

TOWN OF

Wolcott, Vermont



WOLCOTT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911	Fire Warden	888-5544
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	888-9071	Health Officer	888-3953
Library	472-2860	Lister/Zoning Office	888-6858
Town Garage	888-3353	Superintendent	472-6531

SELECTBOARD

Eric Furs	238-1872	Michael Davidson	888-2852
Kim Gravel	888-4262	Richard Lee	888-4064
Jennifer Holton-Clapp	793-3877		

OFFICE HOURS

Town Clerk 28 Railroad Street (PO Box 100) Wolcott@pshift.com	Monday Tuesday Wednesday - Thursday	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	Wednesday	10:00AM – 4:00PM
Library 320 School Hill Drive	Monday – Thursday Saturday	9:00AM – 6:00PM 9:00AM – 1:00PM
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)	2 nd Wednesday Monthly 6:00PM – Town Office
Planning Commission(As Needed)	1 st Tuesday Monthly 7:00PM – Town Office
Library Trustees	3 rd Thursday Monthly – 5:00PM - Library
Fire Department	Every Monday 6:30PM – Fire Station

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PHILIP B. SCOTT
Governor



State of Vermont
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Dear Wolcott Residents:

I'm writing to wish you all a happy New Year and encourage you to consider, or continue, participation in your local government and community service.

Across our state we are seeing the impacts of the demographic crisis. From our schools and hospitals, to our businesses and local government, we are seeing the effects of our aging and shrinking population.

Wolcott is a quintessential Vermont community and a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family. But just like other communities, Wolcott is seeing a generation of community members retire from service. With the foundation of our communities built on service and commitment to each other, it is important for all of us to continue participating in our communities, and to make our voices heard.

As you reflect on your public service, please remember "The Golden Rule". Now, more than ever, it's important for us to stay united, treat everyone with dignity and respect, and live up to Vermont's motto of "Freedom and Unity."

Thank you for your efforts. I wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. B. Scott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Town Clerk/Treasurer says goodbye.....

I will be retiring as Wolcott Town Clerk and Treasurer this coming Town Meeting. I began my career with the Town of Wolcott in March 1986. I have thoroughly enjoyed helping people who come into the office for many, many different reasons.

When I first began I use to write all the checks by hand and figure out the withholdings manually. Things are quite different now. Since 1986 I have introduced computers to the office, digitized the land records, obtained a grant to build the town website, the financial records are now computerized and I have modernized procedures. These are just a few of my achievement. I have served on many committees representing the Town.

I have given my all to the office because I have enjoyed it and am proud of my many accomplishments. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda".

2019 COMMUNITY DEDICATION

ARLO (DUKE) STERNER

Arlo Sterner probably knows the lay of the land and back woods of Lamoille County better than anyone since he was the Lamoille County Forester for over 30 years. He served in that position from 1952 until 1988.

Arlo was born premature at seven months in Buffalo, New York to Arlo and E. Gladys Burlingame Sterner on March 16, 1926. His parents kept him warm by the woodstove to keep him alive. His family was of German descent and lived in Lancaster County, PA. They had a small family farm raising cows, pigs, chickens, etc and where the homebrewed beer was a staple on the table morning, noon and night! His great grandfather Uttley, on his mother's side, was from Stannard and Hardwick. As a teenager in 1939, Arlo went to Germany to visit his grandfather and remembers the hell of Hitler.

He graduated early from High School in Kenmore, NY in 1942 and then attended classes at New York State College of Forestry in Syracuse. He tried to enlist in the Army in 1944, was rejected, went back to school, and then was drafted, joining the Counter Intelligence Corp. After the war he finished college on the G.I. Bill which took the strain off his parents as they were poor at that time.

While at college, to earn money he cared for 6 sororities, making 2 furnace fires in each building every day, emptying rubbish, fixing things and always available to help in time of need. He was able to eat from the kitchen of a different sorority every night. A young college boy's dream job!

Arlo's interest in forestry originated from his boyhood in upper State New York where he spent summers on his Grandfather's property which was 4,000 acres on the shores of Candice Lake (one of the famous Finger Lakes of New York).

In 1947 he graduated from college with a BS in Forestry. His first job was with the U.S. Forest Service and was sent to Sitka, Alaska before it was a State. He stayed there for almost a year earning \$300 per month. Being not completely satisfied with that position he decided to apply for a job in Vermont where his mother's family was from. On July 1, 1948 he received notification by telegraph from Perry Merrill (Vermont State Forester, famous in the development of ski trails on Mt Mansfield cut by the CCC in the 1930s) that he could start work with the State of Vermont, (being paid \$150 a month in State land timber sales. He took the job right away. In 1950 he was promoted to County Forester based in Woodstock but didn't much care for the townspeople. ("Horsey folks").

In 1950 he was immediately sent to Korea from the Army Reserves. After coming home in 1952 he was hired as Lamoille County Forester and lived in Morrisville. He and Helen raised 3 children, Suzie, a stepdaughter, and Tim and Cynthia. Tragically, in 1971, Helen was killed in a car accident. He eventually moved into a log cabin in Wolcott which he built in 1975 and married again to Mayford Camley. They raised her two sons, David and Alan.

There were 671 dairy farms in Lamoille County when he started and he mostly worked with them training them to manage their woodlots and sugar bushes.

Arlo helped to implement State programs, of which there were many over the years. The early '60's Soil Bank Program encouraged landowners to plant their fields to trees and they would receive \$18.00 an acre a year for

ten years in the County. The State paid 75% of the cost. 900,000 trees were planted in one year in Lamoille County. The program ended in 1967 and there are still trees growing in the County from that program. The names of some of the other programs were FIP (Forest Incentive Program) and SIP (Stewardship Incentive Program). The Current Use Program implemented in 1981 with its strict regulations kept Arlo busy from 1988 to 2006. Arlo continued as the County Forester for 36 years until he retired at age 62. He had maintained his own forestry consulting business for another 20 plus years. He is recognized for his training skills and knowledge that he has passed on to several generations of foresters.

Arlo's service history for the Towns of Morrisville and Wolcott is extensive. Water and Light Department Chairman, Morrisville; Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Morrisville; and a member of the Fire Department operating pumps. He is most proud that he was responsible for passing a law that forbids motorboats on the Green River Reservoir. He was a member of the Fire Department in Wolcott between 1977-78 and then again since 1985. He is still an honorary member. Arlo was a member of the Wolcott Selectboard for six years starting in 1976. He has been a Lister in Wolcott and was the Emergency Management Director and the 911 Coordinator.

On January 25th 2020 Arlo was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Vermont Forest Products Association in Barre.

**THANK YOU, ARLO, FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND DEVOTION TO THIS
COMMUNITY THAT WE ALL CALL HOME!**



Town of Wolcott Financial Records Report 2018-2019

Fothergill, Segale & Valley, Certified Public Accountants have audited the Town of Wolcott, Transfer Station and Glee Merritt Kelley Community Library records for fiscal year 2018-2019. They have prepared a report showing their findings and describing their recommendations. This report is available on the town website at www.wolcottvt.org and a paper copy may be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department, the Wolcott Athletic Association and Cemetery Association were audited in house by Town staff. All income and expenses were reviewed and accounted for.

TOWN OF WOLCOTT, VERMONT

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator:

Joe Hester-Ingram Term Expires 2020

Town Clerk and Treasurer:

Linda J. Martin Term Expires 2022

Selectboard:

Eric Furs Term Expires 2020

Jennifer Holton-Clapp Term Expires 2020

Kimberly Gravel Term Expires 2021

Richard Lee Term Expires 2021

Michael Davidson Term Expires 2022

School Directors:

Vacant Term Expires 2020

Rebecca Ventrice Term Expires 2021

Vacant Term Expires 2022

Gordon Young Term Expires 2022

Marquis Houle Term Expires 2022

School Clerk:

Belinda Clegg Term Expires 2020

School Treasurer & Alternate:

Belinda Clegg Term Expires 2020

Deb Clifton Term Expires 2020

Listers:

Deb Klein Term Expires 2020

Tracey Grunow Term Expires 2020

Thomas Martin Term Expires 2021

Town Agent to Deed Real Estate:

Dan Noyes Term Expires 2020

Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits:

Cornelius Reed Term Expires 2020

Library Trustees:

Ruth Ann Demag	Term Expires 2020
Megan Roy	Term Expires 2021
Dawn Cochran	Term Expires 2022
Amy Coolbeth	Term Expires 2023
Jackie Burgess	Term Expires 2024

Cemetery Commissioners:

Cornelius Reed, Jr.	Term Expires 2020
Lucien Gravel	Term Expires 2021
Harvey Reed	Term Expires 2022
David Modica	Term Expires 2023
Walter Reeve	Term Expires 2024

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD 2019

<i>Animal Control Officer:</i>	Michael Shedd
<i>Road Commissioner:</i>	Lucien Gravel
<i>Road Foreman:</i>	Dillan Cafferky
<i>Tree Warden:</i>	Mike Green
<i>Pound Keepers:</i>	Lamoille Kennels, Inc. & Justice for Dogs
<i>Lamoille Cty. Planning Comm. Director:</i>	Maxfield English
<i>Board of Supervisor, L.R.S.W.M.D.:</i>	Richard Lee
<i>Town Service Officer:</i>	Selectboard
<i>Energy Coordinator:</i>	Kee Gillen
<i>Transportation Advisory Committee:</i>	Linda Martin

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

<i>Fire Warden:</i>	Arlo Sterner
<i>Health Officer:</i>	Bernard Earle
<i>Deputy Health Officer:</i>	Tom Martin
<i>Green Up Vermont Chairperson:</i>	Kee Gillen

Wolcott Planning Board:

Bruce Wheeler	Term Expires 2020
Chad Roy	Term Expires 2021
Bill Cotten	Term Expires 2022
James Robert	Term Expires 2023
Maxfield English	Term Expires 2024

Development & Review Board:

Chad Roy	Term Expires 2020
James Robert	Term Expires 2021
Bruce Wheeler	Term Expires 2022
Maxfield English	Term Expires 2023
Bill Cotten	Term Expires 2024

Zoning Administrator

Tom Martin

Justices of the Peace:

Katie Black	Term Expires 2021
Belinda H. Clegg	Term Expires 2021
Delores Holton	Term Expires 2021
Cindy Lowell	Term Expires 2021
Randy Pratt	Term Expires 2021
Linda Reeve	Term Expires 2021
Maria Stadtmueller	Term Expires 2021

Recreation Committee

Kee Gillen
Allison Hayes
Dom LaPorte
Allen McEdward
Rebecca Ventrice
Maxfield English

Assistant Town Clerk

Allison Bigelow

Town Report Committee

Allison Bigelow
Volunteers: Deb Klein, Monica Cross

Old Schoolhouse Committee

Linda Brady
Chad Roy

Ordinance Review Committee

Kurt Klein
Bill Cotten
John Wheeler
Don Lowell

WARNING
*for the Annual Town Meeting
for the Town of Wolcott, Vermont
to be held March 3, 2020*

The legal voters of the Town of Wolcott, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Wolcott Elementary School in said Town on March 3, 2020 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon any of the following articles of business.

- Article 1.** To elect a moderator to govern Town Meeting and for the year ensuing.
- Article 2.** To elect a Town Clerk for the Town for a two year term.
- Article 3.** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint the Town Treasurer rather than electing a Town Treasurer?
17 V.S.A. § 2651 (f) (a) (1)
- Article 4.** To elect the following Town officers as required by law:
- Town Treasurer two year term
Selectboard three year term
Selectboard two year term
Lister..... three year term
Lister..... two year term
Town Agent to Deed Real Estateone year term
Town Agent to Prosecute and
Defend Suitsone year term
Library Trusteefive year term
Cemetery Commissionerfive year term
- Article 5.** 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 6.** Shall the voters appropriate \$231,972 to the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department to pay for police services?
- Article 7.** Shall the voters appropriate \$41,500 to the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department to pay for dispatch?
- Article 9.** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 in matching funds for two grants through the Historic Preservation Trust of Vermont to conduct an assessment and provide an engineering report for costs to repair the structural foundation components of the old school house?

Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate \$29,694 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>
13,403	<i>Hardwick Emergency Rescue Squad</i>
400	<i>Home Share Vermont.</i>
500	<i>Justice for Dogs</i>
600	<i>Lamoille Community Food Share, Inc.</i>
1,031	<i>Lamoille County Planning Commission</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>
1,400	<i>Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County</i>
1,000	<i>Rural Community Transportation, Inc.</i>
100	<i>VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force</i>

Article 11. Shall the voters make the following statement of support? We the citizens of Wolcott, strongly support the completion of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. We urge the Legislature to appropriate funds that will ensure the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail is completed by 2025.

Article 12. 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)

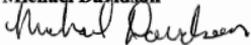
First installment to be paid on or before November 16, 2020
Second installment to be paid on or before May 17, 2021
32 VSA § 4871

Article 13. Shall the voters authorize total general fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,567,257 of which \$1,274,708 to be raised in taxes and \$292,549 by non-tax revenues?

Article 14. To transact any other non-binding business.

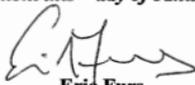
Dated at Wolcott, Vermont this day of January A. D. 2020.

Michael Davidson



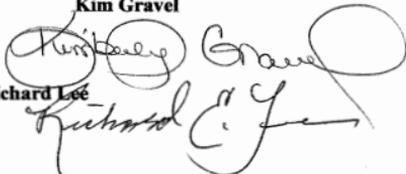
Jennifer Holton Clapp

Wolcott Selectboard



Eric Furs

Kim Gravel



Richard Lee

2020-2021 SELECTBOARD PROPOSED BUDGET

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	2018	2019	Proposed
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION			
appropriation	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
CEMETERY ASSOCIATION			
appropriation	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
CONSTABLE/DOGS			
salary	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
mileage	\$900	\$1,000	\$1,000
boarding	\$500	\$500	\$500
license expense	\$200	\$200	\$200
newspaper notices	\$100	\$100	\$100
	\$4,200	\$4,300	\$4,300
DEBT			
interest L.O.C.	\$500	\$250	\$100
Fire truck loan principal	\$14,155	\$31,007	\$31,346
Fire truck loan interest	0	\$5,302	\$4,963
Temp bridge principal	0	\$27,916	\$28,921
Temp bridge interest	0	\$5,400	\$4,396
Flood loan principal	0	0	\$47,895
Flood loan interest	0	0	\$5,376
	\$14,655	\$69,875	\$122,996
ELECTIONS			
Justices of the Peace	\$525	\$525	\$525
election official	\$850	\$500	\$900
tabulator	\$1,000	0	\$1,200
	\$2,375	\$1,025	\$2,625
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
emergency management	\$1,500	700	\$700
stipend	\$250	500	\$500
	\$1,750	\$1,200	\$1,200
FOREST FIRE WARDEN			
salary	\$800	\$800	\$850
	\$800	\$800	\$850
GLEE MERRITT KELLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY			
appropriation	\$8,725	\$8,725	\$8,725
salary	\$42,037	\$42,869	\$43,726
insurance	\$9,023	\$9,074	\$10,217
	\$59,785	\$60,668	\$62,668
HEALTH DEPARTMENT			
salary	\$850	\$850	\$850
mileage	\$500	\$500	\$500
	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$1,350

2020-2021 SELECTBOARD PROPOSED BUDGET

HIGHWAY			
labor	\$141,100	\$143,700	\$164,585
temporary labor	0	0	\$10,000
insurance	\$52,424	\$54,860	\$48,500
uniforms	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$4,000
telephone	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
lights	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
diesel, gas, heating oil	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
signs	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
supplies	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
equipment replacement fund	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$76,500
tires	\$6,500	\$7,000	\$2,000
equipment repairs	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
tools	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
salt	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$36,500
chlорide	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$26,000
culverts	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
cold patch	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
winter sand	\$43,000	\$40,000	\$45,000
gravel	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
class 2 construction	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
class 3 construction	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$41,000
class 4 maintenance	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
bridge maintenance	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$7,500
guardrails	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
miscellaneous	\$500	\$500	\$3,000
Bridge Rental	0	\$2,424	\$2,424
State General Permit	\$2,500	\$2,500	0
Outside Equip. Use	0	0	\$6,000
DEC	0	0	\$1,590
paving	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$52,000
	\$582,524	\$612,484	\$632,599
INSURANCE			
unemployment	\$1,538	\$100	\$100
property/casualty	\$21,607	\$26,147	\$22,102
worker's compensation	\$13,027	\$14,097	\$14,593
	\$36,172	\$40,344	\$36,795
LISTERS			
salary	\$14,000	\$18,000	\$20,736
newspaper notices	\$300	\$400	\$400
office expense	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
computer expense	\$1,200	\$1,700	\$2,915
mileage	0	0	\$300
mapping	0	0	\$700
	\$17,700	\$21,800	\$26,051

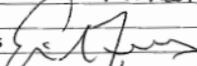
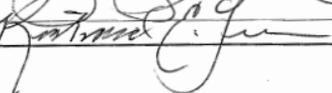
2020-2021 SELECTBOARD PROPOSED BUDGET

MISCELLANEOUS			
audit	\$13,500	\$13,750	\$14,000
bus barn electric	\$188	\$188	\$188
county tax	\$14,957	\$14,674	\$15,187
flags	\$350	\$350	\$350
lease land	\$59	\$59	\$59
mowing	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
street lights	\$2,550	\$2,550	\$2,550
VLCT dues	\$2,953	\$3,031	\$3,155
	\$38,057	\$38,102	\$38,102
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE			
Stipend	0	0	\$500
Signage	0	0	\$500
Disposal	0	0	\$500
Education	0	0	\$200
Legal	0	0	\$1,000
Postage	0	0	\$250
Mileage	0	0	\$350
	0	0	\$3,300
PARK & RECREATION			
	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
PAYROLL TAXES			
FICA/medicare taxes	\$22,900	\$23,929	\$28,470
VT Municipal retirement	\$10,424	\$10,950	\$12,852
	\$33,324	\$34,879	\$41,322
PLANNING/ZONING			
salary	\$8,600	\$8,500	\$9,000
computer expense	\$500	\$400	\$2,000
legal services	\$600	\$600	\$1,000
mileage	\$50	\$50	\$50
newspaper notices	\$300	\$300	\$300
office expense	\$100	\$200	\$175
postage/telephone	\$100	\$100	0
training	\$100	\$350	\$350
Municipal Planning Grant	0	0	0
	\$10,350	\$10,500	\$12,875
SELECTBOARD			
salary	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
administrator	0	0	\$20,000
recorder	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
newspaper notices	\$250	\$500	\$500
legal services	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
miscellaneous	\$600	\$600	\$600
	\$7,350	\$6,600	\$26,600

2020-2021 SELECTBOARD PROPOSED BUDGET

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE			
Town Clerk	\$10,748	\$10,963	\$18,280
temporary labor	0	0	\$5,000
Treasurer	\$21,486	\$21,915	\$20,800
recording fees (treated as an in & out in previous yrs)	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$15,000
Assistant Town Clerk	\$31,212	\$32,000	\$21,216
Bookkeeping Services	0	0	\$10,000
training	\$120	\$260	\$260
insurance	\$43,401	\$31,330	\$26,887
office supplies	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$2,000
computer expense	\$6,000	\$850	\$6,000
postage	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,210
telephone	\$1,900	\$1,800	\$2,000
mileage	\$400	\$250	\$250
newspaper notices	\$300	\$300	\$600
	\$131,723	\$122,358	\$129,503
TOWN HALL BUILDING			
fuel	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
janitor	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$4,000
lights	\$1,000	\$800	\$800
supplies	\$1,000	\$800	\$800
trash removal	\$400	\$400	\$400
	\$5,900	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING			
fuel	\$3,500	3,500	3,500
janitor	\$1,500	2,000	2,000
lights	\$1,000	1,000	1,000
supplies	\$1,000	1,200	1,200
trash removal	\$500	500	500
	\$7,500	10,700	\$10,700
TOWN REPORT			
Stipend	\$500	\$500	\$500
Committee/Pictures/Artist	\$100	\$100	\$100
mileage	0	0	0
miscellaneous	\$100	\$100	\$100
postage	\$380	\$380	\$380
printing of report	\$2,175	\$2,275	\$2,275
	\$3,255	\$3,355	\$3,355
TOWN BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND			
maintenance & repair	\$11,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
maintenance person	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000

2020-2021 SELECTBOARD PROPOSED BUDGET

WOLCOTT VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT			
appropriation	\$50,900	\$50,900	\$50,900
stipend	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
equipment fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
	\$68,900	\$68,900	\$68,900
GENERAL:	\$474,146	\$533,756	\$630,492
GENERAL WITHOUT ADDED FLOOD DEBT		\$533,756	\$577,221
HIGHWAY:	\$582,524	\$612,484	\$632,599
TOTAL	\$1,056,670	\$1,146,240	\$1,263,091
TOTAL WITHOUT ADDED FLOOD DEBT			\$1,209,820
Increase	\$23,868	\$89,570	\$116,851
ANTICIPATED REVENUES			
Fund Balance	\$57,154	\$22,155	\$35,579
constable/ dog licenses	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,500
highway/overweight permits	\$400	\$400	\$450
interest	\$3,800	\$5,000	\$7,000
judicial fines	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
grants/state of vt highway	\$101,800	\$101,800	\$101,800
current use	\$88,000	\$90,000	\$91,000
pilot	\$6,000	\$5,900	\$5,200
miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
zoning permit fees	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200
delinquent penalty & interest	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
recording fees	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$15,000
copies/fax	\$125	\$125	\$90
restoration fees	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400
town hall rent	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,200
Liquor Licenses			\$130
Total revenue	\$308,709	\$282,810	\$292,549
	-\$11,052.00	-\$25,899.00	\$9,739
Jennifer Clapp			
Michael Davidson 			
Eric Furs 			
Kimberly Gravel 			
Richard Lee 			

**GRANT AWARDS
2018-2019**

Name of Grant	Award Dates	Project Amount	Local Share	Grant Share	Received	Date	Match
Planning Grant <i>Town Plan Update & Flood Modeling Project</i>	12/1/16-5/31/18	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 1,667.00	\$ 11,330.00	\$ 4,533.00	4/18/2017	
					\$ 3,400.00	8/25/2017	
					\$ 3,400.00	8/31/2018	
Better Back Roads FY18 BR0325 <i>Baldwin Brook Rd - erosion control</i>	7/1/2017-12/31/2018	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 4,969.69	\$ 19,878.77	\$ 19,878.77	11/16/2018	20%
Ecosystem Restoration Grant 2017-ERP-M-14 <i>Town Garage & Fire Station stormwater management improvements</i>	8/22/17-12/31/18	\$ 19,859.82	\$ 3,972.00	\$ 15,888.00	\$ 10,000.00 \$ 5,888.00	8/22/2018 10/23/2018	20%
Better Back Roads FY19 BR0471 <i>upgrade culvert on East Hill Road</i>	3/1/2018-12/31/2019	\$ 52,034.59	(with changes to the grant it is unclear at this time)				
Better Back Roads FY19 BR0585 <i>road erosion inventory</i>	3/1/2018-12/31/2019	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 8,000.00		12/31/2019	
Emergency Fund Grant EM0149 <i>North Wolcott Rd flooding of 2018</i>	9/5/2018-12/31/2020	\$ 180,186.09	\$ 18,018.61	\$ 162,167.48	\$ 162,167.48	10/9/2019	10%

TOWN OF WOLCOTT

General Fund Comparative Balance Sheet

Assets

	6/30/2018	6/30/2019
Current Assets		
Cash Accounts		
Petty Cash	\$110.00	\$110.00
ICS MM Account	\$0.00	\$7,254.83
Checking Account	-\$19,287.77	\$20,345.93
Total Cash	-\$19,177.77	\$27,710.76
Receivables		
Delinquent Property Taxes	\$141,915.21	\$124,277.16
Water Rent	\$360.00	\$960.00
Total Receivables:	\$142,275.21	\$125,237.16
Highway Inventory	\$21,505.10	\$11,212.82
Total Assets	\$144,502.54	\$164,160.74

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Liabilities:		
Fire Truck Loan	\$265,064.53	\$234,421.83
New Truck Loan	\$130,165.22	\$84,292.66
Total Liabilities	\$395,229.75	\$318,714.49
Equity	-\$250,727.21	-\$154,553.75

TOWN OF WOLCOTT

GENERAL FUND

Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

Beginning Cash on Hand and in Bank \$ (19,287.77)

Receipts

Taxes:

2018 - 2019 Fiscal Taxes	\$2,661,833.24
Current Use Funding	\$ 91,241.00
State of VT Pilot Program	\$ 5,217.89
Delinquent Property Taxes	\$ 74,223.02
State Pre-bate Payment	\$ 57,548.98
Tax Overpayment	\$ 7,048.81

Total Taxes	\$2,897,112.94
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State

Highway Funds	\$ 101,779.85
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Grants:

Planning Grant	\$ 3,400.00
Better Back Road	\$ 19,878.77
Ecosystem Grant	\$ 15,888.00

Total Grant Funds	\$ 39,166.77
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Licenses:

Dog Licenses	\$ 4,814.00
Beverage Licenses	\$ 130.00
Junk Yard	\$ 25.00

Total Licenses	\$ 4,969.00
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Planning Commission & Zoning Board:

Permits and Hearings	\$ 2,271.00
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Rents:

Town Hall Use Rent	\$ 4,030.00
Depot Building Rent	\$ 6,000.00
Town Office Rent	\$ 120.00

Total Rent	\$ 10,150.00
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Interest:

Now Account	\$ 119.62
ICS MM Account	\$ 9,072.40
Delinquent Tax	\$ 11,389.90

Total Interest	\$ 20,581.92
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Miscellaneous Receipts:

8% Penalty	\$ 9,586.84
Use of Copier & Fax	\$ 89.50
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$162,198.76
Town Clerk Revenue	\$ 14,642.00
Restoration Fees	\$ 1,435.00
Judicial Fines	\$ 4,012.91
Overweight Permit Fees	\$ 475.00
Rabies/Neutering Fees	\$ 1,844.00
Hyde Park/Wolcott Revenue	\$ 3,993.68
Dog Violation & Boarding	\$ 60.00
Employee Insurance Reim	\$ 3,063.62
IRS refund	\$ 4.33
Tax Sale Reim. & Interest	\$ 16,330.52

Total Miscellaneous Receipts \$217,736.16

Total \$3,293,770.64

Total Receipts \$3,274,482.87

Disbursements**Orders Paid:**

Selectboard, General	\$ 609,181.00
Appropriations	\$ 23,565.00
School portion of Taxes	\$1,771,311.50
Sheriff's Department	\$ 252,859.00
Highway Department	\$ 582,710.00
Grant Expense	\$ 4,100.83
Office Equipment Fund	\$ 3,044.68

Total Disbursements \$3,246,772.01

Ending Balance on hand \$ 27,710.86

Petty Cash	\$ 110.00
Checking Account	\$ 20,345.93
ICS MM Account	\$ 7,254.93

TOWN OF WOLCOTT

Profit Loss

July 2018 through June 2019

	Jul '18 - Jun 19
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
DELINQUENT TAX DEPT.	94,846.52
DOG DEPT.	5,424.00
GRANTS	176,765.48
HIGHWAY DEPT. INCOME	102,254.85
INTEREST EARNED	9,959.80
LICENSES	755.00
MISC.	162,924.62
GRANT - GRAND LIST MAINTENANCE	9,433.50
PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED	2,823,243.16
RENTS	7,030.00
TAX SALE DEPT.	16,330.52
TOWN HALL	4,030.00
TOWN OFFICE INCOME	1,524.50
ZONING DEPT.	2,271.00
4056 · Town Clerk Fee Revenue	14,642.00
Total Income	3,431,434.95
Gross Profit	3,431,434.95
Expense	
APPROPRIATIONS DEPT.	114,190.00
EQUIPMENT FUND - LOAN	48,000.00
GENERAL FUND	2,171,109.13
GRANT EXPENSE	4,100.83
LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.	252,859.00
PAYROLL EXPENSE	37,633.18
7000 · HIGHWAY EXPENSE	560,120.62
7301 · School Street Bridge Maintenanc	145,108.61
7422 · North Wolcott Flooding repairs	141,848.02
Total Expense	3,474,969.39
Net Ordinary Income	-43,534.44

LOANS
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

2018-2019	Start	Rate	Amount	Balance	Pay Off date	Bank
Highway Equipment Note 2018 Western Star	10/2/17	1.95%	\$160,262.00	\$84,292.66	10/2/21	Union Bank
Fire Truck Loan 207 Fire Pumper Truck	6/24/16	2.19%	\$324,489.00	\$249,883.16	6/24/26	Union Bank
Line of Credit 2018-2019	7/8/18	2.04%	\$304,000.00	\$0.00	6/30/19	Union Bank
Temporary Bridge Loan	12/14/18	3.60%	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	12/14/23	Union Bank

TOWN OF WOLCOTT
GRAND LIST MAINTENANCE & REAPPRAISAL FUND
Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2018 \$39,404.72

RECEIPTS

State of Vermont:

Equalization - Listers	\$ 993.00
Reappraisal - Listers	\$ 8,440.50
Repayment Loan	\$ 10,000.00
Money Market Interest	\$ 55.77

Total Receipts \$ 19,489.27

Total \$ 58,893.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Total Disbursements \$ 0.00

Ending Balance \$ 58,893.99

TOWN OF WOLCOTT
EQUIPMENT ESCROW ACCOUNT
Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2018 \$ 8,721.60

RECEIPTS

2018-2019 Appropriation	\$ 75,000.00
Interest	\$ 10.16

Total Receipts \$ 75,010.16

Total \$ 83,731.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Truck Loan - 2017 \$ 48,000.00

Total Disbursement \$ 48,000.00

Ending Balance \$35,731.40

TOWN OF WOLCOTT

SCHOOL STREET WATER RENT

Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2018 \$ (1,869.66)

RECEIPTS

Water Rent \$ 960.00

Total Receipts \$ 960.00

Total \$ (909.66)

DISBURSEMENTS

Total Disbursements \$ 0.00

Ending Balance \$ (909.66)

TOWN OF WOLCOTT

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2018 \$ 4,410.90

RECEIPTS

Interest \$ 4.40

Total Receipts \$ 4.40

Total \$ 4,415.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Flowers \$ 121.66

Flags \$ 116.75

Service Charge \$.34

Total Disbursements \$ 238.75

Ending Balance \$ 4,176.55

DOG LICENSE AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER INFORMATION

There will be a Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the town garage.

Title 20 V.S.A. § 3581. General requirements:

(a) A person who is the owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1 cause it to be registered, numbered, described, and licensed on a form approved by the Secretary for one year from that day in the office of the clerk of the municipality in which the dog or wolf-hybrid is kept. A person who owns a working farm dog and who intends to use that dog on a farm pursuant to the exemptions in section 3549 of this title shall cause the working farm dog to be registered as a working farm dog and shall, in addition to all other fees required by this section, pay \$5.00 for a working farm dog license. The owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid shall cause it to wear a collar, and attach thereto a license tag issued by the municipal clerk. Dog or wolf-hybrid owners shall pay for the license \$4.00 for each neutered dog or wolf-hybrid, and \$8.00 for each unneutered dog or wolf-hybrid. If the license fee for any dog or wolf-hybrid is not paid on or before April 1, its owner or keeper may thereafter procure a license for that license year by paying a fee of 50 percent in excess of that otherwise required.

(b) Before a person shall be entitled to obtain a license for a neutered dog or wolf-hybrid, he or she shall exhibit to the clerk a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian showing that the dog or wolf-hybrid has been sterilized.

(c)(1) A mandatory license fee surcharge of \$4.00 per license shall be collected by each city, town, or village for the purpose of funding the dog, cat, and wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering program established in chapter 193, subchapter 6 of this title.

(2) An optional license fee surcharge of up to \$10.00 per license is to be implemented by the legislative body of a city, town, or village that has established an animal and rabies control program for the sole purpose of funding the rabies control program.

(3) The license fee surcharges in this subsection shall not be considered part of the license fee for purposes of calculating a penalty for late payment.

(d) Before obtaining a license for a dog or wolf-hybrid six months of age or older, a person shall deliver to the municipal clerk a certificate or a certified copy thereof issued by a duly licensed veterinarian, stating that the dog or wolf-hybrid has received a current pre-exposure rabies vaccination with a vaccine approved by the Secretary, and the person shall certify that the dog or wolf-hybrid described in the certificate or copy is the dog or wolf-hybrid to be licensed. The municipal clerk shall keep the certificates or copies thereof on file. The Secretary shall prescribe the size and format of rabies certificates. The owner of any such dog or wolf-

hybrid shall maintain a copy of the rabies vaccination form and provide it to State or municipal officials upon request.

(e) For the purposes of licensing a dog or wolf-hybrid, a current vaccination against rabies means that:

(1) All dog and wolf-hybrid vaccinations recognized by State and local authorities shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(2) All dogs and wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within nine to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination.

(3) All subsequent vaccinations following the initial vaccination shall be valid for 36 months.

(4) All vaccinations, including the initial vaccination, shall be with a U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved three-year rabies vaccine product.

(f) In addition to the license fees assessed in subsections (a) and (c) of this section and section 3583 of this title, municipal clerks shall assess a \$1.00 fee for each license sold. The clerks shall forward the fees collected under this subsection to the State Treasurer on or before the 15th day of May, September, and January of each year, together with an accounting of the licenses sold. The funds collected under this subsection are to be used for rabies control programs. For this purpose, on or before the 30th days of May, September, and January, the State Treasurer shall disburse the funds collected under this subsection as follows:

(1) Forty-five percent to the Fish and Wildlife Fund.

(2) Forty-five percent to the Commissioner of Health.

Town of Wolcott Fees: Due April 1st

<u>Neutered or Spayed</u>	<u>not Neutered or Spayed</u>
\$ 4.00 License Fee	\$ 8.00 License Fee
3.00 Town Surcharge	6.00 Town Surcharge
<u>5.00 State Surcharge</u>	<u>5.00 State Surcharge</u>
\$ 12.00 Total (after April 1 st \$14.00)	\$ 19.00 Total (after April 1 st \$23)
Working Farm Dog – additional \$5.00	

380 dog licenses were issued from 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019

\$3,000.00 license fees

\$1,844.00 State surcharge

\$ 166.00 late fees

\$ 5.00 working farm dog

Total collected \$5,015.00

The Animal Control Officer responds to citizen requests for services regarding animal bites, loose animals, barking or dangerous dogs, injured animals and other requests for service.

The Town's Animal Control Officer is Michael Shedd. He can be reached at:

Home: 888-9071
Cell: 839-9920
Email: Sheddfamily2012@gmail.com

The Town Selectboard adopted a revised ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT which is dated January 16, 2019. The Ordinance is available on the Town website or a copy may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

TOWN OF WOLCOTT GRAND LIST MAINTENANCE & REAPPRAISAL FUND
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Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2018 \$ 39,404.72

RECEIPTS

State of Vermont:

Grand List Equalization	\$ 993.00
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 8,440.50
Repayment Loan	\$ 10,000.00
Money Market Interest	\$ 55.77

Total Receipts \$ 19,489.27

Total \$ 58,893.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Total Disbursements	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 58,893.99

TOWN OF WOLCOTT EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND

Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2018 \$ 8,721.60

RECEIPTS

2018-2019 Appropriation	\$ 75,000.00
Interest	\$ 10.16

Total Receipts \$ 75,010.16

Total \$ 83,731.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Truck Loan – 2018 Western Star \$ 48,000.00

Total Disbursement	\$ 48,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 35,731.76

TOWN OF WOLCOTT

TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT FUND

Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2018 **\$ 5,083.78**

RECEIPTS

Fund Balance Assigned **\$ 5,000.00**

Total Receipts **\$ 5,000.00**

Total **\$10,083.78**

DISBURSEMENTS

Office & Computer Equipment **\$ 3,044.68**

Total Disbursements **\$ 3,044.68**

Ending Balance **\$ 7,039.10**

**Town of Wolcott
Transfer Station
Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

Beginning Balance - July 1, 2018 **(509.37)**

RECEIPTS

Garbage	\$63,820.74
Recycling	613.50
Scrap metal	827.14
Tires	986.00
Compost	22.00
Bulky Waste	1,528.50
Recycling Bins	25.00
Interest	10.22
Total Receipts	\$67,833.10

Total Income **\$67,323.73**

DISBURSEMENTS

Rubbish Disposal	\$17,878.98
Recycling	4,344.80
Tire disposal	1,547.00
Compost	592.00
District surcharge	4,821.60
Hauling fee – containers	18,226.21
Roll-off rental fee	1,950.00
Payroll – attendants	6,209.70
Payroll expenses	479.50
Contracted Labor	1,800.00
Portable toilet rental	1,380.00
Heating fuel/repairs	1,028.02
Supplies	86.61
Advertising	221.57
Recycling bins	50.00
Building/equip. repairs	117.10
Mowing	650.00
Finance Charge	15.53
Total Disbursements	61,398.62

Ending Balance **\$5,925.11**

TRANSFER STATION BUDGET
JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

REVENUE	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Transfer Station Receipts	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Interest	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
	\$ 54,005.00	\$ 58,005.00	\$ 65,010.00
EXPENSES			
Labor	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Payroll Expenses	\$ 536.00	\$ 535.00	\$ 535.00
Rental Container Charge	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Container Moving Charge	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Rubbish Disposal	\$ 16,350.00	\$ 16,350.00	\$ 17,500.00
Surcharge	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,900.00
Tires	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 1,500.00
Recycling	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 4,295.00
Supplies	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00
Part-Time Help	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,800.00
Port-a-let	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,380.00
Heating Repairs	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00
Heat fuel	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00
Advertising	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
Annual Inspection Repairs	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 100.00
Mowing	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 700.00
Cash Register Expense	\$ 149.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Misc. Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Building Repairs	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
Green-Up Expense	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Repairs	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00
Small Tools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Composting	\$ -	\$ 480.00	\$ 600.00
	\$ 54,005.00	\$ 58,005.00	\$ 65,010.00

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Grand Lists:

Municipal	\$ 1,023,560.38
Education: Homestead	\$ 1,471,541.55
Education: Non-Residential	\$ 843,841.99
Local Agreement	\$ 3,756.61
Late Filers	<u>\$ 1,299.34</u>

2018-2019 Taxes to be collected \$ 3,343,999.87

Taxes Accounted For:

Collections	\$3,237,558.79
Delinquent	<u>\$ 106,441.08</u>

Total Taxes Accounted For \$ 3,343,999.87

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

<i>Year</i>	<i>Delinquent</i>	<i>Collected</i>	<i>Outstanding</i>
2016-2017	\$ 9,105.40	\$ 7,968.93	\$ 1,136.47
2017-2018	\$ 85,551.75	\$68,852.14	\$ 16,699.61
2018-2019	<u>\$163,985.16</u>	<u>\$57,544.08</u>	<u>\$106,441.08</u>
	\$258,642.31	\$134,365.15	\$124,277.16

**DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019**

YEAR	NAME	DUE		
2016-2017	Borello, Thomas	\$ 1,386.93		
			\$	1,386.93
2017-2018	Borello, Thomas	\$ 1,598.27		
	Gabaree, Sally A.	\$ 829.12		
	Premo, Grace Linda	\$ 855.52		
			\$	3,282.91
2018-2019	Barbour, Corey & Rose	\$ 4,085.14		
	Bohannon, Patrick & Laurie	\$ 1,041.80		
	Cross, Wendy	\$ 14.66		
	Foster-Fell, Jeremy	\$ 2,919.15		
	Gabaree, Sally A.	\$ 471.77		
	Gibbs, Andrew & Susan	\$ 2,765.42		
	Hale, Josephine	\$ 4,059.43		
	Lanphere, Curtis & Harold	\$ 1,453.61		
	Leonard, Nicole	\$ 499.25		
	Lloyd, Daniel	\$ 4,216.62		
	McCarthy, Patrick	\$ 1,360.78		
	McKenney, John H. Sr	\$ 5,171.46		
	Miner, Gary C. & Jody Ann	\$ 754.47		
	Percy, Kimberly & Leonard	\$ 1,470.59		
	Percy, Kimberly & Leonard	\$ 2,672.13		
	Powers, Joshua F.	\$ 3,220.89		
	Premo, Grace Linda	\$ 1,137.90		
	Taft, Lucille D.	\$ 2,282.86		
	Thomas, William & Joyce	\$ 2,617.41		
	Tourangeau, Frederick	\$ 660.16		
	Wilmington Savings Fund Society	\$ 736.12		
			\$	43,611.62

Lister Report

The Town received from the State Department of Taxes the 2019 results of the sales Equalization Study. 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 is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within the Town. The COD helps to ensure that property valuations within a Town are equitable. If the CLA is less than 80% or the COD is greater than 20% then a reappraisal must be conducted. A reappraisal is conducted at considerable expense to the Town. The Town of Wolcott last conducted a reappraisal of property in 2013. This year's CLA is 95.51% and our COD is 12.4%. We continue to be well within range.

The tax maps in our office have been updated and are available for viewing. You may wish to visit the Vermont Center for Geographic Information site at <https://vcgi.vermont.gov/maps> and click on the Vermont Interactive Map Viewer. While the map viewer covers the entire State, you can zoom in to view a particular area, or even an individual parcel. There are many filter layers that can be applied depending upon what you are looking for.

We want to remind you that all property owners must file your 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 Renters 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, you want to file these forms **before mid-April, 2020** to avoid a late fee.

It is our goal to treat fairly and equally all property owners in the Town of Wolcott. We appreciate the cooperation of all we serve and look forward to working with you in the future.

Wolcott Board of Listers:

Tom Martin, Chair

Deborah Klein

Tracey Grunow

After Town Meeting Day in March the Selectboard organized the town government. The board elected Eric Furs as the Chairperson, Kimberly Gravel as the Vice Chairperson and Mike Davidson as the Clerk. At this time the Selectboard began discussing municipal employee healthcare, adopted an updated Animal Control Ordinance and awarded the bid for the repairs to the North Wolcott Road.

In April the Selectboard initiated exploring the ideas of an administrative position. Duncan Hastings, a former town administrator, was brought in to present the advantages and disadvantages of having such a position. The Selectboard authorized the replacement of a culvert on East Hill Road and the town also had a successful Green Up Day as well.

With the help of Lamoille County Planning Commission, the Selectboard adopted an Emergency Management Plan in May of 2019. This will help the town's ability to manage road and highway infrastructure into the future.

June brought a petition for researching the ability for two-way traffic on the School Street Bridge. After discussions with the Engineer and the Vermont Department of Transportation it was determined that the liability and safety concerns will not allow for multi directional traffic.

In July the Selectboard signed a lease for the Depot Building with Pike Industries, adopted Pinnacle Lane as a Town Highway, was provided the engineering scope for the preservation of the Wolcott School House and awarded the bid for the East Hill Road replacement. There also was a special meeting regarding the potential Town Administrator Position.

Additional Summer achievements included obtaining a Certificate of Energy Compliance, setting the tax rate for the fiscal year and adopting Reed Road as a public highway.

The fall began with updating wages for the Highway Department and discussing the process of E911 signage to assist the Fire Department in locating parcels in

town. Lucien Gravel was hired as the Town Road Commissioner with Chan Judd, Dillan Cafferky and Patrick Lacasse rounding out the Highway Department.

October was a busy month when the Selectboard heard a report from the Health Insurance Committee and the initial Road Erosion Inventory Report. The Selectboard also accepted Pinnacle Lane as a town highway, discussed the installation of beaver baffles on East Hill Road and began the budget process.

Sherriff Roger Marcoux began November with a presentation regarding the Lamoille County Sherriff's Department. Residents were provided with statistics and were afforded a question and answer period. The Selectboard finalized the healthcare changes for municipal employees, combined the Planning Commission and Development Review Board and addressed a loss prevention report provided by Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

November was also a busy month for the Highway Department as they named Dillan Cafferky the Road Foreman, filled out the crew and initiated repairs from the major storm event which happened around Halloween.

Through December the Selectboard received and worked on Town Budgets, received bids for North Wolcott Road Repairs and were presented the final copy of the Road Erosion Inventory Report. The Selectboard also received the resignation from the Town Clerk, Linda Martin, effective on March 3, 2020- Town Meeting Day. The Selectboard would like to thank Linda for her many years of service and dedication to the Town of Wolcott.

In January the town of Wolcott agreed to accept a loan from the Union Bank for the road repairs resulting from the Halloween Storm. Budgets were also finalized with all the various departments within the municipality through a series of meetings. The Town Meeting Agenda and Articles to be presented were drafted.

This year's Town Report was completed with the help of Allison Bigelow, Deb Klein and Monica Cross. Thank you to all who contributed.

Wolcott Zoning & Development Review Board
888-6858

wolcottzone@pshift.com

My favorite part of being Zoning Administrator is helping property owners through the permitting process, whether it's a simple shed or a major subdivision. Please do not hesitate to contact me when you are planning a project, I am here to help you. And please if you are planning a subdivision start the process before you try to sell anything. I understand that our application causes confusion when many of the questions do not apply to the permit you are seeking. I will be providing a permit application that meets the need for each permit type.

This past year has seen a steady increase of new construction and talk of future projects. 41 permits were issued including 5 new houses, a new company planning to move into the MSI building, 2 home occupations and 5 applications that required review by the Development Review Board.

All construction must be completed within a period of 12-months from the effective date on the permit. A one-year extension may be granted for active construction upon written request prior to the expiration date.

To review our Zoning Regulations, Bylaws, Ordinances, or to see who is on Town boards with contact information, board agendas, minutes and more, visit our web site at

www.wolcottvt.org.

Not being in compliance with Town Zoning Regulations may result in problems with the sale or transfer of property and financing loans related to the property. All permit fees double if a permit request occurs after a project is completed or construction has begun.

Because of the lack of volunteers the DRB and Planning Commission have been combined. If you would like to be part of the planning process and guide the growth of our Town please contact the town Office or me. Thank You.

Tom Martin - Zoning Administrator

Wolcott Planning Commission Report

During the past year the Planning Commission successfully acquired village center designation for North Wolcott village. This opens up the availability of help, mostly in the form of tax credits, for certain improvements for businesses and historic buildings within the designated area. The village of Wolcott already has this status.

We are awaiting the results of the study of the flood zone regulations, which should come to us in the coming year.

With the help of Lamoille County Planning Commission, we are also exploring ways to improve broadband access in town.

The Planning Commission is looking for more members, particularly from the village and flood zone areas, as these places are underrepresented on the commission at this time.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm as needed and encourage public attendance and input.

Jim Robert, Chair

Wolcott Highway Department

In 2019, the Highway Department saw many changes. We thank Skip Patten and Claude Cross for their many years of dedicated service. A new road crew was hired in November. Dillan Cafferkey is now road foreman, and Patrick Lacasse and Chan Judd make up the rest of the full-time crew. During the transition we had others assist on a temporary basis. Our thanks to Dave Holton who volunteered time to do some needed work at the Garage.

On November 1 the Town was tested when flood waters from the Halloween storm washed out or damaged 18 roads in the Town. North Wolcott Road was hit the hardest, with five different wash outs. In 2020 we will be working on bringing these roads up to standard.

With a Better Back Road grant, a failing culvert on East Hill Road was upgraded. Grants have been submitted for work to be done on East Elmore Road and Morey Hill Road. Other work included resurfacing the blacktop on Town Hill Road.

Going forward, the Highway Department will be working on the newly-developed Road Erosion Inventory Report's five-year plan to improve hydrologically connected road segments in Wolcott as required by the State.

Highway Department

Wolcott Ordinance Committee Report

The Wolcott Ordinance Committee provides guidance, reporting and enforcement services for the town. This has included several re-writes of the Town's Junk/Trash Ordinance, identifying and notifying violations and follow up enforcement. The committee currently has four primary volunteer participants and one volunteer consultant. In addition, the committee provides the services of an enforcement officer registered with the Judicial Board.

The enforcement officer attended two trainings sponsored by VLTC regarding enforcement and Judicial procedures as well as guidelines in drafting and modifying ordinances to be in compliance with State statutes.

The committee has compiled a full review and modification of the town's existing junk and trash ordinances. The new draft is based on the VLCT template and contains modifications to include the use of 'Free Piles' and a standardized fine schedule. This new draft is designed to replace two existing ordinances, *Outdoor Storage of Junk/Junk Vehicles Ordinance* and *Illegal Dumping Ordinance*. The draft is currently being reviewed by VLCT legal. The committee anticipates a public hearing for adoption early in 2020.

The committee has responded to 14 complaints over the year. With great appreciation, the majority of those cited by letter of a violation have taken measures to clean up. Dumping of trash and long term 'Free Piles' have been on the rise this year often with unknown violators. The committee has initiated a relationship with the Lamoille Sheriff's department to assist with these types of violations.

As always, the committee appreciates community involvement in keeping Wolcott clean and safe.

Committee Volunteers

Kurt Klein (Chair, Enforcement Officer)

Bill Cotten

John Wheeler

Don Lowell

Bernard Earl – Consulting

Cemetery Commissioner

We accumulated enough money to have a large group of cedar trees removed, and cleaned up on the top of the Fairmont Cemetery. Mike Renaud did a good job. We want to thank Lucien Gravel for overseeing the job. We hope to do more as money permits, as we are working on a limited budget. We want to remind people not to plant permanent trees and shrubs in the cemeteries. These trees and shrubs grow and spread, overgrowing lots and making it a lot harder for the mowing people. When necessary, as they grow out of hand, you will be asked to remove them.

Harvey Reed

Cemetery Association

Business as usual; pretty good job of mowing done.

The flags were put up by the 3rd grade class of the Wolcott Elementary School as part of their history class. They were supervised by Christina Limlaw, Crista Peck, Melissa Vize, and the 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Hill. This was a big help considering some flags in the past never were put on some of the graves. Good job!

Harvey Reed

Town of Wolcott

Cemetery Association

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Beginning Balances:

Checking Account	\$ 575.40
Savings Account – UB	706.07
Endowment Account	241.07
Certificate of Deposit -TD Banknorth	35,900.00
Certificate of Deposit – UB	<u>74,800.00</u>

Total Assets**\$112,222.54****Income:**

Appropriation	\$11,000.00
Loan from Commissioners	3,000.00
Interest -Savings	1.18
Interest – Endowment	.26
Interest – C/D Union Bank	1,170.40
Interest – C/D TD Banknorth	72.00
Endowments	<u>100.00</u>
Total Income	\$15,343.84

Total Income and Cash**\$127,566.38****Expenses:**

Sexton	\$11,700.00
Treasurers Bond	100.00
Bank charges	35.00
Membership- VT Old Cemetery Assoc	40.00
Repayment of Loan – Commissioners	<u>2,340.00</u>
	\$14,215.00

Total Expenses and Cash**\$113,351.38****Ending Balances:**

Checking Account	\$1,532.40	
Savings Account – UB	777.65	
Endowment Account - UB	341.33	
Certificate of Deposit - TD Banknorth	35,900.00	matures 8/3/2020
Certificate of Deposit - UB	<u>74,800.00</u>	matures 5/17/2021

Total on hand**\$113,351.38**

TOWN OF WOLCOTT
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Beginning Cash on Hand and in Bank **\$ 1,073.12**

RECEIPTS

Lots & Endowments:

Taylor Cemetery	
Wolcott Volunteer Fire Dept.-2 lots	\$ 1.00
John DeNino - 1 lot	\$ 220.00
Repayment of Loan	<u>\$ 2,340.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 2,561.00

Total **\$ 3,634.12**

DISBURSEMENTS

Endowments:

Taylor Cemetery-1 lot	\$ 100.00
Loan to Cemetery Association	\$ 3,000.00
Recording Expense	\$ 10.00
Deed Expense	\$ <u>10.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,120.00

Ending Balance **\$ 514.12**

Wolcott Fire Department

We responded to 50 calls this year.

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

Volunteers are always welcome. We meet on the first, second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. New members attend four Monday nights to show interest, and then get voted on in the next business meeting.

Check out our website: <https://wolcottfiredept.wixsite.com/mysite>

Jim Holton, Chief

2019 Calls:

Structure fire	4
Car Fire	1
Stove Fire	1
Brush Fire	2
Tree on Powerline	2
Car Accident	12
CO/Fire Alarm	11
Citizen Assist	1
Life Assist	7
Propane Smell	1
Flooding Assist	1
Mutual Aid	7

Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Inc
Profit & Loss
 July 2018 through June 2019

	Jul '18 - Jun 19
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Donations	2,055.00
Fundraiser	4,580.14
Grant	3,000.00
Interest Income	
Paul Smith Fund	
Interest Income	1.08
Paul Smith Fund - Other	0.10
Total Paul Smith Fund	1.18
Interest Income - Other	12.55
Total Interest Income	13.73
Sale of Fire Truck	1,500.00
Town Appropriation	68,900.00
Total Income	80,048.87
Expense	
Accounting	980.00
Communications	1,996.31
Depreciation Expense	22,249.00
Dispatch	588.00
Equipment Repair	288.20
Expendable Equipment	5,978.87
Fire Extinguishers	115.00
Fuel	1,777.40
Insurance	2,100.50
Interest Expense	1,627.85
Member Benefits	950.98
Miscellaneous Expense	251.74
Mutual Aid Dues	993.00
Occupancy	
Building Repairs	2,405.87
Propane Fuel	2,235.02
Total Occupancy	4,640.89
Postage	94.00
Protective Gear	1,334.98
Radios	786.50
SCBA Expense	1,929.00
Special Events	
Food	323.80
Special Events - Other	818.79
Total Special Events	1,142.59
Stipend	3,997.89
Supplies	
Office	353.67
Supplies - Other	13.77
Total Supplies	367.44
Training	420.00
Truck Maintenance & Repair	3,029.03
Uniforms	1,739.79
Total Expense	59,378.96
Net Ordinary Income	20,669.91

Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Inc
Profit & Loss
 July 2018 through June 2019

	Jul '18 - Jun 19
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Craftsbury Fire Dept	450.00
Sale Return	90.10
Total Other Income	540.10
Other Expense	
Ask Carrie	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00
Net Other Income	540.10
Net Income	21,210.01

Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department Inc
Statement of Cash Flows
 July 2018 through June 2019

	Jul '18 - Jun 19
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	21,210.01
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	21,210.01
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Accumulated Depreciation	22,249.00
Trucks & Equipment	-34,823.98
Net cash provided by Investing Activities	-12,574.98
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
UB Air Packs Loan Payable-2565	-8,334.17
UB Tanker Loan Payable #2597	-7,977.90
Restricted Net Assets	201.18
Unrestricted Net Assets	-201.18
Net cash provided by Financing Activities	-16,312.07
Net cash increase for period	-7,677.04
Cash at beginning of period	38,969.07
Cash at end of period	31,292.03

Glee Merritt Kelley Community Library 2019 Annual Report

The Glee Merritt Kelley Community Library provides the community with a variety of services, programs, and enrichment. The library has a collection of over **11,000** books, dvds, and periodicals. Those items circulated **14,606** times. Our collection reflects the readership of our patrons. Since patronage fluctuates we strive to stay current with the likes and needs of the community.

The library provides numerous online databases available free of charge to all patrons they are: Listen Up! Vermont which provides free downloadable eBooks that patrons can download eBooks to their computers and transfer them to a compatible reader or download directly to an iPad or smartphone. Vermont Online is a database filled with a vast variety of educational, entertainment, and historical sites. Heritage Quest is a great site for exploring your ancestry. "Universal Class" is a database/web site that offers 500 continuing education courses. These courses are offered to all public library libraries. If you are a library patron all you need is your library patron number to enroll in the courses. If you are not a patron stop by the library to create a patron account to start using this amazing site.

***The library hosted programs, events, and meetings which were attended by 785 people during 2019.**

***The library has added 598 new books, 55 new dvds, and 12 new magazine subscriptions**

In recent years libraries have changed, I like a quote from the Lanphear Memorial Library in Hyde Park, (as libraries being the third place in a community.) "Home being the first place, work being the second place, and the third place is where people spend time between the two. Third places are locations where we visit, have a good time and build relationships." A comfortable and enjoyable space is especially important in small towns. The GMKCL sees a continual rise in people coming together at the library to enjoy our services and comradery.

We look forward to your patronage in 2020.

On behalf of the library board of trustees we value the continued support of the taxpayers of Vermont.

Librarian: Sally Gardner

Trustees: Amy Coolbeth, Dawn Cochran, Jackie Burgess, Ruthanna Demag, and Megan Roy

To access the library's website go to wolcott@pshift.com and click on "community."

Glee Merritt Kelley Community Library

Profit & Loss

July 2018 through June 2019

Beginning Balance Checking	\$ 5,859.56
Beginning Balance - Copley Fund	\$ 2,444.36
Beginning Balance - John Dexter Memorial CD	\$ 15,004.13
	<u>\$ 23,308.05</u>

Jul '18 - Jun 19

Income

Book Sale	\$ 1,410.97
Grant Money	\$ 3,599.46
Interest Income - CD	\$ 187.44
Interest Income - Checking	\$ 14.19
Misc. Income	\$ 40.00
Town Appropriation	\$ 8,725.00
Total Income	\$ 13,977.06

Expense

Book Sale Expense	\$ 1,415.97
Books	\$ 8,544.22
Checks	\$ 18.25
Fall Harvest Program	\$ 23.21
Gingerbread Program	\$ 105.59
Listen Up VT	\$ 228.08
Magazines	\$ 19.95
Memberships	\$ 100.00
Misc.	\$ 52.86
Newspaper	\$ 39.00
Outreach	\$ 1,094.68
Postage	\$ 99.47
Story Hour	\$ 450.80
Sub	\$ 630.00
Summer Library Program	\$ 64.82
Supplies	\$ 984.56
Wellness Program	\$ 1,539.14
Total Expense	\$ 15,410.60

Net Income	\$ (1,433.54)
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Ending Balance Checking	\$ 6,238.58
Ending Balance - Copley Fund	\$ 2,844.90
Ending Balance - John Dexter Memorial CD	\$ 13,191.57
	<u>\$ 22,275.05</u>

Wolcott Athletic Association

The Wolcott Athletic Association continues to grow and wants to thank the town and community for its continued support. We continue to partner with REACH! to run the basketball program. We have hosted a 3/4 basketball tournament for 4 years running, a 5/6 basketball tournament for 3 years running, replaced all the basketballs and purchased reversible jerseys. Our numbers are big enough that grades 2/3/4 have both a boys and a girls team. We have over 40 players on 4 teams. Additionally, the youngest team that is run through REACH! has another 7 players. By the end of the season they will also have a couple of games. Each year our team skills improve. Several of our players play AAU or mini metro basketball.

Our baseball program remains strong. We have hosted either a Majors or Minors for 5 years running. Our two oldest teams had winning records and several players have made the Allstar team for 3 years in a row. We replace equipment yearly. Over 40 players were spread out over 4 teams.

**Town of Wolcott
Wolcott Athletic Association
Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019**

Beginning Balance – July 1, 2018 \$ 19.19

RECEIPTS

Concession Stand/Tournament Sales	\$ 1,070.49
Town Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00
Tournament Deposits	\$ 1,383.00
Basketball Registrations	\$ 295.00
Baseball Registrations	\$ 1,198.00
Total Receipts	\$ 5,946.49
Total	\$ 5,965.68

DISBURSEMENTS

Concession Stand & Food Expense	\$ 1,398.69
Equipment & Supplies	\$ 2,821.90
Lamoille County Dues	\$ 750.00
Postage	\$ 75.41
Portable Toilet	\$ 270.30
Check Charges	\$ 21.25
Total Disbursement	\$ 5,337.55
Ending Balance	\$ 628.13

**Town of Wolcott Highway Equipment List
as of December 31, 2019**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>PURCHASED PRICE</u>
2007	Trex	TC-75 Excavator	\$ 50,000.00
1989	Morb	Eager Beaver Chipper	\$ 1,000.00
1993	Custom	10 ton trailer	\$ 3,000.00
1999	John Deere	772CH Grader	\$ 90,000.00
2005	Powermate 5000	Generator	\$ 200.00
2006	Northstar	Pressure washer	\$ 5,000.00
2006	Carry On	6 ton trailer	\$ 2,000.00
2008	John Deere	544J Loader	\$ 80,000.00
2010	MITM	Compressor	\$ 1,500.00
2013	Northstar	Industrial Compactor	\$ 1,100.00
2013	Western Star	Truck with plow	\$ 150,000.00
2016	Western Star	Truck with plow	\$ 186,000.00
2016	Ram one-ton	Truck with plow	\$ 165,000.00
2018	Western Star	Truck with plow	\$ 42,000.00
		Storage Container	\$ 3,700.00
		Mulcher	\$ 5,000.00
	Total Value		\$ 785,500.00

**Town of Wolcott Property List
as of December 31, 2019**

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
03152	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	43,000
Totals	111		3,719,300

**Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
2019 Annual Report**

The Lamoille County Communication's Center received 17,163 E911 calls the past year, which is up from the 16,958 in 2018. We are awaiting the final decision by the Legislature as to the fate of the Independent Board that governs E911. The Board is currently comprised of representatives of all first responder services, members of municipal and the public as well. A recommendation from the Administration would have E911 reside within the Department of Public Safety. We dispatched 34,479 fire, EMS and police calls, which are itemized as follows:

Fire Agency	Total Calls	Ambulance Agency	Total Calls	Police Agency	Total Calls
Barre Town	215	Barre Town	4107	Barre Town	6655
Cambridge	226	Cambridge	442	Hardwick PD	2396
Elmore	42	Hardwick	634	LCSO	6344
Greensboro	41	Morristown	740	Morristown PD*	4612
Hardwick	77	NEMS	803	Stowe PD	5485
Hyde Park	103	Stowe	730		
Johnson	124				
Morrisville	221				
North Hyde Park/Eden	88				
Stowe	348				
Wolcott	46				
Total	1531	Total	7456	Total	25492

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

The Patrol Deputies were very busy as well with a total of 3,959 incidents for Hyde Park, Johnson and Wolcott out of a Department total of 6,333 calls for service. The Department has a force of 6 patrol deputies and 1 detective. We had a good stretch of time at full strength with 2 deputies leaving recently. At this time the Department has hired one who will be in the Academy in February. In 29 separate incidents, the Department K-9 recovered illicit drugs and/or drug paraphernalia. He also was instrumental in the location of missing persons who were in mental health crisis as well as individuals wanted for crimes. Sexual assault cases have increased over the last year, going from 10 to 24 cases. These are felony cases that most often involve children and are very time consuming. We continue to work with surrounding Departments in the investigation of narcotics trafficking in our county. These cases are also very time consuming and drug use continues to be a serious issue in the county. 2019 saw several drug overdose deaths and LCSO Deputies deployed narc on 16 occasions saving those peoples' lives. I am proud of the dedication to service by the men and women of the LCSO and commend them for their hard work. Below are just some of our incident totals:

Nature of Call	Johnson	Hyde Park	Wolcott
Traffic Accident	93	64	36
Burglary	6	1	0
Citizen Dispute/ Family Fight/ Domestic	82	29	32
DUI/ DLS	10	7	3
Motor Vehicle Complaint	125	90	34
Noise Disturbance	51	11	3
Sexual Assault	5	4	0
Drug Investigations	1	7	0
Theft	54	14	11
Traffic Tickets	125	124	70
	Fine Amount \$21,983	Fine Amount \$21,683	Fine Amount \$11,999

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

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
 Patrol Budget
 July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

	Budget 17 - 18	Budget 18 -19	Budget 19-20	Budget 20-21	Percentage Increase	Assessment Increase
OPERATING BUDGET						
SALARIES	\$ 669,224	\$ 687,085	\$ 717,567	\$ 674,572	-5.99%	
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 41,492	\$ 42,599	\$ 44,489	\$ 41,823	-5.99%	
MEDICARE	\$ 9,704	\$ 9,963	\$ 10,405	\$ 9,781	-5.99%	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	0.00%	
HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT	\$ 67,613	\$ 77,637	\$ 81,308	\$ 137,629	69.27%	
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$ 54,885	\$ 55,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 60,000	-7.69%	
RETIREMENT	\$ 65,590	\$ 65,988	\$ 71,360	\$ 64,468	-9.66%	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 4,750	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,300	10.42%	
UNIFORMS	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,500	13.33%	
TRAINING/EDUCATION	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.00%	
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 42,600	\$ 42,600	\$ 35,000	\$ 29,500	-15.71%	
INSURANCE - LIABILITY / UMBRELLA	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	0.00%	
AUTO INSURANCE	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,900	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,000	8.00%	
GAS EXPENSE	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 39,000	\$ 33,500	-14.10%	
PATROL EQUIPMENT	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	0.00%	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	0.00%	
TELEPHONE/DATA LINE	\$ 9,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	0.00%	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	0.00%	
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,137	-1.13%	
GPS MONITORING	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,800	\$ 3,250	-32.29%	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,086,208	\$ 1,109,922	\$ 1,175,379	\$ 1,164,461	-0.93%	
CAPITAL BUDGET						
CRUISER	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	14.29%	
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	14.29%	
TOTAL BUDGET: FY 20-21	\$ 1,101,208	\$ 1,134,922	\$ 1,210,379	\$ 1,204,461	-0.49%	

CREDIT FOR LARAWAY SCHOOL	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000		
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT				\$ 20,000		
CREDIT FOR ELMORE PATROL	\$ 14,003	\$ 14,537	\$ 15,514	\$ 15,979		3.000%
LAMOILLE UNION - RESOURCE OFFICER	\$ 73,600	\$ 76,414	\$ 81,548	\$ -		
ASSESSMENT - HYDE PARK	\$ 368,561	\$ 382,658	\$ 408,372	\$ 420,623		3.000%
ASSESSMENT - JOHNSON	\$ 422,136	\$ 438,278	\$ 467,729	\$ 481,761		3.000%
ASSESSMENT - WOLCOTT	\$ 203,265	\$ 211,035	\$ 225,216	\$ 231,972		3.000%
CONTRIBUTION FROM LCSD				\$ 22,126		
CREDIT FOR CARRY-OVER FUNDS	\$ 7,642	\$ -				
ADJUSTED TOTAL	\$ 1,101,208	\$ 1,134,922	\$ 1,210,379	\$ 1,204,461		

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
 Communications Budget
 July 1, 2020 through June 30 2021

	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Percentage	
	16 - 17	17 - 18	18 - 19	19-20	20-21	Increase	
COMMUNICATIONS SALARY	\$ 809,783	\$ 823,030	\$ 816,914	\$ 811,711	\$ 761,732	-6.16%	
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 50,393	\$ 51,214	\$ 50,834	\$ 48,776	\$ 45,677	-8.35%	
MEDICARE	\$ 11,785	\$ 11,977	\$ 11,889	\$ 11,407	\$ 10,863	-8.35%	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,160	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	0.00%	
HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE	\$ 142,893	\$ 156,959	\$ 137,440	\$ 131,757	\$ 135,487	2.63%	
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$ 8,128	\$ 10,108	\$ 8,199	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,000	-5.26%	
RETIREMENT	\$ 86,248	\$ 87,706	\$ 85,128	\$ 82,132	\$ 76,753	-6.55%	
EQUIPMENT	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 9,500	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	0.00%	
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	0.00%	
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	\$ 16,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 8,500	88.89%	
INSURANCE	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	0.00%	
UNIFORMS	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	0.00%	
ELECTRICITY	\$ 17,500	\$ 14,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 10,500	\$ 4,000	-81.90%	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 25,000	212.50%	
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,620	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,400	0.00%	
TRAINING/EDUCATION	\$ 2,900	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	0.00%	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,500	\$ 25,500	\$ 35,000	37.25%	
TELEPHONE	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,550	\$ 6,650	\$ 6,550	\$ 12,300	87.79%	
VLETS-SERVICES & SUPPLIES	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,800	16.67%	
MANDATORY E-911 TRAINING	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	0.00%	
VIBRS SYSTEM CHARGE	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,400	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,250	8.82%	
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 1,413	\$ 1,413	\$ 1,413	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,500	0.00%	
TOWER RENTAL	\$ 29,200	\$ 29,200	\$ 29,200	\$ 29,600	\$ 29,600	0.00%	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	0.00%	
STORAGE SPACE	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 21,999	\$ 25,000	13.64%	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 1,265,443	\$ 1,269,057	\$ 1,252,187	\$ 1,252,232	\$ 1,230,182	-1.76%	
Carryover Funds Credit	\$ 25,842	\$ 25,889	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Communication Revenues	\$ 371,098	\$ 348,690	\$ 331,150	\$ 331,195	\$ 338,841		
TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET	\$ 869,503	\$ 894,478	\$ 921,037	\$ 921,037	\$ 891,341	-3.22%	

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

Total Budget One Half
 Assessment of Budget

FY 20-21

\$ 891,341 \$ 445,671

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	Population Percentage	Population Cost	Grand List	Grand List Percentage	Grand List Portion					
Belvidere	389	1.34%	\$ 5,976	\$ 311,490	0.60%	\$ 2,690	\$ 8,667	\$ 9,140	\$ (473)	-5.18%	0.97%
Cambridge	3945	13.60%	\$ 60,610	\$ 5,501,090	10.66%	\$ 47,515	\$ 108,125	\$ 112,952	\$ (4,827)	-4.27%	12.13%
Eden	1482	5.11%	\$ 22,769	\$ 1,321,120	2.56%	\$ 11,411	\$ 34,180	\$ 36,060	\$ (1,880)	-5.21%	3.83%
Elmore	923	3.18%	\$ 14,181	\$ 1,611,270	3.12%	\$ 13,917	\$ 28,098	\$ 30,187	\$ (2,089)	-6.92%	3.15%
Hyde Park	3043	10.49%	\$ 46,752	\$ 2,818,670	5.46%	\$ 24,346	\$ 71,098	\$ 74,306	\$ (3,208)	-4.32%	7.08%
Johnson	3429	11.82%	\$ 52,682	\$ 2,328,890	4.51%	\$ 20,115	\$ 72,798	\$ 75,255	\$ (2,457)	-3.27%	8.17%
Morristown	5173	17.83%	\$ 79,476	\$ 6,482,160	12.36%	\$ 55,988	\$ 135,465	\$ 140,172	\$ (4,707)	-3.36%	15.20%
Stowe	4406	15.19%	\$ 67,693	\$ 24,591,490	47.66%	\$ 212,405	\$ 280,097	\$ 284,230	\$ (4,133)	-1.45%	31.42%
Waterville	686	2.36%	\$ 10,540	\$ 555,710	1.08%	\$ 4,800	\$ 15,338	\$ 16,790	\$ (1,451)	-8.64%	1.72%
Wolcott	1805	6.22%	\$ 27,731	\$ 1,594,110	3.09%	\$ 13,769	\$ 41,500	\$ 42,753	\$ (1,253)	-2.99%	4.65%
Hardwick	2952	10.18%	\$ 45,354	\$ 1,964,290	3.81%	\$ 16,966	\$ 62,320	\$ 64,645	\$ (2,325)	-3.60%	6.59%
Greensboro	775	2.67%	\$ 11,907	\$ 2,517,940	4.88%	\$ 21,748	\$ 33,655	\$ 35,708	\$ (2,053)	-5.75%	3.78%
							\$				
	29008	100.00%	\$ 445,671	\$ 5,198,230	100.00%	\$ 445,671	\$ 891,341	\$ 922,198	\$ (30,857)	-3.35%	100.00%

MINUTES
of the Annual Town Meeting
for the Town of Wolcott, Vermont
March 5, 2019

The legal voters of the Town of Wolcott, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Wolcott Elementary School in said Town on March 5, 2019 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon any of the following articles of business:

Town Moderator, Joe Hester-Ingram, made a number of announcements.

Representative Matthew Hill and Dan Noyes introduced themselves and made brief comments.

The Moderator asked for comments or questions regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Town Report. Belinda Clegg noted a typographical error on page 42 in the Animal Control Officer Report. Thanks were expressed for dedicating the Town Report to Bruce Ward. Thanks were also expressed to the Town Highway Department for their good work in keeping the roads cleared and in good condition.

The Moderator stated the elective position of Grand Juror has been eliminated from the list of officers.

Boy Scout Troop #827 presented the colors and pledge of allegiance.

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m.

Harvey Reed motioned to waive the reading of the Town Warning. Cornelius Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed. Harvey Reed called the question and Cornelius Reed seconded the motion. Voice vote - passed.

Article 1. To elect a moderator to govern Town Meeting and for the year ensuing.

Bill Cotten nominated Joe Hester-Ingram. Belinda Clegg seconded the nomination. Harvey Reed called to cease nominations. Voice vote - passed

Joe Hester-Ingram elected moderator.

Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk for the Town for a three year term.

Ryan Bjerke nominated Linda Martin. Jan Roy seconded the nomination. John Harris nominated Belinda Clegg. Kim Gravel seconded the nomination. Peter Burgess called for nominations to cease. Seconded by Lucien Gravel. Nominations were closed. The Moderator called for a paper ballot vote.

125 ballots cast. 63 needed to win. Linda Martin - 81 and Belinda Clegg - 42. There were two spoiled ballot.

Linda Martin elected as Clerk for a term of three years.

Article 3. To elect the following Town officers as required by law:

Cornelius Reed moved to accept the article. Jan Roy seconded the motion.

Town Treasurer - three year term

Tricia Follert nominated Linda Martin. Jan Roy seconded the nomination. Peter Burgess called for nominations to cease. Seconded by Gordon Young. Voice vote - passed.

The Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Linda Martin.

Linda Martin elected as Treasurer for a term of three years.

Selectboard - three year term

Kim Gravel nominated Michael Davidson. Belinda Clegg seconded the nomination. Bill Cotten called for nominations to cease. Seconded by Peter Burgess. Voice vote - passed.

The Clerk instructed to cast one ballot for Michael Davidson.

Michael Davidson elected to the Selectboard for a term of three years.

Selectboard - two year term

Cornelius Reed nominated Richard Lee. Harvey Reed seconded the nomination. Bill Cotten called for nominations to cease. Seconded by Peter Burgess. Voice vote - passed.

The Clerk instructed to cast one ballot for Richard Lee.

Richard Lee elected to the Selectboard for a term of two years.

Lister - three year term

Joe Hester-Ingram noted the Lister position for a two year term does not exist for this year. Harvey Reed moved to pass over the position in this year's Warning. Seconded by Cornelius Reed. Gordon Young moved to call the question. Voice vote - passed.

Town Agent to Deed Real Estate - one year term

Cornelius Reed nominated Dan Noyes. Harvey Reed seconded the nomination. Bill Cotten called for nominations to cease. Seconded by Gordon Young. Voice vote - passed.

Dan Noyes elected as Town Agent to Deed Real Estate for a term of one year.

Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits - one year term

Harvey Reed nominated Cornelius Reed. Kim Gravel seconded the nomination. Peter Burgess called for nominations to cease. Seconded by Bill Cotten. Voice vote - passed.

Cornelius Reed elected as Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits.

Library Trustee - five year term

Dawn Cochran nominated Jackie Burgess. Ruth Anna Demag seconded the nomination. Harvey Reed called for nominations to cease. Seconded by Cornelius Reed. Voice vote - passed.

Jackie Burgess elected as Library Trustee for a term of five years.

Cemetery Commissioner - five year term

Harvey Reed nominated Walter Reeve. Cornelius Reed seconded the nomination. Peter Burgess called for nominations to cease. Bill Cotten seconded the motion. Voice vote - passed.

Walter Reeve elected Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years.

Article 4. 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?

Bill Cotten motioned to accept the article. Cornelius seconded the motion. No discussion followed. Peter Burgess called the question. Article 4 passed by a hand vote.

Article 5. Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying for capital expenditures to be funded by a one-time deposit of \$20,000 from the fund balance and future annual deposits from the Selectboard budget in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 2804?

Bill Cotten motioned to accept the article. Peter Burgess seconded the motion. No discussion followed. Bill Cotten called the question. Seconded by Eric Furs. Article 5 passed on a voice vote.

Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate \$225,216.00 to the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department to pay for police services?

Bessie Martin motioned to accept the article. Bill Cotten seconded the motion. No discussion followed. Kim Gravel moved to call the question. Article 6 passed on a voice vote.

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate \$42,753.00 to the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department to pay for dispatch?

Bessie Martin motioned to accept the article. Bill Cotten seconded the motion. No discussion followed. Peter Burgess called the question. Article 7 passed on a voice vote.

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$22,944.00 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 2691?

\$ 500	<i>American Red Cross</i>
1,200	<i>Central Vermont Adult Basic Education</i>
1,500	<i>Central Vermont Council on Aging</i>
500	<i>Central Howard Nichols Center</i>

6,653	<i>Hardwick Emergency Rescue Squad</i>
400	<i>Home Share Now, Inc.</i>
500	<i>Justice for Dogs</i>
600	<i>Lamoille Community Food Share, Inc.</i>
1,031	<i>Lamoille County Planning Commission</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>
1,400	<i>Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County</i>
200	<i>Retired & Senior Volunteer Program</i>
1,000	<i>Rural Community Transportation, Inc.</i>
100	<i>"Vt Rural Fire Protection Task Force</i>

Bessie Martin moved to accept the article. Seconded by Stuart Senghas. No discussion followed. Bill Cotten called the question. Article 8 passed on a voice vote.

Article 9. 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 one half (1 1/2%) thereafter (32 V.S.A. Sections 4873 & 5136(a)?

First installment to be paid on or before **November 15, 2019**

Second installment to be paid on or before **May 15, 2020**

(32 V.S.A. Section 4871)

Bill Cotten moved to accept the article. Seconded by Jan Roy. It was pointed out that the article is now more generous, as it used to be an eight percent penalty imposed immediately. Joe Hester-Ingram called the question. Voice vote - passed.

Article 10. Shall the voters authorize total general fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,437,153 of which \$1,154,343 to be raised in taxes and \$282,810 by non-tax revenues?

Bill Cotten moved to accept the article. Jan Roy seconded the motion. No discussion followed. Peter Burgess called the question. Voice vote - passed.

Article 11. To transact any other non-binding business.

*Discussion regarding the School Street bridge included cost, estimated time the temporary bridge will be in place, signage, and the fact that people drive the wrong way on the one-way bridge.

*Discussion regarding the capital fund clarified that the Selectboard can decide on its own how the funds are expended as long as it is for a capital improvement. It was pointed out there are a lot of issues facing the Town including the School Street bridge, the Old Schoolhouse, the bus barn, and water and sewer in the Village.

*Appreciation was expressed for the Historical Society putting on the fundraiser this summer, and for Jim Holton sharing his collection of local historic photos.

*An update was provided on the historic restoration project at the United Methodist Church. Thanks went out to those who have supported their fundraising efforts. The Church hopes to have a space finished downstairs that people can use for events.

*People were encouraged to stop by the informational tables set up around the room.

*Belinda Clegg was thanked for her years of service to the Town of Wolcott.

Bill Cotten moved to adjourn. No objection. Town Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda J. Martin, Town Clerk

Minutes Attested by:

 Assistant Election Official

MINUTES
WOLCOTT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2019

WOLCOTT TOWN OFFICE

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

Article 1. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to expend a sum of money not to exceed \$20,000 from the duly established "Capital Reserve Fund", for the purpose of hiring a Town Administrator?

Bill Cotton moves the article and Amy Davidson seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Phil Teale called for a paper ballot. Seven voters agreed.

Community Comments: We have too many expenses now. Why do we need the Town Administrator position? How will we pay for this position in the future? Would like to wait until Town Meeting. This is not the right time with people on vacation. T.A. could bring in money. No one is actively looking for grants in town. We need a T.A. because there is no continuity or follow up after meetings. How will the communication between the T.A. and Selectboard work through email and the open meeting laws? Would prefer 20 hour a week position now until the town gets their road crew back up to three people. Salaries need to be raised to be competitive. What additional costs will this position incur?

Selectboard Comments: Current structure of town government is antiquated. Towns are being asked to do more and more. Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) suggested a manager/town administrator position. Town Clerk is doing many of the Selectboard duties.

Cindy Lowell called the question. Bessie Martin seconded the motion. After a hand count 43 people were in favor of ending the discussion.

Paper Ballot

78 ballots cast

Yes 38

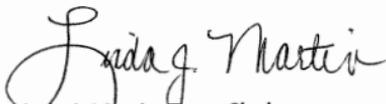
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Article failed.

Alyssa Martin motioned to adjourn. Bessie Martin seconded the motion.

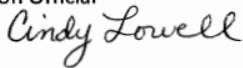
Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda J. Martin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Linda J. Martin, Town Clerk

Election Official

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Lowell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed title.



ROAD EROSION INVENTORY, 2019

WOLCOTT, VERMONT

Project Synopsis

Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) conducted a road erosion inventory (REI) to evaluate “hydrologically connected” road segments in the town of Wolcott during 2019. The REI report describes the inventory process, the observed conditions, and the Town-identified priorities. It is important to note this report represents a snapshot in time. It is known that town priorities, road conditions, and reported observations are subject to change.

The Road Erosion Inventory and Implementation Schedule (REI) is required for Municipal Road General Permit (MRGP) compliance. The purpose of the REI is to identify locations susceptible to road erosion. The MRGP only requires that hydrologically connected road segments are assessed.

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) identified hydrologically connected municipal road segments (all surface types and all classes of roads) based on proximity to water. The hydrologically connected roads were divided into approximately 100-meter segments (~328 feet) and assigned an identification number by DEC.

The observations noted in the REI result in a DEC-generated “score” identifying whether road segments fully, partially, or do not meet the MRGP requirements for crown, shoulder, and ditch. It is important to note those scores only represents one of two critical data elements; this score does not reflect whether erosion is actually present at these locations, nor does it consider the severity of the erosion. The MRGP only considers whether certain Best Management Practices (BMPs) are in place or not. To avoid misinterpretation of the data, it is important to recognize both factors (use of BMPs and presence of erosion) are required to achieve DEC goals. The scores for driveway and drainage culverts, Class 4 roads, and paved roads with catch basins do consider whether erosion is present. Towns identify priorities based on many variables and factors, one of which is the 2036 deadline for MRGP compliance on all town roads.

The Town of Wolcott has approximately 56 miles of town-owned public roads. The approximate number of hydrologically connected, municipally owned, not fully compliant road segments in need of work before the 2036 MRGP deadline is **299 segments, or approximately 18.6 miles.**

The Vermont Municipal Roads Stormwater General Permit

Act 64, also known as the Vermont Clean Water Act, is a comprehensive statewide water quality piece of legislation approved in 2015. Act 64 included several new regulatory programs meant to improve water quality across the state. One of the new regulatory programs included the development of a new Municipal Roads Stormwater General Permit (MRGP) by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to address erosion and runoff from town roads. Towns are required to undertake road erosion inventories of all town roads in close proximity to water resources, called hydrologically-connected roads, before December 31, 2020. Towns will be given until 2036 to bring all of their hydrologically-connected roads up to new road standards starting in 2021. Towns will be given annual implementation benchmarks throughout the length of the permit. Some required road standards include road crowning, the lowering of road shoulders, the establishment of grass and stone-lined drainage ditches, and stabilization or replacement of eroding drainage and driveway culverts. In addition to addressing water quality, these practices also improve road drainage, allowing roads to become more resilient to flash flood events.

DEC has partnered with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, regional planning commissions, and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and are offering outreach, education, trainings, technical assistance, and additional grant funding to assist municipalities with the requirements of the MRGP. For more information regarding the MRGP please visit the website below:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/permit-information-applications-fees/municipal-roads-program>



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

White River Junction VA Medical Center
215 North Main Street
White River Junction, VT 05009
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

December 23rd, 2019

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women's Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community-based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ - and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Respectfully;

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.
Associate Medical Center Director

SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

American Red Cross - Our mission at the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Last year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout the region:

- *We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, once every 17 hours, helping nearly 1,000 individuals.
- *We installed more than 4,000 carbon monoxide detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- *Trained almost 24,000 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- *We collected 76,150 units of blood at over 2,500 blood drives. All 40 hospitals in NH and VT depend on Red Cross collections.
- *In our region, over 250 service members were connected with their families through the Emergency Communications efforts of our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education - CVABE is a community-based nonprofit organization that has been serving the adult education and literacy needs of Wolcott residents for 54 years. CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16-90+) in:

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

Wolcott is served by our learning center in Morrisville. The site has welcoming learning rooms (with computers, laptops and internet access to support instruction). CVABE staff and volunteers also teach students at the library or other local sites as needed.

Last year, 8 residents of Wolcott enrolled in CVABE's free programs, engaging in almost 250 hours of service. Additionally, 1 Wolcott resident volunteered with CVABE. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72% chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels. By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Wolcott residents for generations to come.

CVABE provides free instruction to nearly 500 people annually in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$3,320 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Nearly all students are low income. Over 100 community volunteers work with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services.

Central Vermont Council on Aging

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

Some of the options we make available include:

- *Senior Help Line - 800-642-5119 has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- *Information & Assistance - staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more.
- *Case Managers - work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- *Nutrition Services - oversees the menu development for home-delivered and community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the many meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- *State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) - provides personalized Medicare counseling, group training, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- *Family Caregiver Support - promotes the well-being of the family members who help to make it possible for seniors to remain in their home.

Clarina Howard Nichols Center

Founded in 1981, the Clarina Howard Nichols Center works to end domestic and sexual violence in Lamoille County. A violence free tomorrow is our vision today.

During the past year Clarina served 403 individuals, including:

- *Provided shelter to 37 individuals (18 adults and 19 children) for a total of 2,753 bed nights.
- *Provided criminal court advocacy to 104 individuals.
- *Provided Relief from Abuse Order advocacy to 87 individuals.
- *Received 1,109 hotline calls.

Our Services:

- *24-hour hotline - support, information and options from a trained advocate including access to emergency shelter and assistance with filing emergency Relief from Abuse Orders.
- *Vermont's only companion pet friendly shelter. A safe environment in which to explore options and identify next steps toward a life free of violence.
- *Advocacy - legal (criminal and civil), housing, community/general, and medical.
- *Outreach and Education - presentations and trainings to groups, organizations and schools in Lamoille County to raise awareness about domestic/sexual violence and Clarina's services.
- *Children's Services - support for survivors to build and maintain healthy relationships with their children; support and skill building for children who have experienced or witnessed violence.

Hardwick Emergency Rescue Squad Inc.

As 2019 draws to a close, our volume call has been 625.

Volunteerism nationally and in Vermont is down. Many volunteer organizations are struggling to maintain membership and coverage and we are no exception. For over 50 years we have been able to provide an affordable 24-hour service to our communities. This year our appropriations has doubled due to a clear need to bring on more paid staff. We have numerous members who volunteer 200 to 300+ hours a month and this is not a sustainable model for consistent coverage nor is it a reasonable expectation for an unpaid volunteer. Hardwick currently employs one full-time AEMT and a Per-Diem Paramedic. By increasing our appropriation, we will be able to employ an additional full time Paramedic or AEMT in addition to some additional Per-diem staff. Many communities locally have lost rescue organizations and we are working hard to ensure we can offer consistent coverage for another 50 years.

We remind everyone to keep an updated list of medications and any pertinent medical documents to be readily available in case of an ambulance call. This will help expedite the process at the scene and at the hospital. We are still having difficulty finding locations, as 911 numbers are not visible from the road. We strongly encourage all community members to check that their 911 numbers are posted and visible from the road at all times.

Thanks for the support of our towns, town crews, fire departments, law enforcement, electric department, businesses and individuals.

Hardwick Emergency Rescue Squad, Inc.
2020 Budget

Revenue	2019 Budget	2020 Budget
Service Income	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Town Appropriations	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
Total Revenue	\$250,000.00	\$300,000.00

Expenses		
Professional Services	\$11,000.00	\$8,000.00
Ambulances	\$8,000.00	\$11,000.00
Billing Service	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
Dispatch	\$29,000.00	\$27,000.00
Equipment	\$7,500.00	\$14,000.00
Insurance	\$24,000.00	\$22,000.00
Membership	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Office	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Payroll	\$52,000.00	\$100,000.00
Health Ins.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Supplies	\$16,000.00	\$20,000.00
Training	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
Utilities	\$6,200.00	\$6,000.00
Ambulance Capital Fund	\$60,000.00	\$50,000.00
Building Capital Fund	\$6,600.00	\$7,150.00
Equipment Capital Fund	\$5,000.00	\$7,150.00
Vt State Ambulance Tax	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Total Expenses	\$250,000.00	\$300,000.00

Town Appropriations		Pro-Rated 2019		Pro-Rated 2019	
Hardwick	45.52%	\$22,761.51	\$44,599.84	44.60%	
Craftsbury	14.10%	\$7,050.21	\$13,247.86	13.25%	
Greensboro	14.77%	\$7,384.94	\$15,773.12	15.77%	
Stannard	1.05%	\$523.01	\$1,126.66	1.13%	
Walden	1.88%	\$941.42	\$2,486.40	2.49%	
Wolcott	13.31%	\$6,652.72	\$13,403.26	13.40%	
Woodbury	9.37%	\$4,686.19	\$9,362.86	9.36%	
Total		\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00		

HomeShare Vermont

Homesharing helps people stay in their homes whether they are aging, persons with disabilities or simply someone just trying to make ends meet. At the same time, it helps someone else find an affordable place to live. At its core, homesharing is about two people helping each other. Homesharing combats isolation and loneliness and has proven health benefits. HomeShare Vermont provides a comprehensive screening and matching service to help people find the right match, as well as ongoing support for as long as they decide to live together.

In FY 2019, 202 people shared a home, and 22,354 hours of assistance was provided by our homesharers which included simple companionship, cooking, cleaning, pet care, yard work, etc. Each match is unique depending on the needs and interests of both parties.

*Those who shared their homes ranged in age from 30-96, and those who found housing ranged in age from 22-78.

*80% of matched participants were low income.

*The average rent in our program was only \$296/month.

*Of those who shared their homes, 78% reported feeling less lonely, 76% felt safer, 50% slept better and 43% even felt healthier just by having someone living with them.

Justice For Dogs

Justice For Dogs continues in its 14th year helping only local dogs and cats. Work continues to find adoptive homes for all of the animals that come to us. Along with adoptions, Justice For Dogs continues to provide assistance to rescue animals that are in abusive/unsafe situations when these animals are brought to Justice's attention.

In January, 2019 Justice For Dogs worked with the Wolcott Animal Control Officer and was actively involved in the rescue of a small abused dog needing medical attention. The result of this rescue caused Justice For Dogs extensive medical bills for the animal to save it's life. Once the dog was deemed adoptable, Justice For Dogs was able to find the perfect home. Justice For Dogs has followed up through the court system and attended all hearings related to this case. Justice For Dogs will continue to be involved until the case is resolved.

Justice For Dogs continues to partner with other area organizations such as Home Health, Clarina Howard Nichols Center, and Lamoille County Food Share in a variety of ways to benefit animals and people.

Justice For Dogs sincerely wishes to thank the Wolcott taxpayers, community businesses, foster animal families and dedicated volunteers, who work tirelessly for the animals. Your support through town appropriations, adoptions, monetary or item donations and participation in our fundraisers helps us tremendously with the work that we do.

Justice For Dogs always welcomes new volunteers to work with us in a variety of ways. Please give us a call at 472-3894, or contact us at justicefordogs@aol.com or check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/justicefordogs.

Lamoille Community Food Share, Inc.

Lamoille Community Food Share is a locally funded, volunteer powered 501c3 non-profit corporation. Our mission is to help support and improve the physical well-being of individuals who might otherwise go hungry. To this end, we provide supplemental food, free of charge, in a supportive environment, striving to offer healthy choices within our budget. We help all those who ask, but our main service area consists of the Towns of Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Morrystown, Stowe, and Wolcott. We are open six mornings a week.

As of December 12, 2019 we have seen 411 individuals from Wolcott visit our pantry. We have served 106 families including 213 adults, 25 seniors, and 173 children. The increase in the number of families is 8%. The number of seniors we served has increased by 40%. Of the families served, 38 had at least one family member working but they still could not make ends meet. The support we receive from our community allows us to keep our doors open six mornings a week for those in need. More than ever, we appreciate the help we have received in the past and look forward to continued support from our friends and neighbors in Wolcott. Your support of LCFs ensures that the citizens of Wolcott have access to healthy nutritious food. Thank you!

Lamoille County Planning Commission

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

In Wolcott these services included:

- *Assisting with project management for the flood mitigation analysis for Elmore Pond Road Bridge;
- *Providing mapping assistance for the flood mitigation priorities related to the Lamoille Main Stem model;
- *Assisting in developing an application and applying for Village Center Designation in North Wolcott;
- *Providing information and technical support regarding the municipal Roads General Permit;
- *Providing outreach and field verification assistance regarding River Corridors;
- *Conducting bike/pedestrian counts on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail and Recreation Fields;
- *Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- *Conducting a road erosion inventory for compliance with the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- *Providing information and technical support, including site visits upon request, with VTrans and Agency of Natural Resources staff regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- *Updating the state database (VOBCIT) with Wolcott culvert data provided by the Road Foreman;

- *Coordinating engineering and project management for wetland/floodplain restoration projects on VT Fish and Wildlife owned property;
- *Assisting in preparing a grant application to enhance wastewater capacity in Wolcott Village to enable growth of local businesses;
- *Beginning to update Wolcott's Local Hazard Mitigation 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, informational resources, and hosting presentations on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the "3 Acre Rule."

Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit

The LCSIU is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to investigating, prosecuting, and providing victim advocacy services for child sexual abuse, child serious physical abuse, adult sexual assaults, and crimes against vulnerable adults. The LCSIU represents a collaborative partnership between the Lamoille County State's Attorney's Office, Vermont State Police, the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department, Morrystown Police Department, Stowe Police Department, The Clarina Howard Nichols Center, and the Department for Children and Families, as well as various medical and therapeutic service providers.

In fiscal year 2019, the Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit was involved in 109 incidents throughout Lamoille County: 102 investigations related to allegations of physical and sexual violence against children and 7 investigations related to allegations of abuse against adult victims. Town funds supplement our state funds and help us in supporting our detectives to investigate incidents in a timely manner, assist our victim advocates in helping victims through this very difficult and traumatic process, and sustain our prosecutor in attaining justice. Town funds helped us send our core team to a number of trainings, specific to the work we do.

The LCSIU space in Hyde Park provides a secure and comfortable area to meet with victims, and through a multidisciplinary team approach, ensures victims can seamlessly access the services they need. In 2019, we will apply for National Accreditation as a Child Advocacy Center (CAC). This designation means we meet rigorous national standards that ensure allegations of child sexual and physical abuse are investigated and prosecuted while providing coordinated support services to victims and their families.

As the Executive Director, I would welcome opportunities to talk with Lamoille County groups and organizations about the important work of the LCSIU. Please contact me at 851-8116 if you have questions or would like additional information. Thank you for your continued support.

Tracy Patnoe
Executive Director

Lamoille Economic Development Corporation

LEDC provides a full range of economic and business support services to businesses, municipalities and other organizations with the view toward creating and retaining jobs in the County. In the last few years we have also become much more directly involved in workforce development issues and activities as employers in the County have found it to be more and more difficult to meet their workforce needs. We do so by providing consulting and matchmaking services, providing a one-stop portal for businesses and entrepreneurs seeking assistance from various state and federal programs, housing the Vermont Small Business Development Center in our offices, making small business loans through our own revolving loan fund (the LEDC made \$135,000 in small business loans this past year), putting on eight workshops per year in our Business Skills workshop series and sponsoring other business oriented forums, including the annual Lamoille Business and Financial Assistance Forum every April. We also sponsored the first ever Lamoille Workforce Summit in November, 2019 which attracted 46 employers and 38 service providers and educators from throughout the County.

In partnership with the Lamoille County Planning Commission we continue to move forward with the building of a regional anaerobic digester in the area to turn waste from breweries, distilleries, cideries, cheese makers, ice cream makers and other producers of high strength BOD waste into electricity, waste heat and compost. We have also partnered with LCPC to fund efforts to advance the build-out of broadband in local rural communities. In addition, our Executive Director serves on the local Workforce Investment Board, is the co-chair of the Planning Commission's Transportation Advisory Board and Brownfields Advisory Commission. He also is the co-chair of the Farm to Plate Education and Workforce Development Working Group, serves on the Working Lands Enterprise Board, and the Vermont Fresh Network Board as well as the Hunger Council of the Lamoille Valley. He is also an ex-officio member of the boards of the Lamoille County Planning Commission and Lamoille Chamber of Commerce and serves as the co-chair of the Northern Vermont Economic Development District. The LEDC remains very grateful for the financial support we receive from the residents of Wolcott.

Lamoille Family Center

The LFC is celebrating over 40 years of service to children, youth and families! Since 1976 thousands of individuals throughout the Lamoille Valley have received our services, including home visiting, parent education, playgroups, child-care resource and referral, prevention programming, youth services, and emergency assistance. The families we serve face the overwhelming challenges of isolation, poverty, substance abuse, violence, and much more. Our staff work with families to set realistic goals and celebrate together as each step is achieved to create stable environments for children so they may have an opportunity to thrive.

In fiscal year 2019, our caring and dedicated staff of 32 reached more than 4,000 children, youth, parents and caregivers throughout the Lamoille Valley and have impacted many more.

Examples of Wolcott residents served include:

*Our Children's Integrated Services team made home visits, providing family support and early intervention, to 21 Wolcott families, totaling roughly 210 home visits.

- *33 kids received toys, games, books, and stocking stuffers through the Holiday Project.
- *26 residents received emergency assistance including funding for rent, fuel, and goods such as diapers, clothing, and furniture.
- *3 families received help with child care through the Child Care Financial Assistance Program.
- *1 student received a summer camp scholarship to attend summer programs with peers.
- *9 families were accompanied by a DULCE family specialist to pediatric infant wellness visits.
- *4 youth facing crisis situations were attended to through LFC's Youth and Young Adult Program.
- *Many students, families, and teachers at Wolcott Elementary were provided with educational materials around prevention of youth substance misuse.
- *Healthy Lamoille Valley provided educational information about substance misuse and prescription safety on Wolcott Front Porch Forum.
- *Dozens of families and child care providers received child care support services including assistance with referral to regulated programs.

Support through volunteer time, donation of goods and services, and financial contributions remain vital to the sustainability of the Lamoille Family Center. We cannot do this work without you. We invite you to visit our website to learn more about our organization.

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice

Much has changed since our agency was established in 1971. Today, our services have expanded well beyond nursing. We provide an array of therapies that help our clients recover from surgery or other medical procedures in the comfort of their own homes. Our staff use telehealth and other new technologies to help clients manage their own care and even have access to specialists remotely. Our team also provides specialty care, such as wound, IV and ostomy care, our Better Breathing program, falls prevention support, chronic disease management and lactation consultation and support—all in the clients' homes.

This is so important—not only to our clients, who prefer to receive care at home—but to our fledgling all-payer model. Having home care of such high quality available allows us to avoid the high cost of added hospital care. It also frees up hospital resources for those who need them.

Home Health can also help Vermonters live outside of nursing homes longer. Our health care system has a goal of providing more than 50% of long-term care in home-based settings. Lamoille County has far surpassed this goal. Our Choices for Care program gives many people the support they need to stay at home longer.

While we are proud of the advances we have made in home care, we are also proud of what has stayed the same—our relationship with our community. It is through your extreme generosity that we are able to support the advances we have made as a health care community and the relationships we have with our clients.

From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 Wolcott residents were provided the following services: 802 Skilled Nursing, 571 Physical Therapy, 44 Occupational Therapy, 12 Speech Therapy, 60 Medical Social Worker, 302 Licensed Nursing Assistant, 222 Personal Care Attendant, 50 Case Management, and 39 Volunteer, for a total of 2,102 visits.

Meals on Wheels

The mission of Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County is to improve health and enhance the quality of life for our community elders by providing nutritious meals and social interaction.

We deliver meals to elders (60 or older) in need for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: inability to prepare meals, income and transportation challenges, hospital/nursing home discharge, and illness or injury. With a hot, nutritious meal and a well-check visit, we continue to help elders live independently in their own homes and community.

Volunteers are crucial in the success of Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County. This year volunteers and staff have driven over 69,000 miles throughout Lamoille County, delivering 35,976 meals. Each hot meal provides 1/3 of the daily Recommended Dietary Allowances and complies with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Your funding is essential! State and Federal funding account for 40% of our budget. We fill in the gaps by writing grants, campaign letters, fundraising activities, unsolicited contributions, client contributions, and Town appropriations. For more information, or to become a volunteer, please call 802-888-5011 or go to www.mowlc.org.

This fiscal year, October, 2018 through September, 2019, Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County served 1,996 meals to Wolcott residents. Thank you for your continued support!

Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

RCT has been providing service to the Wolcott community for over twenty-five years and must reach out for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community.

RCT provides coordinated transportation services for Medicaid, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, Adult Day Health Services, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Central VT Council on Aging, Out and About, the Northeast Kingdom Community Action, as well as other local organizations.

RCT has transported Wolcott residents to adult-day service facilities, senior meal sites, and necessary medical treatments such as: dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical needs, and other appointments.

We look forward to continuing our service that is needed by the residents of Wolcott.

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program (RFP), formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program, helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. We help local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support for construction. During the 22+years of the program, over 1100 grants totaling \$2.6 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

We have made a number of adjustments to the RFP Grant Program in recent years, including changing our name to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing RFP systems, and drafting site development are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the RFP in FY 2019 was \$154,325, of which \$63,450 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we appreciate your financial support. Since last year we have received nearly \$10,000 in town appropriations from almost 100 towns. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

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

2020 Census

Every ten years, the U.S. Constitution requires an enumeration of all persons in the United States, commonly referred to as The Census. For the next ten years, the numbers produced in this effort will help determine how more than \$675 billion will be distributed to states and localities annually through more than 65 federal programs. These programs include special education funding, school lunch programs, meals on wheels, fuel assistance, Medicare, housing rehabilitation, community economic development and revitalization block grants, early childhood education, cooperative extension offices, and more. This year, you will have the option of responding online, on the telephone, or with a traditional, short-form written response. Look for your invitation to respond in the mail or at your door. It is critical that *everyone* participate and that all household members be included. The 2020 Decennial Census begins in March. Make sure that *your* community counts!

The Census is short, easy to complete, and important for the town.

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