





TOWN DIRECTORY

The **Town Clerk's Office** is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
The office phone number is 644-8865.

The **Select Board** meets every other Monday night at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office, or Zoom or via Conference Call.

Delinquent Tax Collector: Nancy LaRose, 644-8865

Waterville Elementary School: 644-2224 or 521-5550
Principal: Jan Epstein
Secretary: Deb Arel

Waterville Post Office: 644-5151

The **Waterville Town Library** is located in the Old School building.

FIRE WARDEN NOTICE

A person shall not kindle or authorize another to kindle a fire in the open air for the purpose of burning brush, weeds, grass or rubbish of any kind except where there is snow on the site, without first obtaining permission from the fire warden or deputy warden of the town, stating when and where such fire may be kindled.

Any person(s) failing to comply with these regulations will be responsible for all costs and penalties in the event that the Fire Department needs to be called to the site.

Our Forest Fire Warden for the Town of Waterville is:

Jesse Hanley
644-8470 or 730-4223

Please call the Sheriff's Department also: 888-3502

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DEDICATION DEBRA FARRELL

It is with a deep level of gratitude that the Town of Waterville recognizes Debra Farrell for her contributions to our community. As a resident of Waterville for over 45 years, living up on Lapland Road in a home she built with her husband John, Debbie has quietly and consistently contributed to the betterment of our town.

Although Debbie was recently diagnosed with cancer and died suddenly after beginning her first chemo treatment, her quiet and unassuming presence and her efforts to help those throughout the community will be remembered. Deb had recently retired from the Cambridge Health Center, where she worked for many years as a radiology technician, providing skilled, kind, and gentle support to many in distress.

To know Debbie was to know an understated person with many interests and talents. Her skill in quilting led her, beginning in 1987, to collaborate with the Friends of Waterville Children. Debbie offered to design and organize the creation of a quilt to raise funds to be used to enhance learning opportunities for our schoolchildren. Debbie successfully involved many in our community in the making, organizing, and the marketing of these quilts. This remarkable and productive endeavor continued for decades and was more than a way to raise money. It was a creative mission that brought a wide variety of community members together. A duplicate of one of these amazing quilts, one with scenes of our town, hangs in the Waterville Town Hall.

Debbie served as chair of the Waterville Historic Preservation Board where she was committed and determined to document the history of the town. She was dedicated in helping the board move forward in these efforts. To this end, Debbie renewed the quilting project to produce a quilt designed to help raise funds for the organization. Debbie helped to acquire pictures, artifacts, and quilts and worked to acquire audio equipment with the goal of interviewing the elders of our town in an oral history project. While this current project has been put on hold due to Covid, the historical items obtained can currently be found at the Waterville Town Library.

Debbie had a curiosity and a passion for learning. In years past, she shared her love of learning and her interests as a volunteer mentor at the Waterville School. In addition to her quilting skills, she had many other interests. She loved animals and loved to travel. She was an amazing cook, a developing fiddle player, a knitter, and gardener. She assisted in the maintenance of the garden on our town green. Despite her quiet demeanor, she invited many neighbors and friends for winter snowshoeing and gatherings at her and John's cabin in the woods. She often found ways to bring people together and was open and inclusive. She was respectful, kind, caring, and sensitive to others needs. It is with great sadness that our town is without her soft and gentle presence. Our town is grateful for the services she so willingly gave over the years.

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Heather Mateja	
TOWN CLERK	Nancy LaRose	
TOWN TREASURER	Nancy LaRose	
SELECTBOARD	Jay Marsh	Term Expires 2021
	Donald Lynch, Sr.	Term Expires 2022
	Arthur Tilton	Term Expires 2023
ROAD COMMISSIONER	Hunter Locke	Term Expires 2021
LISTERS	Cathy Day	Term Expires 2021
	William Baker	Term Expires 2022
	Linda Ward	Term Expires 2023
FIRST CONSTABLE	Carlos Martin	
SECOND CONSTABLE	Robin Genetti	
AUDITORS	Wanda Locke	Term Expires 2021
	Kylee Bezio	Term Expires 2022
	Donna Barry	Term Expires 2023
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Drew Bressel	Term Expires 2021
	Chrissy Wade	Term Expires 2021
	Katie Keszey	Term Expires 2021
	Susan Davis	Term Expires 2022
	Linda Wilson-Miller	Term Expires 2023
	Alice Godin	Term Expires 2023
	April Vanderveer	Term Expires 2023
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	Nancy LaRose	
GRAND JUROR	Lucas Tilton	
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY	Diane Schwarm	
AGENT TO CONVEY REAL ESTATE	Diane Schwarm	

AGENT TO PROSECUTE
& DEFEND SUITS

Shawn LaRose

POUND KEEPER

Susan Locke

FIRE WARDEN

Jesse Hanley

ASS'T FIRE WARDEN

LRSWMD

REPRESENTATIVE Vacant

Term Expires 2021

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

COORDINATOR John Terrel

Term Expires 2021

LNMUUSD

DIRECTOR Bart Bezio

Term Expires 2022



Three years ago, Secretary of State Jim Condos announced the launch of VT's new Elections Management Platform. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information. Over 25,000 Vermonters registered to vote online last year. For the November General Election, nearly 6,500 Vermonters requested an absentee ballot through the My Voter Page.

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

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

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

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

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

**WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF WATERVILLE, VERMONT
June 8, 2021**

The inhabitants of the Town of Waterville, who are legal voters in Town Meetings, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Waterville Town Hall/Town Green in said Waterville, on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 10:00 in the forenoon Standard Time, to act on the following business:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator of the Town Meeting.

Article 2: To elect all Town Officers for the ensuing year:

- Town Clerk for one year
- Treasurer for one year
- Selectman for three years
- Road Commissioner for one year
- Lister for three years
- First Constable for one year
- Second Constable for one year
- Auditor for three years
- Library Trustee for three years
- Library Trustee for three years
- Library Trustee for three years
- Delinquent Tax Collector for one year
- Grand Juror for one year
- Trustee of Public Money for one year
- Agent to Convey Real Estate for one year
- Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for one year
- LRSWMD Representative for two years
- Emergency Management Coordinator for two years

Article 3: To hear the report of the Auditors and to take the action as is deemed necessary in the adoption of such report.

Article 4: Will the Town of Waterville appropriate the sum of \$7,329.34 to support the following:

\$ 250.00	Lamoille Restorative Center
600.00	Central Vermont Council on Aging/RSVP
2,019.00	Lamoille Home Health & Hospice
200.00	Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.
411.00	Lamoille County Planning Commission
200.00	Clarina Howard Nichols Center

440.00	Meals on Wheels
300.00	Lamoille Day Health Services (aka Out & About)
200.00	North Country Animal League
400.00	Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)
434.34	Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit
<u>1,875.00</u>	Waterville Town Library
\$7,329.34	

Article 5: To see if the Town of Waterville will vote a specific sum of money on the Grand List of said Town for the year 2021 and appropriate same its current expenses and its indebtedness? If so, to set the amount and manner of its Collection.

Article 6: Will the voters authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes for such purposes, by note on the general town?

Article 7: To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated this 26th day of April, A.D. 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Donald Lynch, Sr. *DM Lynch Sr.*
 Arthur Tilton *Arthur Tilton*
 Jay Marsh *Jay Marsh*
 Select Board, Town of Waterville

ATTEST:
 Nancy LaRose *Nancy LaRose*
 Town Clerk, Town of Waterville

A true copy: Nancy LaRose
 Town Clerk, Town of Waterville

Resume of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting

Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Heather Mateja at 10:02 A.M. Eastern Standard Time at Waterville's Town Hall on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, to act on the following business, to wit:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator of the Town Meeting. Heather Mateja was elected.

Article 2. To elect all Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Town Clerk for one year. Nancy LaRose

Treasurer for one year. Nancy LaRose

Selectman for three years. Arthur Tilton, by paper ballot

Arthur Tilton – 47; Jordan Pratt - 38

Road Commissioner for one year. Hunter Locke

Lister for three years. Linda Ward

First Constable for one year. Carlos Martin

Second Constable for one year. Robin Genetti

Auditor for three years. Donna Barry

Library Trustee for three years. April Vanderveer

Library Trustee for three years. Alice Godin

Library Trustee for three years. Linda Wilson-Miller

Delinquent Tax Collector for one year. Nancy LaRose

Grand Juror for one year. Lucas Tilton

Trustee of Public Money for one year. Diane Schwarm

Agent to Convey Real Estate for one year. Diane Schwarm

Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for one year. Shawn LaRose

Article 3. To hear the report of the Auditors and to take the action as is deemed necessary in the adoption of such report. Report accepted.

Article 4. Will the Town of Waterville appropriate the sum of \$7,729.34 to support the following:

\$ 250.00	Lamoille Restorative Center
500.00	Central Vermont Council on Aging
2,019.00	Lamoille Home Health & Hospice
200.00	Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.
411.00	Lamoille County Planning Commission
200.00	Clarina Howard Nichols Center
440.00	Meals on Wheels
300.00	Lamoille Day Health Services (aka Out & About)
200.00	North Country Animal League
400.00	Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)
434.34	Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit
500.00	Waterville Baseball/Softball Association
<u>1,875.00</u>	Waterville Town Library
\$ 7,729.34	

Total appropriations of \$7,729.34. Voted in Favor, by voice.

Article 5. To see if the Town of Waterville will vote a specific sum of money on the Grand List of said Town for the year 2020 and appropriate same its current expenses and its indebtedness? If so, to set the amount and manner of its Collection. It was voted, by voice, to accept the proposed budget of \$359,051.16 (which includes Article 4). The manner of its collection will be the same as last year - tax bills will be sent out by August 5th, due September 8th with a 4% discount; after September 8th, no discount. Taxes due by October 5th; tender to delinquent tax collector after October 5th. Delinquent tax collector charges 8% on amounts tendered for collection.

Article 6. Will the voters authorize the Select Board to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes for such purposes, by note on the general town? Voted in Favor, by voice.

Article 7. To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Lucy Rogers gave a Legislative Update. She spoke about Health Care, the Minimum Wage Bill, affordable living in Vermont and there was some Act 250 discussion.

John Terrel thanked Deb Farrell for her efforts on the Historical Board.

April Vanderveer gave a Library update.

Tim Burgess spoke about the Waterville Fire District.

Jeff Tilton gave a Planning Board update. With the help from LCPC, we were awarded a grant, with Eden and Hyde Park, to study pedestrian/bike activity in town and maybe come up with some options to better enhance our walking environments. Jeff also spoke briefly about better connectivity in Waterville. Our local Planning Board and LCPC are looking at a few options to be considered, but the most feasible one would be to form a Community Broadband district that would include multiple towns. This would be similar to the NEK Community Broadband Communications Union District.

Adjourned the Town Meeting at 11:24 A.M.

Dated at Waterville this 5th day of March 2020.

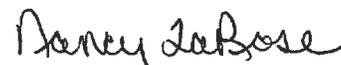

Donald Lynch, Sr.


Arthur Tilton


Jay Marsh

Select Board, Town of Waterville

ATTEST:

Nancy LaRose 
Town Clerk, Town of Waterville

GENERAL FUNDS

Treasurer's Statement of Receipts & Disbursements

Cash Balance January 1, 2020 \$236,707.70

RECEIPTS

Current Tax Levy 260,426.48

Refund from LNMUUSD ('19 overpayment) 17,359.39

Revised 2019 Tax Bill 444.96

Reimbursement from State (elections) 90.09

Current Use Hold-Harmless Payment, State of VT 27,748.00

Grand List Parcel Payment, State of VT 3,281.00

Listers' Education 386.00

Natural Resources, State of VT (PILOT) 1,131.00

Delinquent Taxes 31,969.70

Liquor License 70.00

Dog Licenses (25) 70.00

Use of Copier/Fax 105.00

Road Permits 265.00

State Aid, Roads, State of VT 35,664.44

Lapland Road, VTrans Better Roads Grant 15,971.12

Codding Hollow Bridge, Insurance \$ 2,536.00

Interest, Union Bank, Money Market 990.77

Interest, Union Bank, Checking 30.80

\$635,247.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Select Board Orders \$326,476.84

2020 Property Tax Refunds 8,550.81

Bank Service Charges 347.89

Cash on Hand December 31, 2020 299,871.91

\$635,247.45

GENERAL EXPENDITURES

	<u>2020</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>PROPOSED</u>
Town Hall/Street Lights	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,494.76	\$ 2,700.00
Town Hall Fuel	2,300.00	867.74	1,500.00
Town Hall	1,200.00	1,326.92	1,300.00
Office Supplies/Education	1,000.00	858.97	1,000.00
Computer Tech Services	2,256.00	2,256.00	2,256.00
Telephone	1,000.00	1,052.32	1,000.00
Postage	1,100.00	846.04	1,000.00
Bonds/Insurance/Memb. Dues	8,947.00	8,947.00	8,961.00
Lamoille County Tax	5,294.00	5,294.00	6,019.00
Fire Protection	21,299.00	21,299.00	21,938.00
Auditing	350.00	390.00	450.00
Listing	4,500.00	5,096.76	7,600.00 *
Town Reports	1,200.00	937.36	1,000.00
Sheriff's Dept.	16,064.50	16,064.50	15,065.00
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous/Public Notices	700.00	558.80	700.00
Roads/Highway	170,000.00	180,941.99	170,000.00
Selectmen/Clerk Salary	26,000.00	25,686.38	27,000.00
Town Clerk's Office	11,000.00	4,448.01	5,000.00
TC/Old School Repairs Loan	11,878.32	11,878.32	11,878.32
Coburn Gravel Pit	700.00	669.63	700.00
Ambulance	<u>26,833.00</u>	<u>26,833.00</u>	<u>27,660.00</u>
	\$316,321.82	\$318,747.50	\$314,727.32
Article 4: Town Appropriations	<u>7,729.34</u>	<u>7,729.34</u>	<u>7,329.34</u>
	\$324,051.16	\$326,476.84	\$322,056.66
4% Discount	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>34,239.68</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>
	\$359,051.16	\$360,716.52	\$357,056.66

* Town Tax Maps Update

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED 2020

GRAND LIST:

Municipal Grand List	\$545,451.61
Education Grand List (homestead)	397,972.61
Education Grand List (non-residential)	147,479.00

TAXES ASSESSED & BILLED RAISED:

Municipal/Town Taxes (\$.6070 tax rate)	331,089.13
Education/Homestead (\$1.6348 tax rate)	650,605.62
Education/Non-Residential (\$1.6874 tax rate)	<u>248,856.06</u>

\$1,230,550.81

COLLECTIONS:

General Property	\$903,588.59
Received from State of VT	267,245.76
4% Discount	34,239.68
Delinquents	33,985.18
Revised Tax Bills/Refunds *	<u>(8,508.40)</u>

\$1,230,550.81

* Due to Late Homestead Declaration Filers and Property Tax Adjustment Credits received from the State of VT.

ITEMIZED ROAD BUDGET 2020

Winter Roads	\$ 65,944.50
Sand	9,627.26
Gravel	4,932.50
Pitwork/Crushing	17,125.39
Salt	1,639.06
Summer Roads	31,905.88
MRPG (VT Stormwater Program)	740.00
Roadside Mowing	2,160.00
Beals Hill Road, MRPG Grant	9,681.00
Lapland Road, VTrans Grant	19,963.90
Codding Hollow Bridge (hit'n run)	2,536.00
10/31 & 11/01/19 Storm	<u>14,686.50</u>

\$180,941.99

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY
For the year ending 12/31/2020

Cemetery Account

We have to date the following funds in trust.

Cheney fund	\$500.00
McFarland fund	\$500.00
Westover fund	\$500.00

Library Account

We have one fund left in the trust with interest to be used for the purchase of books for the Library.

Willey fund	\$500.00
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TOTAL CD BALANCE (as of 01/14/2020)	\$ 2,087.20
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Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Schwarm

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the accounts of various town officers, and, as far as we can ascertain, the accounts are correct as they are presented in this town report.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Barry
Wanda Locke
Kylee Bezio

2020 DOG REPORT

Through April 1st:

5 Neutered/Spayed dogs @ \$9.00	\$ 45.00	
2 Female Dog @ \$13.00	<u>26.00</u>	

\$ 71.00

After April 1st:

15 Neutered/Spayed dogs @ \$9.00	\$135.00	
3 Male Dog @ \$13.00	<u>39.00</u>	

\$174.00

25 Dogs

\$245.00

Less 25 Dogs @ \$2.00/dog collection fee: (50.00)

Less 25 Dogs @ \$1.00/dog to State of VT: (25.00)

Less 25 Dogs @ \$4.00/dog to State of VT: (100.00)

(70.00)

TOTAL TO TOWN:

\$ 70.00

WATERVILLE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT

Waterville Cemetery Association is committed to preserving and maintaining the beauty of the Waterville Cemetery. It's with the group efforts of many that allows us to provide the upkeep and maintenance of our cemetery. Please consider a tax deductible donation in honor or memory of loved ones. Donations to the Waterville Cemetery Association can be sent to Donna Barry, 1950 VT Route 109, Waterville, VT 05492.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Barry, Treasurer

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

Balance, 01/01/20 \$ 34,327.92

RECEIPTS

Donations	2,262.00
Interest	<u>33.94</u>
	\$ 2,295.94

\$ 36,623.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Town Green (Lawn)	1,630.00
Town Green (VT Electric Coop)	238.40
Town Green (Gazebo/Sign)	<u>414.18</u>
	\$ 2,282.58

Balance, 12/31/20 \$ 34,341.28

PLANNING COMMISSION ACCOUNT

Balance, 01/01/20 \$ 16.56

NO ACTIVITY

Balance, 12/31/20 \$ 16.56

WATERVILLE PLANNING BOARD

On May 8, 2003 the Waterville Select Board appointed eight members to reconstitute the Waterville Planning Board. The Select Board charged the Planning Board with the responsibility of preparing a Town Plan for Waterville as a revision and update of the Town Plan originally written in 1989. Waterville benefits by having a Town Plan in order to establish a vision for our community and to be eligible for other federal and state grants.

We have worked closely with the Lamoille County Planning Commission, the VT Division of Historic Preservation and the Department of Public Service in the development of projects.

2003 - Reconstituted the Waterville Planning Board and adopted a new Waterville Town Plan on September 23, 2003.

2004 - Awarded \$1,500 in funding through the Vermont Municipal Planning Grant Program efforts to inventory and document the integrity of our public historic structures.

2005 - Awarded \$1,000 from Downs, Rachlin and Martin to create a Historical Photographic Record of the Waterville Town Hall and Village Center.

- Awarded \$4,000 in funding through the Vermont Municipal Planning Grant Program to obtain Village Center Designation (approved January 2006) and Certified Local Government certification (approved April 2006).

2006 - Awarded \$3,200 in funding from the Municipal Planning Grant Program and \$4,800.00 in matching funds from VT Historic Preservation to work with the Preservation Board to prepare a National Register Nomination application for the Waterville Historic District. In September 2007 the application was approved by the National Park Service.

2007 - Awarded a \$5,800 grant from the Municipal Planning Grant program and worked with the Lamoille County Planning Commission to update the Waterville Town Plan.

2008 to 2009 - Awarded \$4,995 from the Department of Public Service, Clean Energy Development Fund, to support a small-scale hydro assessment project. The goal is to generate electricity from the Kelly River (North Branch of the Lamoille) to meet local needs either by lower energy costs through renewable energy or sold to generate income to help offset property taxes. Phase I was completed in October 2009 and we began pursuing funding opportunities for Phase II including: permitting and legal issues, engineering and construction design, construction & turbine costs, and financial feasibility.

2010 - The Town of Waterville was awarded \$40,993.00 from the Department of Public Service for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for energy efficiency renovations to the Town Hall and Town Clerk's Office which were completed in 2011.

- Awarded \$9,333.00 from the Municipal Planning Grant Program to conduct Phase II of our hydro assessment project to generate electricity from the Kelly River.

2011 – Awarded \$3,390.00 from the Clean Energy Development Fund by the Lamoille County Planning Commission to study the feasibility of installing an Archimedes Screw turbine for comparison purposes to a more traditional Kaplan-type turbine.

2012 - Received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to use the Traditional Licensing Process for our Hydro project and to the VT Agency of Natural Resources for a 401 Water Quality Certification. Applications remain pending at 12/31/12.

2013 -2014 - Updated the Waterville Town Plan and the Lamoille County Planning Commission held a Public Hearing and approved the plan on September 23, 2014.

- Held several meetings with public and private project developers to find partners for the technical and financial aspects of the Waterville Hydro project. An engineering study would be needed, and cost is estimated at \$20,000. It is difficult to justify this expense without ownership of the property.

2015 - This year brought to conclusion our efforts to develop hydroelectric power generation in Waterville because the Laraway Mill site is not available for sale.

- Applied for and received preliminary approval for renewal of our Village Center Designation through the Vermont Downtown Program, Department of Housing and Community Development.

- We thank Paul Rogers for his service as he stepped down effective 12/31/15.

2016 – We welcomed the following new members to the Board following Town Meeting: Heather Mateja, Carlos Martin and Damian Turner and we thank Howard Duchacek for his service as he stepped down effective 4/11/16.

-The Planning Board applied for and received a Municipal Planning Grant in the amount of \$3,159 to update the 2014 Town Plan with a Flood Resiliency Plan. We begin writing the Plan in 2017.

2017 –The Waterville Planning Board worked with the Lamoille County Planning Commission to write a Flood Resilience Plan for incorporation in the next Town Plan update, revised and established a single jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Waterville, and begin working on the Public Safety and Natural Resources sections of the Waterville Town Plan due for approval in 2019.

2018 – A year of transition, as we thanked Scott Johnson and John Farrell for their many years of service, and we welcomed Timothy Burgess to the board. The Waterville Planning Board has been working closely with LCPC to conduct a thorough update of the Waterville Town Plan. The Plan update will be completed this spring by end of May 2019. Public Hearings will be held by the Waterville Planning Commission and Selectboard to solicit input on the 2019 Waterville Town Plan. Notable additions to the Town Plan include the drafting of an Enhanced Energy Plan, and a Flood Resilience and Water Quality chapter.

2019 – The 2019- 2027 Waterville Town Plan was adopted by the Selectboard and approved by the Lamoille County Planning Commission on July 23, 2019.

- Waterville in conjunction with Hyde Park was awarded a Consortia Municipal Planning Grant of \$22,749 to work with the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) to develop strategies to enhance public spaces and create vibrant, walkable environments in North Hyde Park and Waterville Village Centers.

- In the fall of 2019 the Waterville Planning Board met with LCPC staff about Broadband planning efforts. Members of the Planning Board have been engaged in this topic and participated in local and regional events.

2020 – The Waterville Planning Board hosted discussion/updates regarding Broadband Planning for the Town and neighboring area

- Winter of 2020 received Municipal Planning Grant as part of a Consortium application with North Hyde Park and Eden. The Grant was awarded for the Waterville Mainstreet Initiative project to explore traffic calming practices and visual cues that could be implemented along VT 109 in the Village.

Waterville has a rich history of community engagement and “can do” attitude that allows us to enjoy, promote and improve our community. The members of the Waterville Planning Board are pleased to be able to make our contribution.

Sincerely, Heather Mateja- Chairperson

Waterville Town Library Report 2020

The library was unable to open for regular hours in 2020 due to Covid. The Trustees posted on the library website and around town that the library could do curbside pick-up. We acquired free materials for health and safety precautions to utilize at the library from the Lamoyille Restorative Center in Hyde Park. The trustees have been planning ways to engage the community, while ensuring safety measures are intact. We believe the library should be a beacon of hope and connectivity in a tiny town under a world pandemic, where folks can find information, engage in socially distanced meetings, and build a deeper sense of community.

Our collection has grown to 6,418 books, 55 DVDs, 6,736 audiobooks and 42,375 ebooks. We had 75 check outs from the Listen Up subscription. We had 125 searches in the Gale databases (Vermont online library) and we provided free access to the TumbleBooks ebook platform. We continue to offer passes for museums, Vermont State Parks, and attractions. We continue the process of weeding outdated materials and duplicates and adding newer up to date materials. Purchasing new books is an important part of keeping the library current and interesting.

Volunteers this year were the Library Board: Linda Wilson-Miller, April Vanderveer, Drew Bressel, Sue Davis, Chrissy Wade, and Alice Godin. A special thanks to Katie Keszey for her interest in and attendance at our trustee board meetings in 2020. Please join us as we welcome her on board in 2021! The library is run solely by volunteers. The library board welcomes new volunteers, new ideas and suggestions. Even if you only have a couple hours a month, we would appreciate your help.

Library Budget 2020	
New Books	750.00
Book Supplies	100.00
Listen Up Vermont	200.00
Internet/DSL – Town of Waterville	250.00
Library web site domain	40.00
Paper and Ink	90.00
Programming	75.00
Tiny Cat (online library catalog)	120.00
Museum passes: Shelburne Museum=\$100 Fairbanks Museum=\$75	175.00
Total	1875.00

Library Expenditures 2020	
New Books	597.62
Supplies and ink	0
Listen Up Vermont	200.00
Internet/DSL – Town of Waterville	250.00
Library web site domain (3 years)	74.97
Tiny Cat (online library catalog)	0.00
Museum passes: Shelburne Museum=\$100 Fairbanks Museum= \$75 (The museums were closed due to Covid)	0
Total	1,122.59

Library Budget Request for 2021	
New Books	750.00
Book Supplies	100.00
Listen Up Vermont	200.00
Internet/DSL – Town of Waterville	250.00
Library web site domain	0
Paper and Ink	90.00
Programming	115.00
Tiny Cat (online library catalog)	120.00
Museum passes	250.00
Total	1875.00

Trustees

Katie Keszey appointed October 26, 2020 by the Select Board- up for election 2021

Chrissy Wade, Vice Chair, term expires 2021- up for election

Drew Bressel, term expires 2021- up for election

Susan Davis, Secretary term expires 2022

Linda Wilson-Miller, term expires 2023

Alice Godin, Chair, term expires 2023

April Vanderveer, term expires 2023

Library Website: <<http://www.watervillelib.org>>

Facebook Page: <<https://www.facebook.com/WatervilleTownLibrary>>

Respectfully submitted by the Waterville Town Library Board of Trustees on 1/20/2021

LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Checking Account Balance, 01/01/20: \$ 3,985.56

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation \$ 1,875.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Fair Point/Internet 250.00

Dues/Passes/Domain 274.97

Books/Supplies/Computer 597.62

\$ 1,122.59

Checking Account Balance, 12/31/20 \$ 4,737.97

Savings Account Balance, 11/14/19 \$ 2,504.59

Interest 8.80

Savings Account Balance, 11/13/20 \$ 2,513.39

Certificate of Deposit Balance, 12/31/20 \$ 1,500.00

WATERVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD ACCOUNTS

Checking Account, Balance as of 01/01/20 \$1,497.84

RECEIPTS

Sale of Books	240.00
Remembrance of Debbie	325.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Recording Equipment	512.84
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Checking Account, Balance as of 12/31/20 \$1,550.00

WATERVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD 2020

On a very sad note, I'm sure by now everyone has learned about Debbie Farrell's passing in August.

Deb was a very conscientious and diligent Chairwoman of the Historical Board putting in many and long hours to lead the Board and make it a better organization. She is and will be sorely missed by all.

On personal note, I have resigned as Second Chair on the board due to several other obligations I have. However, I remain, along with Nancy LaRose the Treasurer of the Board and Tim Burgess is Secretary.

With the current COVID-19 virus we still have oral history interviews to accomplish and a quilt to finish. Interviews of senior folks in town will be done by Katy Keszey and Sally Johnson.

At this point we do not have a Chairperson. If anyone is interested in this position, please let me know. Thanks.

Sincerely,

John E Terrel
Treasurer

TOWN OF WATERVILLE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2020

Unlike past years Waterville did not suffer “significant” damage to public or private property from severe weather events. The year 2020 was somewhat different.

On March 13 Governor Scott declared a “State of Emergency” state wide due to the arrival of COVID-19 which has continued into 2021. Weekly meetings of Vermont Emergency Management and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns have been held centered around COVID-19, concerning up-dated information and health directions. These meetings will unfortunately be necessary for some time to come.

In last year’s report I indicated that Vermont Emergency Management and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns was to conduct a full scale Catastrophic 4 exercise (Cat 4) to advance preparedness. The planned exercise was to simulate damage collection from private homeowners and to test disaster recovery skills. Nearly 500 emergency responders and officials from local, state and other agencies took part. Waterville took part on October 23 with 13 along with other agencies. 19 cities and towns and 20 state volunteer agencies were involved. State and local officials also worked to coordinate short- and long-term recovery needs of residents affected by the storm. Over 130 Agency of Transportation workers executed a new command system for assessing and evaluating state and local transportation infrastructure damage from four regional command centers and its headquarters. VTrans deployed its new drone program, with a focus on tasking, deployment, flight operation and mission video streaming to decision makers.

Waterville experienced high winds on August 4-5 with easterly winds 20 to 30 mph and gusts up to 50 mph. This was a large event with Orleans, Lamoille, Washington, Eastern Franklin, Eastern Chittenden and Eastern Addison counties having some degree of damage.

On August 12 Waterville and Vermont conducted a county wide Table Top exercise via conference call. Excellent training for the eight agencies involved.

OTHER SAFETY INFORMATION:

Never drive on flooded roads and respect all road closures and detours.

If you see a downed power line, stay back at least 20 feet and assume all lines are energized.

Sincerely,

John E Terrel, EMD

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

Town Name	Population Portion 50% of allocation		Grand List Portion 50% of allocation		FY 21-22 Assessment	FY 20-21 Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Increase/ (Decrease)	Overall Assessment Percentage
	Population	Percentage	Grand List	Percentage					
Belvidere	365	1.262%	\$ 337,950	0.63%	\$ 7,888	\$ 8,667	\$ (779)	-8.99%	0.95%
Cambridge	3844	13.291%	\$ 5,564,050	10.38%	\$ 98,655	\$ 108,125	\$ (9,470)	-8.76%	11.83%
Eden	1370	4.737%	\$ 1,385,530	2.58%	\$ 30,516	\$ 34,180	\$ (3,664)	-10.72%	3.66%
Elmore	863	2.984%	\$ 1,628,360	3.04%	\$ 25,096	\$ 28,098	\$ (3,002)	-10.68%	3.01%
Hyde Park	2961	10.238%	\$ 2,987,160	5.77%	\$ 65,898	\$ 71,098	\$ (5,200)	-7.31%	7.90%
Johnson	3633	12.561%	\$ 52,363	4.36%	\$ 70,521	\$ 72,798	\$ (2,277)	-3.13%	8.46%
Morristown	5501	19.020%	\$ 6,905,700	12.88%	\$ 132,967	\$ 135,465	\$ (2,498)	-1.84%	15.95%
Stowe	4431	15.321%	\$ 25,638,210	47.81%	\$ 263,159	\$ 280,097	\$ (16,938)	-6.05%	31.56%
Waterville	706	2.441%	\$ 593,750	1.11%	\$ 14,791	\$ 15,339	\$ (548)	-3.57%	1.77%
Wolcott	1688	5.836%	\$ 1,630,680	3.04%	\$ 37,005	\$ 41,500	\$ (4,495)	-10.83%	4.44%
Hardwick	2861	9.892%	\$ 2,002,570	3.73%	\$ 56,803	\$ 62,320	\$ (5,517)	-8.85%	6.81%
Greensboro	699	2.417%	\$ 2,616,810	4.88%	\$ 30,416	\$ 33,655	\$ (3,239)	-9.62%	3.65%
	28922	100.00%	\$ 416,858	100.00%	\$ 833,716	\$ 891,342	\$ (57,626)	-6.47%	100.00%

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

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

Town Name	Population Portion 50% of allocation		Grand List Portion 50% of allocation		FY 20-21 Assessment	FY 19-20 Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Increase/ (Decrease)	Overall Assessment Percentage
	Population	Percentage	Grand List	Percentage					
Belvidere	389	1.34%	\$ 311,490	0.60%	\$ 8,667	\$ 9,140	\$ (473)	-5.18%	0.97%
Cambridge	3945	13.60%	\$ 5,501,090	10.66%	\$ 108,125	\$ 112,952	\$ (4,827)	-4.27%	12.13%
Eden	1482	5.11%	\$ 1,321,120	2.56%	\$ 34,180	\$ 36,060	\$ (1,880)	-5.21%	3.83%
Elmore	923	3.18%	\$ 1,611,270	3.12%	\$ 28,098	\$ 30,187	\$ (2,089)	-6.92%	3.15%
Hyde Park	3043	10.49%	\$ 2,818,670	5.46%	\$ 71,098	\$ 74,306	\$ (3,208)	-4.32%	7.98%
Johnson	3429	11.82%	\$ 2,328,890	4.51%	\$ 72,798	\$ 75,255	\$ (2,457)	-3.27%	8.17%
Morristown	5173	17.83%	\$ 6,482,160	12.56%	\$ 135,465	\$ 140,172	\$ (4,707)	-3.36%	15.20%
Stowe	4406	15.19%	\$ 24,591,490	47.66%	\$ 280,097	\$ 284,230	\$ (4,133)	-1.45%	31.42%
Waterville	686	2.36%	\$ 555,710	1.08%	\$ 15,339	\$ 16,790	\$ (1,451)	-8.64%	1.72%
Wolcott	1805	6.22%	\$ 1,594,110	3.09%	\$ 41,500	\$ 42,753	\$ (1,253)	-2.93%	4.66%
Hardwick	2952	10.18%	\$ 1,964,290	3.81%	\$ 62,320	\$ 64,645	\$ (2,325)	-3.60%	6.99%
Greensboro	775	2.67%	\$ 2,517,940	4.88%	\$ 33,655	\$ 35,708	\$ (2,053)	-5.75%	3.78%
	29008	100.00%	\$ 445,671	100.00%	\$ 891,341	\$ 922,198	\$ (30,857)	-3.35%	100.00%

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Below are just some of our incident totals:

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully

Jeff Johansen,

Executive Director

Newport Ambulance Inc

REPORTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING TOWN FUNDS IN 2021

LAMOILLE RESTORATIVE CENTER is for first-time offenders (adults and juveniles) of non-violent misdemeanors who learn accountability for their actions. Offenders must make restitution to the victim for property damage, make a personal apology to the victim and perform volunteer community service work. Successful completion of the contract results in dismissal of the charge and no court record. 900 individuals throughout Lamoille Valley received support last year. The number of children, youth and adults, who reside in Waterville served by LRC's 13 programs was 27 in 2020. 888-5871

CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING works to support Vermont Seniors to live independent, self-chosen and secure lives, in their own homes, for as long as possible. Last year, 12 residents of the town were served by case management. 479-0531 or 800-642-5119

LAMOILLE HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE is a non-profit organization that provides home health care services including nursing, aide, therapy and homemaker regardless of ability to pay. Town financial support offsets the costs not covered by insurance, Medicaid or Medicare. This past year, LHH&H staff made 867 visits to Waterville clients. 888-4651

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION aids in providing individual reading, writing, math, GED, ESL and CDL tutoring to Waterville adults. It's free to adults 16 years and older with less than 12 years of education. Last year CVABE served 3 residents of Waterville. 888-5531

LAMOILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION provides technical assistance to the municipalities in Lamoille County for land use planning and community related services. Last year, they provided broadband planning assistance, local EMP assistance, technical support with road erosion inventory for the MRGP, assistance with VTrans grant programs, assisted with the MRGP for Beals Hill project (\$6,710), and assisted with a MPG to evaluate pedestrian/bike safety. 888-4548

CLARINA HOWARD NICHOLS CENTER is a shelter for battered women and their children. The Center provides an emergency hotline, court advocacy, counseling, help in living in a non-violent life and a place where women and children are listened to. Last year they served 295 individuals in Lamoille County. 888-2584

MEALS ON WHEELS provides the meals-on-wheels services, congregate meals, transportation and advocacy services to Waterville seniors. 366 meals were provided to Waterville residents last year. They always welcome new referrals. 888-5011

LAMOILLE DAY HEALTH SERVICES (aka Out and About) is a program that provides adults with an alternative choice for long-term healthcare while remaining as independent as possible in the care setting of their choice. This includes meals/snacks, nursing services, personal care, activities and socialization, art programs, caregiver respite and transportation. 888-7045

NORTH COUNTRY ANIMAL LEAGUE basic service includes finding homes for animals surrendered for adoption or turned over as strays. 851-5333

RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION (RCT) is a non-profit corporation providing transportation to the elderly, handicapped and disabled in your community through a volunteer service. RCT coordinates the trips and has provided 27 trips, approximately 992 miles, for 4 residents of Waterville over the past year. 748-8170

LAMOILLE COUNTY SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT/CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER was created to respond to reports of child sexual abuse, adult sexual assaults, serious child physical abuse, as well as abuse of vulnerable adults and the elderly in Lamoille County. Their goal is to promote cooperative efforts between police agencies, prosecutor's office, the medical community, child protection services, and victim advocacy groups. They strive to conduct quality investigations that result in prosecution, reduce stress and trauma to the victim, and protect both the victim and the community. 851-8116

WATERVILLE TOWN LIBRARY seeks to provide a gathering place for Waterville residents of all ages with access to entertainment, ideas, information, and inspiration through its books, programs, electronic media and online resources for the purposes of lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, and personal development. The Library was unable to open for regular hours in 2020 due to Covid, but curbside pick was available. The Library had 75 checkouts from the Listen Up subscription and 125 searches in the Gale databases. www.watervillelib.org

2020 VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS</u>
03/19/2020	Gwyneth Ann Ranslow	Sonja & Jesse Ranslow
06/07/2020	Dawson Kraig Locke	Ashley & Dylan Locke
06/12/2020	Zachary Jacob Ploof	Heather Howe & Jacob Ploof
08/17/2020	Maeve Elizabeth Biasini	Morgan & Schuyler Biasini
09/03/2020	Barrett Abraham Tappin	Melissa & Gregory Tappin

DEATHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>
01/03/2020	Linda Ann Cutting	07/21/1943
03/08/2020	Harry S. Koonz, Jr.	03/13/1934
04/15/2020	Roger C. Pells	05/08/1943
05/15/2020	Roberta E. Duffy	03/12/1930
07/19/2020	Juliana Kristin Elliott	06/06/1981
08/30/2020	Debra Farrell	06/24/1950

CIVIL MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GROOM</u>	<u>BRIDE</u>
06/26/2020	Kyle Andrew Warner	Morgan Ann Collett
07/11/2020	Michael Edward Tousley	Tracey Ellen Godin
07/25/2020	Brian Michael Begnoche	Ashley Coral Burnor
09/19/2020	John Joseph Hanf	Erin Rose Simpson

NOTES

**** DOG LICENSE REMINDER ****

DOG OWNERS – TOWN OF WATERVILLE

All dogs or wolf-hybrids six months of age and older must be licensed annually on or before the *first day of April*. Before obtaining a dog license, a copy of a current rabies vaccination certificate must be presented to the Town.

2021 License Fees are as follows:

Neutered/Spayed Dogs or Wolf-hybrids: \$ 9.00*
Unneutered/Unspayed Dogs or Wolf-hybrids: \$13.00*

* \$1.00 surcharge (included) was implemented by the State in 1995 to fund a Rabies Control Program.

* \$4.00 surcharge (included) was implemented by the State in 2004 to fund a Spaying and Neutering Program.

All licenses issued **after April 1st** are subject to a 50% increase in the license fee.

Neutered/Spayed Dogs or Wolf-hybrids: \$11.00
Unneutered/Unspayed Dogs or Wolf-hybrids: \$17.00

Please call 644-8865 if you have any questions.

Nancy LaRose
Town Clerk

Town of Waterville
PO Box 31
Waterville, VT 05492

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE TOWN MEETING