

Lamoille County Stops:

Elmore Store

Lamoille Housing Partnership

The Bench: Mark Frier

Roger Marcoux

VIP Notes:

Mark Frier, business owner

- **The Reservoir – Waterbury – Opened in 2009**
- **The Bench – Stowe – Opened in 2014**
- **Tres Amigos/Rusty Nail – Stowe – Opened in 2017**
- Member of Waterbury Selectboard
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Roger Marcoux Jr.

- Native VT'er
- Officer since 1980
- On Drug Enforcement Administration's Task Force for 12 years
- U.S Embassy in Port au Prince, Haiti for over 5 years
- Appointed to Lamoille County Sheriff in 2001
- Has served on New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Executive Board since 2010

Elmore Store (<https://www.elmorecommunitytrust.org/our-mission>)

- Elmore Community Trust will be purchasing the store and raising money to update it and provide it with septic work it needs
 - o Makes it easier for new owners to spend money on rent and investments rather than contributing most of their income to restoring a historic building

Lamoille Housing Project (est. 1991)

- Income based rental units aimed at low and mid-income Vermonters living in Lamoille County and Hardwick
- Current building project is Village Center Apartments in Morrisville

Local Issues

Stowe, VT [Workforce/Housing](#)

- Carpenters in Stowe live outside of the town, because it is too expensive to live there
- Meanwhile, contractors struggle to find help and have reduced their crews (up to 50%)
- Contractors believe that the opioid epidemic is to blame for the reduction of workers, but they also point to the lack of affordable housing in Stowe, as it is often taken up by higher income people of other states who use Stowe as a vacation town, or by real estate agents who rent properties out via AirBNB

Stowe, VT [Women's Rights](#)

- Stowe residents are currently protesting and demanding the resignation of Kyle Walker, the Chief of the Stowe Fire Dept. Walker is accused of sexually assaulting Rachel Fisher on multiple accounts from 09-13
- Residents and business owners alike are hoping that the public protest will drive policy change and Walker to be removed from his currently role.

Morrisville, VT [Transportation](#)

- Some residents of Morrisville want to take a vote allowing ATV's and other off road vehicles to have access to public roadways
- Those in opposition, including Sheriff Marcoux claim that four wheelers, etc, will always lose if they come into contact with a vehicle, and residents also do not want to share quiet, residential roadways with ATVS
- ATV enthusiasts do not seem to want to drive on roadways, but the laws regarding private property on trails does not make it easy for them to use simple trails
- A vote is set to take place in August or September

Elmore, VT [Education](#)

- A one room schoolhouse in rural Elmore, VT is at risk of closure due to Act 46 protocols
 - o This is the states last one room schoolhouse
- Residents feel like their opinions are not being valued as these decisions are being made
- Stowe has already voted to exit the Lamoille District, with Morrisville and Elmore to vote on it

- o When Elmore does vote on it, they want to add a clause in to protect the integrity of their small town school

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