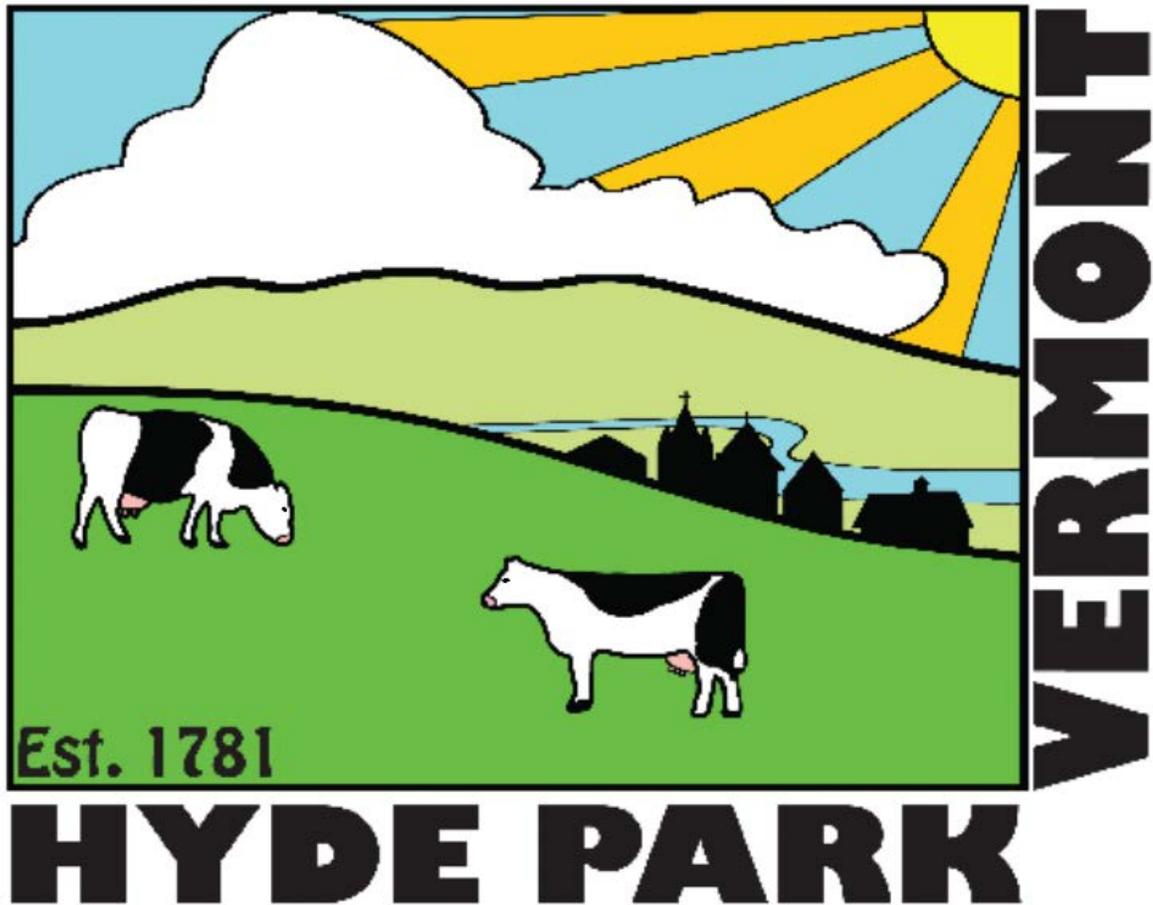


TOWN OF HYDE PARK, VERMONT

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Report of the Officers for the Period
Ending June 30, 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

LANPHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES: The Library Trustees hold their regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 PM at the Library located at 141 Main Street.

HYDE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT: This department holds its regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 PM at the Hyde Park Fire Station located at 212 Centerville Road.

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

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

GIHON VALLEY HALL COMMITTEE: This Committee meets on the second Monday of the month at 5:00 PM, and as needed. The location varies - meets at the Gihon Valley Hall in North Hyde Park and in the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Offices.

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DEDICATION

Dawn Slayton

30+ years of Public Service

With great appreciation and acknowledgment, Hyde Park recognizes Dawn Slayton for her years of public service following her recent retirement in late 2019. Many residents and taxpayers benefited from her welcoming smile and kind words when they visited the town offices to pay property taxes (or their rent, as some have said), register their dog and obtain copies of marriage, death and birth certificates. Everyone will surely miss her ability to remember stories and family occurrences from year's past, even if they had not been to the town office for many years.

Public service goes beyond processing papers, helping visitors with questions, and guiding residents through sometimes confusing state-required procedures and paperwork. A public servant also must bring the personal kindness and concern to each interaction, with a smile, patience and their best effort, all things Dawn provided for over 30 years.

We wish Dawn the very best in her retirement and new adventures.



OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator (1 yr. term expires 2020)	Paul Nesky 888-4535
Selectboard (2 yr. term expires 2021)	Susan Bartlett 888-5591
Selectboard (3 yr. term expires 2022)	Roger Barry 888-7892
Selectboard (2 yr. term expires 2020)	Roland Boivin 888-6369
Selectboard (3 yr. term expires 2020)	David Gagnier 888-7808
Selectboard (3 yr. term expires 2021)	Roger Audet 635-7038
Town Clerk (3 yr. term expires 2022)	Kimberly J. Moulton Kim@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Town Treasurer (3 yr. term expires 2022)	Kimberly J. Moulton Kim@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Town Lister (3 yr. term expires 2022)	Vacant
Town Lister (3 yr. term expires 2020)	Julie Rohleder Lister@hydeparkvt.com ; 279-6735
Town Lister (3 yr. term expires 2021)	Gary L. Anderson Lister@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-0034
Town Grand Juror (1 yr. term expires 2022)	Edward French Jr.
Lamoille Solid Waste Supervisor (2 yr. term exp 2021)	Marilyn Zophar

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Kimberly J. Moulton Kim@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Assistant Town Treasurer	Gary Anderson 888-2300
Assistant Town Clerk	Vacant
Lead Animal Control Officer	Diane Stoney 585-0543
E-911 Coordinator	Ron Rodjenski Ron@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Fire Chief	Ed Webster 888-2357
Fire Warden (5 yr term exp 6/30/22)	Ryan Nolan 279-6955
Road Commissioner	Selectboard
Road Foreman	Mark French 888-4625 Highway@hydeparkvt.com
Highway Equipment Lead Operator	Ryan Nolan 888-4625
Highway Equipment Operator / Grader	Mark Lehouillier 888-4625
Highway Equipment Operator	Michael Griggs 888-4625
Library Director	Amy Olsen hydeparklibrary@yahoo.com ; 888-4628
Town Administrator	Ron Rodjenski Ron@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Zoning Administrative Officer	Ron Rodjenski Ron@hydeparkvt.com ; 888-2300
Lamoille County Planning Commission Director	Greg Paus 888-5073
Emergency Management Director	Brad Carriere hpfsems1@yahoo.com ; 635-6138
Emergency Management Deputy Director	Ed Webster 888-2357
Emergency Management Coordinator	Carol Fano 888-4347
Tree Warden	Robert Whalen rwhalen@comcast.net
Town Health Officer (3 yr. term expires 9/30/22)	Keith Ulrich 888-5869
First Constable	Dave Gagnier
Green Mountain Access TV Representative	VACANT
Green Up Day Coordinator	Ron Rodjenski; 888-2300

ELECTED SCHOOL OFFICERS

Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2020)	Patricia Hayford
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2021)	Chasity Fagnant
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2022)	Lisa Jones Barry
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School Director (3 yr. term expires 2022)	Tina Lowe

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Cemetery Commissioners (Elected for a 5 year term):

Nioka Houston	Term Expires 2020
Robert Foss	Term Expires 2021
Mary H. Foss	Term Expires 2022
Christine Cooney	Term Expires 2023
Judith Lanphear	Term Expires 2024

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

Emily Dearborn	Term Expires 2020
Melanie Dickinson	Term Expires 2021
Robert "Sigh" Searles	Term Expires 2022
Susan Hayes	Term Expires 2022
Ken Geiersbach	Term Expires 2023
Jim Noyes	Term Expires 2024
Fran Aronovici	Term Expires 2024

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

Pete Sweeney	Term Expires 2020
Jim Fontaine	Term Expires 2020
VACANT	Term Expires 2021
Craig Fowler	Term Expires 2021
Tom Wawrzeniak	Term Expires 2022
Melvin Harvey	Term Expires 2022
Bob Malbon (Alternate)	Term Expires 2022
Malcolm Teale	Term Expires 2023

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

Bob Malbon	Term Expires 2020
Zac Cota	Term Expires 2021
Brian Jones	Term Expires 2022
Vicki Emerson	Term Expires 2022
Eric Williams	Term Expires 2023

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

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

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

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

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

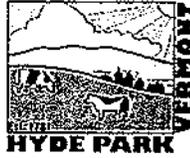
Chasity Fagnant	Gary Nolan
Ken Harvey	Debbie Slayton

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

Liz Courtney	Laura Race
Monica Heath	Lyndsay Reece
H. Dale Porter	Allen Spitzer
Andy Race	

Justices of the Peace (Elected November 6, 2018 for a 2 year term to start February 1, 2019 expiring January 31, 2021)

Gary Anderson	Edward French, Jr.
Charles "Brickett" Bailey	Fredrika "Riki" French
Harold L. Bailey, II	Brian Jones
Richard Bailey	Mary "Pixie" Loomis
Vicki Emerson	Marilyn Zophar



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

The legal voters of the Town of Hyde Park are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lamoille Union High School in said Town, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 9:00 AM, to transact business on the following articles.

The voters are further warned to meet at Lamoille Union High School, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, to vote the following by Australian ballot: Article 1 Town and School District Officers. The polls will be open from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

- Article 1. To elect Town and School District Officers as required by Australian ballot:
- Selectboard Member for a term of two years
 - Selectboard Member for a term of three years
 - Lister for a term of three years
 - Lister for a term of three years (two years remaining)
 - Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years
 - Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District Director for a term of two years
(one year remaining)
- Article 2. To elect the following Town Officers from the floor:
- Moderator for a term of one year
 - Town Agent for a term of one year
 - Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years
 - Library Trustee for a term of five years
- Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers and Service Agencies.
- Article 4. Shall the voters make the following statement of support: We, the citizens of Hyde Park, strongly support the completion of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. We urge the Governor and Legislature to jointly develop a plan that will ensure the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail is completed by 2025?
- Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate \$17,500 of the General Fund Balance to the North Hyde Park Gihon Valley Hall Project?
- Article 6. Shall the voters direct the Selectboard to research the recent changes to state law, and issue its findings and conclusions before January 2021, as to: should the voters authorize the legislative body to appoint the municipal clerk (17 V.S.A. 2651e) and appoint the municipal treasurer (17 V.S.A. 2651f)?
- Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to the Lamoille County Mental Health Services?
- Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate an additional \$1,500 to the Lamoille Family Center and Healthy Lamoille Valley, bringing the total annual appropriation to \$3,000?

Article 9. Shall the Hyde Park Annual Town Meeting be held at the Hyde Park Elementary School in future years?

Article 10. Shall the voters approve, in addition to any other appropriations approved in prior articles, a total general fund expenditures amount for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 of \$2,643,000 of which \$2,184,700 shall be raised by property taxes and \$458,300 by non-property tax revenue?

Article 11. Shall the voters approve the payment of property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four equal installments (32 V.S.A. 4792), as listed below; with delinquent taxes and assessments have charged against them an eight percent (8%) commission after the fourth installment (32 V.S.A. 1674) and interest charges of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months; and thereafter, one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month of fraction thereof from the due date of such tax? Such interest shall be imposed on a fraction of a month as if it were an entire month (32 V.S.A § 5136). Payments are due in the hands of the Treasurer by 4:00 P.M. on the below due dates. Only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks will be accepted if postmarked on or before the due date (32 V.S.A. 4773).

First installment to be paid on or before Monday, August 31, 2020

Second installment to be paid on or before Monday, November 16, 2020

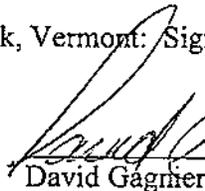
Third installment to be paid on or before Tuesday, February 16, 2021

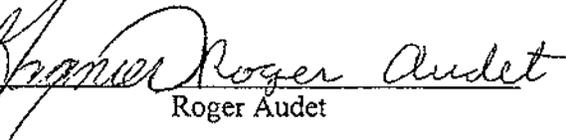
Fourth installment to be paid on or before Monday, May 17, 2021

Article 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Selectboard, Town of Hyde Park, Vermont: Signed this 29th day of January 2020.


Susan Bartlett

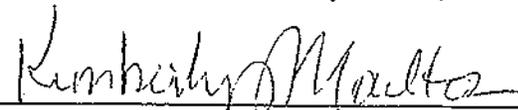

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Roger Audet

Roland Boivin

Roger Barry

Received and recorded at Hyde Park, VT on this 29th day of January 2020.


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

SELECTBOARD

The Selectboard is elected to oversee all day-to-day operations of the municipal government not designated by state law to other officials. The Board works with an appointed town administrator to manage the highway department, fire department, and general government operations with oversight of contractual agreements for police & ambulance services, the town highway union contract and various support agencies. The Board also cooperates with the Lanpher Memorial Library Trustees and the Village of Hyde Park Trustees on various matters including highway improvements and economic development planning. We work with all town staff to ensure accountability to the taxpayer through our adopted policies and procedures while identifying areas for improvement on an on-going basis.

Over the past year, we have worked to align the work of the town office and the town clerk to current needs. The Selectboard hired the town's first Finance Director in March 2019 to work with the town departments to improve expense monitoring and reporting as well as complete in-house financial duties to reduce contractual costs (ex. payroll, audit preparation and grant management). The Town Clerk and Town Treasurer duties have been refocused on statutory duties rather than also including a mix of statutory Selectboard responsibilities. While there are some minor overlaps, the elected Town Clerk and Town Treasurer are independently elected to perform statutory duties and the Selectboard has no jurisdiction over the two offices, except for determining the budget amount to be presented to voters for approval.

The town's Grandlist improved slightly, after a reduction following the 2018 Reappraisal, by increasing 1.0%. The projection for the 2020 Grandlist continue to be positive but is projected to increase only 0.75% due to less new construction in town, this is less than the 2% or more growth rate that would better stabilize the town tax rate. The Board will continue to work on expense budgets that result in tax rate increases of 3.0% or less while also planning for capital expenditures and maintaining public services at their current levels. A large change to the budget presentation in the town report is the reallocation of insurance costs and payroll expenses which had been included in General Government. This change will, just for this year's budget presentation, show a large decrease in general government, and large increases to highway, fire and library budgets. To help show how the four budgets would have changed without this adjustment, a "w/o Payroll Adj" line is added to show what the increase or decrease would have been for FY2021.

In the 2020 Town Meeting Warning, the Board is again seeking approval to utilize \$30,000 (the second year in a row) from the unassigned General Fund Balance to reduce the municipal tax rate increase. The Gihon Valley Hall Committee is seeking \$17,500 to continue the repair work at the former Grange Hall in North Hyde Park, following a successful completion of clearing title to the parcel and re-roofing in 2019.

If the town budget, proposed to increase 4.46%, and special funding articles are approved, the FY2020-2021 municipal tax rate is projected to increase 2.84% over the current FY2020 rate. The increased rate results in about an additional \$22.00 per year for every \$100,000 of assessed property value.

In 2019, the Board accomplished the following:

- Signed contracts for new digital land records management with KoFile and for computer backup & online security with TechGroup
- Approved the implementation of a multi-year program to purchase two AED units (Automated External Defibrillator) per year, managed by the Hyde Park FAST Squad – estimated \$4,200 per year. The goal is to reach recognition as a "Heart Safe" community:
<https://www.yourethecure.org/do-you-live-in-a-heart-safe-community>

- Modified the Town Investment Policy based on recommendations from the Town Investments Committee
- Decided not to pursue the acceptance of Route 15 as a Class 1 Town Highway which would shift maintenance responsibilities to the town, some increase in state funding, and allow the town to control some aspects of design, such as streetscape improvements which are currently controlled by the State of Vermont
- Appointed the Hyde Park Fiber Committee to explore options for extending high-speed internet to all homes and businesses. Regional planning is assisting in the review of options
- Accepted grant funding from the VT Department of Health to construct a pocket park on the Courthouse parcel; funds made available by participation in the Better Connections grant
- Accepted a \$110,000 loan from the VT Municipal Equipment Loan Fund for the joint purchase with the Town of Eden for a new fire truck for the North Hyde Park Eden / Fire Department, Inc.
- Accepted a \$50,000 grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program to study Village Center stormwater solutions, the “Net Zero” project; to be completed by Watershed Consulting, Inc.
- Adopted the amendments to the ATV Ordinance to allow cross-town routes on some paved roads
- Approved the split of the \$8,000 received from the Sterling View MHP loan; \$4,000 to highway capital reserve and \$4,000 to the economic development reserve fund
- Approved the purchase of a new John Deere front loader for \$142,844
- Met with Hyde Park Town Fire Department and North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department, Inc. to review reduced volunteer roster, call numbers to each service area, capital equipment, asking the state to take responsibility for state highway crash traffic control, billing insurance companies for costs of motor vehicle crashes
- Conducted a public information meeting for the “Sink Hole” project along West Main Street and Johnson Street Extension – realignment of West Main to a “T-Intersection” onto Main Street and stormwater improvements on both roads
- Adopted the Hyde Park Healthy Community Policy and signed the 3-4-50 Commitment Letter: both can be viewed here: www.hydeparkvt.com
- Approved the Hyde Park Conflict of Interest Policy
- Assigned \$23,900 from the highway department’s FY2019 unspent culvert budget to FY2020.
- Increased the Town Fund Balance Policy goal to retain up to 20% of annual revenues for emergency purposes, tax rate reduction and other purposes approved by voters
- Adopted the 2019 Town Road and Bridge Standards; effective July 18, 2019
- Approved the contract for re-roofing of the Grange Hall in North Hyde Park for \$47,755
- Supported the Vermont ATV Sportsman’s Association request for a VT100 trail crossing at Longmore Hill Road
- Approved the purchase of brine mixing equipment for winter road maintenance from the Town of St. Albans at not to exceed \$18,000
- Approved 3% penalty for late filed homestead declarations
- Ordered discontinuance and reclassification of town highways; middle & north end of Webster Road to Trail, Munson Road discontinued, TH73 discontinued, Crabapple Lane accepted as Class 3, end of Orchard Terrace discontinued, Sterling View Road extended (the loop) as Class 3, end of Bornemann Road discontinued and end of Depot St Extension to Class 4
- Increased seasonal winter plow operators hourly wage to \$17.00/hour
- Approved the replacement of the town computer server at \$9,000

- Met with the Town of Eden Selectboard to consider the Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Resolution to establish the 50-50 share of fire costs between the two towns
- Emergency meeting held to discuss damage to 39 roads following the November 1 rainstorm: approving up to \$102,000 for emergency winter paving
- Applied for Better Roads grant funding to improve stormwater control on McKinstry Hill Road
- Amended the Vendor policy to allow insurance paperwork waiver if total vendor agreement less than \$500 per year
- Reviewed highway projects in the planning phase; new catch basin at Depot St Extension, new turnaround on Prospect Street, Main Street 4-way stop at Depot, Eden and East Main Street
- Began to work with the Hyde Park Community Circle and their need to attract new volunteers

In 2020, the Board intends to work on the following:

- Review town health insurance benefits, possibly shifting to a high deductible plan
- Consider and adopt revisions to the Town Personnel Policy
- Facilitate economic development where possible with limited use of property taxes
- Continue town highway garage repairs; one new work bay and energy improvements
- Continue work on unclassified town highways, reviewing Class 4 roads for needed improvements under the MRGP rules, and securing easements for town plow truck turnaround areas
- Negotiate a new highway department union contract (IBEW) which expires 06/30/2020

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

Susan Bartlett, Chair

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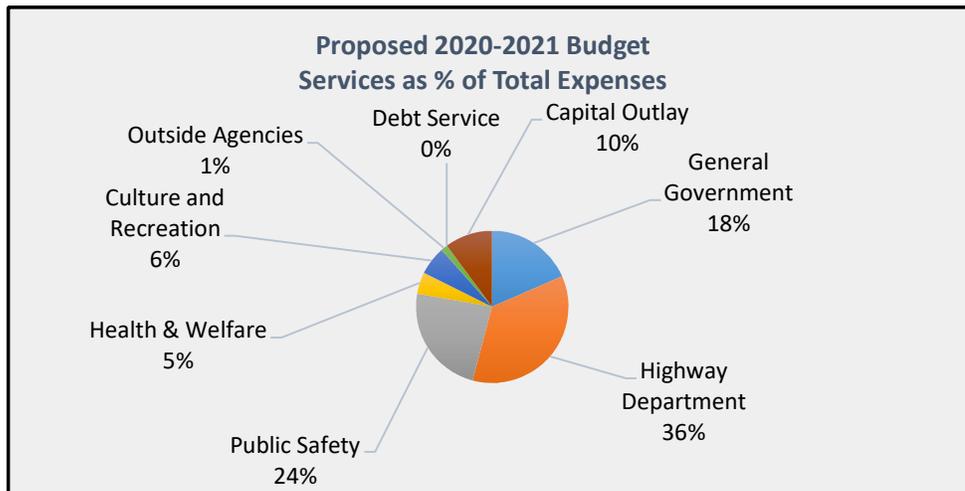
David Gagnier

MUNICIPAL REVENUES	BUDGET FY2019	ACTUAL FY2019	CURRENT FY2020	PROPOSED FY2021	CHANGE FY20 to FY21
Tax Revenues					
Current Property Taxes	2,011,950	1,833,724	2,111,700	2,184,700	73,000
Current Property Taxes - Interest	4,500	4,101	4,500	4,000	(500)
Delinquent Taxes	0	185,951	0	0	0
Delinquent Taxes - Interest	15,000	24,403	15,000	18,000	3,000
Delinquent Taxes - Penalty	10,000	24,831	10,000	18,000	8,000
State Payments Withheld & EEGL	12,000	21,917	7,000	21,000	14,000
Current Use - Hold Harmless	98,000	106,402	98,000	104,000	6,000
PILOT Revenue - ANR & State Buildings	27,000	61,682	58,600	59,000	400
Subtotal	2,178,450	2,263,011	2,304,800	2,408,700	103,900
Licenses and Permits					
Liquor Licenses	100	230	100	100	0
Dog Licenses	3,500	3,763	3,500	3,500	0
Building Permits	3,500	4,658	4,000	5,000	1,000
Vehicle Overweight Permits	300	510	300	300	0
Driveway & Highway Access Permits	400	675	400	400	0
Subtotal	7,800	9,836	8,300	9,300	1,000
Fines and Interest					
Local Traffic Fines	4,000	5,826	4,000	4,000	0
Dog Fines	200	320	200	200	0
Interest on Investments	1,000	6,026	1,000	1,000	0
Subtotal	5,200	12,172	5,200	5,200	0
Grant Revenue					
VNRC Permit Guide	0	1,500	0	0	0
Other Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	0	1,500	0	0	0
Recreation					
Ballfield Rentals	1,500	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000
Ballfield Concessions	3,000	4,397	3,000	4,000	1,000
Ballfield Donations	500	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	5,000	6,397	4,000	6,000	2,000
Other Revenue					
Municipal History Books - 1972 & 2007	50	31	50	0	(50)
Photocopier Use Fee	2,800	3,384	2,800	2,800	0
Community Room Rental Fees	100	0	50	0	(50)
Town Clerk and Recording Fees	28,000	29,369	28,000	28,000	0
Use of General Fund Balance	40,000	0	30,000	30,000	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,000	8,473	4,000	5,000	1,000
Subtotal	73,950	41,257	64,900	65,800	900
Highway Department					
State Aid to Highways	131,000	132,861	131,000	131,000	0
Sales of Gas/Diesel/Materials	2,000	5,174	2,000	4,000	2,000
Grants - Better Roads, Better Connect	0	56,151	0	0	0
Misc Revenue	0	2,181	0	0	0
Subtotal	133,000	196,367	133,000	135,000	2,000
Fire Department					
Donations and Grants	1,000	19,193	1,000	1,000	0
Sale of Equipment & Other Income	0	1,084	0	0	0
Subtotal	1,000	20,277	1,000	1,000	0
Lanpher Memorial Library					
Investment Interest	12,000	7,457	9,000	12,000	3,000
Donations	0	6,294	0	0	0
Grants & Other Revenue	0	8,906	0	0	0
Subtotal	12,000	22,657	9,000	12,000	3,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,416,400	\$ 2,573,474	\$ 2,530,200	\$ 2,643,000	\$ 112,800
				% Change = 4.46%	

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2019	ACTUAL FY2019	CURRENT FY2020	PROPOSED FY2021	CHANGE FY20 to FY21
General Government					
Town Office Wages & Benefits					
Selectboard	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	0
Employee Recognition	1,500	1,440	2,000	2,000	0
Wages and Salaries	161,900	155,368	167,900	179,100	11,200
Town Clerk Salary	29,900	29,900	42,700	44,000	1,300
Town Treasurer Salary	29,900	29,900	18,300	18,900	600
Delinquent Tax Collector & Asst. DTC	3,250	3,264	3,250	3,250	0
Subtotal	\$230,200	\$223,622	\$237,900	\$251,000	\$13,100
Benefits and Payroll Expense					
Health & Dental Benefit Costs	110,700	102,104	105,300	41,400	(63,900)
Payroll Taxes and Workers' Compensation	68,100	59,177	68,100	32,100	(36,000)
Pension	27,800	27,126	27,400	14,000	(13,400)
Life Insurance & Short-term Disability	2,200	1,892	2,200	2,200	0
Subtotal	\$208,800	\$190,299	\$203,000	\$89,700	-\$113,300
Town Office Expenses					
Supplies	8,000	6,755	8,000	7,500	(500)
Meetings, Education & Training	2,500	1,364	2,500	2,500	0
Travel	2,000	1,379	2,000	2,000	0
Postage	4,000	4,371	4,000	4,500	500
Advertising	3,000	1,914	3,000	2,500	(500)
Telephone	5,000	5,141	5,000	5,200	200
Professional Services - NEMRC & IT	6,200	13,613	12,200	12,200	0
Equipment Purchases & Repairs	6,000	852	6,000	6,000	0
Equipment Lease - Copier	3,000	2,809	3,000	3,000	0
KoFile Equipment Lease - Land Records	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	0
Misc Charges, Services and Fees	1,500	1,171	1,500	1,500	0
Subtotal	\$43,300	\$41,469	\$49,300	\$49,000	-\$300
Town Auditing and Reporting					
Printing of Town Reports	3,000	2,110	2,000	2,000	0
Professional Services - Town Audit	10,250	11,020	12,500	12,500	0
Subtotal	\$13,250	\$13,130	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$0
Town Listers, Tax Mapping & BCA					
Listers' Salaries	5,000	5,489	6,000	6,000	0
Listers' Salaries - Reappraisal	0	244	0	0	0
BCA Salaries & Election Expenses	2,500	1,924	1,500	3,000	1,500
Assessment Services - NEMRC	5,000	1,200	5,000	5,000	0
Mapping Services	5,000	6,600	5,000	5,000	0
Subtotal	\$17,500	\$15,457	\$17,500	\$19,000	\$1,500
Buildings and Grounds					
Supplies	1,500	693	1,500	1,500	0
Lawns and Landscaping	1,500	198	1,500	1,000	(500)
Cleaning - Town Office	2,000	915	2,000	1,500	(500)
Repairs - Town Office	1,000	3,811	1,000	2,000	1,000
Repairs - Grange Hall	3,500	8,725	3,500	3,500	0
Subtotal	\$9,500	\$14,342	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$0
Insurances, Legal Expenses & Dues					
Lamoille County Courthouse Tax	26,600	26,544	26,600	26,900	300
VLCT Membership Dues	4,200	4,441	4,400	4,500	100
Chamber of Commerce Dues	200	211	200	200	0
Legal Services	5,000	17,142	5,000	6,000	1,000
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	49,000	38,604	44,000	15,600	(28,400)
Subtotal	\$85,000	\$86,942	\$80,200	\$53,200	-\$27,000
General Government Total	\$607,550	\$585,261	\$611,900	\$485,900	-\$126,000
				% Change = -20.59%	
				<i>w/o Payroll Adj</i>	-2.08%

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2019	ACTUAL FY2019	CURRENT FY2020	PROPOSED FY2021	CHANGE FY20 to FY21
Highway Department					
Hyde Park Highway Department					
Wages	233,695	238,512	246,500	260,200	13,700
Health & Dental Benefit Costs	0	0	0	46,600	46,600
Payroll Taxes and Workers' Compensation	0	0	0	29,900	29,900
Pension	0	0	0	13,300	13,300
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	0	0	0	12,500	12,500
Technical Services - Engineering	500	583	0	0	0
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	11,000	7,401	11,000	11,000	0
Culverts	32,500	533	0	38,000	38,000
Chloride	27,000	21,824	27,000	25,000	(2,000)
Cold Patch	3,000	3,504	3,000	3,000	0
Paving	225,000	237,034	225,000	225,000	0
Salt	90,000	89,572	90,000	92,000	2,000
Road Signs	6,000	2,284	5,000	5,000	0
Purchased Service - Gravel Crushing	0	200	38,000	0	(38,000)
Purchased Service - Line Striping	5,000	5,840	5,000	6,000	1,000
Erosion Control Materials, Equip. & MRGP	10,000	7,818	10,000	10,000	0
Roadside Cutting, Hazard Trees & Brush	7,000	7,900	12,000	12,000	0
Fuel	55,000	52,565	55,000	55,000	0
Road Maintenance Projects	9,000	10,368	9,000	15,000	6,000
Subtotal	\$714,695	\$685,938	\$736,500	\$859,500	\$123,000
Garage Expenses					
Supplies and Office Equipment	5,100	3,914	5,000	4,500	(500)
Meetings and Dues	300	407	400	400	0
Telephone	1,100	964	1,100	1,100	0
Electricity	4,500	4,737	4,500	5,000	500
Heating Fuel	2,000	444	1,000	1,000	0
Miscellaneous Garage Expenses	500	0	500	500	0
Uniform Service	4,200	4,870	4,400	5,200	800
Rubbish Removal	2,000	1,690	2,000	2,000	0
Tools	2,000	1,734	2,500	2,000	(500)
Permits/Compliance, Training & Safety	2,500	3,749	3,000	2,500	(500)
Building Repairs, Maintenance & Misc.	3,000	12,618	3,000	3,000	0
Heavy Equipment Maintenance	45,000	58,244	50,000	50,000	0
Small Equipment Purchases/Repairs	10,000	6,177	10,000	9,000	(1,000)
Subtotal	\$82,200	\$99,548	\$87,400	\$86,200	-\$1,200
Grant Expenses					
GR1242 - Better Connections	0	61,107	0	0	0
EH05&MM18 - Johnson St Ext "Sink Hole"	0	34,370	0	0	0
VLCT Equipment Grant	0	3,009	0	0	0
GIA2019 - Grants in Aid - Battle Row Rd	0	41,317	0	0	0
Grant Expenses Total	\$0	\$139,803	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway Department Total	\$796,895	\$925,289	\$823,900	\$945,700	\$121,800
				% Change = 14.78%	
				w/o Payroll Adj 2.37%	

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2019	ACTUAL FY2019	CURRENT FY2020	PROPOSED FY2021	CHANGE FY20 to FY21
Public Safety					
Hyde Park Fire Department					
Salaries	20,000	17,066	20,000	20,000	0
Payroll Taxes and Workers' Compensation	0	0	0	6,100	6,100
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	0	0	0	5,100	5,100
Office Supplies	700	967	700	700	0
Medical / Physicals	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
Telephone	900	977	900	1,500	600
Insurance	1,200	1,092	1,200	1,200	0
Chemicals	400	0	400	400	0
Fire Prevention	500	335	500	500	0
Training	1,000	890	1,000	1,000	0
Equipment	10,000	13,798	10,000	10,000	0
Equipment Maintenance & Permits	4,000	7,576	4,500	6,000	1,500
Truck Maintenance	8,000	8,849	8,000	9,000	1,000
Radio Maintenance	2,200	1,897	2,200	2,200	0
Gas & Oil	3,000	2,725	3,500	3,500	0
Electricity	3,000	3,752	3,000	4,500	1,500
Heating Fuel	3,000	3,882	3,000	4,000	1,000
Building Maintenance	3,000	2,726	3,000	3,000	0
Dry Hydrants - Maint. & Grant Expenses	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
Misc. Expenses and Dues	2,000	1,614	2,000	2,000	0
Subtotal	\$65,900	\$68,146	\$66,900	\$83,700	\$16,800
				% Change = 25.11%	
				<i>w/o Payroll Adj</i>	8.37%
FAST Squad & Emergency Management					
Training, Supplies & Radios	2,500	2,763	2,000	2,500	500
FAST Stipend	3,000	2,233	2,000	1,500	(500)
AED Portable Defibrillator Units - 2 units/yr	0	0	4,200	4,200	0
AED Maintenance and Batteries	0	0	0	500	500
Emergency Planning & Equipment	500	318	500	500	0
E911 Number Signs	3,000	2,975	3,000	3,000	0
Subtotal	\$9,000	\$8,289	\$11,700	\$12,200	\$500
N Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department					
General Expenses & Insurance	30,425	30,425	33,525	36,800	3,275
Subtotal	\$30,425	\$30,425	\$33,525	\$36,800	\$3,275
Police Services - Sheriff's Dept.					
LCSD - Patrol	382,700	382,658	408,400	420,700	12,300
LCSD - Communications	75,300	75,244	74,300	71,100	(3,200)
Subtotal	\$458,000	\$457,902	\$482,700	\$491,800	\$9,100
Public Safety Total	\$563,325	\$564,762	\$594,825	\$624,500	\$29,675
				% Change = 4.99%	



Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2019	ACTUAL FY2019	CURRENT FY2020	PROPOSED FY2021	CHANGE FY20 to FY21
<u>Health and Welfare</u>					
Ambulance Services					
Northern Emergency Medical Srv (NEMS)	94,100	94,026	103,900	117,500	13,600
Subtotal	\$94,100	\$94,026	\$103,900	\$117,500	\$13,600
					% Change = 13.09%
Animal Control					
Salaries	2,500	677	2,500	1,500	(1,000)
Supplies	400	246	400	400	0
Travel	500	225	500	500	0
Purchased Service - Kennel fees	1,000	70	1,000	1,000	0
Equipment and Training	500	0	500	500	0
Subtotal	\$4,900	\$1,218	\$4,900	\$3,900	-\$1,000
Health & Welfare Total	\$99,000	\$95,244	\$108,800	\$121,400	\$12,600
					% Change = 11.58%
<u>Culture & Recreation</u>					
Cemeteries					
Hyde Park Cemetery Commission	20,000	20,000	20,000	22,500	2,500
Subtotal	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$22,500	\$2,500
Lanpher Memorial Library					
Salaries	51,100	50,259	52,100	54,400	2,300
Health & Dental Benefit Costs	0	0	0	18,700	18,700
Payroll Taxes and Workers' Compensation	0	0	0	6,900	6,900
Pension	0	0	0	2,300	2,300
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	0	0	0	3,700	3,700
Supplies	1,700	1,937	1,700	1,700	0
Meetings, Professional Development	1,000	593	1,300	1,000	(300)
Postage	1,000	1,017	1,000	1,000	0
Telephone	1,300	1,209	1,300	1,300	0
Electricity	2,200	2,209	2,500	2,500	0
Heating Fuel	3,500	3,192	3,500	3,500	0
Materials/Programs	15,100	24,499	14,200	17,100	2,900
Professional Services - VOL, GMLC	1,700	1,717	2,000	2,000	0
Technology	1,800	1,503	1,800	1,500	(300)
Custodial Services	4,000	3,705	4,000	4,000	0
Building Maintenance & Repairs	2,900	11,368	2,900	2,500	(400)
Grant Expense	0	591	0	0	0
Subtotal	\$87,300	\$103,799	\$88,300	\$124,100	\$35,800
					% Change = 40.54%
					<i>w/o Payroll Adj</i> 4.76%
Recreation Committee					
Supplies	2,500	3,106	2,500	3,000	500
Propane - Concession Stand	700	328	700	500	(200)
Purchased Service - Mowing	2,000	4,325	2,000	4,000	2,000
Grounds Maintenance - Misc	2,500	437	2,500	500	(2,000)
Subtotal	\$7,700	\$8,196	\$7,700	\$8,000	\$300
Community Events & Facilities					
Community Events & Green Up Day	2,000	2,993	1,500	2,000	500
Green Mountain Byway and LVRT	0	6,881	0	2,000	2,000
Hyde Park Community Circle	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Subtotal	\$3,000	\$10,874	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$2,500
Culture & Recreation Total	\$118,000	\$142,869	\$118,500	\$159,600	\$41,100
					% Change = 34.68%

Municipal Expenses	BUDGET FY2019	ACTUAL FY2019	CURRENT FY2020	PROPOSED FY2021	CHANGE FY20 to FY21
<u>Outside Agencies Support</u>					
Lamoille County Conservation District	500	500	500	500	0
Lamoille County Planning Commission	1,829	1,829	1,829	1,829	0
Lamoille Economic Development Corp.	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Hyde Park Softball/Baseball	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Lamoille Home Health & Hospice	8,862	8,862	8,862	8,862	0
Lamoille Neighbors	0	0	600	800	200
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	710	710	710	710	0
Capstone Community Action	300	300	0	0	0
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	0
Lamoille Family Center	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Lamoille Restorative Center	900	900	900	900	0
Central Vermont Council on Aging/RSVP	1,725	1,725	1,725	1,725	0
Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0
River Arts	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Home Share Vermont	500	500	500	500	0
North Country Animal League	500	500	500	500	0
Lamoille County Special Investigations Unit	1,907	1,907	1,907	1,907	0
Lamoille Housing Partnership	300	300	300	300	0
Hyde Park Youth Mentoring Program	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0
Rural Community Transport	3,350	3,350	3,350	3,350	0
HP Village Improvement Association	200	200	0	0	0
Lamoille Community Food Share	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
American Red Cross - Northern VT	250	250	250	250	0
HPES After School Program	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
VT Association of Conservation Districts	100	100	100	100	0
Outside Agencies Total	\$36,583	\$36,583	\$36,683	\$36,883	\$200
				% Change = 0.55%	
<u>Capital Outlay & Reserves</u>					
Municipal Record Restoration	0	25,000	0	0	0
Economic Development Reserve	0	4,258	0	0	0
Recreation Reserve	0	8,676	0	0	0
Reappraisal Reserve Fund	0	14,000	0	14,000	14,000
Sidewalk Reserve	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0
Highway Capital Reserve	110,000	157,787	130,000	140,000	10,000
Stormwater Capital Reserve	0	0	0	2,000	2,000
Fire Vehicles Reserve	40,000	40,000	62,500	65,000	2,500
Fire Equipment & Repair Reserve	10,000	13,034	10,000	12,000	2,000
Library Reserve	0	0	0	6,000	6,000
Infrastructure/Repairs/Engineering	8,047	5,606	8,092	5,017	(3,075)
Capital Outlay & Reserves Total	\$193,047	\$293,361	\$235,592	\$269,017	\$33,425
				% Change = 14.19%	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL EXPENSES	\$2,414,400	\$2,643,369	\$2,530,200	\$2,643,000	\$112,800
				% Change = 4.46%	

RESERVE FUND BALANCE SHEETS - as of June 30, 2019		
Fund Name & Number	Fund Balance	Funds from:
Municipal Record Restoration (Fund 11)	\$ 6,337	Recording Fees
Economic Development (Fund 12)	\$ 18,285	Harvey Loan Proceeds (Split w/H
Recreation Reserve (Fund 13)	\$ 8,676	Audited Town Recreation Budget
Reappraisal (Fund 14)	\$ 53,967	Annual State Grant
Grange Hall Maintenance (Fund 15)	\$ 44,132	Voter Appropriation Articles
Sidewalk/Bike Projects (Fund 21)	\$ 115,087	Annual Town Budget
Highway Capital Reserve (Fund 22)	\$ 97,989	Annual Town Budget
Stormwater Capital Reserve (Fund 23)	\$ 30,056	Annual Town Budget
Fire Vehicle (Fund 31)	\$ 113,740	Annual Town Budget
Fire Equipment & Repair (Fund 32)	\$ 9,195	Annual Town Budget
Library Building Reserve (Fund 41)	\$ -	Interest Earned on Investments

Approved by Selectboard on 01-29-2020



Tax Rate Projection

Town Budget	2,643,000.00
Non-Property Tax Revenue	(458,300.00)
To Be Raised from Property Tax Revenue	2,184,700.00
2020 Grand List - 0.75% Increase from 2019	2,766,858.97
Tax Rate (Rounded)	0.7896
ADD - Amount to recover State School Taxes not collected from Local Exemptions	9,048
ADD - Local Agreement Rate (Rounded)	0.0033
Tax Rate With Local Agreement	0.7929
ADD - Town Meeting Funding Requests, if approved:	
Lamoille County Mental Health Services: \$	2,000
Lamoille Family Center & Healthy Lamoille Valley	1,500
Total Requests by Article = \$	3,500
If articles approved, adds to tax rate:	0.0013
TOTAL Tax Rate With All Approvals \$	0.7942

Summary of Proposed Budget Changes & History

Revenues

Increase to reflect actuals Delinquent Tax Penalty Collected	\$	8,000
Increase to reflect actuals State Payments	\$	14,000

Expenses

Payroll = 3.0% COLA for employees - plus staffing changes	\$	11,200
All departments adjusted to show payroll expenses; prior all were in Admin.		Varies
Increase for "small road projects" line item; typically non-grant eligible projects	\$	6,000
LCSD Patrol Budget increased cost for cruisers & wage increases	\$	12,300
NEMS Ambulance staffing wage increases to meet market demand	\$	13,600
Green Mountain Byway & LVRT Trailhead Improvements and Marketing	\$	2,000
Highway Capital Equipment Fund - goal is gradually to \$215,000/yr	\$	10,000
Library Capital Reserve - goal is to gradually reach \$12,000/yr	\$	6,000

Annual Expense Budget History

		\$ Change
FY14	\$2,102,612	
FY15	\$2,138,100	\$ 35,488
FY16	\$2,200,900	\$ 62,800
FY17	\$2,348,545	\$ 147,645
FY18	\$2,285,400	\$ (63,145)
FY19	\$2,416,400	\$ 131,000
FY20 Current	\$2,530,200	\$ 113,800
FY21 Proposed	\$2,643,000	\$ 112,800

Tax Rate History

		% Increase
FY14	\$0.6534	
FY15	\$0.6539	0.08%
FY16	\$0.6715	2.69%
FY17	\$0.6893	2.65%
FY18	\$0.7006	1.64%
FY19	\$0.7428	6.02%
FY20 Current	\$0.7722	3.96%
FY21 Proposed	\$0.7942	2.84%

Impact of Municipal Rate Increase = For every \$100,000 of property value, the taxpayer owes an additional \$21.96 per year in municipal property taxes (excludes school); per\$100= \$0.02196

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town Administrator is appointed by and supervised by the Selectboard to assist the board in conducting the day-to-day activities of the local government. I was appointed to this position in September 2011 and serve as the town zoning administrative officer, E911 Coordinator, staff to the Planning Commission & staff to the Development Review Board; support the work of the Historic Sites Committee (recently reorganized as the Gihon Valley Hall Committee) and from time to time assist the Town Health Officer & Animal Control Officers.

The Town Administrator works with all town departments and volunteer boards to plan for the immediate and long-term needs of the community and to ensure that the operation of local government is as transparent as possible. The administrator seeks and processes grants to supplement property tax revenues and proposes proactive measures to address potentially difficult or costly situations, such as developing new town policies and procedures or coordinating efforts with regional and state agencies. The Town has implemented financial policies and procedures recommended by the outside auditor and the Town Treasurer. A new position of Town Finance Director was created to serve the Selectboard in all things finance. The town website home page includes links to the town's parcel map and related property assessment information as well as a link to the video for the last several Selectboard meetings.

The town benefits immensely from the input of citizens. Town staff and volunteers will listen and consider new ideas or proposals for our community. Public comments are encouraged on any topic at any time. Meeting agendas and notices are posted on area bulletin boards (municipal office, town library and post office), the Front Porch Forum email service, and the town website (www.hydeparkvt.com), with public hearings warned in The News and Citizen. Residents are encouraged to stop by my office during my normal business hours or contact me via email at any time - ron@hydeparkvt.com

Moving forward in 2020, work on the renovation of the town highway garage will continue. Other projects include planning for capital investments in North Hyde Park and the Village of Hyde Park via the final Better Connections Grant Project and other planning studies, installing stormwater management systems on the town office parcel and Johnson St. Extension, completing the construction of enhancements to the Hyde Park section of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, renewal of the Highway Union Contract with IBEW, and continuing the review of town employee health benefits. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to offer support in any of these areas, please contact me, any Selectboard member or attend a Selectboard meeting (the first few minutes of each meeting are open for any public comment).

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

Ron Rodjenski
Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

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

During the 2019 calendar year, our office managed three elections and was on hand to check in Hyde Park voters at the Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Annual Meeting. All elections require registering new voters, managing absentee ballot requests, staffing the polls with election staff and having enough people in place to count ballots after the polls close. Each election requires approximately 4-6 weeks of pre-election work and approximately 3-5 days of post-election work. Local election ballots are hand counted with state-wide election results counted by the tabulator. Although we take great pride in our efforts to efficiently manage all elections, we would not be able to do it without the people who volunteer to assist us during elections. To those election workers, we offer a heart-felt thank you for your assistance during elections in 2019.

In December, we changed our digital recording vendor and now use Kofile. The new vendor provides us with a higher level of responsive customer service, as needed. Kofile also provides us the platform to make our land records available online. Our land record index will be searchable and images can be purchased by signing up for an account and paying for them online. Our index is digitized back to 2005. Beyond that is searching the card index in the vault. We are working on getting our index online and hope to go live with this feature very soon.

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

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

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

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

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

Assistant Clerk Dawn Slayton retired at the end of November after 33 years with the town. The Selectboard hosted a retirement party for her. Many people from town and the surrounding area showed up to thank her for all she has done and to wish her well in retirement.

The Town Clerk's Office hours are Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm. We have summer hours of Monday through Thursday 7:30am to 4:00pm and Friday 8am to 1pm that start the first Monday in June. We end summer hours the last Friday in August, unless that day is tax day, then we end summer hours the Friday of the week before. These hours have worked well and we will continue to use these summer hours going forward.

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

In the last year, there has been a shift of some financial responsibilities. The Selectboard created the position of Finance Director and hired Alyson Cusson to fill the role. That position is now processing all the day-to-day finance related duties like AP, payroll and working with the grant administrator to keep all the grant paperwork up to date. That leaves the position of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer with the responsibilities as outlined in Vermont Statutes.

Glenna Pound, CPA, is the current town auditor. She will have our FY19 audit finalized by the time this report is published. Copies of the FY19 audit can be viewed in the office and will be uploaded to our website under the Treasurer's link as soon as it is available.

At the Lanpher Memorial Library Trustee meeting in December, the Trustees and the Friends of the Library gave me the honor of having a chair dedicated in my name for "everything I do as Clerk and Treasurer" to help the Library. Our jobs are ever changing due to never ending changes in state statute and continuing education is required for us to stay on top of the requirements of our elected and appointed positions.

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

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

We are looking forward to a busy election year!

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

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
STATEMENT OF TOWN INDEBTEDNESS
07/01/2018 – 06/30/2019**

Balance outstanding, 06/30/2018		\$0.00	
Paid:			
	\$0.00		
	Total Paid	(\$0.00)	
New Loans:	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Matures</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
	Total New Loans		0.00
Balance outstanding, 06/30/2019		\$0.00	

**TAX ACCOUNTING
As of June 30, 2019**

Tax Billing: \$6,160,180.59

Total Tax Receipts:	\$ 6,055,359.15	Current Year Collected 07/01/18 - 06/30/19
	\$ 6,542.81	Interest 07/01/18 - 06/30/19
	\$ 5,476.96	Penalty 07/01/18 - 06/30/19
	\$ 6,067,378.92	Total

Taxes sent to schools: \$3,168,111.73 Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District

Sent to Delinquent Tax Collector

On May 16, 2019:	\$177,189.22	Unpaid Taxes due for 07/01/18 - 06/30/2019
	\$ 4,019.23	Unpaid Interest due for 07/01/18 - 06/30/2019
	\$181,208.45	Total Unpaid

Town of Hyde Park Tax Information:

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

2019 LISTERS' REPORT

Common Level of Appraisal

The Town's CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) has decreased to 97.43%. The CLA is calculated using the last three years of sales data. This year's study utilized sales from 4/2/2016 to 4/1/2019. The three year analysis causes the CLA to move more slowly than the general market, either upward or downward. The Coefficient of Dispersion increased from 4.7% last year to 7.28%, showing very good uniformity of appraisal for different property types in the Grand List. The higher the COD is, the greater the disparity.

Grand List

The 2019 Grand List increased by 1.04% over the 2018 Grand List. This is the largest increase we have had in a decade.

Homestead Declarations

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

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

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

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

Online Resources

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

Property Valuation & Review Annual Reports

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

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

Tax Maps

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

Office Hours & Grievances

There is a Lister in the Town Offices at least one afternoon per week. If you have questions or need help understanding how your property is assessed, we can be contacted at 888-2300. If you leave a voice-mail we will call you back. You can also e-mail us at lister@hydeparkvt.com. Grievance hearings are held in late May or early June. You may request a grievance hearing at any time by sending a letter (or email) to the Board of Listers at the Town Offices. Please include a phone number and we will contact you to set an appointment when we have scheduled the hearings.

Gary Anderson, Deanna Judkins, Julie Rohleder

Hyde Park Town Listers

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

During the 2019 road work season, the highway crew completed the following:

- Fixed Spring mud holes / shaped roads for chloride dust control; Mowed roadsides
- Cleaned up winter sand left along roadways in the Village and North Hyde Park and built back the winter sand pile
- Cleaned stormwater catch basins
- Completed major emergency repairs following the November 1 rainstorm; FEMA grant being pursued
- Added gravel road shoulders following the summer paving work
- Continued to work towards compliance with the new Municipal Roads General Permit by adding crowns to paved and gravel roads, removing roadside berms to create negative grade road shoulders and improve ditching and swales by clearing roadside vegetation
- Stripped next section of town gravel and sand pit at McFarlane Road
- Major:



McKinstry Hill Rd 11/01/2019

- **The “Sink Hole” Project** – Nicknamed for how this stormwater system improvement project was started when a sink hole appeared on a private property on Johnson Street Extension. The project grew in scope to include an intersection realignment at West Main and Johnson St Extension. VTrans is providing a \$435,000 grant with a 20% grant match required, possible construction in Summer 2020.
- **East Main Street** – Completed a full length milling of the top 2” to 4” of pavement then repaved entire length with 2” of hot mix asphalt; total cost \$94,500.

Projects Planned Summer 2020:

East Main Street – ongoing culvert replacement planning; near Ten Bends Brewery entrance

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

Better Connections & Net Zero Projects – review priority recommendations for capital investment in Village of Hyde Park with construction starting on water mains in 2020

Better Roads Grant – pending application for funds to upgrade an existing culvert and ditching along McKinstry Hill Road north of Bourdeau Road.

Paving – if state grant funds awarded, culverts & pave Center Road and other roads being reviewed

LVRT – trail park at West Main St crossing – benches and landscaping

Thank You! ...for your nice words and compliments as we try our best to keep the roads cleared of snow & ice and summer traveling smooth.

The Highway Crew: Mark French, Foreman; Lead Operator Ryan Nolan, Operator/Grader Mark Lehouillier, & Operator Michael Griggs

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town Planning Commission's work over the past 2019 calendar year included:

- Approved amendments to the 2018 Land Use and Development Regulations (Zoning Bylaw).
- Supported a grant for construction of the Main Street Pocket Park; completed except for some 2020 plantings deferred from Fall 2019 planting.
- Supported a grant for the development of a local permit guide; completed and now available with permit application forms.
- Participated in consortium grant (MPG19) with the Towns of Stowe and Wolcott to study the Community Rating System and recommend changes to local bylaws to increase homeowner premium deductions for flood insurance.
- Decided to focus the Commission's work plan on redevelopment of the North Hyde Park village area by planning for improved sewer service, expanded water and fiber internet and other community investments to increase local job opportunities.
- Met with Joanne Garton on her upcoming report on resilient right-of-ways.
- Met with regional planning commission staff to begin to explore development of a decentralized sewer system to serve the village of North Hyde Park; signed letter of support for a grant to this end, but the approval from the Northern Border Regional Commission to submit a formal grant was not granted.
- Discussed creation of a Hyde Park Conservation Commission; no action taken in 2019.
- Received a \$25,000 planning grant (MPG20) for the study of pedestrian safety where state highways are located within village areas; a consortium grant with the Towns of Eden and Waterville. The regional planning commission will be the lead grant administrator.

Historic Sites Committee

The subcommittee was formed to focus on historic preservation in Hyde Park, the maintenance of the Gihon Valley Grange Hall in North Hyde Park and to bring public outreach events to the community. In late 2019, the Committee received approval from the Planning Commission to reorganize as the Gihon Valley Hall Committee focusing their revitalization efforts on the former Grange Hall (to reuse that building for community activities) and expand their area of attention to the North Hyde Park area. The Historic Sites Committee will be inactive, but if new community members are interested in reactivating the committee (which looks at the entire town for historic preservation and workshops), please let the Town Planning Commission know and some energy can then be applied to re-start their activities.

In 2020, the Town Planning Commission will be working on zoning amendments and reviewing the Municipal Plan to begin work on the tasks and projects identified in the plan. We encourage members of the public to attend our meetings.

The Commission appreciates the support from the taxpayers as we work to develop new goals and objectives for our community. The public is always encouraged to attend our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Monday of each month and questions may be directed to any commissioner for more information. Note: The Village Planning Commission partners with the Town Planning Commission on some projects and is solely responsible for the development and implementation of the Village Zoning Regulations.

Bob Malbon, Chairman

Members: Zac Cota, Vice-Chair, Vicki Emerson, Eric Williams, Brian Jones

**TOWN DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
& ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

The Development Review Board (DRB) meets when requested to consider applications for Conditional Use Review, Subdivision, and Site Plan Review and any appeals of administrative decisions. The DRB has adopted Rules of Procedure as required by State law to guide the board in the conduct of hearings and other procedures. The Village of Hyde Park has separate bylaws and those are administered by Karen Wescom at 888-2310. In 2019, the Town DRB approved the following requests:

Clancy – Patnoe Farm Road – Addition in Green River Reservoir Viewshed Overlay
Cubit – VT100 – Create 60-acre agricultural lot (Lot 6)
Emerson – Garfield Road – Create 5-lot residential subdivision
Lathrop – Depot Street Extension – Waiver of Front Yard Setback
Estate of MacWilliams – Marcoux Road – Waiver of Front Yard Setback
Prevost – Whitcomb Island Road – Auto shop expansion
VIPIEN, LLC – Ferry Street – Convert storage building to public storage rental units
Whittemore – VT100 – Waiver of Front Yard Setback

One application was denied, a welding shop proposal on Mason Road.

The DRB meets as needed. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Zoning Office at 888-2300 x2. Announcements of upcoming hearings online: www.hydeparkvt.com or at the post office and the town clerk's office.

The Zoning Administrator's office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is one general permit application for all proposed land development activities which is posted at the town website, available at the town clerk's office or by email: ron@hydeparkvt.com. A local zoning permit, permit exemption approval, or state permits are required prior to most land development activities so landowners are encouraged to contact the zoning office early in your planning process. The State of Vermont also requires that the Town refer landowners to the state permit specialist because one or more state permits are required for most land development, especially commercial developments. Land development includes subdivisions, decks, garages, new homes or businesses and changes in use.

2019 Zoning (Building) Permits consisted of:

- 7 – Single-Family Homes (History: 2018=9 homes, 2017/4; 2016/4; 2015/10; 2014/4; 2013/6)
- 0 – Apartment Units
- 2 – Outbuildings (unattached to primary residential structure)
- 5 – Additions; Attached Garages, Decks or MH Replacements
- 2 – Boundary Line Adjustments (no new lots created)
- 0 – Signs
- 7 – Site Alterations; Fill, Driveways (including accepting clean fill material); and Ponds
- 4 – Setback Waivers Granted
- 3 – Subdivisions, Easements and Subdivision Amendments (3 new residential lots)
- 5 – Commercial structures or change of use

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

LANPHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Lanpher Memorial Library, now in our 104th year, continues to serve our community in a number of ways.

From the comfort of your own home, we offer free online classes, free downloadable audio and e-book loans, access to historical newspapers, and also to thousands of databases for research (including Chilton's Manuals, Job Search, Newspapers and Journals...and much more). You can search our catalog, manage your own library account, renew and reserve materials in our collection from home too.

Of course, we hope you will visit us at the Library. Inside you will meet our friendly staff, Ruth Hay, Assistant Director; Christi Dussault, Circulation Librarian; and our volunteers Tammy Agnew, Carol Olsen, Robin Aither, and Kathy Geiersbach, all who strive to answer research questions, give a recommendation for something to read, computer help, directions -- you name it!

We host programs for people of all ages and interests, from story time and author visits for children to movie showings and book discussions for all, to Seated Yoga for seniors. This year is the third year that we have offered luncheon speaker series at Sterling View Community Center, open to all to attend and sponsored with funds from the Copley Trust. With the 2020 Summer Reading Theme: Imagine Your Story, we're already gearing up for lots of fun.

We have an area that is used by many organizations for a meeting space. In the winter, our fireplace is a cozy spot for "Fireside Fridays." In the summer, we're fully air-conditioned, so we're a cool spot to escape the heat too.

In 2019 we remembered Connie Page as the recipient of the Marrion Hood Lanpher Memorial Library Legacy Award and honored Sandy Bowen with the Lanpher Memorial Library Spirit of Community Award. We thank the Friends of the Lanpher Memorial Library, a separate non-profit organization, which provides support for the library through programming, fundraising, and other initiatives.

The Lanpher Memorial Library has been busy within Hyde Park and the surrounding community, but also on the state level. As President of the Vermont Library Association (VLA) I have been active in state wide library discussions and issues facing libraries around the United States. Our little library is certainly on the map!

Please visit our website: www.lanpherlibrary.org or stop by our location at 141 Main Street for a visit.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Olsen, Library Director

Lanpher Memorial Library Board of Trustees

Ken Geiersbach, Chairperson

Sigh Searles, Co-Chair

Jim Noyes, Treasurer

Melanie Dickinson, Secretary

Emily Dearborn

Fran Aronovici

Susan Hayes

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

The Hyde Park Cemetery Commissioners acquired the Hooper Cemetery in 2019, making the total to five (6) cemeteries to be maintained by the Cemetery Commissioners. The six cemeteries include the Village Cemetery, Jedediah Hyde Cemetery, Center Cemetery, Holbrook Cemetery, North Hyde Park Cemetery and the Hooper Cemetery.

The Hooper Cemetery has increased the availability of grave lots in Hyde Park. Lots are also available in the Jedediah Hyde Cemetery and the Center Cemetery. The price of a single lot remains the same at this time - \$375.00 which includes the corner stones. Additional lots cost \$250.00 each. Corner stones are of importance and we ask that lot owners keep their corner stones clean of grass and dirt. We have had an increase of cremation burials during the past year. There may be up to four (4) cremation burials in one lot; however, each burial has to be documented on a headstone or with a flat grave stone.

Our Rules and Regulations were updated in 2019. Copies are available at the Town Clerk's Office, on the town website www.hydeparkvt.com or contact any Cemetery Commissioner.

If anyone would like to work with us regarding the care and concerns of our cemeteries, we would appreciate your interest. We are a small group and welcome any help and suggestions.

Once again, we thank Robert & Sons Lawn Care for their service during 2019 and to Hillside Trash (Ethan and Donna) for keeping the trash barrels empty.

Please contact any Commissioner with questions you may have or for the purchase of a grave site.

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

<u>2019 FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
<u>INCOME</u>	
Hooper Cemetery to Hyde Park Cemetery	\$ 1,762.65
Sale of Lots	\$ 375.00
Town Appropriation	\$20,000.00
Interest	<u>\$ 78.83</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$22,216.48
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
- Caretaker (Robert & Sons Landscaping)	\$10,300.00
- Rubbish Removal (Hillside Trash)	\$ 48.00
- JBW Excavation (Tree removal/cleanup Center Cemetery)	\$ 7,622.50
- JBW Excavation – Staymat Village Cemetery	\$ 3,315.75
- Postage (stamps)	\$ 12.15
- Clegg's Memorials	\$ 120.00
- Appropriations	
-Plains	\$ 1,375.00
-St. Teresa's	\$ 1,375.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$24,168.40
NET INCOME	(\$ 1,951.92)
BENJAMIN CAMPBELL FUND	
Balance as of 12/31/2018	\$ 4,313.00
Balance as of 12/31/2019	\$ 2,361.08

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

Keith Ulrich was appointed on October 1, 2019 for a three-year term. By law each Vermont town has a Health Officer. Town Health Officers have the authority to prevent and abate public health hazards in their communities. The majority of their work involves environmental health issues such as failed septic systems, unsafe drinking water, rental housing sanitation, and animal bites. Keith attended trainings provided by VT League of Cities and Towns and VT Department of Health. Keith may be reached at 802-730-9340.

From the Vermont Department of Health

<http://healthvermont.gov>

Duties of Town Health Officers:

- ❖ Investigate conditions that may be a public health hazard
- ❖ Enforce the provisions of Title 18 – Vermont’s Public Health Law
- ❖ Prevent, remove, or destroy any public health hazard in accordance with Title 18
- ❖ Take steps necessary to enforce all health orders

Source: 18 V.S.A. § 602a (a)

Examples of Town Health Officer Responses

- ❖ Complaints of failing sewage systems that may affect the public’s health
- ❖ Rental housing complaints
- ❖ Complaints of animal cruelty & animal bites
- ❖ Closing swimming areas that may be a public health threat
- ❖ Local compliance with Vermont’s Lead Law

RABIES – Rabies is a deadly viral disease of the brain that infects mammals. Rabies is most often seen among wild animals such as raccoons, skunks, foxes and bats. Cats, dogs and livestock can also get rabies if they have not been vaccinated for rabies. Rabid animals show a change in their normal behavior, but you cannot tell whether an animal has rabies simply by looking at it. Animals may show unusual aggression, extreme depression or bizarre behavior. Hundreds of cases of animal rabies have been reported throughout Vermont since 1992, and rabies will continue to be a problem for many years.

http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/learn_more/living_with_wildlife/wildlife_diseases/rabies/

TREE WARDEN REPORT 2019

The Town Tree Warden is a state statutory position appointed by the Selectboard and serving both the village and town in support of public shade and ornamental trees. This has been my second year as Tree Warden and it has been a busy year. The following is a summary of the major activities and projects that were completed in 2019.

- Attended the State sponsored Arbor Day Conference
- Attended Planning Commission meetings to participate in the discussion concerning the creation of a Conservation Commission
- Conducted risk assessments and reports on five roadside trees in response to request from citizens
- Drafted text for an interpretive sign acknowledging our native ash trees and the impact of the invasive Emerald Ash Borer
- Conducted research on the development of a comprehensive tree ordinance for the town and village
- Reviewed the draft Rural Road Resilient Right of Ways Vegetation Assessment report prepared by the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program
- Participated and coordinated in the landscape design, plant selection and acquisition and on site planting of the new pocket park located on the front lawn of the Court House

The Emerald Ash Borer and its devastating impact on native ash trees is a major concern and has received a lot of media attention. While it continues to be found in communities in Vermont, it has not been identified in Lamoille County at this time. Hyde Park has an EAB Preparedness Plan but must continue to develop and adopt an Action Plan and associated Tree Ordinance in order to address the inevitable arrival of the EAB and impact on ash trees in the community.

Robert Whalen
Hyde Park Tree Warden

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT & DOG LICENSE INFORMATION

Animal Control Officers: Diane Stoney and Keith Ulrich * Emergency calls direct to 911 *

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

Animal Control Ordinance

The Town of Hyde Park has an Animal Control Ordinance, effective 01/14/2018. The new ordinance was updated to clarify the enforcement process, include current definitions from state law and provide consistency with the other ordinances in the towns patrolled by the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department (Wolcott and Johnson). The ordinance can be found here: <https://hydeparkvt.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2018-Animal-Control-Ordinance-ADOPTED-1.pdf>

The new ordinance prohibits **Running at large** which means to move about without restraint, control or limitation as to property lines or areas, and prohibits **Public Nuisance** caused by animals or dog owners which means any conduct which endangers life, health, or property or not immediately removing fecal material when off property, and not disposing of it in a sanitary manner. Any barking, whining, calling, or howling for a continuous period of 20 minutes or more is also prohibited.

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

Animal Cruelty: Information is available at the Chittenden County Humane Society <https://www.chittendenumane.org/Report-Animal-Cruelty>

We have new dog licensing software this year and cannot license dogs at Town Meeting. There will be a rabies clinic in the lower level of the Town Clerk's office on Saturday, March 29, 2020 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. You can license your dogs during this time.

During the 2019 license year, the Town of Hyde Park issued 524 dog licenses. In 2018, there were 516 licensed dogs.

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

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

Dogs or Wolf Hybrids	
<u>(Not Neutered or Spayed)</u>	
\$ 8.00 License Fee	
2.00 Town Surcharge	
<u>5.00 State Surcharge</u>	
\$ 15.00 Total	
<i>(After April 1, 2020, \$19.00)</i>	

Dogs or Wolf Hybrids	
<u>(Neutered or Spayed)</u>	
\$ 4.00 License Fee	
2.00 Town Surcharge	
<u>5.00 State Surcharge</u>	
\$ 11.00 Total	
<i>(After April 1, 2020, \$13.00)</i>	

HYDE PARK TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

212 Centerville Road
Hyde Park, VT 05655



For the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 the Hyde Park Town Fire Department responded to 97 calls for service as compared to 96 calls for the prior year. The calls were as follows:

Structure Fires	10	Automatic Alarms	27
Wildland Fires	3	Hazardous Materials	4
Vehicle Fires	2	Rescues	7
Vehicle Accidents	18	Other Types	26

The department would like to offer the following Fire Safety Tips:

A properly installed and working Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Detector significantly increases your chances of surviving a fire or carbon monoxide incident.

Install both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms, or dual sensor smoke alarms, which contain both ionization and photoelectric smoke sensors.

Test batteries monthly and clean detector.

Replace batteries in battery-powered and hard-wired detectors at least twice a year (except non-replaceable 10 year lithium batteries).

Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home, including the basement, smoke detectors should be installed both inside and outside of sleeping areas.

Replace the entire smoke detector unit according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Never disable a smoke detector while cooking – it could be a deadly mistake.

There also are detectors available for the visually and hearing impaired.

Have a home escape plan, and practice it at least twice a year.

Sleep with your bedroom doors closed and if you have to leave the house because of a fire make sure to close exterior doors when leaving this helps slow the spread of the fire.

Research shows that 30 years ago, you had about 17 minutes to escape a house fire. Today it's down to 3 or 4 minutes. The reason is the synthetic furniture and materials that are used in home construction today actually burn hotter and faster than the natural materials used years ago do.

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

Stay safe!

Chief Engineer Edwin W. Webster, Sr.

HYDE PARK TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

NAME:	RANK:	YEARS OF SERVICE:
Audet, Zachery M.	Firefighter	4
Bouchard, Jared, N.	Firefighter	5
Burnor, Dan, J. Jr.	Lieutenant *	9
Carriere, Alex, H.	Firefighter	5
Carriere, Brad, E.	Assistant Chief Engineer *	24
Carriere, Cailyn. A.	Junior Firefighter	10 months
Cook, George, L.	Safety Officer *	43
Jobe, Nathan, F.	Probationary Firefighter *	7 months
Jones, Chris, D.	Engine Lieutenant	11
Kapusta, Joshua, J.	Sr. Firefighter *	7
Laird, Robert W.	Firefighter *	2
Mayhew, Chris, A.	Sr. Firefighter *	32
Nolan, Ryan, D.	Captain *	28
Patnoe, Tanika, L.	Sr. Firefighter	5
Pollock, Preston	Firefighter	1
Powers, Dylan, S.	Firefighter	2
Rohleder, John, A.	Sr. Firefighter *	15
Schmidt, Dirk, O.	Firefighter	2
Webster, Edwin, W. Sr.	Chief Engineer *	46
Wetherell, Kaleb, M.	Lieutenant *	6

*Vermont Fire Academy Certified Firefighter 1

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

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

HYDE PARK FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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

BACKYARD BURNING RULES

PROHIBITED

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

WHY NOT BURN?

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

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

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

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

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

Particulates – causes respiratory infection.

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

OKAY

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



QUESTIONS?

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

Recycle, Reuse, Respect

HYDE PARK FAST SQUAD

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

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

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

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

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

We the members are asking for \$4,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Our service is dispatched with Northern EMS on all medical calls, motor vehicle accidents and CO alarms with the Hyde Park Town Fire Department and the North Hyde Park Eden Fire Department in the Town of Hyde Park.

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

Hyde Park FAST Squad

Members	Years of Service
Chief Brad Carriere, NREMT	23 Years
ASST. Chief George Cook, EMT	23 Years
Dorothy Cook, EMT	23 Years
Michael Riddle, NREMT	1 ½ Years
Ben Coillier, NREMT	New member

Hyde Park Fast Squad	
Proposed Budget for 7/1/20- 6/30/21	
Supplies	\$2,500.00
Payroll	\$1,500.00
Total	\$4,000.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Proposed Budget for 07/01/20- 06/30/21

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

Supplies	\$500.00
<u>Stipend</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>
Total	\$1,500.00

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

NORTH HYDE PARK / EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

The North Hyde Park Eden Fire Department responded to 88 calls in 2019

	Hyde Park	Eden
Fire / CO alarm	13	6
Lift Assist	8	6
Car Accident	7	15
Chimney Fire	2	1
Structure Fires	6	4
Brush Fire	0	1
Vehicle Fire	0	2
Odor Problem	3	2
Storm /severe weather	4	0
Injured Hiker	0	2
Transformer Fire	1	0
Pellet Stove/Malfunction	2	0
Mutual Aid to the County	3	

The Members of the North Hyde Park Eden Fire Department would like to congratulate Roger Audet on his 50 years of service to the department.

The members of the North Hyde Park Eden Fire Department would also like to thank all of the tax payers, Selectboard members, and Highway crews from each town for their ongoing support. We would like to thank the Selectboards from both towns for purchasing 14 new air bottles that were almost past their life expectancy date, as well as the money they set aside toward the future purchase of new air packs to replace those packs that have almost met their life expectancy date. The Selectboards allowed us to spend the money received from the sale of the old Engine 1. This was very much appreciated to help buy some new equipment for the truck. The equipment purchased included new fire hose, cordless hand tools, battery operated lights, and a portable generator.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief John Savage

NORTH HYDE PARK / EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Position/ *FFI Certified</u>
John Savage	38	Chief*
Brent Lanpher	28	Assistant Chief*
Scott Audet	30	Captain*
Marvin Whitcomb	19	Captain / Treasurer*
VACANT		Lieutenant
Ethan Griggs	8	Lieutenant*
Roger Audet	50	Firefighter
Eric Aither	45	Firefighter
Kyle Hoadley	6	Firefighter
Quint Bapp	21	Firefighter*
Gary Wright	26	Firefighter
Justin Gillen	9	Firefighter*
Stewart Guyette	2	Fire fighter
Dakota Aither	2	Firefighter
Matthew Hill	2	Firefighter
Adam Degree	2	Firefighter
Zack Degree	2	Firefighter
Ben Collier	2	Firefighter
Ryan Whitney	7 months	Firefighter
Rebecca Ferland	5 months	Firefighter
Michael Tucker	5 months	Firefighter
Jordan Rowell	3 months	Firefighter
Mariah Ingalls	2	Junior Member

HONORARY MEMBERS

The Department has come up with a list of honorary members; unfortunately, we have not had a chance to vote on them at the time of printing.

NORTH HYDE PARK / EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

INCOME	Current July19 - June20	Proposed July20 - June21	Change from FY20 to FY21
OPERATING INCOME EDEN	\$ 33,525.00	\$ 36,800.00	\$ 3,275.00
OPERATING INCOME HYDE PARK	\$ 33,525.00	\$ 36,800.00	\$ 3,275.00
MISC. INCOME/MM/REBATES			
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 67,050.00	\$ 73,600.00	\$ 6,550.00
EXPENSES			
SALARIES	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 600.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 300.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 400.00
INSURANCES	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 18,400.00	\$ -
ELECTRICITY	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -
DIESEL/GAS	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -
AIR PACKS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
FIRE GEAR	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
RADIO/PAGERS/ACTIVE 911	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 200.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -
EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,500.00)
HEATING FUEL	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
CHEMICALS	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
TRAINING	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 300.00
DUES	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -
SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -
FIRE PREVENTION	\$ 400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (300.00)
MISC./WASH/DONATIONS/CAPITAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FOOD	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
OFFICE SUPPLY/ POSTERS	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
STATION SUPPLY	\$ 350.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (150.00)
NEW ITEMS			
GENERATOR		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
PUMP TESTING		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
HOSE / LADDER TESTING		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 67,050.00	\$ 72,600.00	\$ 5,550.00

NEWPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.
D.B.A.
NORTHERN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DIVISION

The 2019 calendar year was a financially difficult year for the NEMS division of Newport Ambulance Service. Unfortunately, we have experienced a financial loss approaching \$60,000 for the calendar year.

Our total call volume experienced a decrease from 1,503 calls in 2018 to 1,456 in 2019. Our 911 emergency calls in our service area increased from 699 calls in 2018 to a total of 734 calls in 2019. The call volume for the Towns we contract with were Belvidere – 29, Eden – 106, Hyde Park – 255, Johnson – 321 and Waterville – 34. Mutual Aid calls to surrounding communities decreased from 149 in 2018 to 118 in 2019. Transports decreased from 655 calls in 2018 to 604 in 2019.

We are presently working on signing transport contracts with facilities in the area to solidify that portion of our business. Unfortunately, with the aging of the Vermont population, more and more of our calls are for those of us insured through the Medicaid program. This program continues to be grossly underfunded which transfers additional costs to you the property taxpayer thru your Town appropriations.

We are a 501 C3 charitable organization, thus donations to us are tax deductible. These are used to reduce costs to you, the taxpayer. Please feel free to contact us if you wish to donate.

We thank you for your support over the past 16 years and look forward to serving you in the future.

Sincerely,

Scott Griswold, Vice-Chair NAS Board of Directors
Jeff Johansen, NAS Chief Executive Officer
Brad Carriere, NEMS Supervisor

NEMS 2020 Approved

	2019 Budget	2019 yr end	2020 Budget
Income			
4000 · Town Appropriations	\$ 307,391.00	\$ 291,741.33	\$ 327,780.00
4005 · Donations	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ -
4006 · Interest Income	\$ -	\$ 71.25	\$ -
4009 · Service Ambulance Runs	\$ 793,832.00	\$ 757,225.59	\$ 770,000.00
4012 · Intercept Income	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,325.00	\$ 2,000.00
Total Income	\$ 1,103,223.00	\$ 1,052,163.17	\$ 1,099,780.00
Expense			
5000.01 · Collection Fees	\$ 200.00	\$ 701.77	\$ 600.00
Total 5000 · Billing Services Exp.			\$ 600.00
5001.01 · 02.03.04.17 Payroll	\$ 53,507.61	\$ 51,257.03	\$ 55,000.00
5001.6 · Nas 11 Fuel	\$ 780.00	\$ 273.90	\$ 300.00
5001.08 · CPA	\$ 351.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 371.00
5001.09 · General Council	\$ 234.00	\$ -	\$ -
5001.10 · Office Supplies	\$ 780.00	\$ 239.76	\$ 500.00
5001.11 · Telephone	\$ -	\$ 57.21	\$ -
5001.12 · Cell Phones	\$ 1,248.00	\$ 1,795.40	\$ 1,794.00
5001.13 · Dues	\$ 585.00	\$ 57.02	\$ 50.00
5001.14 · Health Insurance	\$ 5,036.00	\$ 3,333.00	\$ 3,000.00
5001.15 · Pension	\$ 4,775.00	\$ 5,068.62	\$ 2,894.00
5001.16 · Life Insurance	\$ 843.00	\$ -	\$ -
5001.17 · Board of Directors	\$ 8,790.00	\$ 8,190.00	\$ 8,190.00
5006 · Rubbish Removal Expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,471.66	\$ 1,500.00
5007 · Diesel Fuel/Gas Expense	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 23,411.17	\$ 23,000.00
5008.01 · Insurance Package	\$ 14,034.00	\$ 15,337.00	\$ 12,344.00
5008.03 · Health Insurance Exp	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 56,022.30	\$ 54,000.00
5008.05 · Workers Comp. Ins Exp	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 66,937.85	\$ 58,480.00
5009 · Bank Charges/ Fees Exp.	\$ 100.00	\$ 609.31	\$ 500.00
5010 · Interest Expense	\$ 17,160.00	\$ 20,617.04	\$ 17,160.00
5011 · Staff & Squad Training	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 1,173.03	\$ 2,000.00
5012 · Payroll Expenses	\$ 643,226.00	\$ 644,558.26	\$ 680,000.00
5013 · Postage/Delivery Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 4.65	\$ 20.00
5012 · Purchase Agreement Expense		\$ (180.00)	\$ -
5016.01 · Meals Expense	\$ 200.00	\$ 108.90	\$ 200.00
5016.02 · Travel Expense	\$ 50.00	\$ 251.68	\$ -
5017.01 · TPA	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00
5017 · Pension Plan Expense	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 22,266.46	\$ 19,334.00
5018.06 · NEMS #1 R&M	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,667.05	\$ 8,000.00
5018.07 · NEMS #2 R&M	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,983.90	\$ 8,000.00
5018.08 · NEMS #3 R&M	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,858.13	\$ 7,000.00
5018.14 · Service Agreements	\$ -	\$ 1,113.02	\$ 1,000.00
5018.10 · Misc. Amb R&M	\$ -	\$ 816.86	\$ 1,000.00
5019 · Building R&M Expense	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 9,889.65	\$ 8,000.00
5020 · Computer Repairs/Upgrade Expense	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,000.00
5021.01 · Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,071.13	\$ 500.00
5021.03 · Med. Supplies/Equip.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,018.97	\$ 8,000.00
5021.04 · General Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,870.28	\$ 2,500.00
5021.05 · Equipment Batteries	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 76.58	\$ 1,000.00

HELP US HELP YOU!

911 House Number Signs are IMPORTANT

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

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



To accelerate the installation of 911 number signs along roads, in 2014, town voters approved the first \$3,000 funding request to install 911 house number signs. This continued funding level has allowed volunteers to purchase signs from the Vermont Correctional Industries Sign and Print Shop to complete sign installations, starting on the west side of town and moving toward the east. In 2020, the volunteer crew expects to install signs at the edge of the road right-of-ways along Centerville Road and its side roads. Emergency services volunteers feel that this has been a very successful program and plans are to continue to seek funding for additional phases at the same \$3,000 annual level until the entire town has been signed. FY2021 will be the 7th year of the program, and 2 more years are anticipated to complete the project. Once completed, all new construction will be required to install signs at that time, but at the developer's cost. On-going maintenance of signs and replacement of signs will be the homeowner or business owner's cost.

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

Sign Requirements:

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



If you don't know your 911 number, please contact the town offices at 888-2300 option 2 or ron@hydeparkvt.com. If you would like to install your house number sign before the town sign program gets to your location, please send a written request to the town offices and a volunteer from emergency services will contact you.

**Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
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	LCSD	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 LCSD & 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 LCSD Deputies deployed naran on 16 occasions saving those peoples' lives. I am proud of the dedication to service by the men and women of the LCSD 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

Lamolle 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%	
ME DICARE	\$ 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	\$ 65,580	\$ 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	\$ 1,210,379	\$ 1,164,461	-0.35%	
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						
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000		
CREDIT FOR ELMORE PATROL	\$ 14,003	\$ 14,537	\$ 15,514	\$ 15,979		3.000%
LAMOLLE UNION - RESOURCE OFFICER	\$ 73,600	\$ 76,414	\$ 81,548	\$ -		3.000%
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	\$ 7,642	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,126		
CREDIT FOR CARRY-OVER FUNDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
ADJUSTED TOTAL	\$ 1,101,208	\$ 1,134,922	\$ 1,210,379	\$ 1,204,461		

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

Total Budget of Budget One Half Assessment \$ 445,671

FY 20-21 \$ 891,341 \$ 445,671

Town Name	Population Portion 50% of allocation			Grand List Portion 50 % of allocation			FY 20-21			FY 19-20			Overall Assessment Percentage
	Population	Population Percentage	Population Cost	Grand List	Grand List Percentage	Grand List Portion	Assessment	Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent Increase/ (Decrease)	Assessment		
Belvidere	389	1.34%	\$ 5,976	\$ 311,490	0.60%	\$ 2,690	\$ 8,567	\$ 9,140	\$ (473)	-5.18%	\$ 0.97%		
Cambridge	3945	13.60%	\$ 60,610	\$ 5,501,090	10.66%	\$ 47,515	\$ 109,125	\$ 112,952	\$ (4,827)	-4.27%	\$ 12.13%		
Eden	1482	5.11%	\$ 22,759	\$ 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%	\$ 7.98%		
Johnson	3429	11.82%	\$ 52,682	\$ 2,328,890	4.51%	\$ 20,115	\$ 72,798	\$ 75,255	\$ (2,457)	-3.27%	\$ 8.17%		
Marristown	5173	17.83%	\$ 79,476	\$ 6,482,160	12.56%	\$ 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	\$ 15,339	\$ 16,790	\$ (1,451)	-8.64%	\$ 1.72%		
Walcott	1805	6.22%	\$ 27,731	\$ 1,594,110	3.09%	\$ 13,769	\$ 41,500	\$ 42,753	\$ (1,253)	-2.93%	\$ 4.65%		
Hardwick	2952	10.18%	\$ 45,354	\$ 1,964,290	3.81%	\$ 16,966	\$ 62,320	\$ 64,645	\$ (2,325)	-3.60%	\$ 6.99%		
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	\$ 51,598,230	100.00%	\$ 445,671	\$ 891,341	\$ 922,198	\$ (30,857)	-3.35%	\$ 100.00%		

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

	Budget 16 - 17	Budget 17 - 18	Budget 18 - 19	Budget 19-20	Budget 20-21	Percentage Increase
COMMUNICATIONS SALARY	\$ 609,783	\$ 623,030	\$ 816,974	\$ 811,711	\$ 761,732	-6.15%
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 50,393	\$ 51,214	\$ 50,834	\$ 48,776	\$ 45,677	-6.35%
MEDICARE	\$ 11,785	\$ 11,977	\$ 11,889	\$ 11,407	\$ 10,683	-6.35%
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,100	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	0.00%
HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE	\$ 142,893	\$ 156,959	\$ 137,440	\$ 131,757	\$ 135,487	2.83%
WORKERS' 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	\$ 6,500	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	-61.90%
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	\$ 2,000	\$ 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%
TOOLS-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%
MBRS SYSTEM CHARGE	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,400	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,250	8.82%
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 1,413	\$ 1,413	\$ 1,413	\$ 2,500	\$ 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	\$ 1,252,167	\$ 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	\$ 868,503	\$ 894,478	\$ 921,037	\$ 921,037	\$ 891,341	-3.77%

**LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT
FISCAL 2021 BUDGET
2019 MUNICIPAL EQUALIZED GRAND LIST**

Town	**2019** Grand List Dollars (1% value)	Percentage of Budget	Prior Year 7/01/19-6/30/20	Cost Per Town 7/01/20-6/30/21	Increase/ -Decrease
Belvidere	\$ 311,490	0.661114%	\$ 3,092	\$ 2,968	\$ (124)
Cambridge	\$ 5,501,090	11.675653%	\$ 52,219	\$ 52,410	\$ 191
Eden	\$ 1,321,120	2.803979%	\$ 12,521	\$ 12,587	\$ 66
Elmore	\$ 1,611,270	3.419800%	\$ 16,171	\$ 15,351	\$ (821)
Hyde Park	\$ 2,818,670	5.982417%	\$ 26,601	\$ 26,854	\$ 253
Johnson	\$ 2,328,800	4.942704%	\$ 21,481	\$ 22,187	\$ 706
Morristown	\$ 6,482,160	13.757900%	\$ 61,219	\$ 61,757	\$ 538
Stowe	\$ 24,591,490	52.193601%	\$ 226,405	\$ 234,288	\$ 7,883
Waterville	\$ 555,710	1.179453%	\$ 5,883	\$ 5,294	\$ (588)
Wolcott	\$ 1,594,110	3.383379%	\$ 14,489	\$ 15,187	\$ 699
Totals	\$ 47,115,910	100.000000%	\$ 440,080	\$ 448,882	\$ 8,802

Tax Rate 0.00952718

LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT

7/1/18 - 6/30/19
PRIOR YEAR7/1/19 - 6/30/20
CURRENT7/1/20 - 6/30/21
PROPOSED

BUDGET

REVENUES:

Actual Budget Budget Budget

Municipal Assessments:

	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Belvidere	3,025	3,025	3,092	2,968
Cambridge	51,461	51,461	52,219	52,410
Eden	12,796	12,796	12,521	12,587
Elmore	15,898	15,898	16,171	15,351
Hyde Park	26,544	26,544	26,601	26,854
Johnson	21,215	21,215	21,481	22,187
Morristown	60,498	60,498	61,219	81,757
Stowe	219,639	219,639	226,405	234,288
Waterville	6,024	6,024	5,883	5,294
Wolcott	14,387	14,387	14,489	15,187
Total Municipal Assessments:	431,487	431,486	440,080	448,882

Other Income:

	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Small Claims Court	12,061	6,000	8,000	8,000
Notary Fees	135	0	0	0
Interest Income	3,964	1,000	2,000	2,000
Probate Fees	3,570	3,000	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous	339	0	0	0
State of VT Co-Share Building	80,331	79,775	84,468	85,298
Reserve Funds Applied	0	0	0	0
Surplus Applied	34,070	34,070	27,000	41,632
Total Other Income:	134,470	123,845	124,468	139,930

TOTAL REVENUES:	565,957	555,331	564,547	588,812
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EXPENDITURES:

	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
COURT	355,301	376,950	383,325	397,289
PROBATE	1,517	3,000	3,000	3,000
SHERIFF'S DEPT.	163,065	175,381	178,222	188,523

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	519,883	555,331	564,547	588,812
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NET REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES:	46,074	0	0	0
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**LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT
BUDGET**

**7/1/18 - 6/30/19
PRIOR YEAR**

**7/1/19 - 6/30/20
CURRENT**

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

EXPENDITURES:

Actual Budget Budget Budget

Personnel:

Maintenance	48,682	47,500	49,500	51,000
County Clerk	13,971	15,450	15,920	16,000
Asst. Judges	40,432	40,430	41,650	42,900
Asst. Judges - Bench Time	19,570	25,000	25,000	25,000
Soc/Sec and Medicare - Employer	10,217	10,700	11,100	11,230
Health & Dental Insurance	47,619	48,500	49,500	53,000
Retirement - Employer Share	1,973	1,920	2,055	2,310
Workers' Comp.	3,403	3,500	3,500	3,600
VT Dept. of Labor (SUTA)	538	950	900	750
Total Personnel:	186,405	193,950	199,125	205,789

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Auditor	5,800	6,500	0	6,500
Legal Fees	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Treasurer	5,505	5,500	5,700	6,000
Total Professional Services:	11,305	13,000	6,700	13,500

BUILDING EXPENSES:

Building Improvements	0	6,000	2,000	2,000
Contract Services	39,872	40,000	41,000	42,000
Electric	18,565	19,000	19,000	22,000
Heating Fuel	9,693	10,000	12,500	12,500
Water/Sewer	1,169	1,500	1,500	1,500
Repairs - Building/Equipment	7,227	10,000	20,000	10,000
Repairs - Cooling/Heating Plant	7,298	1,000	1,000	5,000
Repairs - Elevator	5,079	0	0	5,000
Custodial Supplies	3,636	4,000	4,000	4,000
Trash	3,439	3,000	3,500	3,500
Repairs - Grounds	5,275	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Building Expenses:	101,253	99,500	109,500	112,500

TRAINING, EDUCATION, & OTHER:

Education/Training	190	3,000	3,000	3,000
Legislature Day	0	500	0	0
Travel/Meals	301	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total Training & Education:	491	6,000	5,500	5,500

DUES/MEMBERSHIP

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

SUPPLIES:

Office Supplies	4,289	5,000	5,000	5,000
Kitchen/Jury Supplies	6,164	6,000	6,000	6,000
Equipment/Furnishings	3,177	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total Supplies:	13,630	15,000	15,000	15,000

**LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT
BUDGET**

7/1/18 - 6/30/19 7/1/19 - 6/30/20 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
PRIOR YEAR CURRENT PROPOSED

EXPENDITURES (continued):

Actual Budget Budget Budget

INSURANCE:

Property /Liability	25,591			
Umbrella	3,604			
General Liability	1,699			
Public Officials Liability	5,951			
Bonds	1,489			
Total Insurance:	38,334	44,000	42,500	40,000

COMMUNICATIONS:

Legal Notices	213	500	500	500
Postage	419	1,000	1,000	1,000
Telephone	828	1,500	1,000	1,000
Total Communications:	1,460	3,000	2,500	2,500

MISCELLANEOUS:

	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	1,115	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Miscellaneous:	1,115	1,000	1,000	1,000

TOTAL COUNTY COURT	355,301	376,950	383,325	397,289
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**LAMOILLE COUNTY - PROBATE
BUDGET**

7/1/18 - 6/30/19 7/1/19 - 6/30/20 7/1/20 - 6/30/21
PRIOR YEAR CURRENT PROPOSED

EXPENDITURES:

Actual Budget Budget Budget

Office Supplies	510	1,000	1,000	1,000
Equipment	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Telephone	273	500	500	500
Education/Training	97	500	500	500
Copier - Leasing	637	0	0	0
TOTAL PROBATE	1,517	3,000	3,000	3,000

TOTAL COUNTY & PROBATE COURTS	356,818	379,950	386,325	400,289
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LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT BUDGET	7/1/18 - 6/30/19 PRIOR YEAR	7/1/19 - 6/30/20 CURRENT	7/1/20 - 6/30/21 PROPOSED
EXPENDITURES:	Actual	Budget	Budget
PERSONNEL:			
Secretary/Bookkeeper (contract)	104,031	104,031	113,703
Total Personnel:	104,031	104,031	113,703
ADMINISTRATIVE/OPERATIONS:			
Office Equipment	2,500	2,500	2,500
Supplies Custodial	1,591	600	600
Telephone	338	450	400
Total Administrative/Operations:	4,429	3,550	3,500
TRAINING, EDUCATION, & OTHER:			
Ammunition	4,809	4,750	4,500
Education/Training	8,661	10,000	10,000
Sheriff's Uniform	0	0	1,000
Total Training & Education:	13,270	14,750	15,500
INSURANCE:			
Property	2,843		
Liability	1,133		
Police Professional	10,429		
Public Official	904		
Bonds	305		
Total Insurance:	15,614	17,000	18,000
BUILDING EXPENSES:			
Building Repairs & Improvements	4,820	8,000	9,000
Alarm Monitoring Courthouse	0	300	300
Cleaning	10,299	11,500	12,500
Electricity	6,656	8,000	8,120
Heating & Fuel	556	3,800	3,800
Water & Sewer	931	1,100	1,000
Heating Plant	600	850	600
Generator Maintenance	1,859	2,500	2,500
Total Repairs & Maintenance:	25,721	36,050	37,820
TOTAL SHERIFF'S EXPENSES:	163,065	175,381	188,523

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to thank the taxpayers again for their continued support for the recreation fields. We welcome everyone to stop by and view some of the best ball fields in the State.

We have three new members, Brad McKnight, Matt Morin and Eric Bornemann.

We had another good year hosting two tournaments, Co-Ed tournament and Men's E's & F's. Brian Shackett and the Department of Corrections work crew completed the painting of the snack bar, restrooms and the two pavilions. We would like to thank Brian for a job well done and all his efforts to get this completed.

We would like to thank Brock Carrier for another outstanding year of mowing and trimming, plus all the hours of extra work he does on field maintenance helping Gary Nolan to keep the fields in good condition.

The committee meets the third Thursday of each month starting in April until October. We meet at Ken Harvey's home on Route 100 at 6:30pm and we welcome anyone to attend. The committee is always looking for new members and volunteers to help with tournaments.

2019 Members
Eric Bornemann
Chasity Fagnant
Ken Harvey
Brad McKnight
Matt Morin
Gary Nolan
Deb Slayton

HYDE PARK ENERGY COMMITTEE

2019 Annual Report

The Hyde Park Energy Committee had a very active 2019. Our primary focus this year was providing information to Hyde Park residents on energy efficiency and how to save money on energy costs in their homes.

HPEC welcomed new member Elisa Clancy to our committee. Elisa helped us improve our web presence (<https://hvdeparparkvt.com/energy-committee>) and created an HPEC Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hvdeparparkvtenergycommittee/>). Elisa worked to improve our outreach with local partners Lamoille County Planning Commission, Efficiency Vermont, and the Hyde Park community.

In the second half of the year, we welcomed new member Christine Hallquist to our committee. We also accepted the resignations of founder and longtime organizer Jay Hersh, dedicated long-time member Marilyn Zophar, and Bridget Polow.

In June, Denise Greene attended the Selectboard meeting representing HPEC and presented a signed petition entitled, “Climate Solutions Resolution” which directed the Town of Hyde Park Selectboard to pass a non-binding resolution directing the State of Vermont to commit to 90% renewable energy sources by 2030. The Board accepted the petition. The resolution was not passed at the August Selectboard meeting, where the Board recommended that the request be brought to voters at Town Meeting March 3, 2020. The resolution is not on the agenda and will need to be brought up from the floor.

HPEC worked to secure donations for the Hyde Park Village Electric Community Fund. The fund helps low income residents with home energy audits and efficiency projects with donations provided from residents who round up their electric bill. The committee tabled at two events this year, the Ice Cream Social and Hyde Park Home Day, and collected many generous fund donors.

We partnered with Efficiency Vermont and Lamoille County Planning Commission for a “Button-Up Vermont” campaign event at the municipal office in November. The campaign provided free home energy saving product give-aways and information for residents on a variety of home weatherization topics, tools and products. We held a raffle for LED light bulbs, and a spray foam insulation toolkit for windows and doors.

Our committee again partnered with Lamoille County Planning Commission’s Lea Kilvadyova for our Home Energy Workshop event. This hands-on question-and-answer workshop was held at the municipal offices. Efficiency Vermont, Vermont Electric Co-op, Hyde Park Electric and Johnson Village Water and Light joined together with residents and community members interested in saving money on electric bills, learning about financial incentives and rebates, learning about efficiency upgrades, and locating contractors for making improvements in both homes and businesses. Rebates are offered to residents on cold climate heat pumps, hot water heat pumps, high efficiency furnaces and boilers, home appliances, light fixtures, solar electric arrays, electric vehicles and others. The event was well attended bringing in residents from Hyde Park and Lamoille County.

As we look ahead in 2020, the future is looking positive for household energy conservation and local energy generation. The Committee is working on more events for energy conservation and money saving incentives, movie screenings and collaborative work with other energy committees in the area. We continue to seek new members and hope you will join us to help chart the course for our town and state. Anyone interested may contact us individually or attend meetings. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 3pm at the lower level of the municipal offices on Route 15.



Denise Greene at Home Day September 2019
Photo by Elisa Clancy

HYDE PARK COMMUNITY CIRCLE

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

During 2019, the Hyde Park Community Circle sponsored four events in the interest of building community. On March 16, we hosted “**Think Spring – Puppets and Plants**” held in the Hyde Park Elementary School gymnasium. The No Strings Marionette Co. performed “Wasabi, A Dragon’s Tale.” Hands-on activities for children included seedling planting and a tissue paper butterfly craft. Cucumber sandwiches, organic cheese sticks, cupcakes, cider and organic milk were provided by community volunteers. On July 15, the **Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social** was held on the grounds of the Governor’s House. We had a beautiful warm day, a great turnout and delicious ice cream and toppings selections! Local musicians Ted Lambert, Joe Ciccolo, Debbie Yacovone and Stephanie Capizzi provided the entertainment while volunteers served cookies and ice cream. Information booths were set up by Lamoille Neighbors, Lanpher Memorial Library, Friends of the Library, CCF and Better Connections Project. The Lamoille County Players performed numbers from “Into The Woods.” A bride and groom who had just been married at the Governor’s House joined our community on the lawn for the event and added an extra special delight this year! The third event was **Hyde Park Home Day**, which was held on Main Street in Hyde Park on Saturday, September 21. The activities started off with a grand parade down Main Street. The Grand Marshals of the parade were John and Judy Clark, two people who have done so much for this community, including being founding members of HPCC. During the day, we were entertained by Abby Sherman and Mountain County. Local businesses and activities up and down Main Street added to the enjoyment of the day. The final event of the year was a combined effort by HPCC and Gihon Valley Hall. **The Lighting of the Wreaths** was held on December 7 at the Gihon Valley Hall in North Hyde Park. Lit wreaths were hung at the Lamoille County Court House on Main Street in Hyde Park and at the Gihon Valley Hall in North Hyde Park. 192 lights were purchased in honor, celebration or memory of loved ones and memorable events. It was a bitter cold night but the community showed up at the Gihon Valley Hall and shared in the reading of the names and lighting of the wreath! These events have proven quite successful in bringing people together and building community. We will be working with the town and the community to see what 2020 will bring for this community organization. More volunteers are needed to continue putting on events. Watch for an invitation to an open town gathering to plan for future Hyde Park community activities.

2019 Financial Report

<u>HPCC 2019 Event</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Income</u>
Think Spring	(\$695.14)	\$167.21
Jedediah Hyde Ice Cream Social	(\$277.00)	\$244.44
Home Day	(\$1,035.16)	\$1,431.00
Lighting of the Wreaths	(\$360.10)	\$969.00
Miscellaneous	<u>(\$418.93)</u>	<u>\$2,100.00</u>
TOTAL	(\$2,786.33)	\$4,911.65

Submitted By: Deborah Henderson, Treasurer

GIHON VALLEY HALL COMMITTEE

The Gihon Valley Hall Committee, a new subcommittee of the Hyde Park Planning Commission, formed in 2019 as the Historic Sites Committee shifted its focus to an exciting project in North Hyde Park Village – the restoration of the former Grange Hall building. At last year’s town meeting voters generously passed an appropriation of \$50,000 to allow us to replace the aging and leaking roof on the historic building. As you may have noticed when driving by, that project has been completed and the hall is now dry and leak free. **Thank you!**

This Grange Hall project has attracted new members to the committee and sparked renewed interest in the building’s role as a potential hub of activity for N. Hyde Park. In addition to successfully repairing the roof, the committee has over the past year:



- Welcomed approximately 100 attendees into the building for **two public events** – a fall open house with live music and a history display, and a holiday wreath lighting ceremony in collaboration with the Hyde Park Community Circle
- With the help of local inspectors and the Fire Marshall, **assessed priority repairs** needed to improve the building’s safety and usability
- Begun exploring **improved parking locations** nearby and adjacent to the building
- Volunteered many hours to **cleaning and maintaining** the building’s appearance
- Re-dubbed the building the “**Gihon Valley Hall**” and promoted its presence through the News & Citizen, Front Porch Forum, at Hyde Park Home Day, on WLVB and to a social media audience of 145 followers
- Commenced a **community traffic study** to provide crowd-sourced data on pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the North Hyde Park Village core

We’re excited to restore the hall to its former glory and bring it up to modern day codes, make it usable year-round, and offer it for use by local folks for events, workshops, club meetings, and more.

Our committee’s mission includes the revitalization of the N. Hyde Park neighborhood to make it more livable for those already there, and more attractive to new residents and small businesses. We have begun applying for grants to fund additional repairs of the hall – such as new windows and upgraded heating for the first floor – and potential projects to improve the N. Hyde Park neighborhood with traffic calming measures, walking paths, wi-fi hot spots, and more. We have recently been awarded a Municipal Planning Grant by the State of \$25,000 to fund a study and strategic plan for improving pedestrian and bicycle safety in the villages of North Hyde Park and Waterville, a project which will be conducted by the LCPC over the next 18 months.

If you’d like to learn more or get involved, contact us at gihonvalleyhall@gmail.com, visit our Facebook or Instagram pages (@gihonvalleyhall), or call Al Spitzer at (802) 730-3374.

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

HYDE PARK BASEBALL / SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Hyde Park Baseball/Softball Association would like to request the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Town of Hyde Park. The continued financial support from the Town assists in our youth program. The money helps the program purchase new uniforms, equipment, and league insurance for each team.

The 2019 season had 37 children ranging from ages 5 to 13 participating. We were right on target from the prior 3 seasons. Hyde Park fielded a total of 3 teams.

We would like to thank the coaches who volunteered their time throughout the season, because without them our teams would not be successful: Matt Morin for Minor League; Aaron Martin for Rookie League; and Brian Pena for Tee Ball.

Being the President of the Association for the past 10 years has been really rewarding, but with anything all good things must come to end. This will be my last request to the Town and I have faith that the new president will continue to rebuild the Hyde Park league. The numerous options of spring sports to choose from dropped our numbers considerably; however the past 3 years we have been slowly increasing our numbers. I want to thank the town residents for your continued support, the recreation board for their continued use of the fields, the parents, coaches, fans and most importantly the board members who stuck with it even when they no longer had children participating. I have faith the new President and board will continue this great program.

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

Respectfully submitted by Eliza Crepeau
Board members for 2019 were:
President, Eliza Crepeau
Vice-president, Jamie Dubie
Secretary, Mysha Atherton
Treasurer, Ruth Dompierre

Beginning Balance	\$3,289.10
Income	
Town	\$1,000.00
Dues	<u>\$1,100.00</u>
Total Income	\$2,100.00
Expenses	
Uniforms - Pumpkin Harbor	\$ 510.00
Hats - Covered Bridge	\$ 275.00
Insurance	\$ 450.00
Scholarships	\$ 330.00
Misc Supplies (first aid)	<u>\$2,594.64</u>
Total Expenses	\$4,159.64
Ending Balance	\$1,229.46

Lamoille County Planning Commission FY19 Municipal Report



FY19 Municipal Assistance

July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

HYDE PARK TOWN

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

In Hyde Park these services included:

- ❖ Providing funding for environmental assessment of a vacant parcel on Depot Street to house a trailhead facility serving Lamoille Valley Rail Trail users and completing Environmental Remediation of the site for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail;
- ❖ Providing funding, through LCPC's Brownfields Program, to conduct environmental assessment at the former Valley Hotel in North Hyde Park;
- ❖ Providing grant writing assistance for a Municipal Planning Grant to develop a master plan for transportation safety and adaptive reuse of the former Grange in North Hyde Park;
- ❖ Providing information and technical support regarding the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- ❖ Providing \$14,760 of Grant In Aid funds, used to assist towns in complying with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit, for a 2020 project;
- ❖ Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- ❖ Participating in the Strong Communities Better Connections grant project, to study economic development and transportation issues in Hyde Park Town and Village;
- ❖ Conducting traffic counts on Battle Row Road, Black Farm Road, Centerville Road, Ferry Street, Trombley Hill Road, VT15 at the LUHS campus, and Main/East Main/Depot intersection;
- ❖ Conducting bike-pedestrian counts at the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail and in North Hyde Park along VT 100 and Ferry Street;
- ❖ Facilitating extension of the Green Mountain Byway to include Town and Village of Hyde Park;
- ❖ Beginning to update Hyde Park's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan;
- ❖ Assisting with updating of Local Emergency Management Plan;
- ❖ Assisting with review of flood hazard regulations for compliance with FEMA standards, and potential opportunities to reduce flood insurance premiums for property owners;
- ❖ Providing outreach, informational resources, and hosting presentations on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the "3 Acre Rule".

LCPC Board Member
Greg Paus

Transportation Advisory
Committee
Ron Rodjenski

SERVICE AGENCIES

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE), a community-based nonprofit organization, has served the adult education and literacy needs of Hyde Park residents for fifty-four 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

Hyde Park is served by our learning center in Morrisville.

Last year, CVABE served 18 Hyde Park Residents, who engaged in over 700 hours of services. Additionally, one Hyde Park resident volunteered with CVABE last year. Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels. By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Hyde Park residents for generations to come.

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

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to live with dignity and choice. For more than 40 years, our staff has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect aging Vermonters in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 101 Hyde Park residents. Last year, Case Managers, Jamie Viens and Sarah Willhoit were designated to work directly with the seniors in Hyde Park.

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

Clarina Howard Nichols Center *"[Advocate] made me laugh and see that things will get better, that all I have to do is keep trying and tomorrow things will look brighter! From her comforting me when I cried or listening to me vent, she has been the rock I have leaned against until I could stand up and breathe again."*

- Survivor

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 and support and skill building for children who have experienced or witnessed violence.

HomeShare Vermont

HomeShare Vermont's Services:

Homeshearing helps people stay in their homes whether they are aging, persons with disabilities or simply someone just trying to make ends meet. At the same time, it helps someone else find an affordable place to live and uses existing housing more efficiently. At its core, homeshearing is about two people helping each other. HomeShare Vermont provides a comprehensive screening and matching service to help people find the right match, then ongoing support for as long as they decide to live together.

Outcomes:

202 persons shared a home in our program in FY 2019. 22,354 hours of assistance was provided by our homesharers during the year. This assistance ranged from simple companionship to cooking, cleaning, pet care, yard work, etc. Each match is unique depending on the needs and interests of both parties.

Those who shared their homes ranged in age from 30-96 and those who found housing ranged in age from 22-78. 80% of matched participants were considered low income. The average rent in our program last year was only \$296/month. Of those who shared their homes, 78% reported feeling less lonely, 76% felt safer, 50% slept better and 43% even felt healthier just by having someone living with them.

Hyde Park Elementary School The research is clear about the importance of After-School and Summer Camp programs. After-school programs can have a positive impact on academic achievement and improve test scores and summer programs help curb summer learning loss.

The After School program offers enrichment opportunities including coding, art, fitness activities, and homework support Monday through Friday for 35 weeks during the school year.

The Summer Camp offers programming 10 hours a day, 5 days a week for 6 weeks. There has been a continuing increase in student participation and during the summer of 2019 the camp hosted more than 70 children. This six week camp exposes children to enrichment activities such as Taekwondo, theater, puppetry, basketball, dance, fishing as well as providing experiences swimming, hiking, and cooking.

The program has been primarily funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant. Matching funds are required as part of the grant requirements. Hyde Park's support allows us to continue this program.

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

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

The mission of the Hyde Park Youth Mentoring Program is to provide positive role models who will support and nurture young persons' social development, personal growth, and in turn, academic success. Mentors guide youth toward positive choices through one-on-one sustained relationships.

Our ultimate goal is that every young person in Hyde Park who wants or needs a mentor has one and that every adult who wants to be a mentor can be. We are always working to increase the number of mentor matches.

As always, there are many more children who have been identified as mentee candidates who will begin meeting with mentors as soon as mentor volunteers can be found. If you are interested in making a difference by becoming a mentor in our community, please contact Mentoring Program Coordinator Jeff Beattie at 802-371-7491 or jeff@jeffbeattie.com. Thank you.

Lamoille Community Food Share is a locally funded, volunteer powered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Our mission is to help support and improve the physical well-being of individuals who might otherwise go hungry. To this end, we provide supplemental food, free of charge, in a supportive environment, striving to offer healthy choices within our budget. We help all those who ask, but our main service area consists of the towns of Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Morristown, Stowe and Wolcott. We are open 6 mornings a week.

As of December 16, 2019, we have seen 527 individuals from Hyde Park visit our pantry, that's a 7% increase over last year. We have served 151 families including 281 adults, 34 seniors (44% increase over last year) and 212 children. 60 of the families had at least one family member who was working but they still could not make ends meet. The support we receive from our community allows us to keep our doors open 6 mornings a week for those in need. More than ever, we appreciate the help we have received in the past and look forward to continued support from our friends and neighbors in Hyde Park. Your support of LCFS ensures that the citizens of Hyde Park have access to healthy nutritious food. Thank you!

Board of Directors:

Joan Greene – President

Caroline Ballard, Mary Elfer, Ken Lamb, Pete Monaco, Darsey Moon, Jan Tichansky, Ellen Waldman and Josh Ziegler

The Lamoille County Conservation District (Here are some of the projects we worked on in FY19 in Hyde Park:

1. Through a Natural Resource Conservation Commission Block Grant provided by Ecosystem Restoration Program of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation in 2018, the Lamoille County Conservation District (LCCD) implemented a repair of a massive gully erosion feature daylighting into Centerville Brook.
2. Completion of Stormwater Master Plan for Hyde Park.
3. Education Outreach programs to schools and libraries in Hyde Park.
4. Agricultural Outreach to farms in Hyde Park including help with Nutrient Management Plans, advise on Best Management Plans and farm viability options.

The Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit 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.

The Lamoille Economic Development Corporation LEDC provides a full range of economic and business support services to businesses, municipalities and other organizations with the view toward creating and retaining jobs in the County. In the last few years we have 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 as well including the annual Lamoille Business and Financial Assistance Forum every April. We also provided direct matching funds of \$15,000 to the town of Hyde Park for the Vermont Better Connections grant program. 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, is also 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 Hyde Park.

The Lamoille Family Center Since 1976 thousands of children, youth and families throughout the Lamoille Valley have received Lamoille Family Center's 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 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 reached more than 4,000 children, youth, parents and caregivers throughout the Lamoille Valley. Examples of Hyde Park residents served include:

- Children's Integrated Services team provided 36 families with support and early intervention
- 21 families with 42 children received toys, games, and books thru the Holiday Project
- 36 families with 20 children received emergency assistance for rent, heat, diapers and clothing
- Many Hyde Park families attended weekly Hometown Playgroups and Baby Chat Groups
- 41 Hyde Park families received support through Child Care Financial Assistance
- Dozens of families and child care providers received child care support services
- Healthy Lamoille Valley, a coalition and program of LFC, provided education, trainings, funding and resources to students, educators, parents, and community members regarding substance misuse prevention, technology and youth, vaping, and healthy community policy

Together, we strive to help families become mentally and physically healthy, resilient, safe, strong and independent.

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice Much has changed since our agency was established in 1971. Today, our services have expanded well beyond nursing. Our team also provides specialty care, such as wound, IV & ostomy care, a Better Breathing program, falls prevention support, chronic disease management and lactation consultation and support – all in the comfort of the clients' homes. This is so

important – not only to our clients – but also to our fledgling all-payer model. Having quality home care available allows us to avoid the high cost of added hospital care.

While we're proud of the advances we've made in home care, we're 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've made as a health care community and the relationships we have with our clients.

From July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019, LHH&H staff provided the following services to residents of **Hyde Park**: **2,520** Skilled Nursing, **1,093** Physical Therapy, **309** Occupational Therapy, **33** Speech Therapy, **246** Medical Social Worker, **1,238** Licensed Nursing Assistant, **1,049** Personal Care Attendant, **149** Case Management, and **271** Volunteer; for a **total of 6,908 visits.**

Lamoille Housing Partnership Lamoille Housing Partnership Mission Statement:

Lamoille Housing Partnership (LHP) develops, rehabilitates and maintains safe, decent, energy efficient affordable housing through rental, home ownership, or other means to low and moderate income persons and families living within Lamoille County and the Town of Hardwick. LHP provides such assistance without discrimination or prejudice using a combination of private and public funding partnerships.

LHP Portfolio, impact, and population overview:

- Community development projects located in: Stowe, Morrisville, Johnson, Jeffersonville and Hardwick
- Number of affordable rental apartments in service area: over 280
- Number of people served in 2019: 441
- Community investments: Over \$50 million invested in affordable apartment and home development since 1991
- Populations served represent income earning: families, members of the workforce, aging and disabled individuals, veterans and individuals who have experienced homelessness.

LHP service area resident demographics: Annual incomes served: \$6,000 - \$58,000. Populations served: Disabled - 35%, Aging - 28%, children under 18 - 46%, adults active in workforce - 62%.

Support and Services at Home (SASH) programming: Free health and wellness support program for aging and disabled Medicare recipients living in congregate housing and surrounding communities. Program reduces medical expenses, supports participants to healthfully and independently age at home.

Intended use of appropriation: All funding received by LHP supports internal operations and affordable housing project development in our service area. Funding is allocated project development aspects including preliminary project development costs, affordable land acquisition, building design costs, and more. Contributions leverage grant funding from Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.

Funding received from area municipalities: Stowe, Morrisville, Hyde Park, Eden, Elmore, and Johnson.

Additional funding sources: Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Vermont Housing Finance Agency, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits, Vermont Community Development Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, donations and charitable contributions.

Lamoille Neighbors Lamoille Neighbors started serving members on April 1, 2019. Since then, the organization has carried out its mission to help its members stay active, connected, and less isolated. In return for the membership fee, elders have access to transportation and a multitude of other volunteer services, social events, wellness and educational activities. Some of our events, such as speakers programs featuring Madeleine Kunin, former Vermont governor, and Bob Kinzel, VPR journalist, have been open to the public. Most members' service requests have been for transportation, but requests for a handyperson, pet care, and friendly visits are increasing. We have fulfilled around 20 requests a month. In addition, some of our older members have benefited from a weekly check-in phone call. As of January 1, Lamoille Neighbors has 45 members, 32 of which are Hyde Park residents, and we have 46 active volunteers. All of our volunteers undergo a criminal background check and DMV records check if they volunteer to drive.

This year Lamoille Neighbors is asking for \$800 from the Town of Hyde Park to support and extend our services to older Hyde Park residents.

Website: www.lamoilleneighbors.org
Phone: (802)585-1233

Email: lamoilleneighbors@gmail.com

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

The number of children, youth, and adults who reside in Hyde Park served by one of LRC's twelve (12) programs in fiscal year 2019 was ninety-eight (98).

Across the Lamoille Valley in fiscal year 2019, staff at LRC worked with a total of **1,028** individuals, and specifically helped:

- **361** kids attend school.
- **187** people stay out of the justice system with the help of **49** volunteers; meeting each week to repair the harm caused by their crime.
- **40** children and **24** parents and caregivers overcome the negative consequences of incarceration.
- **10** men and women reenter their community from jail, establishing positive relationships and working to avoid re-offense.
- **133** people get drug, alcohol and mental health treatment. They avoided court involvement and many avoided jail.
- **42** young people with disabilities prepare for the world of work, and find meaningful employment.

These interventions save tax dollars, reduce recidivism and help people address issues that often lead to crime in the first place - addiction, mental health and poverty.

LRC relies on financial contributions from individuals and communities – like this town's appropriation. We are grateful for Hyde Park's residents' continued support. We are located at 221 Main St in Hyde Park. We can be reached at (802)888-5871 and our website is www.lrcvt.org. To learn more about

Lamoille Restorative Center and its programs or how to volunteer, please contact Heather Hobart, Executive Director, at 888-0614 or hhobart@lrcvt.org.

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County 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.

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County deliver meals to elders (60 or older). 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 Meals on Wheels 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.

This fiscal year, October 2018 through September 2019, Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County **served 3,352 meals to Hyde Park residence.** Thank you for your continued support!

For more information about Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County or to become a volunteer, please call 802-888-5011 or www.mowlc.org.

North Country Animal League Mission Statement: North Country Animal League promotes compassionate and responsible relationships between humans and animals through sheltering of homeless animals, adoptions, education, spay/neuter programs and support of cruelty prevention.

Programs:

- Sheltering of homeless animals in our Pet Adoption Center with the philosophy of a commitment to providing any animal in the shelter a warm and friendly environment with nutritious food and training to prepare them for their new homes
- Adoption of homeless animals with an average of 630 animals per year from 1998 through 2019 finding new homes through the assistance of professional adoption counselors who help families and individuals make the perfect match
- Education and outreach through summer camp program, volunteer program and training, local schools, open houses, Reading Buddies, dog bite prevention workshops, high school mentoring programs and children's programs
- Spay/neuter of all animals adopted out by NCAL and low cost spay/neuter days throughout the year
- Support of cruelty prevention with NCAL serving as lead agency for cruelty complaints in Lamoille County working with local police departments and town offices

Hyde Park Town Statistics-January 1-December 31, 2019:

- 10 strays and 3 surrenders for a total of 13 stray and surrendered animals from Hyde Park.
- \$9,425 average cost for NCAL to care for Hardwick animals (\$725/animal for average three-week stay).
- 9 Hyde Park residents adopted dogs or cats from us in 2019.
- 5 Hyde Park residents participated in our humane education program in 2019.

Thank you so much for the support we receive from the town of Hyde Park each year. Your support is invaluable in helping us meet our mission.

Northern Vermont Chapter of the American Red Cross New Hampshire and Vermont Region. The American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont is on call to help our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. A local Red Cross volunteer is often the first "neighbor on the scene" after a disaster strikes offering a hot cup of coffee, a warm blanket and a glimmer of hope to those in need. Supported primarily by volunteers, the Red Cross provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood and other disasters as well as instruction in health, safety and aquatics courses. Whether we are helping one family recover from a devastating home fire, providing emergency shelter and supplies to hundreds of families after a major disaster, or food and water for first responders, we have historically been a vital part of the local community.

River Arts of Morrisville On behalf of River Arts of Morrisville, we respectfully request that you include a \$1,000 appropriation in your FY21 town budget to support River Arts programs. River Arts is a nonprofit community arts center that has been building community in Lamoille County through the arts for the past twenty years--2020 is our 20th anniversary! **Our mission is to make a transformative encounter with the arts as accessible as possible for everyone.** We serve a multi-generational and diverse community of creators--this year over 5500 guests walked through our doors to view art in one of our two galleries, to make pottery in our clay studio, to take a class or workshop, or to attend a concert.

"I consider River Arts about the most successful community based arts organization I've ever known," says Barbara Murphy, former president of Johnson State and Community College of Vermont.

In 2019, we provided classes, camps, workshops, exhibitions, concerts and other cultural events to over 5,500 community members while providing a place where people can gather together, connect, express themselves, and gain confidence through the arts. We served 65 Hyde Park residents in 2019 through classes, workshops and camps, while awarding \$2,350 in scholarships to Hyde Park families for their children, ages 5 and up, to participate in our summer camps where they sang, danced, painted public murals, learned how to cook delicious, healthy dishes, wrote songs, created pottery in our clay studio, and had fun getting creative.

Thank you again for affirming that art belongs to everyone! We could not do this without you.

Rural Community Transportation It is the vision of Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) to establish a solid foundation for regional development of a safe, efficient public transportation system.

Our mission is to provide public transportation services for everyone that are safe, reliable, accessible and affordable to enhance the economic, social and environmental health of the communities we serve.

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

In Fiscal Year 2019, RCT provided 3,028 trips to 52 residents of Hyde Park, travelling 68,072 miles at a total cost of \$10,734.00.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require 20% - 50% local match dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match.

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts Over the past several years, the Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program has made a successful, evolutionary transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with land-owners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state. VACD represents and supports its member districts and manages state-wide technical programs.

The (RFP) Program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps towns identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to help finance the costs of 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. **The Town of Hyde Park & Volunteer Fire Departments have received \$53,506 over the years to help improve rural fire protection for the community through this program.** For more information please contact Troy Dare at 802-828-4582 or dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com.

VERMONT 2-1-1 is a free, 3 digit number to dial for information about community, health, and human services in your community, state, or region. With 2-1-1, a trained knowledgeable call specialist will problem-solve and refer the caller to applicable government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, health agencies, and other local resources as close to the caller as possible. Dialing 2-1-1...

- is a free, confidential, local call from anywhere in Vermont, 24/7
- will provide accurate, updated information about available resources
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- provides access to information for callers with special needs
- has capability to transfer emergency calls to 9-1-1 or specialized hotlines
- will provide call-back follow-up if needed and requested

There is lots of information on our website, too! Check us out at: <https://www.vermont211.org>



LRSWMD Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report

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

The LRSWMD is comprised of the 12 communities: Belvidere, Cambridge, Craftsbury, Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Johnson, Morristown, Stowe, Waterville, Wolcott, and Worcester. Each town either appoints or elects a representative to serve on the Board of Supervisors; Marilyn Zophar represents Hyde Park. The LRSWMD provides outreach and education on materials management in schools and in communities, free use of waste receptacles for community events, sells recycling and composting bins at subsidized costs, offers assistance to member communities for compliance with state solid waste regulations, and hosts annual household hazardous wastes events which are free for all LRSWMD residents. 2020 collections dates are: Saturdays - May 2, June 13, and September 19.

Additionally, the LRSWMD operates facilities in the following communities: Craftsbury, Eden, Johnson, Morristown, Stowe, and Worcester and Lamoille Soil, a commercial food scrap composting facility in Johnson. The services offered at these facilities are open to both District and non-District users. A total of 3,468 tons of solid waste, 950 tons of recycling, and 50 tons of food scraps was collected across all six LRSWMD Transfer Stations in FY2019. Additionally, we collect a myriad of special wastes and are proud to have kept a significant amount of them out of the landfill to be sent for proper recycling, reuse or disposal.

The Board of Supervisors approved a \$1,703,500 annual operating budget for FY20. This budget is generated through user fees and disposal surcharges. ***There is no tax or per capita assessment charged to member towns.*** This year we are particularly excited to celebrate the *YEAR OF ORGANICS* as food scraps are no longer able to be disposed of as trash beginning on July 1.

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

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

Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

About the League

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports, and show that our positive net position continues.

Member Benefits

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member inquiries. In 2019, VLCT continued to provide members with timely legal and technical assistance, including answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing legal compliance guidance, templates and research reports, many of which are available to our members on our website.
- **Training programs on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out the duties required by statute or are directed by town meeting mandates. The League provided training on various topics related to municipal law and governance to more than 1,000 members this past year.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, reducing carbon emissions, and ensuring water quality. Members are also represented at the federal level primarily through our partner, the National League of Cities, as well as directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits Trust (VERB) provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs provide coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to visit the VLCT office anytime to review the operations of the organization, to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each individual official and employee carry out the important work of local government.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.

The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2019.**

The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

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Want forms & instructions?

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To order forms, call (855) 297-5600 or email tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov.

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Email: tax.individualincome@vermont.gov

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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

NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by **FEBRUARY 2, 2020**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by **FEBRUARY 12, 2020**.

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

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at **mvp.sec.state.vt.us**. The latest you can request ballots for the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on **FEBRUARY 28, 2020**. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

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

ON ELECTION DAY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

NO PERSON SHALL:

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

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

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

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office. **If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process**, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Vote Tabulator Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

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

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CHECK OUT:

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

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

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY
OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT
MARCH 3, 2020**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK PEN or PENCIL to fill in the oval.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Vote for not more than ONE

JOSEPH R. BIDEN of Delaware
MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG of New York
PETE BUTTIGIEG of Indiana
JULIAN CASTRO of Texas
TULSI GABBARD of Hawaii
AMY KLOBUCHAR of Minnesota
DEVAL PATRICK of Massachusetts
BERNIE SANDERS of Vermont
MARK STEWART of Connecticut
TOM STEYER of California
ELIZABETH WARREN of Massachusetts
MARIANNE WILLIAMSON of Iowa
ANDREW YANG of New York

(Write-in)

SAMPLE BALLOT

**REPUBLICAN PARTY
OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT
MARCH 3, 2020**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK PEN or PENCIL to fill in the oval.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval ● to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval ● to the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Vote for not more than ONE

ROQUE "ROCKY" DE LA FUENTE of California

DONALD J. TRUMP of New York

BILL WELD of Massachusetts

(Write-in)

SAMPLE BALLOT

RESUME OF TOWN MEETING – March 5, 2019

- Article 1-2 Town Officers elected as listed in front of this Town Report.
- Article 3 Heard the reports of the Town Officers for the past year.
- Article 4 Voted to create a Reserve Fund for library purposes to be under the control of the Lanpher Memorial Library Board of Trustees with funding from donations, fees, grants, interest earned on investments, or gifts, and by any appropriation approved by voters in future years.
- Article 5 Voted to appropriate \$600 to Lamoille Neighbors, Inc. for FY2020.
- Article 6 Voted to appropriate \$50,000 of the General Fund Balance to the North Hyde Park Grange Hall Project.
- Article 7 Voted to rename the existing Highway Equipment Reserve Fund to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund and specify that in addition to highway vehicles and equipment repair and purchases, the fund may be used for highway facility construction and repair and for roadway capital projects.
- Article 8 Voted to appropriate \$43,787 from the General Fund Balance to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund.
- Article 9 Voted to prohibit, as allowed by 24 V.S.A. 1936,a, the town constable from exercising law enforcement authority.
- Article 10 Voted to approve, in addition to any other appropriations approved in prior articles, a total general fund expenditures amount for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 of \$2,529,600 of which \$2,111,100 shall be raised by property taxes and \$418,500 by non-property tax revenue.
- Article 11 Voted to approve the payment of property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four equal installments (32 V.S.A. 4792), as listed below; with delinquent taxes and assessments have charged against them an eight percent (8%) commission after the fourth installment (32 V.S.A. 1674) and interest charges of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months; and thereafter, one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month of fraction thereof from the due date of such tax? Such interest shall be imposed on a fraction of a month as if it were an entire month (32 V.S.A § 5136). Payments are due in the hands of the Treasurer by 4:00 P.M. on the below due dates. Only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks will be accepted if postmarked on or before the due date (32 V.S.A. 4773). First installment to be paid on or before Friday, August 30, 2019. Second installment to be paid on or before Friday, November 15, 2019. Third installment to be paid on or before Tuesday, February 18, 2020. Fourth installment to be paid on or before Friday, May 15, 2020

Article 12 Other Business:

S. Bartlett stated that Roger Barry had a fall on the ice and was therefore not in attendance at the meeting today.

S. Bartlett also stated that the Front Porch Forum is a valuable resource and a great way to stay up to date and involved with the community.

M. Zophar thanked the Selectboard for all their hard work. She asked how to get the meetings moved back to the elementary school.

S. Bartlett acknowledged that this was something that was missed from last year's Town Meeting discussion, but it will be looked into for next year.

D. Tingle stated that there are meals at other town meetings and why not in Hyde Park. He would volunteer to be on a meal committee for next year.

D. Gagnier thanked Kim Moulton, Dawn Slayton, Alyson Cusson, Ron Rodjenski, Julie Rohleder, Gary Anderson, Deanna Judkins, the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department for all their hard work for the town and to Paul Nesky for stepping into the Moderator position this year.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AT A GLANCE

To Do This	You Say This	May You Interrupt Speaker?	Must You Be Seconded?	Is the Motion Debatable?	What Vote Is Required?
*Adjourn the meeting	I move that we adjourn.	No	Yes	No	Majority
Recess the meeting	I move that we recess until...	No	Yes	No	Majority
*Complain about noise, room temperature, etc.	Point of privilege.	Yes	No	No	No Vote
*Suspend further consideration of something	I move we table it.	No	Yes	No	Majority
End debate	I move that the previous question...	No	Yes	No	2/3 vote
Postpone consideration of something	I move we postpone this matter until...	No	Yes	Yes	Majority
Have something studied further	I move we refer this to a committee	No	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend a motion	I move to amend this motion.	No	Yes	Yes	Majority
Introduce business (a primary motion)	I move that...	No	Yes	Yes	Majority
*Object to procedure or to personal affront	Point of order.	Yes	No	No	No vote: chair decides
*Request information	Point of information.	Yes	No	No	No vote
*Ask for a vote count to verify a voice vote	I call for a division of the house.	No	No	No	No vote
*Object to considering some matter	I object to consideration of this..	Yes	No	No	2/3 vote
*Take up a matter previously tabled	I move to take from the table.	No	Yes	No	Majority
*Reconsider something already disposed of	I move we reconsider action on...	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
*Consider something not in scheduled order	I move we suspend the rules and...	No	Yes	No	2/3 vote
*Vote on a ruling by the chair	I appeal the chair's decision.	No	Yes	Yes	Majority

**Source: the "Building Better Boards" project, Colorado Mountain College, 1982*

COMMUNITY SERVICES

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Hyde Park Town Clerk and Treasurer – Kimberly J. Moulton; 888-2300
Planning, Zoning & Selectboard – Ron Rodjenski; 888-2300 x302; ron@hydeparkvt.com
Town Listers' Office 888-2300 x303; Office Hours: Wed. 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Animal Control – Diane Stoney 585-0543, or 888-4858. emergency calls to 911
Hyde Park Village Trustees / Utility Billing (Village Electric, Water and Sewer) 888-2310
Hyde Park Highway Garage – 888-4625
North Hyde Park Water District #1 – Roger Audet; 635-7038
Hyde Park Opera House – 888-4507

FIRE, POLICE, AND AMBULANCE SERVICES

Dial 911 in Emergencies

Non-Emergency Numbers for:

Lamoille County Sheriff; Sheriff Roger Marcoux; 888-3502
Ambulance – Newport Ambulance Services (NEMS); 334-2023
Hyde Park Fire Department; Chief Ed Webster; 888-2357
North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department; Chief Eric Aither; 635-2607

VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT - LAMOILLE UNIT

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

LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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

ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS

Lamoille-2 Representatives (for Belvidere, Hyde Park, Johnson, Wolcott)
Matt Hill mhill@leg.state.vt.us; (802) 828-2228
Daniel Noyes dnoyes@leg.state.vt.us; (802) 828-2228
State Senator – Lamoille District
Richard Westman rawestman@gmail.com; (802) 644-2297
Governor Phil Scott 1-800-828-3322; www.governor.vermont.gov
Lt. Governor David Zuckerman 1-802-828-2226; www.lt.gov.vermont.gov
Secretary of State Jim Condos 1-800-439-8683; www.sec.state.vt.us
U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy 1-800-642-3193; www.leahy.senate.gov
U.S. Senator Bernard Sanders 1-800-339-9834; www.sanders.senate.gov
U.S. Representative Peter Welch 1-888-605-7270; www.welch.house.gov

SCHOOLS

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

PUBLIC TRANSIT

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

LIBRARY

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

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

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

Community Services &
General Information

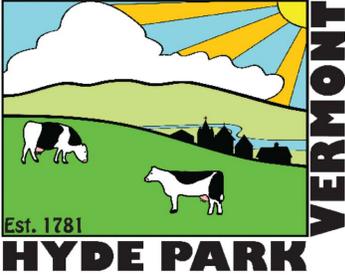
Dial 211

vermont211.org

Road Conditions

Dial 511

newengland511.org



TOWN OF HYDE PARK
PO Box 98
Hyde Park, VT 05655-0098

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