALLMENT DATES:

Due dates for property taxes are voted on at the Annual Town Meeting. All installments are due at the Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office by 4:00 PM on the due date. Only official U.S. Postal Service cancellation marks will be considered as timely postmarks.

- **First Installment Due Date: *Tuesday, November 15, 2022***

Installment balances not paid in full by the due date will be subject to interest on the unpaid principal at the rate of 1% per month for the first three months and 1.5% thereafter per 32 V.S.A. §4873.

- **Final Installment Due Date: *Monday, May 15, 2023***

Installment balances not paid in full by the due date will be subject to interest on the unpaid principal at the rate of 1% per month for the first three months and 1.5% thereafter per 32 V.S.A. §4873. Additionally, an 8% penalty on the unpaid principal will be charged immediately if payment is not received in full by the due date as provided by 32 V.S.A. §1674.

PAYMENTS:

The Town of Morristown offers various options for paying your property tax bill: in-person during office hours, 24-hour drop box, mail, automatic direct debit, credit/debit card (convenience fees apply), or electronic ACH deposit. Learn more at www.morristownvt.org/taxes.

Our system is capable of receiving tax payments weekly, monthly, quarterly or whatever way accommodates your budget, as long as the taxes are paid in full by the due dates.

Postdated checks or other checks not meeting the requirements will be returned and penalties will be added if applicable. All checks returned by the bank for any reason will cause the payment and receipt to be voided and delinquent penalties will be added.

ESCROW PAYMENTS:

If your taxes are held in escrow by a mortgage company, you are responsible for providing your escrow company with all the current information included on your property tax bill. If you receive a revised tax bill for any reason it is also your responsibility to inform your escrow company of changes made to your property tax account.

OVERPAYMENTS:

- *First installment:* overpayments of any amount will be applied to the next property tax installment unless a refund is requested in writing by the property owner or the source of the original funds (Bank or Mortgage Company).
- *Final installment:* overpayments less than \$10.00 will be credited towards the next installment of the next tax year; overpayments over \$10.00 will be returned to whom we received the overpayment unless directed differently in writing by the property owner.

HOMESTEAD DECLARATION/PROPERTY TAX CREDIT:

Property owners who qualify and have timely filed their annual Homestead Declaration with the Vermont Department of Taxes may see a property tax adjustment in the form of a credit on their tax bill. The Town is required to apply the credit equally to each installment for the current year and cannot be used for delinquent taxes. Learn more at <https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration>.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

You must notify the Town of any mailing address changes at 888-6370 or mfleming@morristownvt.org.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY:

By law, taxes are levied on the property as it exists for the owner of record on April 1st prior to the start of the tax year. Tax bills are mailed to the April 1st owner of record to the address on file with the Lister's Office.

- If your property is sold after April 1st, it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to forward the tax bill to the new owner and the new owner's responsibility to take notice of the due dates.
- If your property is subdivided after April 1st your bill contains taxes due on the entire parcel. It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to make sure the entire tax bill is paid in full for the year.

You must contact your attorney for prorated taxes or funds being held in escrow on the sale and/or division of the property as our office does not know what arrangements have been made regarding who is to pay the taxes at the time of transfer.

ABATEMENT:

Each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A. § 1535. Learn more at www.morristownvt.org/abatement. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the Board of Abatement, please contact the Town Clerk at (802) 888-6370 or shaskins@morristownvt.org

DELINQUENT TAXES:

The Town of Morristown follows a Delinquent Tax Collection policy for collecting delinquent Town, Village and School District taxes. The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines so that all delinquent taxpayers will be treated fairly and will know what to expect. Provisions of Vermont Statutes will be adhered to in order to ensure that the delinquent taxpayer is afforded the necessary “due process”. Learn more at www.morristownvt.org/delinquenttax.

See the notice printed on the back of your tax bill for more important information provided by the Vermont Department of Taxes.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS REPORT

The current Grammar School Savings Account held by the Trustee of Public Funds for the Town of Morristown has a principal basis of \$1619.97. This amount was forwarded to the Trustee of Public Funds as a result of the sale of the Lamoille Grammar School in 1984. Act No. M-10 was enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont instructing the Lamoille Grammar School to be sold and the proceeds be forwarded to the Trustee of Public Funds in the towns in which the grammar school's lease lands were located. All funds distributed must be held and invested by the Trustee of Public Funds for the support of the Town School District.

The 2022 total invested for the school district in a Certificate of Deposit at the Union Bank is \$3,890.01.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Norder
Sara Allyn Haskins
Mitzi Fleming

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021- JUNE 30, 2022			
Calculated Taxes			
Category	Grand List Value at 1%	Tax Rate	Tax Revenue
Municipal: Original	\$6,616,562.05	\$0.9551	\$6,319,478.41
Education: Homestead	\$3,221,911.00	\$1.5944	\$5,137,014.90
Education: Non-Residential	\$3,335,916.40	\$1.7078	\$5,697,078.03
Taxes Calculated per Grand List			\$17,153,571.34
Decimal Rounding			\$(0.09)
Taxes to be Collected as of 9/15/2021			\$17,153,571.25
Adjustments			
Adjustments			\$59,535.37
History Additions			-
Eliminate Credits			-
Abatements: BCA voted			\$(13,977.30)
Credits: Applied from Previous Tax Years			\$(55,257.87)
Total Taxes Billed as of 6/30/2022			\$17,143,871.45
Reconciled Taxes			
Collected			\$17,012,124.91
Delinquent			\$131,746.54
Taxes Reconciled as of 6/30/2022			\$17,143,871.45

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT - 5 YEAR HISTORY
Total delinquency on June 30 of each year

Year	Amount
2018	\$133,307.87
2019	\$165,173.80
2020**	\$295,641.03
2021	\$127,708.78
2022	\$146,600.58
** May 15, 2020 deadline was extended 90 days to August 13, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.	

TOWN DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Period Ending	Beginning balance as of July 1, 2021	Collected	Abated	Uncollected balance as of June 30, 2022
2017-2018	\$155.22	-	-	\$155.22
2018-2019	\$1,006.52	\$393.24	-	\$613.28
2019-2020	\$1,118.32	\$491.02	-	\$627.30
2020-2021	\$125,428.72	\$123,688.40	\$2.20	\$1,738.12
2021-2022**	\$535,011.31	\$390,811.59	\$733.06	\$143,466.66
	\$662,720.09	\$515,384.25	\$735.26	\$146,600.58

****Beginning balance as of May 18, 2022**

MORRISTOWN LISTERS' OFFICE
Grand List 2022

The 2022 Grand List total as of December 31, 2022 is **\$675,374,700** This is a **2.11%** increase over the 2021 Grand List. This change is due to new construction and commercial activity since April 1, 2021 to April 1, 2022.

Comparisons in Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)

The Common Level of Appraisal is essentially a measure of how close a town or city's local appraisal is to fair market value.

2021	2022	2023
94.39%	86.01%	71.15%

Comparisons in Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)

The COD is a measure of uniformity of appraisals for all properties on the grant list. Zero is a perfect score as a coefficient of dispersion. It indicates absolute fairness insofar as every taxpayer is appraised at the same percentage (fair market value). The higher the number, the greater the disparity is how properties are assessed in that town.

2021	2022	2023
14.36%	16.76%	23.63%

Current Use Program

The 2022 Grant List has **146** parcels enrolled in the Current Use Program. There are **16,080.86** acres enrolled in the program. These enrolled acres represent an exempt reduction to the Grand List in the amount of **\$37,255,500**

The year started out as expected. Abbie welcomed a son to her family, and the 2023 reappraisal continued as planned. Throughout this year, the NEMRC team of appraisers visited the remaining properties on the grand list. With all the data collected, the calculation of value will be completed for the 2023 grand list. A booklet with the new values is expected to be mailed out sometime in May 2023.

Looking at the new CLA and COD above, the numbers show we are right on schedule doing our reappraisal. For any updates, please visit the Listers page on our website. This past year Terri Sabens, our assessor, was able to do all the permitted subdivisions, make site visits of all new builds, and remodeled structures. The change of appraisal notices was sent out with a few grievances.

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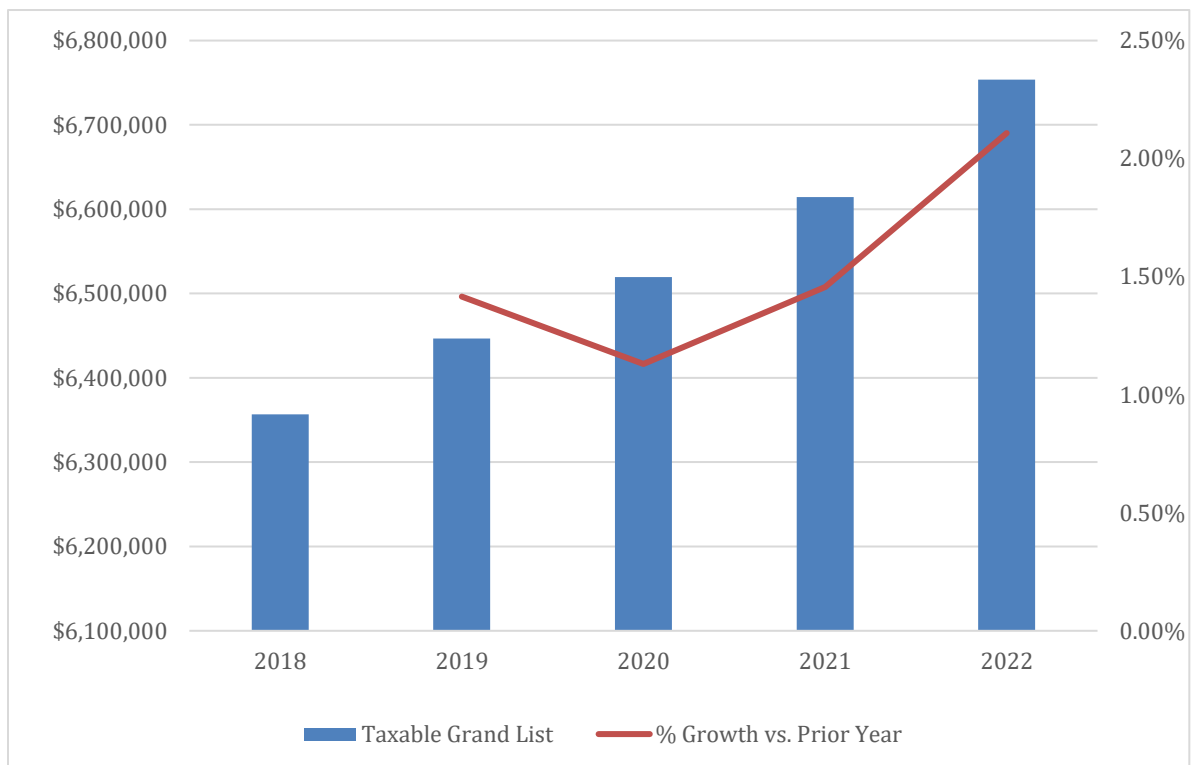
At the 2022 town meeting, Charles Burnham was elected to a 3-year term. Brian Yeaton and Duane Sprague made up the 3-person board. Abigail Griggs, Lister Coordinator, and Terri Sabens Assessor, make up the office personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Sprague, Lister
Charles Burnham, Lister
Brian Yeaton, Lister

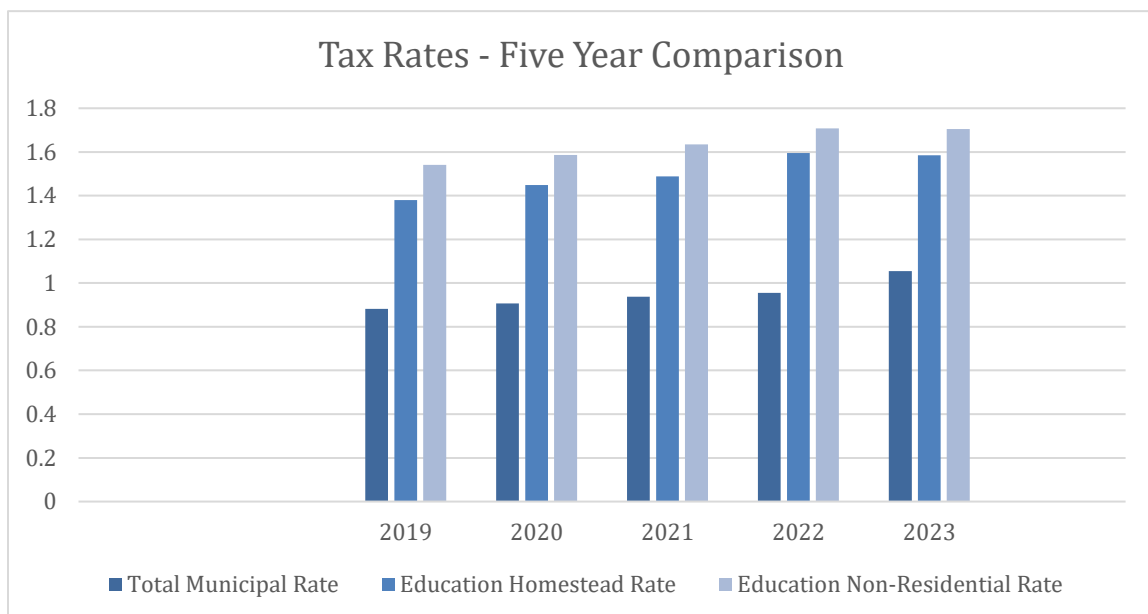
Terri Sabens, Assessor
Abbie Griggs, Lister Coordinator

GRAND LIST – FIVE YEAR COMPARISON



TAX RATE - FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

MUNICIPAL					
FISCAL YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Municipal	\$0.5857	\$0.5844	\$0.5939	\$0.5486	\$0.6245
Highway	\$0.2949	\$0.3202	\$0.3410	\$0.4042	\$0.4276
Local Agreement	\$0.0015	\$0.0017	\$0.0020	\$0.0023	\$0.0022
Total Municipal Rate	\$0.8821	\$0.9063	\$0.9369	\$0.9551	\$1.0543
EDUCATION					
FISCAL YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022
Education Homestead	\$1.3797	\$1.4479	\$1.4887	\$1.5944	\$1.5841
Education Non-Residential	\$1.5407	\$1.5864	\$1.6342	\$1.7078	\$1.7045
COMBINED MUNICIPAL & EDUCATION					
FISCAL YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022
Homestead	\$2.2618	\$2.3542	\$2.4256	\$2.5495	\$2.6384
Non-Residential	\$2.4228	\$2.4927	\$2.5711	\$2.6629	\$2.7588



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Our community has seen many changes in the past couple years and will continue to as the town is growing. It is great to see new people on the streets, new businesses popping up and a fleury of chatter. More store fronts are full, and many businesses are thriving partly due to the influx of new residents in town.

Oxbow Park has changed tremendously over the years and is now a destination whether it be for a walk with your dog, a picnic, a community gathering or working in your plot in the community garden, it is a welcoming asset in the community. Wednesday Night Live had more attendees this past year than ever. With people wanting to get out, socialize, and feel a connection to each other the music series is a great meeting place

Lamoille Valley Rail Trail completion of all 93 miles from St. Johnsbury to Swanton will bring many new faces to our community. Events will be popping up, out of towners will be supporting our local businesses and the opportunities for recreation will continue to increase.

Our community is made up of friends meeting friends, locals talking local and everyone contributing to what makes Morristown a great place to live, work and play. Please remember to support our local businesses, they are the heart and soul of our community.

Respectfully,
Tricia Follert
Community Development Coordinator



Photo credit: J Alberi

MORRISTOWN RECREATION COORDINATOR

The Morristown Summer Recreation Camp program was created by Morristown voters in 1957 and for over 60 years and has been managed by parent volunteers. As our town is growing, the recreation program remains a proactive asset to our community. In 2022 Anna McCormick was hired to work part-time as the Recreation Coordinator. Anna is a native of Lamoille County and has a long history of working with children and families in Morristown. She brings fresh creativity to the program and has a passion for the health and growth of all people within our community. In her new position, she will be able to expand recreation programs within our town and coordinate activities and events year-round to support the needs of the community.

The summer camp program runs for seven weeks in the summer and offers a fun and safe program to promote healthy living, eating and exercise with a variety of planned activities for children ages 5 through 12. Our vision is to provide a safe environment where all children will experience community, expand their learning, and creativity, create everlasting friendships, and engage in recreational activities to deepen their appreciation of Vermont's beautiful landscape and focus on four core values:

- Safety: To provide a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment for everyone involved in the Morristown Summer Recreation Program.
- Respect: To develop and foster children's respect, care, and concern for themselves, others, and property used to create a fun camp experience.
- Responsibility: To encourage children's responsibility for their actions, words, and choices. Our goal is to foster camper's becoming positive citizens through a variety of recreational activities during their summer camp experience.
- Belonging: To give every child the opportunity to make friends, and memories, and participate in a diverse range of activities made accessible to them.

Morristown Summer Recreation Camp had its first operating year since the Covid-19 shutdown in 2019. A successful year, 92 Children attended Morristown Summer Rec camp and were overseen and cared for by a staff of 20 Lamoille County high school and college students. 12 Staff members were trained as Red Cross lifeguards with First Aid/CPR certification. Free breakfast and lunch were offered daily to all campers provided by the school's federally funded program. The Lamoille Family center was able to provide 20 scholarships of \$300 that allowed attendance throughout the summer.

Morristown hosted our first annual 5K Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day. A successful event that had almost 100 participants partnering with People's Academy high school student Sophie Beck and her supportive teachers. The race raised over \$1000 as a donation to the Lamoille County Food share.

The Recreation Coordinator hosted snowshoe walks as a recreation partnership with the Morristown Centennial Library. The library holds 9 pairs of snowshoes that are available for individuals to loan for free. The walks happen monthly and take place along the LVRT.

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Morristown Recreation is utilizing our local hiking trails, landscape and businesses, and local partnerships more than ever. With so many resources within our community, we are putting together a community directory with maps and resources for people and families to have access to get out and recreate!

Respectfully,

Anna McCormick
Recreation Coordinator



Photo credit: A McCormick

MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Covid-19 Pandemic, based on the below graph, is still putting copious pressure on the local housing market. Permit activity in Morrisville during the 2022 calendar year clearly reflects this reality. The pandemic poured jet-fuel atop an already hot local housing market. The below chart depicts a quickly accelerating trend in housing starts over the last 3 years permitted by the Zoning Office, which was handling only a few dozen housing starts permits per year a decade ago. I do think the below 2022 housing production statistics reflect the top of the market. If I had to provide a forecast, given the recent and dramatic increases in the cost of money, I would anticipate reduced housing production numbers in 2023, with an additional step back in 2024. The future is obviously uncertain, as it is very hard to see the port from uncharted waters.

<u>New Housing Starts by Year</u>			
<u>Year</u>	<u>New Single-Family Homes</u>	<u>New Apartments</u>	<u>Total by Year</u>
2022	39	152	191
2021	30	104	134
2020	19	34	53

A large portion of the record breaking 152 new apartments permitted in 2022 were located on Route 100, just south of downtown Morrisville (Jersey Heights & LaPorte Road). Multiple developers are adding significant density to a road that was previously mostly populated by single-family homes. With the construction of a new sidewalk alongside this road (assuming voters approve its requested funding on Town Meeting Day), one of the main thoroughfares in and out of the village is quickly taking on a dramatically new shape. In 2023, at least 32 additional apartments (that are not reflected in the above 2022 housing start numbers) are also slated to begin construction on this section of Route 100. On the other side of the downtown, construction is finishing on the first wave of the 54 new townhouses that will sit between the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail and Lake Lamoille. What was a waste area that was literally filled with old tires, junk cars, and 40 roll off dumpsters worth of trash, will soon be a desirable residential neighborhood with recreation opportunities on both sides. 18 of the 152 new apartments shown in the above chart are attributed to this Rail Trail Lane and Lake Ridge Lane townhouse development. Diagonally across Bridge Street, vertical construction should be well underway by Town Meeting Day on a new 19-unit apartment building. The foundation being poured (as this report was being written) is for the largest and final new apartment building that will be built on the south side of Bridge Street.

While some people find this new construction activity interesting, most people simply want to know how all this new development will affect their taxes. During 2022, these 191 new housing starts, and dozens of additional permits for smaller home improvement projects, subdivisions, and commercial development, resulted in a total Grand List growth of 2.11%. This percentage of new growth bests 2021's strong Grand List growth of 1.46%, and nearly doubles 2020's Grand List growth of 1.18%. Readers should keep in mind that averaging approximately 1.5% of Grand List growth per year (over the last three years) is not enough new tax base growth to keep their taxes from going up. If Grand List growth does not match the rate of inflation (which is nearly impossible in today's high inflationary environment), the taxes paid by existing residents will have to be raised to account for the increased cost of the town government doing business.

I enjoy helping residents and developers with permit questions, so please contact me in the Zoning Office at 888-6373 (or via email at tthomas@morristownvt.org) before starting any development. Unless the proposal is an interior renovation of existing heated living space, or a shed smaller than 150 ft² in size, a permit will likely be required before that work can commence. Zoning fees are doubled for any project undertaken without first obtaining the necessary permits. Zoning information, including the zoning bylaws, permit application forms, and fee schedules are available on the office's website at: morristownvt.org/planzone. Thank you!

Thank you,
Todd Thomas
Zoning Administrator

MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE PLANNING COUNCIL

The Morristown Selectboard and the Morrisville Village Trustees jointly appoint the Morrisville/Morristown Planning Council. The Council is responsible for writing the Town Plan and updating the corresponding zoning bylaws that regulate all development in both the Village and the Town. The Planning Council had a groundbreaking year in 2022, warning 19 meetings. The Council was thrilled to have unprecedented interest in its work over the calendar year, with more than 100 people attending some of its meetings held under the tent at Copley Country Club. The large crowds were keenly interested in the Council's 2022 proposed zoning changes, which created needed architectural protections within the Morrisville Historic District, strengthened existing regulations for short-term residential rentals, and fixed some of the issues with the zoning on the village section of Brooklyn Street. The Council also took a direct leadership role in the Town's infrastructure for the first time in 2022 by planning and budgeting for the completion of the Jersey Heights sidewalk project. That sidewalk project, which has been stalled for more than a decade, will complete the long desired pedestrian link between downtown Morrisville and the Bishop Marshall School, while also filling gaps in the new developer created sidewalks on Jersey Heights and LaPorte Road. The Planning Council sincerely hopes that the voters will chose to approve this \$200,000 article at Town Meeting so we will all be able to safely walk from the village to the and the Bishop Marshall School by the beginning of the new school year in September.

Outside of the aforementioned 19 meetings, the Council also appeared at Town Selectboard and Village Trustees meetings for formal proceedings, such as Town Plan and zoning change hearings and votes. Even with the Legislative Bodies' Town Plan approval process taking a few months longer than expected, the Council was thrilled to finalize the 2020-2030 Morrisville/Morristown Town Plan during 2022. This revision effort was the most significant rewrite of our Town Plan in decades. Planning Council Members are pleased with the version of the plan that was approved by both the Selectboard and Village Trustees. It was disappointing to see the Lamoille County Planning Commission deny regional approval of the Town Plan over the summer, but that denial will have no impact on the goals or mission of the Planning Council in 2023 or beyond. The Implementation Chapter of our new 2020-2030 Morrisville/Morristown Town Plan will serve as an excellent to-do list for the coming years for the Planning Council, Selectboard, Village Trustees, and various other Boards. Thanks to the direction provided by our new Town Plan, the collective accomplishments of these Boards will ensure that we will have an even more welcoming, vibrant, safe, and beautiful town in the years to come.

If you are interested in planning issues, please feel free to attend an upcoming Planning Council meeting. The Council typically meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:00 P.M. Since the onset of the pandemic, the Council has been meeting outside under a tent adjacent to Copley Club during the warm weather months, and back in the Town Offices during the winter months. Additional information regarding the Council, including agendas and minutes, is available for review on the Town's website at: Morristownvt.org/planning.

Planning Council Members during the calendar year were Etienne Hancock, John Meyer, Tom Snipp, Steven Foster, Josh Goldstein, and Allen Van Anda. The Planning Council would like to formally thank Allen Van Anda, who resigned from the Board in 2022, for his years of service. Council Members are always happy to discuss how they are working to make Morrisville a better place to work, live, and play. Correspondence with the Council should be directed to Todd Thomas, the Town's Planning Director. He can be reached at 888-6373 or by email at tthomas@morristownvt.org

Todd Thomas
Zoning Administrator/Planning Director

MORRISTOWN/MORRISVILLE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Morristown Selectboard and the Morrisville Village Trustees jointly appoint the Morrisville/Morristown Development Review Board (DRB). The DRB is responsible for acting on zoning applications for development, located both in the Village and in the Town when the "use" being requested is listed as "conditional" in the zone where the development is proposed. The DRB also presides over "permitted" uses that are usually handled by the Zoning Administrator via site plan review when more than 20,000 ft² of new structure footprint is proposed. Requests for major subdivisions (2 or more new building lots), waivers, and appeals of Zoning Administrator actions are also the purview of the DRB.

Typically, the DRB approves all the subdivision, conditional use, and site plan applications it receives with specific conditions of approval that ensure the proposed development complies with both the Town's Zoning Bylaws and fits into its host neighborhood. With that being said, the DRB did deny 2 large downtown apartment projects in 2022. During the calendar year, the Board also denied the sole appeal of a Zoning Administrator permit. On the approval side of the ledger, the DRB had another busy year presiding over development and permit activity that was heightened above normal levels thanks to Covid-19 Pandemic stimulus efforts from the federal government. During 2022, the Board met 8 times and approved a handful of significant development projects that will help shape the built environment of our town for years to come. Some of the major projects the Board approved last year include: a 23-unit townhouse project on the corner of Jersey Heights and Jersey Way, a 24-bedroom family-oriented apartment building on South Street, and 9-additional townhouses that are also located on Jersey Heights (but 0.2 miles closer to the Village than the 23-unit project). The DRB also approved 6 subdivision applications in 2022. The most notable of these subdivision approvals is the initial wave of 8 building lots on Beacon Hill. It is expected that additional house lots will be approved over the coming years on this subdivision's newly created roads: Morey Farm Road and Hilltop Lane. The below chart details all the DRB hearing activity over the span of the last 3 years:

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DRB Permit Activity	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Conditional Uses	9	15	15
Site Plan Reviews	12	22	12
Subdivision Approvals	8	8	6
Waivers	1	4	1
Appeals	0	0	1
Total Applications	30	49	35

Development Review Board hearings are held, as needed, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the community meeting room of the old Tegu Theatre at 43 Portland Street. Board Members also conduct site walks of properties on which development is proposed to familiarize themselves with the details of the applications. DRB Board Members that volunteered their time in 2022 to make Morrisville a better place to work, live, and play include: Donnie Blake, Susanna Burnham, Melissa LeBlanc, Gary Nolan, Laura Streets, Christy Snipp, Paul Trudell, Chris Wiltshire, and Mary Ann Wilson. Correspondence with the Board should be directed to Todd Thomas, the Town's Zoning Administrator. He can be reached at 802-888-6373 or via email at tthomas@morristownvt.org. DRB hearings are warned in advance in the *News & Citizen*, and are open to the public. Additional information regarding the DRB, including agendas and minutes, are available for review on the Town's website at: morristownvt.org/drb

Todd Thomas
Zoning Administrator/Planning Director

MORRISTOWN EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Morristown EMS Department is a combination department of five full-time career staff, five part-time staff and eight well trained volunteer members, serving the residents of Morristown, Elmore, and other surrounding communities in Lamoille County.

Starting as Morristown Rescue Squad, we began in 1974. Dr. Lewis Blowers and Copley Hospital's President, John Whitcomb, advised the Selectmen that there was a need for an ambulance service in Morristown. A squad was formed, trained, and the ambulance went into service at 6:00 am on June 2nd, 1975. Morristown Rescue/EMS has been able to provide continual service since that time.

The areas covered are Morristown, Elmore, and part of Wolcott. Membership is made up of Nationally Registered, Vermont licensed, EMR, EMT, Advanced EMT, and Paramedic certified staff. We staff two Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances from our headquarters located across from Copley Hospital.

For calendar year 2022, Morristown Rescue/EMS responded to a record 940 calls, making 645 patient transports, a 17.3% increase from 2021. 789 calls were in the primary Morristown EMS coverage areas, and 151 calls were requests for mutual aid or paramedic intercept in support of our Lamoille County neighbors. MEMS received mutual aid 12 times, same as 2021.

Runs by City Name		
Incident City Name (eScene.17)	Number of Runs	Percentage of Total Runs
Morrisville	749	79.61%
Lake Elmore	40	4.25%
Johnson	29	3.08%
Hyde Park	28	2.97%
Stowe	28	2.97%
Wolcott	26	2.76%
Eden	13	1.38%
Hardwick	13	1.38%
North Wolcott	4	0.42%
Greensboro	4	0.42%
Walden	3	0.31%
Craftsbury	2	0.21%

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Runs by City Name		
Incident City Name (eScene.17)	Number of Runs	Percentage of Total Runs
Woodbury	1	0.10%
	Total: 940	Total: 100.00%

SOURCE: Vermont EMS SIREN Elite Reporting System

Runs by Destination Name			
Disposition Destination Name Delivered Transferred To (eDisposition.01)	Disposition Destination Code Delivered Transferred To (eDisposition.02)	Number of Runs	Percent of Total Runs
COPLEY HOSPITAL	VT0004	635	98.44%
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT MEDICAL CENTER (UVMCMC)	VT0015	6	0.93%
CENTRAL VERMONT MEDICAL CENTER	VT0006	2	0.31%
HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE		2	0.31%
		Total: 645	Total: 100.00%

SOURCE: Vermont EMS SIREN Elite Reporting System

Runs by Service Level	
Response Level Of Care Of This Unit	
Specialty Care Transport (Critical Care) Percent of Total Runs: 0.18%	Number of Runs: 1
EMT (BLS) Percent of Total Runs: 0.54%	Number of Runs: 3
AEMT (ALS) Percent of Total Runs: 18.37%	Number of Runs: 147
Paramedic (ALS) Percent of Total Runs: 80.90%	Number of Runs: 494
Total 100%	Total: 645

SOURCE: Vermont EMS SIREN Elite Reporting System

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Average Run Times Summary Report (Transports)in minutes					
Avg Unit Notified - Enroute	Avg Unit Enroute to - Arrived at Scene	Avg Unit Arrived on Scene - Left Scene	Avg Unit Left Scene -Arrived at Destination	Avg Unit Arrived at Destination - Unit Back In Service	Number of Runs
2.77	11.40	24.79	12.62	20.55	645

Respectfully submitted,
William Mapes, NRP, CCTP, I/C, EMS Chief
Corey Boisvert, NRAEMT, Assistant EMS Chief



Photo credit: B Mapes

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN EMS DEPARTMENT

	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
ADMINISTRATION:				
Office Supplies	\$1,200	\$991.08	\$1,200	\$1,200
Food/Coffee	750	295.63	750	750
Advertising	1,000	1,144.35	1,500	2,000
Dues & Subscriptions	400	252.00	400	600
Meetings and Trainings	1,000	274.99	-	-
Lease-Copier	1,200	1,099.89	1,078	1,100
Software Support-Scheduling	2,500	2,547.00	2,600	2,600
Medicaid Tax	6,600	6,356.70	6,400	6,700
Travel & Transportation	550	-	600	600
New Equipment	16,500	18,289.50	-	-
TOTAL	\$31,700	\$31,251.14	\$14,528	\$15,550
PERSONNEL:				
FT-Regular & Leave	\$192,216	\$243,852.41	\$296,770	\$329,559
Cash in Lieu of Health Insurance	-	401.39	-	5,545
Deferred Comp	-	3,003.12	6,507	7,134
Part Time-with benefits	121,047	140,804.46	135,087	161,914
Part Time - without benefits	28,080	11,001.00	13,068	51,480
PT - Training	6,975	-	864	-
FICA/MEDI	26,646	30,070.83	34,601	42,506
Retirement	12,013	21,525.80	29,590	34,030
Health Insurance	46,295	48,002.22	66,277	53,495
Life/Disability Ins.	1,219	2,450.83	2,762	3,240

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
HRA	15,510	15,510.00	19,400	15,150
Misc. Emp. Benefit	320	480.00	500	500
TOTAL	\$450,321	\$517,102.06	\$605,426	\$704,553
EMS SERVICES:				
Operating Supplies	\$17,000	\$19,490.74	\$18,500	\$22,000
Oxygen/Nitrous Oxide	1,200	557.90	750	800
Supplies for Other Departments	6,000	7,658.91	6,000	10,000
Coverage - Paramedic	500	-	250	-
Repair & Maint Services	3,500	3,051.00	2,000	4,000
TOTAL	\$28,200	\$30,758.55	\$27,500	\$36,800
COMMUNICATIONS:				
Operating Supplies	-	\$1,222.64	-	-
Phones-Landline	1,750	2,059.80	1,980	2,000
Phones - Cell	720	720.00	1,200	1,200
Data - Hot Spots	1,000	989.06	1,050	1,050
Internet/Cable	3,400	3,898.92	3,780	3,900
LCSD-Dispatch	42,242	44,322.33	45,191	48,375
eDispatch Software	400	572.99	534	575
Repair & Maint Services	250	100.00	500	500
Replacement Equipment	5,000	1,029.97	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	\$54,762	\$54,915.71	\$59,235	\$62,600
TRAINING:				
Meetings & Trainings	\$10,500	\$3,637.11	\$6,500	\$7,000

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
TOTAL	\$10,500	\$3,637.11	\$6,500	\$7,000
PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES:				
Professional Services- Debriefing	\$500	-	\$500	-
TOTAL	\$500	-	\$500	-
MAINTAIN BUILDING:				
Operating Supplies	\$1,500	\$1,458.11	\$1,800	\$2,000
Waste/Recycle	1,450	2,403.27	2,256	2,700
Repair & Maint. Services	2,800	1,943.22	4,000	4,000
Heating Oil	1,500	2,044.21	2,105	4,050
Propane	1,300	2,071.06	1,575	2,000
Electricity	3,350	2,739.03	3,100	3,600
Water & Sewer	1,150	1,228.85	1,200	1,200
Capital Building Improvements	-	-	-	15,000
TOTAL	\$13,050	\$13,887.75	\$16,036	\$34,550
MAINTAIN VEHICLE:				
Gasoline	\$835	\$973.03	\$751	-
Fuel	1,600	2,850.17	3,388	4,305
Uniforms	8,000	6,977.81	9,000	9,000
Repair & Maint Supplies	1,800	558.19	2,000	2,000
Repair & Maint Services	10,500	10,576.77	4,000	5,000
2018 Ambulance Loan - Principle	53,380	51,074.76	53,380	-
2018 Ambulance Loan - Interest	-	2,304.48	-	-
TOTAL	\$76,115	\$75,315.21	\$72,519	\$20,305
BUDGET TOTALS	\$665,148	\$726,867.53	\$802,244	\$881,358

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Less Anticipated Revenues	\$(234,600)	\$(58,066.71)	\$(216,400)	\$(293,700)
NET TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$430,548	\$668,800.82	\$585,844	\$587,658
		Operating Budget		To be Raised By Taxes
Proposed: FY 2023-2024		\$881,358.00		\$587,658
FY 2022-2023		802,244.00		585,844
		\$79,114.00		\$1,814
		9.9%		0.3%

MORRISTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Morrisville Fire Department has had another year with 240 calls.

We responded to 40 vehicle accidents, 47 fire alarms, 16 auto alarms and 12 carbon monoxide alarms. Changing the batteries when you change your clocks will make a difference in the amount of these calls we respond to each year. We helped our fellow departments of our mutual aid system 17 times.

Other calls in 2021:

4 Structure Fires, 1 Chimney Fire, 74 Medical Assist, 8 Other, 3 Wildland Fires, 12 Fires, 5 Hazmat

We would also like to acknowledge our current members of the Morrisville Fire Department and thank them and their families for their active service and dedication to the town and department. We have been able to grow our department over the past year with help of our new members and their families.

Chief	Dennis DiGregorio
1st Asst. Chief	Jason Kelly
2nd Asst. Chief	Brent Labree
Captain	Damien DiGregorio
1st Lieutenant	Scott Droney
2nd Lieutenant	Eric Marshall
3rd Lieutenant	Seth Foy
Engine Captain	Joe Poleio
Asst. Engine Captain	Bruce Emerson
Enginemen	Tim Morrissey, Joey Hall, Ben Carpenter
Current Firefighters	Shawn Goodell, Alex Desjardins, Lucas Marcoux, Andrew Miller, Joe Hawthorne, Rick Berry, Kent Hedberg, Wesley Wilson, Jonathan Manchester
Current Junior Firefighters	Kita Labree

We would like to thank the Retired and Honorary Members of the Department who have supported and served us in the past years: William “Twig” Farquharson, Jeffrey Churchill, Dennis Smith, Brian Kellogg, Frederick Pierce, Gordon Bowen, Wallace Reeve, James Farnham, Charles Hess, Jeffery Limoge, Dean Lockwood, Todd Yando, William Spear and Donald Hill. Honorary members include Lee Sturtevant, Wayne Blaisdell, Pierce Reed, Bill Cook, Mark Walker, Brad Wilson, David Jeffers,

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Kevin Brown, and Jim “Polar Bear” Grover. It is with heavy hearts to announce the passing of Gerry “Gubby” Sutton.

Our rookies will be doing the 45-hour basic fire course this year. The state now mandates firefighters to take over 200 hours of training. This 45-hour course is just an introduction into that class.

If you have a carbon monoxide alarm sounding, please leave the building immediately and call 911. Try not to open up the building, so that we have a better chance to find the source and quickly get it taken care of.

The Morrisville Fire Department continues to promote the use of the Knox Box Rapid Entry System for all school, commercial and private dwellings in town. This system will allow rapid access to your property in an emergency without damaging your property. Please call the fire station at (802) 888-3575 for more information.

Please check the dates on your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors and replace according to the manufacturer's specifications. Please remember to change your batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, make sure your chimneys are cleaned and shovel out any fire hydrants in your neighborhood if possible. Please call the fire warden at (802) 826-2626 before burning brush; this will reduce the number of calls.

The members would like to thank all the other town agencies and our Mutual Aid partners for their help this past year. Special thanks to Jim from Polar Bear for his help throughout the year. We would like to thank the people of the town of Morristown; it has been a pleasure serving you this past year. We appreciate all the support that you have given us.

Feel free to stop by the station any time you see a member there. It is your building and equipment. Thank you for all your past and future support.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. DiGregorio
Fire Chief

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
ADMINISTRATION:				
Office Supplies	\$400	\$211.46	\$400	\$400
Replace Uniforms	5,000	1,020.85	5,000	4,000
Software Maintenance	675	716.11	675	725
Repair & Maintenance Services	500	-	500	500
Miscellaneous	100	60.00	500	500
TOTAL	\$6,675	\$2,008.42	\$7,075	\$6,125
PERSONNEL:				
Part Time w/o benefits	\$80,000	\$83,314.44	\$80,000	\$92,400
FICA/MEDI	6,120	6,373.67	6,120	7,069
TOTAL	\$86,120	\$89,688.11	\$86,120	\$99,469
FIRE FIGHTING:				
Operating Supplies	\$2,000	\$527.41	\$2,000	\$2,000
Foam/Absorber	2,000	3,325.08	2,000	1,500
Coffee/Food	1,000	90.46	1,500	1,000
Personal Protect. Clothing	18,000	4,676.22	18,000	15,000
Turn Out Gear Decontamination Maint.	1,500	2,380.44	1,500	2,400
Dry Hydrants	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	\$26,500	\$10,999.61	\$27,000	\$23,900

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
COMMUNICATIONS:				
Repair & Maint. Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,716.93	\$1,000	\$2,000
Tower	100	100.00	100	100
Phone-Land Lines	825	983.41	825	960
Internet/Cable	1,725	2,350.10	1,725	2,484
Dispatch Software	1,590	1,326.27	1,500	1,334
LSCD-Dispatch	42,242	44,322.31	45,191	48,375
Repair Services-Radio	2,500	-	2,000	2,000
Replacement Equipment	1,000	1,388.00	12,000	20,000
TOTAL	\$51,982	\$52,187.02	\$64,341	\$77,253
FIRE PREVENTION:				
Operating Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,487.77	\$1,500	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$1,000	\$1,487.77	\$1,500	\$1,000
FIRE TRAINING:				
Dues & Subscriptions	\$700	\$1,764.92	\$1,000	\$1,800
Meetings & Trainings	6,000	1,146.48	6,000	3,000
TOTAL	\$6,700	\$2,911.40	\$7,000	\$4,800
PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES:				
Vaccine	\$300	-	-	-
Professional Services- Medical	2,000	1,370.18	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	\$2,300	\$1,370.18	\$2,000	\$2,000
OPERATE & MAINTAIN BLDG:				
Operating Supplies	\$2,000	\$893.04	\$2,000	\$2,000

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Waste/Recycle	875	988.09	890	1,080
Repair & Maint. Services- Contractor	5,000	3,068.27	5,000	4,000
Heating Oil	3,700	4,438.26	5,193	9,400
Propane	850	1,323.18	1,262	1,262
Electricity	5,150	5,068.95	4,950	5,600
Water & Sewer	875	888.87	864	1,000
Building Improvements	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
TOTAL	\$28,450	\$16,668.66	\$30,159	\$34,342
MAINT. TRUCKS/EQUIPMENT:				
Gasoline	\$325	\$221.19	\$400	\$-
Diesel Fuel	2,050	2,866.63	3,415	3,700
Repair & Maint. Supplies	4,000	1,370.29	2,000	2,000
Small Tools & Equipment- Vehicles	5,000	2,491.25	5,000	4,000
Repair & Maint. Services	20,000	13,509.67	20,000	15,000
Hose Testing	5,000	4,634.00	5,000	5,000
Capital Equipment	8,000	-	5,000	12,500
Hose	5,000	2,799.07	5,000	5,000
SCBA	20,000	32,490.90	20,000	10,000
Imagers & Meters	8,000	1,544.69	5,000	4,000
2017 Quint Fire Truck Loan Principle	41,937	35,375.08	41,937	41,937
2017 Quint Fire Truck Loan Interest	-	6,561.84	-	-

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
2018 Fire Rescue Truck Loan Principle	24,386	21,443.43	24,386	24,386
2018 Fire Rescue Truck Loan Interest	-	2,366.81	-	-
TOTAL	\$143,698	\$127,674.85	\$137,138	\$127,523
BUDGET TOTALS	\$353,425	\$304,996.02	\$362,333	\$376,412
<i>Less Anticipated Revenues:</i>	-	(174.05)	-	-
NET TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$353,425	\$305,170.07	\$362,333	\$376,412
		Operating Budget		To Be Raised By Taxes
Proposed: FY 2023-2024		\$376,412		\$376,412
FY 2022-2023		362,333		362,333
		\$14,079		\$14,079
		3.9%		3.9%



MORRISTOWN HIGHWAY & STREET DEPARTMENT

Hello everyone, the highway crew has finished several projects this year, we got the base coat of black top on Garfield Road, all of Walton Road has had ditch cleaning, as well as Moran Loop, and Sterling Brook Road, with and part of Mud City Loop, as part of our continued efforts to meet our requirements of act 64. Sidewalk repairs are ongoing as we have more repairs on the schedule in the upcoming summer. The crew has been also working to clear brush a long our roadsides and removing trees that had been safety concerns. I would again like to send a Thank you to everyone for your patience with us as we know it has been painful at times, and for your help in keeping your highway workers safe in the work zones!

We have had personal changes this year, with an employee's passing, Raymond Lacasse, he is deeply missed, we had another employee that moved south, Peter Kourkoulis, and wish him the best, and we have hired some new faces, Matthew Dewey, Earl Penno Jr, and Scott Nelson. We are currently looking to fill one more spot.

At the time of writing this we are still working on our act 250 permit, so hopefully we can get back into our gravel pit and start getting our own sand and gravel from it. Another winter has passed, and mud season is here as we move into another busy summer, we have projects that will be happening all over town again this summer, from culverts, to stone lining ditches.

I would like to thank you all again for the support you have given us, and for helping us stay safe while out working in the roadways!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Barrows
Highway Superintendent



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TOWN OF MORRISTOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
ADMINISTRATION:				
Salaries & Wages	\$866,237	\$710,111.74	\$939,495	\$1,051,015
Cash in Lieu	4,817	2,006.95	-	5,545
Deferred Comp	7,011	6,813.00	6,507	7,134
FICA/MEDI	67,172	53,619.47	72,369	80,403
Retirement	56,259	46,217.26	65,377	72,652
Health Insurance	165,726	140,499.88	189,518	184,275
Life/Disability Ins.	5,298	4,215.98	4,800	5,245
HRA	53,460	53,460.00	60,375	57,825
Misc. Emp. Benefit	4,000	7,118.20	6,500	8,000
Office Supplies	500	573.46	2,500	4,500
Tower	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
Phone - Land Lines	920	941.39	1,404	900
Phone - Cell	1,080	909.26	2,000	2,200
Internet	2,050	2,176.62	2,028	2,300
Meetings & Trainings	2,000	1,200.00	2,000	4,000
Other Purchased Services	-	-	37,000	25,000
TOTAL	\$1,237,530	\$1,030,863.21	\$1,392,873	\$1,511,994
TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT:				
Fuel	\$92,300	\$116,812.61	\$137,973	\$167,500
Blades & Plow Shoes	25,100	30,077.15	24,500	32,000
Tires & Chains	25,000	30,642.81	25,000	25,000
Small Equipment	12,000	16,210.52	10,000	7,000

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Supplies	47,650	45,741.34	58,950	99,200
Repairs - Parts & Service	135,000	183,887.72	140,000	200,000
New Equipment - Trucks	217,143	215,697.36	271,684	403,697
TOTAL	\$554,193	\$639,069.51	\$668,107	\$934,397
SUMMER MAINTENANCE:				
Operating Supplies	\$58,900	\$33,821.81	\$81,750	\$119,000
Chloride	45,000	56,143.28	51,798	58,000
Gravel	20,000	44,996.89	-	50,000
Guard Rails	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Hot Mix	10,000	2,495.02	5,000	20,000
Line Painting - Contract	4,000	8,500.00	5,000	25,000
Chipping	5,000	3,060.00	7,000	20,000
Culverts/Improvements	25,000	18,288.53	17,500	20,000
Capital Infrastructure Improvements	-	-	-	50,000
TOTAL	\$169,400	\$167,305.53	\$169,548	\$363,500
TRAFFIC CONTROL:				
Supplies	\$23,700	\$20,651.15	\$5,500	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$23,700	\$20,651.15	\$5,500	\$10,000
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION:				
Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,483.22	\$1,000	\$3,000
Granite Curb	-	-	-	-
Contractor Services	39,000	28,740.00	39,000	100,000
TOTAL	\$40,000	\$30,223.22	\$40,000	\$103,000

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
WINTER MAINTENANCE:				
Stone	\$15,000	\$117,785.23	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00
Salt	196,875	239,202.75	220,500	325,000
Sand	1,000	-	-	75,000
Cold Patch	8,000	3,003.55	5,000	5,000
Other Purchased Services	1,200	350.00	500	-
Rentals	-	-	-	-
Contractor Services	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$222,075	\$360,341.53	\$236,000	\$435,000
STORM DRAINS:				
Supplies	\$500	\$3,047.43	\$1,000	\$5,000
Swirl Separator/Disposal Fees	7,500	6,210.00	7,000	7,000
Discharge Permits	4,000	3,192.00	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	\$12,000	\$12,449.43	\$13,000	\$17,000
BRIDGE MAINT. - CLASS I, II, III:				
Bridge Maintenance	\$4,000	-	\$4,000	\$4,000
Reserves	30,000	30,000.00	30,000	-
TOTAL	\$34,000	30,000.00	\$34,000	\$4,000
OPERATE & MAINTAIN BUILDING:				
Supplies	\$12,825	\$26,859.15	\$27,500	\$36,500
Repair & Maint Service	15,000	5,058.12	15,000	20,000
Environmental Impact Fees	2,000	25.50	-	-
Crushing	22,000	-	30,000	30,000
Act 250 Pit Amendment	20,000	15,424.09	10,000	30,000

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Phase 3 Duhamel Pit Operations	-	-	20,000	25,000
Heating Oil	4,100	9,184.20	5,384	19,300
Propane	8,600	12,115.03	12,284	14,850
Electricity	6,400	7,409.59	5,926	8,225
Water & Sewer	1,150	962.26	1,150	1,000
Village Garage Lease	96,350	87,200.00	96,350	96,350
Building Improvements	4,000	-	4,000	-
TOTAL	\$192,425	\$164,237.94	\$227,594	\$281,225
BUDGET TOTALS	\$2,485,323	\$2,455,141.52	\$2,786,622	\$3,660,116
Less Anticipated Revenue: Highway Dept.	\$(750)	\$(13,511.06)	\$(209,450)	\$(3,350)
Less Intergovernmental: State Aid to HWY	\$(214,000)	(244,817.85)	\$(218,500)	\$(245,000)
NET TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$2,270,573	\$2,196,812.61	\$2,358,672	\$3,411,766
		Operating Budget		To be Raised by Taxes
Proposed: FY 2023-2024		\$3,660,116		\$3,411,766
FY 2022-2023		2,786,622		2,358,672
		\$873,494		\$1,053,094
		31.3%		44.6%

MORRISTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Morristown Police Department had a busy year responding to 5214 calls for service in 2022. We saw an increase of 25 % in calls compared to 2021, which was up 13 % from 2020. These calls range from a basic traffic stop to a homicide. Below is breakdown of the top ten calls.

Suspicious Events	681	Accidents	201
Traffic Stops	1145	Citizen Disputes	183
Motor Vehicle Complaints	342	Assist Public	156
Agency Assist	297	Directed Patrol	190
Alarms	162	Fingerprints	162

In 2022, we were successfully able to acquire numerous grants to help off-set our operating budget. These grants were used to purchase items such as bullet proof vests, traffic safety equipment, and equipment used to aid in high level criminal investigations. In total, these grants amounted to over \$40,000.00.

During 2022, we hired four new Police Officer's to fill four vacancies. All of the new hires came to us with previous law enforcement experience. This is exceptionally rare in today's age of law enforcement recruitment. I credit this to a great working environment we have in our rural community.

In the FY 2022/2023 budget, I have asked for an additional police officer position. The purpose of this position is to allow us to always have two patrol officers on-duty. Currently, for about 33% of a 24-hour period, we only have one patrol officer on-duty. Approximately 20% of our calls of service are when there is only one patrol officer on duty. With the continued increase in calls for service, this places a large workload on our patrol officers and forces us to not respond immediately to some calls for service due to being busy on other pending calls. When there is only one patrol officer on duty, we need to rely on back up from either Stowe Police Department or Lamoille County Sheriff's Department, which could be 15 + minutes away. In an emergency call, that a long time for our patrol officers to wait for assistance. I truly believe this added position is a necessity to allow us to provide the best police services for our community and for the safety and retention of our current patrol officers.

In closing, I would like to commend the Morristown Police Officers for their continued commitment to their profession, and to thank them for a continued effort to keep our community safe. The Officers ensure that coverage is always provided 24 hours a day 7 days a week. I would like to also thank the families of all our Police Officer's.

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On behalf of the Morristown Police Department, I would like to thank the community and the Morristown Select board for their support and understanding and thanks to all assisting agencies, local, county, state, and federal agencies for their support over the past year.

Respectfully,

Chief Jason Luneau



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TOWN OF MORRISTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
ADMINISTRATION:				
Office Supplies	\$2,200	\$3,625.97	\$2,000	\$2,000
Dues & Subscriptions	1,000	740.00	-	-
Meetings & Trainings	300	163.00	-	-
Other Purchased Services	1,000	7,805.00	1,000	1,000
Lease - Copier	3,000	4,756.37	3,000	4,700
Printing - Forms	500	-	1,000	500
Replacement Equipment	500	-	500	500
TOTAL	\$8,500	\$17,090.34	\$7,500	\$8,700
PERSONNEL:				
Administration	\$103,916	\$66,677.12	\$104,000	\$113,048
Desk Officer	69,974	57,408.23	71,614	80,749
Regular & Leave	566,611	575,081.71	697,361	887,097
Overtime	97,758	163,053.90	101,442	131,063
Cash in Lieu	19,267	15,654.21	15,303	16,634
Part-time Clerical	18,962	18,191.10	26,770	29,099
FICA/MEDI	67,051	66,962.87	77,761	96,213
Retirement	89,692	91,774.06	109,859	136,127
Health Insurance	80,377	71,477.93	104,873	122,930
Life/Disability Ins.	5,360	4,350.82	5,310	6,550
HRA	27,610	27,610.00	35,125	38,900
Misc. Emp. Benefit	750	1,204.84	1,000	1,000
Canine Unit	5,000	1,995.03	5,000	2,500

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
TOTAL	\$1,152,328	\$1,161,441.82	\$1,355,418	\$1,661,910
CRIME INVESTIGATION:				
Operating Supplies	\$2,000	\$715.23	\$1,500	\$5,500
Animal Control	-	-	-	\$1,000
Contracts - Equipment	1,000	1,176.75	1,000	1,500
Gray Key	-	-	-	3,500
TOTAL	\$3,000	\$1,891.98	\$2,500	\$11,500
POLICE TRAINING:				
Meetings & Trainings	\$8,000	\$11,096.38	\$11,300	\$15,000
Travel & Transportation	300	1,932.06	1,000	2,000
TOTAL	\$8,300	\$13,028.44	\$12,300	\$17,000
COMMUNICATIONS:				
Repair & Maint. Supplies	\$250	\$80.00	\$250	\$250
Postage	400	344.36	400	400
Phone - Land Lines	2,900	3,402.12	3,180	3,300
Phone - Cell	360	180.00	-	-
Phones - First Net	6,120	7,280.46	8,620	8,000
Internet/Cable	575	661.92	648	700
Data Circuit	5,850	5,821.50	5,796	5,900
Computer Repairs	2,500	755.34	1,500	1,500
LCSD-Dispatch	42,242	44,322.36	45,191	48,375
Repair & Maint. - Radios	1,500	160.00	1,500	1,500
IT Systems	15,100	15,084.96	18,400	18,400
Computers/Printers	6,000	3,244.49	6,000	6,000

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Replacement Equipment	3,500	-	3,500	15,500
TOTAL	\$87,297	\$81,337.51	\$94,985	\$109,825
OPERATE & MAINTAIN BLDG:				
Operating Supplies	\$2,500	\$1,881.39	\$2,500	\$2,500
Coffee/Food	1,000	1,033.34	1,000	500
Other Purchased Services	795	962.52	792	1,000
Waste/Recycle	1,320	1,403.51	1,320	1,560
Repair & Maint. Services- Contracts	16,000	17,665.36	16,000	16,000
Heating Oil	2,300	3,702.50	3,570	7,600
Propane	140	194.94	50	390
Electricity	6,100	5,045.42	5,300	5,800
Water & Sewer	1,200	1,078.43	1,180	1,180
Building Improvements	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$31,355	\$32,967.41	\$31,712	\$36,530
MAINT. VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT:				
Gasoline	\$15,500	21,277.17	\$22,005	\$23,000
Tires	3,500	2,529.37	4,000	4,000
Uniforms	10,000	12,720.96	10,000	12,000
Tasers/Supplies	3,600	2,153.41	3,200	3,500
Ammunition	3,000	2,221.00	3,000	3,500
Maint. Supplies - Vehicle	500	327.52	1,000	500
Maint. Supplies - Equipment	500	448.94	-	-
Equipment - Vehicles	1,000	64.89	1,000	500
Equipment - Officers	4,500	7,530.95	4,500	5,500

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	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Repair & Maint. Services	13,000	10,763.75	13,000	13,000
New Machinery (Lease)	45,808	41,992.89	62,708	85,406
New Machinery Purchase	-	23,061.22	-	15,000
Lease Interest	-	3,757.26	-	-
TOTAL	\$100,908	\$128,849.33	\$124,413	\$165,906
BUDGET TOTALS	\$1,391,688	\$1,436,606.83	\$1,628,828	\$2,011,371
<i>Less Anticipated Revenues:</i>	<i>\$(14,500)</i>	<i>\$(37,347.78)</i>	<i>\$(69,631)</i>	<i>\$(141,091)</i>
NET TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$1,377,188	\$1,399,259.05	\$1,559,197	\$1,870,280
		Operating Budget		To Be Raised By Taxes
Proposed: FY 2023-2024		2,011,371		\$1,870,280
FY 2022-2023		1,628,828		1,559,197
		382,543		\$311,083
		23.5%		20.0%

ALEXANDER HAMILTON COPLEY TRUST FUND

The Alexander Hamilton Copley Fund was established as a trust by Copley in his will in March 1937. The net income only of the charitable trust fund is to be used.

Criteria

- Used for creating works of public utility and beauty for the use and enjoyment of the inhabitants of the Village of Morrisville in the Town of Morristown.
- Confined to localities within the area of said Village or to purposes specifically benefiting its residents.
- No part shall be used for a religious, political, educational, or any purpose which it is the duty of the Village or Town to provide.
- No part of income shall be mingled with other funds or applied to joint undertakings but that each work established shall be separate and distinct.

Terms/Conditions

- Income shall not be anticipated or pledged beyond the amount initially in hand.
- Said income may be accumulated for any purpose within the scope of the gift.
- Successive accumulations may be applied to the same object.
- Any work(s) established from the Fund may be improved, extended, enlarged or added to from time to time.
- Current expense of their care and maintenance shall be borne by said Town.
- Each work shall always bear in a conspicuous place a suitable inscription identifying it as erected or established from the Fund.
- No substantial expenditure shall be made for any purpose until it has been under consideration by the Trustees for at least three months.
- Priority shall be given to works of important, civic improvement; use of funds for small, comparatively unimportant needs is contrary to Copley's intent.
- Accumulation of income over a period of time is allowed in order to fund important works.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON COPLEY TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance as of 12/31/2021		
Trust Acct	\$ 2,079,822.06	
Income Acct	6,987.77	
Total Account Balance @ Fair Market Value	\$ 2,086,809.83	
Cash Receipts:		
Income (Dividends/Interest)	\$ 31,047.90	
Cash Disbursements		
Expenses (Fees/Accounting)	\$ (17,471.22)	

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Expenses (Projects - refunds)	0	
	\$ (17,471.22)	
Other Activity		
Net Change in Account Activity & Market Value	\$ (378,502.28)	
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2021		
Trust Acct	\$ 1,700,839.26	
Income Acct	21,044.97	
Total Account Balance @ 12/31/22 @ FMV		\$ 1,721,884.23

The Trustees have copies of the complete Will and Codicil available for inspection by any voter. Paragraph "Eleventh" of the Will and Codicil are printed in the News & Citizen immediately following this report as required by the terms of the Will. We certify that we have caused said trust to be audited, have verified the items above, and that such account is true and correct.

Bob Beeman, Chair w/s

Gary Nolan, Vice Chair w/s

Jessica Graham w/s

Brian Kellogg w/s

Judy Bickford w/s

Gloria Wing w/s

Richard Sargent w/s

Subscribed and sworn to before this 30th day of January 2023. Sara Allyn Haskins
Sara Allyn Haskins, Notary Public (Expires 1/31/2023 - Commission #0001070)

MORRISTOWN CENTENNIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Programs & Events:

- 133 kids participated in our Summer Reading Program.
- We offered 597 programs for the community with 5,077 attendees.
- We hosted live music on the library lawn weekly throughout summer.
- For residents unable to come to the library, our Outreach Librarian made more than 52 deliveries to homes and residential facilities.
- Each month our children's librarians visited 7 local childcare centers and led story times.

Quantitative Data:

- Welcomed 411 new patrons.
- Loaned 23,951 physical materials and loaned 8,980 ebooks and audiobooks.
- We added 1417 items to our collection.
- Borrowed 4,101 books for our patrons through our Interlibrary Loan program.
- Received new grants from Ben & Jerry's, Rotary Club, Bywater Solutions, CLiF and the Vermont Department of Libraries. Participated in the Morrisville Food Co-op's Round Up For Change.
- 2,889 visitors used our public computers. We offered free Wi-Fi.
- Collaborated with River Arts, Healthy Lamoille Valley, Lamoille Unified Union Schools, Lamoille County Stargazers, Rural Community Transit, Lamoille Neighbors, MACC, Vermont Department of Labor, Lamoille Health Partners Community Center, Vermont Rental Assistance Program, Lamoille Valley Medical Reserve Corps, the Noyes House, Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District, MACC, Morristown Parks & Recreation and more.

Morristown Centennial Library continues to support the growing needs of the community of Morrisville. We offer after school programs for children most days of the week on music, art, and literacy. We offer book clubs for adults, lectures by historians, weekly yoga classes, craft groups and card playing clubs. The Library loans a growing number of "things," including a telescope, snowshoes, CD players, a metal detector and more. We are honored to serve the community; to provide access to information via newspapers, magazines, and the internet, to purchase quality reading material, to support lifelong learning, and to serve as a community meeting place.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendra Aber-Ferri

Director, Morristown-Centennial Library

MORRISTOWN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The year 2022 has been a very busy year for the Association and, as I write this report in December, there is much left to do.

In early February, we lost one of our longest serving members, Annette Smith, my mom. She and my dad joined the association over 40 years ago and she served as Endowment Secretary from 1984 until declining health caused her to retire from the post in 2017. She continued to be a valuable resource on cemetery matters.

In March, our long-time sexton, Mark Faith retired. He had served as sexton since approximately 2004 and we thank Mark for his service to our association. I took over as acting sexton for our association's cemeteries as the search started for a full-time replacement. Monthly meetings were held over the summer with Town officials and Pleasant View Cemetery officers to discuss cemetery matters. These meetings led to the hiring of Chris Young as Sexton for all Town cemeteries. Chris also works as a groundskeeper at Pleasant View so has some cemetery experience. Another outcome of these meetings was updating existing cemetery forms as well as creating new ones. MCA cemeteries now require a Work Order for jobs such as installing foundations and setting gravestones, as well as an Interment Order for all burials. These forms are available on the MCA page on the Town website or from the Sexton. No one may work in the cemeteries without proof of liability insurance, except for families wishing to clean their own gravestones. Commercial cleaners must apply for a Work Order. Families are asked to observe the "One Foot Rule" and keep decorations within one foot of the family monument, being sure they are within the cornerstones of the lot. No decorations should interfere with the mowing of the grass.

The new cemetery mapping program purchased by the Town has proven to be a little more complicated than hoped. I worked with staff at the Town Clerk's office and then with Town Administrator Eric Dodge to learn the program but the complexity of the program and the varied lot location numbering systems in our cemeteries caused us to table the mapping program as more important matters came up.

The cost of a 4' X 12' lot has been raised to match the pricing at Pleasant View, \$500 per lot and cornerstones must be purchased with the lot. Cornerstone prices vary by color. The allowable size of a gravestone on a single 4-foot lot was raised from 60% of the lot width to 32 inches. All lots must leave 8 inches on each side of the lot.

The MCA wishes to thank the entire staff at the Town Office for their help, our new sexton, Chris Young, Spaulding Property Management for the care of the grounds and other improvement projects and Cleggs Memorials for their service in opening and closing graves. We also thank Chris Palermo, former Funeral Director at Perkins Parker in Waterbury, for his advice on cemetery matters as well as his help in identifying unmarked graves in some of our cemeteries. All contacts, Rules & Regulations, forms, and other information are available on the Town of Morristown website under government and cemetery associations.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Smith, President MCA

PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Pleasant View Cemetery Association (PVC) feels fortunate to have such a committed grounds crew. Mike Day was joined by Chris Young and Luke Heller this year. They make a great team, and the board commends them for their efforts despite challenging weather. Brad Cannon of BC Logging and Tree Removal continues to selectively cull growth on the Congress Street side of the cemetery to maintain the integrity of the slope.

Nancy Stewart, a lifelong resident of Morrisville, joined the board this year. She brings a keen interest in cemeteries to the mix. Please join us in welcoming Nancy as our new Vice President.

Several tall pines on the upper end of the cemetery were removed in the fall. They had been dropping sizeable branches during windstorms and it was feared they would eventually cause major damage to the grounds and quite possibly monuments. As a reminder, no trees, bushes, or wires are permitted in Pleasant View Cemetery and all flowers must be planted in the front, not to exceed 12 inches beyond the monument. Copies of the Rules and Regulations are available at the Town Clerk's office and on the website.

We enjoy seeing the growing number of people who utilize the grounds for exercise. Please remember to clean up after your dogs! The cemetery is closed to unauthorized vehicles from November to May. This is to prevent damage to the grounds and water lines. Pedestrian access remains available.

Much effort goes into keeping grounds the size of Pleasant View Cemetery in such beautiful condition. There is always behind the scenes work that must be done. Anyone interested in joining these efforts is encouraged to contact the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Joie Marshall, President
Nancy Stewart, Vice President
Gloria Wing, Secretary/Treasurer

	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
REVENUE:				
Burial Fees	\$500	\$700.00	\$500	\$500
Vault Fees	200	-	-	500
Sale of Lots	1,300	4,950.00	2,500	5,000
Corner Stones		655.00	-	500

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Transfer from Endowment	21,000	22,000.00	23,500	27,500
TOTAL	\$43,000	\$48,305.00	\$46,500	\$59,000
EXPENSES:				
Gross Wages	\$23,440	\$29,535.69	\$24,760	\$34,056
Employer Taxes: Fica/Medi	1,800	2,259.56	1,900	2,605
Employer Taxes: Unemployment	1,500	858.60	1,580	2,000
Workers Comp Insurance	1,600	1,122.67	1,500	1,750
Fuel	600	1,035.80	600	600
Small Equipment	500	-	500	1,290
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	1,638.27	1,000	1,000
Capital Equipment	6,000	4,299.00	6,000	6,589
Other Purchased Services	-	400.00	500	1,000
Sale of Lots	-	1,000.00	-	-
Cemetery Upkeep	100	649.76	200	200
Utilities	500	302.73	500	500
Building Repairs	-	1,049.42	-	-
Hydrant Repair	-	-	500	500
Tree Removal	5,000	1,125.00	5,000	5,000
Office Expense	160	108.35	150	100
Miscellaneous Expense	800	1,373.20	1,810	1,810
TOTAL	\$43,000	\$46,758.05	\$46,500	\$59,000

MORRISTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Activities that have taken place in Morristown 2022

Morristown Town Forest has become very popular with citizens of all ages and trail experience as evidenced by a lot of cars in the parking lot at Beaver Meadow year-round. The Conservation Commissions members, along with a faithful group of volunteers, made good progress in improving the trail system in 2022. Trail improvements saw the addition of four bridges on the South Boundary Brook Trail to span small streams and wetlands. Jed Lipsky, from Lipsky Farm and forestry, donated enough rough lumber to complete the bridge task. This generous donation was much appreciated.

Other improvements included the cleaning and brush removal at the historic cellar holes, brush hogging open spaces and planting of apple seedlings at three different sites where early pioneers had orchards. New trail signs and other improvements are planned. Volunteers are always welcome. The construction of a new parking lot at Bryan Pond Road will take place 2023 and addition of a kiosk at the Beaver Meadow trail head is in the works.

Robert Zaino, Natural Community Ecologist with the VT Dept. of Fish and Wildlife is conducting an ecological assessment of the Town Forest and will present a report in 2023.

Green Up Day was held as scheduled the 7th of May, led by seasoned coordinator, Brent Teillon. 1.69 tons of trash was collected by over 175 volunteers, town highway crews and deposited in the large dumpster located in Oxbow Park. 525 green bags and over 100 black bags were used for trash collection. Tire collection of 160 tires were taken to the salvage yard. The next Green Up Day is May 6, 2023.

Community Outreach and Education - In partnership with the Morristown Centennial Library, MCC hosted a Big Tree Contest. Twenty trees were entered, representing 12 tree species. The winners were: 1st place Silver Maple 218 inches in circumference submitted by Eugene Dambach, 2nd place Sugar Maple 218 inches in circumference submitted by Robert Snow, 3d place Red Oak 186 inches in circumference submitted by Jared Despault.

Thanks again to a partnership with the Morristown Centennial Library the first Walk and Read took place in the Morristown Forest on June 17, 2022. Previously held in person presentations by Wildlife Biologist Sue Morse are now going to be done by webinar. Webinars are the current means of communications by the State and other organizations that are open to the public. A nature show is scheduled for March 2023.

In collaboration with the Morristown Alliance of community and Culture (MACC). MCC is reviewing its options to implement a new Village Tree Inventory and embark on a planting schedule for areas of the village with limited tree cover.

Community Value Mapping of Morristown used community surveys and State Mapping data to identify areas of Morristown that are ecologically sensitive and culturally valuable to our town. This information will be used to inform the work of the Morristown Conservation Commission in the future, both in our advisory work to the Morristown Planning Council and in land conservation efforts.

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Community Service, thanks to the generosity of “Sonny” Demars, 2022 saw the completion of Copley/Demars trails to benefit Copley Staff and patients.

Welcome new MCC member Kari Anderson. Kari was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Jenifer Andrews. The MCC was enhanced for two years by Jenifer’s experience having served on two other Commissions prior to moving to Morristown. We will miss her.

The Conservation Commission has a monthly meeting on the third Thursday of the month. We meet at the Tegu Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting is open to the public. It might also be available to attend via zoom. Visit us at town Meeting.

MORRISTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
David Stevens	Tel: (802) 888-4374	Term expires 2022
James Pease, Secretary	Tel: (802) 490-6116	Term expires 2022
Kristen Connelly, Vice Chair	Tel: (802) 730-4194	Term expires 2024
Richard Sargent, Treasurer	Tel: (802) 888-3038	Term expires 2024
Brent Teillon	Tel: (802) 888-4086	Term expires 2025
Ronald Stancliff, MCC chair	Tel: (802) 888-3661 E-mail: rlstancliff@pshift.com	Term expires 2025
Jessica Zehngut		Term expires 2025
Mariah Keagy		Term expires 2025
Kari Anderson		Term expires 2026



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MORRISTOWN ALLIANCE FOR CULTURE & COMMERCE

Morristown Alliance for Culture and Commerce (MACC), our downtown organization is coming into its 22nd year and has a lot to be proud of. There are many projects that have happened over the years due to this small nonprofit organization that focuses on the vibrance and economic health of our downtown. We all want a strong downtown, a community that is beautiful, full of vitality and thriving economically. Our purpose is to make Morristown the kind of place where we want to live, visit, or work. In line with this purpose, every MACC project encourages business growth and aesthetic improvements in our town's downtown. Whether it's aesthetic improvements, business assistance, or community promotion, MACC adds value to our community, moving it forward.

MACC has added a couple of new faces to the board which brings on new and creative ideas. In 2022 MACC gave out 3 micro-grants to local businesses to fund external improvements. Our goal was to encourage downtown businesses to invest in beautifying their storefronts to enhance the appearance of our historic downtown. Moss Boutique added a new light outside their door, Morrisville Food Coop had a new flag created and Sundara has new signage on the outside of their building.

This year MACC had a local artist create a bench in honor of Allen Church for all he gave and for the beautiful person he was. It is placed in the pocket park across from the town offices.

In memory of Allen Church 1954 - 2021

Fiddler, teacher, and friend

"I give what I have and what I have is a song."

Thank you,

MACC Board of Directors

Josh Corn

Paul Trudell

Kathy Cookson

Martha Battle

Nan Carle Beauregard

Mary Lou Nichols

Tricia Follert



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MORRISTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The 2022 season was a busy one at the Noyes House Museum. We welcomed many visitors for tours, and we had more Morrisville residents than we've seen in many years. Thank you all for stopping in and we hope to see you again in Summer 2023.

We had five exhibits on display for the 2022 season, including Metals, Honors, and Uniforms, 19th and 20th Century Medicine, and the Randall Hotel. The Randall Hotel exhibit included a brand-new donation: the newel post from the third floor of the hotel. We were delighted to receive that donation, which had been in storage for many years.

We continue to work on building repairs to our beautiful house and barn. This year Donnie Blake oversaw repairs to ceilings and plaster walls. We are in the queue for a painter, which has been hard to find since the Covid building boom. We hope to have fresh paint on key areas in Summer 2023, as well as repaired plaster in the kitchen and pantry. We were awarded a matching grant from Preservation Trust of Vermont to hire expert preservation carpenter Jan Lewandoski to do a detailed site assessment of our buildings. That assessment will act as a repair guide for us going forward.

In addition to researching new exhibits and offering house tours, our staff stayed busy with the ongoing processing of museum collections. This year we were able to start processing our textile collection, which now makes locating and documenting those items much easier. The museum trustees thank director Tracy Haerther and Jared Trombley and Katie Eldred for their dedication and hard work.

Special public events in 2022 included our annual Ice Cream Social, and co-sponsored talks with the Morristown Centennial Library on the history of the bicycle and on the history of architectural styles in Morrisville village.

As always, you can find us online at <http://www.noyeshousemuseum.org> and on Facebook and Instagram. Please come visit when we open again in May 2023. See you at the museum!

Jill Mudgett
Board President

LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

Roger M. Marcoux Jr.
Lamoille County Sheriff

OVERVIEW OF APPROPRIATIONS

Organization	Request
Capstone Community Action	\$900.00
<p>Capstone Community Action formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council helps Vermonters achieve economic sufficiency with dignity through individual and family development. We work to alleviate the effects of poverty, help people move out of poverty, and advocate for economic justice. Each year Capstone serves over 10,780 Vermonters, the majority of whom live in the 56 central Vermont communities that comprise our primary service area. Our staff often works with families in their most vulnerable moment to help them find stability, hope and relief. In recent years, demand for fuel assistance, emergency food, and housing assistance have continued to grow. Capstone seeks funding for all of its services and programs, which include emergency food, heat and utility assistance, housing counseling and homelessness intervention, workforce development, tax preparation, savings and credit coaching, micro-business development, home weatherization, transportation, and child and family development programs in Early Head Start/Head Start. Capstone served 300 Morristown households representing 448 individuals.</p>	
Central Vermont Basic Education (CVABE)	\$2,900.00
<p>CVABE a community-based nonprofit organization has served the adult education and literacy needs of Morristown residents for fifty-six 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. <u>Morristown is served by our learning center in Morrisville.</u> The site has welcoming learning rooms (with computers, laptops, and internet access to support instruction). CVABE staff and volunteers also teach students at the library or other local sites as needed. <u>Last year, 29 residents of Morristown enrolled in CVABE's free programs.</u> Additionally, 1 Morristown resident volunteered with CVABE. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. <i>Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels.</i> By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Morristown residents for generations to come. CVABE provides free instruction for up to 450 people annually in the overall service area of Washington, Orange, and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$3,927 per student to provide a full year of instruction. <i>Nearly all students are low income.</i> Close to 100 community volunteers work with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low. We appreciate Morristown's voter-approved <i>past</i> support. This year, your level support is again critical to CVABE's free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life.</p>	

Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$2,500.00
<p>Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) Report for Town of Morristown: The 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, or to adults with disabilities. 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 Morristown residents through our care coordination team, which includes case management, information and assistance, options counseling, resource and benefit enrollment (nutrition, transportation, mental health counseling, legal services, health insurance counseling, etc), care coordination planning, family caregiver support, and more. CVCOA provided individualized support to 173 residents of Morristown. CVCOA Case Manager Jamie Viens was designated to serve older adults in Morristown. CVCOA served 2,974 unduplicated clients in FY21, plus 2,597 additional interactions with community members for outreach and support. CVCOA mobilized 238 volunteers to provide direct service, deliver meals on wheels, support nutrition sites, provide wellness classes, provide companionship and creative encouragement, and more. All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Morristown for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Morristown community.</p>	
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	\$1,750.00
<p>June 2022 marked forty-one 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 390 individuals, including, provided shelter to 79 individuals (46 adults and 33 children) for a total of 2,746 bed nights, provided criminal and civil court advocacy to 209 individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Responded to 1,094 hotline calls <p>Funding from the Town of Morristown supports the continued availability of high quality, no cost advocacy, education, and shelter services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Our Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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 trainings 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. 	

Justice for Dogs	\$1,000.00
<p>Justice For Dogs in its 16th year continues with its mission of helping only local animals including Morrisville animals and their residents. Our rescued animals are never brought in for adoption from out of state. Our mission is to rescue only local dogs and cats whether the animals are being surrendered, rescued from abusive situations, or found lost. Justice For Dogs operates with all volunteers with no paid staff at all. Justice For Dogs has helped Morrisville animals and residents this year in a variety of ways. Most notable Justice For Dogs' work increased substantially when in the summer of 2022, when another local animal rescue was unable to take in any Morrisville dogs for a period of 5 months, the Morrisville animal problems didn't just go away. Justice For Dogs stepped in and made sure that no dogs went unassisted. These Morrisville dogs increased Justice's expenses as there were more animals to board, additional vet bills, and added board and food expenses prior to finding new homes. As always, Justice For Dogs has assisted folks, when they call Justice For Dogs seeking information. Trapping of feral cats continued in Morrisville this year as well. In 2022 a Justice For Dogs volunteer worked at an animal rabies clinic sponsored by Stowe Veterinarian Clinic happening in Morrisville for residents' pets. Justice promoted the clinic through its media outlets. Along with adoptions for the Morristown animals that come to us, Justice For Dogs continues to provide assistance to rescue animals that are in abusive /unsafe situations when these animals are brought to Justice's attention. One rescued Morrisville pet this year was a first for Justice to work with. A ferret came to the attention of Justice and being a unique pet, Justice spent much time and was successful in finding an organization that could help the ferret. Justice For Dogs sincerely wishes to thank the Morristown taxpayers, community businesses, foster animal families and dedicated volunteers, who work tirelessly for the animals. We thank the Morristown taxpayers for your support through the town appropriation, which helps us tremendously with the work that we do. Justice For Dogs always welcomes new volunteers to work with us in a variety of ways. Please give us a call at 472-3894, or contact us at justicefordogs@aol.com or check out: www.facebook.com/justicefordogs.</p>	
Lamoille Community Food Share	\$5,000.00
<p>Lamoille Community Food Share is a locally funded, volunteer powered 501c3 non-profit corporation. Our mission is to help support and improve the physical well-being of individuals who might otherwise go hungry. To this end, we provide supplemental food, free of charge, in a supportive environment, striving to offer healthy choices within our budget. We help all those who ask, but our main service area consists of the towns of Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Morristown, Stowe, and Wolcott. According to Hunger Free Vermont, "At this moment, 2 in 5 of us are experiencing hunger in VT, a higher rate of hunger than at any point during the pandemic." LCFS has had 8583 visits in 2023, an increase of 17%. Our numbers have increased 84% since 2019. Although this has been extremely challenging, we have managed to keep up with the ever-increasing need for food assistance. The support we receive from our community allows us to keep our doors open 6 mornings a week, providing staple foods as well as fresh Vermont products such as cheese, eggs, and produce. More than ever, we appreciate the continued support from our friends and neighbors. Your financial assistance helps to ensure that the members of our community that are in need have a place to come for support as they face food insecurity.</p>	

Lamoille Community Civic Center	\$2,500.00
<p>This year we have continued our lease with the Love Never Fails Church, which uses the facility every Sunday and one night a week. We also began a one-year lease with Live Forever Foods, which uses the kitchen five days a week. We are very pleased with our relationship with both of our tenants and are also open to other functions and uses. Our website is kept up to date with our events and we are hopeful that other community members will look at our facility as an option for their events. The Center is a designated shelter for disasters. The Red Cross holds blood drawings during the year. We had an open house this year, which was attended by Dave Yacavone and Bill Shubert as well as several other community members. We were so glad to be able to invite people to look at the new kitchen and enjoy appetizers as we listen to Bill tell us stories of Morrisville from years gone by. Lamoille County Civic Center is located on Main Street in Morrisville. The telephone number for the Lamoille County Civic Center is 888-4302.</p>	
Lamoille County Habitat for Humanity	\$1,000.00
<p>Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity, which is a local non-profit organization, constructs simple, decent, perpetually affordable, and energy-efficient homes in Northwest Vermont and sells them at cost to working families who are at or below 80% of the median household income. Due to some organizational restructuring, Lamoille Habitat for Humanity is now doing all business under the name Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity; however, there continues to be a dedicated Lamoille Advisory Board which is made up of Lamoille County residents to oversee the design and construction of houses in Lamoille County as well as fundraising and selecting a family for each home. The family selected is screened to meet income and personal guidelines and must participate in the building of their home. They must be able to repay their loan that covers the cost of materials and land. Labor is often donated by local contractors, volunteers and employees released to work on the house by local businesses. Lamoille County is also extremely lucky to be able to work closely with the Green Mountain Technology Center. While COVID slowed down the construction of a house on Maple Street in Morrisville, with the assistance of a part-time construction manager, numerous volunteers, and the students from GMTCC, Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity was able to complete the house in June 2022 and hand the keys over to a new family. The Lamoille Advisory Board is now working on the design and specifications for a new house that will be located on Olive Street in Morrisville and hopes to break ground in Spring 2023. We have also been contacted by the Trust for Public Land. The Trust is currently working to conserve land in Wolcott and has offered to donate a lot in Wolcott to Green Mountain to build another house on. While a few grants are received from organizations such as Efficiency Vermont and the Vermont Housing Conservation Board, they are limited. For that reason, the Lamoille Advisory Board of Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity would like to send out a big thank you to everyone who donated funds, services, and time to help construct its latest house and, more importantly, for your help in bringing affordable housing to another local family. If you would like to donate or volunteer to build the next house, contact fundraising@habitatlamaille.org</p>	

Lamoille County Mental Health	\$3,900.00
<p>Lamoille County Mental Health Services strives to provide the highest quality services and support to our community to enhance independence and quality of life. Over the past year we provided quality services to Lamoille Valley residents with all our programs including a 24-hour 365 day a year 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, 2022, we served three hundred forty-seven (347) Morrisville individuals providing over 36,782 services over the course of fiscal year 2022. 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 to have a peer to talk with or to assist them in getting over a temporary challenge. We have also developed into a Zero Suicide agency to help reduce suicides in our area, among the highest county 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. As well, LCMHS is sponsoring a survivors of suicide support group which is open to all communities to help individuals cope with this challenging event. Funding support from local governments can help to expand these efforts. Our community and school treatment/support programs continue to provide service by telehealth and in person for children and families through the challenges of covid and other needs and this year we are continuing to develop new pathways to help families cope. Meanwhile our Developmental Services program has also done phenomenally well as we have recently been found to continue to have one of Vermont's strongest employment programs for persons with intellectual and development disabilities. In these challenging times, town contributions and support, are always valued, making them more important than ever as all of us wrestle with post Covid 19 recovery and the many needs that spring from it. 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 health impacts of the pandemic.</p>	
Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit	\$3,375.00
<p><u>The Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit</u> is a 501(c) (3) 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, and the Department for Children and Families, as well as various medical and therapeutic service providers. In fiscal year 2021, the Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit was involved in 95 incidents throughout Lamoille County: 84 investigations related to allegations of physical and sexual violence against children and 11 investigations related to allegations of abuse against adult victims. Town funds supplement our state funds and help us in supporting 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 helped us train our core team; specific to the work we do. The LCSIU space in Hyde Park</p>	

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. In 2021, we were recommended and granted 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 the LCSIU. Please contact me at 851-8116 if you have questions or would like additional information. Thank you for your continued support.

Lamoille Day Health Services	\$4,000.00
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Lamoille Day Health Services (aka Out and About) is proud to serve the community by fulfilling our mission of providing adults with an alternative choice for long-term healthcare while remaining as independent as possible in the care setting of their choice. We are honored the community is continuing to choose Lamoille Day Health Services (aka Out and About) to fulfill their needs in this way. Prior to the COVID 19 pandemic the number of participants we continue to serve had remained steady at an average of 20 to 25 people per day. We believe we are able to sustain these daily numbers due to our excellent care, devoted staff and positive atmosphere. The appropriations the town of Morristown gives is crucial in our ability to provide the services our community members require. Some of the services we provide in which the appropriations make possible are assistance with nursing services, personal care, transportation, fun activities, nutritious meals, and caregiver respite. As of March 1, 2021, in person Adult Day Services resumed at the Lamoille Day Health Services facility. We are currently keeping our daily numbers low due to COVID. The return to in person services is very welcome from participants, caregivers, and family members. Lamoille Day Health continues to support our participants not attending in person by making weekly phone calls, sending weekly mailings of activities, delivering gift bags, connecting with other community supports etc. to help meet the needs of our participants and to try and make this time a little less stressful and keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible until we can all be together again in our program.

Lamoille Economic Development Corporation	\$4,000.00
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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. LEDC also conducts multiple small business workshops held at the Green Mountain Technical and Career Center. These workshops are well attended and receive good feedback from attendees. Entrepreneurs who attend learn a variety of topics including selling goods and services online, accounting best practices, human resources management, hiring foreign workers, seasonal worker visas and more. Your funding support also helps LEDC bring these workshops to business owners in your town and beyond. Many entrepreneurs have attended these small business workshops. 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.

Lamoille Family Center	\$3,000.00
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Since 1976 thousands of individuals throughout the Lamoille Valley have received Lamoille Family Center's services, including home visiting, parent education, playgroups, child-care resource and referral, prevention programming, youth services, and emergency assistance. While we open our services to everyone, many of the families we serve face the overwhelming challenges of isolation, poverty, substance misuse and trauma. Our staff work with families to set realistic goals to create stable environments for children so they may have an opportunity to thrive. In fiscal year 2022, our caring and dedicated staff reached more than 4,000 individuals and impacted many more. Examples of Morrisville residents served include: Our Children's Integrated Services team provided family support and early intervention to 71 Morrisville families, totaling about 650 home or virtual home visits. LFC supported Morrisville residents in other ways, too: 77 kids received toys, games, books, and gifts through the Holiday Project; 192 residents, including 119 children, received emergency assistance including funding for rent, groceries, fuel and goods such as diapers and clothing; 45 kids received summer camp scholarships so that they could attend summer programs with their peers; 50 kids attended summer camp in Morrisville through LFC's Kid to Camp scholarship program; 46 families were

accompanied by a DULCE family specialist to their pediatric infant wellness visits; 28 infants and their families received Welcome Baby visits; 46 residents visited the Story Stroll; 3 youth facing crisis situations were attended to through LFC's Youth and Young Adult Program, and 100 families received child care support services including assistance with financial aid application and referral to regulated programs. Morrisville schools, students, teachers, and coaches received support and services from Healthy Lamoille Valley (HLV), a community coalition and program of LFC, including a Youth Resources campaign, Vermont Kids Against Tobacco, River Arts workshops and Live Your Why: Passport Edition. HLV supported the town library, community center, retailers, and voters around prevention of youth substance misuse and promotion of healthy lifestyles. Countless children are stronger, safer, and more resilient as a result of their involvement with the Family Center. Together, we strive to help families become mentally and physically healthy, strong, and resilient. Support through volunteer time, donation of goods and services, and financial contributions remain vital to the sustainability of the Lamoille Family Center. We cannot do this work without you, and we thank you for your support. Please call if you would benefit from our services or visit our website: <https://www.lamoillefamilycenter.org>.

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice
\$15,681.00

Somehow each year the request for town funds becomes more important to us... and this year is no exception. 2023 is shaping up to be an extremely challenging year. While we are happy to have received a small increase from Vermont's Medicaid program, soaring gas prices, supply cost hikes and workforce challenges will offset these higher payments. Once again, we expect our state funded Choices for Care program will run at a deficit. But most importantly, Medicare has announced a 7.87% cut to its program reimbursement over the next two years. Medicare homecare revenue represents 60% of our budget. This is devastating news to small rural agencies like ours. Your town's support is a constant for us in the ever changing and challenging world of health care. Below is a recount of how LHH&H and your community came together to help us be successful. Last fiscal year, LHH&H staff made 14,323 home visits to residents of Morristown. These visits included 5,454 nursing, 2,150 physical therapy, 857 occupational therapy, 159 speech therapy, 450 medical social worker, 1,950 licensed nursing assistant, 716 case management, 2,515 personal care attendant, 14 pediatric music therapy, and 58 chaplain visits. Staff traveled a total of 364,355 miles to provide 46,442 visits to neighbors across Lamoille County. 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 to provide hope, healing, and recovery. Your continued support makes a world of difference to so many in Lamoille County.

Lamoille Housing Partnership
\$1,000.00

Collaborating with communities to create and preserve quality affordable housing opportunities for Hardwick and Lamoille County. Since 1991, the nonprofit has developed 300 income eligible, affordable rental apartments. Established to preserve housing affordability for low- and moderate-income households, LHP develops and maintains income eligible apartments for households that earn 30% and up to 120%* of area median income through employment or social security. LHP's monthly rental rates reflect US Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) affordability thresholds, designed so that renters' access to

basic needs are not compromised by unattainable housing costs. LHP is the local provider of Support And Services At Home (SASH,) a free, statewide health and wellness program designed to support aging persons and persons with disabilities to age healthfully and independently at home. In 2022, 469 people resided in LHP affordable apartments including 351 adults, 118 children, and 208 people with a disability. The 273 households earned annual incomes ranging from \$10 to \$116,147*; 59 of the households had been at risk of or survived homelessness. 42 new households were welcomed into LHP apartments, and 14 moved into their new home directly from homelessness.

In 2021, LHP paid a combined total of \$239,838 in property taxes to the Towns of Stowe, Morrisville, Cambridge / Jeffersonville, Johnson, and Hardwick. LHP paid \$74,774 in property taxes to the Town of Morristown. LHP provides Towns of Jeffersonville, Johnson, Morrisville, Stowe, and Hardwick with 300 income eligible rental apartments costing \$25 and up to \$2,500* per month including heat and utilities. LHP's properties in Morristown include Portland & Main Street Apartments, Congress & Park Street Apartments, Lamoille View Senior Apartments, Arthur's on Main Apartments which provide the community with 83 perpetually affordable apartments.

In October 2022, LHP's applicant waitlist numbered 504 households for 2 rental vacancies. In 2022, area full time, minimum wage workers earning less than \$20.40 / hour cannot afford a 2-bedroom apartment without exceeding HUD affordability thresholds; The rental housing vacancy rate is 1.8%, a healthy rate is 3% to 5%. Between 2018-2019, 180 long term rentals converted to short term rental properties reducing the number of area long term rentals by 18%. Between 2019-2020, median home sale prices increased 23%. Since 2000, the annual local housing production rate has been .82%; during the 1980s and 1990s, the annual rates averaged at 2.5%.

Approximately 20% of an affordable housing development's budget is funded by charitable donations and town appropriated funds and used towards local housing needs and feasibility studies, permitting, site assessments, and environmental review. The remaining 80% of funding comes from state and federal resources including Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Vermont Housing Finance Agency, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits, Vermont Community Development Program, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and is used towards land acquisition, building materials, and construction. LHP requests \$1,000 in appropriated funds from the Town of Morristown 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 Restorative Center	\$1,500.00
<p>Lamoille Restorative Center (LRC) empowers people to make good choices and connect positively to their community. Our mission is to uphold the dignity and resilience of individuals and families through restorative justice principles and programs. The number of children, youth, and adults residing in Morristown who were served by one of LRC's eleven (11) programs in fiscal year 2022 was one-hundred ninety-one (191) - a 31% increase over the previous year.</p> <p>Across the Lamoille Valley in fiscal year 2022, staff at LRC worked with a total of 884 individuals, and specifically helped:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 179 students get re-engaged with school. 	

- 235 people stay out of the legal system with the help of 20 volunteers; through restorative justice meetings where participants identify ways to repair the harm caused by their crime.
- 10 men and women reenter their community from prison, establish positive relationships and work to avoid re-offending.
- 272 people get treatment for substance use and/or mental health issues. These people avoided deeper court involvement and many avoided potential prison sentences.
- 24 young people with disabilities and other barriers to employment prepare for the world of work and find meaningful employment.

These interventions save tax dollars, reduce recidivism, and help people address issues that often lead to crime in the first place. LRC relies on financial contributions from individuals and communities – like this town’s appropriation. We are grateful for Morristown’s residents’ continued support.

Meals on Wheels	\$10,000.00
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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 meals and well check visits help elders live independently in their own homes and community. Our work is only possible because of support from communities like yours. State and Federal funding accounts for 40% of our budget, and we fill in the gap by writing grants and campaign letters, fundraising activities, client contributions, and town appropriations. This fiscal year, October 1, 2021- September 30, 2022, Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County delivered over 50,000 meals. Of those 17,140 meals were delivered to 163 recipients in Morrisville. Thank you for your ongoing support. For more information about our services or to become a volunteer, please call 888-5011.

North Country Animal League	\$1,000.00
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Through November 10, 2022, NCAL has accepted 17 stray or surrendered animals into our shelter to date from Morristown. These 17 strays or surrenders amount to an approximate expense to NCAL of \$13,073 when using a minimum average expense of \$769 per animal for care, feeding and medical needs before adoption. Our adoption fees range between \$200 to \$450 for dogs and \$50 to \$225 for cats, which cover only a small amount of the expenses incurred: veterinary exams, spay/neuter, vaccinations, routine testing, deworming, emergency medical needs, microchipping, food, and care. To ensure the adoption of homeless animals, we must keep our adoption fees as affordable as possible. We seek town-wide support for our local stray and unwanted animals and help to provide them with quality care and placement into permanent homes. Daily boarding fees at private kennels average \$25 per day. To board animals, with an average stay of 27 days before adoption, your town would have spent a minimum of \$11,475 to house these strays, not including medical treatment, adoption services, overhead of staff and building, etc. NCAL offers the best humane and financial solution for Morristown’s stray and unwanted animals. In addition to taking Morristown’s stray and surrendered animals, we served Morristown families through pet adoptions, outreach, and humane education programs. Our humane education programs served 262 community members of all ages so far this year, with the goal of teaching responsible pet ownership and fostering compassion and curiosity for animal life. The Equine Center provided horsemanship and riding opportunities for 112 community members of all ages and abilities through group

riding lessons, and between the Pet Adoption and Equine Centers, 150 young people were served at our Humane Heroes, Horsemanship and Be a Vet summer camps. We also bring humane education to schools by offering group shelter tours and classroom visits. 64 additional children were reached through these shelter tours/school visits, and we also have 27 young people recruited and serving our mission as Junior Volunteers/Reading Buddies. To increase accessibility to our program offerings, scholarships are available to our community's low-income families. NCAL Meals, a free monthly pet food assistance program that began in 2020 in response to the pandemic, provided 43,529 free meals in 2022 for over 78 cats and dogs belonging to underserved households in our community. Thank you for your consideration of our request for annual support from Morristown. Together, we are providing a safe haven for animals in crisis and building a more humane community.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$1,000.00
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The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) engages, inspires, and recognizes volunteers who serve Older Vermonters in Central Vermont and the Northeast Kingdom. Our program focuses on the healthy future of Vermont's seniors with measurable outcomes in companionship, Peer-led wellness programs and home delivered meals. There are 478 RSVP volunteers in our service area that includes the counties of Orange, Lamoille, Washington, Essex, Caledonia and Orleans that collectively they served 43,372 hours last year. The funding requested from Morristown is used to help offset the cost of supporting those volunteers. These costs are training, recognition, travel, insurance, and coordination time. RSVP volunteers serve their community by leading evidence-based wellness programs. These programs are designed to improve balance, increase strength, and provide social connections. RSVP volunteers also serve at meal sites, visit people in their homes, and deliver Meals on Wheels all with the goal of improving the healthy futures of older Vermonters. There is more to volunteering than the outcomes achieved in service to others. A study by the Corporation for National and Community Service indicates that volunteering provides individual health benefits in addition to social advantages. This research has established a strong relationship between volunteering and health: those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer. For more information, or to volunteer in your community, please contact us at 802-888-2190, e-mail dnoyes@cvcoa.org or visit www.cvcoa.org/rsvp. RSVP is your invitation to serve. Sponsored by the Central Vermont Council on Aging, it is a national program designed to provide opportunities to individuals 55 and older who continue to remain actively involved in the life of their community. Offices are located in Morrisville, Barre, and St. Johnsbury.

River Arts	\$10,000.00
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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 the local community 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 oneself and the community at large. Our core operating value is Arts for Everyone, and 2023 promises to be an exciting year of revitalization and growth for River Arts. In the past year, we have spent time restructuring both our leadership and programming. Alongside the board, we have been re-imagining River Arts in ways that would make us more inclusive and equitable.

We have strengthened our community partnerships and expanded our programming to meet the needs of our community. We have renewed our mission of Arts for Everyone regardless of age, race, gender, ability, or financial means. Even during the challenging times of Covid19, River Arts hosted many classes, camps, programs, and community events including bringing innovative exploratory arts. In 2022 we offered 12 summer camps and served 139 youth with nearly half of our campers receiving scholarships. In addition to the summer camps, we ran 75 classes/programs on and offsite with community partnerships. The clay studio has continually grown with a new kiln purchase and upgrades to the studio there is now people creating 7 days a week. River Arts grows with the support of our generous 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.

Rural Community Transportation
\$10,963.00

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT), is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which has provided public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, and Essex Counties since 1991, and now serves Lamoille County. RCT operates fare-free shuttle and commuter bus routes, allowing 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 Elderly & Disabled program, and Rides 2 Wellness.

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 service 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 FY2022 have expressed their gratitude and noted their dependence on our services. As COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed and Vermont moves forward, RCT remains committed to providing safe, reliable, accessible, and affordable transportation, and continues to be responsive to the safety needs of riders, including those who may not have another means of pandemic-sensitive transportation. RCT gratefully benefits from a robust and growing volunteer program, with sixty volunteers providing rides to neighbors and those needing non-shuttle transportation to access vital services. We depend on our volunteers to help meet the needs of their neighbors near and far. 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 therefore 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.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LOCAL REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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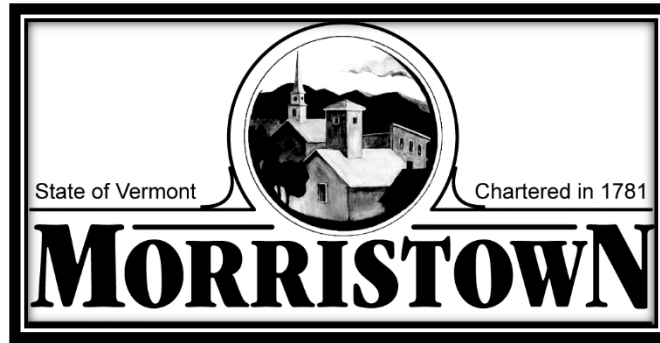


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THERE WILL BE NO TRADITIONAL FLOOR ANNUAL MEETING THIS YEAR.

THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2023

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