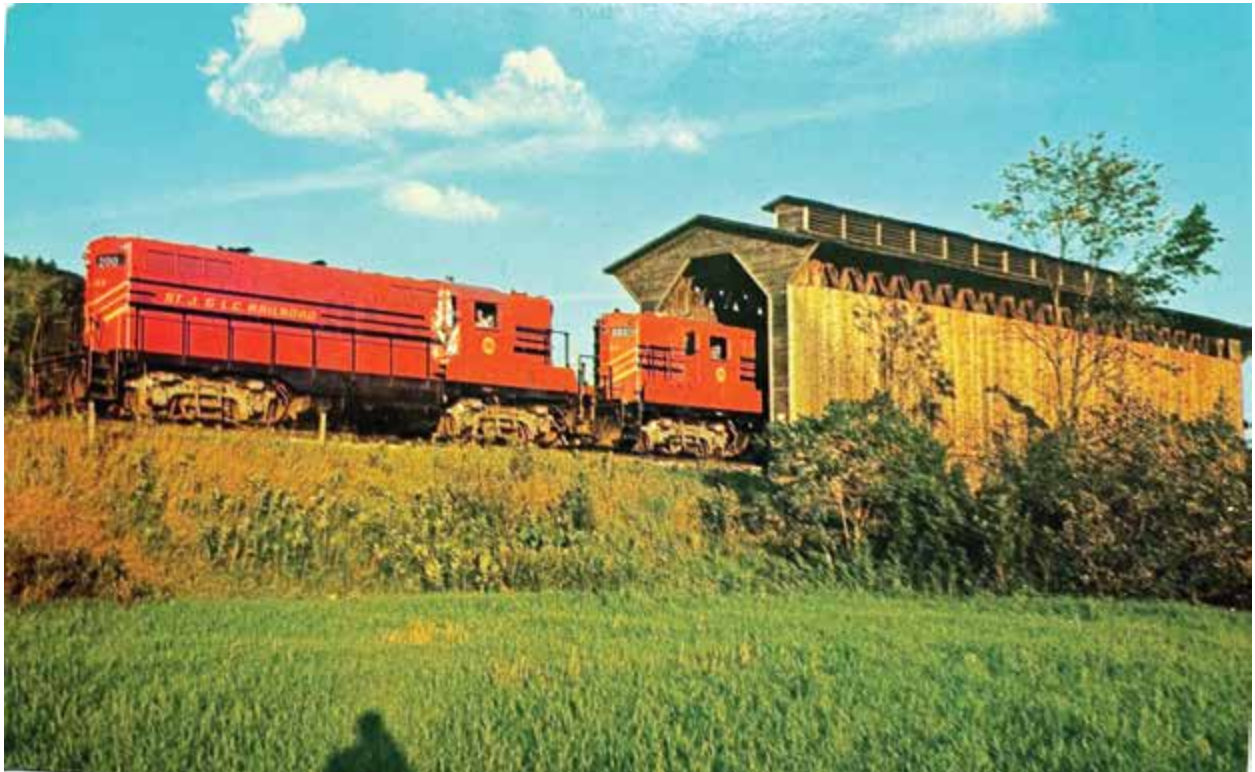


Fiscal Year 2022
Annual Report

TOWN OF
Wolcott, Vermont





Fisher Bridge (Post card courtesy of Wolcott Historical Committee)



Wolcott Public Library. Entrance to Town Garden & Depot Park. Photo credit: Deb Klein 10/4/2022

Cover photo: Henry and Rosemary enjoying their dinner at the Town Event & Barbeque.
Children of Tim and Gwen Matayer. Photo credit: Ryan Bjerke 9/9/2022

DEDICATION

The Lamoille Valley Rail Trail – Wolcott

The long-awaited completion of the 93-mile Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) finally happened in Wolcott in 2023. Wolcott had the distinction of being the last of the 18 towns to be connected to the trail when foundation work was completed on the bridge across from Town Garage linking the six-mile stretch from Wolcott Village to Hardwick.

With repair work completed on our two bridges, Wolcott residents can travel Southeast to St. Johnsbury, or Northwest to Swanton. The hope is the trail will serve as an invitation for folks to visit Wolcott and see what we have to offer in our rural Village, and to visit the historic Fisher covered Bridge. The LVRT also hooks up with other recreational trails including VAST and the Long Trail. The Town is in the process of acquiring a town forest that would run adjacent to the trail. The town forest is expected to come to fruition by the end of 2023.

As pointed out by the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the LVRT is open year-round. The trail will be utilized by walkers, runners, hikers, cyclists, and horseback riders. The trail will be groomed in the winter to accommodate snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and even dog sledding.

If you have forgotten, or are unaware of the history of the trail, it is an interesting one. According to the late Wolcott historian, Ruth Reed, a railroad operating under various names ran between St. Johnsbury and Swanton starting in the late 1800's. In 1880 it took the name of St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain Railroad (St. J & L.C.), and later became known as "The Bridge Road." Eventually along this stretch, there were six covered railroad bridges. This scenic route, according to the State, carried tourists in the late Nineteenth Century to their summer camps, including for example those on Caspian Lake in Greensboro.

The Fisher Bridge was built by the St. J & L.C. in 1908. It was originally the Chubbs Bridge, as that is who owned the land. When Christopher Fisher bought the land bordering the tracks the name of the bridge changed and it stuck. The design is lattice truss, with double sets of trusses added for strength. The timbers are yellow or hard pine and oak gray. The cupola design allowed the smoke to escape. It is thought to have been the shortest railroad bridge in the country. Operational until 1994, it is believed to be the last covered bridge in the State to carry railroad traffic. The Fisher Bridge was saved from demolition and became a Vermont Historical site in 1968. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

When the first train pulled into Wolcott on October 14, 1870, it was cause for Town-wide celebration. The tracks and the trains are now part of our history. The Depot building was moved to its present location by the trailhead and now serves as our public Library. In 2023 the Town of Wolcott celebrates being part of the longest rail trail in New England.

WOLCOTT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911	Fire Warden	888-3953
Lamoille Sheriff	888-3502	VT Poison Center	658-3456
Hardwick Rescue	472-6343	Fire Station	888-4624

TOWN OFFICES

Town Clerk's Office	888-2746	Town Office Fax	888-2669
Animal Control	274-1653	Health Officer	888-3953
Library	888-8908	Lister/Zoning Office	888-6858
Town Garage	888-3353	Superintendent	472-6531

SELECTBOARD

Kurt Billings	888-7145	Allen Carpenter	888-2387
Kurt Klein	888-8557	Richard Lee	888-4064
Linda Martin	888-5654		

OFFICE HOURS

Town Clerk 28 Railroad Street tc@wolcottvt.org	Monday & Tuesday Wednesday Thursday & Friday	8:00AM – 4:00PM 8:00AM – 6:00 PM 8:00AM – 4:00PM
Listers Office 28 Railroad Street Wolcottlisters@gmail.com	Tuesday Thursday	10:00 AM – 4:00PM 10:00AM – 4:00PM
Zoning Office 28 Railroad Street zoning@wolcottvt.org	Wednesday	10:00AM – 4:00PM
Library 46 Railroad Street wolcottvtcommunitylibrary@gmail.com	Monday & Tuesday Wednesday Saturday	10:00AM – 4:00PM 11:00AM – 6:00PM 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Transfer Station 142 Dump Road	Saturday & Sunday	9:00AM – 1:00PM

MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Selectboard	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday 6:00PM - Town Office
School Directors(Unless Otherwise Posted)	2 nd Thursday Monthly 6:00 PM – Wolcott Elementary
Dev& Review Board(As Needed)	4th Wednesday Monthly 6:00PM – Town Office
Planning Commission(As Needed)	1 st Tuesday Monthly 7:00PM – Town Office
Library Trustees	3 rd Wednesday Monthly – 5:00PM - Library
Fire Department	Every Monday 6:30PM – Fire Station

TOWN OF WOLCOTT, VERMONT

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator:

Joe Hester-Ingram Term Expires 2023

Town Clerk and Treasurer:

Belinda Harris Clegg Term Expires 2025

Selectboard:

Allen Carpenter Term Expires 2023

Linda J Martin Term Expires 2023

Kurt Billings Term Expires 2024

Kurt Klein Term Expires 2024

Richard Lee Term Expires 2025

Listers:

Deb Klein Term Expires 2023

Tracey LaPorte Term Expires 2024

Thomas Martin Term Expires 2025

Library Trustees:

Amy Coolbeth Term Expires 2023

Vacant - Three year term Term Expires 2023

Jackie Burgess Term Expires 2024

Ruth Ann Demag Term Expires 2025

Dawn Cochran Term Expires 2027

Cemetery Commissioners:

Crista Peck - Four Year term Term Expires 2023

David Modica Term Expires 2023

Walter Reeve Term Expires 2024

Cornelius Reed, Jr. Term Expires 2025

Lucien Gravel Term Expires 2026

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD 2022

<i>Animal Control Officer:</i>	Dean Mercier
<i>Road Foreman:</i>	Dillan Cafferky
<i>Tree Warden:</i>	Mike Green
<i>Pound Keepers:</i>	Lamoille Kennels, & Justice for Dogs
<i>Lamoille Co. Planning Comm. Dir:</i>	Maxfield English
<i>Board of Supervisor, LRSWMD:</i>	Phillip Wilson
<i>Town Service Officer:</i>	Selectboard
<i>Energy Coordinator:</i>	Kee Gillen
<i>Transportation Advisory Committee:</i>	Linda Martin
<i>Alternate</i>	Kurt Klein
<i>E911 Coordinator:</i>	Listers

**OFFICERS RECOMMENDED BY SELECTBOARD AND
APPOINTED BY STATE**

<i>Fire Warden:</i>	Bernard Earle
<i>Deputy Fire Warden:</i>	James Holton
<i>Health Officer:</i>	Bernard Earle
<i>Deputy Health Officer:</i>	Tom Martin
<i>Green Up Vermont Committee:</i>	Litter Committee

Wolcott Planning Commission/ Development Review Board:

James Robert	Term Expires 2023
Maxfield English	Term Expires 2024
Bruce Wheeler	Term Expires 2025
Chad Roy	Term Expires 2026
Ryan Ewell	Term Expires 2027

Zoning Administrator
Thomas Martin

Justices of the Peace:

Katie Black	Term Expires 2025
Stacey Boivin	Term Expires 2025
Sarena Moodie Boland	Term Expires 2025
Scott Holsten	Term Expires 2025
Amy Kolb Noyes	Term Expires 2025
Linda Reeve	Term Expires 2025
Sara Schlosser	Term Expires 2025

Project Manager

Kurt Klein

Assistant Town Clerk

Edith Duff

Litter Committee

Michelle Cortes-Harkins (Chair)

Rick Harkins

Kurt Klein

John Wheeler

Schoolhouse Revitalization Committee

Linda Brady

Allen Carpenter

Monica Cross

Kurt Klein

Linda J. Martin

Ruthanna Demag

Tom Martin

Waste Water Committee

Kurt Klein

Linda J. Martin

Jim Ryan

Bruce Wheeler

Town Forest Committee

Gordon Young (Chair)

Kurt Billings (Vice Chair)

Matt Foster (Secretary)

Joe Cotten

Maxfield English

Cate Garvey

Bill Gilson

Mike Green

David Holton

Leslie Jolly

Roger LaChance

Kelly Lively

DJ Masi

Gwen Metayer

Maria Stadtmueller

Gabe Tempesta

SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Directors

Gordon Young

Term Expires 2023

Katrina Hardt

Term Expires 2023

Elliot Waring

Term Expires 2024

Timothy Metayer

Term Expires 2024

Laura Kaiser

Term Expires 2025

School Clerk

Belinda Harris Clegg

Term Expires 2023

School Treasurer

Belinda Harris Clegg

Term Expires 2023

Alternate School Treasurer

Edith Duff

Term Expires 2023

Town of Wolcott Financial Records Report 2021-2022

RHR Smith & Company, Certified Public Accountants, have audited the Town of Wolcott, Transfer Station, and Wolcott Public Library records for fiscal year 2021-2022. They have prepared a report showing their findings and describing their recommendations. This report will be available on the Town website at www.wolcottvt.org and a paper copy will be able to be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Wolcott Cemetery Association was audited in house by Town staff. All income and expenses were reviewed and accounted for.



Ballet Wolcott performing at Town Event & Barbeque. Photo credit: Ryan Bjerke 9/9/2022

WARNING
*for the Annual Town Meeting
for the Town of Wolcott, Vermont
to be held March 7, 2023*

The legal voters of the Town of Wolcott, Vermont are hereby to meet at the Wolcott Elementary School in said Town on March 7, 2023, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles of business:

Article 1. Shall the Town publish a list of delinquent taxpayers as of December 31st and a list of any other delinquent accounts due the Town in the town report?

Article 2. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 18,560 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691

\$ 500	<i>American Red Cross</i>
1,200	<i>Central Vermont Adult Basic Education</i>
1,700	<i>Central Vermont Council on Aging& RSVP</i>
500	<i>Clarina Howard Nichols Center</i>
500	<i>Craftsbury Saplings</i>
400	<i>Home Share Vermont.</i>
500	<i>Justice for Dogs</i>
600	<i>Lamoille Community Food Share, Inc.</i>
500	<i>Lamoille County Conservation District</i>
1,082	<i>Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit</i>
750	<i>Lamoille Economic Development Corp.</i>
500	<i>Lamoille Family Center</i>
5,028	<i>Lamoille Home Health & Hospice</i>
300	<i>Lamoille Housing Partnership</i>
1,400	<i>Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County</i>
1,000	<i>North Central Vermont Recovery Center</i>
1,000	<i>North Country Animal League</i>
1,000	<i>Rural Community Transportation, Inc.</i>
500	<i>Salvation Farms</i>

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer in two equal installments; with delinquent taxes having charged against them three percent (3%) penalty 1-5 days late, five percent (5%) penalty 5-10 days late, eight percent (8%) penalty after 10 days late and collect interest on late and delinquent payments of one (1%) percent per month for the first three months and one and half (1 ½%) thereafter (32 VSA 4873 & 5136 (a))

First installment to be paid on or before November 15, 2023
Second installment to be paid on or before May 15, 2024
(32 VSA § 4871)

- Article 4. Shall the voters of the town vote to allow the Selectboard to negotiate the purchase of .34 acres on Rte. 15, Property I.D. 15021, from Champlain Oil Co Inc pending results of Brownfield study.
- Article 5 Shall the voters of the town vote to adopt the proposed Selectboard budget in the amount of \$ 1,708,388, less anticipated revenues in the amount of \$ 400,560 leaving a portion thereof in the amount of \$ 1,307,828 to be raised by taxes.

Article 6 to be voted on by Australian Ballot at the Wolcott Elementary School between the hours of 8:00 am at which time the polls will be open and 7:00 pm at which time the polls will close. The legal voters are hereby further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be provided in Chapter 43 of Title 17, V S A.

The following articles will be voted by Australian Ballot:

- Article 6. To elect the following Town officers as required by law:

Moderator	one year term
Selectboard	three-year term
Selectboard	two-year term
Lister.....	three-year term
Library Trustee	five year term
Library Trustee	three-year term
Cemetery Commissioner	five-year term
Cemetery Commissioner	four-year term

Dated at Wolcott, Vermont this 18th day of January A. D. 2023.

Wolcott Selectboard

Allen Carpenter



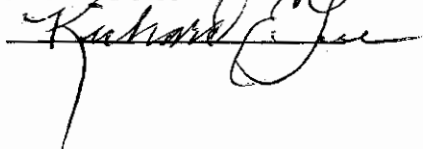
Kurt Klein



Linda J. Martin



Richard Lee



Kurt Billings

**Selectboard Proposed Budget
2023 - 2024**

July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024	2019	2020	2021	2022	PROPOSED
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION					
appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
CEMETERY ASSOCIATION					
appropriation	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
CONSTABLE/DOGS					
salary	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,627.00	\$ 2,705.81
mileage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
boarding	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
license expense	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
newspaper notices	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,277.00	\$ 3,355.81
DEBT					
interest L.O.C.	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Fire Truck Loan	\$ 31,007.00	\$ 31,346.00	\$ 32,387.00	\$ 33,463.00	\$ 33,574.00
Fire Truck Interest	\$ 5,302.00	\$ 4,963.00	\$ 3,922.00	\$ 2,846.00	\$ 2,735.00
Temp Bridge Loan	\$ 27,916.00	\$ 28,921.00	\$ 29,963.00	\$ 31,042.00	\$ 29,968.00
Temp Bridge Interest	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 4,396.00	\$ 3,354.00	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,186.00
	\$ 69,875.00	\$ 122,996.00	\$ 78,626.00	\$ 78,626.00	\$ 72,463.00
ELECTIONS					
Justices of the Peace	\$ 525.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 525.00
election official	\$ 500.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00
tabulator	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00
	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 3,125.00	\$ 1,425.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
emergency management / Generator	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
stipend	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
FOREST FIRE WARDEN					
Stipend	\$ 800.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
	\$ 800.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
LIBRARY					
salary	\$ 8,725.00	\$ 8,725.00	\$ 8,725.00	\$ 9,925.00	\$ 9,925.00
Utilities	\$ 42,869.00	\$ 43,726.00	\$ 21,863.00	\$ 25,392.00	\$ 26,153.76
		\$ 62,668.00	\$ 31,588.00	\$ 36,317.00	\$ 38,178.76
HEALTH DEPARTMENT					
Stipend	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
mileage		\$ 5,001.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00
		\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 950.00
FOREST COMMITTEE					\$ 750.00
Operating Expense					\$ 750.00

**Selectboard Proposed Budget
2023 - 2024**

IT BUDGET										
Town Fusion	\$	850.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	7,070.00	\$	8,060.00	\$	4,200.00
APEX							\$	215.00	\$	215.00
NEMREC							\$	5,734.00	\$	5,906.02
CANON									\$	1,920.00
WiFi Public / Scanning									\$	2,263.20
Starlink									\$	1,320.00
Software Expense									\$	500.00
Server Maintenance									\$	200.00
Website Maintenance									\$	300.00
Zoom									\$	1,320.00
Tax Tables									\$	715.00
									\$	18,859.22
HIGHWAY										
labor	\$	143,700.00	\$	164,585.00	\$	164,585.00	\$	204,614.00	\$	210,752.42
temporary labor			\$	10,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
insurance	\$	54,860.00	\$	48,500.00	\$	48,500.00	\$	51,188.00	\$	59,647.00
uniforms	\$	3,500.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
telephone	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,800.00
electric	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,350.00	\$	3,350.00
diesel, gas, heating oil	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	45,000.00
signs	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00
supplies	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00
equipment replacement fund	\$	75,000.00	\$	76,500.00	\$	77,000.00	\$	77,000.00	\$	100,000.00
tires	\$	7,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	4,500.00	\$	4,500.00	\$	5,000.00
equipment repairs	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	30,000.00	\$	25,000.00
tools	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	3,500.00
salt	\$	40,000.00	\$	36,500.00	\$	37,000.00	\$	38,000.00	\$	45,000.00
chlornide	\$	25,000.00	\$	26,000.00	\$	26,000.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	25,000.00
culverts	\$	5,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	15,000.00
cold patch	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
winter sand	\$	40,000.00	\$	45,000.00	\$	45,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	45,000.00
gravel	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	6,000.00
class 2 construction	\$	4,500.00	\$	4,500.00	\$	4,500.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
class 3 construction	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00	\$	41,000.00	\$	41,000.00	\$	41,000.00
class 4 maintenance	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00
bridge maintenance	\$	17,000.00	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,500.00	\$	7,500.00
guardrails	\$	2,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	15,000.00
miscellaneous	\$	500.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
Bridge Rental	\$	2,424.00	\$	2,424.00	\$	2,424.00	\$	2,424.00	\$	2,424.00
MRGP Application Fee	\$	2,500.00	\$	-	\$	2,500.00	\$	-	\$	-
MRGP Inventory Fee										240.00
MRGP Annual Fee			\$	1,590.00	\$	1,590.00	\$	1,350.00	\$	1,350.00
Outside Equip. Use			\$	6,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
Janitor							\$	600.00	\$	600.00
Brush Cutting							\$	500.00	\$	2,000.00
Office Expense							\$	150.00	\$	150.00
Mowing							\$	6,000.00	\$	10,000.00
paving	\$	60,000.00	\$	52,000.00	\$	52,000.00	\$	52,000.00	\$	57,000.00
	\$	612,484.00	\$	632,599.00	\$	625,099.00	\$	669,476.00	\$	750,813.42
INSURANCE										
unemployment	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	1,464.00
property/casualty	\$	26,147.00	\$	22,102.00	\$	24,224.00	\$	22,317.00	\$	22,877.00
worker's compensation	\$	14,097.00	\$	14,593.00	\$	18,410.00	\$	19,513.00	\$	22,769.00
	\$	40,344.00	\$	36,795.00	\$	42,734.00	\$	43,294.00	\$	47,110.00
LISTERS										
salary	\$	18,000.00	\$	20,736.00	\$	20,736.00	\$	23,593.00	\$	24,300.00

**Selectboard Proposed Budget
2023 - 2024**

newspaper notices	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 177.00	\$ 300.00
office expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Assesser					\$ 11,449.00
mileage		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
mapping	\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 21,800.00	\$ 26,051.00	\$ 26,051.00	\$ 25,070.00	\$ 36,840.00
MISCELLANEOUS					
audit	\$13,7501	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 13,900.00	\$ 13,900.00
bus barn electric	\$ 188.00	\$ 188.00	\$ 188.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
county tax/county court	\$ 14,674.00	\$ 15,187.00	\$ 16,530.00	\$ 16,752.00	\$ 16,766.00
flags	\$ 3,501.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
lease land	1\$59	\$ 59.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 59.00
mowing	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
street lights	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
VLCT dues	\$ 3,031.00	\$ 3,155.00	\$ 3,155.00	\$ 3,155.00	\$ 3,299.00
	\$ 38,102.00	\$ 38,102.00	\$ 40,582.00	\$ 40,441.00	\$ 41,599.00
LITTER COMMITTEE					
Signage		\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
Disposal		\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Bulk Day		\$ -		\$ -	\$ 2,100.00
Green Up Spring & Fall				\$ -	\$ 2,300.00
Legal		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Postage		\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Mileage		\$ 350.00		\$ 100.00	\$ -
River Clean Up				\$ -	\$ 150.00
		\$ 3,300.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 5,650.00
PARK & RECREATION					
Portalet Allocation					\$ 1,620.00
Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,620.00
PAYROLL TAXES					
FICA/medicare taxes	\$ 23,929.00	\$ 28,470.00	\$ 28,287.00	\$ 31,138.00	\$ 32,366.00
VT Municipal retirement	\$ 10,950.00	\$ 12,852.00	\$ 12,086.00	\$ 13,922.00	\$ 13,724.00
	\$ 34,879.00	\$ 41,322.00	\$ 40,373.00	\$ 45,060.00	\$ 46,090.00
PLANNING/ZONING					
salary	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,400.00
legal services	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
mileage	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
newspaper notices	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00
office expense	\$ 200.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
postage/telephone	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
training	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 12,875.00	\$ 11,725.00	\$ 10,775.00	\$ 12,125.00
SELECTBOARD					
salary	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Project Manager		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
recorder	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
newspaper notices	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
legal services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Phone				\$ 558.00	\$ 558.00
Covid Supplies				\$ 200.00	\$ -
miscellaneous	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Annual Picnic					\$ 250.00
	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 26,600.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 49,758.00	\$ 34,808.00

**Selectboard Proposed Budget
2023 - 2024**

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE						
Town Clerk	\$ 10,963.00	\$ 18,280.00	\$ 11,292.00	\$ 11,864.00	\$ 12,219.92	
temporary labor		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Treasurer	\$ 21,915.00	\$ 20,800.00	\$ 22,572.00	\$ 23,714.00	\$ 24,425.42	
recording fees (treated as an in & out in previous	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 21,216.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,840.00	
Bookkeeping Services	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
training	\$ 260.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	
insurance	\$ 31,330.00	\$ 26,887.00	\$ 26,887.00	\$ 25,981.00	\$ 27,897.00	
office supplies Tax Bills	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,200.00	
postage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,500.00	
telephone	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,100.00	
mileage	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
newspaper notices	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
	\$ 122,358.00	\$ 129,503.00	\$ 132,781.00	\$ 123,459.00	\$ 127,382.34	
TOWN HALL BUILDING						
fuel	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	
janitor	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,545.00	
electric	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	
supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
trash removal	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 6,145.00	
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING						
fuel	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,800.00	
janitor	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,575.00	
electric	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	
supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
trash removal	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,375.00	
TOWN SERVICE AGENCIES						
Hardwick Rescue Squad			\$ 12,707.00	\$ 16,552.00	\$ 15,523.81	
Lamoille Sheriff's Department Patrol				\$ 246,098.00	\$ 258,402.90	
Lamoille Sheriff's Department Dcommunications				\$ 36,908.00	\$ 38,480.28	
Lamoille County Planning Commission			\$ 1,031.00	\$ 1,031.00	\$ 1,031.00	
			\$ 13,738.00	\$ 300,589.00	\$ 313,437.99	
TOWN REPORT						
Stipend	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
postage	\$ 380.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	
printing of report	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,479.00	\$ 3,000.00	
	\$ 3,355.00	\$ 3,355.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,479.00	\$ 3,600.00	
TOWN BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND						
maintenance & repair	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
maintenance person	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
WOLCOTT VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT						
appropriation	\$ 50,900.00	\$ 50,900.00	\$ 55,050.00	\$ 55,050.00	\$ 56,450.00	
stipend	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	
equipment fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	
	\$ 68,900.00	\$ 68,900.00	\$ 73,050.00	\$ 73,050.00	\$ 79,950.00	
GENERAL:	\$ 533,756.00	\$ 630,492.00	\$ 573,073.00	\$ 975,692.88	\$ 939,014.12	
HIGHWAY:	\$ 612,484.00	\$ 632,599.00	\$ 625,099.00	\$ 669,476.00	\$ 750,813.42	
TOTAL	\$ 1,146,240.00	\$ 1,263,091.00	\$ 1,198,172.00	\$ 1,559,336.00	\$ 1,689,827.54	

**Selectboard Proposed Budget
2023 - 2024**

							\$ 308,366.00		
	ANTICIPATED REVENUES								
	Fund Balance Total	\$ 22,155.00	\$ 35,579.00	\$ 11,861.48	\$ 49,642.00	\$ 83,360.00			
	constable/ dog licenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00			
	highway/overweight permits	\$ 400.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00			
	interest	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,000.00			
	judicial fines	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00			
	grants/state of vt highway	\$ 101,800.00	\$ 101,800.00	\$ 104,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 120,000.00			
	current use	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 104,000.00	\$ 108,905.00			
	pilot	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00			
	miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00			
	zoning permit fees	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00			
	delinquent penalty & interest	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00			
	recording fees	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00			
	copies/fax	\$ 125.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00			
	restoration fees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00			
	town hall rent	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00			
	Liquor Licenses		\$ 130.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00			
		\$ 282,810.00	\$ 292,549.00	\$ 308,366.48	\$ 354,937.00	\$ 400,560.00			
	Decrease/Increase	\$ (25,899.00)	\$ 9,739.00	\$ 15,817.48	\$ (46,571.00)	\$ 45,623.00			

Wolcott Selectboard

Linda Martin

Kurt Klein

Allen Carpenter

Richard Lee

Kurt Billings

Linda J. Martin
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HARDWICK EMERGENCY RESCUE SQUAD

PO Box 837, Hardwick VT 05843

Phone/Fax # 802-472-6343

Nov 27, 2022

Hardwick Rescue Squad (HRS) is on pace for another banner year. As I write this letter HRS has had 750 calls for service. Many of the issues that plagued our service over the last few years have continued with low staffing, increased cost for supplies, fuel and supply chain issues. Despite all of that, HRS volunteers have continued to provide compassionate care to their fellow community members. The towns we serve will see minimal changes in appropriations this year with a slight overall increase. The gift the HRS members provide to the community does come at a cost and without the dedication of the members the cost to provide paid 24/7 coverage would almost triple our budget. This would put us easily over a million dollars. We need you to help us continue our mission of service to our communities. It takes months to train a new driver and a year or more to educate and train a new provider. We are always looking for new volunteers so if you wish to answer the call, give us a call.

Many people have never needed to call 911 for a medical emergency and for that I am thankful. Many do not know what it is to be a volunteer for a rescue squad, so let me paint you a picture. It is a cold snowy night much like today. The wind is howling and the trees are snapping and popping as they struggle to bend with the wind. Something has happened for you to call 911, a cut, a fall, chest pain, illness, etc. Somewhere in three homes near the rescue building tones ring out on portable radios, rousing you from a pleasant slumber. Two providers and a driver, in their respective homes, jump out of bed, get dressed and head off into the cold night to drive the less than 10 minutes to the building. The crew chief calls the hospital as the responders grab their N95s and eye protection and the ambulance heads out. Red lights reflect on the snow as the ambulance speeds towards you. Driver and crew chief scour the mailboxes and trees looking for your address, hoping you have a large 911 numbered sign so we can find your address quickly. We find a narrow driveway and the driver skillfully heads up as tree branches scrape the sides of the ambulance heavy with snow. As the ambulance stops, the providers hop out as the driver tries to turn around in preparation for loading a patient into the back. We enter your home and greet you with a warm welcome despite the hour and the weather. We listen, assess, and provide you with care as we determine the medical problem and treatment required. If you are fortunate enough to not need to go to the hospital we answer your questions and determine a plan that you are comfortable with. If you need to go to the emergency room you are assisted onto a stretcher, covered with a warm blanket and wheeled through the snow into the waiting ambulance. Your crew comforts you, treats you, and brings you to the hospital. The call does not end there for the providers and driver who need to write a report, clean, restock and then head back home hopeful that is the end of the calls for the shift. Statistically it is not, and they may head out several more times leaving their family to answer a call to help you.

It takes a special person to answer a call and take the time to volunteer for their community. Currently we carry a roster of 45-50 volunteers to cover over 95% of our schedule,



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but it is not enough. Many of our members work out of town and we struggle like many local fire departments to cover weekday schedules. Many of our volunteers come from outside of our response area and must stay at an aging building with sub-par accommodations. Our membership is in the process of finding a new larger home for HRS, and we hope as community members you not only continue to support our noble cause but are willing to support our building campaign. Our next building will be for our future. This will allow us to have more appropriately sized meeting and training space, private gender neutral bathrooms and sleeping quarters. HRS is at a critical juncture where we must walk the fine line between our ability to stay a volunteer service supplemented by paid staff or move into a more career structure.

Our membership deeply desires to maintain our heritage as a volunteer service. HRS is working hard to become a more supportive, open and inclusive organization. We open our doors to all walks of life. If you are looking for a place to make new friends and give back to your community we welcome you.

I remain humbled to lead an organization of such fine individuals. Thank you for your support. During a time where it is hard enough to find paid workers, please thank all those who volunteer their time regardless of the way.

Happy Holidays to you and yours from your ever devoted HRS family.

Respectfully,

Lindsay O'Steen, President of HRS.

Hardwick Emergency Rescue Squad, Inc. **2023 Budget**

Revenue	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Service Income	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00
Town Appropriations	\$148,300.00	\$150,000.00
Total Revenue	\$348,300.00	\$400,000.00
Expenses		
Professional Services	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Ambulances	\$15,000.00	\$22,000.00
Billing Service	\$4,500.00	\$12,000.00
Dispatch	\$28,000.00	\$30,000.00
Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00
Insurance	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
Membership	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Office	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00
Payroll	\$135,000.00	\$150,000.00
Health Ins.	\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Supplies	\$20,000.00	\$26,700.00
Training	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Utilities	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00
Ambulance Capital Fund	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Building Capital Fund	\$6,650.00	\$11,650.00
Equipment Capital Fund	\$6,650.00	\$6,650.00
Vt State Ambulance Tax	\$7,500.00	\$8,000.00
Total Expenses	\$348,300.00	\$400,000.00

Town Appropriations		Pro-Rated 2022	Pro-Rated 2023
Hardwick	48.05%	\$71,263.69	\$72,761.91
Craftsbury	13.43%	\$19,923.18	\$19,904.76
Greensboro	14.12%	\$20,944.88	\$22,285.71
Stannard	1.52%	\$2,247.74	\$2,476.19
Walden	2.89%	\$4,291.46	\$5,142.86
Wolcott	11.16%	\$16,551.57	\$15,523.81
Woodbury	8.82%	\$13,077.48	\$11,904.76
Total		\$148,300.00	\$150,000.00



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October 17, 2022

Linda Martin, Selectboard Chair
Town of Wolcott
PO Box 100
Wolcott, VT 05680

Dear Linda:

We at the Lamoille County Planning Commission, greatly enjoy working with municipalities from around the county. We greatly appreciate your time and your community's commitment to planning. All of us on the staff look forward to working with you and serving your municipality in the years ahead.

The Lamoille County Planning Commission requests that Wolcott appropriate \$1,031 for our Fiscal Year 2024 operating budget at the 2023 Town Meeting. The amount we are requesting has not increased from last year. Our request is based on 50% of the 2011 Equalized Grand List and 50% of the 2010 Census population for each town's percentage of the county share.

Annual appropriations are a critical component of the overall LCPC budget. Appropriations are used by the LCPC to support match requirements for regional and municipal projects, especially those funded through grants. A town's voluntary contribution to regional planning also demonstrates its support for local and regional planning, one component of the confirmation process that maintains a municipality's eligibility for municipal planning grants from the State of Vermont. The LCPC's Fiscal Year 2022 Municipal Report for inclusion in your town report is attached. We hope this report will provide local citizens with an understanding of the general services provided by LCPC generally and to your town this year.

If there are particular services that we can provide to the Town in the upcoming year, please feel free to contact me at (802) 851-6346 or tasha@lcpcvt.org.

Thank you for appropriating the funds for the current fiscal year. We appreciate your consideration of our Fiscal Year 2024 request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Tasha Wallis", is written over a horizontal line.

R. Tasha Wallis
Executive Director

cc: Belinda Clegg, Town Clerk
Maxfield English, LCPC Town of Wolcott Director



Lamoille County Planning Commission FY22 Municipal Report

FY22 Municipal Assistance July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

WOLCOTT

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.

LCPC Board Member
Maxfield English
Linda Martin—County Director

**Transportation Advisory
Committee**
Linda Martin
Dillan Cafferkey (alt)

In Wolcott these services included:

- ❖ Assisting with project management for the flood mitigation analysis for Elmore Pond Road Bridge;
- ❖ Providing information and technical support regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Facilitating of Grant In Aid funds, used to assist the town in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Conducting bike/pedestrian counts on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail;
- ❖ Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics between State officials and Wolcott Highway Department;
- ❖ Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds such as Grant In Aid program, Emergency Management programs, and Fish & Wildlife grant programs that are eligible for road projects;
- ❖ Providing information and technical support, including site visits upon request with VTrans and Agency of Natural Resources staff regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Assisting with a project to evaluate the opportunities to enhance wastewater capacity in Wolcott Village to enable growth of local businesses;
- ❖ Assisting with the Schoolhouse Revitalization Committee to further pursue the reuse of the historic schoolhouse and have it become a community hub for all residents and visitors of the LVRT;
- ❖ Developing maps showing possible wastewater options in the town;
- ❖ Utilizing Lamoille Main Stem Flood Model to evaluate opportunities to reduce flooding and ice jamming along Route 15;

- ❖ Evaluating possible opportunities to reduce flooding and erosion on North Wolcott Road and exploring floodplain restoration along the Wild Branch near the North Wolcott Recreation Field;
- ❖ Evaluating floodplain restoration alternatives on property owned by the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife to reduce flooding on Elmore Pond Road; Secured Clean Water Block Grant funding for final design and implementation of a berm removal as part of this greater restoration effort and coordinated with VFWD and the Lamoille NRCD on the stream buffer restoration portion of this floodplain restoration project;
- ❖ Assisting the Town in securing a grant from the Flood Resilient Communities Fund for final design and implementation of the Floodplain Restoration Project at the North Wolcott Recreation Fields;
- ❖ Facilitating technical support and coordination with VTrans related to traffic and bike-pedestrian safety, speed limits, and signs on town and state roads;
- ❖ Providing technical support and coordinating assistance between VTrans and Town staff regarding Town goals and priorities for State funded transportation projects including the School Street Bridge;
- ❖ Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts;
- ❖ Assisting with updating the Local Emergency Management Plan;
- ❖ Assisting with review of flood hazard regulations for compliance with FEMA standards, and potential opportunities to reduce flood insurance premiums for property owners;
- ❖ Providing outreach and informational resources on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the "3 Acre Rule" and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- ❖ Providing outreach on the update of the Lamoille River Tactical Basin Plan;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance and guidance regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and reporting;
- ❖ Collecting input regarding the Childcare MPG consortium with Cambridge, Johnson, Stowe and Wolcott;
- ❖ Assisting the Town in developing an application to renew the Designated Village Center status for Wolcott Village;
- ❖ Providing technical assistance to the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District.

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
Patrol Budget
July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

	Budget 21-22	Budget 22-23	Budget 23-24	Percentage Increase	Assessment Increase	
OPERATING BUDGET						
SALARIES	\$ 771,252	\$ 810,117	\$ 793,123			
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE	\$ 59,000	\$ 61,974	\$ 60,177			
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 4,600	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,900			
HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT	\$ 151,432	\$ 149,820	\$ 135,968			
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$ 55,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000			
RETIREMENT	\$ 90,552	\$ 137,498	\$ 123,862			
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$ 5,300	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000			
UNIFORMS	\$ 8,500	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000			
TRAINING/EDUCATION	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000			
REPAIRS/MAINTANCE	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 20,000			
INSURANCE - LIABILITY / UMBRELLA	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	\$ 5,000			
AUTO INSURANCE	\$ 18,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000			
GAS EXPENSE	\$ 31,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000			
PATROL EQUIPMENT	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000			
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,000			
TELEPHONE/DATA LINE	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500			
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 8,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000			
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200			
GPS MONITORING	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900			
CANINE			\$ 6,500			
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,284,836	\$ 1,377,959	\$ 1,347,130			
CAPITAL BUDGET						
CRUISER	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	0.00%		
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	0.00%		
TOTAL BUDGET: FY 21-22	\$ 1,324,836	\$ 1,427,959	\$ 1,397,130	-2.16%		

COP'S GRANT (IF WE CAN FILL THE POSITIO	\$ 93,750	\$ 93,750	\$ 46,485		
CREDIT FOR LARAWAY SCHOOL	\$ 12,360	\$ 12,500	\$ 13,500		
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT	\$ 20,600	\$ 22,600	\$ 20,000		
CREDIT FOR ELMORE PATROL	\$ 16,458	\$ 16,952	\$ 17,460		
ASSESSMENT - HYDE PARK	\$ 433,242	\$ 446,239	\$ 468,551	5.000%	
ASSESSMENT - JOHNSON	\$ 496,214	\$ 511,100	\$ 536,655	5.000%	
ASSESSMENT - WOLCOTT	\$ 238,931	\$ 246,099	\$ 258,403	5.000%	
CONTRIBUTION FROM LCSD	\$ 13,281	\$ 78,719	\$ 36,076		
ADJUSTED TOTAL	\$ 1,324,836	\$ 1,427,959	\$ 1,397,130		

Lamolle County Sheriff's Department
Communications Budget
July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Percentage		
	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	Increase		
COMMUNICATIONS SALARY	\$ 811,711	\$ 761,732	\$ 727,797	\$ 727,255	\$ 788,467	8.42%		
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE	\$ 60,183	\$ 56,360	\$ 55,679	\$ 56,644	\$ 58,405	3.11%		
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	0.00%		
HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE	\$ 131,757	\$ 135,487	\$ 123,520	\$ 136,847	\$ 164,678	20.34%		
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	\$ 15,000	42.86%		
RETIREMENT	\$ 82,132	\$ 76,753	\$ 85,161	\$ 121,637	\$ 125,826	3.44%		
EQUIPMENT	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	0.00%		
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 650	\$ 800	\$ 800	0.00%		
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	\$ 4,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	0.00%		
INSURANCE	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	0.00%		
UNIFORMS	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	0.00%		
ELECTRICITY & SEWER	\$ 10,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	25.00%		
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 8,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500	0.00%		
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,400	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	0.00%		
TRAINING/EDUCATION	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	0.00%		
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 25,500	\$ 35,000	\$ 25,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	0.00%		
TELEPHONE	\$ 6,550	\$ 12,300	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,700	\$ 6,000	-22.08%		
VLETS-SERVICES & SUPPLIES	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,800	\$ -	-100.00%		
MANDATORY E-911 TRAINING	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	0.00%		
VIBRS SYSTEM CHARGE	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,250	\$ 9,250	\$ 6,000	\$ -	-100.00%		
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	-100.00%		
TOWER RENTAL	\$ 29,600	\$ 29,600	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	0.00%		
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,600	\$ 4,500	73.08%		
	\$ -	\$ -						
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	\$ 21,999	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	0.00%		
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 1,252,232	\$ 1,230,182	\$ 1,172,557	\$ 1,212,783	\$ 1,302,176	7.37%		
	\$ -							
Communication Revenues	\$ 331,195	\$ 338,841	\$ 338,841	\$ 344,911	\$ 373,191	8.20%		
TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET	\$ 921,037	\$ 891,341	\$ 833,716	\$ 867,872	\$ 928,985	7.04%		

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
Communications Assessment
For the Years FY 2023 -2024

Total Budget One Half
Assessment of Budget

FY 2023 -2024

\$ 928,985 \$ 464,493

Population Portion 50% of allocation				Grand List Portion 50 % of allocation			FY 23-24	FY 22-23		Percent	Overall
Town Name	Population	Population Percentage	Population Cost	Grand List	Grand List Percentage	Grand List Portion	Assessment	Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Increase/ (Decrease)	Assessment Percentage
Belvidere	355	1.188%	\$ 5,519	\$ 432,500	0.62%	\$ 2,878	\$ 8,397	\$ 7,877	\$ 520	6.61%	0.90%
Cambridge	3815	12.769%	\$ 59,309	\$ 6,269,210	8.98%	\$ 41,725	\$ 101,034	\$ 97,704	\$ 3,330	3.41%	10.88%
Eden	1335	4.468%	\$ 20,754	\$ 1,618,060	2.32%	\$ 10,769	\$ 31,523	\$ 29,826	\$ 1,697	5.69%	3.39%
Elmore	882	2.952%	\$ 13,712	\$ 2,106,150	3.02%	\$ 14,017	\$ 27,729	\$ 27,052	\$ 677	2.50%	2.98%
Hyde Park	3019	10.104%	\$ 46,934	\$ 3,691,660	5.29%	\$ 24,570	\$ 71,504	\$ 67,857	\$ 3,647	5.37%	7.70%
Johnson	3546	11.868%	\$ 55,127	\$ 2,668,470	3.82%	\$ 17,760	\$ 72,887	\$ 68,686	\$ 4,201	6.12%	7.85%
Morristown	5522	18.482%	\$ 85,847	\$ 9,434,350	13.52%	\$ 62,790	\$ 148,637	\$ 135,573	\$ 13,064	9.64%	16.00%
Stowe	5288	17.699%	\$ 82,209	\$ 35,354,570	50.66%	\$ 235,301	\$ 317,510	\$ 289,930	\$ 27,580	9.51%	34.18%
Waterville	691	2.313%	\$ 10,742	\$ 796,720	1.14%	\$ 5,303	\$ 16,045	\$ 14,783	\$ 1,262	8.54%	1.73%
Wolcott	1673	5.599%	\$ 26,009	\$ 1,866,410	2.67%	\$ 12,422	\$ 38,431	\$ 36,908	\$ 1,523	4.13%	4.14%
Hardwick	2951	9.877%	\$ 45,877	\$ 2,449,470	3.51%	\$ 16,302	\$ 62,180	\$ 58,418	\$ 3,762	6.44%	6.69%
Greensboro	801	2.681%	\$ 12,453	\$ 3,103,510	4.45%	\$ 20,655	\$ 33,108	\$ 32,258	\$ 850	2.63%	3.56%
							\$ -				
	29878	100.00%	\$ 464,493	\$ 69,791,080	100.00%	\$ 464,493	\$ 928,985	\$ 866,872	\$ 62,113	7.04%	100%

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
Communications Assessment
For the Years FY 2022 -2023

Total Budget One Half
Assessment of Budget

FY 2022 -2023

\$ 866,872 \$ 433,436

Population Portion 50% of allocation				Grand List Portion 50 % of allocation			FY 22-23	FY 21-22		Percent	Overall
Town Name	Population	Population Percentage	Population Cost	Grand List	Grand List Percentage	Grand List Portion	Assessment	Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Increase/ (Decrease)	Assessment Percentage
Belvidere	358	1.206%	\$ 5,229	\$ 360,690	0.61%	\$ 2,648	\$ 7,877	\$ 7,888	\$ (11)	-0.14%	0.91%
Cambridge	3839	12.936%	\$ 56,071	\$ 5,671,040	9.61%	\$ 41,633	\$ 97,704	\$ 98,655	\$ (951)	-0.96%	11.27%
Eden	1338	4.509%	\$ 19,542	\$ 1,400,820	2.37%	\$ 10,284	\$ 29,826	\$ 30,516	\$ (690)	-2.26%	3.44%
Elmore	886	2.986%	\$ 12,941	\$ 1,922,180	3.26%	\$ 14,111	\$ 27,052	\$ 25,096	\$ 1,956	7.79%	3.12%
Hyde Park	3020	10.177%	\$ 44,109	\$ 3,234,850	5.48%	\$ 23,748	\$ 67,857	\$ 65,898	\$ 1,959	2.97%	7.83%
Johnson	3491	11.764%	\$ 50,988	\$ 2,410,700	4.08%	\$ 17,698	\$ 68,686	\$ 70,521	\$ (1,835)	-2.60%	7.92%
Morristown	5434	18.311%	\$ 79,367	\$ 7,656,130	12.97%	\$ 56,206	\$ 135,573	\$ 132,967	\$ 2,606	1.96%	15.64%
Stowe	5223	17.600%	\$ 76,285	\$ 29,101,720	49.29%	\$ 213,645	\$ 289,930	\$ 263,159	\$ 26,771	10.17%	33.45%
Waterville	686	2.312%	\$ 10,019	\$ 648,840	1.10%	\$ 4,763	\$ 14,783	\$ 14,791	\$ (8)	-0.06%	1.71%
Wolcott	1670	5.627%	\$ 24,391	\$ 1,704,950	2.89%	\$ 12,517	\$ 36,908	\$ 37,005	\$ (97)	-0.26%	4.26%
Hardwick	2920	9.840%	\$ 42,648	\$ 2,148,080	3.64%	\$ 15,770	\$ 58,418	\$ 56,803	\$ 1,615	2.84%	6.74%
Greensboro	811	2.733%	\$ 11,845	\$ 2,780,520	4.71%	\$ 20,413	\$ 32,258	\$ 30,416	\$ 1,842	6.06%	3.72%
							\$ -				
	29676	100.00%	\$ 433,436	\$ 59,040,520	100.00%	\$ 433,436	\$ 866,872	\$ 833,715	\$ 33,157	3.98%	100.00%

**LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT
FISCAL 2024 BUDGET
2022 MUNICIPAL EQUALIZED GRAND LIST**

Town	**2022** Grand List Dollars (1% value)	Percentage of Budget	Prior Year 7/01/22-6/30/23	Cost Per Town 7/01/23-6/30/24	Increase/ -Decrease
Belvidere	\$ 432,500	0.673276%	\$ 3,546	\$ 3,887	\$ 341
Cambridge	\$ 6,269,210	9.759333%	\$ 55,753	\$ 56,349	\$ 596
Eden	\$ 1,618,060	2.518848%	\$ 13,772	\$ 14,543	\$ 772
Elmore	\$ 2,106,150	3.278662%	\$ 18,897	\$ 18,930	\$ 33
Hyde Park	\$ 3,691,660	5.746839%	\$ 31,803	\$ 33,181	\$ 1,379
Johnson	\$ 2,668,470	4.154030%	\$ 23,700	\$ 23,985	\$ 285
Morristown	\$ 9,434,350	14.686533%	\$ 75,269	\$ 84,798	\$ 9,529
Stowe	\$ 35,354,570	55.036762%	\$ 286,106	\$ 317,774	\$ 31,668
Waterville	\$ 796,720	1.240261%	\$ 6,379	\$ 7,161	\$ 782
Wolcott	\$ 1,866,410	2.905456%	\$ 16,762	\$ 16,776	\$ 14
Totals	<u>\$ 64,238,100</u>	<u>100.000000%</u>	<u>\$ 531,987</u>	<u>\$ 577,385</u>	<u>\$ 45,397</u>

Tax Rate 0.00898820

TOWN OF WOLCOTT

GENERAL FUND

**Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**

Beginning Cash on Hand and in Bank \$ 142,002.16

Receipts

Taxes:

2021 - 2022 Fiscal Taxes	\$2,999,354.46
Current Use Funding	\$ 122,519.00
State of VT Pilot Program	\$ 9,995.80
Delinquent Property Taxes	\$ 178,790.15
State Pre-bate Payment	\$ 73,233.59
Tax Overpayment	\$ 10,117.22

Total Taxes \$3,394,010.22

State

Highway Funds \$ 119,090.25

Grants:

AARP Grant	\$ 11,795.00
Better Back Roads Aid Grant	\$ 14,020.00
FAH Grant	\$ 358,949.44
FEMA Funds	\$ 75,960.21
Highway Safety Grant	\$ 2,509.50
Spark Grant	\$ 950.00
VCRD Grant	\$ 2,000.00

Total Grant Funds \$ 466,184.15

Licenses:

Dog Licenses	\$ 3,136.00
Beverage Licenses	\$ 65.00

Total Licenses \$ 3,201.00

Planning Commission & Zoning Board:

Permits and Hearings \$ 4,210.76

Rents:

Town Hall Use Rent	\$ 4,730.00
Town Office Rent	\$ 240.00

Total Rent \$ 4,970.00

Interest:

Now Account	\$ 113.73
ICS MM Account	\$ 6,939.40
Delinquent Tax	\$ 12,093.53

Total Interest	\$ 19,146.66
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Miscellaneous Receipts:

8% Penalty	\$ 10,719.19
Access Permits	\$ 40.00
Copier & Fax	\$ 56.50
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 1,248.85
Town Clerk Revenue	\$ 23,141.00
Restoration Fees	\$ 7,080.00
Judicial Fines	\$ 4,128.31
Old Schoolhouse Donation	\$ 1,250.00
Overweight Permit Fees	\$ 545.00
Rabies/Neutering Fees	\$ 2,227.00
Dog Violation & Boarding	\$ 50.00
Insurance Reims	\$ 943.00
Tax Sale Reims. & Interest	\$ 1,259.00
E911 Addresses	\$ 355.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 53,042.85
Total Receipts	\$4,063,855.89
Total	\$4,205,858.05

Disbursements

Orders Paid:

Selectboard, General	\$ 761,236.56
Appropriations	\$ 20,260.00
School portion of Taxes	\$2,052,643.76
Service Agencies	\$ 289,674.00
Highway Department	\$ 717,404.52
Grant Expense	\$ 335,567.81
Office Equipment Fund	\$ 623.37
Flood Expense	\$ 39,193.93

Total Disbursements	\$4,216,603.95
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Ending Balance on hand	\$ -10,745.90
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Petty Cash	\$ 110.00
Checking Account	\$ -16,984.37
ICS MM Account	\$ 6,128.47

**TOWN OF WOLCOTT
GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS

Current Assets	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
Cash Accounts		
Petty Cash	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00
ICS MM Account	\$ 40,962.84	\$ 6,128.47
Checking Account	\$ 100,929.32	\$ (16,984.37)
Total Cash	\$ 142,002.16	\$ (10,745.90)
Receivables		
Delinquent Property Taxes	\$ 134,608.47	\$ 66,489.88
Water Rent	\$ 240.00	\$ (260.00)
Total Receivables:	\$ 134,848.47	\$ 66,229.88
Highway Inventory	\$ 20,431.85	\$ 20,431.85
Total Assets	\$ 297,282.48	\$ 75,915.83

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES

Liabilities:

Fire Truck Loan	\$ 171,036.26	\$ 138,229.10
New Truck Loan	\$ -	\$ -
Temporary Bridge	\$ 93,389.80	\$ 63,421.63
Grader	\$ -	\$ 230,690.39
Excavator	\$ -	\$ 85,883.16
Flood Loan	\$ 202,061.75	\$ -
Total Liabilities	\$ 466,487.81	\$ 518,224.28
Equity	\$ (169,205.33)	\$ (442,308.45)

**DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022**

YEAR	NAME	AMOUNT DUE
2018-2019	Gibbs, Andrew & Susan	\$ 1,124.17
2019-2020	Gibbs, Andrew & Susan	\$ 2,366.79
2020-2021	Gibbs, Andrew & Susan	\$ 1,859.97
2021-2022	Barbour, Corey & Rose	\$ 387.97
	Bertrend, Justin	\$ 191.64
	Bilodeau, Michael & Flormelin	\$ 915.64
	Bohannon, Patrick & Laurie	\$ 484.62
	Borello, Thomas	\$ 450.37
	Dawson, James	\$ 223.32
	Lamore, Ray	\$ 1,009.95
	Leonard, Nicole	\$ 13.54
	Manning, Malcolm	\$ 1,945.65
	Nelson Farms, Inc.	\$ 287.84
	Nelson Farms, Inc.	\$ 102.97
	Nelson Farms, Inc.	\$ 342.43
	Raymond, Brenda	\$ 11.40
	Webb, Damien	\$ 1,258.07
	Whipple, Ryan	\$ 289.70
	Wucik, Edward & Debra	\$ 2,410.68
	Total Tax Due	\$ 15,676.72

**GRANT AWARDS
2021-2022**

Name of Grant	Award Dates	Project Amount	Local Share	Grant Share	Received	Date	Match
AARP Grant	07/28/2021-12/31/2021	11795	0	\$ 11,795.00	\$ 11,795.00	9/3/21	0%
Community Grant							
ARPA Library Grant	10/1/2021-08/31/2022	\$ 2,792.30	\$ -	\$ 2,792.30	\$ 2,792.30	11/23/21	0%
Community Outreach							
Better Back Roads FY2022	05/21/2021-06/30/2022	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 17,200.00	\$ -		20%
BR0849							
<i>upgrade culvert on East Elmore Road</i>							
Spark Grant	2021-2022	\$ 950.00	\$ -	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00	10/12/21	0%
#20213011							
Community Garden & Park Logo							
VCRD	2021	\$ 3,671.75	\$ 1,671.75	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	10/25/21	
Solar Lights							

STATEMENT OF TOWN INDEBTEDNESS

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

2021-2022	Start	Rate	Amount	Balance	Pay Off date	Bank	
Fire Truck Loan 2017 Fire Pumper Truck	6/24/2016	2.19%	\$324,489.00	\$138,229.10	6/24/2026	Union Bank	
Line of Credit 2020-2021	7/1/2021	1.65%	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	6/30/2022	Union Bank	
Temporary Bridge Loan School Street	12/14/2018	2.38%	\$150,000.00	\$64,421.63	12/14/2023	Union Bank	
2019 Flood Loan	12/13/2019	2.15%	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	12/12/2024	Union Bank	Paid off early
Brook Rd Box Culvert Loan	5/2/2022	1.15	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	5/23/2023	Union Bank	
STATEMENT OF TOWN LEASES July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022							
2021-2022	Start	Rate	Amount	Balance	Pay Off date	Bank	
Caterpillar Excavator 2020 7 year Lease	7/22/2020	3.35%	\$116,000.00	\$85,883.16	7/22/2027	Caterpillar Financial	
Caterpillar Grader 2021 10 year Lease	1/21/2021	2.99%	\$289,000.00	\$230,690.39	1/21/2031	Caterpillar Financial	

**TOWN OF WOLCOTT
SCHOOL STREET WATER RENT
Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2021 (\$1,916.72)

RECEIPTS

Water Rent	\$1,460.00
Total Receipts	\$1,460.00
Total	(\$ 456.72)

DISBURSEMENTS

Repairs	\$ 20.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 20.00
Ending Balance	(\$ 476.72)

**TOWN OF WOLCOTT
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL ACCOUNT
Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2021 \$3,923.19

RECEIPTS

Interest	\$ 1.17
Total Receipts	\$ 1.17
Total	\$3,924.36

DISBURSEMENTS

Flowers	\$ 93.21
Total Disbursements	\$ 93.21
Ending Balance	\$3,831.15

**Transfer Station
Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2021 **\$551.48**

RECEIPTS

Bulky Waste	\$3,195.00
Compost	\$790.50
Garbage	\$67,596.00
Interest	\$1.90
Overages	\$261.30
Recycling	\$5,165.00
Scrap metal	\$1,872.80
Tires	\$1,133.00
Total Receipts	\$80,015.50

Total Income **\$80,566.98**

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising	\$334.52
Bank Charges	\$454.96
Building/equip. repairs	\$523.52
Compost	\$2,060.00
Contracted Labor	\$975.00
District surcharge	\$5,098.17
Green Up	\$0.00
Hauling fee – containers	\$26,749.84
Heating fuel/repairs	\$1,509.96
Mowing	\$600.00
Payroll – attendants	\$6,485.73
Payroll expenses	\$496.16
Portable toilet rental	\$1,540.00
Recycling	\$9,403.22
Roll-off rental fee	\$2,400.00
Rubbish Disposal	\$20,466.13
Supplies	\$57.77
Tire disposal	\$1,239.00
Total Disbursements	\$80,393.98

Ending Balance **\$173.00**

Checking Acct	\$23.00
Petty Cash	\$150.00

TRANSFER STATION BUDGET

2023 - 2024

REVENUE				2019-2020	2021-2022	2023- 2024
	Transfer Station Receipts			\$ 74,000.00	\$ 82,690.00	\$ 80,585.00
	Interest			\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
				\$ 74,020.00	\$ 82,700.00	\$ 80,595.00
EXPENSES						
	Advertising			\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
	Annual Inspection Repairs			\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	Building Repairs			\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
	Cash Register Expense			\$ 190.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	Composting			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,800.00
	Container Moving Charge			\$ 23,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	Equipment Repairs			\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	Green-Up Expense			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
	Heat fuel			\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Heating Repairs			\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	Labor			\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,695.00
	Litter Committee			\$ -	\$ 2,700.00	\$ -
	Misc. Expense			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
	Mowing			\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00
	Part-Time Help			\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
	Payroll Expenses			\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Port-a-let			\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	Recycling			\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
	Rental Container Charge			\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
	Rubbish Disposal			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	Small Tools			\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
	Supplies			\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	Surcharge			\$ 4,900.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,200.00
	Tires			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
				\$ 74,020.00	\$ 82,700.00	\$ 80,595.00

TOWN OF WOLCOTT

TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT FUND

Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements July 1, 2021– June 30, 2022

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2021 \$ 1,740.18

RECEIPTS

Total Receipts	\$ 0.00	
Total		\$ 1,740.18

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements	\$ 623.37	
Total Disbursements	\$ 623.37	
Ending Balance		\$ 1,116.81



G&N Excavation beginning
to install the box culvert
on Brook Road

Selectboard Report

VTrans has completed the conceptual plans on School Street Bridge and the board has signed off on them. We will be responsible for 5% of the scoping, preliminary engineering and right-of-way phase of the project. The Federal government through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will now be paying 100% of the construction costs. We agreed to an off-alignment to Route 15, off site detour during construction and a sidewalk at grade level. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2025.

We interviewed candidates for a part time project manager position and hired Kurt Klein. He can be reached at the town office most week days between 12:30 – 3:30 or 888-4376.

Champlain Oil has reached out to the board to see if we had any interest in purchasing .34 acres of land that is a portion of the parking area in downtown Wolcott. We have engaged the Brownsfield Committee of Lamoille County Planning Commission to conduct a Phase I study for contaminants in the soil. The Board will be asking the voters to allow us to negotiate a purchase of this property pending results and remediation of the property.

In October, the last of the Halloween Storm flood damage of 2019 was completed with the installation of a large box culvert on the Brook Road. This culvert had been damaged numerous times with flooding events. It took a lot of back and forth but we were able to convince FEMA to pay to upgrade the culvert. The Federal government is now going to pay 90% of the costs versus 75% first quoted due to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. We could not have been able to manage this project without the expertise of Lucien Gravel who agreed to be project manager. Thank you, Lucien!

The Wolcott Community Forest Committee Charter was written and adopted by the Selectboard. It sets out a plan for them to develop a set of guiding principles, goals and objectives in developing a Community Forest Stewardship Plan. The plan is required before the town can purchase the land. There are 16 voting members on the committee and they have been working diligently on this for the past year. A funding source has been found for the 307 acre parcel but it required the board to allow a 1 acre parcel on Route 15 be donated to Habitat for Humanity to build a duplex house. The Bourne Family has agreed to sell their 399 acre parcel for our community forest. The Trust for Public Lands is working on funding and that acquisition.

Wolcott was awarded \$238,324 for Final Engineering Design and Construction on the North Wolcott Road Recreation field for floodplain restoration. The purpose of the grant is to protect the town highway infrastructure and residential properties in the area of the field. We will be moving the parking area in the future. The construction phase will take place in 2024.

Our Street Naming and Street Numbering Ordinance was revised and updated by the board after many meetings and discussions. It became effective September 17, 2022.

The board has approved use of some of the ARPA funds for: website maintenance and upgrades, necessary equipment to hold video conferencing meetings, 911 signs and posts town-wide, our portion of the purchase of town forest property, painting the outside of the town hall and town garage, putting town property parcel maps on the website, contributing

funds to NEK Broadband Communications Union District to build out a spur of fiber from Craftsbury that would serve the northern part of Town Hill Road (1.3 miles - 26 premises), upper part of East Hill (12 premises) and Manley Road (.65 miles - 7 premises) and further engineering for the School House Revitalization Project.

A part-time handy man was hired. This position has been vacant for a while, and we were desperate to have someone take care of our property maintenance and also have someone that could do the winter plowing (other than town roads) and clear the walk ways.

The State of Vermont awarded the Town \$2,565,000 to continue working on Waste Water Solutions for the Village of Wolcott.

Replacing highway equipment has been a reactionary need rather than on a sustainable schedule. We believe leasing rather than purchasing outright is more beneficial to our needs. An equipment replacement schedule is now in place moving forward.

The Board adopted a Declaration of Inclusion.

Many thank you's go out to all of our volunteers!



Information booths at Town Event & Barbeque. Photo credit: Ryan Bjerke 9/9/2022

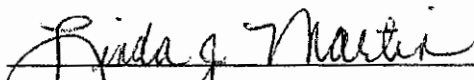
TOWN OF WOLCOTT VERMONT DECLARATION OF INCLUSION
November 16, 2022

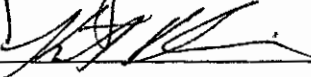
The Town of Wolcott condemns racism, sexism, classism, ableism, ageism, religious intolerance and homophobia, in all its forms.

The Town of Wolcott welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, or physical and/or mental capabilities, to participate in governance.

The Town of Wolcott is committed to fair and equal treatment of everyone in the community. The Town of Wolcott strives to ensure all Town actions, policies and operating procedures reflect this commitment.

Wolcott Vermont Selectboard
November 16, 2022

Linda Martin - Chair 

Kurt Klein - Vice Chair 

Richard Lee - Secretary 

Allen Carpenter Allen Carpenter

Kurt Billings Kurt R. Billings 11/16/2022

TOWN OF WOLCOTT

CAPITAL FUND

**Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2021– June 30, 2022**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2021 \$ 0.00

RECEIPTS

Opened Account	\$301,221.91	
Interest Earned	\$ 38.79	
Total Receipts	\$301,260.70	
Total		\$301,260.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements	\$ 0.00	
Total Disbursements	\$ 0.00	
Ending Balance		\$301,260.70

TOWN OF WOLCOTT

ARPA FUNDS

**Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2021 \$ 0.00

RECEIPTS

ARPA Funds Received	\$252,293.56	
Interest	\$ 65.74	
Total Receipts	\$252,359.30	
Total		\$252,359.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Website	\$ 4,192.45	
Hybrid Set-up	\$ 6,046.17	
Unbudgeted Building Expenses	\$ 1,597.56	
Total Disbursements	\$ 11,839.08	
Ending Balance		\$240,520.22

MM Account	\$ 88,226.66
CD Account	\$152,293.56

**Town of Wolcott Property List
as of December 31, 2022**

Tax Map	Acres	Location	Value
07057	16.9	Dump Road (Transfer Station)	64,500
15066	20	East Hill Rd (Fairmont Cemetery)	20,600
07088	7	Gulf Rd (Taylor Cemetery)	24,700
03151	8	North Wolcott Rd (Rec Park) (Brubacker)	15,400
3143 & 44	0.75	North Wolcott Rd (Brown)	6,400
07152	3.67	North Wolcott Rd (Merchants)	12,900
03095	0.25	North Wolcott Rd (Shatney)	4,100
04016	0.25	North Wolcott Rd (Jones)	4,100
04014	0.83	North Wolcott Rd (Perry)	6,700
04015	2	North Wolcott Rd (Langford)	12,000
3128.03	2	Brook Rd (Old Dump)	32,000
15048	0	Railroad St (Railroad Station)	132,800
15048	1	Railroad St (Land next to old school)	20,000
15054	4.57	School St (Town Garage)	162,100
15054	0	School Street (Fire Station)	130,100
15051	0.49	School St (Bus Shed)	24,600
15057	5.36	School St (Ball Field)	13,900
15044	1.7	School St (Town Office)	419,000
15044.01	0	School St (Old School House)	132,300
04076	0.6	Town Hill Rd (Davenport Cemetery)	3,800
15023	0.25	VT RTE 15 (Town Hall)	149,800
15019	0.37	VT RTE 15 (Park & Ride Lot)	7,800
07131	0.25	VT RTE 15 (Hubbell Cemetery)	1,400
03157	0.6	West Hill Rd (West Hill Cemetery)	1,900
15059	24.66	School Hill Dr (School)	2,242,900
15044.02	0	Veteran's Memorial	30,500
8011	9.5	East Hill Road	32,400
Totals	111		3,777,000

TOWN OF WOLCOTT
ACT 60 APPRAISAL FUND
Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2021 \$76,958.84

RECEIPTS

2021 Act 60 Appraisal Funds	\$ 9,471.50
Money Market Interest	\$ 63.64
Total Receipts	\$ 9,535.14
Total	\$ 86,493.98

DISBURSEMENTS

Total Disbursements	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 86,493.98

TOWN OF WOLCOTT
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT
Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Beginning Balance –July 1, 2021 \$ 36,403.89

RECEIPTS

Budgeted Appropriation	\$ 77,000.00
Interest	\$ 3.44
Total Receipts	\$ 77,003.44

DISBURSEMENTS

Lease and Loan Payments	\$ 51,241.09
Bank Charges	\$ 60.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 51,301.09
Ending Balance	\$ 62,106.24

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Grand Lists:

Municipal	\$ 1,195,470.38
Education: Homestead	\$ 1,617,548.99
Education: Non-Residential	\$ 1,013,496.64
Local Agreement	\$ 3,580.29
Late Filers	<u>\$ 1,344.53</u>

2020-2021 Taxes to be collected	\$ 3,831,440.83
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Taxes Accounted For:

Collections	\$ 3,657,893.43
Delinquent	<u>\$ 173,547.40</u>

Total Taxes Accounted For	\$3,831,440.83
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STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

<i>Year</i>	<i>Delinquent</i>	<i>Collected</i>	<i>Outstanding</i>
2018-2019	\$ 1,124.17	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,124.17
2019-2020	\$ 4,648.29	\$ 2,281.50	\$ 2,366.79
2020-2021	\$ 7,860.69	\$ 6,000.72	\$ 1,859.97
2021-2022	<u>\$173,547.40</u>	<u>\$163,221.61</u>	<u>\$ 10,325.79</u>
	\$187,180.55	\$171,503.83	\$ 15,676.72

Wolcott Highway Department

2021 – 2022

The Highway Department has had a busy year with several projects designed to improve runoff, minimize road contaminants from entering our waterways and reduce puddling that often results in potholes. Our Spring season opened with one of the more challenging mud seasons experienced in memory. Many of the runoff projects will help in future years. Through the Clean Water Grant extensive work was done on East Hill and Marsh Roads with new culverts and runoff rock channels that will divert and filter road residue.

Other significant projects include the removal of shoulder berms on Town Hill Road, Hines Road, Brook Road, Marsh Road and East Elmore Road. Hines Road was also the subject of road construction with extensive ditching, culvert replacement and resurfacing. The North Wolcott Road and sections of East Hill Road were patch paved to improve travel on the surface and to accommodate winter plowing.

Construction was completed with the Brook Road Box Culvert which is an impressive piece of engineering. The project was funded by FEMA with the expert guidance of Linda Martin. Lucian Gravel supervised the project for the Town. We want to thank the Brook Road residents for their patience with the multi-week road closure.

The Town continued to retire several older pieces of equipment and replaced them with leased equipment with the objective of keeping all heavy equipment under warranty throughout their life with the Town. Historically high repair bills and extended down time has plagued the department. If budgets permit, we plan to continue the lease programs. During the year Wolcott took delivery of a 2023 International Tandem Truck, a 2023 Volvo Loader and has a new Excavator trailer on order.

On the infrastructure side, the Town Garage was outfitted with an overhead propane heater replacing the Oil radiant system which caught fire last Spring. Finally, the garage exterior received a fresh coat of paint and a face lift just in time

for the rail trail opening in which the building will be the first encounter with the Village with trail users.

Looking forward to 2023 projects the department will be using grant funds to repave the northern portions of North Wolcott Road. Again, the department will be using the Clean Water Grant to bring more road segments into compliance. There will also be a focus on additional shoulder berm removal. All to continue the work of road drainage, pothole mitigation and runoff control. Also on the docket is brush and limb cutting. Over the years growth has extended into and overhanging the roads. We expect this project will improve line of sight and safer roads. The next flood mitigation project will begin with the engineering phase of a Town Hill Road Multi Plate Culvert.

The department budget for the coming year has presented its own challenges as inflation eats away at our materials expense. Rock, gravel, road salt, chloride, winter sand, diesel and culverts has all skyrocketed to an average of 9% over previous years. The department continues to work at keeping costs and repairs down, but we do expect an overall inflationary increase to the Highway Budget in the Fiscal 2023 – 2024 year.

Dillan Cafferky, Highway Foreman



Information booths at Town Event & Barbeque. Photo credit: Belinda Harris Clegg 9/9/2022

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT LIST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	PURCHASE PRICE
1989	Morb	Eager Beaver Chipper	\$ 1,000
1993	Custom	10-ton Trailer	\$ 3,000
2003	Mida	Utility Trailer	\$ 5,000
2005	Powermate	5000 Generator	\$ 200
2006	Northstar	Pressure Washer	\$ 5,000
2006	Carry On	6-ton Trailer	\$ 2,000
2010	MITM	Compressor	\$ 75,000
2013	Northstar	Industrial Compactor	\$ 1,500
2016	Western Star	Truck with plow	\$ 140,000
2017	Ram one-Ton	Truck with plow	\$ 65,000
2018	Western Star	Truck with plow	\$ 175,000
2020	Caterpillar	Hydraulic Excavator	\$ 116,000
2021	Caterpillar	Grader	\$ 289,000
2022	Volvo L70h	Wheel loader	\$ 133,900
2023	International HX	Truck with plow	\$ 241,197
		Storage Container	\$ 3,700
		Mulcher	\$ 5,000
TOTAL			\$1,261,497



The 2023 International HX - Ready to go! Photo credit: Belinda Harris Clegg 11/22/2022

Wolcott Community Forest Committee

The Wolcott Community Forest Committee has met monthly with the project management team from The Trust for Public Land (TPL) to track progress on the acquisition of the land, and to lay the groundwork for the Stewardship Plan that will govern the usage and management of the property after TPL conveys ownership to the town.

TPL now has contracts to purchase all of the proposed land, and is finalizing the funding arrangements. The purchase and transfer of ownership is expected to complete by the end of 2023.

The Committee organized three hikes in the woods, two of them with ecologists. Monthly meetings have so far featured Q&A with county forester Emily Potter, and representatives from Sinuosity, a firm that designs and builds outdoor recreation sites, especially sustainable trails for hiking, biking and other purposes.

The Committee participated in the Selectboard barbecue, where we presented prizes for Wolcott Elementary students who designed logos for the forest. Also, to build interest among children, a member of the Committee spoke about the forest to WES students engaged in a workshop with a local potter making art from natural materials. The Committee worked with TPL to devise a survey to determine what kinds of activities Wolcoteers wanted to see in the forest. We received 120 responses online and via hard copy, collated the responses, and posted them online. Among the info we gathered were 76 email addresses from people who wanted updates on our progress, and so far we have emailed one issue of a newsletter to them, reporting the survey results and encouraging further participation. (The general attitude of the responses is to keep the town rural and quiet.) Another newsletter issue is in the works, reporting on the findings of Audubon Society and Matt Peters on interesting and unusual species found in the forest (there are 17 rare species!) We continue to encourage residents to attend meetings and to communicate what they would like to see in our forest.



Linda Martin & Rev. Pat Thompson bird watching at the site of the future Town Forest (and videographer). Photo credit: Linda Brady 10/2/2021

Lister Report

The Town has contracted with CAI Technologies to provide parcel data online. This service will become available in 2023 and will allow homeowners and real estate professionals to search, browse, print reports and maps from their own computers. This project was made possible through the use of ARPA funds. Until the program is fully up and running, you may still visit the Vermont Parcel Viewer where parcel data can be searched. The site offers multiple layers providing an array of information.

The 2022 results of the sales Equalization Study are in. The study assesses how closely the properties on the Grand List are compared to fair market value. The study lists the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD). The CLA plays a major part in State funding for schools. The COD helps to ensure that property valuations within a Town are equitable. Typically, if the CLA is less than 85% or the COD is greater than 20%, then a reappraisal is required. For 2022 our CLA dropped from 91.46% to 85.7%. Our COD went from 11.84% to 16.25%. This year, 65% of Vermont Towns have had their CLA and COD reach the point where they are subject to a statutory order to reappraise. While Wolcott is not at that point, we must prepare for a Town-wide reappraisal. Given that there are a limited number of appraisers that have been approved by the State, and considering the large number of Towns that are already required to conduct reappraisals, it may take some time before Wolcott can contract for these services.

Since 2019 property sales throughout the State have increased with sales prices considerably higher than their assessed value. Property sales since the start of the pandemic have wreaked havoc on Wolcott's numbers. More recently we have seen a decline in the number of properties placed on the market. In many instances, there is an increase in the number of days the properties remain on the market. Relatively high mortgage interest rates may be a factor. As Listers, we will continue to accurately and fairly assess all properties in the Town of Wolcott.

As a reminder, all property owners must file a Homestead Declaration (form HS-122) and Household Income (form HI-144) every year on your primary residence. If you are a renter, you should file a Renter Rebate Claim (form PR-141) as you may qualify for a tax rebate. For more information and downloadable forms, go to www.tax.vermont.gov. Please note that these forms may be filed independently and not necessarily when you file your taxes with the State of Vermont. Regardless, these forms should be filed **before mid-April, 2023** to avoid a late fee.

We appreciate the cooperation of all we serve and look forward to working with you in the future. Be sure to contact our office if you have questions regarding your property assessment.

Wolcott Board of Listers:

Tom Martin, Chair

Deb Klein

Tracy Grunow

Wolcott Zoning & Development Review Board

The Wolcott Zoning and Subdivision Bylaws are based on the Town plan and reflect public input regarding these policies and goals. These bylaws also comply with state statutes. The purpose of these regulations is to guide growth through the planning process to protect individual and public rights, the health, safety and welfare of the public, and preserve our natural resources.

I am here to help you through the permitting process. Please contact me before you start building. Not being in compliance with Town Zoning Regulations may result in problems with the sale or transfer of property, and financing related to the property. Also, all permit fees double after construction has begun without a permit.

The DRB hearings for subdivision and conditional use are held at the town office and remotely via Zoom on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM (when needed). These meetings are open to the public and the agenda items and Zoom access information for each meeting are warned on the town website: wolcottvt.org.

This past year has again seen a steady increase of new construction and businesses. 58 zoning permits have been issued. There were 5 applications that required review by the Development Review Board. Along with 14 new houses, many additions and outbuildings, there have also been 5 boundary line adjustments, 2 home occupations, and 5 new businesses.

Tom Martin – Zoning Administrator
zoning@wolcottvt.org

Wolcott Planning Commission

During the past year, the Planning Commission has continued its involvement in the ongoing acquisition of a Town Forest and implementation of a trails grant. In March, the Town was awarded a VOREC Grant, which we had applied for with the help of The Trust for Public Lands. This grant is to establish multi-use trails within the aforementioned Town Forest along with a connecting trail to the recreational field on School Street. We were also involved with assisting the Selectboard in the initial phases of a grant application for Lamoille Valley Rail Trail amenities and connections.

The Planning Commission is a group of 3-9 residents who are appointed by the Selectboard, tasked with the job of coming up with a vision of what the Town should look like in the future. We currently have 5 members, but ideally, we would have all 9 that are allowed, from all areas of Town.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. as needed. The public is encouraged to attend.

Jim Robert, Chair



Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department cooking & serving at the Town Event & Barbeque. Photo credit: Ryan Bjerke 9/9/2022

Wolcott Public Library

The library added a large selection of new adult fiction/nonfiction books to our collection. We also added many new children's books and craft supplies to our collection.

We also provided several multi-generational programs for the Wolcott community:

- * We hosted our annual Easter egg hunt and craft event. This program was attended by 40 families.

- *We hosted our annual "Wellness" night program. We provided a yoga session, chair massage, raffled gifts, and great food.

- *For Valentine's Day, we provided families with cookie kits to decorate and enjoy.

- *We hosted a Halloween event which was attended by 100 people. Candy and crafts added to this festive event.

- *Typically we have a gingerbread house making event in December with the Library providing all of the yummy treats.

The library is open 23 hours per week: Monday 10:00-4:00 pm; Tuesday 10:00-4:00 pm; Wednesday 11:00-6:00 pm; and Saturday 9:00-1:00.

The library circulated 1,700 books and media and provided services to 700 visitors.

The library now has a website which can be accessed at: wolcottvtpubliclibrary.com. The site allows patrons to visit the library database, find out about upcoming events, and get news about what's happening at the library. Please visit the Wolcott Public Library Facebook page as well; just search for Wolcott Public Library. Our email address is: wolcottvtpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting our library.

Sally Gardner—Librarian



Ice skating fun in Depot Park behind the Library: Corbin Strong, Olivia Pascual, Kenzie Rossi, Carter Rossi. Photo credit: Deb Klein 12/29/2022

Wolcott Public Community Library

Profit & Loss

July 2021 through June 2022

Beginning Balance Checking	\$ 3,996.39
Beginning Balance - Copley Fund	\$ 7,556.20
Beginning Balance - John Dexter Memorial CD	\$ 10,264.39
	<u>\$ 21,816.98</u>

	<u>Jul 2021 - Jun 2022</u>
Income	
Donation	\$ 1,000.00
Copley Grant Money	\$ 3,000.00
Interest Income - CD	\$ -
Interest Income - Checking	\$ 13.74
ARPA Grant Funds	\$ 2,792.30
Town Appropriation	\$ 8,725.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 15,531.04</u>
Expense	
ARPA Grant Expense	\$ 778.94
Books	\$ 8,420.66
Checks/Bank	\$ -
Library Remodel	\$ 1,379.98
Library Electric	\$ 37.17
Library Fuel	\$ -
Magazines	\$ 132.32
Misc.	\$ 198.27
Newspaper	\$ 39.00
Outreach	\$ 1,538.52
Phone/Internet	\$ 1,955.54
Sub	\$ 1,650.00
Supplies	\$ 797.54
Total Expense	<u>\$ 16,927.94</u>
Net Income	<u><u>\$ (1,396.90)</u></u>

Ending Balance Checking	\$ 7,776.35
Ending Balance - Copley Fund	\$ 2,379.34
Ending Balance - John Dexter Memorial CD	\$ 10,264.39
	<u>\$ 20,420.08</u>

Wolcott Cemetery Commissioners Report

In 2022, we sadly lost our Harvey Reed. He served as a Wolcott Cemetery Commissioner for 33 years, being elected March 7th, 1989. He was not only a large part of Cemetery Commissioners but of our town as well. He will be greatly missed.

I, Crista Peck, stepped into Harvey's place as a commissioner and was voted in as President of the Cemetery Commissioners in June. I will be working along with Cornelius Reed Jr, Lucien Gravel, Walter Reeve and David Modica.

In June at the annual meeting, we voted to increase the cost of the cemetery lots. This increased cost will include purchase and placement of corner marker stones. Placing of the stones will help prevent lot miss marking, overlapping or other errors. In August we voted to dissolve the Wolcott Cemetery Association; the Wolcott Cemetery Commissioners will absorb the Association. This change will simplify processes and procedures for the Commissioners.

We would like to thank Crista Peck, Christina Limlaw, Melody Lowell, and Katherine Limlaw for putting up flags throughout the town cemeteries. Derrick Lowell and Wes Limlaw straightened a few stones in the Fairmount Cemetery this spring. The Kirkland Services continues to do a good job maintaining the cemeteries.

There were 7 cemetery lots sold: 5 lots at the Taylor Cemetery and 2 lots at the Fairmount Annex.

In 2023 as the budget allows, we hope to do more stone maintenance. Releveling, straightening, cleaning and repair. We will be taking bids this spring.

Crista Peck, President

TOWN OF WOLCOTT
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Beginning Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$3,464.12
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RECEIPTS

Lots & Endowments:

Taylor Cemetery – 5 lots	\$1,050.00
Fairmont Annex – 2 lots	\$ 450.00
Total Receipts	\$1,450.00

Total	\$4,964.12
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DISBURSEMENTS

Endowments:

Taylor Cemetery – 6 lots	\$ 600.00
Fairmont Annex – 2 lots	\$ 200.00
Recording Expense	\$ 75.00
Deed Expense	\$ 50.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 925.00

Ending Balance	\$ 4,039.12
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Wolcott Cemetery Association

Beginning Balances:

Checking Account	\$634.34	
Savings Account	\$546.58	
Endowment Account	\$242.34	
Certificate of Deposit – TD Bank	\$36,600.00	
Certificate of Deposit – UB	\$74,800.00	
Total Assets		\$113,823.26

Income:

Appropriation	\$11,000.00	
Endowments	\$700.00	
Interest Savings	\$0.19	
Interest Endowment	\$0.14	
Interest C/D Union Bank	\$379.07	
Interest C/D TD Bank	\$73.20	
	\$12,152.60	
Total Income		\$12,152.60
Total Cash on Hand		\$125,975.86

Expenses:

Mowing	\$10,530.00	
Treasurer's Bond	\$100.00	
Postage	\$11.60	
Total Expenses		\$10,641.60

Ending Balances:

Checking Account	\$1,065.94	
Savings Account -	\$925.84	
Endowment Account	\$942.48	
Certificate of Deposit – TD Bank	\$36,600.00	
Certificate of Deposit – Union Bank	\$75,800.00	
		\$115,334.26

DOG LICENSE AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER INFORMATION

The Town's Animal Control Officer is Dean Messier. He can be reached at: 802-274-1653.

ANIMAL LICENSE FEE REPORT: JULY 1, 20201– JUNE 30, 2022

445 dog licenses were issued from 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022.

Income to Town:

License Fees \$3,136.00

Rabies State Fee \$445.00

Neutering Fee \$1,782.00

Town Clerk Fees \$ 834.00

Total Collected: \$6,197.00

RABIES CLINIC – Saturday, March 25th at 3:30 pm at the Town Office. Stay in your cars and the Stowe Veterinary and his staff will come to your car.



Barbeque at Town Event. Photo credit: Belinda Harris Clegg 9/9/2022

TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. **Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law at six months of age.** By statute, unlicensed dogs can be confiscated. Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics. Call for their schedules. After the vaccination, contact your town clerk and provide proof of the rabies vaccination to license your dog.

Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

Licensing a dog:

- 1) Helps identify your dog if lost.
- 2) Provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

For a VSNIP Application and a List of Participating Offices, send a 10" SASE: Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if your request is for a cat, dog or both. Once fully completed, please mail it back. If approved, you will receive a Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonter pays the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog licensing. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit, or you will be charged for treatment. Pain medication is highly recommended **after** the surgery, but would be your responsibility. It is also wise to buy an "E" collar to avoid having sutures pulled out. These are the right choices!

Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. **These altruistic veterinarians are the backbone of the program!** If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they have made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the routine means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let's keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator 1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)

Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department

We responded to 40 calls this year.

Check to see if your mailbox is clearly numbered with reflective numbers so we can find an address quickly day and night.

Volunteers are always welcome. We meet on the First, Second, and Fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Check out our new website www.wolcottvtfiredept.com

Thank you, Jim Holton, Chief

Calls:

Car accident	13
CO/Fire Alarm	9
Mutual Aid	7
Medical Assist	4
Structure Fire	2
Hazmat	1
Car Fire	1
Unpermitted burn	1
Brush Fire	1
Chimney Fire	1



Fire Chief, Jim Holton, and fire fighter Issac Katon, filling the skating rink in Depot Park. Photo credit: Deb Klein 12/6/2022

Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Inc

Profit & Loss

July 2021 through June 2022

	Jul '21 - Jun 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Donations	5,510.00
Fundraiser	6,932.48
Reimbursement - Hydrant Mainten	3,745.00
Town Appropriation	73,050.00
Total Income	89,240.20
Expense	
Accounting	1,090.00
Communications	1,729.88
Depreciation Expense	24,175.00
Dispatch	260.00
Expendable Equipment	6,976.44
Fire Extinguishers	309.85
Foam Grant Expenses	695.75
Fuel	1,689.61
Hydrant Maintenance	2,500.09
Insurance	8,884.25
Interest Expense	470.99
Miscellaneous Expense	260.00
Mutual Aid Dues	1,987.00
Occupancy	
Building Repairs	5,385.15
Propane Fuel	1,426.00
Occupancy - Other	57.22
Total Occupancy	6,868.37
Payroll Expenses / <i>Stipend</i>	8,610.47
Postage	134.00
Protective Gear	13,776.46
Radios	63.82
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.40
SCBA Expense	1,662.25
Special Events	3,268.89
Stipend	0.00
Supplies	
Office	321.45
Supplies - Other	1,463.90
Total Supplies	1,785.35
Training	895.79
Truck Maintenance & Repair	13,221.77
Uniforms	368.20
Total Expense	101,684.63
Net Ordinary Income	-12,444.43
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	145.00
Other Expense	0.00
Net Other Income	145.00
Net Income	-12,299.43

Wolcott Town Garden & Depot Park

This is the second year we have set up the ice skating rink. Again, it is behind the library in the garden and park area. Thanks to Fire Chief Jim Holton and his crew for filling the rink. There are a couple of solar lights to help illuminate the skating area on short winter days.

Last spring was our second annual seed swap. We extend a hearty thank you to High Mowing Seeds for donating seed packets for those of us in Town to share. The seed swap was followed by our second annual seedling/plant swap. We were very fortunate to have so many plants donated to us that were grown right here in Wolcott. We are very appreciative.

The Town Garden consists of nine raised beds. All of the beds are planted by volunteers. Whatever is produced/harvested in the garden is free to all of us in Town. You are welcome to enter the garden and harvest what you would like. In exchange, maybe pull some weeds! In an effort to get the word out, at the end of June we started a farmers market on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. Thanks to those who volunteered to work in the garden, and to those who brought excess veggies from their home gardens to the market for distribution. We had a couple other vendors join us until the market ended in September. We were happy to provide bread & butter pickles, Dilly beans, and other goodies for the Town Event this summer. During Town Event, folks could plant a windowsill garden to take home with them.

The Town Garden celebrated its second year in a big way. This was the first year we harvested garlic. Another crop was planted for harvest this summer. We now have signs that direct folks to Town Garden and Depot Park. We also had a pollinator garden. Our big project for the year was construction of an herb spiral. It is a raised garden built in the shape of a spiral. We used clay bricks that were donated to us. It's taller in the middle and circles down to ground level. An advantage is, it offers different growing conditions within the same bed.

Our big project for this summer is to build a giant bug hotel. A bug hotel is a safe space providing shelter to beneficial insects such as ladybugs, butterflies, and others. It will be constructed using donated wood and repurposed items and materials from around the house. Besides providing safe harbor for insects, it also serves as garden art.

Depot Park now has a couple of seating areas. Park benches were situated so one could enjoy the beauty of the flower garden. Adirondack chairs offered a comfortable spot to sit back and enjoy the peace and serenity of the Park. Kingdom Timber donated four hand-crafted wooden benches that are now situated around the fire ring. Some additional pieces will be added to the Park this summer.

The Selectboard has created a Committee for Town Garden & Depot Park. If you are a Wolcott resident who would like to take an active role in guiding the future of the garden and the park, please call the Town Administrator number: 802-888-4376 to express your interest, or email: townadministrator@wolcottvt.org.

TOWN OF WOLCOTT
COMMUNITY GARDEN FUND

Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2021– June 30, 2022

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2021 \$ 0.00

RECEIPTS

Opened Account	\$	1,671.09	
Fundraisers	\$	903.72	
Interest	\$.33	
Misc.	\$	15.00	
Total Receipts	\$	2,590.14	
Total			\$ 2,590.14

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements	\$	827.10	
Total Disbursements	\$	827.10	
Ending Balance			\$ 1,763.04



New signage thanks to Spark Grant. Photo credit: Deb Klein 8/22/2022

Litter & Solid Waste Committee

The Litter Committee had a very busy 2022. In April, the Litter Committee organized and held Wolcott's first Bulk Waste Day. On Saturday April 23rd a total of 54 residents brought large items (mattresses, tires, couches, etc.) to the Transfer Station.

On Saturday, May 7th the Litter Committee organized the spring Green Up Day effort with road captains and teams cleaning the roadsides of Wolcott. We had 35 volunteers cleaning 16 miles and 146 bags of trash collected. There were 43 tires and 6 rims also collected. The Litter Committee also held a fall Green Up Day on Saturday, October 22 with 25 bags of trash and two bags of bottles and cans collected.

The Committee also provided Transfer Station access to Andy Duff and his many volunteers who kayak the Lamoille River in search of debris in which there is good bit. The project was supported by the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District by way of a grant to offset Transfer Station costs.

The Litter Committee has brought in two permanent textile recycling receptacles from Helpsy that are located at the Wolcott Transfer Station. Helpsy is an organization that collects textiles and recycles the fibers into new clothes. Better yet, they keep textiles out of the landfill.

The committee is looking forward to researching and promoting to our legislative representatives a program to recycle mattresses. Several states have adopted such programs with significant positive impact on the landfills.



Helpsy

WHAT WE ACCEPT

For re-wear, reuse, and recycling, we accept the following items in any condition for all ages and genders so long as they are clean, dry, and odorless. Everything should be kept dry in a closed, plastic bag. Recycling your clothes shouldn't be hard, we're here to help!

FOOTWEAR

- Shoes
- Heels
- Flats
- Sandals
- Flip Flops
- Boots (all varieties)
- Sneakers
- Cleats
- Slippers

ACCESSORIES

- Hats
- Bags (pocketbooks, backpacks, duffle bags, totes)
- Belts
- Gloves
- Ties
- Scarves
- Bathrobes
- Jewelry

OTHER

- Luggage
- Sports jerseys
- Stuffed animals

CLOTHING

- Tops (t-shirt, blouses, shirts, tank tops)
- Sweaters
- Sweatshirts
- Dresses
- Outerwear (coats, jackets, blazers)
- Bottoms (pants, slacks, jeans, sweatpants, skirts, shorts)
- Suits
- Pajamas
- Intimates (slips, bras, underwear, socks)
- Baby clothing

LINENS

- Sheets/pillowcases
- Blankets
- Comforters
- Curtains/Drapes
- Aprons
- Dish cloths
- Cloth napkins
- Table linens
- Quilts

***ELECTION RESULTS
for the Annual Town Meeting
for the Town of Wolcott, Vermont
That was held March 1, 2022***

The legal voters of the Town of Wolcott are hereby notified and warned that the Annual 2022 Town Meeting will be voted this year by Australian Ballot at the Wolcott Town Offices on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 between the hours of 8:00 am at which time the polls will be open and 7:00 pm at which time the polls will close. The legal voters are hereby further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be provided in Chapter 43 of Title 17, V S A.

Article 1. To elect the following Town officers as required by law:

Moderator one year term

Joe V. Hester-Ingram	66 votes
Write in count	13 votes
Blank	172 votes

Town Clerk..... three year term

Belinda Harris Clegg	221 votes
Write in count	6 votes
Blank	24 votes

Selectboard three year term

Richard Lee	196 votes
Write in count	9 votes
Blank	44 votes
Spoiled	2 votes

Selectboard two year term

Kurt Klein	183 votes
Write in count	9 votes
Blank	57 votes
Spoiled	2 votes

Town Clerk..... three year term

Belinda Harris Clegg	214 votes
Write in count	6 votes
Blank	31 votes

Lister..... three year term

Tracey Grunow	192 votes
Write in count	4 votes
Blank	30 votes
Spoiled	1 vote

Library Trusteefive year term

Dawn Cochran	219 votes
Write in count	1 vote
Blank	30 votes
Spoiled	1 vote

Cemetery Commissionerfive year term

Write in count	17 votes
Blank	229 votes
Spoiled	5 votes

Article 2. Shall the Town publish a list of delinquent taxpayers as of December 31st and a list of any other delinquent accounts due the Town in the town report?

Yes – 159

No – 84

Blank – 8

Spoiled – 0

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to establish a reserve fund to be used for Capital Expenditures for the Town and Highway Departments, Pursuant to 24 VSA Section 2804?

Yes – 197

No – 44

Blank – 10

Spoiled - 0

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize Cannabis Retailers in town Pursuant to 7 VSA Section 863?

Yes – 142

No – 101

Blank – 8

Spoiled - 0

Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to the American Red Cross, pursuant to 24 VSA section 2691?

Yes – 207

No – 40

Blank – 4

Spoiled - 0

Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,200 to Central Vermont Adult Basic

Education, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?

Yes – 188

No – 58

Blank – 5

Spoiled - 0

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,700 to the Central Vermont Council on Aging and RSVP, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?

Yes – 202

No – 42

Blank – 7

Spoiled - 0

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to Clarina Howard Nichols Center, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?

Yes – 202

No – 42

Blank – 7

Spoiled - 0

Article 9. Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to Craftsbury Saplings, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?

Yes – 149

No – 96

Blank – 6

Spoiled - 0

Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate \$400 to the Home Share of Vermont, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?

Yes – 174

No – 69

Blank – 8

Spoiled - 0

Article 11. Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to Justice for Dogs, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?

Yes – 195

No – 52

Blank – 4

Spoiled - 0

Article 12. Shall the voters appropriate \$600 to the Lamoille County Food Share, Inc., pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?

Yes – 212

No – 35
Blank – 4
Spoiled - 0

Article 13. Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to Lamoille County Conservation, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?

Yes – 186
No – 59
Blank – 6
Spoiled - 0

Article 14. Shall the voters appropriate \$1,082 to Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?

Yes – 168
No – 78
Blank – 5
Spoiled – 0

Article 15. Shall the voters appropriate \$750 to Lamoille Economic Development Corporation, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?

Yes – 166
No – 76
Blank – 9
Spoiled - 0

Article 16. Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to Lamoille Family Center, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?

Yes – 201
No – 45
Blank – 5
Spoiled – 0

Article 17. Shall the voters appropriate \$5,028 to Lamoille Home Health and Hospice, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?

Yes – 207
No – 36
Blank – 8
Spoiled – 0

Article 18. Shall the voters appropriate \$300 to Lamoille Housing Partnership, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?

Yes – 164
No – 76
Blank – 11
Spoiled – 0

- Article 19.** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,400 to the Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?
 Yes – 215
 No – 32
 Blank – 4
 Spoiled – 0
- Article 20.** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 to the North Central Vermont Recovery Center, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?
 Yes – 170
 No – 76
 Blank – 5
 Spoiled – 0
- Article 21.** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 to the North Country Animal League, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?
 Yes – 179
 No – 47
 Blank – 5
 Spoiled – 0
- Article 22.** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 to the Rural Community Transportation, Inc., pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?
 Yes – 199
 No – 69
 Blank – 5
 Spoiled – 0
- Article 23.** Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to the Salvation Farms, pursuant to 24 V S A 2691?
 Yes – 177
 No – 69
 Blank – 5
 Spoiled – 0
- Article 24.** Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes to the Town Treasurer in two equal installments; with delinquent taxes having charged against them three percent (3%) penalty 1-5 days late, five percent (5%) penalty 5-10 days late, eight percent (8%) penalty after 10 days late and collect interest on late and delinquent payments of one (1%) percent per month for the first three months and one and half (1 ½%) thereafter (32 VSA 4873 & 5136 (a) ?

First installment to be paid on or before November 15, 2022
 Second installment to be paid on or before May 15, 2023
 (32 VSA § 4871)

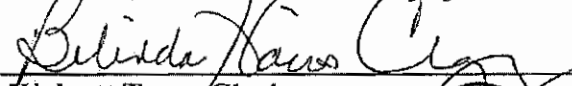
Yes – 226
No – 23
Blank – 2
Spoiled - 0


Article 18.
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Shall the voters of the town vote to adopt the proposed Selectboard budget in the amount of \$1,559,336.00, less anticipated revenues in the amount of \$354,937.00 leaving a portion thereof in the amount of \$1,204,399.00 to be raised by taxes. This amount to be increased by any additional monies voted affirmatively by Australian Ballot on March 2, 2022. The tax rate to be determined by the Selectboard.

Yes – 171
No – 77
Blank – 3
Spoiled - 0

Dated at Wolcott, Vermont this 3rd day of March A. D. 2022.

Attest 
Wolcott Town Clerk

Asst. Election Official 

MINUTES
WOLCOTT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2021
WOLCOTT SCHOOL

Joe Hester-Ingram opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. He then read the Warning.

Article 1. Shall the voters in said Town authorize the Select Board to purchase up to 706 +/- acres of land on both sides of East Elmore Road to become a new Town Forest for the purpose of protection of recreation opportunities, education, public access, open space, scenic values, forestry, wildlife and water quality? Said purchase will be conditioned on the Town being able to receive grant funding for all but \$25,000.

Bill Cotton made the motion to accept the article as read. Jan Roy seconded the motion.

Discussion was opened to the floor. Matt Foster, Principal talked about the school plan for education around the Town Forest. Kate Warner, the town's grant facilitator talked where the money would come from and that the town would be totally in charge of the land and what it could be used for.

Pat McCuen made the motion to amend the article to just buy the Whitcomb land not the Bourne land. DJ Masi seconded the motion.

Motion to call the question on the amendment.

The amendment vote was taken by voice. Motion failed.

Motion to call the question on the original article. Paper ballot was called for.

Show of seven hands for paper ballot.

Paper Ballots: 148 ballots cast. 74 + 1 = 75 to win.

110 – Yes

38 – No.

Article was passed.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Belinda Harris Clegg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'B' and a long, sweeping underline.

Belinda Harris Clegg, Town Clerk

Election Official

MINUTES
WOLCOTT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 7, 2022
WOLCOTT SCHOOL

Joe Hester-Ingram opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. He then read the Warning.

Article 1. Shall the voters elect town officers by Australian ballot? 17VSA Section 2680(a) and 17 VSA Section 2680(b)?

Roger LaChance made the motion to accept the article as read. Cindy Lowell seconded the motion.

Discussion was opened to the floor. Bill Cotton thought that there were not enough people from the town to represent voter's intent. Why do away with tradition. Cindy Lowell disagreed with Bill, more people will vote if it is Australian ballot. Karen McKee who brought the petition to the Selectboard felt that every voter had a right to vote without affecting their jobs. David Holton thought it was time to change and he was for it. Walter Reeve felt that voter participation and candidates who would fill these positions will go down. Bill Cotton said that Vermont is unique with Town Meeting and we shouldn't do away with it. Kurt Billings agreed with his wife Karen that the way we vote has to change. Roger LaChance felt that if candidates got signatures they would have to get to know the residents better.

Cindy Lowell made the motion to call the question. Scott Lacoss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Show of hands: 24-yes

12-no

Article was passed.

Belinda Harris Clegg explained that with this vote next town meeting will be different.

School Budget and Town Officials will be Australian ballot

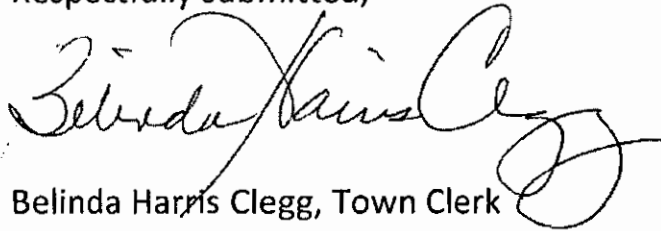
School Officials and Town Budget will be from the floor.

Joe Hester-Ingram would like something put on the Town website directing candidates of the procedure to run.

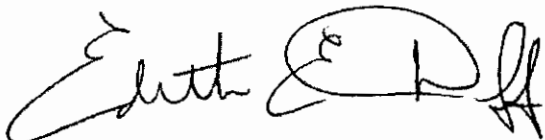
Linda Reeve made the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Belinda Harris Clegg".

Belinda Harris Clegg, Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Euth E. Hoff".

Election Official



Who We Are

- Lamoille FiberNet is a Communications Union District (CUD) currently serving all towns in Lamoille County
- Organized under Vermont Legislation, VSA 30 Chapter 82 which enabled the formation of CUDs in Vermont to provide high speed, symmetrical Internet access to all Vermont residents
- Founding member towns include Cambridge, Eden, Johnson, Morristown and Waterville. Since conception, Belvidere, Hyde Park, Elmore, Stowe, and Wolcott have joined the District, bringing the town count to 10
- Our mission is to ensure locally-controlled, affordable, and reliable high-speed Internet service to every address in our member towns

Governing Body

- The Governing Board is composed of Primary and Alternate representatives appointed annually by the selectboards of each member town.
- All meeting times, agendas, and minutes are posted on our website (lamoillefiber.net) and warned as necessary at each town's office.

2022 Planning Activity

- Through pole studies, GIS mapping, and field observations, we have gained a much more detailed understanding of our demographics, addresses to be served, and the topographic diversity of the region.
- Worked with National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) to develop a sound and viable Financial Model, High-level Network Design, and Business Plan. The plan was subsequently accepted by the Governing Board enabling us to apply for roughly \$21 million in build-out grant dollars.
- Released and awarded RFP for Design/Construction and project management. NRTC will be our Design/Build Project Management partner.
- Received first delivery of 45 miles of fiber optic cable which is being stored by Vermont Electric Coop.
- Releasing our RFP in the next couple of weeks for Internet Service Provider, Operations, and Maintenance of the network. That RFP will close Nov 25th.

Grants Received

-\$1,193,885 (December 2021) Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) grant for planning, design, and construction.

-\$120,970 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

-\$30,000 USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) through the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) to assist in the mission of providing broadband to member towns.

-\$7,500 from LCPC and \$3,500 from Lamoille Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) in support of the USDA RBDG. Both the LCPC and LEDC grants are to help with administrative expenses.

-Department of Public Services Grant in partnership with NEK Broadband (pass-through) for use toward bringing service to non-served communities in the NEK region.

Submitted by the LFCUD Governing Board:

Belvidere: Carol Caldwell Edmonds

Cambridge: Sam Lotto, Teelah Hall

Eden: Carey Earle

Elmore: Brian Evans-Mongeon, Hans deBoer, Randy Tomlin

Hyde Park: Michael Rooney, Carol Fano, Jack Wool

Johnson: Paul Warden, Charlotte Reber

Morristown: Jane Campbell, John Meyer

Stowe: Stephen Friedman, Scott Weathers

Waterville: Jeff Tilton, Lucy Rogers

Wolcott: Andrew Ross

Staff and Administration

Executive Director: Val Davis

Executive Assistant: Lisa Birmingham

Construction Project Manager: Fabian Bourgeois

Treasurer: Mark Schilling

For more information, please reach out to your town representatives or Val Davis at:
director@lamoillefiber.net

Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Learn more about what we do at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/Morrisville>

Lamoille Family Center

480 Cady's Falls Rd., Morrisville, VT, 802-888-5229; www.lamoillefamilycenter.org

Carol Lang-Godin, Executive Director

The Lamoille Family Center and its programs including Healthy Lamoille Valley, provide the residents of Wolcott and the Lamoille Valley with parent and child services designed to promote healthy, safe and resilient families including home visiting, parenting education, playgroups, resource and referral, substance misuse prevention services, emergency assistance, and early care and education services.

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County

21 Munson Ave., Morrisville, VT, 802-888-5011; www.mowlc.org; meals@mowlc.org

Nicole Fournier Grisgraber, Executive Director

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County provides home-delivered and congregate meals to vulnerable elders and individuals with disabilities throughout Lamoille County. Hot meals are delivered five days a week, and frozen means to those in need of meals for the weekends. Each meal provides 1/3 of the recommended daily nutrition allowances for adults.

Our meals services also provide an opportunity for socialization and a well-check, especially important for those living alone. Each week over 45 volunteers come through the doors at Meals on Wheels to deliver meals and help with meal preparation.

In the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County served a total of 1,380 meals to 219 recipients in Wolcott.

Lamoille Community Food Share (LCFS)

P.O. Box 173, Morrisville, VT, 802-888-6550; www.lcfoodshare.org; lcfoodshare@gmail.com

Susan Rousselle, Community Outreach Manager

Lamoille Community Food Share 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.

According to Hunger Free Vermont, "At this moment, 2 in 5 of us are experiencing hunger in VT, a higher rate of hunger than at any point during the pandemic." LCFS has had 8,583 visits in 2022, an increase of 17%. Our numbers have increased 84% since 2019. Although this has been extremely challenging, we have managed to keep up with the ever-increasing need for food assistance. The support we receive from our community allows us to keep our doors open 6 mornings a week, providing staple foods as well as fresh Vermont products such as cheese, eggs, and produce. More than ever, we appreciate the continued support from our friends and neighbors. Your financial assistance helps to ensure that the members of our community that are in need have a place to come for support as they face food insecurity.

Lamoille Economic Development Corporation (LEDC)

P.O. Box 455, Morrisville, VT, 802-888-5640; info@lamoilleeconomy.org

Pat Ripley, Executive Director

By supporting LEDC, you help bring many direct business services to our local small businesses, including one-on-one business advising and counseling for all entrepreneurs and start-up businesses in Lamoille County. These advising services are specific to each entrepreneur and are provided free of charge. These consulting sessions can cover topics including drafting business start-up plans, obtaining business financing, marketing your business, digital marketing strategies, accounting best practices, locating appropriate commercial spaces and more. If a business has needs that exceed our level of expertise, we have resources to refer businesses to the proper channels. Your funding support directly assists with this effort. In addition to free business advising & consulting services, LEDC also oversees the Lamoille County Revolving Loan Fund. This important loan fund provides businesses seeking financing with an opportunity that some lending institutions often do not allow. We accept higher risk loans to businesses that are often unable to obtain funding elsewhere, which creates opportunity of entrepreneurs that would not otherwise be able to start or maintain their business. This funding is sometimes used as a bridge loan to leverage additional financial services businesses may not be able to obtain without the additional assistance our loan fund provides.

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

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

In addition, LEDC—along with the assistance of 11 other Regional Development Corporations throughout the state—works closely with trusted business support groups in Montpelier throughout the legislative session to promote and advocate for the needs of the local business community. All Vermont businesses benefit from this work in the way of legislative action aimed at funding and supporting their efforts. Your support helps make this effort possible. LEDC also serves as a point of contact for municipalities seeking additional information on economic development activities, local business projects, funding opportunities, legislative action and more. Our services are available to all businesses in all commercial sectors whether they are existing businesses looking to expand, start-ups or businesses seeking to relocate to Lamoille County. Strengthening the county's economy by helping facilitate the creation, retention and expansion of jobs and businesses and investing in the prosperity of Lamoille County communities are cornerstones to all LEDC efforts. It is only through your continued support that we can strive to accomplish these important goals.

North Country Animal League (NCAL)

Morrisville, VT

Tracy Goldfine, Executive Director

The funds received from Wolcott have helped us fulfill our mission of promoting compassionate and responsible relationships between animals and humans through sheltering of homeless animals, pet adoptions, spay/neuter programs, support of cruelty prevention, and humane education.

Through November 10, 2022 NCAL accepted 1 stray or surrendered animal into our shelter from Wolcott. This amounts to an approximate expense to NCAL of \$769 for care, feeding and medical needs before adoption. Our adoption fees range between \$200 to \$450 for dogs and \$50 to \$225 for cats, which cover only a small amount of the expenses we incur. To ensure the adoption of animals, we keep our fees as affordable as possible. We seek town-wide support for our local stray and unwanted animals and help to provide them with quality care and placement. NCAL offers the best humane and financial solution for Wolcott's stray and unwanted animals.

We also served Wolcott families through pet adoptions, outreach and humane education programs. Our humane education programs served 262 community members of all ages so far this year. The Equine Center provided horsemanship and riding opportunities for 112 community members. We also bring humane education to schools. 64 additional children were reached through shelter tours/school visits, and we have 27 young people recruited as Junior Volunteers/Reading Buddies. Scholarships are available to our community's low-income families. NCAL Meals, a free monthly pet food assistance program that began in 2020 in response to the pandemic, provided 43,529 free meals in 2022 for over 78 cats and dogs. Thank you for your consideration. Together we are providing a safe haven for animals in crisis and building a more humane community.

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)

1677 Industrial Parkway, Lyndonville, VT 802-748-8170; <http://riderct.org>

Jessy M. Pelow, Office Administrator

RCT respectfully seeks funding support to provide services to residents of Wolcott. RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation providing public transportation throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2022, RCT provided 379 rides to 17 residents of Wolcott, traveling 10,955 miles at a total cost of \$6,982.16. Also, RCT serves residents of Wolcott through its VT 14/15 Commuter route. In FY2022, this route provided 1,013 rides in its service area, at a cost of \$143,104.

RCT operates with federal and state funding, however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match, and are therefore vital to RCT's operation. All RCT bus routes continue to be fare-free.

Lamoille Housing Partnership (LHP)

802-888-5714; www.lamoillehousing.org

Collaborating with communities to create and preserve quality affordable housing opportunities for Hardwick and Lamoille County. Since 1991, the nonprofit has developed 300 income eligible, affordable rental apartments.

LHP develops and maintains income eligible apartments for households that earn 30% up to 120% of area median income through employment or social security. Monthly rental rates reflect HUD affordability thresholds, designed so that renters' access to basic needs are not compromised by unattainable housing costs. LHP is the local provider of Support And Services At Home (SASH), a free, statewide health and wellness program designed to support aging persons and persons with disabilities to age healthfully and independently at home.

In 2022, 469 people resided in LHP affordable apartments including 351 adults, 118 children, and 208 people with a disability. The 273 households earned annual incomes ranging from \$10 to \$116,147; 59 of the households had been at risk of or survived homelessness. 42 new households were welcomed into LHP apartments, and 14 moved into their new home directly from homelessness. In October 2022, LHP had two vacancies and the applicant waitlist numbered 504 households. In 2022, area full time, minimum wage workers earning less than \$20.40/hour cannot afford a 2-bedroom apartment without exceeding HUD affordability thresholds. Between 2019 and 2020 median home sale prices increased 23% and Vermont's hourly minimum wage increased 1.6%.

Approximately 20% of an affordable housing development's budget is funded by charitable donations and town appropriated funds. The remaining 80% comes from state and federal resources. LHP requests funds for future affordable housing development in Hardwick and Lamoille County.

Salvation Farms

P.O. Box 1174, Morrisville, Vt, 802-888-4360; info@salvationfarms.org

Theresa Snow, Executive Director

Our mission is to better utilize farm fresh resources and crops available to us, through your gift. We are dedicated, and push ourselves, the State of Vermont, and our partners to envision a Vermont, and eventually a nation, where we are increasingly fed by locally grown foods, value our farms for all they offer, and create a food system that is equitable for all.

We are excited to continue moving the conversations and actions within our spheres of influence towards this future and are grateful for your support.

Learn more about our progress towards powerful and lasting change by visiting our website, follow our social media, or contact us directly.

Justice for Dogs

802-472-3894; justicefordogs@aol.com; www.facebook.com/justicefordogs

Amy Touchette, President Justice for Dogs

Justice for Dogs in its 16th year continues with its mission of helping only local animals including Wolcott animals and their residents. Our rescued animals are never brought in for adoption from out of state. Our mission is to rescue only local dogs and cats whether the animals are being surrendered, rescued from abusive situations, or found lost. Justice for Dogs operates with all volunteers; no paid staff at all. Justice For Dogs has helped Wolcott animals and residents this year in a variety of ways. One significant rescue involved a mother cat with two tiny kittens found at the Wolcott baseball field and when rescued had an additional eight kittens. Most notable, Justice for Dogs' work increased substantially in the summer of 2022 when another local animal rescue was unable to take in any Wolcott dogs for a period of 5 months. The Wolcott animal problems didn't just go away. Justice For Dogs stepped in and made sure that no dogs went unassisted. These Wolcott dogs increased our expenses as there were more animals to board, additional vet bills, and added board and food prior to finding new homes. No animal brought to our attention went unassisted. We received many phone messages on feral cats, people in need of food for their pets, and seeking help on behavioral problems with their dogs. Along with adoptions, we continue to provide assistance to rescue animals that are in abusive/unsafe situations. In 2022 a volunteer assisted Wolcott with their animal rabies clinic sponsored by Stowe Veterinarian Clinic, and also promoted the clinic through our media outlets.

We sincerely thank Wolcott taxpayers, businesses, foster families, and dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly for the animals. Your support helps us tremendously. We always welcome new volunteers. Please give us a call.

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice

54 Farr Ave; Morrisville, VT, 802-888-4651; www.lhha.org

Kathy Demars, RN, Executive Director

Each year the request for funds becomes more important. Soaring gas prices, supply cost hikes and workforce challenges will offset the small increase from Vermont's Medicaid program. We expect our state funded Choices for Care program will run at a deficit again. Medicare has cut its program reimbursement by 7.87% over the next two years. Medicare homecare revenue represents 60% of our budget. This is devastating news to small rural agencies like ours.

Your support tells us we are providing a valuable service; your support is a "constant" for us in the ever-changing world of health care. Your support ensures that Wolcott residents are able to stay out of the hospital or facility and receive the care they need in the comfort of their own homes. Last fiscal year, our staff made 1,638 home visits to residents of Wolcott. These visits included 852 nursing, 217 physical therapy, 153 occupational therapy, 15 speech therapy, 67 medical social worker, 182 licensed nursing assistant, 49 case management and 103 personal care attendant visits. Staff traveled 364,355 miles across Lamoille County.

North Central Vermont Recovery Center (NCVRC)

275 Brooklyn St., Morrisville, VT, 802-851-8120; recovery@ncvrc.com; NCVRC.com

Shannon Carchidi, Executive Director

Funding from the Town of Wolcott will directly benefit all those we serve at NCVRC by providing much needed funding of our programs. These programs help those seeking to restore sobriety and wellness in their lives and those who have come to rely on the Center's support system in both our Morrisville and Johnson locations.

Our promise to you is this: NCVRC will continue to provide a welcoming, safe, and substance free environment for individuals and families on their paths to lasting recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. We will continue to do so 365 days of the year.

Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit/Child Advocacy Center (LCSIU/CAC)

P.O. Box 16, Hyde Park, VT, 802-851-8116; info@lamoillesiu.org; www.lamoillesiu.org

Tracy Patnoe, Executive Director

LCSIU is a 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 Co. State's Attorney's Office, Vermont State Police, Lamoille Co. Sheriff's Department, Morristown Police Dept., Stowe Police Dept., The Clarina Howard Nichols Center, Morrisville Probation & Parole, Department for Children and Families, as well as various medical, school, and therapeutic service providers.

In fiscal year 2022, LCSIU was involved in 153 incidents throughout Lamoille County: 129 investigations related to allegations of physical and sexual violence against children and 24 investigations related to allegations of abuse against adult victims. Cases were up 60% from the previous year. Town funds supplement our state funds and help us in supporting our detectives to investigate incidents in a timely manner and assist our victim advocates in helping victims through this very difficult and traumatic process. Town funds are primarily used to train our core team; specific to the work we do.

The LCSIU space in Hyde Park provides a secure and comfortable area to meet with victims and their non-offending caregivers, and through a multidisciplinary team approach, ensures victims can seamlessly access the services they need. LCSIU received 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 if you have questions or would like additional information. Thank you for your continued support.

Lamoille County Conservation District (LCCD)

109 Professional Dr., Suite 2, Morrisville, VT, 802-888-9218; www.lcnrcd.com

Peter Danforth, Director

LCCD has greatly enjoyed partnering and working with the Town of Wolcott on projects that help conserve our natural resources critical to our environment, safety, and economy.

LCCD currently conducts education outreach to schools and to farms to provide support with best management practices and farm viability options. LCCD is also partnering with VT Fish and Wildlife, the Lamoille County Planning Commission and other partners on the VT Fish and Wildlife Access Flood Mitigation starting in 2023. This will involve berm removal, knotweed eradication and tree plantings. LCCD will also work with the town and landowners on scoping potential upland and wetland restoration projects, and sites for Eastern Brook Trout restoration. We will continue to work closely with Wolcott residents and the town in the future and greatly appreciate its continued support. The annual appropriations are important to the overall success of the LCCD by helping match requirements for local projects most of which are funded through grants.

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA)

59 N. Main St., Suite 200, Barre, VT, 802-479-0531; info@cvcoa.org; www.cvcoa.org

Luke Rackers, Director, Development and Communications

CVCOA is the primary agency serving older Vermonters age 60+ as well as their families and caregivers throughout the 54 towns of Central Vermont. We are a private nonprofit organization that assists older adults to remain independent for as long as possible. All services are made available to our clients at no charge, without regard to health, income, or other resources. CVCOA continues to be a leader in healthy aging and has recently been recognized nationally for our development of arts and technology programs that help enhance social connection. Through initiatives like this and our upcoming medically tailored and therapeutic meals program, CVCOA is finding innovative ways to improve the lives of older adults.

Funding provided by the towns we serve is essential to CVCOA, and directly serves its mission of supporting older adults and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We accomplish this by connecting older adults to a wide array of benefit programs, resources, services, and healthy aging opportunities needed to thrive. Thank you for your contribution to making these communities what they are today.

American Red Cross

431 18th Street NW, Washington, DC; 800-733-2767; redcross.org

Gail J. McGovern, President and CEO, American Red Cross

During their darkest hours, people know they can turn to the Red Cross for comfort and care. Our humanitarian mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies depends on the compassion of our generous donors.

I am profoundly grateful for your commitment to the Red Cross mission. Thank you for standing with us to help turn heartbreak into hope.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE)

52 Portland St., 2nd floor, Morrisville, VT, 802-888-5531; info@cvabe.org; www.cvabe.org

Brian Kravitz, Development and Outreach Director

CVABE, a community-based nonprofit organization has provided free adult education and literacy instruction for residents of Wolcott for over 57 years. Wolcott is served by our learning center in Morrisville. Staff and volunteers also teach students at the library or other local sites as needed. Over 70 volunteers work with professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low. Last year 6 residents of Wolcott enrolled in our free programs. 380 people were served in Washington, Orange, and Lamoille Counties.

We are grateful for your long-time generous support. It currently costs \$4,435 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Funding is key in helping Wolcott residents who need basic education to improve their lives.

Clarina Howard Nichols Center

PO Box 517, Morrisville, VT 05661; 802-888-2584

Becky Gonyea, Executive Director

June 2022 marked 41 years of the Clarina Howard Nichols Center providing services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Lamoille County. During the past year, Clarina served 390 individuals, including:

- provided shelter to 79 individuals (46 adults and 33 children) for a total of 2,746 bed nights
- provided criminal and civil court advocacy to 209 individuals
- responded to 1,094 hotline calls

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

Our services:

- 24-hour hotline – support, information and options from a trained advocate including access to emergency shelter and assistance with filing emergency Relief from Abuse Orders.
- Emergency shelter – a safe environment in which to explore options and identify next steps toward a life free of violence. We are a pet friendly shelter because we recognize that pets are an important emotional support for survivors and their children and may also be abused if they remain in the home.
- Advocacy – legal (criminal and civil), housing, community/general, and medical.
- Outreach and Education – presentations and 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.

Craftsbury Saplings

The first five years are the most critical time in human development and yet access to high-quality, affordable early childhood care and education in Vermont is woefully inadequate. Craftsbury Saplings is providing critical child care to children from Wolcott, Craftsbury, Hardwick, Glover, Greensboro, Albany, Elmore, and Hyde Park.

We are a non-profit community children's center providing year-round, full-time early care to children toddler aged to 5 years old. We have provided this essential service to 70+ families since 2017. Each family relies on our support so they can do their own work in our communities. Our mission is to provide child care to families in our communities, emphasizing community collaboration and exploration of the natural world.

Federal and state investments in early childhood education fall short of covering the cost of providing high-quality child care that's affordable for families. We rely on contributions from the community in order to close the gap between revenue from tuition and investments from the government.



Stephen Schneps creating balloon animals at the Town Event & Barbeque. Photo credit: Ryan Bjerke 9/9/2022



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

January 16, 2023

Town of Wolcott
Attn: Belinda Clegg
P.O. Box 100
Wolcott, VT 05680

Dear Belinda,

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

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the region:

- We made **576 homes safer** by installing smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **34,765 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **132,000 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,900** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Wolcott. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$500.00.* These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Service Delivery sheet for Lamoille County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Warmly,

Lauren Jordan
Development Coordinator

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Burlington, VT 05401

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Concord, NH 03301

2401 Congress St
Portland, ME 04101

www.redcross.org/nne
American Red Cross of Northern New England



Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **4 disaster cases** in **Lamoille County**, providing assistance to **7 individuals**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave people of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Hyde Park	1	2
Johnson	3	5

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **17** of **Lamoille County's Service Members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

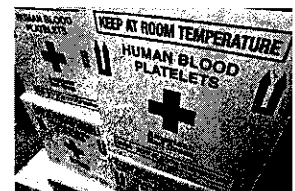
Blood Drives

We collected **990 pints** of lifesaving blood at **36 drives** in Lamoille County.



Training Services

Last year, **472 Lamoille County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.



Volunteer Services

Lamoille County is home to **7 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more.

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.



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