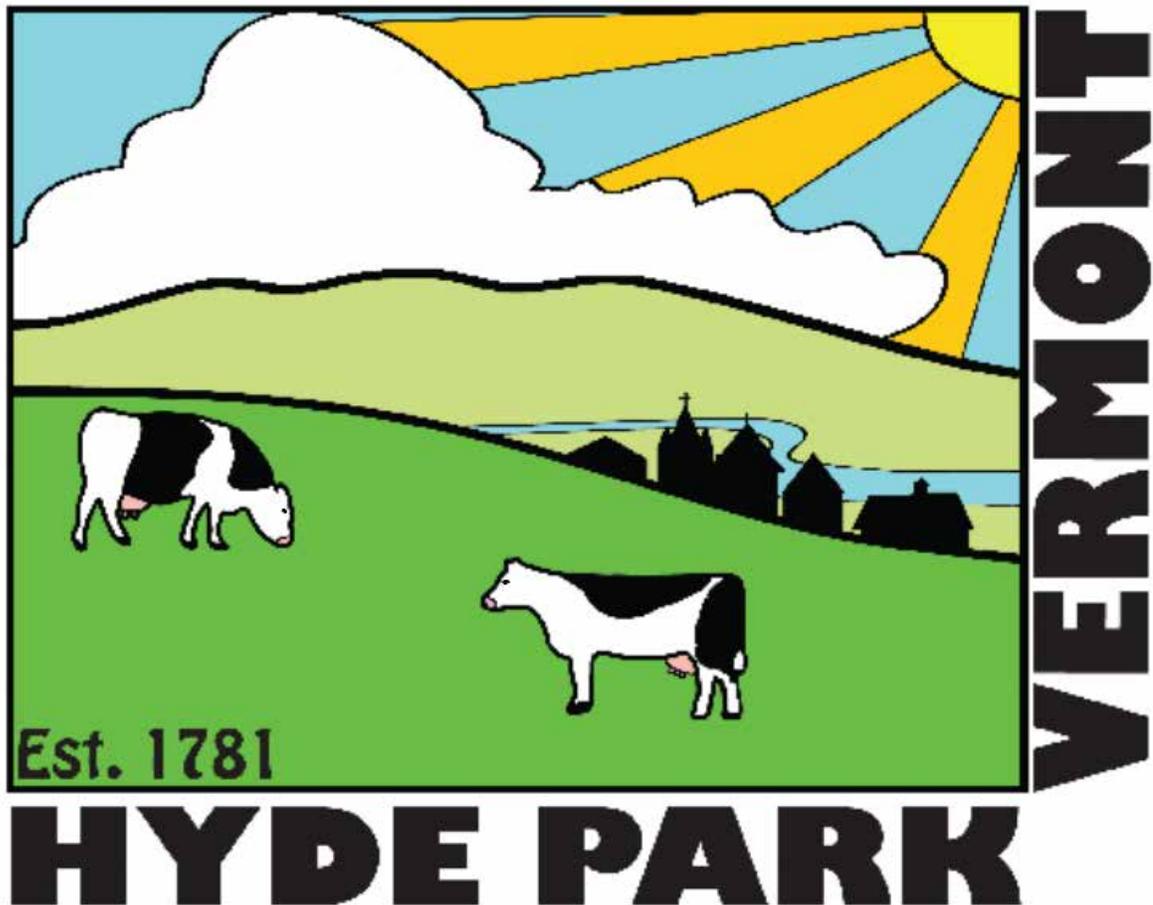


TOWN OF HYDE PARK, VERMONT

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Report of the Officers for the Period
Ending June 30, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION

MUNICIPAL OFFICE: The Municipal Office is located at 344 VT 15 West. The Town Clerk's office is in the upper level and is open by appointment only during the COVID-19 pandemic from Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM. The telephone number is (802)888-2300 and the fax number is (802)888-6878. There is a drop box at the walkway of the upper level entrance. The Community Meeting Room is located in the lower level of the Municipal Office. Both levels of the building are handicap accessible. The Town's website is: www.hydeparkvt.com.

NOTICES AND WARNINGS: The Town publishes notices and warnings in the *News & Citizen*. The notices and warnings are also posted on the Town's website, the Hyde Park Post Office and the North Hyde Park Post Office.

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

MONTHLY MEETINGS

(During the COVID-19 pandemic, board and committees hold their meetings virtually. Virtual meeting instructions are provided on the meeting agendas.)

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

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

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

RECREATION FIELDS COMMITTEE: This committee holds its regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at the home of Kenneth Harvey and Deb Slayton located at 3277 VT 100, Hyde Park.

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

HYDE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT: This department holds its regular meetings on the first four Thursdays of each month (not the 5th Thursday if there is one) at 6:30 PM at the Hyde Park Fire Station located at 212 Centerville Road.

ENERGY COMMITTEE: The Committee holds its regular monthly meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 3:00 PM in the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Offices.

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

GIHON VALLEY HALL COMMITTEE: This Committee meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM, and as needed. The Committee meets at the Gihon Valley Hall in North Hyde Park. May also meet the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00pm during warmer weather.

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IN MEMORY

Melvin Harvey

Melvin was born in Hardwick, VT on January 17, 1944 to Ross and Doris (Olney) Harvey. He and his mom lived with his grandparents in Walden, VT while his father served in the Army during World War II. Until age 5, Melvin was more prolific speaking French than English, but this changed when he started school. The family moved to Hyde Park in the late forties to his other grandparent's farm and from that point forward he lived here until his passing December 22, 2020.

He married Susan Martin in 1970 and they raised three children, Kim, William, and Todd; all who live within a mile of each other on the original farm. Melvin also had six grandchildren. Susan passed in 2016. Melvin was one of the starting five on the 1963 LCA basketball State Championship team. After high school, he attended and graduated from Vermont Technical School College. Melvin worked as a board sawyer for Bullard Lumber Company and veterinarian assistant for Dr. David Walker and Dr. Robert Johnson; he also worked at the Vermont Asbestos Mines, H.A. Manosh Corporation and retired from K.A. Harvey's.



Melvin enjoyed working with his horses, pulling, logging, and riding. He also liked going to horse auctions in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. Melvin was a farrier, trimming and shoeing horses all over northern Vermont for many years. He liked dealing with many of his friends, buying and selling cattle or horses, or anything else that was for sale, always looking to buy for a little less than the asking price. Melvin served on the Lamoille County Field Days Board of Directors; he served as Town Fence Viewer and was an original member of the Town Development Review (Zoning) Board, serving 32 years from 1988-2020.

IN APPRECIATION

Gary Anderson

With great appreciation and acknowledgment, Hyde Park recognizes Gary Anderson for his 11 years of public service as an elected Town Lister, deciding to let others have a turn in 2021. Gary continues to be "on-call" for Hyde Park and other Lamoille County town clerks since retiring as Town Clerk & Town Treasurer in 2009. Thank you for your service, Gary. We may call on you again soon to cover the front desk!

OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator (1 yr. term expires 2021)	Paul Nesky, 888-4535
Selectboard (2 yr. term expires 2021)	Susan Bartlett, 888-5591
Selectboard (3 yr. term expires 2022)	David Gagnier, 888-7808 (appointed 5/25/20 to fill vacancy)
Selectboard (2 yr. term expires 2022)	Roland Boivin, 888-6369
Selectboard (3 yr. term expires 2023)	Brian Shackett, 793-8940
Selectboard (3 yr. term expires 2021)	Roger Audet, 635-7038
Town Clerk (3 yr. term expires 2022)	Kimberly J. Moulton, Kim@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Town Treasurer (3 yr. term expires 2022)	Kimberly J. Moulton, Kim@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Town Lister (3 yr. term expires 2022)	Vacant
Town Lister (3 yr. term expires 2023)	Matt Reed, Lister@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300 x303
Town Lister (3 yr. term expires 2021)	Gary Anderson, Lister@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300 x303
Town Grand Juror (1 yr. term expires 2021)	Edward French Jr.
Lamoille Solid Waste Supervisor (2 yr. term exp 2021)	Marilyn Zophar

ELECTED SCHOOL OFFICERS

Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2021)	Chasity Fagnant
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2022)	Lisa Jones Barry
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2022)	Tina Lowe
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2023)	Patricia Hayford

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Kimberly J. Moulton, Kim@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Assistant Town Treasurer	Kristan Langlois, Kristan@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Assistant Town Clerk	Kristan Langlois, Kristan@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Finance Director	Alyson Cusson, Alyson@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Lead Animal Control Officer	J. Keith Ulrich, 730-9340
E-911 Coordinator	Ron Rodjenski, Ron@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Fire Chief	Ed Webster, 888-2357
Fire Warden (5 yr term exp 6/30/22)	Ryan Nolan, 279-6955
Road Commissioner	Selectboard
Road Foreman	Mark French, Highway@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-4625
Highway Equipment Lead Operator	Ryan Nolan, 888-4625
Highway Equipment Operator / Grader	VACANT
Highway Equipment Operator	Michael Griggs, 888-4625
Library Director	Amy Olsen, Hydeparklibrary@yahoo.com ; 888-4628
Town Administrator	Ron Rodjenski, Ron@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Zoning Administrative Officer	Ron Rodjenski, Ron@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Lamoille County Planning Commission Director	Greg Paus, 888-5073
Emergency Management Director	Brad Carriere, Hpfsems1@yahoo.com ; 730-6770
Emergency Management Deputy Director	Ed Webster, 888-2357
Emergency Management Coordinator	Carol Fano, 888-4347
Tree Warden	VACANT
Town Health Officer (3 yr. term expires 9/30/22)	J. Keith Ulrich, 730-9340
Town Constable	Dave Gagnier
Green Mountain Access TV Representative	VACANT
Green Up Day Coordinator	Ron Rodjenski, 888-2300

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Cemetery Commissioners (Elected for a 5 year term):

Robert Foss	Term Expires 2021
Sarrah Patch (appointed to fill vacancy)	Term Expires 2022
Christine Cooney	Term Expires 2023
Judith Lanphear	Term Expires 2024
Nioka Houston	Term Expires 2025

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

Melanie Dickinson	Term Expires 2021
Robert "Sigh" Searles	Term Expires 2022
Kim Austin-Puleio (appointed to fill vacancy)	Term Expires 2022
Ken Geiersbach	Term Expires 2023
Jim Noyes	Term Expires 2024
Fran Aronovici	Term Expires 2024
Emily Dearborn	Term Expires 2025

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

Craig Fowler	Term Expires 2021
Tom Wawrzeniak	Term Expires 2022
Planning Commission Chair (Alternate)	Term Expires 2022
Malcolm Teale	Term Expires 2023
Mary Walz	Term Expires 2024
Jim Fontaine	Term Expires 2024

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

VACANT	Term Expires 2021
Brian Jones	Term Expires 2022
Vicki Emerson	Term Expires 2022
Eric Williams	Term Expires 2023
Bob Malbon	Term Expires 2024

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

Jack Anderson	Deb Henderson
John Clark	Jenna Ware
Judy Clark	Nancy Webster
Everett Dickinson	Dan Young
Susan Hayes	Marilyn Zophar

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

Denise Greene	Term Expires 2020
Meg Taylor	Term Expires 2021
VACANT	Term Expires 2021
Christine Hallquist	Term Expires 2022
Elisa Clancy	Term Expires 2022

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

Chasity Fagnant	Gary Nolan
Ken Harvey	Debbie Slayton

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

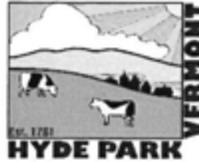
Liz Courtney	Laura Race
Monica Heath	Lindsay Reese
H. Dale Porter	Allen Spitzer
Andy Race	

Fiber Committee (Appointed by the Selectboard; work committee; no terms):

Carol Fano	Jack Wool
Anne Geiersbach	VACANT
Michael Rooney	

Justices of the Peace (Elected November 3, 2020 for a 2 year term to start February 1, 2021 expiring January 31, 2023)

Charles "Brickett" Bailey	Frederika "Riki" French
Richard Bailey	Brian Jones
Lisa Barry	Mary "Pixie" Loomis
Vicki Emerson	Mitzi McInnis
Edward French, Jr.	Tina Teale



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

The legal voters of the Town of Hyde Park are hereby warned and notified that due to the COVID-19 emergency there will be no public meeting or floor vote on Town Meeting Day at Lamoille Union High School on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, however, all business will be conducted by Australian ballot.

The voters are notified and warned to meet at the Hyde Park Municipal Offices at 344 Vermont Route 15 West, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at eight thirty o'clock in the forenoon (8:30 a.m.), at which time the polls will be open, until seven o'clock in the afternoon (7:00 p.m.) at which time the polls will close, to vote the following by Australian ballot:

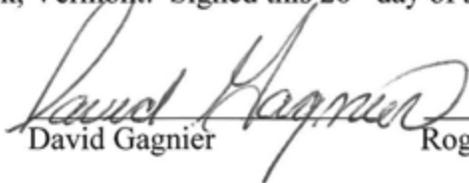
- Article 1. To elect Town and School Officers as required by Australian ballot:
- Moderator for a term of one year
 - Selectboard Member for a term of two years
 - Selectboard Member for a term of three years
 - Selectboard Member for the remainder of a three-year term (expiring 2022)
 - Lister for a term of three years
 - Lister for a term for the remainder of a three-year term (expiring 2022)
 - Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years
 - Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District Director for a term of two years
 - Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years
 - Cemetery Commissioner for the remainder of a five-year term (expiring 2022)
 - Library Trustee for a term of five years
 - Library Trustee for the remainder of a five-year term (expiring 2022)
- Article 2. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the North Central Vermont Recovery Center?
- Article 3. Shall the voters appropriate \$750 to Salvation Farms?
- Article 4. Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to Vermont Family Network?
- Article 5. Shall the voters approve, in addition to any other appropriations approved in prior articles, the Selectboard's proposed budget for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, totaling \$2,736,000 of which it is estimated \$2,308,200 will be raised by property taxes?
- Article 6. Shall the voters approve to pay to the Town Treasurer, real property taxes in four installments with due dates of 4:00 p.m. on August 31, 2021, November 15, 2021, February 15, 2022, and May 16, 2022, with an interest charge of 1% per month added for the first three months, and thereafter 1.5% per month if each installment is not paid by the due date; after May 16, 2022, any unpaid taxes would be charged an 8% collection fee plus the interest fees? Only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks will be accepted if postmarked on or before the due date.

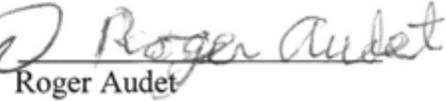
The legal voters and residents of the Town of Hyde Park are further warned and notified that two public informational hearings will be held remotely on Monday, February 22, 2021, commencing at six o'clock in the afternoon (6:00 p.m.) and Monday, March 1, 2021, commencing at six o'clock in the afternoon (6:00 p.m.) for the purpose of explaining Articles 2 through 6, including the proposed budget. Remote participation: Call 1-872-240-3412 using Access Code 756-736-733 or visit www.hydeparkvt.com for more information.

The legal voters of the Town of Hyde Park are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said Annual Meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Selectboard, Town of Hyde Park, Vermont: Signed this 26th day of January 2021.


Susan Bartlett


David Gagnier


Roger Audet

Roland Boivin


Brian Shackett

Received and recorded at Hyde Park, VT on this 26th day of January 2021.


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

SELECTBOARD

The Selectboard is elected to oversee all day-to-day operations of the municipal government not designated by state law to other officials. This past year, the disruption in normal operations due to the pandemic resulted in a shift to emergency measures to safely continue public services and provide residents with resources or referrals to support agencies for shopping and medical trips to scheduling time to research land records and access to library services. The Board appreciates the extra time and effort from staff, volunteers and other public service agencies from March through the end of the calendar year. The Town will continue to work within these constraints into 2021 while also ensuring residents have the support they need and providing public services as safely and effectively as possible.

The most controversial and difficult issue to face the Selectboard this year is the issue of the Village water and sewer system upgrade and new charges assessed on town & county taxpayers. Hyde Park Village has an ancient water and sewer system and like many systems in the country, both systems needed to be addressed. The Village water system serves 202 homes and 31 businesses. The cost of the partial upgrade work which started in 2020 is more than \$5,000,000. The Village voted by 75-6 to approve the water bond in 2019 and new water charges were assessed in October 2020. New sewer charges are coming in May 2021. The controversy arose when the rates were made public in October 2020. For example, homeowners in the Village saw an increase of 35% while some businesses saw their bill increase from 350% to 2,600%. The Courthouse and Sheriff's Department saw over a 9,000% increase (from \$180 annual fixed charge to \$17,010 per year). The Hyde Park Elementary School will see their water and sewer charges increased by \$26,700/year, from \$3,600/year to \$30,300/year.

The Courthouse and Sheriff's budgets are paid by the County budget established by the Side Judges and paid by the county's town taxpayers via a County tax using each community's grand list. Towns like Stowe and Cambridge with relatively high grand lists, pay the largest part of the county budget. They are objecting strongly to paying for the Hyde Park Village Water System upgrade. The increase of the water charges to the Town of Hyde Park amount to a little over 1% of the proposed increase in our annual operation budget for FY2022. Although our town departments have worked very hard to keep their budget increases under 3%, the new water charges pushed the FY2022 town tax rate increase to 4%. The Town is joining with the Side Judges to work with the Village to understand how the Village developed its rate formula and to see if we can find another, more equitable, formula. To be clear, the Town is not suing the Village but is working with the county and others to better understand the large increase for some, while a much less increase for other water and sewer users.

The Town's Grand List improved slightly, by increasing almost 1.0% in 2020. The projected growth for the 2021 Grand List continues to be positive, increasing by about 1.25% due to an increase in residential home unit construction in town and some commercial growth, but this is less than the 2% or more growth rate that would better stabilize the town tax rate. The Board continues to work on expense budgets that result in tax rate increases of 3.0% or less while also planning for capital expenditures and maintaining public services at their current levels. The town budget is proposed to increase 3.38%, including three special funding articles. If approved, the FY2021-2022 municipal tax rate is projected to increase 4.32% over the current FY2021 rate. The increased rate results in about an additional \$34.26 per year for every \$100,000 of assessed property value.

In 2020, the Board accomplished the following:

- Worked with Village Water Project engineer to approve highway use permit (1111) for water line replacements planned for Summer 2020
- Approved amendments to the town zoning bylaw

- Approved Memorandum of Understanding with North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department, Inc. on capital purchasing with Eden and Hyde Park sharing capital costs 50-50 and residual value from the sale of capital items purchases returned to the towns at 50-50
- Issued letter of support for fiber internet feasibility study through regional commission grant
- Approved use of two existing access drives for the Lamoille Area Stump Dump Facility off North Hyde Park Road
- Increased employee life insurance coverage to \$25,000
- Approved the creation of a committee to look at police services; meetings continued into 2021
- Issued health order related to septic tank pumping requirement at residence on Fitch Hill Road
- Purchased at tax sale and later agreed to sell to prior owner at 5659 VT100
- Issued letter of support for Lamoille County Sheriff's Department for one full-time deputy to specialize in drug interdiction and mental health response
- Approved the transfer of \$8,000 Sterling View MHP loan repayments to be split 50-50 between highway reserve and economic development reserve funds
- Approved a grant application to hire local artist to design enhancements to connect the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail to Main Street; \$5,000 grant awarded with design work due in 2021
- Closed public access to all public facilities on March 30, 2020 due to COVID-19
- Approved outdoor consumption permit for Ten Bends Brewery
- Approved spring paving contract to ECI, Inc. at \$102,025.00
- Approved the Local Emergency Management Plan
- Waived dog license late fees
- Accepted Roger Barry's resignation; appointed Dave Gagnier through Town Meeting 2021
- Approved the 2020 Hyde Park COVID-19 Program and Exposure Control Plan May 8, 2020
- Supported community program to provide masks to residents
- Approved one day fundraiser using the municipal park and ride lot at 344 Route 15W
- Approved up to \$1,000 for testing of SCBA air bottles for fire department
- Voted to prohibit large commercial fireworks displays but permit consumer fireworks displays
- Issued letter of support for Northern Borders Regional Commission grant to support collection of local economic data across Vermont; to be administered by Lamoille Economic Development Corporation
- Approved Hyde Park joining the regional Communication Union District with Michael Rooney as the town representative and alternate representatives being Carol Fano and Jack Wool
- Voted to accept donation of 0.25 acres adjoining Centerville Rd; later refused due to high legal costs to complete the transaction because the owner is a resident of Canada
- Signed the third of a 3-yr contract for outside auditing services with Glenna Pound, CPA
- Hired Blaine Delisle and Dale Nolan for summer road work and Michel Renaud for winter plowing on-call services
- Approved an easement on the town library and town fire station parcels for village water improvements
- Approved increases to Town Fire Dept. hourly response pay to match NHP/Eden Fire Dept.
- Approved town finance committee mission statement
- Approved joining with other U.S. municipalities in the on-going Purdue Pharms Consolidated Claim addressing opioid harm from 2003 through 2040; no near-term resolution expected
- Approved culvert replacement project on lower Center Rd with J. Hutchins; \$45,121.00
- Issued letter of support for Cultural Facilities Grant for fire safety improvements at the Gihon Valley Hall; grant awarded and work planned in 2021

- Approved the installation of highway garage oil-water separator; completed Dec 2020
- Approved Nov. 1, 2019 storm damage repairs with J. Hutchins; \$88,159.75
- Approved Grants-In-Aid drainage work on Diggins Road; \$14,769.00
- Approved COVID-19 grant for land record digitization with matching funds from the town's records restoration reserve fund; working toward 40 years of online land records; \$20,000 later increased to a \$30,000 grant
- Approved culvert replacement project on upper Center Rd with Percy; \$70,000
- Approved \$1,000 from Economic Development Reserve Fund for Green Mountain Byway marketing work and new GMB website with Stowe, Morristown, Johnson and Cambridge
- Rejected and re-bid paving project; awarded to J. Hutchins; work to be completed in 2021
- Accepted resignation of Zac Cota from the Town Planning Commission
- Appointed Meg Taylor to the Hyde Park Energy Committee
- Accepted 2021 Planning Grant for public lands access study; joint grant with Town of Cambridge
- Appointed Chris Jones and Peter Gallo to regional Law Enforcement Study Group
- Approved the 2020-2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; adding infectious disease outbreak, invasive species & extreme heat/cold to list of hazards to be addressed by the community
- Accepted \$5,000 grant to support safe local elections during COVID-19
- Accepted Diane Stoney resignation from Lead Animal Control Officer; appointed Keith Ulrich to fill the Lead ACO position
- Accepted resignation of Mark Lehouillier from the town highway department
- Approved town attorney sending highway access 1111 compliance letter to Village of Hyde Park
- Waived petition requirement for service agency funding requests during C-19 emergency
- Waived the 2020 annual tax sale
- Approved the 2020-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the highway department which includes a \$900 per operator winter season bonus
- Approved joining the County side judges and school district to review new village water charges
- Approved up to \$4,000 for Matt Reed to research and complete road survey for Beam Road
- Approved Local Commitment Letters for preliminary upgrade / replacement studies of Whitcomb Island Bridge and Green River culvert under Garfield Road
- Approved moving the town weekly payroll to bi-weekly beginning January 2022

In 2021, the Board intends to work on the following:

- Seek highway grants to support resurfacing of Center Road
- Advertise for outside audit services (3-yr contract)
- Consider and adopt revisions to the Town Personnel Policy and Zoning Bylaw
- Continue town highway garage repairs; energy improvements
- Negotiate a new highway union contract which expires 06/30/2021
- Work with Recreation Committee on developing Youth Sports programs

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

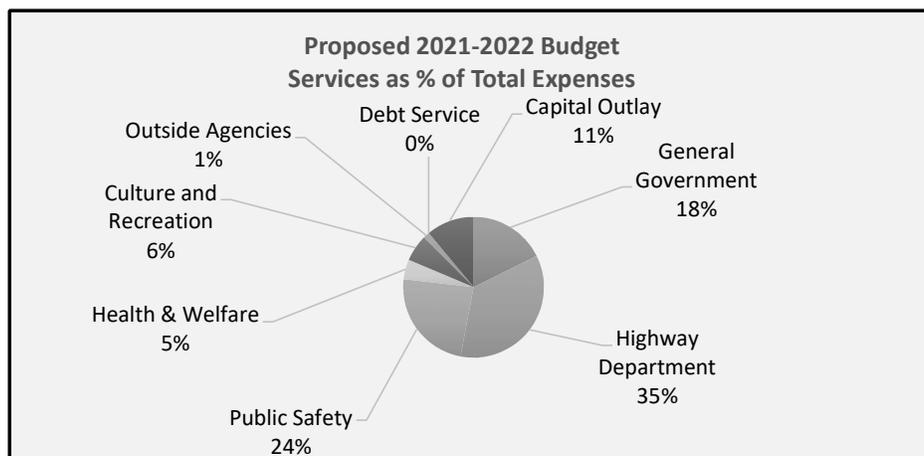
Susan Bartlett, Chair; Roger Audet, Roland Boivin, David Gagnier, Brian Shackett

MUNICIPAL REVENUES	BUDGET FY2020	ACTUAL FY2020	CURRENT FY2021	PROPOSED FY2022	CHANGE FY21 to FY22
Tax Revenues					
Current Property Taxes	2,111,700	2,031,427	2,188,200	2,308,200	120,000
Current Property Taxes - Interest	4,500	9,494	4,000	6,000	2,000
Delinquent Taxes	0	6,158	0	0	0
Delinquent Taxes - Interest	15,000	3,676	18,000	7,000	(11,000)
Delinquent Taxes - Penalty	10,000	11,125	18,000	15,000	(3,000)
Current Use - Hold Harmless	98,000	89,887	104,000	100,000	(4,000)
State Payments Withheld & EEGL	7,000	22,395	21,000	22,000	1,000
PILOT Revenue - ANR & State Buildings	58,600	64,207	59,000	65,000	6,000
Subtotal	2,304,800	2,238,369	2,412,200	2,523,200	111,000
Licenses and Permits					
Liquor Licenses	100	230	100	100	0
Dog Licenses	3,500	2,212	3,500	3,500	0
Building Permits	4,000	5,345	5,000	7,500	2,500
Vehicle Overweight Permits	300	525	300	300	0
Driveway & Highway Access Permits	400	370	400	400	0
Subtotal	8,300	8,682	9,300	11,800	2,500
Fines and Interest					
Local Traffic Fines	4,000	6,531	4,000	5,000	1,000
Dog Fines	200	225	200	200	0
Interest on Investments	1,000	1,831	1,000	1,000	0
Subtotal	5,200	8,587	5,200	6,200	1,000
Grant Revenue					
MPG19 FEMA CRS Consortium	0	11,718	0	0	0
Other Grants	0	500	0	0	0
Subtotal	0	12,218	0	0	0
Recreation					
Ballfield Rentals	1,000	1,200	2,000	1,500	(500)
Use of Recreation Reserve	0	0	0	2,000	2,000
Ballfield Concessions	3,000	3,806	4,000	3,500	(500)
Subtotal	4,000	5,006	6,000	7,000	1,000
Other Revenue					
Municipal History Books - 1972 & 2007	50	96	0	0	0
Photocopier Use Fee	2,800	2,849	2,800	2,800	0
Community Room Rental Fees	50	0	0	0	0
Town Clerk and Recording Fees	28,000	29,665	28,000	28,000	0
Use of General Fund Balance	30,000	0	30,000	0	(30,000)
Miscellaneous Rev. & History Books	4,000	8,124	5,000	5,000	0
Subtotal	64,900	40,734	65,800	35,800	(30,000)
Highway Department					
State Aid to Highways	131,000	136,340	131,000	135,000	4,000
Sales of Gas/Diesel/Materials	2,000	4,896	4,000	4,000	0
Grants - Better Roads, Better Connect	0	22,017	0	0	0
Misc Revenue & Interest on Investments	0	10,624	0	0	0
Subtotal	133,000	173,877	135,000	139,000	4,000
Fire Department					
Donations and Grants	1,000	650	1,000	1,000	0
Sale of Equipment & Other Income	0	283	0	0	0
Subtotal	1,000	933	1,000	1,000	0
Lanpher Memorial Library					
Investment Interest	9,000	9,133	12,000	12,000	0
Donations	0	19,172	0	0	0
Grants & Other Revenue	0	16,835	0	0	0
Subtotal	9,000	45,140	12,000	12,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,530,200	\$ 2,533,546	\$ 2,646,500	\$ 2,736,000	\$ 89,500
					% Change = 3.38%

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2020	ACTUAL FY2020	CURRENT FY2021	PROPOSED FY2022	CHANGE FY21 to FY22
General Government					
Town Office Wages & Benefits					
Selectboard	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	0
Employee Recognition	2,000	1,505	2,000	2,000	0
Wages and Salaries	167,900	153,535	179,100	175,600	(3,500)
Town Clerk Salary	42,700	43,038	44,000	45,000	1,000
Town Treasurer Salary	18,300	18,445	18,900	19,300	400
Delinquent Tax Collector & Asst. DTC	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	0
Subtotal	\$237,900	\$223,523	\$251,000	\$248,900	(\$2,100)
Benefits and Payroll Expense					
Health Benefit, Dental & Opt Out	47,300	48,942	41,400	32,100	(9,300)
Payroll Taxes, UI & Workers' Comp.	21,200	41,191	32,100	31,300	(800)
Pension	12,900	14,485	14,000	14,000	0
Life Insurance & Short-term Disability	1,000	1,735	2,200	2,200	0
Subtotal	\$82,400	\$106,353	\$89,700	\$79,600	(\$10,100)
Town Office Expenses					
Supplies	8,000	6,517	7,500	7,000	(500)
Meetings, Education & Training	2,500	1,606	2,500	2,000	0
Travel	2,000	1,380	2,000	2,000	0
Postage	4,000	4,903	4,500	5,000	500
Advertising	3,000	2,466	2,500	2,500	0
Telephone	5,000	4,977	5,200	5,500	300
Professional Services - NEMRC & IT	12,200	17,317	12,200	17,000	4,800
Equipment Purchases & Repairs	5,000	9,300	6,000	6,000	0
Equipment Lease - Copier	3,000	3,103	3,000	3,300	300
KoFile Equipment Lease - Land Records	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0
Grant expenses - VNRC Permit Guide	0	878	0	0	0
Misc Charges, COVID Exp. & Fees	1,500	6,235	1,500	1,500	0
Subtotal	\$48,300	\$60,782	\$49,000	\$53,900	\$4,900
Town Auditing and Reporting					
Printing of Town Reports	2,000	1,970	2,000	2,000	0
Professional Services - Town Audit	12,500	11,175	12,500	12,500	0
Subtotal	\$14,500	\$13,145	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$0
Town Listers, Tax Mapping & BCA					
Listers' Salaries	6,000	5,438	6,000	6,000	0
BCA Salaries & Election Expenses	1,500	1,954	3,000	1,500	(1,500)
Abatements	0	2,456	0	0	0
Assessment Services - NEMRC	5,000	3,201	5,000	5,000	0
Mapping Services	5,000	1,800	5,000	5,000	0
Subtotal	\$17,500	\$14,849	\$19,000	\$17,500	(1,500)
Buildings and Grounds					
Supplies	1,500	1,348	1,500	1,500	0
Lawns and Landscaping	1,500	1,407	1,000	1,000	0
Cleaning - Town Office	2,000	936	1,500	1,500	0
Repairs - Town Office	1,000	796	2,000	2,000	0
Repairs - Grange Hall	3,500	570	3,500	3,500	0
Tax Sale Property - M Bartlett	0	1,631	0	0	0
Subtotal	\$9,500	\$6,688	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$0
Insurances, Legal Expenses & Dues					
Lamoille County Courthouse Tax	26,600	26,601	26,900	30,300	3,400
VLCT Membership Dues	4,400	4,565	4,500	4,900	400
Chamber of Commerce Dues	200	211	200	200	0
Legal Services	5,000	8,194	6,000	6,000	0
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	44,000	33,293	15,600	18,000	2,400
Subtotal	\$80,200	\$72,864	\$53,200	\$59,400	\$6,200
General Government Total	\$490,300	\$498,204	\$485,900	\$483,300	-\$2,600
					% Change = -0.54%

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2020	ACTUAL FY2020	CURRENT FY2021	PROPOSED FY2022	CHANGE FY21 to FY22
Highway Department					
Hyde Park Highway Department					
Wages	246,500	245,688	260,200	266,000	5,800
Health Benefit, Dental & Opt Out	42,300	34,133	46,600	46,200	(400)
Payroll Taxes and Workers' Comp.	37,800	17,625	29,900	30,300	400
Pension	12,300	13,667	13,300	13,700	400
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	0	0	12,500	14,500	2,000
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	11,000	7,044	11,000	0	(11,000)
Culverts	0	31,578	38,000	0	(38,000)
Chloride	27,000	27,600	25,000	28,000	3,000
Cold Patch	3,000	2,149	3,000	0	(3,000)
Paving Program	225,000	151,720	225,000	245,000	20,000
Salt	90,000	76,635	92,000	85,000	(7,000)
Road Signs	5,000	1,859	5,000	2,500	(2,500)
Purchased Service - Gravel Crushing	38,000	40,500	0	38,000	38,000
Gravel Pit Maintenance	0	210	0	2,000	2,000
Purchased Service - Line Striping	5,000	0	6,000	6,000	0
Erosion Control /MRGP Materials&Tech.	10,000	9,549	10,000	10,000	0
Roadside Cutting, Hazard Trees & Brush	12,000	7,059	12,000	5,000	(7,000)
Fuel and oils vehicles/equipment	55,000	47,090	55,000	50,000	(5,000)
Road Maintenance Projects	9,000	27,746	15,000	30,000	15,000
Subtotal	\$828,900	\$741,852	\$859,500	\$872,200	\$12,700
Garage Expenses					
Supplies and Office Equipment	5,000	5,177	4,500	4,500	0
Meetings and Dues	400	470	400	700	300
Telephone	1,100	997	1,100	1,100	0
Electricity	4,500	5,354	5,000	5,500	500
Heating Fuel	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
Miscellaneous Garage Expenses	500	0	500	0	(500)
Uniform Service	4,400	6,034	5,200	6,000	800
Rubbish Removal	2,000	1,889	2,000	2,000	0
Tools	2,500	78	2,000	1,500	(500)
Permits/Compliance, Training & Safety	3,000	5,314	2,500	5,000	2,500
Building Repairs, Maintenance & Misc.	3,000	3,180	3,000	3,500	500
Tires	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
Heavy Equipment Maintenance	50,000	57,547	50,000	47,000	(3,000)
Small Equipment Purchases/Repairs	10,000	21,559	9,000	10,000	1,000
Subtotal	\$87,400	\$107,599	\$86,200	\$92,800	\$6,600
GR1242 - Better Connections	0	25,603	0	0	0
EH05&MM18- Johnson St Ext "Sink Hole"	0	11,992	0	0	0
Grants in Aid	0	0	0	0	0
Grant Expenses Total	\$0	\$37,595	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway Department Total	\$916,300	\$887,046	\$945,700	\$965,000	\$19,300
				% Change = 2.04%	

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2020	ACTUAL FY2020	CURRENT FY2021	PROPOSED FY2022	CHANGE FY21 to FY22
Public Safety					
Hyde Park Fire Department					
Salaries	20,000	20,026	20,000	21,000	1,000
Payroll Taxes and Workers' Compensation	2,900	1,529	6,100	6,000	(100)
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	0	0	5,100	5,900	800
Office Supplies	700	546	700	800	100
Medical / Physicals	2,000	0	2,000	1,000	(1,000)
Telephone	900	1,707	1,500	2,900	1,400
Insurance	1,200	1,112	1,200	1,200	0
Chemicals	400	176	400	600	200
Fire Prevention	500	59	500	300	(200)
Training	1,000	360	1,000	1,000	0
Equipment	10,000	10,418	10,000	10,000	0
Equipment Maintenance & Permits	4,500	5,004	6,000	7,000	1,000
Truck Maintenance	8,000	9,765	9,000	10,000	1,000
Radio Maintenance	2,200	1,467	2,200	2,200	0
Gas & Oil	3,500	2,424	3,500	3,000	(500)
Electricity	3,000	3,601	4,500	4,000	(500)
Water Fixed Charges and Usage Fees	0	0	0	18,500	18,500
Heating Fuel	3,000	2,833	4,000	3,500	(500)
Building Maintenance	3,000	4,810	3,000	4,000	1,000
Dry Hydrants - Maint. & Grant Expenses	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
Misc. Expenses, COVID Exp. & Dues	2,000	2,472	2,000	2,000	0
Subtotal	\$69,800	\$68,309	\$83,700	\$105,900	\$22,200
					% Change = 26.52%
FAST Squad & Emergency Management					
Training, Supplies & Radios	1,500	2,720	2,500	2,500	0
FAST Stipend	2,500	495	1,500	1,500	0
AED Portable Defibrillator Units - 2 units/yr	4,200	4,162	4,200	4,200	0
AED Maintenance and Batteries	0	0	500	500	0
Emergency Planning & Equipment	500	378	500	500	0
E911 Number Signs	3,000	2,489	3,000	3,000	0
Subtotal	\$11,700	\$10,244	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$0
N Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department					
General Expenses & Insurance	33,525	33,525	36,800	37,300	500
Subtotal	\$33,525	\$33,525	\$36,800	\$37,300	\$500
Police Services - Sheriff's Dept.					
LCSD - Patrol	408,400	408,372	420,700	433,300	12,600
LCSD - Communications	74,300	74,306	71,100	65,900	(5,200)
Subtotal	\$482,700	\$482,678	\$491,800	\$499,200	\$7,400
Public Safety Total	\$597,725	\$594,756	\$624,500	\$654,600	\$30,100
					% Change = 4.82%



Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2020	ACTUAL FY2020	CURRENT FY2021	PROPOSED FY2022	CHANGE FY21 to FY22
<u>Health and Welfare</u>					
Ambulance Services					
Northern Emergency Medical Srv (NEMS)	103,900	103,841	117,500	121,100	3,600
Subtotal	\$103,900	\$103,841	\$117,500	\$121,100	\$3,600
				% Change = 3.06%	
Animal Control					
Salaries	2,500	316	1,500	1,000	(500)
Supplies	400	196	400	400	0
Travel	500	237	500	500	0
Purchased Service - Kennel Fees	1,000	100	1,000	500	(500)
Equipment and Training	500	54	500	500	0
Subtotal	\$4,900	\$903	\$3,900	\$2,900	-\$1,000
Health & Welfare Total	\$108,800	\$104,744	\$121,400	\$124,000	\$2,600
				% Change = 2.14%	
<u>Culture & Recreation</u>					
Cemeteries					
Hyde Park Cemetery Commission	20,000	20,000	22,500	22,500	0
Subtotal	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$0
Lanpher Memorial Library					
Salaries	51,100	52,215	54,400	56,500	2,100
Health Benefit, Dental & Opt Out	17,000	17,073	18,700	18,500	(200)
Payroll Taxes and Workers' Comp.	6,200	0	6,900	7,200	300
Pension	2,200	84	2,300	2,400	100
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	0	0	3,700	4,300	600
Supplies	1,700	2,002	1,700	1,700	0
Meetings, Professional Development	1,300	1,140	1,000	1,000	0
Postage	1,000	1,196	1,000	1,000	0
Telephone	1,300	1,237	1,300	1,300	0
Electricity	2,500	1,979	2,500	2,500	0
Water Fixed Charges and Usage Fees	0	0	0	1,600	1,600
Sewer Fixed Charges and Usage Fees	0	0	0	1,600	1,600
Heating Fuel	3,500	3,012	3,500	3,500	0
Materials/Programs	14,200	21,025	17,100	17,100	0
Professional Services - VOL, GMLC	2,000	2,181	2,000	2,000	0
Technology	1,800	3,891	1,500	1,500	0
Custodial Services & COVID Exp.	4,000	5,221	4,000	4,000	0
Building Maintenance & Repairs	2,900	12,069	2,500	2,500	0
Grant Expense	0	448	0	0	0
Subtotal	\$112,700	\$124,773	\$124,100	\$130,200	\$6,100
				% Change = 4.92%	
Recreation Committee					
Supplies and Equipment	2,500	2,200	3,000	3,000	0
Hyde Park Softball/Baseball	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Hyde Park Soccer	0	0	0	1,500	1,500
Hyde Park Basketball	0	0	0	500	500
Propane - Concession Stand	700	292	500	500	0
Purchased Service - Repairs	2,000	200	500	500	0
Grounds Maintenance - Mowing	2,500	4,327	4,000	4,000	0
Subtotal	\$8,700	\$8,019	\$9,000	\$11,000	\$2,000
Community Events & Facilities					
Community Events & Green Up Day	1,500	634	2,000	2,000	0
Green Mountain Byway and LVRT	0	270	2,000	2,000	0
Hyde Park Community Circle	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Subtotal	\$2,500	\$1,904	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Culture & Recreation Total	\$143,900	\$154,696	\$160,600	\$168,700	\$8,100
				% Change = 5.04%	

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2020	ACTUAL FY2020	CURRENT FY2021	PROPOSED FY2022	CHANGE FY21 to FY22
<u>Outside Agencies Support</u>					
American Red Cross - Northern VT	250	250	250	250	0
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	710	710	710	710	0
Central Vermont Council on Aging/RSVP	1,725	1,725	1,725	1,725	0
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	0
Home Share Vermont	500	500	500	500	0
HPES After School Program	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Hyde Park Youth Mentoring Program	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0
Lamoille Community Food Share	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Lamoille County Conservation District	500	500	500	500	0
Lamoille County Mental Health Services	0	0	2,000	2,000	0
Lamoille County Planning Commission	1,829	1,829	1,829	1,829	0
Lamoille County Spec. Investigations Unit	1,907	1,907	1,907	1,907	0
Lamoille Economic Development Corp.	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Lamoille Family Center	1,500	1,500	3,000	3,000	0
Lamoille Home Health & Hospice	8,862	8,862	8,862	8,862	0
Lamoille Housing Partnership	300	300	300	300	0
Lamoille Neighbors	600	600	800	800	0
Lamoille Restorative Center	900	900	900	900	0
Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0
North Country Animal League	500	500	500	500	0
River Arts	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Rural Community Transport	3,350	3,350	3,350	3,350	0
VT Association of Conservation Districts	100	100	100	100	0
Outside Agencies Total	\$35,683	\$35,683	\$39,383	\$39,383	\$0
				% Change = 0.00%	
<u>Capital Outlay & Reserves</u>					
Municipal Record Restoration	0	11,576	0	0	0
Economic Development Reserve	0	4,000	0	0	0
Recreation Reserve	0	75	0	0	0
Reappraisal Reserve Fund	0	469	14,000	0	(14,000)
Sidewalk Reserve	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0
Highway Capital Reserve	130,000	130,000	140,000	160,000	20,000
Stormwater Capital Reserve	0	0	2,000	5,000	3,000
Fire Vehicles Reserve	62,500	62,500	65,000	85,000	20,000
Fire Equipment & Repair Reserve	10,000	10,000	12,000	12,000	0
Library Reserve	0	0	6,000	9,000	3,000
Flood Nov 1, 2019 - FEMA	0	247,266	0	0	0
Infrastructure/Repairs/Engineering	8,092	11,048	5,017	5,017	0
Capital Outlay & Reserves Total	\$235,592	\$501,934	\$269,017	\$301,017	\$32,000
				% Change = 11.90%	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL EXPENSES	\$2,528,300	\$2,777,063	\$2,646,500	\$2,736,000	\$89,500
				% Change = 3.38%	

RESERVE FUND BALANCE SHEETS - as of June 30, 2020		
Fund Name & Number	Fund Balance	Funds from:
Municipal Record Restoration (Fund 11)	\$ 8,283	Recording Fees
Economic Development (Fund 12)	\$ 18,519	Harvey Loan Proceeds
Recreation Reserve (Fund 13)	\$ 8,779	Audited Recreation Surplus
Reappraisal (Fund 14)	\$ 54,610	Annual State Grant
Grange Hall Maintenance (Fund 15)	\$ 18,795	Voter Appropriation Articles
Sidewalk/Bike Projects (Fund 21)	\$ 136,597	Annual Town Budget
Highway Capital Reserve (Fund 22)	\$ 66,486	Annual Town Budget
Stormwater Capital Reserve (Fund 23)	\$ 8,865	Annual Town Budget
Fire Vehicle (Fund 31)	\$ 97,095	Annual Town Budget
Fire Equipment & Repair (Fund 32)	\$ 12,367	Annual Town Budget
Library Building Reserve (Fund 41)	\$ 3,027	Interest Earned on Investments

Selectboard Budget FY2022



Tax Rate Projection

Town Budget	2,736,000.00
Non-Property Tax Revenue	(427,800.00)
To Be Raised from Property Tax Revenue	2,308,200.00
Est. 2021 Grand List - 1.25% Increase from 2020	2,803,660.09
Tax Rate (Rounded)	0.8233
ADD - Local Agreement Rate Estimate - final at tax rate vote (Rounded)	0.0028
Tax Rate With Local Agreement	0.8261
ADD - Town Meeting Funding Requests, if approved:	
North Central Vermont Recovery Center \$	2,000
Salvation Farms	750
Vermont Family Network	500
Total Requests by Article = \$	3,250
If articles approved, adds to tax rate:	0.0012
TOTAL Tax Rate With All Approvals \$	0.8273

Summary of Proposed Budget Changes & History

Revenues

Decrease to reflect actuals Delinquent Tax Penalty Collected	\$ (14,000)
Decrease to show landowners removed from Current Use program	\$ (4,000)
Remove use of General Fund Unassigned Balance to lower tax rate	(30,000)

Expenses

Payroll = 2.0% COLA for employees - plus staffing changes	\$ 4,400
Increase for data protection/retention, cloud backup and staff training	\$ 4,800
Increase County tax for new water charges - not previously charged	\$ 3,400
Increase summer paving to gradually reach annual goal of \$250,000	\$ 20,000
Increase for "small road projects" line item; typically non-grant projects	\$ 15,000
Increase Fire Dept. budget for new water charges - not previously charged	\$ 18,500
LCSD Patrol Budget increased cost for wages & retirement expenses	\$ 12,600
Increase Library budget for new water/sewer charges - not previously charged	\$ 3,200
Remove Reappraisal as this is expended from Reserve Acct not GF	\$ (14,000)
Highway Capital Equipment Fund - goal is gradually to \$215,000/yr	\$ 20,000
Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund - goal to gradually reach \$120,000/yr	\$ 20,000

Annual Expense Budget History

FY20	\$2,530,200	\$ Change
FY21 Current	\$2,646,500	\$ 116,300
FY22 Proposed	\$2,736,000	\$ 89,500

Tax Rate History

FY20	\$0.7722	% Change
FY21 Current	\$0.7930	2.69%
FY22 Proposed	\$0.8273	4.32%

Impact of Municipal Rate Increase = For every \$100,000 of property value, the taxpayer owes an additional \$34.26 per year in municipal property taxes (excludes school); per \$100 = \$0.03426

Note: Without \$25,100 water/sewer charges, the FY22 tax rate increase would be 3.2% w/Budget Inc. 2.4%

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town Administrator is appointed by and supervised by the Selectboard to assist the board in conducting the day-to-day activities of the local government. I was appointed to this position in September 2011 and also serve as the town zoning administrative officer and E911 Coordinator. I am staff to the Town Planning Commission, & Town Development Review Board and town committees, supporting the volunteer efforts of the Gihon Valley Hall Committee, Energy Committee, Recreation Committee and from time to time assisting the Town Health Officer & Animal Control Officers.

The Town Administrator works with all town departments to plan for the immediate and long-term needs of the community and to ensure that the operation of local government is as transparent as possible. The administrator seeks and processes grants to supplement property tax revenues and proposes proactive measures to address potentially difficult or costly situations, such as developing new town policies and procedures or coordinating efforts with regional and state agencies. The Town has implemented financial policies and procedures recommended by the outside auditor, Town Treasurer and Town Finance Director. A new Town Finance Committee mission statement was approved in 2020 and the committee is planned to be organized in 2021 with residents joining town staff on the town audit process and making recommendations on town investments and financial policies.

Local government operations benefit immensely from the input of citizens. Town staff and committee members welcome and will consider new ideas or improvements to existing community services. Public comments are encouraged on any topic at any time. Meeting agendas and notices are posted on area bulletin boards (municipal office and town library) and the town website (www.hydeparkvt.com), with public hearings warned in The News and Citizen. We appreciate all that assisted in this past year's COVID-19 community emergency response, from making and delivering masks, holding weekly emergency management phone conferences, to keeping each other safe by following the evolving recommendations through Governor's Emergency Orders.

Moving forward in 2021, renovation work at the town highway garage is planned with lighting and electrical upgrades being considered. Other projects include planning for capital investments in North Hyde Park and the Village of Hyde Park via the recommendations in the [Better Connections Report](#) and the ["Net Zero" stormwater improvement study](#) for Main Street, renewal of the Highway Union Contract with IBEW, and continuing the review of town employee health benefits. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to offer support in any of these areas, please contact me, any Selectboard member or attend a Selectboard meeting (the first few minutes of each meeting are open for public comment).

It's a pleasure to serve the residents of Hyde Park,

Ron Rodjenski
Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

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

During the 2020 calendar year, our office managed three elections and was on hand to check in Hyde Park voters at the Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Annual Meeting. All elections require registering new voters, managing absentee ballot requests, staffing the polls with election staff and having enough people in place to count ballots after the polls close. Each election requires approximately 4-6 weeks of pre-election work and approximately 3-5 days of post-election work. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we worked closely with the VT Secretary of State and the Election Division to offer a safe voting environment. With a \$5,000 grant from the Center for Tech & Civic Life, I was able to purchase some election equipment and PPE items to keep voters and poll workers safe at the polls. Although we take great pride in our efforts to efficiently manage all elections, we would not be able to do it without the people who volunteer to assist us during elections. To those election workers, we offer a heart-felt thank you for your assistance during the challenging election cycle of 2020.

In August, I was awarded a \$30,559.18 grant from the State of Vermont using CARES Act Federal Funding. This grant allowed me to have our land records imaged and indexed back to 1983. The indexing is almost complete and once it is, this information will be loaded into our digital land record system. At the same time, we were able to have our lien books scanned and our Property Transfer Tax Returns scanned. These will be loaded into our digital records and we will be indexing them in our spare time. We are so close to having a 40-year history of records online, which is important in title searches. Having our records online has been a huge help for attorneys, title searchers and surveyors' who needed access to our records during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

Assistant Clerk Kristan Langlois was hired and started at the end of February We are very fortunate to have her in the office.

The Town Clerk's Office hours are Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm. We have summer hours of Monday through Thursday 7:30am to 4:00pm and Friday 8am to 1pm that start the first Monday in June. These hours have worked well and we will continue to use these summer hours going forward. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we were still providing services at the office by appointment only and while working from home, we were answering emails and providing whatever information we could from our home offices.

Please notify us of any changes, including address changes or name changes, so that you may receive timely correspondence. Please visit our website www.hydeparkvt.com to find out about all of the municipal services that are offered. The Town Clerk's Office utilizes the town website, the Front Porch Forum and the News & Citizen to notify residents of tax due dates, dog licensing dates, office closing dates and any other important news and updates. As always, please do not hesitate to call us with questions at 888-2300, option 1.

Glenna Pound, CPA, is the current town auditor. She will have our FY20 audit finalized soon. Once complete, the FY20 audit will be uploaded to our website under the Treasurer's link as soon as it is available.

I'd also like to thank Jim Noyes and Teresa Farquharson for time spent proofreading the Town Report before it went to the publishers. We may not have caught 100% of the typos but we made a dedicated attempt at it this year. If you are interested in helping us with this task in future years, please let me know.

Our Town Report continues to be published by Repro out of Winooski. They continue to give us the best pricing for our Town Report publication year after year. Their customer service is top notch and we greatly appreciate their responsiveness in assisting us during the process of getting our report ready for publishing.

Thank you!

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

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE STATISTICS FOR 2020

Land Records:

Total pages of documents processed as Land Records:	2,560
Total number of Property Transfer Tax forms filed:	127
Total number of survey maps recorded:	22

Green Mountain Passports Issued:	13
Dogs Licenses Issued:	321
DMV Registration Renewals:	39
Fish & Game Licenses Issued:	1
Overweight Permits Issued:	54
Liquor Licenses Issued:	2
Total Tax Bills Issued:	1,483

VITAL STATISTICS

Births: (Male = 12, Female = 19)	31
Deaths:	27
Civil Marriages:	22
Certified Copies Issued:	74

ELECTIONS

BALLOTS CAST

February 17, 2020	Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Annual Meeting		Floor Votes
March 3, 2020	Annual Town Meeting	160 (floor meeting)	761 (polls)
	Registered Voters:	2,254	
	Absentee Ballots Requested:	147	
August 11, 2020	Statewide Primary		808
	Registered Voters:	2,234	
	Absentee Ballots Requested:	724	
November 3, 2020	General Election		1,750
	Registered Voters:	2,303	
	Absentee Ballots Requested:	1,758 (a majority were mailed by the State)	
New Registered Voters in 2020	270		
Challenged Voters in 2020	75		
Purged Voters in 2020	214		

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
STATEMENT OF TOWN INDEBTEDNESS
07/01/2019 – 06/30/2020**

Balance outstanding, 06/30/2019		\$0.00
Paid:		
	\$22,000.00	
	Total Paid	(\$22,000.00)
 New Loans:		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Matures</u>
	\$110,000.00	June 30, 2024
	<u>Interest Rate</u>	0.00%
	Total New Loans	\$110,000
 Balance outstanding, 06/30/2020		 \$88,000.00

**TAX ACCOUNTING
As of June 30, 2020**

Tax Billing: \$6,409,614.16

Total Tax Receipts:	\$ 6,343,630.70	Current Year Collected 07/01/19 - 06/30/20
	\$ 6,288.85	Interest 07/01/19 - 06/30/20
	<u>\$ 5,353.88</u>	Penalty 07/01/19 - 06/30/20
	\$ 6,355,273.43	Total

Taxes sent to schools: \$3,347,755.10 Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District

Sent to Delinquent Tax Collector

On May 19, 2020:	\$134,661.10	Unpaid Taxes due for 07/01/18 - 06/30/2019
	<u>\$ 2,894.35</u>	Unpaid Interest due for 07/01/18 - 06/30/2019
	\$137,555.45	Total Unpaid

Town of Hyde Park Tax Information:

- 1) Taxes assessed as of April 1st of each year.
- 2) Taxes are considered delinquent if not paid on or before the final installment date and will be subject to an 8% Tax Collector's fee and interest charges.
- 3) Any delinquent amount, plus fees and interest, must be paid in full to clear a taxpayer's account on the Town records. Any accounts with a delinquent tax balance outstanding as of December 31st of each year will be published in the Town Report.

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

As of December 31, 2020

2018 – 2019

Darling, Kenneth, Lars, Gary and Ronald	*	\$3,648.44
Merriam, Candace and Santamore, Shawn		\$81.72
Osmond, Tyler H		\$6,200.45
Picard, Jason M	*	\$2,915.27
Pratt, Charles and Kylie and Foss-Pratt, Jean		\$1,578.20
Veldon, Victoria		\$5.68

2019 – 2020

Baldwin, David		\$1,427.50
Burmeister, Gretchen		\$466.95
Darling, Kenneth, Lars, Gary and Ronald	*	\$5,263.72
Demar, Lawrence Jr.		\$908.03
Goodell, Jason E and Joshua D		\$1,509.40
Judd, Douglas and Mary and Hoadley, Fred		\$79.05
Judd, Douglas and Mary		\$1,377.75
Judd, Mary		\$2,656.12
Merriam, Candace and Santamore, Shawn		\$73.22
Osmond, Tyler H.		\$6,226.72
Picard, Jason M.	*	\$4,481.72
Pratt, Charles and Kylie and Foss-Pratt, Jean		\$1,416.04
Pratt, Charles and Foss-Pratt, Jean		\$2,763.23
Spitzer, Michael and Crystal		\$1,817.69
Stewart, Sandra L.		\$604.85
Hyde Park, Town of	**	\$850.14
Hyde Park, Town of	**	\$1,385.12
Vipien, LLC		\$1,343.20
Wells, Ryan		\$1,489.31
Westcom, Cheyenne		\$70.91
Total Delinquent Taxes		\$50,640.43

*Payment Agreement on file

** Property acquired from tax sale December 2019 with Tax Collector Deed issued to the Town December 2020. Working with former owner of property to deed back to them.

The *Delinquent Tax Collection Policy* was jointly approved by the Selectboard and the Delinquent Tax Collector in April 2016. This policy includes offering a written payment agreement between the Delinquent Tax Collector and the delinquent tax payer to avoid tax sales. Written payment agreements must be on file by the end of the day August 15th annually, or the first business day after. Parcels with a delinquent balance owing as of August 16th, or the first business day after, will be sent to the Tax Sale Attorney for preparation for the tax sale.

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

There were no tax sales in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

Kimberly J. Moulton
Delinquent Tax Collector

2020 LISTERS' REPORT

Common Level of Appraisal

The Town's CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) has decreased to 92.65%. The CLA is calculated using the last three years of sales data. This year's study utilized sales from 4/2/2017 to 4/1/2020. The three year analysis causes the CLA to move more slowly than the general market, either upward or downward. The Coefficient of Dispersion increased from 7.28% last year to 10.9%, still showing good uniformity of appraisal for different property types in the grand list. The higher the COD is, the greater the disparity.

Grand List

The 2020 Grand List increased by .90% over the 2019 Grand List. This is a little less than the prior year, but still an improvement over the prior years. With zoning having issued a 10 year record of building permits, we are expecting the Grand List to grow more than 1% for the coming tax year.

Homestead Declarations

Homestead Declarations must be filed on an annual basis. Copies of the forms (HS-122) will be printed in the Vermont Tax Booklet and you can also file online from the Vermont Tax Department website at www.tax.vermont.gov. The Property Tax Adjustment Claims will also need to be filed each year, just as in the past. **The Homestead Declarations and Property Tax Adjustment Claims are due by April 15th each year** (income tax deadline), but if you miss that date, you will be able to file your claim until October 15th with a penalty charged for filing late.

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

- If the short term rental is in an outbuilding, this building is not part of the homestead regardless of the time and square footage of the building. Check the "Business or Rental Use of Improvements or Other Dwellings" on the Homestead Declaration form. 32 VSA §5401 (7)(F)
- Camps are not homesteads unless they are on the principal dwelling parcel. If they are on the principal dwelling parcel, they are considered a second dwelling on the parcel, not an outbuilding. If they are used as a short term rental, unlike the outbuilding, time advertised goes into the business/rental percentage of the homestead. This would be calculated as the value of the camp dwelling multiplied by [days advertised available divided by 365 days in a year]. Check the "Business or Rental Use of Improvements or Other Dwellings" on the Homestead Declaration form. 32 VSA §5401 (7) (H)
- For portions of the primary dwelling, a percentage business use is required. Add the square footage of the bedrooms and bathrooms used plus the square footage of the common areas such as the kitchen to create the breakfast, living room and dining room if it is used by guests. Divide this by the square footage of the primary dwelling and multiply this quotient by the quotient of days the short term rental is advertised available (if it is seasonal) divided by 365 days. Put this percentage on the "Rental Use of Dwelling" line.

- Notice it does not matter whether or not the rooms are filled. It goes by advertised availability time. If it is available year round the calculation is 365/365 per year. If it is advertised available for June, July and August the calculation is 92/365 per year.

Online Resources

State of Vermont Department of Taxes Website: tax.vermont.gov

Property Valuation & Review Annual Reports

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

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

Tax Maps

CAI Technologies continues to provide our tax maps and they are now available online. They can be accessed from the Town website at www.hydeparkvt.com. Click on the big round map icon under Parcel Maps. Search is on the left and tools are on the right. Hover your mouse over the tool to learn what it does. Paper maps are still available in the Town Offices.

Office Hours & Grievances

There is a Lister in the Town Offices at least one afternoon per week. If you have questions or need help understanding how your property is assessed, we can be contacted at 888-2300. If you leave a voice-mail we will call you back. You can also e-mail us at lister@hydeparkvt.com. Grievance hearings are held in late May or early June.

Due to COVID, the Listers did not hold face to face grievance hearings in June 2020. All those requesting a grievance completed an Application for Grievance form (created by the state), allowing the Listers to ‘hear’ the grievances without risking disease transmission.

The same system may need to be used again for hearings in 2021. You may request a grievance hearing at any time using the Application for Grievance form on the Town website, Listers page, at hydeparkvt.com/listers-and-assessors/ Complete the form and mail it to or drop it by the Listers Office. It must be received by 4 PM on the Deadline for Appeal date on the Change of Appraisal Notices and Notice of Grievance Hearings posted around town and advertised in the News & Citizen.

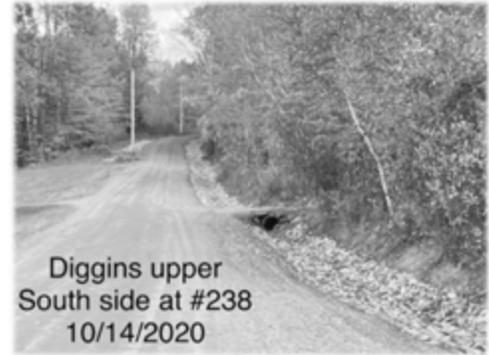
Gary Anderson, Matt Reed

Hyde Park Town Listers

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

During the 2020 road work season, the highway crew completed the following:

- Fixed Spring mud holes / shaped roads for chloride dust control; Mowed roadsides.
- Cleaned up winter sand left along roadways in the Village and North Hyde Park and built back the winter sand pile. Completed annual road grading and installation of garage water/oil separator.
- Deferred stormwater catch basins due to Village water project.
- Completed road reconstruction repairs following the 11/01/2019 rainstorm; FEMA reimbursement grant pending (over \$200,000 anticipated).
- Continued to work towards compliance with the new Municipal Roads General Permit, by adding crowns to paved and gravel roads, removing roadside berms to create negative grade road shoulders and improve ditching and swales by clearing roadside vegetation.
- Major Projects:



The “Sink Hole” Project – Nicknamed for how this stormwater system improvement project was started when a sink hole appeared on a private property on Johnson Street Extension. The project grew in scope to include an intersection realignment at West Main and Johnson St Extension. VTrans is providing a \$435,000 grant with a 20% grant match required, possible construction in Summer 2020. Construction delayed until 2021 as right-of-way clearance documents are in process through end of 2020.

Center Road – Worked with contractors J. Hutchins and Percy to replace 20 culverts.

Prospect Street – Met with neighbors concerning plans for 2021 repaving, including road width.

Projects Planned Summer 2021:



Fitch Hill Road – removing asphalt for new water lines – repaving in 2021

Johnson Street Extension/West Main Intersection – assist contractors in completing the “Sink Hole” stormwater improvements & realignment of the West Main St intersection with Main St (a new T-intersection).

Better Connections & Net Zero Projects – review priority recommendations for capital investment in Village of Hyde Park with construction continuing in 2021 and stormwater projects being planned for Main St and Church St.

Better Roads Grant – State grants canceled for 2020 – will try again in 2021 for funds to upgrade an existing culvert on McKinstry Hill Road north of Bourdeau Road.

Paving – Center Road, Fitch Hill Rd, Prospect St and Eden Street.

Thank You! ... Operator/Grader **Mark Lehouillier** for your 9 years of excellent service to taxpayers and insight in how to get it done just a little bit better. Good luck in your road grading adventures. And as always, a thank you to the residents for your nice words and compliments as we try our best to keep the roads cleared of snow & ice and summer traveling smooth.

The Highway Crew: Mark French, Foreman; Lead Operator Ryan Nolan, & Operator Michael Griggs; Seasonal crew members: Michel Renaud, Blaine Delisle and Dale Nolan

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town Planning Commission's work over the past 2020 calendar year included:

- Reviewed town zoning regulations for possible updates; including the use of “shall” and “may”
- Met with regional planning staff who will be working on the Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) 2020 tasks with the Towns of Eden and Waterville to develop pedestrian safety improvements along state highways that are located in state-designated Village Centers like North Hyde Park
- Reviewed new state law requirements for town plans, such as forest protection and energy. The Hyde Park Municipal Development Plan expires in 2025
- Agreed to focus the commission's time during the COVID emergency on North Hyde Park via the on-going MPG20 study, revitalization of the Gihon Valley Hall and developing capital improvement plans for wastewater and pedestrian enhancements
- Worked with regional planning staff to update the Hyde Park Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, approved in December 2020
- Approved joining with Town of Cambridge on MPG21 Consortium Planning Grant to study public lands access and management
- Created a subcommittee to explore development of decentralized wastewater system to serve residential and commercial uses in North Hyde Park

In 2021, the Town Planning Commission will be working on zoning amendments and reviewing the Municipal Plan to begin work on those tasks and projects. We encourage members of the public to attend our meetings.

The Town Planning Commission partners with the Village of Hyde Park Planning Commission (VPC) on some projects, including the Town and Village Municipal Development Plan and the Hyde Park Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, but the VPC is solely responsible for the development and implementation of the Village Zoning Regulations. The Commission appreciates the support from the taxpayers as we work to develop new goals and objectives for our community. The public is always encouraged to attend our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Monday of each month, and questions may be directed to any commissioner for more information.

During the current COVID-19 emergency, and after, the virtual meeting option will remain as a method for all residents to call in or log in & participate at all meetings (call in information is on each agenda).

Bob Malbon, Chairman

Members: Vicki Emerson, Eric Williams, Brian Jones

**TOWN DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
& ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

The Development Review Board (DRB) meets when requested to consider applications for Conditional Use Review, Subdivision, and Site Plan Review and any appeals of administrative decisions. The DRB has adopted Rules of Procedure as required by State law to guide the board in the conduct of hearings and other procedures. The Village of Hyde Park has separate bylaws and those are administered by the Village Administrative Officer at 888-2310. In 2020, the Town DRB approved the following requests:

- Budziak – Battle Row Road – Auto-detailing business; gutter installation business
- Harvey – VT 100 – 2-lot residential subdivision with new right-of-way
- Clancy – Patnoe Farm Road – Outdoor Recreation Facility
- Cubit – VT 100 – 2-lot residential subdivision with more than three lots in 10 years
- Lang – VT 15 West – Hair Salon and Woodworking Shop
- Lange – Cleveland Corners Road – Pond with embankment
- Lewis – North Hyde Park Road – Residential driveway with steep slopes

The DRB meets as needed. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Zoning Office at ron@hydeparkvt.com. Announcements of upcoming hearings online: www.hydeparkvt.com, *News & Citizen*, the post office and the town clerk's office.

The Zoning Administrator's office is accessible for records research by calling the town clerk's office at 888-2300. Zoning questions: ron@hydeparkvt.com. There is one general permit application for all proposed land development activities which is posted at the town website, available at the town clerk's office or by email: ron@hydeparkvt.com. A local zoning permit, permit exemption approval, or state permits are required prior to most land development activities so landowners are encouraged to contact the zoning office early in your planning process. The State of Vermont also requires that the Town refer landowners to the state permit specialist because one or more state permits are required for most land development, especially commercial developments, and wetlands delineation. Land development includes subdivisions, decks, garages, new homes or businesses and changes in use.

2020 Zoning (Building) Permits consisted of:

- 11 – Single-Family Units (2019=7 homes, 2018/9, 2017/4; '16/4; '15/10; '14/4; '13/6)
- 11 – Additions; Attached Garages, Decks or MH Replacements
- 9 – Outbuildings and signs (unattached to primary residential structure)
- 11 – Subdivisions, Easements and Subdivision Amendments (11 new residential lots)
- 6 – Boundary Line Adjustments (no new lots created) & Setback Waivers
- 10 – Site Alterations; Fill, Driveways (including accepting clean fill material); and Ponds
- 7 – Commercial structures or change of use
- 8 – Applications Withdrawn (or incomplete as of 12/31/2020)

Respectfully submitted,
Malcolm Teale, DRB Chair
Ron Rodjenski, Hyde Park Town Administrative Officer

LANPHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

One of the Lanpher Memorial Library's philosophies of service is that we will continually assess the needs of our community and adapt our services to meet those needs.

During Governor Scott's "Stay Home and Stay Safe" order, the Lanpher Library building was closed to the public, but our staff was busy. We were working with our community partners to carry out initiatives to those in need, taking online webinars and classes to update our professional development, calling patrons who we were concerned about due to the effects of social isolation, helping people connect with the downloadable e-book and audio services, writing grants and much more.

In collaboration with Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District, we were able to hold a Zoom book discussion for a "compost literacy" series we'd started pre-pandemic. After the success with that event, we began holding other programs and discussions through Zoom.

When we were safely able to, we began offering "curbside check out". Patrons can reserve items online, call or email us, and we'll collect your materials for you to pick up during our curbside hours. This service is very successful, and as our patrons have come to rely on it more, we've seen less of a difference in our circulation statistics compared to last year.

On May 1st, we held our second annual "Wish Tree" event. This year folks could submit their wishes through an online form, and we wrote them on strips of fabric to tie to the branches of our oak tree in front of the library. Wishes ranged from: "I wish for Covid to be over" to "I wish for a pet shark"!

The end of May was also the end of my term as President of the Vermont Library Association. My last two acts as President were to be part of a panel to talk to Representative Peter Welch about the importance of public libraries and library service during the pandemic, and to write a statement on behalf of VLA condemning increased violence and racism towards Black Americans and People of Color.

The Lanpher Library partnered with, and continue to work with, the Racial Equity Alliance of Lamoille (REAL)-Schools to start a community read using the book "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You", by Jason Reynold and Ibram X. Kendi. This project has drawn interest from libraries and school systems around Vermont.

Over the summer we set up an ongoing StoryWalk® around the lower field at Hyde Park Elementary School and changed the story every two weeks. For the winter, the StoryWalk® moved to Main Street and is changed every month.

We received a Summer Readers Grant through the Children's Literacy Foundation. We set up physically distanced tables on the library lawn and filled them with books. Every child who stopped by got to select 2 brand new, free books to keep.

Speaking of grants, with the help of the Friends of the Lanpher Memorial Library acting as our fiscal agent, we wrote and received \$5000 in Covid relief funds from the Vermont Humanities

Council. Funds were used for a Wi-Fi extender to expand our free connection outside of the building, StoryWalk® supplies, book discussion sets, activity kits, staff retention and more.

Our Friends group hosted virtual programming, a physically distanced pumpkin carving contest, moved their raffle fundraisers to an online bidding format, maintained the Lanpher Library's memberships to the Fairbanks and Shelburne Museums and donated funds for us to purchase every title on the VT Children's Choice Book Award lists. The Friends of the Lanpher Memorial Library meet via Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00. If you are interested in volunteering to join the Friends of the Library board, please contact: lanpherfriends@gmail.com

More grants! Our application for the RiseVT Amplify grant was successful and we got \$1500 to add snowshoes to our collection. We purchased them locally through Power Play Sports and by the time you are reading this, they should be ready to borrow from the Library.

Our community partners, the Hyde Park Partners in Education (PIE), also got funding from RiseVT. We will be working with them in the spring of 2021 to set up some portable raised bed gardens in various places in the Village to grow healthy foods for our community to enjoy. We also got to work with PIE for the physically distanced Halloween Parade and Treasure Hunt.

Through grant funding from UVM Extension and UVM Office of Engagement's Community Resilience initiative, we were able to purchase an air purifier for inside the Library building.

The Library Trustees formed a sub-committee in 2019 to begin planning to renovate the unfinished basement area of the library into a usable Community Room. We wrote and received a grant for \$5300 from the VT Dept. of Buildings and General Services, and with other funding and donations, work started on this project in the beginning of January 2021. We hope to have the rest of the funding in place soon so that the room can be completed and ready to be used when we can all meet in person again.

None of these services, partnerships, programs and projects would be possible without Assistant Director Ruth Hay and Circulation Librarian Christi Dussault. These two wonderful, innovative and hardworking people keep the library moving forward each day and we would be lost without them.

Please visit our website to learn more about the Lanpher Library and to keep updated on any changes in how we can safely serve you: www.lanpherlibrary.org

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Olsen, Library Director
Lanpher Memorial Library Board of Trustees
Fran Aronovici, Chairperson
Jim Noyes, Treasurer
Melanie Dickinson, Secretary
Emily Dearborn
Sigh Searles
Ken Geiersbach
Kim Austin-Puleio

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

2020 was a different year for everyone, as well as the Hyde Park Cemetery Commissioners. We held less in-person meetings, had more site walks with masks and social distancing, and spent more time communicating by phone or emails.

However, in spite of the turmoil, we are proud to say our six (6) cemeteries (Village, Jedediah Hyde, Center, Holbrook, Hooper, and North Hyde Park) were kept mowed and maintained by Spaulding Property Management, LLC, and they have been contracted for the 2021 season.

The entrance to the Hooper Cemetery has been widened, making it easier to enter with a vehicle. Our cemeteries are in need of a lot of repair work as well as cleaning of stones. It was decided to review and get an idea of the cost of what needs to be completed in each cemetery. This information would be helpful for now and for the future as we plan expenses with funds available.

It was discovered that American Flags were removed from the cemeteries prior to Veteran's Day. At this time, we do not know who removed them or why.

Growing trees and shrubs continue to be a problem. PLEASE do not plant them on your lot(s), and if you have, please remove them or have them groomed. In some places, the growth is overtaking the grave stones.

Our thanks to Spaulding Property Maintenance in keeping our cemeteries well cared for and to Hillside Trash (Ethan and Donna Hill) for cemetery trash removal.

Due to health conditions, Mary Foss submitted her resignation. Her resignation was accepted, and her granddaughter, Sarrah Patch, expressed an interest in fulfilling the term. We thank Mary for her many years working with us. She was a big asset and we wish her the best.

If you have any questions regarding Hyde Park Cemeteries, please feel free to contact a Cemetery Commissioner.

HYDE PARK CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
 Judith T. Lanphear, Secretary
 Robert Foss, Treasurer
 Christine Cooney
 Nioka H. Houston
 Sarrah Patch

<u>2020 FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
<u>INCOME</u>	
Sale of Lots	\$ 4,625.00
Town Appropriation	\$20,000.00
Donation (Martha Fink)	\$ 50.00
Interest	<u>\$ 28.16</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,703.16
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
- Caretaker (Spaulding Property Mgmt)	\$ 8,000.00
- Rubbish Removal (Hillside Trash)	\$ 76.00
- JBW Excavation (NHP Cemetery Trees)	\$ 602.00
- JBW Excavation (Hooper Cemetery Trees and Entrance Gate)	\$ 2,489.53
- JBW Excavation (Center Cemetery Trees)	\$ 3,531.50
- Postage (stamps)	\$ 23.00
- Menards Agway	\$ 19.31
- Cusson's Accounting (Supplies/Binders)	\$ 50.00
- Clegg's Memorials (corner posts)	\$ 320.00
- VT Monuments (corner posts)	\$ 400.00
- Appropriations	
-Plains	\$ 1,375.00
-St. Teresa's	\$ 1,375.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,261.34
NET INCOME	\$ 6,441.82
BENJAMIN CAMPBELL FUND	
Balance as of 12/31/2019	\$ 2,361.08
Balance as of 12/31/2020	\$ 2,361.08

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

Keith Ulrich was appointed on October 1, 2019 for a three-year term. By law, each Vermont town has a Health Officer. Town Health Officers have the authority to prevent and abate public health hazards in their communities. In 2020, Keith responded to animal bites, reports of failed septic systems, air quality/illegal burning and contaminated well water with issuance of draft Emergency Health Orders. Keith also made two wellness checks and investigated numerous dog and cat bites. Keith may be reached at 802-730-9340.

TOWN FINANCE DIRECTOR

The Town Finance Director is appointed by the Selectboard and supervised by the Town Administrator to assist Town officials, boards, and committees in conducting the financial activities of the local government. I was appointed to this position in March 2019. The Town Finance Director works closely with the Town Administrator and Town Treasurer in all functional areas of accounting as well as budget reports and compilation of annual budgets.

The Town Finance Director works with all town departments regarding the preparation and presentation of the annual budget, financial audit reports, revenue projections, implementation of auditor recommendations, and compliance with town policies and procedures. I work with the Town Treasurer, Finance Committee and Selectboard to evaluate and complete investments of municipal funds and closely monitor to obtain optimum return for the Town as needed.



Provides technical advice, counsel, and direction to the Selectboard and department heads as necessary to ensure effective administration and implementation of Town-approved policies, plans, procedures and systems, files, and various financial federal and state reports. In July 2020, the Selectboard decided that due to COVID-19, all members would like to have the ability to use an iPad for Town meetings, Town email correspondence, and any other Town matters as they see fit. I have worked with each Selectboard member to train them on the functions of the iPad, Town email, and virtual meeting applications. All five Selectboard members now have their iPads and are becoming proficient in the usage of this technology.

In December 2020, the Town was awarded \$19,440.17 in reimbursement money through the Local Government Expense Reimbursement (LGER) program due to COVID-19. This reimbursement money was to offset a good portion of our unexpected expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate all that assisted in this past year's COVID-19 community emergency response.

Moving forward in 2021, we are continuously implementing updated policies and procedures as recommended by the outside auditor or from other legal guidance.

It is a pleasure to serve the residents of the Town of Hyde Park,

Alli Cusson, Town Finance Director

TREE WARDEN REPORT

The Town Tree Warden is a statutory position appointed by the Selectboard and serving Hyde Park in support of the care and protection of public shade trees. This volunteer position is currently vacant but that does not mean the responsibilities to public shade trees in 24 VSA Chapter 67 and community attention to general tree health are removed.

In 2020, the state law guiding tree wardens and preservation of shade trees was updated to provide for clearer responsibilities to public shade trees by the towns. Towns may choose to adopt a Shade Tree Preservation Plan to define the town's role in shade tree maintenance & removal, including maps or zones within the municipality where trees in public ways are designated shade trees. A public hearing is required prior to the adoption of the proposed plan. Hyde Park's tree inventory (2017) may be viewed here [TREE INVENTORY](#) and volunteers are always welcome to continue this work (free training provided).

Towns continue to have the option of adopting a Tree Ordinance for the administration of the shade tree presentation plan and the regulation of shade trees. If any resident would like to learn more about the tree



warden position and assisting the town in the development of a Shade Tree Plan, please contact the Town Administrator or Selectboard.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and its devastating impact on native ash trees is a major concern and has received a lot of media attention. While it continues to be found in communities in Vermont, it has not been identified in Lamoille County at this time. On January 14, 2021, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal Plant Health Inspection Service ended the EAB [Federal quarantine](#) on ash wood movement between communities and has shifted the national approach to management of the pest, such as rearing and releasing biological control agents. In Vermont, EAB infestations continue to be found but state policy is to continue to follow the "[Slow the Spread](#)" recommendations, such as not moving wood out of infested areas, following guidance on ash wood processing and [tree care and clearing](#). Hyde Park anticipates increased local road tree clearing due to invasive pests and recently increased the annual hazard tree removal budget to \$5,000.



Hyde Park Selectboard

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Keith Ulrich (802) 730-9340 *Emergency calls direct to 911*

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

Animal Control Ordinance

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

Reminder – Hyde Park has a leash law. All dogs must be on a leash or under voice control when off the property of the owner.

Any barking whining, calling or howling for a continuous period of 20 minutes or more is also prohibited.

Animal Cruelty: Information and reporting can be made to Chittenden County Humane Society

<https://www.chittendenumane.org/Report-Animal-Cruelty>

Dog Licensing: During the 2020 license year, the Town of Hyde Park issued 321 dog licenses. In 2019, there were 524 licensed dogs.

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

Please mail or drop off your check for the appropriate fee and provide current rabies information, if not already on file, and we will mail the dog license and tag to you.

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

Dogs or Wolf Hybrids <u>(Not Neutered or Spayed)</u>	Dogs or Wolf Hybrids <u>(Neutered or Spayed)</u>
\$ 8.00 License Fee	\$ 4.00 License Fee
2.00 Town Surcharge	2.00 Town Surcharge
<u>5.00</u> State Surcharge	<u>5.00</u> State Surcharge
\$ 15.00 Total	\$ 11.00 Total
<i>(After April 1, 2021, \$19.00)</i>	<i>(After April 1, 2021, \$13.00)</i>

HYDE PARK TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

212 Centerville Road
Hyde Park, VT 05655



For the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 the Hyde Park Town Fire Department responded to 121 calls for service as compared to 97 calls for the prior year. This was a record year for the department.

The calls were as follows:

Structure Fires	21	Automatic Alarms	19
Wildland Fires	4	Hazardous Materials	9
Vehicle Fires	1	Rescues	6
Vehicle Accidents	17	Other Types	44

The department members would like to thank the taxpayers for your continued support of the department. We invite you to stop by the station any Thursday night, meet the members and see your department's equipment. As always like all the area departments we are looking for people who are interested in protecting our community. If you are interested please contact any member of the department for more information on joining.

Stay Safe!

Chief Engineer Edwin W. Webster, Sr.

HYDE PARK FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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

HYDE PARK TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

NAME:	RANK:	YEARS OF SERVICE:
Audet, Zachery M.	Firefighter	5
Bailey, John, M.	Firefighter	2
Barcomb, Devin, A.	Firefighter	7
Burnor, Dan, J. Jr.	Lieutenant *	10
Bouchard, Jared. N.	Sr. Firefighter	6
Carriere, Alex, H.	Sr. Firefighter	6
Carriere, Brad, E.	Assistant Chief Engineer *	25
Carriere, Cailyn. A.	Junior Firefighter	1
Cook, George, L.	Safety Officer *	44
Jobe, Nathan, F.	Firefighter *	1
Jones, Chris, D.	Engine Lieutenant	12
Laird, Robert W.	Firefighter *	3
Mayhew, Chris, A.	Sr. Firefighter *	33
Nolan, Ryan, D.	Captain *	29
Patnoe, Tanika, L.	Sr. Firefighter	6
Pollock, Preston	Firefighter	2
Powers, Dylan, S.	Firefighter	3
Rohleder, John, A.	Sr. Firefighter *	16
Schmidt, Dirk, O.	Firefighter	3
Webster, Edwin, W. Sr.	Chief Engineer *	47
Wetherell, Kaleb, M.	Lieutenant *	7

*Vermont Fire Academy Certified Firefighter 1

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

Gray, Lynwood, "Cookie"	Retired Chief	43
Audet, Kevin, R.	Retired Assistant Chief	30
Green, Roy, "Mike"	Retired Captain	20
Webster, Edwin, W. Jr.	Retired Captain	15
Larock, Jeremy, W.	Retired Lieutenant	20
Boivin, Roland, A.	Retired Engineer	33
Bapp, Quint, L.	Retired Firefighter	33
Boivin, David, J.	Retired Firefighter	23
Burnor, Dan, J. Sr.	Retired Firefighter	12
Reeve, Wallace	Retired Firefighter	8

BACKYARD BURNING RULES

PROHIBITED

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

WHY NOT BURN?

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

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

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

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

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

Particulates – causes respiratory infection.

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

OKAY

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



QUESTIONS?

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

Recycle, Reuse, Respect

HYDE PARK FAST SQUAD

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

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

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

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

We encourage anyone who might be interested in joining the FAST Squad to email Brad Carriere at hpfsems1@yahoo.com or call him at (802) 730-6770.

We the members are asking for \$4,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Our service is dispatched with Northern EMS on all medical calls, motor vehicle accidents and CO alarms with the Hyde Park Town Fire Department and the North Hyde Park Eden Fire Department in the Town of Hyde Park.

We are always looking for new members to join the FAST Squad. The FAST Squad meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00PM at the Hyde Park Town Fire Department.

Hyde Park FAST Squad

Members	Years of Service
Chief Brad Carriere, NREMT	24 Years
ASST. Chief George Cook, EMT	24 Years
Dorothy Cook, EMT	24 Years
Michael Riddle, NREMT	2 Years
Brad Ketover, Medic	New member

Hyde Park Fast Squad	
Proposed Budget for 7/1/21- 6/30/22	
Administration	\$ 500.00
Training	\$ 500.00
Supplies	\$ 500.00
Radio Maintenance	\$1,000.00
Payroll	\$1,500.00
Total	\$4,000.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Proposed Budget for 07/01/21- 06/30/22

I try staying up to date with Vermont Emergency Management. I have 6 hours left of training to become a level 1 Emergency Management Director for the Vermont Emergency Management program. To become a level 1, it requires 38 hours of courses. My goal is to become a level 2 requiring another 50 hours of courses. The total for the whole Emergency Management Director Certification program is a total of 88 hours.

<u>Supplies</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$500.00

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Carriere
Chief of Hyde Park Fast Squad & Emergency Management Director

NORTH HYDE PARK/EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department responded to 57 calls in 2020

	Hyde Park		Eden
Fire / CO alarm	10		8
Lift Assist	0		4
Car Accident	4		9
Chimney Fire	3		2
Structure Fires	1		1
Brush Fire	1		4
Vehicle Fire	1		0
Odor Problem	0		1
Electrical Fire	1		0
Injured Hiker	0		1
Transformer Fire	1		1
Heating / Malfunction	1		0
ATV Accident	0		1
Mutual Aid to the County	1	Mutual to Lowell	1



Due to COVID 19 the Department was pleased to attend several birthday parades. We assisted with a parade for the Make-A-Wish Foundation joining with many area fire departments and businesses to make for a memorable parade for a family in Eden.

We have been dealing with the Pandemic the best that we can, trying to maintain hours of training and keeping up with truck and equipment checks. The Department purchased and installed a new Washer Extractor that will wash our turnout gear not only to help with the virus but to remove cancer-causing carcinogens.

The Department Would like to thank the Selectboards from both towns and taxpayers for their ongoing support. We would also like to thank the road crews for keeping the roads safe and coming out to assist us when need be. The Department also would like to recognize the local wrecker services who come out in a short notice to help us get the roads opened back up as soon as we can, you do an incredible job, and we are happy to have you in the community.

If you are interested in joining the Department, we meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. You may also contact any member of the Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted
Chief John Savage

Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Position/ *FF1 Certified</u>
John Savage	39	Chief*
Brent Lanpher	29	Assistant Chief*
Scott Audet	31	Captain*
Marvin Whitcomb	20	Captain / Treasurer*
Ethan Griggs	9	Lieutenant*
Dakota Aither	3	Lieutenant
Roger Audet	51	Firefighter
Eric Aither	46	Firefighter
Gary Wright	27	Firefighter
Quint Bapp	22	Firefighter*
Justin Gillen	10	Firefighter*
Kyle Hoadley	7	Firefighter
Jakob Boyer	3	Firefighter
Ben Collier	3	Firefighter*
Adam Degree	3	Firefighter
Zack Degree	3	Firefighter
Stewart Guyette	3	Fire fighter
Matthew Hill	3	Firefighter
Mariah Ingalls	3	Firefighter / Secretary
Rebecca Ferland	1	Firefighter
Jordan Rowell	1	Firefighter
Ryan Whitney	1	Firefighter

Honorary Members

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

1997/2008 International 1500 gal.



2004 Inter'l 4400/E-One 1250/1000 gal.



2009 Freightliner M2-112 1500/1000 gal.



2012 International Terra Star/Valley Fire Rescue



NHP-Eden Fire Dept. Inc.

	Actual Jul 19 - Jun 20	Budget Jul 19 - Jun 20	Current Jul 20 - Jun 21	Proposed Jul 21 - Jun 22
INCOME				
Operation Income-Eden	33,525	33,525	36,800	37,300
Operation Income-Hyde Park	33,525	33,525	36,800	37,300
Miscellaneous Income	2,410	0	0	0
Insurance Rebate	1,418	0	0	0
Donation to FD	6,145	0	0	0
16 new 4500 air bottles	15,000	0	0	0
sale of old E1	12,000	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	104,022.50	67,050.00	73,600.00	74,600.00
EXPENSES				
Salaries	15,165	12,000	13,000	15,000
Administration	1,327	600	900	900
Telephone	2,359	2,000	2,400	2,400
Property Insurance + Disability	15,015	17,000	18,400	18,400
Electricity	1,932	1,800	1,800	2,000
Diesel/Gas	1,488	1,400	1,400	1,400
Air Packs	19,050	2,500	2,500	2,500
Fire Gear	4,032	8,000	10,000	10,000
Truck Maintenance	7,264	5,000	5,000	5,000
Radio/Pagers/Active911	744	1,000	1,200	1,200
Building Maintenance	4,438	2,000	2,000	2,000
Equipment Maintenance	868	1,400	1,400	1,000
Equipment	10,645	2,500	1,000	1,000
Heating Fuel	2,976	3,500	3,500	3,500
Chemicals	342	400	400	600
Training	448	500	800	800
Dues	408	800	800	800
Snow Plowing/Removal	1,500	1,800	1,800	1,800
Fire Prevention	0	400	100	100
into Money Market	4,000	0	0	0
Capital Expenses	0	0	1,000	0
Food	450	200	500	500
Office Supplies	165	500	500	500
Station Supplies	547	350	200	200
wash	200	0	0	0
Generator	0	0	500	500
Donations	95	0	0	0
Pump Testing	0	0	500	500
Hose/Ladder testing	0	0	2,000	2,000
old E1 fund	9,677	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	105,134	65,650	73,600	74,600
			% Change	1.36%
Balance Carry Over (from FY2019)	2,772			
Balance Checking Account (as of 6/30/2020)	1,660			
Balance Money Market (as of 6/30/2020)	12,848			



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

Dear Citizens of Belvidere, Eden, Hyde Park, Johnson, and Waterville

The 2020 calendar year has certainly been a strange year for NEMS but also for the EMS system. COVID-19 decreased our call volume, increased our cost of supplies, as well as impacted the way our crews performed their daily duties. We are immensely proud of our crews as they stepped up when needed to provide both COVID-19 testing and transports. Presently our crews are preparing to assist the State with COVID-19 vaccinations in the upcoming months.

Our call volume decreased a total of 99 calls this past year. In 2019 we responded to 1,456 calls, while in 2020 we responded to 1,357 calls. We responded to 13 calls in Belvidere, 102 in Eden, 224 in Hyde Park, 330 in Johnson, as well as 24 in Waterville. We provided crews for 563 transports as well as 101 mutual aid calls to areas outside of our primary coverage area. We received assistance on 47 mutual aid calls from other services.



NEMS was fortunate to receive funding from the HHS Cares Act, EMS Stabilization Act, EMS Payroll Protection Act as well as the Hazardous Pay Grant. Without these we would have accumulated an annual loss of over \$135,000. We expect the funding left over from these grants to be utilized in the next few months as we are amid another COVID-19 spike.

We thank you for your support for what is now 17 years of service in this region. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Respectfully,

Jeff Johansen

Executive Director

Newport Ambulance Inc.

NEMS 2021 Calendar Year Budget

	<u>CY2020 Budget</u>	<u>CY2020 actual</u>	<u>CY2021 Budget</u>
Income			
4000 · Town Appropriations	\$327,780.00	\$309,727.58	\$353,515.00
4001.01 Cares Relief Act	\$0.00	\$26,449.20	\$0.00
4001.02 Hazard Pay Grant	\$0.00	\$36,606.00	\$0.00
4001.03 EMS Stabilization Grant	\$0.00	\$39,384.06	\$0.00
4001.05 SBA Payroll Protection	\$0.00	\$139,164.67	\$0.00
4005 · Donations	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
4007 Covid testing	\$0.00	\$71,736.75	\$0.00
4009 · Service Ambulance Runs	\$770,000.00	\$769,208.43	\$780,000.00
4012 · Intercept Income	\$2,000.00	\$4,370.00	\$3,500.00
4018 · Ambulance Coverage Time	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$250.00
Total Income	\$1,099,780.00	\$1,398,526.69	\$1,137,265.00
Expense			
5000.01 · Collection Fees	\$600.00	\$ 355.78	\$600.00
Total 5000 · Billing Services Exp.	\$600.00	\$ -	
5001 · Administration Expense	\$0.00	\$ -	
5001.01 ·02.03.04.17 Payroll	\$63,190.00	\$ 58,122.21	\$61,659.00
5001.05 Nas 11 R&M	\$0.00	\$ -	\$468.00
5001.6 Nas 11 Fuel	\$300.00	\$ 292.01	\$390.00
5001.08 · CPA	\$371.00	\$ 429.00	\$390.00
5001.10 · Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$ 285.85	\$390.00
5001.11 · Telephone	\$0.00	\$ -	\$1,187.00
5001.12 · Cell Phones	\$1,794.00	\$ 1,889.73	\$1,557.00
5001.13 · Dues	\$50.00	\$ -	\$0.00
5001.14 · Health Insurance	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,671.52	\$3,730.00
5001.15 · Pension	\$2,894.00	\$ 4,070.18	\$3,742.83
Total 5001 · Administration Exp.	\$0.00	\$ -	
5006 · Rubbish Removal Expense	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,543.26	\$1,500.00
5007 · Diesel Fuel/Gas Expense	\$23,000.00	\$ 19,144.11	\$23,000.00
5008.01 · Insurance Package	\$12,344.00	\$ 14,967.18	\$12,344.00
5008.03 · Health Insurance Exp	\$54,000.00	\$ 54,796.76	\$70,539.00
5008.05 · Workers Comp. Ins Exp	\$58,480.00	\$ 53,205.02	\$44,080.00
5009 · Bank Charges/ Fees Exp.	\$500.00	\$ 1,092.97	\$500.00
5010 · Interest Expense	\$17,160.00	\$ 16,118.47	\$12,000.00
5011 · Staff & Squad Training	\$2,000.00	\$ 740.00	\$2,000.00
5012 · Payroll Expenses	\$680,000.00	\$ 821,753.84	\$707,200.00
5013 · Postage/Delivery Expense	\$20.00	\$ -	\$20.00
5016.01 · Meals Expense	\$200.00	\$ 404.28	\$200.00
5017.01 TPA	\$1,300.00	\$ -	\$456.00
5017 · Pension Plan Expense	\$19,334.00	\$ 28,162.46	\$25,170.00
5018 · Amb R&M Expense			
5018.01 NAS 1	\$0.00	\$ 682.01	
5018.06 · NEMS #1 R&M	\$8,000.00	\$ 1,448.98	\$4,000.00
5018.07 · NEMS #2 R&M	\$8,000.00	\$ 5,725.61	\$8,000.00
5018.08 · NEMS #3 R&M	\$7,000.00	\$ 3,112.25	\$7,000.00
5018.14 · Service Agreements	\$1,000.00	\$ 6,473.20	\$1,000.00
5018.10 · Misc. Amb R&M	\$1,000.00	\$ 4,405.79	\$0.00
Total 5018 · Amb. R&M Expense			
5023 Grounds		\$ 2,996.44	\$4,000.00
5019 · Building R&M Expense	\$8,000.00	\$ 7,141.89	\$4,000.00
5020 · Computer Repairs/ Upgrade Exp	\$2,000.00	\$ -	
5021 · Supplies			
5021.01 · Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$ 263.94	\$500.00
5021.03 · Med. Supplies/Equip.	\$8,000.00	\$ 12,109.94	\$10,000.00
5021.04 · General Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$ 3,643.68	\$2,000.00
5021.05 · Equipment Batteries	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,016.59	\$800.00
Total 5021 · Supplies			
5022 Hiring Expense	\$0.00	\$ 446.82	
5024 · Oxygen Expense	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,996.44	\$2,500.00
5025 · Employee Recognition	\$1,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$2,000.00
5027 · Paging Expense	\$1,015.00	\$ 984.57	\$1,015.00
5028.01 · Telephone Expense	\$1,705.00	\$ 1,316.60	\$0.00
5028.03 · Internet Service	\$1,080.00	\$ 1,867.73	\$1,100.00
5029 · Electricity Expense	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,396.03	\$3,200.00
5030 · Heating Expense	\$3,500.00	\$ 3,404.77	\$3,600.00
5032 · Comp Exp Non Capitalize	\$300.00	\$ 825.94	\$300.00

NEMS 2021 Calendar Year Budget

	CY2020 Budget	CY2020 actual	CY2021 Budget
5034 · Radio Exp Non Capitalized	\$500.00	\$ 570.00	\$500.00
5040 · Squad Uniforms	\$1,200.00	\$ 1,605.44	\$1,400.00
5043 · Public Relations	\$500.00	\$ 73.06	\$500.00
5045 · Equip. t Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$ 26,449.20	\$0.00
5046 · Amb. Replacement	\$0.00	\$ 39,384.06	\$0.00
5047 Billing Contract	\$22,558.00	\$ 22,558.00	\$22,558.00
Mortgage 2026	\$19,848.00	\$ 21,937.62	\$21,876.00
NEMS 3 2018	\$15,348.00	\$ 16,179.08	\$15,000.00
NEMS 1 new truck	\$0.00	\$ 2,766.93	\$16,020.00
NEMS 2	\$12,360.00	\$ 12,995.33	\$11,881.00
old nems 1	\$0.00	\$ 6,454.00	\$0.00
Zoll lease	\$8,122.00	\$ 5,414.40	\$5,414.00
Provider Tax	\$16,000.00	\$ 24,552.46	\$24,665.00
Stretcher	\$5,904.00	\$ 4,428.18	\$0.00
Total Expense	\$1,106,577.00	\$1,331,571.61	\$1,147,951.83
Income	\$1,099,780.00	\$1,398,526.69	\$1,137,265.00
Expense	\$1,106,577.00	\$1,331,571.61	\$1,147,951.83
	-\$6,797.00	\$66,955.08	-\$10,686.83

This is a non audited report.

NEMS							For FY2022 Budget		Change
Town	pop 2010	Per cap 2019	2019 Cost	per cap 2020	2020 cost	Per cap 2021	2021 cost		
Belvidere	348	35.2	\$ 12,239	39.87	\$13,875	41.1	\$ 14,303	3.09%	
Eden	1,323	35.2	\$ 46,512	39.87	\$52,748	41.1	\$ 54,375		
Hyde Park	2,945	35.2	\$ 103,841	39.87	\$117,417	41.1	\$ 121,040		
Johnson	3,443	35.2	\$ 121,135	39.87	\$137,272	41.1	\$ 141,507		
Waterville	673	35.2	\$ 23,664	39.87	\$26,833	41.1	\$ 27,660		
Total	8,732		\$ 307,391		\$348,145		\$ 358,885		

HELP US HELP YOU!

911 House Number Signs are IMPORTANT

Snowbanks and summer grass can hide 911 house number signs. This also means that emergency responders may have a hard time finding you. Can you see your house number sign when approaching your driveway?

In 2013, your volunteer emergency responders, town staff and an intern from the regional planning office, reviewed existing roadside 911 signs to ensure compliance with the 2012 Road Naming and Numbering Ordinance. A very low compliance rate, 20%, was discovered for installation of the required signs. House numbering errors were also discovered. To correct the errors and any confusing number sequences, some property owners have been required to change their physical address.



To accelerate the installation of 911 number signs along roads, in 2014, town voters approved the first \$3,000 funding request to install 911 house number signs. This continued funding level has allowed volunteers to purchase signs from the Vermont Correctional Industries Sign and Print Shop to complete sign installations, starting on the west side of town and moving toward the east. In 2021, the volunteer crew expects to install signs at the edge of the road right-of-ways along Center Road and begin to along Cleveland Corners Road and its side roads. Emergency services volunteers feel that this has been a successful program and plans are to continue to seek funding for additional phases at the same \$3,000 annual level until the entire town has been signed. FY2022 will be the 8th year of the program, and 2 more years are anticipated to complete the project. Once completed, all new construction will be required to install signs at that time, but at the developer's cost and replacement signs will be at the property owner's cost.

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

Sign Requirements:

- All numbers at the beginning of your driveway must be visible and not be covered by snow, trees or bushes, and be 4 INCHES in height and be reflective. First Responders do appreciate visible numbers as they approach your driveway.
- The recommended color is white reflective numbers on a reflective green background. As nice as they look, brass numbers on a white background are not easy to locate, even during the daytime. Signs at least 42" from the ground will be visible in most winter conditions. It's important to post a double-sided sign so that responders can see the number as they are approaching your home from either direction.



If you do not know your 911 number, please contact the town offices at 888-2300 or ron@hydeparkvt.com. If you would like to install your house number sign before the town sign program gets to your location, please send a written request to the town offices and a volunteer from emergency services will contact you.

**Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
2020 Annual Report**

The Lamoille County Communication's Center received 18,948 E911 calls the past year, which is up from the 17,163 in 2019. We dispatched 33,597 fire, EMS and police calls, which are itemized as follows:

Fire Agency	Total Calls	Ambulance Agency	Total Calls	Police Agency	Total Calls
Barre Town	176	Barre Town	3714	Barre Town	5756
Cambridge	216	Cambridge	465	Hardwick PD	2821
Elmore	49	Hardwick	699	LCSD	6445
Greensboro	46	Morristown	803	Morristown PD*	4532
Hardwick	76	NEMS	1212	Stowe PD	5205
Hyde Park	76	Stowe	646		
Johnson	97				
Morrisville	194				
North Hyde Park/Eden	57				
Stowe	343				
Wolcott	52				
Total	1382	Total	7456	Total	24759

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

2020 was a challenge for the entire Lamoille County Sheriff's Department. COVID has affected the department with countless quarantines and scheduling challenges; however since the March, 2020 Executive Order, all patrol deputies have worked their regular shifts responding to calls and emergencies. The Department was staffed as it usually is except for our front office personnel who continue to alternate their work days. All other deputies and dispatchers work from the office. Our inability to convince the Retirement Board to allow patrol deputies into a 20 year retirement plan continues to hamper our ability to recruit and retain personnel. Illicit drug use continues to plague the county with many overdoses and overdose deaths continue to rise. Out of State drug traffickers continue to be working in concert with local dealers. The Department also has worked with the State's Emergency Operations Center in providing COVID related security throughout the State.

Dispatch continues to be busy. Call taking protocols now include questions regarding COVID so that we can address safety issues for first responders. I am very appreciative of all of our employees. They have continued to work in a dangerous environment so that all of our citizens are safe. Please join me in thanking them.

Below are just some of our incident totals:

Nature of Call	Johnson	Hyde Park	Wolcott
Traffic Accident	54	55	28
Burglary	6	2	0
Citizen Dispute/ Family Fight/ Domestic/Assaults	108	51	12
DUI/ DLS	20	7	0
Motor Vehicle Complaint	558	397	183
Noise Disturbance	50	15	8
Sexual Assault/Investigations	13	7	3
Drug Investigations/OD's	13	8	2
Theft	43	12	8
Traffic Tickets	67	53	14
	Fine Amount \$14,398	Fine Amount \$9,719	Fine Amount \$2,361

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

Lamolle County Sheriff's Department
Communications Assessment
For the Years FY 2021 -2022

Town Name	Population Portion 50% of allocation		Grand List Portion 50 % of allocation		FY 21-22 Assessment	FY 20-21 Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Increase/ (Decrease)	Overall Assessment Percentage
	Population	Percentage	Grand List	Percentage					
Belvidere	365	1.262%	\$ 5,261	0.63%	\$ 7,888	\$ 8,667	\$ (779)	-8.99%	0.95%
Cambridge	3844	13.291%	\$ 55,404	10.38%	\$ 98,655	\$ 108,125	\$ (9,470)	-8.76%	11.83%
Eden	1370	4.737%	\$ 19,746	2.58%	\$ 30,516	\$ 34,180	\$ (3,664)	-10.72%	3.66%
Elmore	863	2.984%	\$ 12,439	3.04%	\$ 25,096	\$ 28,098	\$ (3,002)	-10.68%	3.01%
Hyde Park	2961	10.238%	\$ 42,677	5.57%	\$ 65,898	\$ 71,098	\$ (5,200)	-7.31%	7.90%
Johnson	3633	12.561%	\$ 52,363	4.36%	\$ 70,521	\$ 72,798	\$ (2,277)	-3.13%	8.46%
Morristown	5501	19.020%	\$ 79,287	12.88%	\$ 132,967	\$ 135,465	\$ (2,498)	-1.84%	15.95%
Stowe	4431	15.321%	\$ 63,865	47.81%	\$ 263,159	\$ 280,097	\$ (16,938)	-6.05%	31.56%
Waterville	706	2.441%	\$ 10,176	1.11%	\$ 14,791	\$ 15,339	\$ (548)	-3.57%	1.77%
Wolcott	1688	5.836%	\$ 24,329	3.04%	\$ 37,005	\$ 41,500	\$ (4,495)	-10.83%	4.44%
Hardwick	2861	9.892%	\$ 41,236	3.73%	\$ 56,803	\$ 62,320	\$ (5,517)	-8.85%	6.81%
Greensboro	699	2.417%	\$ 10,075	4.88%	\$ 30,416	\$ 33,655	\$ (3,239)	-9.62%	3.65%
	28922	100.00%	\$ 416,858	100.00%	\$ 833,716	\$ 891,342	\$ (57,626)	-6.47%	100.00%

Total Budget Assessment of Budget
 \$ 833,716 \$ 416,858
FY 2021 -2022

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

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

Total Budget Assessment of Budget
 \$ 891,341 \$ 445,671
FY 20 -21

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
 Patrol Budget (without COPS grant and without 7th officer)
 July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

	Budget 17-18	Budget 18-19	Budget 19-20	Budget 20-21	Budget 21-22	Percentage Increase	Assessment Increase
OPERATING BUDGET							
SALARIES	\$ 669,224	\$ 687,085	\$ 717,567	\$ 674,572	\$ 712,548	5.63%	
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 41,492	\$ 42,599	\$ 44,489	\$ 41,823	\$ 42,320	1.19%	
MEDICARE	\$ 9,704	\$ 9,963	\$ 10,405	\$ 9,781	\$ 9,895	1.16%	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,600	2.22%	
HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT	\$ 67,613	\$ 77,637	\$ 81,308	\$ 137,629	\$ 146,557	6.49%	
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$ 54,885	\$ 55,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 55,000	-8.33%	
RETIREMENT	\$ 65,590	\$ 65,988	\$ 71,360	\$ 64,468	\$ 90,552	40.46%	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 4,750	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,300	0.00%	
UNIFORMS	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	0.00%	
TRAINING/EDUCATION	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	-20.00%	
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 42,600	\$ 42,600	\$ 35,000	\$ 29,500	\$ 25,000	-15.25%	
INSURANCE - LIABILITY / UMBRELLA	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,750	7.14%	
AUTO INSURANCE	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,900	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 18,500	-31.48%	
GAS EXPENSE	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 39,000	\$ 33,500	\$ 31,000	-7.46%	
PATROL EQUIPMENT	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	0.00%	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	0.00%	
TELEPHONE/DATA LINE	\$ 9,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,000	-20.00%	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	0.00%	
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,137	\$ 1,200	5.54%	
GPS MONITORING	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,800	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	0.00%	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,086,208	\$ 1,109,922	\$ 1,175,379	\$ 1,164,461	\$ 1,214,472	4.29%	
CAPITAL BUDGET							
CRUISER	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	0.00%	
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	0.00%	
TOTAL BUDGET: FY 21-22	\$ 1,101,208	\$ 1,134,922	\$ 1,210,379	\$ 1,204,461	\$ 1,254,472	4.15%	

CREDIT FOR LARAWAY SCHOOL	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,360	3.00%
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT	\$ 14,003	\$ 14,537	\$ 15,514	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,600	3.00%
CREDIT FOR ELMORE PATROL	\$ 75,600	\$ 76,414	\$ 81,548	\$ 15,979	\$ 16,458	3.00%
LAMOILLE UNION - RESOURCE OFFICER	\$ 368,561	\$ 382,658	\$ 408,372	\$ 420,623	\$ 433,242	3.00%
ASSESSMENT - HYDE PARK	\$ 422,136	\$ 438,278	\$ 467,729	\$ 481,761	\$ 496,214	3.00%
ASSESSMENT - JOHNSON	\$ 203,265	\$ 211,035	\$ 225,216	\$ 231,372	\$ 238,931	3.00%
ASSESSMENT - WOLCOTT	\$ 7,642	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,126	\$ 36,667	65.72%
CONTRIBUTION FROM LCSD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
CREDIT FOR CARRY-OVER FUNDS	\$ 1,101,208	\$ 1,134,922	\$ 1,210,379	\$ 1,204,461	\$ 1,254,472	
ADJUSTED TOTAL	\$ 1,101,208	\$ 1,134,922	\$ 1,210,379	\$ 1,204,461	\$ 1,254,472	

**LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT
FISCAL 2022 BUDGET
2020 MUNICIPAL EQUALIZED GRAND LIST**

Approved Final Budget As of 01/11/2021

Town	**2020**	Percentage of Budget	Prior	Cost Per	Increase/ -Decrease
	Grand List Dollars (1% value)		Year 7/01/20-6/30/21	Town 7/01/21-6/30/22	
Belvidere	\$ 337,950	0.689591%	\$ 2,968	\$ 3,426	\$ 458
Cambridge	\$ 5,564,050	11.353515%	\$ 52,410	\$ 56,402	\$ 3,992
Eden	\$ 1,385,530	2.827192%	\$ 12,587	\$ 14,045	\$ 1,458
Elmore	\$ 1,628,360	3.322689%	\$ 15,351	\$ 16,507	\$ 1,156
Hyde Park	\$ 2,987,160	6.095338%	\$ 26,854	\$ 30,281	\$ 3,427
Johnson	\$ 2,335,900	4.766434%	\$ 22,187	\$ 23,679	\$ 1,492
Morristown	\$ 6,905,700	14.091169%	\$ 61,757	\$ 70,003	\$ 8,246
Stowe	\$ 25,638,210	52.315094%	\$ 234,288	\$ 259,893	\$ 25,605
Waterville	\$ 593,750	1.211554%	\$ 5,294	\$ 6,019	\$ 725
Wolcott	\$ 1,630,680	3.327423%	\$ 15,187	\$ 16,530	\$ 1,343
Totals	\$ 49,007,290	100.000000%	\$ 448,883	\$ 496,783	\$ 47,900
Tax Rate	0.01013692				

LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT

	7/1/19 - 6/30/20	7/1/20 - 6/30/21	7/1/21 - 6/30/22	
	PRIOR YEAR	CURRENT	PROPOSED	
BUDGET				
REVENUES:	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Municipal Assessments:				
Belvidere	3,092	3,092	2,968	3,426
Cambridge	52,219	52,219	52,410	56,402
Eden	12,521	12,521	12,587	14,045
Elmore	16,171	16,171	15,351	16,507
Hyde Park	26,601	26,601	26,854	30,281
Johnson	21,481	21,481	22,187	23,679
Morristown	61,219	61,219	61,757	70,003
Stowe	226,405	226,405	234,288	259,893
Waterville	5,883	5,883	5,294	6,019
Wolcott	14,489	14,489	15,187	16,530
Total Municipal Assessments:	440,081	440,081	448,883	496,783
Other Income:				
Small Claims Court	9,333	8,000	8,000	8,000
Interest Income	3,232	2,000	2,000	2,000
Probate Fees	4,350	3,000	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous	143	0	0	0
State of VT Co-Share Building	79,368	84,468	85,298	102,778
Reserve Funds Applied	0	0	0	4,792
Surplus Applied	0	27,000	41,632	29,532
Total Other Income:	96,426	124,468	139,930	150,102
TOTAL REVENUES:	536,507	564,549	588,813	646,885
EXPENDITURES:				
COURT	335,578	383,325	397,290	422,370
PROBATE	309	3,000	3,000	3,000
SHERIFF'S DEPT.	171,088	178,222	188,523	221,515
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	506,975	564,547	588,813	646,885
NET REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	29,532	2	0	0

**LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT
BUDGET**

**7/1/19 - 6/30/20
PRIOR YEAR**

**7/1/20 - 6/30/21
CURRENT**

**7/1/21 - 6/30/22
PROPOSED**

EXPENDITURES:

Actual Budget Budget Budget

Personnel:

Maintenance	48,883	49,500	51,000	51,500
County Clerk	12,188	15,920	16,000	16,360
Asst. Judges	41,970	41,650	42,900	43,865
Asst. Judges - Bench Time	13,364	25,000	25,000	20,000
Soc/Sec and Medicare - Employer	9,799	11,100	11,230	11,033
Health & Dental Insurance	48,766	49,500	53,000	54,500
Retirement - Employer Share	2,105	2,055	2,310	2,462
Workers' Comp.	3,418	3,500	3,600	2,000
VT Dept. of Labor (SUTA)	493	900	750	400
Total Personnel:	180,986	199,125	205,790	202,120

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Auditor	0	0	6,500	0
Legal Fees	0	1,000	1,000	10,000
Treasurer	5,051	5,700	6,000	6,000
Total Professional Services:	5,051	6,700	13,500	16,000

BUILDING EXPENSES:

Building Improvements	0	2,000	2,000	5,000
Contract Services	36,098	41,000	42,000	42,000
Electric	19,918	19,000	22,000	21,000
Heating Fuel	8,629	12,500	12,500	12,500
Water/Sewer	1,107	1,500	1,500	28,000
Repairs - Building/Equipment	14,281	20,000	10,000	10,000
Repairs - Cooling/Heating Plant	7,277	1,000	5,000	7,500
Repairs - Elevator	3,535	0	5,000	5,000
Custodial Supplies	3,281	4,000	4,000	4,000
Trash	3,658	3,500	3,500	3,750
Repairs - Grounds	3,300	5,000	5,000	5,000
Precautionary Expenses (Covid-19)	3,914	0	0	0
Total Building Expenses:	104,998	109,500	112,500	143,750

TRAINING, EDUCATION, & OTHER:

Education/Training	270	3,000	3,000	2,000
Travel/Meals	307	2,500	2,500	2,000
Total Training & Education:	577	5,500	5,500	4,000

DUES/MEMBERSHIP

Judges' Assoc.	1,308	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total Dues/Membership:	1,308	1,500	1,500	1,500

SUPPLIES:

Office Supplies	1,030	5,000	5,000	2,500
Kitchen/Jury Supplies	3,923	6,000	6,000	5,000
Equipment/Furnishings	330	4,000	4,000	2,000
Total Supplies:	5,283	15,000	15,000	9,500

LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT BUDGET	7/1/19 - 6/30/20 PRIOR YEAR	7/1/20 - 6/30/21 CURRENT	7/1/21 - 6/30/22 PROPOSED
EXPENDITURES (continued):	Actual	Budget	Budget
INSURANCE:			
Property /Liability	22,363		
Umbrella	3,691		
General Liability	1,787		
Public Officials Liability	6,481		
Bonds	1,224		
Total Insurance:	35,546	42,500	40,000
COMMUNICATIONS:			
Legal Notices	213	500	500
Postage	431	1,000	1,000
Telephone	919	1,000	1,000
Total Communications:	1,563	2,500	2,500
MISCELLANEOUS:			
Miscellaneous	266	1,000	1,000
Total Miscellaneous:	266	1,000	1,000
TOTAL COUNTY COURT	335,578	383,325	397,290

LAMOILLE COUNTY - PROBATE BUDGET	7/1/19 - 6/30/20 PRIOR YEAR	7/1/20 - 6/30/21 CURRENT	7/1/21 - 6/30/22 PROPOSED
EXPENDITURES:	Actual	Budget	Budget
Office Supplies	0	1,000	1,000
Equipment	0	1,000	1,000
Telephone	309	500	500
Education/Training	0	500	500
TOTAL PROBATE	309	3,000	3,000
TOTAL COUNTY & PROBATE COURTS	335,887	386,325	400,290

LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT
BUDGET

7/1/19 - 6/30/20
PRIOR YEAR

7/1/20 - 6/30/21
CURRENT

7/1/21 - 6/30/22
PROPOSED

EXPENDITURES:

Actual Budget Budget Budget

PERSONNEL:

Secretary/Bookkeeper (contract)	107,372	107,372	113,703	117,115
Total Personnel:	107,372	107,372	113,703	117,115

ADMINISTRATIVE/OPERATIONS:

Office Equipment	0	2,500	2,500	1,500
Supplies Custodial	1,857	550	600	1,600
Telephone	362	400	400	400
Total Administrative/Operations:	2,219	3,450	3,500	3,500

TRAINING, EDUCATION, & OTHER:

Ammunition	4,000	4,000	4,500	4,500
Education/Training	5,137	10,000	10,000	10,000
Sheriff's Uniform	0	0	1,000	1,000
Total Training & Education:	9,137	14,000	15,500	15,500

INSURANCE:

Property	3,794			
Liability	1,191			
Police Professional	10,515			
Public Official	965			
Bonds	296			
Total Insurance:	16,761	17,500	18,000	21,000

BUILDING EXPENSES:

Building Repairs & Improvements	11,452	9,000	9,000	9,000
Alarm Monitoring Courthouse	0	300	300	300
Cleaning	9,847	11,500	12,500	12,500
Electricity	6,332	7,000	8,120	7,500
Heating & Fuel	4,846	4,300	3,800	5,000
Water & Sewer	941	1,000	1,000	27,000
Heating Plant	344	300	600	600
Generator Maintenance	1,662	2,500	2,500	2,500
Precautionary Expenses (Covid-19)	175	0	0	0
Total Repairs & Maintenance:	35,599	35,900	37,820	64,400

TOTAL SHERIFF'S EXPENSES:	171,088	178,222	188,523	221,515
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Lamoille County Court
Supplemental Budget Information
State of Vermont Co-Share of Building Expenses:
Approved Final Budget As of 01/11/2021

7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Proposed

Budget

Personnel:

Maintenance	51,500
FICA/Med.	3,965
Health/Dental Ins.	11,068
Retirement	2,462
SUTA	100
Workmen's Comp.	1,700
Total Personnel	<u>70,794</u>

Building:

Building Improvements	5,000
Contract Services	42,000
Electric	21,000
Heating Fuel	12,500
Water/Sewer	28,000
Repairs - Building/Equipment	10,000
Repairs - Cooling/Heating Plant	7,500
Repairs - Elevator	5,000
Custodial Supplies	4,000
Trash	3,750
Repairs - Grounds	5,000
Precautionary Exp. (Covid-19)	0
	<u>143,750</u>

Other:

Telephone-court	1,000
Telephone-probate	500
	<u>1,500</u>

Insurance:

Property /Liability	27,500
General Liability	3,400
	<u>30,900</u>

Legal Fees	10,000
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Total 256,944

State Share- 40% **102,778**

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Due to the Corona Virus, all scheduled events were cancelled or postponed.
We did keep the fields and facility maintained.

We look forward to a new year and a better summer.

2020 Members:

Ken Harvey

Gary Nolan

Deb Slayton

Chasity Fagnant

Matt Morin

Eric Bornemann

Brad McKnight

ENERGY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

Committee Members

Denise Greene, Elisa Clancy, Meg Taylor, and Christine Hallquist

Mission

The mission of the HPEC is to provide town residents, businesses and Town government with information to promote broader energy efficiency and conservation, and advise the Select-board on municipal energy decisions. The HPEC will be a conduit to opportunities for town members to save money, reduce fossil fuel dependency and advance goals around energy-related issues.

Goals

- A) Save financial and natural resources by encouraging the conservation and efficient use of energy in the Town and Village.
- B) Increase public awareness of energy issues and build public support for energy efficiency and sustainable energy policies.
- C) Engage and educate residents, businesses and Town government around issues of energy incentives, renewable energy options, and statewide energy programs.
- E) Coordinate existing energy resources in the community and cooperate with the Planning Commission and with those federal, state and regional agencies of government which are responsible for energy matters i.e., Efficiency Vermont.
- F) Study and evaluate alternate sources of energy with a view toward the more efficient and economical utilization of existing and potential energy resources.

Energy Efficiency

In 2020, HPEC discussed the energy efficiency of town-owned buildings and were pleased that both the renovations performed this year in the Lanpher Library and Gihon Valley Hall planned for energy efficiency and took advantage of Efficiency Vermont incentives. The Town Garage is in need of renovations and HPEC is ready to assist with information on energy efficiency incentives and planning.

HPEC worked with the Lamoille County Planning Commission and Efficiency Vermont to promote weekly webinars on weatherization and held an online workshop in June for Lamoille County residents, “Programs and Incentives for Energy Efficiency Transformation” led by Efficiency Vermont.

Renewable Energy Options

Transportation is a top energy issue and a large contributor to Green House Gas emissions. The committee is actively involved with *Drive Electric Vermont*, a statewide private-public partnership working to accelerate transportation electrification in the state. The committee is interested in planning for electrification of town-owned vehicles and equipment and working to encourage electrification of the vehicles in Lamoille County Sheriffs’ Department and Lamoille North Supervisory Union. Committee members encourage the town to consider electric vehicles for purchase, for every vehicle and piece of equipment that is being replaced.

Global Warming Solutions Act (Act 153)

In 2020, the Global Warming Solution Act (ACT 153) became law by the legislative override of Governor Scott's veto. The Vermont Climate Council was formed by the act, and during 2021, the council is tasked with creating a plan to meet the greenhouse gas reduction requirements defined in the act.

The Hyde Park Energy Committee is working to stay abreast of the activities of the Vermont Climate Council.

Contact HPEC

Web page: <https://hydeparkvt.com/energy-committee/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hydeparkvtenergycommittee>

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FIBER COMMITTEE (High Speed Internet)

On January 13, 2019, the Hyde Park Selectboard created the Hyde Park Fiber Committee to explore options for extending fiber lines (high-speed internet) to all residents and businesses in Hyde Park. The first committee meeting was in June 2019. The committee members met to research options for Hyde Park, including a regional approach that would involve multiple municipalities working together. From the beginning, the Committee recommended that only “fiber to every door” will provide residents and businesses with the internet speed capacity & technology to meet the immediate and long-term needs of the community. To gauge the quality of internet speeds, the technical “Mbps” of Megabits per second shown as down speed/up speed like 25/3 Mbps. Download speed is for movies, music, etc. played on your device & upload speed examples include how fast photos to family members are sent by you and the quality of video & audio while conducting online meetings. Most locations in Hyde Park are served by 4/1 (97% served) & up to 25/3 (72%) speeds. The Committee has met with representatives of both EC Fiber (serving the Randolph Area) and MC Fiber (Jericho/Underhill service area).

Consolidated Communication’s telephone DSL service & Comcast’s cable service is adequate for some residents and small businesses that only require 25/5 Mbps or so speeds (email, limited movie services & basic business needs). Cable lines are limited in their capacity and can not provide equal download and upload speeds. Fiber lines are currently having capacity that exceeds current needs and provides equal up and down speeds, ex. 300/300 Mbps. The Town Clerk’s Office has a speed of 22/5 through Comcast and this speed has proven adequate for Hyde Park’s current local government needs but will limit the government’s online functions soon. Lab experiments on fiber lines have demonstrated the ability to carry hundreds of terabits of data on a single strand which is enough to meet all foreseeable demands, and for all practical purposes, the capacity of fiber is infinite.

Only fiber provides “symmetric service” where download and upload speeds are the same. Historical internet use got by with more download speed than upload speed. The needle has moved today and will move even more in the future with Cloud and other internet applications relying more and more on symmetric and higher upload & download speeds. Residential and business customers are relying on video & image uploading for services like video-security, medical services, arts and software services (MS365, Apple iCloud, Facebook, Instagram). Fiber lines benefit the taxpayer by enabling new and existing business expansion and development. All businesses today require truly high-speed internet because their customers will not wait for responses. This applies even more to long-term business development needs which will not be met by cable (cable has severely limited upload speed limit capability). Business will only locate here with the fast highway fiber delivers.

Working with the Lamoille County Planning Commission and other municipalities on July 9, 2020 Hyde Park Selectboard passed a resolution to be a co-founder town for a new regional entity to provide fiber internet to Hyde Park and other member towns, called Lamoille FiberNet. The new entity, a municipal Communication Union District, will seek grants and funds, but not property tax dollars, to plan and install fiber lines with this rural/grassroots organization. Fiber line costs range from \$16,000 - \$20,000 per mile. Lamoille FiberNet is now organized and meeting regularly, with Michael Rooney serving as the town representative with Carol Fano and Jack Wool as Alternate Representatives. The Hyde Park Fiber Committee is still organized but has taken on an observer role while the regional entity now pursues the goals of the original Hyde Park committee. We will continue to work toward the development of an affordable high speed Internet service reaching all residents and businesses.

Hyde Park Fiber Committee
Jack Wool, Anne Geiersbach, Carol Fano and Michael Rooney



Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District 2020 Annual Report

A Communications Union District (CUD) is an organization of two or more towns that join as a municipal entity to build communication infrastructure together. Vermont legislation, VSA 30 Chapter 82, enabled the formation of CUDs, and “Lamoille FiberNet” is the name we chose for our CUD.

Our member towns include Belvidere, Cambridge, Eden, Johnson, Hyde Park, Morristown and Waterville, and our mission is to make locally-controlled, affordable, and reliable high-speed internet service available to every address in our member towns.

The official organizational meeting of the Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District (LFCUD) was held on July 14, 2020. During our first six months of existence, we focused on standing up the new organization, fundraising, and launching a utility pole assessment which is the first step in constructing the fiber optic internet network. The fiber network will be built in stages, offering higher broadband speeds than what are currently available in the region.

Our Governing Board has 17 representatives appointed by Selectboards of the member towns. We have an Executive Committee, a Technology Committee, and a Marketing & Communications Committee. Meeting times, agenda and minutes are posted on our website <https://lamoillefiber.net/>

Between July and November 2020, we raised \$115,000 in grants to support the startup of the organization. Green Mountain Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation awarded \$5,000. The Vermont Community Foundation provided additional \$10,000 grant to support general operating expenses. Finally, the Vermont Department of Public Service awarded \$100,000 in CARES act funds which allowed us to retain administrative and consulting services of the Lamoille County Planning Commission and Matrix Design Group.

The Lamoille County Planning Commission provides daily administrative support as well as overall governance guidance to the Board and the Committees. The Matrix Design Group was hired to conduct a utility pole assessment. The pole assessment will evaluate the utility poles for readiness and capacity to support the fiber optic network. The pole assessment will also enable design and engineering of the entire network, which is necessary before construction.

Submitted by LFCUD Governing Board,
Jeff Tilton (Vice-Chair) and Lucy Rogers (**Waterville**)
Jane Campbell, John Meyer, and Carl Fortune (**Morristown**)
Charlotte Reber, Doug Molde, and Paul Warden (**Johnson**)
Michael Rooney (Chair), Jack Wool, and Carol Fano (**Hyde Park**)
Liza Jones and Stephanie Van Blunk (**Eden**)
Timothy Humphrey and Sam Lotto (**Cambridge**)
Carol Caldwell Edmonds and Kipp Verner (**Belvidere**)

For more information, please reach out to your town representatives or Lea Kilvadyova, LFCUD Clerk, at info@lamoillefiber.net.

HYDE PARK COMMUNITY CIRCLE

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

The Hyde Park Community Circle (HPCC) co-sponsored an open community Hyde Park: Next Generation Think Session on February 12, 2020 facilitated by Susan Hayes. As a recommended next step from this community think session, HPCC had hoped to begin a visioning effort with the Vermont Council on Rural Development and interested community members. However, this was put on hold until the social gathering restrictions are removed and the pandemic is over.

HPCC was unable to hold our usual 4 community events in 2020 partially due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We were prepared to work with Partners in Education (PIE) to host a Pie and Puppets event on March 14, but it was cancelled at the last minute due to the pandemic. This was a difficult decision to make but the right decision. The pandemic continued through the year and restrictions were placed on social gatherings throughout the year, at times more restrictive than others.

The Gihon Valley Hall group and HPCC co-sponsored the 2020 Lighting of the Wreaths event with the plans to transition this event to Gihon Valley Hall in coming years. Again, due to the pandemic, at the last minute the event was changed to a Facebook Livestreaming online event from Gihon Valley Hall. The names of people and events recognized by donors were read during the event with music provided by Andy Race. HPCC wishes to thank Gihon Valley Hall members for taking the lead on this event this year. It is an event enjoyed by many. Lit wreaths were again hung at the Lamoille County Courthouse and at Gihon Valley Hall for all to enjoy during the holiday season.

Sadly, we were unable to hold any events in 2020 or begin the visioning effort with the help of the Vermont Council on Rural Development. It is hoped that we will be able to pursue the visioning effort and put on some events in 2021, dependent upon the elimination of the virus threat. Time will tell. Stay safe, wear your masks and we look forward to being able to gather again for some community events in 2021!

2020 Financial Report

<u>HPCC 2020 Event</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Income</u>
Think Spring	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social	\$0.00	\$0.00
Home Day	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lighting Ceremony	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00

Submitted By: Deborah Henderson, Treasurer

GIHON VALLEY HALL

The Gihon Valley Hall Committee is a volunteer group dedicated to the restoration and revitalization of the former Grange Hall in North Hyde Park Village. Our work also extends to improving the vitality of the N. Hyde Park neighborhood. We're in the midst of working with the Lamoille County Planning Commission on an action plan for how to slow traffic through N. Hyde Park village, how to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in and around the neighborhood, as well as how to improve access to Gihon Valley Hall at the heart of the village.

A big goal for us this past year was to find grants to fund continued renovations of the building to improve its usability for more months of the year. We're pleased to report that we were successfully awarded the following:

- \$10,835 in October for a **Cultural Facilities matching grant from the Vermont Arts Council** to help fund electrical improvements and installation of two energy-efficient heat pumps to heat and cool the first-floor event space.
- \$250 in November for a **Robert Sincerbeaux Fund matching grant from Preservation Trust of Vermont** to help fund a professional assessment to inform how to best restore the building's original windows.
- \$3,000 in December for a **Spark Grant from the Vermont Communities Foundation** to fund installation of a modern stage lighting system, part of which includes lights to be donated by the Hyde Park Opera House and Lamoille County Players.

As a community gathering space, COVID-19 challenged our plans for hosting events in the spacious hall, but it also inspired us to get creative. Fostering a sense of community connection was more important than ever, so we held events on the lawn like our July 4th Antique Flag Display, had drop-in exhibits like our Blue Ribbon Harvest Contest, created our first-ever Road Rally scavenger hunt, and (thanks to recently installed wi-fi) made the town's annual Wreath Lighting Ceremony a live-streamed event that people could view from home. We also found ways to bridge one end of Hyde Park to the other, holding joint community beatification events with the Village of Hyde Park for Green Up Day in May and to pass out flower bulbs for planting in the fall. We're grateful for all the partnerships we've forged with other community groups and local businesses to make these things possible. We're also grateful for our committee members who put in a lot of "sweat equity" this year doing repair projects to insulate the building's basement, refinish a beautiful old door, dig up tree stumps, mow the lawn, relocate a donated piano and commercial stove for the hall, and so much more!



For FY22, we're asking to increase our \$3,500 annual maintenance budget to \$5,000 primarily to cover the expense of broadband wi-fi and heating utilities as we begin to use the hall for more months of the year.

If you'd like to learn more or get involved, contact us at gihonvalleyhall@gmail.com, visit our website (<https://gihonvalleyhall.wixsite.com/home>) follow us on Facebook or Instagram (@gihonvalleyhall), or call Al Spitzer at (802) 730-3374.

With gratitude – Allen Spitzer (Chair), Andy Race (Vice Chair), Liz Courtney (Secretary), H. Dale Porter (Treasurer), Monica Heath, Laura Race, and Lindsay Reese.

HYDE PARK BASEBALL / SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Hyde Park Baseball and Softball Association would like to thank the Town of Hyde Park for the continued support of the youth baseball and softball programs. Although 2020 was challenging for everyone, we were one of two towns in the county that were still able to safely offer baseball and softball for our kids.

During the 2020 season, 20 children ranging from ages 6 to 12 participated. We also opened the league to kids from the surrounding Lamoille County towns that were not able to offer programs. We were able to work with local businesses to have all our equipment and COVID-19 related safety and cleaning supplies donated this year, allowing us to retain our money to help rebuild the program going into the spring of 2021.

We would like to thank the coaches who volunteered their time throughout the season, because without them our teams would not be successful: Matt Morin, John Bornemann, Phil Grant, Craig Edwards, and Eric Bornemann

In 2021, we will be joining the Hyde Park Recreation Committee. We will be part of a group managing all youth sports in Hyde Park. Our goal is to grow all of the sports programs in our community by working together to maximize our collective resources and create solid opportunities for Hyde Park kids to access sports. The COVID-19 pandemic has illustrated just how important sports are in the lives of our children. We are committed to providing that which they deserve - accessible and organized programs to foster their healthy growth.

Thank you to the Town of Hyde Park for your assistance with the Hyde Park Baseball/Softball Association.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Bornemann
Board members for 2020 were:
President, Eric Bornemann
Vice-president, Erica Bornemann

Beginning Balance	\$1,222
Income	
Dues	<u>\$580</u>
Total Income	\$580
Expenses	
Insurance	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$150.00
Ending Balance	\$1,652

Lamoille County Planning Commission FY20 Municipal Report



FY20 Municipal Assistance July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

HYDE PARK TOWN

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

In Hyde Park these services included:

- ❖ Providing general support, coordination, and assistance for continuity of municipal operations during COVID-19;
- ❖ Providing broadband planning assistance;
- ❖ Providing assistance with the development of Local Hazard Mitigation Plan;
- ❖ Partnering with Hyde Park Energy Committee to organize workshops on home weatherization, energy efficiency, and transitioning to renewable sources of energy;
- ❖ Providing funding, through LCPC's Brownfields Program, to conduct environmental assessment at the former Valley Hotel in North Hyde Park;
- ❖ Managing an FY20 Municipal Planning Grant to develop a master plan for transportation safety and revitalization in North Hyde Park;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics between State officials and Hyde Park Highway Department;
- ❖ Facilitating technical support and coordination with VTrans related to traffic and bike-pedestrian safety, speed limits, and signs on town and state roads;
- ❖ Providing information and technical support regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Facilitating \$14,760 of Grant In Aid funds, used to assist the town in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit, for a 2020 project;
- ❖ Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- ❖ Participating in the Better Connections grant project, to study economic development and transportation issues in Hyde Park Town and Village;
- ❖ Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts;
- ❖ Assisting with updating of Local Emergency Management Plan;

<p>LCPC Board Member Greg Paus Liz Courtney – County Director Caleb Magoon – County Director</p> <p>Transportation Advisory Committee Ron Rodjenski (alt)</p>

- ❖ Assisting with review of flood hazard regulations for compliance with FEMA standards, and potential opportunities to reduce flood insurance premiums for property owners;
- ❖ Assisting with updating town Zoning maps and overlays.
- ❖ Providing outreach, informational resources, and hosting presentations on new Vermont stormwater management standards, including the “3 Acre Rule” and Draft Stormwater General Permit.

SERVICE AGENCIES

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE) is a community-based nonprofit organization serving the adult education and literacy needs of Hyde Park residents for fifty-five years. CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16- 90+) in:

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

Hyde Park is served by our learning center in Morrisville. Last year, CVABE served 14 Hyde Park residents, who engaged in over 700 hours of services. Additionally, 2 Hyde Park residents volunteered with CVABE last year. 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. By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Hyde Park residents for generations to come.

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

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to live with dignity and choice. For more than 40 years, our staff has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect aging Vermonters in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income, or resources. **CVCOA Help Line** - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families, and caregivers.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 66 Hyde Park residents. Last year, Case Managers, Sarah Willhoit and Christine Melicharek, were designated to work directly with the seniors in Hyde Park. Central Vermont Council on Aging devoted a total of 138 hours of service to Hyde Park seniors. RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) is one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation for people 55 and over. RSVP volunteers help create a caring network of support to help older Vermonters continue to live independently while staying socially connected. In Hyde Park, RSVP recruited, screened, and trained volunteers who provide the following volunteer services to older Vermonters at local non-profits:

- Wellness: Enhance your own and participants' health and well-being by leading local classes in Fall Prevention Tai Chi, Arthritis Exercise Program, Bone Builders and more.
- Meals on Wheels Drivers: Provide a nutritious meal, check on well-being, offer socialization and a smile – all in one delivery.
- Transportation: Help your older neighbors remain connected to their communities by providing rides to the senior center, grocery store and medical appointments.
- Companionship: Be a friend. We all need someone to talk to, someone to listen to us. Or teach a tech class; prepare taxes; help out at the local senior center; and more.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Hyde Park for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making Central Vermont communities what they are today.

Clarina Howard Nichols Center (Clarina) was founded in 1981 and works to end domestic and sexual violence in Lamoille County. During the past year, Clarina served 295 individuals, including:

- Provided shelter to 49 individuals (30 adults and 19 children) for a total of 2,042 bed nights
- Provided criminal court advocacy to 103 individuals
- Responded to 860 hotline calls

As we ended our 39th year of service to the community in June 2020, we were in the midst of a pandemic. During the early weeks and months of the pandemic, our hotline was silent. There were nearly no requests for shelter and the court was only open for emergencies. We were worried. We knew that the risk for abuse had increased due to lost jobs, isolation, and school closures, but survivors were trapped and too afraid to seek help during a health crisis. Our staff worked harder than ever to ensure that the community knew our services were available. Staff created and distributed posters, spoke to the media, increased partnerships with other service providers, and posted on social media. By the end of June, the hotline was ringing again, requests for shelter were increasing, and staff were ready for court to re-open. Staff prepared for the surge in calls and requests for assistance that would come in FY21.

Funding from the Town of Hyde Park supports the continued availability of free and high-quality advocacy, education, and shelter services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Our Services:

- 24-hour hotline - support, information and options from a trained advocate including access to emergency shelter and assistance with filing emergency Relief from Abuse Orders.
- Vermont's only companion pet friendly shelter – a safe environment in which to explore options and identify next steps toward a life free of violence.
- 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.

HomeShare Vermont helps people stay in their homes whether they are aging, persons with disabilities or simply someone just trying to make ends meet. At the same time, it helps someone else find an affordable place to live and uses existing housing more efficiently. At its core, home-sharing is about two people helping each other. HomeShare Vermont provides a comprehensive screening and matching service to help people find the right match, then ongoing support for as long as they decide to live together. This assistance ranged from simple companionship to cooking, cleaning, pet care, yard work, etc. Each match is unique depending on the needs and interests of both parties. Those who shared their homes ranged in age from 30-96 and those who found housing ranged in age from 22-78. 80% of matched participants were considered low income. The average rent in our program last year was only \$296/month. Of those who shared their homes, 78% reported feeling less lonely, 76% felt safer, 50% slept better and 43% even felt healthier just by having someone living with them.

By sharing their homes, Homeshare Hosts in our program received over \$225,000 in rental income to help them make ends meet. Homeshare Guests provided over 23,000 hours of assistance to their HomeShare Host this year helping with everything from yardwork to dog walking to making meals. The average rent of a homesharing match in our program was only \$314/month with 25% of matches paying no rent at all. Using the difference between market rents and HomeShare actual rents, it is estimated that HomeShare Guests saved over \$530,000 in rental expenses this year.

(802) 863-5625 www.HomeShareVermont.org

Hyde Park Elementary School provides, with town funding support, After-School and Summer Camp programs. Research has shown that After-school programs have a positive impact on academic achievement and improve test scores, and summer programs help curb summer learning loss. The After School program offers enrichment opportunities including coding, art, fitness activities, and homework support Monday through Friday for 35 weeks during the school year.

The Summer Camp offers programming 10 hours a day, 5 days a week for 6 weeks. There has been a continuing increase in student participation and during the summer of 2019 the camp hosted more than 70 children. This six-week camp exposes children to enrichment activities such as Taekwondo, theater, puppetry, basketball, dance, and fishing as well as providing swimming, hiking, and cooking experiences. The program has been primarily funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant. Matching funds are required as part of the grant requirements. Hyde Park's support allows us to continue this program.

We would appreciate the support of the taxpayers in continuing this important work.

The Hyde Park Youth Mentoring Program serves the Hyde Park community's children ages 6 through 12 years. There are currently eleven mentor/mentee matches meeting for approximately 30 to 60 minutes per week at the elementary school.

The mission of the Hyde Park Youth Mentoring Program is to provide positive role models who will support and nurture young persons' social development, personal growth, and in turn, academic success. Mentors guide youth toward positive choices through one-on-one sustained relationships. Our ultimate goal is that every young person in Hyde Park who wants or needs a mentor has one and that every adult who wants to be a mentor can be. We are always working to increase the number of mentor matches.

As always, there are many more children who have been identified as mentee candidates who will begin meeting with mentors as soon as mentor volunteers can be found. If you are interested in making a difference in our community by becoming a mentor, please contact me. Thank you.

Jeff Beattie, Mentoring Program Coordinator
802-371-7491 or jeff@jeffbeattie.com

Lamoille Community Food Share (LCFS) is a locally funded, volunteer-powered 501(c)(3) 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.

2020 has been a very challenging year, but with hardworking employees and volunteers as well as the support of our generous community, we have managed to keep up with the ever-increasing need for food assistance. We are currently seeing a 40% rise in the number of families we are serving. The support we receive from our community allows us to keep our doors open 6 mornings a week for those in need. More than ever, we appreciate the help we have received in the past and look forward to continued support from our friends and neighbors in Hyde Park. Your support of LCFS ensures that the citizens of Hyde Park have access to healthy nutritious food. Thank you!

Board of Directors:

Ken Lamb – President

Joan Green, Caroline Ballard, Mary Elfer, Pete Monaco, Ellen Waldman, Julie Bomengen, Mark Andrews

The Lamoille County Conservation District (LCCD) staff work with town officials and landowners to develop stormwater and water quality improvement projects throughout Lamoille County. State and Federal funding support our work with local community grant-matching. Through a Natural Resource Conservation Commission Block Grant provided by Ecosystem Restoration Program of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation in 2018, the Lamoille County Conservation District (LCCD) completed the repair of a massive gully erosion to stabilize the streambank and improve water quality before it enters the Centerville Brook. LCCD is currently working with the Town and landowners to develop concepts for stormwater and remediation work west of the Village of Hyde Park. Agricultural Outreach to farms in Hyde Park includes help with Nutrient Management Plans, advice on Best Management Plans and farm viability options.

Peter Danforth, Director
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Lamoille County Mental Health Services (LCMHS) 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 our programs, including a 24-hour 365 day a year Mobile Crisis Team (MCT). The Team responds 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, 2020 we served 97 individuals, providing over 7,142 services.

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 having 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 were engaged by Zoom and in person to work with children and families through the challenges of the early pandemic and as the 2020-21 school year starts, we are continuing to develop new pathways to help families coping with both the COVID-19 virus as well as a hybrid classroom model spawned by it. 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 the COVID-19 recovery. We are committed to do what we can to support our families and friends who find themselves in need and helping to mitigate the many health impacts of the pandemic.

Michael Hartman, Chief Executive Officer

The Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit / Child Advocacy Center (LCSIU/CAC) 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 2020, the Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit was involved in 77 incidents throughout Lamoille County: 74 investigations related to allegations of physical and sexual violence against children and 3 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, assist our victim advocates in helping victims through this very difficult and traumatic process, and sustain our prosecutor in attaining justice. Town funds helped us send our core team to a number of trainings, specific to the work we do.

The LCSIU space in Hyde Park provides a secure and comfortable area to meet with victims, and through a multidisciplinary team approach, ensures victims can seamlessly access the services they need. In 2020, we applied for and were recommended for National Accreditation as a Child Advocacy Center. 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.

Tracy Patnoe, Executive Director

The Lamoille Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) provides a full range of economic and business support services to businesses, municipalities, and other organizations with the view toward creating and retaining jobs in the County. In the last few years, we have been involved in workforce development as employers in the county have found it to be more and more difficult to meet their workforce needs. We do so by providing consulting and matchmaking services, providing a one-stop portal for businesses and entrepreneurs seeking assistance from various state and federal programs, housing the Vermont Small Business Development Center in our offices, making small business loans through our own revolving loan fund, putting on workshops in our Business Skills workshop series and sponsoring other business oriented forums as well as including the annual Lamoille Business and Financial Assistance Forum. We have also partnered with LCPC to fund efforts to advance the build-out of broadband in local rural communities, and support the Green Mountain Byway Committee. The LEDC remains very grateful for the financial support we receive from the residents of Hyde Park.

The Lamoille Family Center (LFC) Since 1976, the Lamoille Family Center has served thousands of children, youth and families throughout the Lamoille Valley, offering home visiting, parent education, playgroups, infant wellness support, child-care resource and referral, prevention programming, youth services, and emergency assistance. In fiscal year 2020, our caring and dedicated staff of 35 reached more than 5,000 individuals and impacted many more. LFC pivoted quickly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, transitioning to telehealth counseling and services, virtual home visits, playgroups and workshops, driveway drop-offs and pick-ups of basic needs and activity kits, coordinated mask exchanges, and socially distanced support. Examples of Hyde Park residents served include:

- Children's Integrated Services team provided 36 families with support and early intervention

- 29 children received toys, games, and books through the Holiday Project
- 141 residents received emergency assistance for rent, heat, diapers, clothing and other needs
- 31 residents attended weekly Hometown Playgroups and Baby Chat Groups
- 10 children received bags full of developmentally appropriate activities
- 9 families were supported by a DULCE family specialist around pediatric infant wellness
- 4 youth facing severe crisis situations were served via LFC's Youth and Young Adult Program
- Dozens of families and several childcare providers received childcare support services
- Many students, educators, parents, and community members benefitted from prevention programming and work promoting healthy lifestyles by Healthy Lamoille Valley

Together, we strive to help families become mentally and physically healthy, resilient, safe, strong, and independent. We cannot do this work without you. Please call if you would benefit from our services. Thank you for your support.

Floyd Nease, Executive Director

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Lamoille Home Health & Hospice (LHH&H) experienced a challenging 2020 along with all community service agencies. Understandably, the COVID-19 pandemic has had an enormous impact on the way we serve our clients. The financial and emotional toll that COVID – 19 has taken on many Vermonters is real. Collaborating with our community health partners to keep people safely in their homes has increased our referrals and increased our need for more nurses and therapists. Administrative burdens of acquiring PPE, tracking COVID related expenses, making non-billable check-in calls to Long Term Care clients to lessen their feeling of isolation, maintaining compliance with new Federal and State COVID guidelines, transitioning to a new electronic medical record and preparing for a Medicare payment reform has also increased our need for more clerical staff.

The full financial impact of the pandemic has yet to be determined. I am happy to recount how LHH&H and your community came together to help us be successful. Your town's support is a constant for us in the ever-changing and challenging world of health care. Last fiscal year, LHH&H staff made 7,351 home visits and 594 non-billable phone encounter visits (COVID19) to 134 Hyde Park clients. A total of 43,918 home visits and 2,779 phone encounter visits were made to all residents of Lamoille County, traveling 186,808 miles. This work includes nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy visits by medical social workers, licensed nursing assistants, personal care attendants and case managers.

LHH&H exists to serve 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 (LHP) was established in 1991 and develops, rehabilitates, and maintains safe, decent, affordable housing through rental, home ownership, or other means to low-and-moderate-income persons and families living within Lamoille County and the Town of Hardwick. LHP provides such assistance without discrimination or prejudice using a combination of private and public funding partnerships. LHP is a registered 501c3 nonprofit.

LHP Economic & Community impact:

- Over \$50 million invested in development of 280+ affordable apartments and homes since 1991
- Income eligible, affordable apartments for households that earn 30% to 120% of area median income & 7 commercial spaces developed in downtown areas leased to restaurant and retail businesses

- 77 participants of Support And Services At Home (SASH) health and wellness programming
- 40% of LHP portfolio houses individuals previously at high risk of becoming or have experienced homelessness

LHP Resident Demographics:

- Annual range of household incomes served: \$6,000 - \$58,000
- Populations served: low to moderate income (LMI) earning families, members of the workforce, aging persons, persons with disabilities, veterans and individuals who have experienced homelessness
- Lamoille County and Hardwick residents served: 446; families housed: 105 (66 households with children under age 18); aging individuals and individuals with disabilities housed: 195; individuals housed previously at high risk of becoming or have experienced homelessness: 112

LHP Community Development & Affordable Rental Apartment Portfolio:

- Morrisville: Arthur's on Main, Lamoille View, Morrisville Community HLP, Portland and Main. Total apartments, commercial spaces: 78, 2.
- Jeffersonville: Mann's Meadow Family and Senior, Brewster River. Total apartments and commercial spaces: 40, 1.
- Johnson: Lower Main Street & Mack Mudgett Drive, School Street. Total apartments: 28.
- Stowe: Sylvan Woods. Total apartments: 39
- Hardwick: Various locations. Total apartments, commercial spaces: 96, 4.

LHP collaborates with other housing agencies to address area housing needs. The “Housing Needs & Assessment Study” reported that area market rate rentals range from \$900 to \$1,500 per month, in most cases exclude heat and utilities. Comparatively, LHP apartment rental rates range from \$79* to \$940** per month and include utilities (*subsidized apartments, **higher rental rates represent a small portion of market rate apartments in LHP portfolio.)

Support and Services at Home (SASH) programming provides free health and wellness support program for aging persons and persons with disabilities living in congregate housing, plus Medicare recipients in surrounding communities. The program measurably reduces medical expenses and supports participants to healthfully and independently age at home. SASH assists approximately 5000 people statewide. Funding is received from area municipalities: Stowe, Morrisville, Cambridge, Hyde Park, Eden, Elmore, Johnson, and Waterville, with additional funding sources: Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Vermont Housing Finance Agency, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits, Vermont Community Development Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, donations, and contributions from the community.

Lamoille Neighbors continued its work with Lamoille County elders to support those who wish to stay safely in their own homes. Our volunteers perform many little tasks that become more difficult as we grow older, from changing batteries in smoke detectors to providing transportation to appointments. The arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic to Vermont threw a monkey wrench into our work. In-person gatherings and planning for events became seriously constrained by the state's COVID-19 related health edicts about safety precautions and social gatherings. Lamoille Neighbors adjusted to the new regimen by moving some social and educational programs to Zoom and prioritizing medical appointments. We increased friendly visit phone calls and member check-ins. Thanks to the support of the town, we were able to offer membership to more Lamoille County elders.

Website: www.lamoilleneighbors.org; Email: lamoilleneighbors@gmail.com; Phone: (802)585-1233

Lamoille Restorative Center (LRC) empowers people to make good choices and connect positively to their community. Our mission is to address unlawful behaviors and support victims of crime, while promoting healthy families and communities within the Lamoille Valley.

The number of children, youth, and adults residing in Hyde Park who were served by one of LRC's thirteen (13) programs in fiscal year 2020 was eighty-two (82). Across the Lamoille Valley in fiscal year 2020, staff at LRC worked with over 900 individuals, and specifically helped:

- 361 kids attend school.
- 187 people stay out of the justice system with the help of 44 volunteers meeting each week to repair the harm caused by their crime.
- 34 children and 19 parents and caregivers overcome the negative consequences of incarceration.
- 6 men and women reenter their community from jail, establishing positive relationships and working to avoid re-offense.
- 111 people get drug, alcohol, and mental health treatment. They avoided court involvement and many avoided jail.
- 29 young people with disabilities 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 - addiction, mental health and poverty. LRC relies on financial contributions from individuals and communities – like this town's appropriation. We are grateful for Hyde Park's residents' continued support.

Heather Hobart, Executive Director
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Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County improves the health and enhances the quality of life for our community elders by providing nutritious meals and social interaction. Our daily meal and well check visit help elders live independently in their own home and community. Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County provides home-delivered meals and congregate style meals at meal sites throughout Lamoille County. Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County delivers meals to elders (60 or older) in need for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: inability to prepare their meals, income and transportation challenges, hospital/nursing home discharge and illness or injury. Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County also provides meals to caregivers (regardless of age) and people under 60 with a disability if they reside with or are in the care of someone receiving meals.

Volunteers are crucial in our success. Volunteers deliver eight of the nine delivery routes traveling over 275 miles each day. Volunteers also help process locally gleaned produce, serve lunch at our congregate meal sites, and help with fundraising events. Over the last year, we have prepared over 10,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables (10% sourced locally), that have helped improve the nutrients in our meals. Each meal provides 1/3 of the Daily Recommended Dietary Allowance and complies with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Our work is only possible because of support from communities like yours. State and Federal funding account for 40% of our budget. We fill in the gap by writing grants and campaign letters, fundraising activities, client contributions, and town appropriations.

This fiscal year, October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020, Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County served 49,061 meals, of those, 5561 were to Hyde Park residences. Thank you for your ongoing support. For more information about our services or to become a volunteer, please call 888-5011.

Nicole Fournier Grisgraber, Executive Director

North Central Vermont Recovery Center (NCVRC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe, supportive, welcoming, and substance-free environment for individuals and families on their paths to lasting recovery from alcohol and other drugs.

Our Values

- Excellence – We set high standards to cultivate an atmosphere of peer professionalism with non-judgmental compassion. Our facility and conduct represent a clean, safe, welcoming, positive experience for all.
- Empowerment – Through education, support, and encouragement, we empower all people to make the best choices to fill their own needs for healing and growth in their lives.
- Community – We genuinely and transparently collaborate with our community partners toward an effort to holistically serve and support the human being and the community as a whole.
- Good Stewardship – We use all funds contributed to organization wisely, ensuring ethical and prudent financial practices.

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

Although the Covid-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges for us, as it has for everyone, under normal circumstances NCVRC is open every day of the year, including holidays. The center is open and staffed at least 56 hours per week while also hosting support groups and workshops in the evenings outside of official open hours. According to our sign-in system, during FY20, from July 1 to June 30, we served approximately 7601 people including several hundred new, first-time visitors, supporting numerous pathways to and in recovery. We distribute Narcan (an opioid overdose reversal medication) free of charge to anyone over 18 who requests it as well as other agencies. We also distribute harm-reduction-to-go packs including Narcan, educational and instructive materials, and in some cases fentanyl test strips.

With the other 11 recovery centers in Vermont and the Vermont Recovery Network, we provide a Telephone Recovery Support Service to people upon discharge from an inpatient treatment facility or incarceration. We collaborate with our many community partners, providing referrals and resources to assist with barriers and challenges connected with addiction, such as housing, healthcare, food, employment, parenting, transportation, inpatient and outpatient treatment, and legal issues.

And in FY21, we are adding an expanded Health and Wellness program, the Moms in Recovery Support Program and other programming at our satellite facility at Jenna’s House in Johnson. We are working with Jenna’s Promise to dramatically increase the recovery services available in the Lamoille Valley. November 2020 marked NCVRC’s 10-year anniversary. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the whole NCVRC family, we greatly appreciate and thank the community for supporting North Central Vermont Recovery Center.

Daniel J. Franklin, Executive Director
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North Country Animal League (NCAL) has contributed to a more humane community for all beings since 1994 and saved over 14,000 lives through our programs, playing an important role in your town and the surrounding community through both our rescue services and our commitment to teaching empathy through our humane education programs. While our humane education programs have been greatly diminished during the COVID-19 pandemic, our rescue and adoption efforts have continued and been deemed essential by the State of Vermont. While our income through programs and adoption services has been impacted significantly this year, we have had to remain open to shelter surrendered, abused, and

abandoned dogs and cats in Lamoille County and have continued our humane education programs following State's strict safety guidelines. The expense of keeping our doors open has been great but we know that the work that we do makes a difference for the animals who come through our doors.

Hyde Park's support of NCAL every year is much needed especially as the expenses incurred per animal during COVID-19 have been larger than normal. During this time, the average length of stay for both dogs and cats has increased due to challenges with access to vet care and our new adoption process to ensure safety protocols are being followed.

While intakes by town vary greatly year over year, in 2019/20 we took in 6 stray animals from Hyde Park and 24 Hyde Park residents who could no longer care for their pets surrendered them to us. With the average length of stay for dogs at 20 days, and cats at 21 days and including vaccinations, sterilization, microchipping and daily care, our average expense per animal is \$756. In 2020, 24 Hyde Park residents adopted a dog or cat from NCAL. Our adoption fees only account for 46% of each animal's expense.

NCAL's Humane Education programs continue to serve children of all ages from Lamoille County. Even despite the challenges our programs have faced in 2019/20, we have welcomed 42 children to our Reading Buddies program, 26 children to our Humane Heroes Camps, 28 children to our Be-a-Vet Camps, 77 children to our Horsemanship Camps, and 11 children to our After-school Saddle Club to share our mission to promote compassionate and responsible relationships between humans and animals.

Starting January 2021, to bring relief to local pet owners in Lamoille County impacted financially or otherwise by COVID-19, NCAL will provide pet owners in need with food and supplies for their pets through a new community outreach effort, NCAL Meals. NCAL Meals is an extension of NCAL's onsite Pet Food Shelf which started in April 2020 in response to growing unemployment rate in Vermont due to the pandemic. Since then, NCAL has distributed 3,459 pounds of dog and cat food to local community members in need.

Hyde Park's support helps cover the expense incurred from the stray and surrendered animals we take in from Hyde Park, and ensures that these animals are provided the best second chance possible. Funding also helps support our humane education program, which leads to a more humane and compassionate community for all sentient beings. Thank you for your consideration of our request for your continued support. We look forward to continuing to provide your community with essential animal rescue, sheltering, and adoption services for stray and surrendered animals and humane education programs for local children of all ages.

Tracy Goldfine, Executive Director

Northern New England Chapter of the American Red Cross is on-call to help our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. A local Red Cross volunteer is often the first "neighbor on the scene" after a disaster strikes offering a hot cup of coffee, a warm blanket, and a glimmer of hope to those in need. In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to 13 disaster cases, assisting 40 residents of Lamoille County. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Our teams provide Mass Care to first responders for your local Fire and Police Departments. We installed 26 free smoke alarms, assisted 21 Lamoille County Service Members, Veterans, and their families by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance. During the last fiscal year, we collected 888 pints of lifesaving blood in Lamoille County. 102 Lamoille residents were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety. Lamoille County is home to 4 American Red Cross Volunteers. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.

Rachel Zelle, Development Specialist

River Arts is a nonprofit community arts center that has been building community in Lamoille County through the arts for the past twenty years - 2021 is our 21st anniversary! Our mission is to make a transformative encounter with the arts as accessible as possible for everyone. We serve a multi-generational and diverse community of creators--this year over 5500 guests walked through our doors to view art in one of our two galleries, to make pottery in our clay studio, to take a class or workshop, or to attend a concert. We provide classes, camps, workshops, exhibitions, concerts, and other cultural events to over 5,500 community members while providing a place where people can gather, connect, express themselves, and gain confidence through the arts. Thank you again for affirming that art belongs to everyone! We could not do this without you.

Rural Community Transportation (RCT) has the vision to establish a solid foundation for regional development of a safe, efficient public transportation system. Our mission is to provide public transportation services for everyone that are safe, reliable, accessible, and affordable to enhance the economic, social, and environmental health of the communities we serve.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex, and Lamoille Counties. We provide transportation through various funding sources, including Medicaid and the Elderly & Disabled programs for non-emergency medical appointments, as well as socialization, shopping, and job access.

In Fiscal Year 2020, RCT provided 1,627 trips to 244 residents of Hyde Park, travelling 47,487 miles at a total cost of \$44,413. RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require 20% - 50% local match dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match.

Lila Bennett, Community Relations Manager

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD) – Rural Fire Protection Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program, helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the 23+ years of the program, almost 1200 grants totaling \$2.6 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs. VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to our program, including changing the name, to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development, are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year. The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2020 was \$200,432, of which \$107,524 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight.

Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully request community support each year,

receiving nearly \$10,000 in town appropriations from almost 100 towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

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

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

Salvation Farms is a federally recognized non-profit with a mission to build increased resilience in Vermont's food system through agricultural surplus management. Since 2005, Salvation Farms has been connecting communities with local farms and engaging volunteers to collect and distribute crops that would otherwise never make it off our Vermont farms. One of the organization's most notable efforts is the act of gleaning, or collection of surplus produce from farms with the help of volunteers, who also then help distribute that gleaned produce to community food programs that feed many of our more vulnerable neighbors. Salvation Farms is an organization that is deeply rooted in service to the Lamoille Valley. Any financial support received is critical to our ability to distribute produce from local farms to the region's residents, ensuring that Vermont moves towards a more localized, resilient food system.

In the past three years, Salvation Farms has moved more than 500,000 servings of surplus produce from 19 different farms into the community, serving upwards of 50 food programs. In this work, the organization has engaged community-based volunteers in more than 1,800 hours of gleaning and distribution. All of this work is performed at no cost to farmers or the food programs that receive this food. As of December 2020, this year Salvation Farms has delivered 36,389 total pounds of surplus produce to community food programs in the Lamoille Valley that are serving residents of Hyde Park: We appreciate the voters of Hyde Park considering our request for support.

Theresa Snow, Executive Director

VERMONT 2-1-1 is a free, 3-digit number to dial for information about community, health, and human services in your community, state, or region. With 2-1-1, a trained knowledgeable call specialist will problem-solve and refer the caller to applicable government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, health agencies, and other local resources as close to the caller as possible. There is lots of information on our website, too! Check us out at: <https://www.vermont211.org>

Dial 2-1-1 is a free, confidential, local call from anywhere in Vermont, 24/7 and:

- will provide accurate, updated information about available resources.
- utilizes a statewide database.
- provides live translation services for over 170 languages.
- provides access to information for callers with special needs.
- has capability to transfer emergency calls to 9-1-1 or specialized hotlines.
- will provide call-back follow-up if needed and requested.

The Attorney General's Elder Protection Initiative (EPI) and the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) announced the release of a help guide for older Vermonters experiencing abuse or exploitation. The guide, "***Finding Help: Abuse, Exploitation and Neglect in Later Life***," explains the different kinds of elder abuse and exploitation that can occur. It also describes the different kinds of nonprofit programs and services available in Vermont to support older individuals experiencing abuse/exploitation. Lastly, it provides a how-to on reporting elder abuse/exploitation for government investigation and response. A link to the new guide is available here. "Everyone deserves to age with dignity," said Attorney General T.J. Donovan. "If you are an older Vermonter experiencing any form of

abuse or exploitation, or you are concerned that an older Vermonter is experiencing abuse or exploitation, you are not alone. In Vermont, there are many nonprofit organizations and government agencies standing by to provide you with support and, if needed, protection. This guide explains what those options are in a clear, comprehensive way.” Numerous Vermont nonprofit organizations that provide support and protection to older Vermonters assisted with the guide’s development, including the Area Agencies on Aging, the Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, Vermont Legal Aid, Disability Rights Vermont, the Financial Abuse Specialist Team of Vermont, and Vermont 2-1-1.

Vermont Family Network empowers and supports all Vermont families of children with special needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P) merged, Vermont Family Network has collectively served the families of Vermont for more than 30 years and created a virtual "one stop shop" for families of children with special needs and the providers who serve them. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are proud to serve over 1400 families yearly with expert information, referral and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport and Rutland, an annual conference and many more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team who teach children and parents all around the state about important topics like bullying prevention, child abuse prevention and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Each year almost 10,000 school children benefit from one of these educational programs. Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much-needed services to families across the state. Please feel free to reach out to me at Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org, or 802-876-5315, ext. 105 if you have any questions.

Claire Giroux-Williams, Development and Communications Manager



LRSWMD Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report

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

The LRSWMD is comprised of the 12 communities: Belvidere, Cambridge, Craftsbury, Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Johnson, Morristown, Stowe, Waterville, Wolcott, and Worcester. Each town either appoints or elects a representative to serve on the Board of Supervisors; Marilyn Zophar represents Hyde Park. The LRSWMD provides outreach and education on materials management in schools and in communities, free use of waste receptacles for community events, sells recycling and composting bins at subsidized costs, provides assistance to member communities for compliance with state solid waste regulations and hosts annual household hazardous wastes events which are free for all LRSWMD residents.

The LRSWMD operates facilities in the following communities: Craftsbury, Johnson, Morristown, Stowe, and Worcester and Lamoille Soil - a commercial food scrap composting facility in Johnson. The services offered at these facilities are open to both District and non-District users. A total of 3,396 tons of solid waste was collected this year, down 2% from last year, while recycling was down 4% at 912 tons. Some of our locations experienced intermittent closures during the final quarter impacting annual tonnages. Food scraps collected across all six LRSWMD Transfer Stations more than doubled in FY2020 at 120 tons. This can likely be attributed to the July 1 statewide ban keeping all food scraps out of the waste stream.

Additionally, we collect a myriad of special wastes and are proud to have kept a significant amount of them out of the landfill to be sent for proper recycling, reuse or disposal.

The Board of Supervisors approved a \$1,253,100 annual operating budget for FY21. This budget is generated through user fees and disposal surcharges. ***There is no tax or per capita assessment charged to member towns.***

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

LRSWMD Facilities	Hours
<i>Main Office - 29 Sunset Dr. Morrisville</i> ph: 888-7317 ~ DOES NOT ACCEPT WASTE, ADMINISTRATION ONLY ~	Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm
<i>Craftsbury - Town Garage, Creek Road</i>	Saturday 9am to 1pm
<i>Eden - Town Garage, Route 100</i>	Sunday 9am to 2pm
<i>Johnson - 941 Wilson Road off Route 100</i> ph: 635-9246	Friday & Saturday 8:30am - 3:30pm
<i>Morrisville - 832 Cochran Road</i>	Saturday 8:30am - 1:30pm
<i>Worcester - 43 Calais Road</i> ph: 229-2719	Saturday 7:30am to 1pm
<i>Stowe - 91 Dump Road</i> ph: 253-4059	M, W, Th, F, Sat., Sun. Closed Tuesdays 7:30am - 3pm
<i>Stowe Reuse Room</i> & <i>Redemption Center</i> ph: 253-9503	REUSE CENTER For picking up only Tuesday 10:30am - 4:30pm Saturday & Thursday 8:30am - 2:30pm REDEMPTION CENTER Closed Tues. & Sun. All other days 7:30am - 3pm

**65% of Vermonters
qualify to e-file their
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Do you?

Find out at tax.vermont.gov/free-file.

Need tax help?

You may be eligible for free tax help through the IRS, AARP, or MyFreeTaxes.com.

To learn where to find tax help, visit tax.vermont.gov/free-prep.

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Find Vermont forms and instructions online at tax.vermont.gov.

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Email: tax.individualincome@vermont.gov

Phone: (802) 828-2865 or (866) 828-2865 (toll-free in VT)

Website: tax.vermont.gov



NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by **JANUARY 31, 2021**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by **FEBRUARY 20, 2021**.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.sec.state.vt.us.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You, or a family member, can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us. The latest you can request ballots for the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021**. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

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

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

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

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

NO PERSON SHALL:

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

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

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

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

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Vote Tabulator Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- 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.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one", or "Vote for not more than two", etc.

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). 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:

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot into the vote tabulating machine.

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF HYDE PARK, VERMONT
MARCH 2, 2021**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
 B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
 C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center">MODERATOR</p> <p>1 Year VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>PAUL NESKY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LISTER</p> <p>3 Years VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</p> <p>5 Years VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>ROBERT C. FOSS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">SELECTBOARD</p> <p>2 Years VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>SUSAN BARTLETT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>TONY TROMBLY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LISTER</p> <p>1 Year remaining of 3 Year term VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</p> <p>1 Year remaining of 5 Year term VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>BONNIE BLAISDELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SARRAH PATCH <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">SELECTBOARD</p> <p>3 Years VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>ROGER AUDET <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CHASITY FAGNANT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LAMOILLE NORTH MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR</p> <p>3 Years VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LANPHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p>5 Years VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>MELANIE DICKINSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">SELECTBOARD</p> <p>1 Year remaining of 3 Year term VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>SAVANNAH DRONEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DAVID GAGNIER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ALLY JUDKINS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LAMOILLE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR</p> <p>2 Years VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LANPHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p>1 Year remaining of 5 Year term VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>KIMBERLY AUSTIN-PULEIO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>

ARTICLES

Article 2. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the North Central Vermont Recovery Center?	YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>
Article 3. Shall the voters appropriate \$750 to Salvation Farms?	YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>
Article 4. Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to Vermont Family Network?	YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>
Article 5. Shall the voters approve, in addition to any other appropriations approved in prior articles, the Selectboard's proposed budget for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, totaling \$2,736,000 of which it is estimated \$2,308,200 will be raised by property taxes?	YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>
Article 6. Shall the voters approve to pay to the Town Treasurer, real property taxes in four installments with due dates of 4:00 p.m. on August 31, 2021, November 15, 2021, February 15, 2022, and May 16, 2022, with an interest charge of 1% per month added for the first three months, and thereafter 1.5% per month if each installment is not paid by the due date; after May 16, 2022, any unpaid taxes would be charged an 8% collection fee plus the interest fees? Only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks will be accepted if postmarked on or before the due date.	YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>

OFFICIAL BALLOT

LAMOILLE NORTH MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #058A

MARCH 2, 2021

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

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

ARTICLE IX

“Shall the voters of the Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District #058A (PreK-6th grade) approve the school board to expend \$13,333,159, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,466 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.02% higher than spending for the current year.”

YES

NO

OFFICIAL BALLOT
LAMOILLE NORTH MODIFIED UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #058B
MARCH 2, 2021

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of the person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided for that purpose.

For District Clerk, One Year	Vote for ONE
DONNA GRIFFITHS	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>

For District Treasurer, One Year	Vote for ONE
KIMBERLY J. MOULTON	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Article V: Shall the Chair(s) of the Board of School Directors be compensated \$1,800 each for the school year commencing July 1, 2021?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Article VI: Shall the members of the Board of School Directors be compensated \$1,500 each for the school year commencing July 1, 2021?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Article VII: Shall the District Clerk be compensated \$500 plus mileage, plus \$150 for each Special Meeting, for the school year commencing July 1, 2021?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Article VIII: Shall the District Treasurer be compensated \$8,000 for the school year commencing July 1, 2021?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Article X: Shall the voters of Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District #058B (7th-12th grade) transfer the sum of \$273,680 from the unassigned audited fund balance existing as of June 30, 2020, to the Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Capital Reserve Fund?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Article XI: Shall the voters of the Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District #058B (7th-12th grade) approve the school board to expend \$14,854,293, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,569 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.07% lower than spending for the current year.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Article XII: Shall the voters of Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District #058B, Green Mountain Technology & Career Center establish a Special Reserve Fund for use for future tuition reduction needs and transfer thereto the sum of \$193,219 from the unassigned audited fund balance existing as of June 30, 2020?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Article XIII: Shall the voters of the Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District #058B, Green Mountain Technology & Career Center, approve the school board to expend \$3,350,760, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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RESUME OF TOWN MEETING – March 3, 2020

- Article 1-2 Town Officers elected as listed in front of this Town Report.
- Article 3 Heard the reports of the Town Officers and Service Agencies for the past year.
- Article 4 Voters strongly supported the completion of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. They urged the Governor and Legislature to jointly develop a plan that will ensure the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail is completed by 2025.
- Article 5 Voted to appropriate \$17,500 of the General Fund Balance to the North Hyde Park Gihon Valley Grange Hall Project.
- Article 6 Voted down for the Selectboard to research the recent changes to state law, and issue its findings and conclusions before January 2021, as to: should the voters authorize the legislative body to appoint the municipal clerk (17 V.S.A. 2651e) and appoint the municipal treasurer (17 V.S.A. 2651f).
- Article 7 Voted to appropriate \$2,000 of the Lamoille County Mental Health Services.
- Article 8 Voted to appropriate an additional \$1,500 to the Lamoille Family Center and Healthy Lamoille Valley, bringing the total annual appropriation to \$3,000?.
- Article 9 Voted down moving the Hyde Park Annual Town Meeting to the Hyde Park Elementary School in future years.
- Article 10 Voted to approve, in addition to any other appropriations approved in prior articles, a total general fund expenditures amount for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 of \$2,643,000 of which \$2,184,700 shall be raised by property taxes and \$458,300 by non-property tax revenue.
- Article 11 Voted to approve the payment of property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four equal installments (32 V.S.A. 4792), as listed below; with delinquent taxes and assessments have charged against them an eight percent (8%) commission after the fourth installment (32 V.S.A. 1674) and interest charges of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months; and thereafter, one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month of fraction thereof from the due date of such tax? Such interest shall be imposed on a fraction of a month as if it were an entire month (32 V.S.A § 5136). Payments are due in the hands of the Treasurer by 4:00 P.M. on the below due dates. Only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks will be accepted if postmarked on or before the due date (32 V.S.A. 4773).First installment to be paid on or before Monday, August 31, 2020. Second installment to be paid on or before Monday, November 16, 2020. Third installment to be paid on or before Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Fourth installment to be paid on or before Monday, May 17, 2020

Article 12 Other Business:

George Cook stated that there would be a presentation about a trip to Iceland on Friday night, March 6th at 7:00pm at the Second Congregational Church.

Sandi Stewart stated that DCF is always looking for foster families. Please contact DCF at 888-4576, if interested.

Moderator Nesky asked if there was a representative from the Town Energy Committee to speak about the Climate Solutions Resolution. Denise Greene introduced herself stating she has been on the Energy Committee for four years. They help the residents of the town lower their electric bills by promoting the programs of Efficiency Vermont. D. Greene stated she is here today to ask voters to consider approving the Climate Solutions Resolution which is a non-binding resolution. She stated that forty-four towns have passed the resolution over the last two years. D. Greene read the resolution. A full copy of the resolution was not provided to the Moderator or the Town Clerk so the full resolution is not documented in the minutes.

Moderator Nesky mentioned the outreach for mobile polling that Town Clerk Kim Moulton started this year at Sterling View Mobile Home Park. He wanted to mention that it was a tremendous success. There were people who registered to vote. People who got their absentee ballots and voted there and some took them home to vote then brought them right back. He stated that this kind of outreach is important for voters and mentioned that Kim plans on doing the mobile polling for all elections with Australian Ballots. He stated that there is a lot of extra work but there is satisfaction that people are being provided an opportunity to vote and/or register to vote outside of normal office hours.

Elisa Clancy stated that she thought that the Energy Committee just proposed a resolution that we ignored. Moderator Nesky apologized for the oversight.

Moderator Nesky called for a vote of the resolution. D. Gagnier asked if we could legally vote on that since it wasn't warned. Moderator Nesky stated that it was only a resolution and non-binding.

John Rohleder stated that he knows this is a non-binding resolution. He feels that certain elements of the resolution are good but others need discussion or revision.

Moderator Nesky called the question. Voice vote too close to call. J. Rohleder called for a division of the house. Moderator Nesky and the Selectboard made the count. All in favor raised their hands. Then all opposed raised their hands. All in favor = 30, Not in favor = 45. The resolution failed by a show of hands.

Carl Szlachetka stated he would have appreciated a printed version of the resolution for review prior to the meeting.

Everett Dickenson proposed that the school do another open house for residents who may have missed prior open house opportunities.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Hyde Park Town Clerk and Treasurer: Kimberly J. Moulton 888-2300
Planning, Zoning & Selectboard: Ron Rodjenski, 888-2300 x302 ron@hydeparkvt.com
Town Listers' Office: 888-2300 x303, Office Hours: Wed. 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Animal Control: Keith Ulrich (802)730-9340 or 888-5869. Emergency calls to 911
Hyde Park Village Trustees / Utility Billing (Village Electric, Water and Sewer) 888-2310
Hyde Park Highway Garage: 888-4625
North Hyde Park Water District #1: Roger Audet 635-7038
Hyde Park Opera House: 888-4507

FIRE, POLICE, AND AMBULANCE SERVICES

Dial 911 in Emergencies

Non-Emergency Numbers for:

Lamoille County Sheriff: Sheriff Roger Marcoux 888-3502
Ambulance: Newport Ambulance Services (NEMS) 334-2023
Hyde Park Fire Department: Chief Ed Webster 888-2357
North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department: Chief John Savage 635-7357

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT - LAMOILLE UNIT

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

LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Main Office (802)888-7317, Visit www.lrswmd.org for locations and hours
Contact Private Trash Haulers for residential/commercial needs:
Casella Waste Management (Hyde Park) - (802) 888-5423
Town of Wolcott Transfer Station: Gulf Rd - (802) 888-2746
Cambridge Transfer Station; VT 104 - (800) 439-3615
Foss Enterprises: Garfield Rd - (802) 888-2469
All Metals Recycling: VT 15 Morrisville - (802) 472-5100
Hillside Trash - (802) 888-7567

ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

Lamoille-2 Representatives (for Belvidere, Hyde Park, Johnson, Wolcott)
Kate Donnally kdonnally@leg.state.vt.us; (802) 828-2228
Daniel Noyes dnoyes@leg.state.vt.us; (802) 828-2228
State Senator – Lamoille District
Richard Westman rawestman@gmail.com; (802) 644-2297
Governor Phil Scott (800) 828-3322; www.governor.vermont.gov
Lt. Governor Molly Gray (802) 828-2226; www.ltgov.vermont.gov
Secretary of State Jim Condos (800) 439-8683; www.sec.state.vt.us
U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy (800) 642-3193; www.leahy.senate.gov
U.S. Senator Bernard Sanders (800) 339-9834; www.sanders.senate.gov
U.S. Representative Peter Welch (888) 605-7270; www.welch.house.gov

SCHOOLS

Hyde Park Elementary School: pre-K to 6th Grade; 888-2237, www.hpes.org; Diane Reilly, Principal
Lamoille Union Middle School: 7th to 8th grades; 851-1300, www.lumsvt.org; Denise Maurice, Principal
Lamoille Union High School: 9th to 12th grades; 888-4261, www.luhsvt.org; Brian Schaffer, Principal
Green Mountain Technology & Career Center; 888-4447, www.gmtcc.info; Erik Remmers, Director
Lamoille North Supervisory Union 888-3142, www.lnsu.org, Catherine Gallagher, Superintendent

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Rural Community Transportation; Johnson Shopper Route stops in Sterling View Mobile Home Park. 888-6200; www.riderct.org

LIBRARY

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

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

Morrisville Water and Light Company (MWL); South & East Areas; outage reports 888-2162; office 888-3348
Vermont Electric Cooperative (VEC); North Areas; outage reports 1-800-832-2667; office 635-2331
Central Vermont Public Service (GMP-CVPS); Near Johnson; outage reports or office 1-888-835-4672
Hardwick Electric Department (HED); Near Wolcott/Craftsbury; outage reports or office 472-5201

Community Services &
General Information

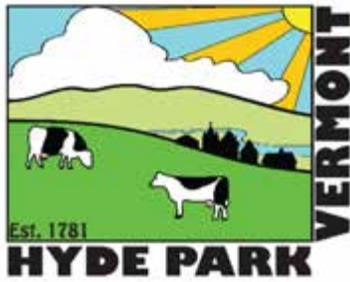
Dial 211

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Road Conditions

Dial 511

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