

TOWN OF  
JOHNSON  
VERMONT

ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR YEAR ENDING:  
JUNE 30, 2020

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## JOHNSON

Chartered.....January 2, 1792  
 Elevation above sea level.....516 feet  
 Population (2010 census).....3446  
 Area.....30,656 acres  
 State Representative .....Kate Donnally  
 State Representative.....Dan Noyes  
 State Senator .....Richard Westman

### Highway Summary as of February 10, 2019

Class 1 Town Highways	0.000
Class 2 Town Highways	Miles
No. 1	5.270
No. 2	0.500
No. 3	0.400
No. 4	2.430
No. 5	.75
No.6	1.550
No.7	<u>1.600</u>
Total Class 2 Town Highways	12.500
Total Class 3 Town Highways	<u>36.410</u>
Total Town Highways	48.910 Miles
State Highway	
VT 15	6.843
VT 100C	<u>4.508</u>
Total State Highway	<u>11.351</u> Miles
 TOTAL TRAVELED HIGHWAYS	 60.261 Miles
 Total Class 4 Town Highways	 12.990
Total Legal Trails	.32

## **AUDITOR'S STATEMENT**

In accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24, V.S.A., we have examined the accounts and records of the Town of Johnson. To the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and reports show the financial activity and financial position of the Town for the year ending June 30, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Benford

Susan Carney

Louise Cross

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## **TOWN OF JOHNSON TAX EXPLANATION**

1. Taxes assessed April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.
2. Taxes billed about July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.
3. Taxes due in the town Treasurer's Office in four installments: September 30, 2020 November 10, 2020 and February 10, 2021 May 10, 2021. Postmarks are not accepted.
4. Voted at Town Meeting 1983 to collect interest on overdue taxes at 1% per month for the first three months from due date and 1 ½% thereafter.
5. After May 11, 2021 all unpaid taxes for the year become delinquent and are turned over to the Tax Collector for collection.
6. The Tax Collector adds a fee of eight percent (8%) to the amount to be collected and bills the delinquent taxpayer.
7. The amount must be paid in full, including the Collector's fee and interest due to clear a taxpayer's name on the Town Records.

TOWN OFFICERS - 2020	
Moderator	David Williams
Clerk, Rosemary Audibert	Term Expires March 2023
Treasurer, Rosemary Audibert	Term Expires March 2023
Selectboard:	
Douglas Molde, 3 year term	Term Expires March 2021
Kyle Ellen Nuse, 2 year term	Term Expires March 2021
Michael Dunham, 3 year term	Term Expires March 2022
Nathaniel Kinney, 2 year term	Term Expires March 2022
Eric Osgood, 3 year term	Term Expires March 2023
Tax Collector, Rosemary Audibert	Term Expires March 2021
Trustee of Public Money (App't by Selectboard)	Vacant
Grand Juror	David Williams
Agent to Convey Real Estate (App't by Selectboard)	Vacant
Plot Cemetery Agent ( App't by Selectboard)	David Marvin
Whiting-Hill Cemetery Agent	Selectboard
Evergreen Ledge Cemetery Agent	Selectboard
Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits	David Williams
Auditors:	
Louise Cross	Term Expires March 2021
Susan Carney	Term Expires March 2022
JoAnn Benford	Term Expires March 2023
Town Assessor	NEMRC
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Directors:	
Angela Lamell - 3 year term	Term Expires March 2021
Mark Nielsen, 3 year term	Term Expires March 2021
Allen Audette, Jr, 3 year term	Term Expires March 2022
Bobbie Moulton, 3 year term	Term Expires March 2023
Katie Orost, 3 year term	Term Expires March 2023
Library Trustees:	
Kelly Vandorn	Term Expires March 2021
Sabrina Rossi	Term Expires March 2022
Jasmine Yuris	Term Expires March 2023
Stacey Waterman	Term Expires March 2024
Jessica Bickford	Term Expires March 2025
Lamoille Regional Solid Waste District Supervisor:	
Phil Wilson - Resigned	Term Expires March 2021
Board of Civil Authority:	
Jennifer Burton, Pam Jaspersohn, Janice Gearhart, Bari Gladstone,	
Margo Warden, Liam Murphy, Jan Perkins, Michael Dunham, Alan Manchester	
Martha Leonard, Helen McElroy	
Board of Selectboard & Town Clerk	

APPOINTMENTS	
Selectboard - Chairman	Eric Osgood
Selectboard - Vice Chairman	Douglas Molde
Road Commissioner	Brian Story
Road Foreman/Public Works Supervisor	Hugh Albright
Ass't Clerk/Treasurer - Appointed	Susan Tinker
First Constable	Tracy Myers
Fence Viewers: Blaine Delisle, Margo Warden, Kathy Black	
Official Weigher	Michael Patch
Tree Warden	Noel Dodge
Health Officer	Tracy Myers
Deputy Health Officer	Brian Story
Vt. Emergency Management	Chairman of Selectboard
Energy Coordinator	Vacant
Town Service Officer	Michael Dunham
Inspector of Lumber, Wood & Shingles	Richard Simays
Green Up Day, Chairman	Shayne Spence
Planning Commission:	
Kim Dunkley, 3 year term	Term Expires March 2021
Charles Gallanter, 2 year term	Term expires March 2021
Kim Cotnoir, 3 year term	Term Expires March 2022
Rob Rodriguez, 2 year term	Term Expires March 2022
Paul Warden, 2 year term	Term Expires March 2022
David Butler, 3 year term	Term Expires March 2023
Kyley Hill (appointed)	
Greg Tatro (appointed)	
Recreation Committee:	
Jasmine Yuris, Katie Orost, Allen Audette, Kyle Senesac, Kim Goodell	
Johnson Skate Park Committee:	
Casey Romero, Howard Romero, Greg Fatigate, George Swanson	
Jon Girard, Rick Aupperlee, James Whitehill	
Conservation Commission	
Lois Frey, Eric Nuse, Dean Locke, Sue Lovering, Noel Dodge	
Denise Ashman, Jackie Stanton, Jared Jasinski, Carrie Watson	
Tree Board	
Sue Lovering, Rob Maynard, Noel Dodge, Dorcas Jones, Louise von Weise	
Jacob Vandorn, Brian Vandorn	
Fire Warden - Resigned	Gordon Smith
Town Historian	Linda Jones
Johnson Historical Society	
Linda Jones, Dean West, Lois Frey, Tom Carney, Alice Whiting	
Duncan Hastings, Dick Simays, Kelly Vandorn, Mary Jean Smith	

Development Review Board:	
Will Angier, Jim MacDowell, David Butler, William Jennison, David Williams	
alternates - Shayne Spence, Kim Dunkley	
Beautification Committee:	
Kyle Nuse, Ann Marie Bahr, Bradley Fletcher, Carrie Watson	
Tuesday Night Live Committee	
Howard Romero, Tim Mikovitz, Joie Lehouillier, Sophia Berard, Mara Siegel,	
Jasmine Yuris, Tom Moog	
Community Oven Committee:	
Jasmine Yuris, Ray Kania, Luke Gellatly, Sophia Berard, Charlotte Roozekrans,	
Liam Murphy, Mark Woodward, Jennifer Burton, Jennifer Yuris	
Official Pound	Lamoille Kennels
Johnson Emergency Service:	
Fire, Ambulance, Police	911
Newport Ambulance Service	635-8900
Town Clerk's Office Hours:	635-2611
Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	
Selectboard Meeting - Municipal Office Building, 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday	
of every month. Meetings are open to the public	
Library Trustee's meeting - 2nd Tuesday of every month - Library	
Johnson Public Library:	635-7141
Hours - Tuesday 10:00 to 5:00 Friday 10:00 to 5:00	
Wednesday 11 to 6:00 Saturday 10:00 to 1:00	
Thursday 10:00 to 5:00	
Johnson Food Shelf	
Hours - Tuesday & Friday 9:00 am to 12 Noon	
Wednesday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	
Phone - 635-9003 Location - 661 Railroad Street	



## **TOWN EMPLOYEES**

BRIAN STORY	Town Administrator
ROSEMARY AUDIBERT	Town Clerk & Treasurer
SUSAN TINKER	Asst. Clerk & Treasurer
ANNE MULLINGS	Administrative Assistant to the Town Clerk
HUGH ALBRIGHT	Highway/Public Works Foreman
JASON WHITEHILL	Road Maintenance
RYAN STYGLES	Road Maintenance
DAMIEN DIGREGORIO	Road Maintenance
MARK LEHOUILIER	Road Maintenance
LISA CREWS	Recreation Coordinator

## **NOTICE TO VOTERS BEFORE ELECTION DAY**

### **CHECKLIST POSTED:**

By Sunday January 31, 2021 (or 30 days before your town meeting). The Town Clerk must post the checklist. Make sure your name is on it. If your name is not on it, you must complete an application to the checklist. (Available online at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, click on Elections or from your town clerk.)

### **REGISTER TO VOTE:**

Vermont allows for same day voter registration.

### **EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:**

You, or a family member on your behalf, may request an early or absentee ballot from your Town Clerk by telephone, mail or e-mail at any time up until 5 p.m. or closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day before the election, March 2, 2021. An authorized person can apply for you to get a ballot only in person or in writing.

If you are ill or disabled, you can request that a pair of Justices of the Peace deliver a ballot to you. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the justices. They must return the ballot to the Town Clerk for you.

SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

### **ON ELECTION DAY**

- If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your town clerk and ask that it be put back on.
- If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the town clerk, a selectman or other members of the board of civil authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.
- If you are still not satisfied, you may take a brief written request to a Superior Court Judge, who will rule on your request before the polls close that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE for more information. If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may bring the person of your choice to assist you or you can request assistance from two election officials.
- If you cannot get from the car into the polling place, two election officials may bring a ballot to your car.

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW:**

- Do not knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Do not mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote. You can only register to vote and remain on the checklist in the town of your principal dwelling place.
- Do not display any campaign literature, stickers, buttons, etc. within the building containing a polling place. However, a voter may bring a small card or paper into the polling place for his or her own use in remembering candidates so long as it is not publicly displayed.
- Do not solicit votes or otherwise campaign within the building containing a polling place.
- Do not interfere with the progress of a voter going to or from the polling place. This includes socializing in a manner that will disturb other voters.

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



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

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

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

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.vermont.gov>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.vermont.gov>



### **Local Talk on Front Porch Forum**

Have you joined our local Front Porch Forum? FPF helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting a statewide network of online local forums. More than half of Vermont households participate with hundreds more joining every month. People use their FPF to find lost animals, offer assistance to neighbors, organize local projects, share crime reports, draw crowds to events, highlight small businesses, seek contractor recommendations, and much more. Started 10 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont. Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>

**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF JOHNSON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**March 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Johnson are hereby warned and notified that due to the COVID-19 emergency there will be no public meeting or floor vote on Town Meeting Day at the Johnson Elementary School Gym on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, however, all business will be conducted by Australian ballot.

The legal voters of the Town of Johnson are hereby notified and warned to meet at Johnson Municipal Building at 293 Lower Main Street West in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, beginning at nine o'clock in the forenoon (9:00 A.M.), at which time the polls will open, and continuing until seven o'clock in the afternoon (7:00 P.M.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

**Article 1: Shall the voters elect the following Town Officers:**

- Elect a Moderator for the Town Meeting.
- Elect Grand Juror.
- Elect Town Selectboard Officer for a 2 year term.
- Elect Town Selectboard Officer for a 3 year term.
- Elect Agent to Convey Real Estate.
- Elect Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits.
- Elect Auditor.
- Elect Town Tax Collector.
- Elect Plot Cemetery Agent.
- Elect Whiting Hill Cemetery Agent.
- Elect Trustee of Public Money.
- Elect Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District Supervisor.
- Elect Library Trustee.

**Article 2: Shall the voters elect the following School Board Officers:**

- Elect a Lamoille North Modified Unified Union Director for a 3 year term.
- Elect a Lamoille North Modified Unified Union Director for a 3 year term.

**Article 3: Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$3,072,353.53, of which it is estimated that \$1,907,420.03 will be raised by taxes and \$1,164,933.50 by non-tax revenues?**

**Article 4: Shall the voters approve the sum of \$10,338 to be raised by taxes for the support of THE LAMOILLE HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE?**

**Article 5: Shall the voters approve the sum of \$1,320 to be raised by taxes for the support of CLARINA HOWARD NICHOLS CENTER?**

**Article 6: Shall the voters approve the sum of \$500 to be raised by taxes for the support of THE RED CROSS?**

**Article 7: Shall the voters approve the sum of \$2,000 to be raised by taxes for the support of THE NORTH CENTRAL VERMONT RECOVERY CENTER?**

**Article 8: Shall the voters approve the sum of \$700 to be raised by taxes for the support of SALVATION FARMS?**

**Article 9:** 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 having 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, interest charges of one and one half percent (1½%) per month or 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 Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

Second installment to be paid on or before Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

Third installment to be paid on or before Thursday, February 10, 2022.

Fourth installment to be paid on or before Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

**Article 10:** Shall the voters approve the establishment and operation of cannabis retailers within the Town of Johnson, subject to regulation by the Vermont Cannabis Control Board and the Town of Johnson Selectboard, acting as the local cannabis control commission?

**Article 11:** Shall the voters approve the establishment and operation of integrated licensees within the Town of Johnson, subject to regulation by the Vermont Cannabis Control Board and the Town of Johnson Selectboard, acting as the local cannabis control commission?

The following articles are advisory only and are non-binding:

**Article 12:** Shall the Selectboard enter into discussions with the Village of Johnson Trustees with regard to a possible merger of the Town and Village?

**Article 13:** Shall the Selectboard repeal the Ordinance Regulating All Terrain Vehicles (ATV)?

**Article 14:** Shall the Selectboard undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the environmental impacts of All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) use on Class 4 roads in the Town of Johnson?

The legal voters and residents of the Town of Johnson are further warned and notified that two public informational hearing will be held remotely on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, commencing at seven o'clock in the afternoon (7:00 p.m.), and on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, commencing at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 p.m.) for the purpose of explaining Articles 2 through 15, including the proposed budget. The remote meeting will be held by Zoom Electric Meeting and Phone Call-In:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3446522544?pwd=VkNZZE5tMW5PaEhidVpnUjRxSkxGdz09>

Meeting ID: 344 652 2544

Passcode: 15531

You can also join by phone by calling:

+1 646 558 8656 US

+1 253 215 8782 US

+1 301 715 8592 US

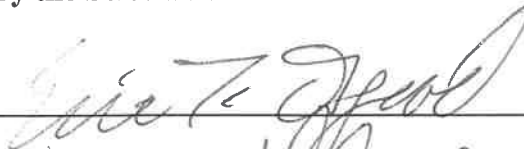

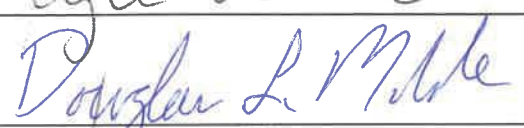
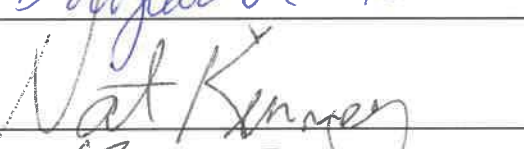

Meeting ID: 344 652 2544

Passcode: 15531


The legal voters of the Town of Johnson are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said Annual Meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this 25th day of January 2021

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Johnson:

Johnson, Vermont, town Clerk's Office, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 11:30 am received the foregoing warning and the same is duly recorded before posting.

Attest:   
Town Clerk

	A		B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	FY22 Proposed Town Budget Summary									
1		19-20	19-20		over/under	FY21	Estimated	FY22	%	% total
2		Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Year end	Budget	CHANGE	Budget
3	Account Description									
4	Revenue									
5	Tax Related									
11	subtotal	\$ 40,000	\$ 49,181	\$ 9,181	\$ 40,000	\$ 25,025	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	0.0%	1.3%
12	Fees, Licenses, Fines									
25	subtotal	\$ 33,525	\$ 37,226	\$ 3,701	\$ 35,475	\$ 36,260	\$ 35,425	\$ 35,425	-0.1%	1.2%
26	State/Federal									
35	subtotal	\$ 584,091	\$ 601,886	\$ 17,794	\$ 649,524	\$ 690,978	\$ 615,000	\$ 615,000	-5.3%	
36	Other Revenue									
57	subtotal	\$ 170,963	\$ 158,005	\$ (12,958)	\$ 266,945	\$ 296,188	\$ 319,975	\$ 319,975	19.9%	10.4%
58	Library Revenue									
68	subtotal	\$ 21,090	\$ 21,033	\$ (57)	\$ 31,250	\$ 16,624	\$ 21,700	\$ 21,700	-30.6%	0.7%
69	Rec. Committee Revenue									
89	subtotal	\$ 24,230	\$ 15,859	\$ (8,371)	\$ 15,558	\$ 4,878	\$ 15,558	\$ 15,558	0.0%	0.5%
90	Skatepark & Bike Track Revenue									
98	subtotal	\$ 4,145	\$ 6,022	\$ 1,877	\$ 2,125	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,310	\$ 5,310	149.9%	0.2%
99	Historical Society									
110	subtotal	\$ 7,065	\$ 11,794	\$ 4,729	\$ 7,215	\$ 4,108	\$ 3,765	\$ 3,765	-47.8%	0.1%
111	Tuesday Night Live Revenue									
117	subtotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,200	\$ -	\$ 8,200	\$ 8,200	0.0%	0.3%
118	Total Revenue (less property tax)	\$ 885,109	\$ 901,006	\$ 15,897	\$ 1,056,292	\$ 1,075,561	\$ 1,064,933	\$ 1,064,933	0.8%	34.7%
119	Est. Fund Bal. to reduce taxes	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 131,735	\$ 131,735	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	-24.1%	3.3%
120	Loan Principal 188 L Main E.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	
121	Amount to be raised by taxes	\$ 1,819,505	\$ 1,867,247	\$ 47,742	\$ 1,859,935	\$ 1,901,659	\$ 1,907,420	\$ 1,907,420	2.6%	62.1%
122	Total Revenue	\$ 2,709,614	\$ 2,773,253	\$ 63,639	\$ 3,047,962	\$ 3,108,956	\$ 3,072,354	\$ 3,072,354	0.8%	100.0%

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	<b>FY22 Proposed Town Budget Summary</b>								
1		19-20	19-20	over/under	FY21	Estimated	FY22	%	% total
2		Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Year end	Budget	CHANGE	Budget
3	Account Description								
123	EXPENSE								
124	GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
125	Salaries and Benefits								
143	subtotal	\$ 270,405	\$ 280,889	\$ 10,483	\$ 293,915	\$ 303,425	\$ 318,083	8.2%	10.4%
144	Selectboard Expense								
196	subtotal	\$ 251,629	\$ 247,528	\$ (4,102)	\$ 258,975	\$ 274,108	\$ 282,500	9.1%	9.2%
197	Town Office Expense								
212	subtotal	\$ 41,000	\$ 44,869	\$ 3,869	\$ 63,662	\$ 85,280	\$ 46,800	-26.5%	1.5%
213	Buildings & Grounds Expense								
236	subtotal	\$ 115,792	\$ 120,743	\$ 4,951	\$ 117,803	\$ 117,803	\$ 119,551	1.5%	3.9%
237	Public Safety Expense								
244	subtotal	\$ 753,660	\$ 751,093	\$ (2,567)	\$ 786,973	\$ 782,136	\$ 801,190	1.8%	26.1%
245	LIBRARY								
270	subtotal	\$ 114,838	\$ 116,707	\$ 1,869	\$ 133,546	\$ 134,046	\$ 124,943	-6.4%	4.1%
271	Recreation Committee								
299	subtotal	\$ 33,875	\$ 25,829	\$ (8,046)	\$ 25,500	\$ 13,810	\$ 25,500	0.0%	0.8%
300	Skatepark & Bike Track								
310	subtotal	\$ 7,945	\$ 4,813	\$ (3,132)	\$ 7,950	\$ 3,955	\$ 10,350	30.2%	0.3%
311	Historical Society								
327	subtotal	\$ 10,065	\$ 12,372	\$ 2,307	\$ 10,150	\$ 10,938	\$ 7,600	-25.1%	0.2%
328	Tuesday Night Live								
337	subtotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,200	\$ -	\$ 8,200	0.0%	0.3%
338	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 1,599,209	\$ 1,604,842	\$ 5,633	\$ 1,706,674	\$ 1,725,501	\$ 1,744,716	2.2%	56.8%



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1	<b>FY22 Proposed Town Budget Summary</b>								
2		19-20	19-20	over/under	FY21	Estimated	FY22	%	% total
3	Account Description	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Year end	Budget	CHANGE	Budget
339	HIGHWAY								
340	Highway Salaries & Benefits								
349	subtotal	\$ 385,907	\$ 395,836	\$ 9,929	\$ 407,031	\$ 407,031	\$ 406,319	-0.2%	13.2%
350	Buildings & Grounds Expense								
358	subtotal	\$ 23,850	\$ 21,680	\$ (2,170)	\$ 25,200	\$ 25,200	\$ 25,200	0.0%	0.8%
359	Summer Roads								
374	subtotal	\$ 253,946	\$ 227,544	\$ (26,402)	\$ 294,297	\$ 295,547	\$ 273,600	-7.0%	8.9%
375	Winter Roads								
380	subtotal	\$ 88,600	\$ 75,913	\$ (12,687)	\$ 95,100	\$ 95,100	\$ 95,100	0.0%	3.1%
381	Bridges & Culverts								
387	subtotal	\$ 19,100	\$ 7,179	\$ (11,921)	\$ 19,100	\$ 58,798	\$ 89,600	369.1%	2.9%
388	Equipment								
398	subtotal	\$ 307,613	\$ 286,520	\$ (21,093)	\$ 468,581	\$ 432,402	\$ 413,308	-11.8%	13.5%
399	Other								
402	subtotal	\$ 4,600	\$ 4,702	\$ 102	\$ 6,100	\$ 6,100	\$ 6,100	0.0%	0.2%
403	Highway	\$ 1,083,616	\$ 1,019,373	\$ (64,242)	\$ 1,315,409	\$ 1,320,177	\$ 1,309,228	-0.5%	42.6%
404	Articles								
420	subtotal	\$ 26,789	\$ 26,789	\$ -	\$ 25,379	\$ 29,603	\$ 18,409	-27.5%	0.6%
421	Total Budget	\$ 2,709,614	\$ 2,651,004	\$ (58,610)	\$ 3,047,462	\$ 3,075,282	\$ 3,072,354	0.8%	100.0%
422			Difference of Budget to Estimated FY21			\$ 27,820			

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1	<b>FY22 Proposed Budget</b>								
2		19-20	19-20			over/under	FY21	Estimated	FY22
3	Account Description	Budget	Actual			Budget	Budget	Year end	Budget
4	Tax Related								
5	Current Taxes	\$ 1,819,505	\$ 1,867,247	\$ 47,742	\$ 1,859,935	\$ 1,901,659	\$ 1,907,420		
6									
7	Late Tax Penalty Revenue	\$ 15,000	\$ 17,297	\$ 2,297	\$ 15,000	\$ 25	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000
8	Tax Sale Redemption	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
9	Interest: Delinquent Tax	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,884	\$ 5,884	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000
10	Interest Current Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
11	<b>subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 49,181</b>	<b>\$ 9,181</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 25,025</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>		<b>\$ 40,000</b>
12	<b>Fees, Licenses, Fines</b>								
13	Other Fees	\$ 200	\$ 498	\$ 298	\$ 200	\$ 632	\$ 200		\$ 200
14	Overweight Permit Fees	\$ 200	\$ 445	\$ 245	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200		\$ 200
15	Clerk's Office Fees	\$ 23,000	\$ 25,846	\$ 2,846	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000
16	Fish and Game Fees	\$ 100	\$ 76	\$ (24)	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100		\$ 100
17	Liquor Licenses	\$ 750	\$ 650	\$ (100)	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800		\$ 800
18	Dog Licenses	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,254	\$ (546)	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700		\$ 2,700
19	Marriage Licenses	\$ 175	\$ 150	\$ (25)	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175		\$ 175
20	Revenue from Law Enforcement	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,418	\$ 1,418	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,353	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
21	Parking Fines	\$ 150	\$ 50	\$ (100)	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150		\$ 100
22	Dog Fines	\$ 400	\$ 240	\$ (160)	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400		\$ 400
23	Driveway Permits	\$ 750	\$ 600	\$ (150)	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750		\$ 750
24	Sewer Service Area fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
25	<b>subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 33,525</b>	<b>\$ 37,226</b>	<b>\$ 3,701</b>	<b>\$ 35,475</b>	<b>\$ 36,260</b>	<b>\$ 35,425</b>		
26	<b>State/Federal</b>								
27	State Aid Highways Payment	\$ 106,000	\$ 109,428	\$ 3,428	\$ 106,000	\$ 106,000	\$ 106,000		\$ 106,000
28	Current Use Payment	\$ 85,000	\$ 92,118	\$ 7,118	\$ 85,000	\$ 106,704	\$ 85,000		\$ 85,000
29	Pilot Payment	\$ 330,000	\$ 357,222	\$ 27,222	\$ 340,000	\$ 398,145	\$ 340,000		\$ 340,000
30	Maint. of G. List & EEGL	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,072	\$ 1,072	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000		\$ 12,000
31	ANR Lands PILOT	\$ 20,000	\$ 23,646	\$ 3,646	\$ 22,000	\$ 24,646	\$ 22,000		\$ 22,000
32	State Grants (highway)	\$ 31,091	\$ 6,400	\$ (24,691)	\$ 84,524	\$ 43,484	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000
33	State Grants (other)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
34	Tree Board Revenue/Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
35	<b>subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 584,091</b>	<b>\$ 601,886</b>	<b>\$ 17,794</b>	<b>\$ 649,524</b>	<b>\$ 690,978</b>	<b>\$ 615,000</b>		

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	<b>FY22 Proposed Budget</b>								
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2			19-20		19-20	over/under	FY21	Estimated	FY22
3	Account Description	Budget		Actual		Budget	Budget	Year end	Budget
36	Other Revenue								
37	Lamoille Cty Emer. Fund	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
38	Lease Land	\$	-	\$	7	\$	7	\$	7
39	Overrun Stone Income	\$	1,000	\$	6,471	\$	5,471	\$	4,080
40	Interest On Investments	\$	1,500	\$	2,591	\$	1,091	\$	-
41	Misc. Reimbursements	\$	-	\$	2,743	\$	2,743	\$	4,050
42	Rev. Highway Restricted Fund	\$	92,063	\$	96,844	\$	4,781	\$	155,063
43	Misc. Revenue	\$	400	\$	1,185	\$	785	\$	1,151
44	Projects/Events/Celebration Rev.	\$	5,500	\$	3,514	\$	(1,986)	\$	-
45	Conservation Commission Revenue	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
46	Rev. Bldgs & Equip. Restricted Fd.	\$	25,000	\$	-	\$	(25,000)	\$	20,000
47	Historical Society	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	37,500
48	Rev. Records Preservation Fund	\$	5,000	\$	-	\$	(5,000)	\$	6,500
49	Bridge Reserve Fund	\$	2,000	\$	-	\$	(2,000)	\$	2,000
50	Dr. Holcomb House Rental Income	\$	17,000	\$	17,445	\$	445	\$	16,925
51	Dr. Holcomb House Hist. Soc. In lieu of rent	\$	1,500	\$	1,500	\$	-	\$	1,500
52	Miscellaneous Grant	\$	-	\$	2,597	\$	2,597	\$	-
53	Coddling Hollow FEMA project	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
54	Revenue Reappraisal Fund	\$	20,000	\$	20,000	\$	-	\$	20,000
55	Wood Fired Oven	\$	-	\$	3,108	\$	3,108	\$	500
56	Bike Track	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
57	subtotal	\$	170,963	\$	158,005	\$	(12,958)	\$	296,188
58	Library Revenue						266,945		319,975
59	Farrington Trust	\$	5,540	\$	5,397	\$	(143)	\$	6,000
60	USB Fund	\$	3,800	\$	3,763	\$	(37)	\$	3,800
61	Interest & Dividends	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
62	Donations/Fines/Sales	\$	250	\$	152	\$	(98)	\$	200
63	Grant Funds	\$	5,750	\$	6,340	\$	590	\$	1,575
64	Adopt an Author	\$	350	\$	150	\$	(200)	\$	20
65	Copies/computer revenue	\$	400	\$	353	\$	(48)	\$	29
66	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
67	R & G Jones Endowment.	\$	5,000	\$	4,878	\$	(122)	\$	5,000
68	subtotal	\$	21,090	\$	21,033	\$	(57)	\$	16,624
							31,250		21,700



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1	<b>FY22 Proposed Budget</b>								
2		19-20	19-20						
3	Account Description	Budget	Actual			over/under	FY21	Estimated	FY22
						Budget	Budget	Year end	Budget
111	Tuesday Night Live Revenue								
112	Donations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	800	\$	800
113	Sponsors	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,000	\$	5,000
114	Vendor Fees	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,600	\$	1,600
115	Interest	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
116	Misc Income	\$	-	\$	-	\$	800	\$	800
117	subtotal	\$	-	\$	-	\$	8,200	\$	8,200
118	Total Revenue (less property tax)	\$	885,109	\$	901,006	\$	1,056,292	\$	1,064,933
119	Est. Fund Bal. to reduce taxes	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	131,735	\$	100,000
120	Loan Principal 188 L Main E.	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
121	Amount to be raised by taxes	\$	1,819,505	\$	1,867,247	\$	47,742	\$	1,901,659
122	Total Revenue	\$	2,709,614	\$	2,773,253	\$	3,047,962	\$	3,072,354
123	EXPENSE								
124	GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
125	Salaries and Benefits								
126	Board Salaries	\$	5,200	\$	5,200	\$	5,200	\$	6,300
127	Office Admin. Salaries	\$	159,561	\$	155,339	\$	(4,222)	\$	169,360
128	Town Officers/Officials Salaries	\$	2,000	\$	950	\$	(1,050)	\$	2,000
129	Animal Control Services	\$	4,000	\$	255	\$	(3,745)	\$	4,000
130	Health Officers Salaries	\$	1,000	\$	500	\$	(500)	\$	1,000
131	Recreation Salaries	\$	-	\$	16,948	\$	16,948	\$	8,178
132	Auditor Salaries	\$	1,345	\$	696	\$	(649)	\$	1,345
133	Planning Salaries	\$	600	\$	-	\$	(600)	\$	1,200
134	Holiday,sick,vacation	\$	28,158	\$	25,230	\$	(2,928)	\$	29,887
135	Skate Park Salaries	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	233
136	CEDC Salary	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
137	Ordinance Enforcement	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
138	Social Security	\$	14,023	\$	15,480	\$	1,456	\$	14,248
139	Retirement	\$	10,540	\$	11,687	\$	1,146	\$	11,175
140	Unemployment	\$	193	\$	270	\$	77	\$	385
141	Insurances	\$	43,535	\$	48,335	\$	4,799	\$	53,864
142	SECTION 125 PLAN	\$	250	\$	-	\$	(250)	\$	250
143	subtotal	\$	270,405	\$	280,889	\$	10,483	\$	303,425
144	Selectboard Expense								
145	Town Report Expense	\$	3,500	\$	3,236	\$	(264)	\$	4,500
146	Audit Expense	\$	8,500	\$	8,500	\$	-	\$	8,500
147	Planning Commission Expense	\$	500	\$	387	\$	(113)	\$	500
148	Lister Expense	\$	1,000	\$	1,262	\$	262	\$	-
149	Re-appraisal Fund	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
150	Development Review Board Expense	\$	500	\$	-	\$	(500)	\$	500
151	E Johnson Sewer Electricity	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
152	Streetslights	\$	2,000	\$	1,527	\$	(473)	\$	2,000
153	Legal Expenses	\$	12,000	\$	3,472	\$	(8,528)	\$	14,000
									16,000

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2															
3	Account Description			19-20	19-20	Actual	over/under	Budget	FY21	Estimated	FY22				
				Budget			Budget		Budget	Year end	Budget				
154	Selectboard Consultant Services			\$ 10,000	\$	12,803	\$ 2,803	\$	\$ 12,000	\$	12,000	\$	14,000		
155	P. Commission Consultant			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
156	Selectboard Contracted Services			\$	-	\$	204	\$	\$ 204	\$	-	\$	-		
157	Listers Contracted Services			\$ 27,000	\$	32,000	\$ 5,000	\$	\$ 32,000	\$	32,000	\$	50,000		
158	Tax Maps & related			\$ 2,500	\$	2,400	\$ (100)	\$	\$ 2,500	\$	2,500	\$	2,500		
159	P. Commission Contracted			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
160	General Insurance			\$ 50,835	\$	54,088	\$ 3,253	\$	\$ 53,981	\$	53,981	\$	49,735		
161	P. Commission Projects/Grants			\$ 1,000	\$	-	\$ (1,000)	\$	\$ 1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000		
162	Beautification			\$ 3,000	\$	1,938	\$ (1,062)	\$	\$ 3,000	\$	3,000	\$	3,000		
163	Projects/Events/Celebration			\$ 6,500	\$	5,722	\$ (778)	\$	\$ 500	\$	500	\$	500		
164	USDA RBEG grant			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
165	CDBG Store Loan			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
166	Trailhead Building grant			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
167	EV Charging Station			\$ 500	\$	346	\$ (154)	\$	\$ 500	\$	500	\$	750		
168	Wood fired oven			\$	-	\$ 3,118	\$ 3,118	\$	\$ 500	\$	2,187	\$	500		
169	Bike Terrain Park			\$	-	\$ 1,396	\$ 1,396	\$	\$	-	\$ 350	\$	-		
170	Tax Adjustments Prior Yr			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
171	Non Motorized Path Grant			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
172	Tax Abatements			\$	-	\$ 1,659	\$ 1,659	\$	\$	-	\$ 6,269	\$	-		
173	Tax Sales			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
174	10% G.L.. taxes			\$ 59,484	\$	59,484	\$ 0	\$	\$ 59,468	\$	59,468	\$	61,977		
175	Interest On Loan Payments			\$ 8,646	\$	4,456	\$ (4,190)	\$	\$ 11,532	\$	11,532	\$	12,842		
176	Interest on Loan Dr. Holcomb House			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
177	Interest on Light Industrial Park			\$ 2,751	\$	2,762	\$ 11	\$	\$ 1,955	\$	1,955	\$	1,143		
178	General Contingency			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
179	County Tax			\$ 21,481	\$	21,481	\$	\$	\$ 22,187	\$	22,187	\$	23,679		
180	LCPC Dues			\$ 1,877	\$	1,877	\$	\$	\$ 1,877	\$	1,877	\$	1,877		
181	VLCT Dues			\$ 5,155	\$	5,155	\$	\$	\$ 5,368	\$	5,368	\$	5,637		
182	Other Dues			\$ 75	\$	-	\$ (75)	\$	\$ 575	\$	1,000	\$	575		
183	Lamoille Cty Ind. Dev Dues			\$ 3,000	\$	3,000	\$	\$	\$ 3,000	\$	3,000	\$	3,000		
184	Front Porch Forum			\$ 200	\$	-	\$ (200)	\$	\$ 200	\$	200	\$	200		
185	Vermont Trails and Greenways			\$ 85	\$	-	\$ (85)	\$	\$ 85	\$	85	\$	85		
186	Emergency Management R. Fund			\$ 7,500	\$	3,688	\$ (3,813)	\$	\$ 7,500	\$	7,500	\$	7,500		
187	Skate Park Committee Expense			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
188	Conservation Commission Expense			\$ 1,250	\$	1,297	\$ 47	\$	\$ 1,500	\$	1,500	\$	1,500		
189	Conservation Reserve Fund			\$ 250	\$	-	\$ (250)	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
190	Preparedness Grant			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
191	Arbor Day Grant			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$ 1,954	\$	-		
192	Tree Board Expense			\$ 1,540	\$	860	\$ (680)	\$	\$ 1,147	\$	1,147	\$	1,400		
193	Lease Land			\$	-	\$	-	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$		
194	Solid Waste/Landfill Expense			\$ 7,500	\$	7,430	\$ (70)	\$	\$ 7,500	\$	8,948	\$	7,500		
195	Misc. Expenses			\$ 1,500	\$	1,979	\$ 479	\$	\$ 100	\$	2,100	\$	100		
196	Subtotal			\$ 251,629	\$	247,528	\$ (4,102)	\$	\$ 258,975	\$	274,108	\$	282,500		

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	Account Description		Budget		Actual		Budget	Budget	Year end	Budget
1	Town Office Expense									
197	Postage		\$ 8,000	\$	5,432	\$ (2,568)	\$	7,000	\$	8,000
199	Office Supplies		\$ 3,200	\$	4,088	\$ 888	\$	3,400	\$	3,400
200	Records Supplies		\$ 250	\$	42	\$ (209)	\$	250	\$	250
201	Printing/publishing		\$ 1,300	\$	2,317	\$ 1,017	\$	1,300	\$	1,300
202	Small Equip Pchse-current year		\$ 10,000	\$	12,567	\$ 2,567	\$	26,362	\$	10,000
203	Equip Pchse- Capital		\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
204	Equipment Maintenance/Repair		\$ 2,000	\$	1,518	\$ (482)	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
205	Election Expenses		\$ 1,000	\$	1,480	\$ 480	\$	3,000	\$	1,500
206	Mileage		\$ 300	\$	173	\$ (127)	\$	400	\$	400
207	Lister Mileage		\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
208	Professional Training		\$ 2,000	\$	1,234	\$ (766)	\$	3,000	\$	3,000
209	Computer Support		\$ 6,000	\$	6,615	\$ 615	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
210	Records Preservation		\$ 6,750	\$	9,040	\$ 2,290	\$	6,750	\$	6,750
211	Misc. Expenses		\$ 200	\$	364	\$ 164	\$	200	\$	200
212	subtotal		\$ 41,000	\$	44,869	\$ 3,869	\$	63,662	\$	46,800
213	Buildings & Grounds Expense									
214	Electricity		\$ 4,300	\$	3,333	\$ (967)	\$	4,900	\$	4,900
215	Dr. Holcomb House Electricity		\$ 1,800	\$	1,419	\$ (381)	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
216	Phone		\$ 1,600	\$	1,715	\$ 115	\$	1,800	\$	1,800
217	Water/Sewer		\$ 950	\$	1,125	\$ 175	\$	950	\$	950
218	Dr. Holcomb House water/sewer		\$ 950	\$	975	\$ 25	\$	950	\$	950
219	Heat		\$ 3,000	\$	1,983	\$ (1,017)	\$	3,400	\$	3,400
220	Dr. Holcomb House Heat/propane		\$ 5,000	\$	5,129	\$ 129	\$	5,400	\$	5,400
221	Grounds Maintenance		\$ 400	\$	138	\$ (262)	\$	400	\$	400
222	Janitorial Services		\$ 3,000	\$	2,618	\$ (382)	\$	6,565	\$	7,500
223	Grounds Mowing		\$ 800	\$	300	\$ (500)	\$	800	\$	800
224	Cemetery Maintenance		\$ 6,000	\$	3,175	\$ (2,825)	\$	6,000	\$	6,000
225	Cemetery Mowing		\$ 3,500	\$	2,860	\$ (640)	\$	3,500	\$	3,500
226	Dr. Holcomb House Grounds Maint.		\$ 600	\$	127	\$ (473)	\$	600	\$	600
227	Building Supplies		\$ 500	\$	661	\$ 161	\$	500	\$	500
228	Building Maintenance		\$ 4,000	\$	4,627	\$ 627	\$	4,250	\$	4,250
229	Building Capital Expense		\$ 35,000	\$	49,211	\$ 14,211	\$	30,000	\$	30,000
230	Dr. Holcomb House Building Supplies		\$ 500	\$	-	\$ (500)	\$	500	\$	500
231	Dr. Holcomb House Building Maintenance		\$ 3,000	\$	85	\$ (2,915)	\$	3,000	\$	3,000
232	Dr. Holcomb House Building Capital expense		\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
233	Light Industrial Park		\$ 39,442	\$	39,432	\$ (11)	\$	40,238	\$	41,051
234	Town Clock Expense/Maintenance		\$ 1,400	\$	520	\$ (880)	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
235	Misc. Materials B&G		\$ 50	\$	1,312	\$ 1,262	\$	50	\$	50
236	subtotal		\$ 115,792	\$	120,743	\$ 4,951	\$	117,803	\$	119,551

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3	Account Description	Budget			Actual			Budget		Budget		Year end		Budget	
237	Public Safety Expense														
238	Animal Control Expenses	\$	2,000	\$	2,013	\$		\$	13	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
239	Health Officers Expenses	\$	200	\$	-	\$		\$	(200)	\$	200	\$	200	\$	200
240	Emergency Medical Service	\$	121,135	\$	121,135	\$		\$	(0)	\$	137,272	\$	137,272	\$	141,507
241	Law Enforcement (Sheriff)	\$	467,729	\$	467,729	\$		\$	-	\$	481,761	\$	481,761	\$	496,214
242	Dispatch Services	\$	77,635	\$	75,255	\$		\$	(2,380)	\$	77,635	\$	72,798	\$	70,521
243	Fire Department Contract	\$	84,961	\$	84,961	\$		\$	-	\$	88,105	\$	88,105	\$	90,748
244	subtotal	\$	753,660	\$	751,093	\$		\$	(2,567)	\$	786,973	\$	782,136	\$	801,190
245	LIBRARY														
246	Library Salaries	\$	63,133	\$	57,830	\$		\$	(5,303)	\$	61,038	\$	61,038	\$	62,530
247	Professional Fee/Officers Sal	\$	750	\$	750	\$		\$	-	\$	750	\$	750	\$	750
248	Social Security	\$	4,822	\$	4,432	\$		\$	(390)	\$	4,669	\$	4,669	\$	4,784
249	Retirement	\$	2,061	\$	2,150	\$		\$	90	\$	2,307	\$	2,307	\$	2,403
250	Insurances	\$	10,622	\$	12,130	\$		\$	1,508	\$	13,397	\$	13,397	\$	13,591
251	Postage	\$	1,000	\$	960	\$		\$	(40)	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
252	Library/Office Supplies	\$	1,300	\$	1,807	\$		\$	507	\$	1,300	\$	1,300	\$	1,300
253	Books/Books on tape	\$	7,500	\$	7,322	\$		\$	(178)	\$	7,500	\$	7,500	\$	7,500
254	Magazines/Periodicals	\$	100	\$	-	\$		\$	(100)	\$	100	\$	100	\$	100
255	Programs	\$	3,000	\$	3,043	\$		\$	43	\$	3,000	\$	3,000	\$	3,000
256	Adopt an Author	\$	350	\$	97	\$		\$	(253)	\$	200	\$	200	\$	200
257	Grant Fund Purchases	\$	5,750	\$	5,339	\$		\$	(411)	\$	15,750	\$	15,750	\$	6,750
258	Equip. purchase current yr	\$	-	\$	1,000	\$		\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
259	Equip. Capital	\$	1,000	\$	-	\$		\$	(1,000)	\$	1,200	\$	1,200	\$	1,200
260	Mileage	\$	200	\$	129	\$		\$	(71)	\$	260	\$	260	\$	260
261	Electricity	\$	1,000	\$	894	\$		\$	(106)	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
262	Phone	\$	600	\$	579	\$		\$	(21)	\$	600	\$	600	\$	600
263	Water/Sewer	\$	650	\$	801	\$		\$	151	\$	650	\$	650	\$	650
264	Heat	\$	2,700	\$	2,473	\$		\$	(227)	\$	2,700	\$	2,700	\$	2,700
265	Professional Training	\$	200	\$	75	\$		\$	(125)	\$	200	\$	200	\$	200
266	Building Maint. Repair/supplies	\$	2,500	\$	4,419	\$		\$	1,919	\$	5,800	\$	5,800	\$	6,000
267	Building Capital Expense	\$	5,000	\$	9,976	\$		\$	4,976	\$	9,700	\$	9,700	\$	7,500
268	Tech Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	500	\$	500
269	Misc. Expenses	\$	600	\$	501	\$		\$	(99)	\$	425	\$	425	\$	425
270	subtotal	\$	114,838	\$	116,707	\$		\$	1,869	\$	133,546	\$	134,046	\$	124,943





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1	<b>FY22 Proposed Budget</b>						
2		19-20	19-20	over/under	FY21	Estimated	FY22
3	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Year end</b>	<b>Budget</b>
311	<b>Historical Society</b>						
312	Administration	\$ 340	\$ 311	\$ (29)	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450
313	Supplies	\$ 400	\$ 266	\$ (134)	\$ 500	\$ 200	\$ 300
314	Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
315	Equipment	\$ 900	\$ -	\$ (900)	\$ 600	\$ 100	\$ 300
316	Phone	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,119	\$ (81)	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,300
317	Buildings and Grounds	\$ 1,600	\$ 4,957	\$ 3,357	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,000
318	Contribution in lieu of rent	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700
319	Programs	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ (150)	\$ 200	\$ 100	\$ 100
320	Acquisitions	\$ 1,875	\$ 1,295	\$ (580)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
321	Fundraising Expenses	\$ 250	\$ 327	\$ 77	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
322	TNL Expense	\$ 350	\$ 230	\$ (120)	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 100
323	Historical Society Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200
324	Grant Purchases	\$ -	\$ 812	\$ 812	\$ -	\$ 1,838	\$ -
325	Misc expense	\$ 1,000	\$ 120	\$ (880)	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 500
326	Building Fund	\$ 500	\$ 1,435	\$ 935	\$ 500	\$ 1,100	\$ 100
327	<b>subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 10,065</b>	<b>\$ 12,372</b>	<b>\$ 2,307</b>	<b>\$ 10,150</b>	<b>\$ 10,938</b>	<b>\$ 7,600</b>
328	<b>Tuesday Night Live</b>						
329	Bands	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000
330	Other Entertainment Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600
331	Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300
332	Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
333	Portapotties	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
334	Compost/Recycling	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 400
335	Committee Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 800
336	Misc Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
337	<b>subtotal</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 8,200</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 8,200</b>
338	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$ 1,487,482</b>	<b>\$ 1,514,779</b>	<b>\$ 27,298</b>	<b>\$ 1,599,209</b>	<b>\$ 1,725,501</b>	<b>\$ 1,706,674</b>

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	FY22 Proposed Budget			19-20	19-20	Actual	over/under	FY21	Estimated	FY22
	Account Description			Budget	Budget		Budget	Budget	Year end	Budget
339	HIGHWAY									
340	Highway Salaries & Benefits									
341	Highway Salaries			\$ 242,904	\$ 240,414	\$ 240,414	\$ (2,489)	\$ 250,663	\$ 250,663	\$ 254,747
342	Holiday,sick,vacation			\$ 42,865	\$ 50,136	\$ 50,136	\$ 7,270	\$ 44,235	\$ 44,235	\$ 44,955
343	Class IV Road Labor			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
344	Social Security			\$ 21,861	\$ 22,137	\$ 22,137	\$ 275	\$ 22,560	\$ 22,560	\$ 22,927
345	Retirement			\$ 16,432	\$ 16,516	\$ 16,516	\$ 85	\$ 17,694	\$ 17,694	\$ 18,731
346	Unemployment			\$ 139	\$ 270	\$ 270	\$ 131	\$ 363	\$ 363	\$ 491
347	Insurances			\$ 56,355	\$ 59,490	\$ 59,490	\$ 3,135	\$ 65,268	\$ 65,268	\$ 58,218
348	Uniforms			\$ 5,350	\$ 6,873	\$ 6,873	\$ 1,523	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250
349	subtotal			\$ 385,907	\$ 395,836	\$ 395,836	\$ 9,929	\$ 407,031	\$ 407,031	\$ 406,319
350	Buildings & Grounds Expense									
351	Capital Purchases			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
352	Electricity			\$ 3,200	\$ 2,916	\$ 2,916	\$ (284)	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200
353	Phone			\$ 2,200	\$ 2,259	\$ 2,259	\$ 59	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300
354	Water/Sewer			\$ 1,950	\$ 2,052	\$ 2,052	\$ 102	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
355	Heat			\$ 13,000	\$ 12,850	\$ 12,850	\$ (150)	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
356	Bldg/grnds Maint/supplies			\$ 3,000	\$ 1,603	\$ 1,603	\$ (1,397)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
357	Misc. Expenses			\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (500)	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
358	subtotal			\$ 23,850	\$ 21,680	\$ 21,680	\$ (2,170)	\$ 25,200	\$ 25,200	\$ 25,200
359	Summer Roads									
360	Tree/brush removal/mowing			\$ 5,000	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,100	\$ 100	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
361	Invasive Species Management			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
362	Paving/blacktop-Maintenance			\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
363	Paving/blacktop-Capital			\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ -	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000
364	Gravel/Stone			\$ 35,000	\$ 33,485	\$ 33,485	\$ (1,515)	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500
365	Dust Control			\$ 28,000	\$ 38,198	\$ 38,198	\$ 10,198	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
366	Road signs			\$ 3,000	\$ 1,689	\$ 1,689	\$ (1,311)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
367	Construction/Projects-Annual			\$ 15,000	\$ 10,194	\$ 10,194	\$ (4,806)	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
368	Construction/Projects-Capital			\$ 38,846	\$ 16,137	\$ 16,137	\$ (22,709)	\$ 70,697	\$ 70,697	\$ 50,000
369	Guard Rail			\$ 6,000	\$ 4,650	\$ 4,650	\$ (1,350)	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
370	Class IV Road Maintenance			\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,500)	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
371	MRGP Compliance			\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (500)	\$ 500	\$ 1,750	\$ 500
372	Mud Abatement			\$ 15,000	\$ 13,091	\$ 13,091	\$ (1,909)	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
373	Misc. Materials			\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100)	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
374	subtotal			\$ 253,946	\$ 227,544	\$ 227,544	\$ (26,402)	\$ 294,297	\$ 295,547	\$ 273,600
375	Winter Roads									
376	Winter Parts and Supplies			\$ 13,000	\$ 11,714	\$ 11,714	\$ (1,286)	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000
377	Winter Sand			\$ 38,000	\$ 36,007	\$ 36,007	\$ (1,993)	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
378	Winter Salt			\$ 37,500	\$ 28,192	\$ 28,192	\$ (9,308)	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000
379	Misc. Materials			\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100)	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
380	subtotal			\$ 88,600	\$ 75,913	\$ 75,913	\$ (12,687)	\$ 95,100	\$ 95,100	\$ 95,100

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<b>Estimated 19-20 &amp; 18-19 COH Balance</b>	\$	-
<b>Actual Cash Bal 19-20 (before reservations)</b>	\$	<b>611,737</b>
<b>Reserve Funds included in 18-19 Cash on Hand</b>	\$	<b>-</b>
COH Emergency Management Reserve Fund	\$	(48,002)
COH reserved for Conservation Comm.	\$	(4,746)
COH Conservation Reserve Fund	\$	(3,500)
COH Tree Board	\$	(1,585)
COH Records Preservation Reserve Fund	\$	(2,037)
COH Tax Anticipation Reserve Fund	\$	(229,886)
COH Trust Funds	\$	(1,600)
COH Highway Policy Permits	\$	(2,800)
COH Communications/TNL	\$	(2,968)
COH Tax Prepayments	\$	(4,136)
COH Due from Rec Reserve Fund	\$	325
COH Due from Bldg & Grounds Fund	\$	-
COH Due to Capital Equipment Reserve Fund	\$	-
COH Due from Bridge & Culvert Fund	\$	-
COH Historical Fund Grants	\$	(1,688)
COH Due from Historical Reserve Fund	\$	(6,693)
COH Accounts Payable	\$	(46,371)
COH Rent Deposits	\$	(975)
COH Construction Note Payable-College Hill	\$	-
COH Johnson Bandstand	\$	(210)
COH Toddler Playground	\$	(109)
COH Audit Reserves	\$	(39,573)
COH Paving Holdover	\$	(88,517)
COH Johnson Public Library	\$	-
COH Non Motorized Bike Track	\$	(7,390)
COH Mill Park Grant	\$	(4,580)
COH Reserved for Other Purposes	\$	(10,708)
<b>subtotal</b>	\$	<b>(507,749)</b>
<b>Actual Cash Bal 19-20 (less reservations)</b>	\$	<b>103,988</b>
<b>Approved 19-20 Reservations to COH</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Capital Equipment Fund	\$ 100,000	\$ (100,000)
To reduce taxes FY21 budget	\$ 15,374	\$ (15,374)
Building and Grounds Reserve Fund	\$ 16,362	\$ (16,362)
Total Reserved		\$ (131,735)
<b>Actual Cash Bal 18-19 (after all reservations)</b>		<b>\$ (27,747)</b>
<b>Delinquent Tax Due</b>	\$ -	\$ 154,993
<b>Available Uncommitted COH Bal 19-20</b>	\$ -	<b>\$ 127,246</b>
<b>Est. Current Year End (FY21) COH Bal.</b>	\$ -	<b>\$ 33,674</b>
<b>Estimated 19-20 + FY21 COH Balance</b>	\$ -	<b>\$ 160,920</b>

#### **Proposed Reservations**

To reduce taxes FY22 budget	\$	<b>100,000</b>
Tax Anticipation Reserve Fund	\$	<b>61,437</b>
\$ -	\$	-
\$ -	\$	-
<b>Total Reserved</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>161,437</b>

<b>Reserve Fund Balances</b>	<b>18/19 balance</b>	<b>19/20 balance</b>	<b>change</b>
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 47,059	\$ 27,105	\$ 19,953
Buildings, Grounds & Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 54,349	\$ 40,464	\$ 13,885
Bridge & Culvert Fund	\$ 22,006	\$ 22,028	\$ (22)
Emergency Management ReserveFund	\$ 44,190	\$ 48,002	\$ (3,813)
Highway Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 135,315	\$ 169,074	\$ (33,759)
Tax Anticipation Reserve Fund	\$ 229,343	\$ 229,886	\$ (543)
Records Preservation Reserve Fund	\$ 3,457	\$ 2,037	\$ 1,420
Recreation Grounds & Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 16,960	\$ 16,367	\$ 593
Conservation Commission Reserve Fund	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,500	\$ (1,000)
Historical Society Fund	\$ 27,111	\$ 25,859	\$ 1,251
Bandstand	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Toddler playground	\$ 109	\$ 109	\$ -
Communications/Tuesday Night Live	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SkatePark	\$ -	\$ 7,054	\$ (7,054)
	<b>\$ 582,398</b>	<b>\$ 591,486</b>	<b>\$ (9,088)</b>

**Bills due in 1st quarter of FY21**

Sheriff	\$ 124,054
Ambulance	\$ 35,377
Dispatch	\$ 17,630
1/4 payroll	\$ 129,392
Insurance	\$ 24,868
County Tax	\$ 23,679
<b>total</b>	<b>\$ 331,320</b>

Estimated FY21 tax rate	Actual FY21	Proposed FY22	inc/dec
Amount to be raised by taxes	\$ 1,901,659	\$ 1,907,420	\$ (5,761)

2019 Grand List	2018 Grand List
2020 lodged G. List	
\$ 2,165,008	\$ 2,142,256
est. FY22 rate proposed budget	\$ 0.8257

est. FY21 tax rate proposed	\$ 0.8591
FY21 actual tax rate	\$ 0.8272
difference FY21 act. to FY22 est.	\$ (0.0015)
Est % change tax rate (act. to est.)	0%

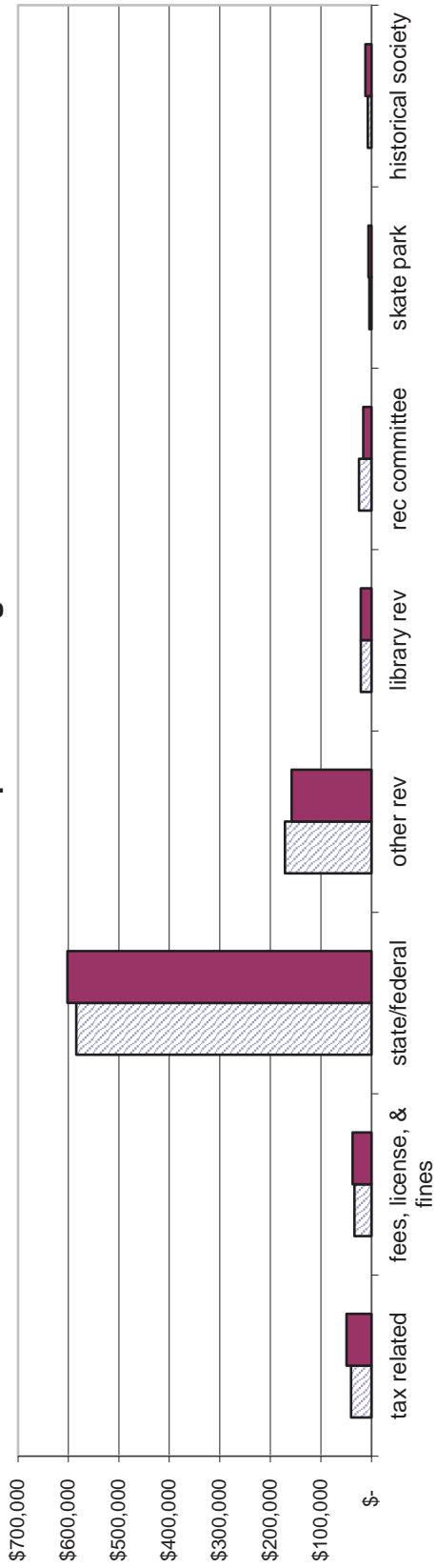
Estimated Impact on Taxes Assessed Value	GL value	FY21 tax rate	FY21 tax bill	estimated FY22 tax rate	estimated FY22 tax bill	estimated change
\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$0.8272	\$ 827.20	\$0.8257	\$ 825.65	\$ (1.55)
\$ 150,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$0.8272	\$ 1,240.80	\$0.8257	\$ 1,238.48	\$ (2.32)
\$ 200,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$0.8272	\$ 1,654.40	\$0.8257	\$ 1,651.31	\$ (3.09)
\$ 250,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$0.8272	\$ 2,068.00	\$0.8257	\$ 2,064.13	\$ (3.87)
\$ 300,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$0.8272	\$ 2,481.60	\$0.8257	\$ 2,476.96	\$ (4.64)
\$ 350,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$0.8272	\$ 2,895.20	\$0.8257	\$ 2,889.79	\$ (5.41)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CAPITAL BUDGET AND ESTIMATED RESERVE FUND BALANCES

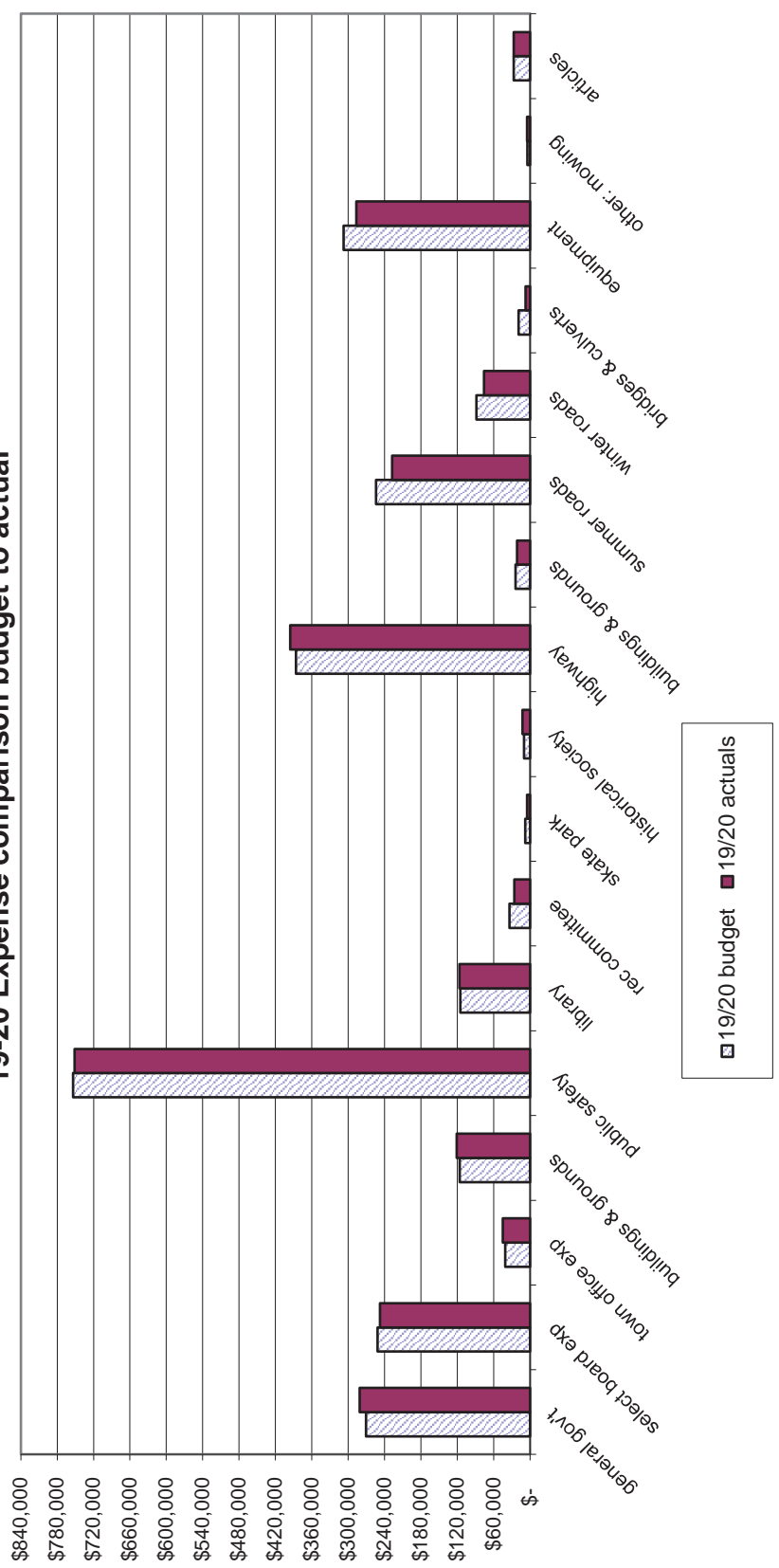
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21	Reserve Fund Balance		19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28
22	Est.Begin balance 7/1/		\$ -	\$ 169,073.93	\$ 305,145.90	\$ 241,810.17	\$ 137,680.35	\$ 79,872.50	\$ 78,172.61	\$ 83,474.22	\$ 150,491.09
23	Annual appropriation		\$ 116,000.00	\$ 223,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 137,000.00	\$ 144,000.00	\$ 151,000.00	\$ 158,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 172,000.00
24	Stone & Fines Revenue*										
25	Total annual appropriation		\$ 116,000.00	\$ 223,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 137,000.00	\$ 144,000.00	\$ 151,000.00	\$ 158,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 172,000.00
26	Interest earned**		\$ -	\$ 423.74	\$ 764.77	\$ 606.04	\$ 345.06	\$ 200.18	\$ 195.92	\$ 209.21	\$ 377.17
27	Champion R30 Compressor	2024					\$ 10,751.33				
28	CAT 430 Backhoe	2024					\$ 13,185.91	\$ 13,185.91	\$ 13,185.91	\$ 13,185.91	\$ 13,185.91
29	2022 International 7600 (replaced 2014)	2021			\$ 36,178.79	\$ 36,178.79	\$ 36,178.79	\$ 36,178.79	\$ 36,178.79		
30	Mower for Kubota	2026									
31	2022 International 4300 (Replaced 2016)	2023			\$ 22,771.36	\$ 22,771.36	\$ 22,771.36	\$ 22,771.36	\$ 22,771.36		
32	Excavator??	??									
33	John Deere 624K Loader	2028	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00						
34	Tractor	2032			\$ 15,137.07	\$ 15,417.11	\$ 15,702.32	\$ 15,992.82	\$ 15,987.34		
35	2018 International Dump Truck 7600 (tandem)	2026	\$30,948.37	\$32,011.46	\$33,095.74	\$34,221.64	\$5,816.00			\$ 40,929.77	\$ 40,929.77
36	1988 Read Screen-all RD-90 (Replace??)	2019		\$18,089.40	\$18,089.40	\$18,089.40	\$18,089.40	\$18,089.40			
37	2020 International Dump Truck 7600 (tandem)	2028	\$28,708.72	\$29,340.31	\$29,985.80	\$30,645.49	\$30,630.65				
38	2010 John Deere Grader 770G	2023				\$39,400.83	\$39,400.83	\$39,400.83	\$39,400.83		\$39,400.83
39	2017 Pickup	2023				\$33,500.00					
40	Annual Loan Expense		\$ 85,657.09	\$ 87,351.77	\$ 181,258.16	\$ 230,224.62	\$ 192,526.59	\$ 145,619.11	\$ 145,613.63	\$ 93,516.51	\$ 93,516.51
41	Balance after purchase		\$ 169,073.93	\$ 305,145.90	\$ 241,810.17	\$ 137,680.35	\$ 79,872.50	\$ 78,172.61	\$ 83,474.22	\$ 150,491.09	\$ 224,675.92
42	Average Annual Capital Expenditures 11 year period				\$ 107,167.76						
43	Average Annual Appropriation 11 year period				\$ 177,636.36						
44	Average Loan Costs 11 year period				\$ 165,629.49						



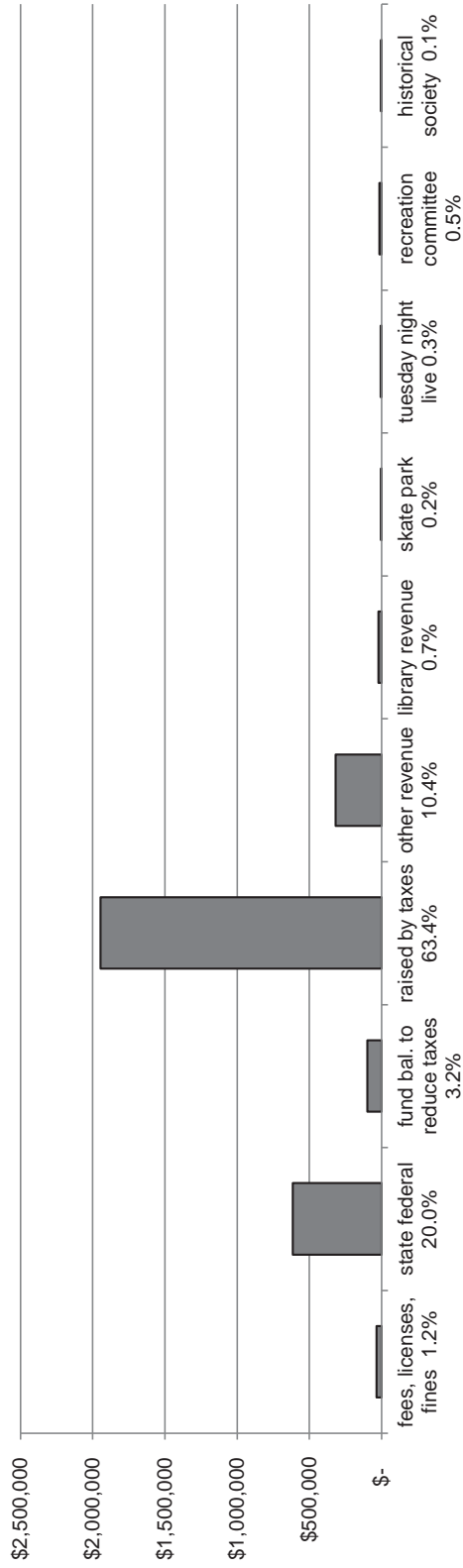
## 19-20 Revenue comparison budget to actual



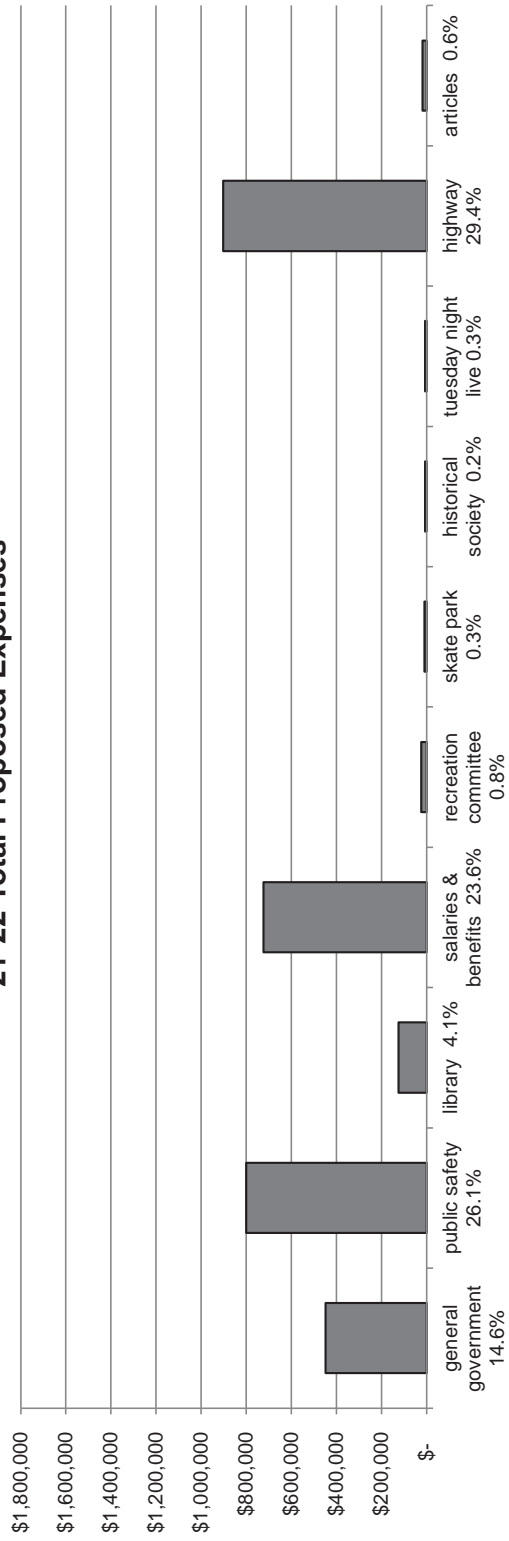
## 19-20 Expense comparison budget to actual



## 21-22 Proposed Total Revenues



## 21-22 Total Proposed Expenses



**Town of Johnson General Fund  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET  
June 30, 2020**

Account		6/30/2019	6/30/2020
50-1-00-10	<b>CASH</b>		
50-1-00-10.00	Town Checking Account	147,183.07	402,777.25
50-1-00-10.05	Union Bank Money Market	206,830.55	207,426.97
	<b>Total Cash</b>	354,013.62	610,204.22
50-1-00-14	<b>NON CASH</b>		
50-1-00-14.15	A/R Blue Cross	1,204.15	1,204.15
50-1-00-15.50	A/R State Grants	14,074.01	-
50-1-00-85.00	Due to/from Village	70,276.90	1,533.05
50-1-00-14.99	A/R Miscellaneous	1,062.45	2,247.00
	<b>Total Non Cash</b>	86,617.51	4,984.20
50-1-00-16	<b>DELINQUENT TAX</b>		
50-1-00-16.13	12-13 Delinquent Tax	89.67	89.67
50-1-00-16.14	13-14 Delinquent Tax	915.09	974.61
50-1-00-16.15	14-15 Delinquent Tax	828.37	891.25
50-1-00-16.16	15-16 Delinquent Tax	873.22	952.90
50-1-00-16.17	16-17 Delinquent Tax	872.40	974.16
50-1-00-16.18	17-18 Delinquent Tax	3,063.13	1,741.39
50-1-00-16.18	18-19 Delinquent Tax	142,016.46	20,659.61
50-1-00-16.19	19-20 Delinquent Tax	-	128,708.99
	<b>Total Delinquent Tax</b>	148,658.34	154,992.58
50-1-00-23	<b>RESTRICTED MONEYS</b>		
50-1-00-23.00	Union Bank Reappraisal Account	47,058.51	27,105.27
50-1-00-23.05	TD Bank - Building & Grounds Account	54,348.80	40,464.36
50-1-00-23.06	Union Bank Capital Equipment Fund	135,314.93	169,073.93
50-1-00-23.10	Union Bank Bridge & Culvert Fund	22,006.02	22,028.07
50-1-00-23.11	Union Bank Recreation Account	21,122.51	16,991.73
50-1-00-23.12	Union Bank - Historical Society Account	19,137.88	19,166.73
50-1-00-23.13	Union Bank - Health Flex Spending Account	1,797.16	1,797.16
50-1-00-23.14	SkatePark & Bike Reserve		3,927.60
50-1-00-23.15	Trust Fund Whiting Hill Cemetery	600.00	600.00
50-1-00-23.20	Trust Fund Whiting School	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<b>Total Restricted Moneys</b>	302,385.81	302,154.85
50-1-00-36	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
50-1-00-36.00	Town Real Estate	1,625,182.25	1,625,182.25
50-1-00-36.10	Town Equipment	113,771.03	113,771.03
50-1-00-36.12	2009 International Truck	171,474.00	-
50-1-00-36.14	John Deere Grader	199,992.00	199,992.00
50-1-00-36.16	2012 Air Compressor	3,833.00	3,833.00
50-1-00-36.17	2013 International Truck	161,803.00	161,803.00
50-1-00-36.18	2012 John Deere Backhoe	73,426.40	73,426.40
50-1-00-36.19	Mower	8,300.00	8,300.00
50-1-00-36.20	2016 International Truck	99,373.00	99,373.00

50-1-00-36.21	2016 Loader	130,823.00	130,823.00
50-1-00-36.22	2018 Dodge Ram	35,024.00	35,024.00
50-1-00-36.23	2019 International Truck	161,110.00	161,110.00
50-1-00-36.23	2019 International Truck	-	150,060.00
	<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>2,784,111.68</u>	<u>2,762,697.68</u>
50-1-00-37	<b>CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS</b>		
50-1-00-37.02	Industrial Park	45,993.82	45,993.82
50-1-00-37.03	Rail Trail Path	<u>11,600.00</u>	<u>11,600.00</u>
	<b>Total Construction in Progress</b>	<u>57,593.82</u>	<u>57,593.82</u>
50-1-00-50	<b>HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		
50-1-00-50.00	Hogback Road	433,441.99	433,441.99
50-1-00-50.04	Pearl Street Bridge	296,093.78	296,093.78
50-1-00-50.05	Power House Bridge	39,586.35	39,586.35
50-1-00-50.06	College Hill Project	139,688.66	139,688.66
50-1-00-50.07	Codding Hollow Bridge	<u>318,605.46</u>	<u>318,605.46</u>
	<b>Total Highway Infrastructure</b>	<u>1,227,416.24</u>	<u>1,227,416.24</u>
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,960,797.02</b>	<b>5,120,043.59</b>
50-2-00	<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
50-1-00-10.00	Tax Clearing Account		(1,744.70)
50-2-00-20.00	Accounts Payable	(372.28)	(372.28)
50-2-00-23.02	A/P State Withheld	0.33	0.33
50-2-00-20.04	A/P Retirement	47.68	(541.82)
50-2-00-20.05	A/P Blue Cross	(74.47)	(88.87)
50-2-00-20.06	A/P Flex Deduction	(661.88)	(661.88)
50-2-00-20.07	Aflac Deduction	278.00	279.08
50-2-00-20.08	Eye Insurance Deductions	5.00	32.53
50-2-00-20.10	Due to State - Dogs	181.00	1,901.00
50-2-00-20.11	Due to State - Marriages	-	400.00
50-2-00-20.12	Due to State - Fish & Game	68.50	-
50-2-00-20.25	188 LME Rent Deposits	975.00	975.00
50-2-00-20.99	Accounts Payable	76,751.01	44,448.01
50-2-00-26.20	A/P Taxes Overpaid	(1,059.85)	(1,059.85)
50-2-00-26.21	AP Prepaid Taxes	10,165.90	4,136.36
50-2-00-50.00	Highway Policy Permits	<u>2,800.00</u>	<u>2,800.00</u>
	<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<u>89,103.94</u>	<u>50,502.91</u>
50-2-00-23	<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
50-2-00-23.00	Union Bank Reappraisal Account	47,058.51	27,105.27
50-2-00-23.05	TD Bank Building & Grounds	54,348.80	40,464.36
50-2-00-23.06	Union Bank Capital Equipment Fund	135,314.93	169,073.93
50-2-00-23.10	Union Bank Bridge & Culvert	22,006.02	22,028.07
50-2-00-23.11	Recreation Dept. Reserve Fund	16,960.10	16,666.99
50-2-00-23.12	Historical Fund Reserve	27,136.98	27,168.03
50-2-00-23.13	Union Bank - Health Flex Spending Account	1,797.16	1,797.16
50-2-00-2314	SkatePark & Bike Reserve		7,059.80

50-2-00-23.15	Trust Fund Whiting Hill Cemetery	600.00	600.00
50-2-00-23.20	Trust Fund Whiting School	1,000.00	1,000.00
50-2-00-23.25	Conservation Reserve Fund	2,500.00	3,500.00
50-2-00-23.30	Records Preservation Fund	3,457.32	2,041.32
50-2-00-23.40	Tax Anticipation Fund	229,343.25	229,343.25
50-2-00-23.42	Paving Reserves	-	88,516.71
50-2-00-23.47	Audit Reserves	31,073.00	39,573.00
50-2-00-70.00	Emergency Fund	44,189.50	48,002.00
	<b>Total Restricted Moneys</b>	<u>616,785.57</u>	<u>723,939.89</u>
50-2-00-25	<b>NOTES PAYABLE</b>		
50-2-00-25.02	Union Bank Loader Note	78,000.00	52,000.00
50-2-00-25.04	Union Bank 2019 Tandem Truck	135,291.29	103,354.33
50-2-00-25.05	Community National Bank	-	150,000.00
50-2-00-25.06	Union Bank 2015 Truck	20,239.66	-
50-2-00-25.07	Jewett Property	155,572.44	116,140.94
		<u>389,103.39</u>	<u>421,495.27</u>
50-2-00-90	<b>INVESTMENTS OF FIXED ASSETS</b>		
50-2-00-90.00	Investments of Fixed Assets	665,514.77	665,514.77
	<b>Total Investment of Fixed Assets</b>	<u>665,514.77</u>	<u>665,514.77</u>
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITY</b>	1,760,507.67	1,861,452.84
50-3-00-10.10	<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	3,200,289.35	3,258,590.75
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	4,960,797.02	5,120,043.59

### Community Development Loan Fund

Balance Sheet  
6/30/2020

		6/30/2019	6/30/2020
60-1-00-10	<b>CASH</b>		
60-1-00-10.00	Union Bank Checking Account	220,921.94	175,604.77
60-1-00-14	<b>NON CASH</b>		
60-1-00-14.01	Blackjack Properties	50,659.60	47,873.82
60-00-14.02	Jenna's Promise	-	50,000.00
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>271,581.54</u>	<u>273,478.59</u>
60-2-00-10	<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
60-2-00-10.00	State of Vermont	-	-
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
60-3-00-10.00	<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	271,581.54	237,478.59
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITY &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	271,581.54	237,478.59

### RESTRICTED FUND - REAPPRAISAL ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	47,058.51	
Interest Earned	<u>46.76</u>	
		47,105.27
Money out for Re-appraisal	<u>20,000.00</u>	
Ending Balance June 30, 2020		27,105.27

### RESTRICTED FUND - SMALL CAPITAL EQUIP/ BUILDINGS & GROUNDS FUND

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019		54,348.80
Interest Earned	326.94	
Unspent money from Budget Line Item		
Small Equipment Purchase current year	<u>-</u>	
		326.94
Money out for Town Offices	<u>14,211.38</u>	
		14,211.38
Ending Balance June 30, 2020		<u>40,464.36</u>

### RESTRICTED FUND - BRIDGE & CULVERT

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	22,006.02	
Interest Earned	<u>22.05</u>	
		22,028.07
Expenses	<u>-</u>	
Ending Balance June 30, 2020		22,028.07

### RESTRICTED FUND - RECREATION FUND

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	16,960.10	
Interest Earned	31.63	
Overspent budget 19-20	<u>(324.74)</u>	
Ending Balance June 30, 2020		16,666.99

### RESTRICTED FUND - SKATE PARK FUND

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	3,927.60	
Underspent budget 19-20	<u>3,132.20</u>	
Ending Balance June 30, 2020		7,059.80

**STATEMENT OF TOWN INDEBTEDNESS**

7/01/2019 - 6/30/2020

Beginning Balance	389,103.39
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**Borrowed:**

Community National Bank	<u>150,000.00</u>	150,000.00
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**Paid:**

Union Bank - Loader	26,000.00	
Union Bank 2015 Tandem Truck	20,239.66	
Union Bank 2019 Tandem Truck	31,936.96	
James Jewett	<u>39,431.50</u>	
		<u>117,608.12</u>

Balance Outstanding 6-30-2020	421,495.27
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<u>Description</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Matures</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Union Bank - Loader	52,000.00	12/8/2021	1.350%
Union Bank 2019 Tandem Truck	103,354.33	8/23/2023	3.350%
James Jewett	116,140.94	4/1/2023	2.000%
Community National Bank 2020 Tandem Truck	<u>150,000.00</u>	10/22/2024	2.200%
	421,495.27		

**CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND**

June 30, 2020

Beginning Balance 7-1-2019	135,314.93
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**Revenue**

Tax Appropriation	116,000.00	
Interest Earned	<u>392.02</u>	
Total Revenue		<u>116,392.02</u>

Total Money Available	251,706.95
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**Expenditures**

Interest	4,456.40	
Loan Payments	<u>78,176.62</u>	
		<u>82,633.02</u>

Ending Balance 6-30-2020	169,073.93
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## SELECTBOARD REPORT

We had some Public Works (Highway) Department changes in 2020. Ray Gilcris decided the time was right to retire, after serving Johnson since 2002. Supervisor (Foreman) Brian Krause wanting to be near his family out west, decided to leave Johnson after serving since 2015. We certainly wish them both the very best on their new life paths.

Public Works Department has hired new employees Mark Lehouiller and Hugh Albright. Mark grew up and lived in Johnson for much of his life, worked for the Vt. AOT, and came to us from the Hyde Park Highway Department. Hugh (who lives in Cambridge), with a large cross section of highway construction experience, is our new Department Supervisor. Please join us in welcoming both Mark and Hugh aboard. We are confident the skills they bring can only improve the Public Works Department.

COVID-19 has impacted all of our lives, as well as the Town, and how we function. What we have accomplished or not, have all been impacted to some degree by this pandemic. Shortly after Town meeting last year, the corona virus came to Vermont and the Governor declared a state of emergency. As the Emergency Management Director (EMD) for Johnson, I assembled a team of Town and Village officials to direct our community's response to the pandemic. Every decision was made with our risk comfort level to a community benefit analysis. Things began with a rapid shut down of items before a slow opening of some items, i.e., Skate Park and outside play structures. The team is still active and meeting on an as need be basis. Since early spring all boards, committees, commissions are meeting via zoom or some limited outside socially distanced gatherings. By and large the community has been very cooperative and supportive, contributing to Johnson's low positive rate cases. Thank you to everyone.

Some fallout from the pandemic is the ability to have the traditional Town meeting. For the first time everything will be decided by Australian ballot. This option will have more participation; however without any spirited debates or amendments to the articles.

Vermont Studio Center, due to its make up, has been forced to shut its doors for most of the past year and until restrictions loosen up, will remain closed to artists.

NVU was dealt a major closure scare early on in the pandemic. While not out of the woods yet, they (and the community) were able to buy themselves some time to make the college sustainable.

Two large ticket items did not get completed, due directly to the pandemic and the availability of State and Federal officials. The Rocky Road and Scribner bridge project was delayed. We have budgeted for this work in the proposed budget, with our belief it will get completed this construction season. The second item was the Silver Jackets Lamoille River ice jam mitigation study; however, they have been in contact and are planning a site visit this winter.

The George Floyd killing in June has had varying degrees of impact to individuals within the community. Some community members have wanted to show support and drive changes at the local level. These discussions require a luxury of time that the Selectboard does not have, and



out of this came the formation of a Racial Justice Committee. The committee consists of 3 appointed members from the Town and 3 from the Village. The committee is charged with fleshing out these discussions and/or bringing proposals back to the Town and or Village.

Formation of a Committee to study law enforcement options for Johnson. Johnson appointed 2 representatives along with Hyde Park and Wolcott to form the membership. We would expect a report for next year's Town meeting.

Formation of a Communications Union District (CUD), Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District. A district consisting of Lamoille County communities with the goal for internet access to the last mile of each community. Johnson has one representative and an alternate.

Johnson Planning Commission drafted and has presented a proposed Class 4 road policy. The Selectboard has also received a road erosion inventory study completed by the Lamoille County Planning Commission for hydrologically connected road segments. The Board has not yet had the opportunity to study these two related works by the planning commissions; however we will need to do so in the near future.

Johnson received a \$45,000 donation in memory of former resident Ted Alexander. The money is slated for a build-out of the current rail trail kiosk located near the Mill ball fields. The completed structure will be dedicated as the Ted Alexander Welcome Center.

Work has begun with the conversion of Duba (Checkerberry) ball field to a Town Arboretum. An official ribbon cutting is slated for spring time.

We have included in the Town report the consultant report with the pros and cons of a Town/Village merger. Please review this when deciding your support or opposition to the Article asking the Selectboard to enter into discussions with the Village on a merger question. This Article is only for this discussion to take place. A future vote would be required for the question of a merger.

This has been a trying and challenging year, at times requiring staff to work with a partial work force, under restrictive guidelines, and extra expectations. Through all of this our employees have done their job to the best of their abilities without reservation or complaint. More so than at any other time, we thank them for the dedication they always display for the betterment of our community. Thank you, Susan, Anne, Marla, and Hugh, Jason, Ryan, Damien, and Mark for all you do. Lastly, but surely not least, Rosemary Audibert and Brian Story, respectively Town Clerk/Treasurer and Town Administrator, two folks we lean on often and who always come through to help and guide us, a big thank you to you two.

Sincerely,

Eric T. Osgood  
Chair

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

I want to start my 2021 report by thanking Raymond Gilcris for his many years of service to the town of Johnson. Ray was a valuable member of our public works crew: his dedication and experience will be missed. I wish Ray a long and happy retirement. Our Public Works Supervisor Brian Krause has also moved on, relocating out west to be closer to his family. His personable demeanor and deep knowledge were great assets to the town. Both of these former municipal employees will be missed and I wish them the best.

As a result, I would like to introduce Mark Lehoullier as a new Public Works Operator, and Hugh Albright as our new Public Works Supervisor. Mark comes to us from Hyde Park and with extensive experience of local roads. Hugh is coming from private industry and has a valuable new perspective for the town. They are both terrific additions to our crew and we look forward to many years of service together.

In town business for the year there's very little that the pandemic hasn't impacted – just like everything else. We've done our best to accommodate the challenging situation created this year. We endeavor to make the minimum of changes that protect the safety of our employees and the public. At the municipal office we've expanded our digitized records for remote access and the office remains open by appointment to continue to provide services safely. I'm proud of everything our employees are doing to provide services with as little disruption as possible.

Our volunteers are working hard to keep civic life together during this pandemic. Johnson Recreation has had a number of exemplary and creative community activities. Conservation Committee and the Tree Board have been able to continue outstanding projects that will be of benefit for our community for years beyond our current crisis. All of our volunteers are working hard and we appreciate them a great deal.

The Working Communities Challenge grant has been awarded to the Lamoille County coalition, of which Johnson has been an active participant. The grant awards more than \$300,000 over three years for communities to engage in activities to support economic growth. Our mission is to help individuals looking for work access services like child care and substance misuse recovery. The response will be adaptive to the challenges that working people face, it will grow and change to meet the needs of our community.

Our community and the country have also been forced to reckon with racism and inequality. The town and selectboard have stood by our adopted inclusivity statement and went further with an anti-racism statement this summer. We have held a number of educational and discussion sessions and have recently worked with the village to create a racial justice committee. Challenging ourselves this way will make our community stronger and I look forward to continuing the work.

In conclusion, I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone in Johnson for their efforts to be safe during this pandemic. I remember going to Town Meeting last year with an extra bottle of sanitizer in my pocket, expecting the new virus we were just hearing about to be over in a couple weeks. Since then we've learned how much worse this is, and we've learned a lot about how strong we can be. You've all done such a good job at keeping Johnson safe and healthy. I'm proud to live here and serve the community.

## **Beautification Committee Annual Report**

This past year we accomplished many beautifying projects around the village that we were very proud of.

With the expertise of local Landscape Designer, Andrea Blaisdell, we were able to complete Phase 2 of our “master planting plan” around the Municipal Building and Village Green. This included cleaning up and reclaiming the overgrown areas around the flagpoles and picnic area, as well planting 8 rose bushes on the perimeter of the Green’s parking lot. In time, these bushes will grow big and act as a natural barrier between the Green and the parking lot and hopefully encourage folks to stop and smell the roses!

Other accomplishments this past year included installing and filling 12 large flower boxes on the Railroad Street Bridge and the PowerHouse (covered) Bridge with brightly colored annuals in the summer, hardy Mums in the fall and Evergreen boughs in the winter. We got lots of positive feedback on this project and plan to do it again this year, hopefully with the donations of plants from the greater community.

Speaking of this year, our beautification plans so far also include working with the Village to bring more interactive and inspiring elements to the Village Green that evoke contemplation, inspiration and movement. Ideas being tossed around are public and conceptual art pieces, a slow walking path with skipping stones and rotating story walks.

The Beautification Committee meets every third Wednesday at 5pm, all are welcome!

It’s current members are: Kyle Nuse (Chair), Bradley Fletcher, AnnMarie Bahr and Carrie Watson.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Kyle Ellen Nuse  
Committee Chair

## **ASSESSOR'S OFFICE REPORT**

The big news in the Assessor's Office was the completion of the town wide reappraisal. NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center) successfully completed the 4year project. The new values were effective for the 2020 Grand List which was finalized in June of 2020.

Property owners had the chance to grieve and or question their updated properties. Due to the COVID protocols, information hearings and grievance hearings were held remotely via phone or video chat. All instructions were included in the reappraisal booklet which was mailed in late May.

Unfortunately for me, many property owners did not utilize this time and called after the fact. By statute, once the grievance period closes, I cannot hold anymore grievances. I did my best to answer questions and explain the process.

In December of 2020, we received our sales study equalization report. Our current CLA is 99.25 and our COD is 5.56. These numbers are very strong. They will change for 2021 due to current sales. The Johnson market, along with other towns across the state are seeing an upward rise. People are purchasing properties way above market value. The state is aware of this trend and watching it. As an assessor for the town, I have been sending out sales verification letters questioning the sale's validity. Any obtained information helps to defend arm's length transactions.

Many changes have taken place in the last 10 months. In an effort to assist the general public, the lister cards are now available on line via the town website. The grand list information has been moved to the cloud for myself and other staff members to access.

I continue to maintain the grand list remotely. My dedicated office hours are on Wednesdays from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. Please email me if you need assistance, [listeners@townofjohnson.com](mailto:listeners@townofjohnson.com).

It has been my pleasure serving the Town of Johnson. I really enjoyed getting to know the people...Be safe until we meet again.

Robin Chapman  
NEMRC Assessor

## 2020 Recreation Year in Review

Johnson Recreation started 2020, like so many of us, with big plans for a new year. We had 8, basketball teams playing daily at JES and around the county. Our Ski program, at Stowe Mountain Resort, was going well. The ice rink was going strong with great ice and collaborative pizza parties. We were excited for the upcoming baseball season and looking forward to hosting dance classes, with Wolcott Ballet, Tennis at NVU and TumbleTime classes, when COVID struck.

In the initial weeks we put everything on hold while we gathered information. Johnson Recreation joined with the Johnson Emergency Management Team (EMT). Each Friday we, as a team, brought live calls with COVID-19 updates, and some great music to all of you. The Rec. Committee created fitness challenges and other raffles, aimed at not only providing entertainment to the community but support, by purchasing gift certificates, to the local businesses.

As we learned more, and everyone settled in, we were able to offer a “practice only,” soccer season that offered teams from pre-k through grade 6 an opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy some practice time with friends and coaches.

As winter approached and sports moved indoors, we encountered many obstacles to hosting our sports. It has been the decision of Johnson Recreation, under the guidance of the (EMT), to not hold winter sports. Stowe Mountain Resort did not offer recreation programming this year. The basketball season was delayed and ultimately canceled. We are not able to access the JES gym this season, and after looking at alternative facilities we assessed that they were not in line with the COVID-19 protocols that we as a town have adopted. It was to our great disappointment that we had to cancel the basketball program, but the health and safety of our community is our top priority.

With the myriad of cancellations and changes to everything, it can feel like we lost a lot this year, and we did, but we had some wonderful gains in the form of new creative ideas, and the time to try new events.

Halloween was enjoyed at Old Mill Park, where over 80 children trick or treated and enjoyed a story walk through cobwebs and over hay bales. We teamed up with the library to distribute new books to children and our Seniors, we worked with the Fire Department to host Santa at Legions Field, and we collaborated on two other events to support our local food shelf. It has been wonderful to build new relationships with the other town entities. Working together we will continue to support the health and well being of all our community members.

None of this would have been possible this year without the tremendous support of our Recreation Committee and all of you who volunteered, thank you all!

### Johnson Conservation Commission \* FY 2019-2020

During the past 15 years Conservation Commissioners have worked effectively to promote good stewardship of the town-owned land, rivers, and streams. This year the Commission adjusted to the Covid-19 state of emergency with limited activities and different strategies for having public meetings. When meetings were allowed, we gathered at Old Mill Park and subsequently via ZOOM. While we prefer in-person deliberations, we have learned to accept today's technologies.

Many folks found comfort during the state of emergency by visiting Johnson's special places and shared their thoughts. From the log at Beard Recreation Park, written by Jo Ann on 3.31.2020: *In this time of isolation the out of doors and sounds of rushing water soothes my soul.* And from Miles on 4.4.2020: *Every day I sit inside. Today that changed. It helped. I think it really helped.* From the log at Journey's End on 4.8.2020 Josie noted: *Escape from quarantine! A beautiful sunny morning to build a fairy house and explore.* And on 5.3.2020 Becky & April wrote: *Amazing trails & Falls. We met Sneaky Sam, the snake. Will be back soon.* Sarah noted on 7.24.2020: *The moment I step on the path, I feel the peace and magic of the woods. What a magical timeless place.* Johnson is so fortunate to have these special places as well as the Gomo Town Forest, McCuin Island, Prindle Lot, Talc Mill property, and the Reservoir property.

#### Highlights of 2020:

\*The Commission continued its assault on knotweed at Journeys End and Beard Recreation Park. Team Leader Sue Lovering lined up volunteers to cut and burn the knotweed growth in preparation of the sprayed application of weed killer by Redstart Inc. in September 2019. The results as seen after the snow melted in Spring 2020 are terrific. Where lush infestations of nasty knotweed previously grew at both sites, the spray application did what it was supposed to do. The unwanted knotweed growth at both sites was very limited. The experimental process has been deemed a success.

\*Another team effort fell into place when Carrie Watson found a used kiosk to repurpose. Two kiosks were re-built by Dean Locke. One finished kiosk was installed at the Prindle Property in November 2020 by Dean, Noel Dodge, and Lois Frey. A second kiosk is ready to install at the Gomo Town Forest during the Spring 2021.

\*Working with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Planning Commission, the Conservation Commission hosted a Community Values Mapping exercise in January 2021. Eric Nuse initiated the project, which became virtual with the arrival of Covid-19 restrictions. It was a hands-on, town-wide event via ZOOM to help our community find out what property is important or considered a special place. On a shared map of Johnson, townspeople working from their home computers highlighted different areas and places they use and/or appreciate. The result is a list of places and spaces in town most significant to Johnsonites. The information will be used for future planning and will supplement the data gained from the paper survey initiated at Town Meeting 2020.

\*It was a team effort to document the property lines at the Gomo Town Forest. Denise Ashman researched the town records and was able to document a parcel of land purchased by Francis Gomo on May 4, 1861. Commissioners were aware that the transfer of land to the town was made by Ben Gomo in 1951; but this information expands the historical knowledge of the property. It took two hikes in the forest in March and November 2020 to find all the boundary markings. Joining Denise for the field work were Noel Dodge, Dean Locke, and Jacob Vandorn.

\*The Conservation Reserve Fund (CRF) approved at Town Meeting 2018 received a \$5,000 donation in 2020, to be used for an accessible trail at Beard Recreation Park. The CRF has a balance of \$8,750. Donations to the Fund for the conservation of important natural, agricultural, and historic resources are tax deductible and always welcome.

The Conservation Commission extends its appreciation to Eric Nuse, who has recently resigned from the JCC. During his 10-year tenure, he provided a wealth of natural resources expertise, an environmental ethic, and an abundance of enthusiasm. Eric will continue to assist the JCC with special projects for which we are grateful.

If you want to become a part of the Conservation Commission, please join us at a meeting, review our minutes on the town's webpage, and/or check out our Facebook page. Then think about applying for a position on the commission. Whatever your interests or skills, we will appreciate your assistance. The Conservation Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at an appropriate location.

Contact any of the Conservation Commissioners for more information:

Lois Frey, Chair	Noel Dodge	Denise Ashman
Eric Nuse, (resigned)	Dean Locke	Jared Jasinski
Sue Lovering, Secretary	Jackie Stanton	Carrie Watson

*The mission of the Johnson Conservation Commission is to promote awareness and community responsibility to achieve a balance between stewardship of our natural and historical resources and responsible growth.*



## JOHNSON TREE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

2020 began with a bang for the Tree Board: the Johnson Arboretum was formally established! At the beginning of the year, untold hours were spent on the legalities, logistics and planning that were discussed and worked out with many community members, Selectboard, and the Village Trustees. We obtained a grant that funded the initial planting and infrastructure without any cost to the town. We planned a design with Outdoor Spaces Landscape Design, who also provided a planting list based on our tree wish list and sources. Special thanks go to Doug Molde, who donated a great deal of his time to help the arboretum become a reality.

When covid struck, plans for a fundraising benefit and two possible donation sources went the way of our former lives. Volunteers were no longer an option and our planned Arbor Day/Opening Day extravaganza disappeared. Our work to establish an easement with the Studio Center for an alternative entry was indefinitely postponed. Covid didn't stop the Tree Board; as the year progressed, we created a logo and letter-head, signage, tree identification markers, built a storage area for mulch with recycled materials, and a kiosk was built and installed by Jacob, Brian, and Colin Vandorn, all with less money than we'd planned on. In September, we planted the initial 11 trees and shrubs and fenced and mulched them. We're grateful to the village crew, who dug the holes and removed the goal posts from the field.

An arboretum takes decades to mature but regardless of a slow start, it's on it's way now; a real joy for the board. In time, it will be a draw for others beyond Johnson, providing the town with an economic benefit as well as a peaceful park with walking trails, a place to meditate, and an opportunity to learn.

Much of the Tree Board's work was curtailed when groups were prohibited from gathering in the spring and early summer due to covid. Individually, we were able to maintain the street trees, pruning, weeding and watering as necessary. Special thanks go to Rob Maynard and Noel Dodge, who took on the big task of watering after we set the gator bags in place. Despite a hot summer, we're happy to report that the public's trees look good.

Looking forward, 2021 at the Arboretum will see destruction of the large stretch of Japanese Knotweed along the brook and planting of as many new trees possible. The street trees will continue to be cared for. We'll consider a replacement for the large maple lost on the green last year and, when possible, celebrate Arbor Day with a grand opening party at the arboretum.

As always, we value our ties with the community and welcome any volunteer help.

The Tree Board meets every second Wednesday at 6:30, except December and January.

Sue Lovering, chair

Noel Dodge, vice chair, Tree Warden

Rob Maynard

Louise von Weise

Dorcas Jones

Brian Vandorn

Jacob Vandorn



### JOHNSON ARBORETUM

The Tree Board's vision is to conduct a community tree stewardship program, to maintain the municipal trees, to promote education, tree plantings, and ecological awareness, and to enhance the visual and natural beauty of Johnson.



**JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

6/30/2020

**Current Town Expense / Revenue**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019		4,792.88
Income:		
Town Tax Appropriation 19-20		<u>1,250.00</u>
	Total Available	6,042.88
Expenses:		
Copies	13.50	
Association of Vermont Conseration Commissions	50.00	
RedStart, Inc.	1,000.00	
Staples Business	102.35	
Reimburse Susan Lovering	<u>131.39</u>	
	Total Expenses	<u>1,297.24</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2020		4,745.64
<b>Money held in Reserve Fund for the Conservation Commission</b>		3,500.00

**JOHNSON TREE BOARD**

6/30/2020

**Current Town Expense / Revenue**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019		904.91
Income:		
Town Tax Appropriation 19-20	1,540.00	
Tree Donation	-	
		<u>1,540.00</u>
	Total Available	2,444.91
Expenses:		
Susan Lovering Reimbursements	860.13	
	Total Expenses	<u>860.13</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2020		1,584.78

**JOHNSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESERVE FUND**

7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2019		27,136.98
INCOME:		
2019-2020 Town Tax Appropriation	3,000.00	
Interest	<u>31.05</u>	
		<u>3,031.05</u>
	TOTAL AVAILABLE	30,168.03
EXPENSES:		
Revenue over Expense in Budget	<u>3,642.75</u>	
	TOTAL	<u>3,642.75</u>
ACCOUNT BALANCE: June 30, 2020		33,810.78
Reserve for next year budget		6,642.75
Balance for 6-30-2020		27,168.03



## Johnson Historical Society 2020 In Review

It has been an interesting year for the Johnson Historical Society! The Holcomb House was closed to the public in February due to covid concerns and has remained closed. We have continued to accept new artifacts reflecting the history of Johnson. We are in the process of developing a Strategic Plan, which has been another covid challenge. We have produced newsletters with the volunteer help of Tyler and Luciana Swenson. The Newsletters can be accessed via Town and JHS webpages. We have improved our webpage at [www.johnsonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.johnsonhistoricalsociety.org) with assistance from Grant Harper and Mary Jean Smith. Another significant volunteer is Barbara Backus who manages our Facebook page. Please visit these sites as we are trying to use them to provide more information about JHS and Johnson History.

The Johnson Historical Society was established in 2006 with the goal of preserving Johnson's history and sharing that history by collecting and displaying memorabilia and artifacts relating to Johnson's history. Present and former Johnson residents have been generous with their donations. Each month the Historical Society meeting minutes (available on the town webpage) list any new acquisitions, which are many and varied.

The Historical Society receives an appropriation from the town and raises the rest of its operating budget through membership dues, donations and fundraising. Our major fund raiser has been Tuesday Night Live sales, which of course was cancelled in 2020. Being closed to the public and losing the revenue from Tuesday Night Live has had a major impact on operations and our budget. Due to the uncertainty of covid complications, our proposed budget reflects a significant decrease.

The limitations posed by the covid pandemic have caused us to re-evaluate how we connect with our community. Enhancing our webpage, Facebook presence and Newsletter are a few steps we have taken to adapt to our situation. We will be looking for more as we develop our Strategic Plan for the future. Any thoughts welcomed.

The Johnson Historical Society Trustees meet (recently via zoom) on the second Wednesday of each month at 9 AM. Agendas are posted on the town webpage. The public is invited to attend. We hope to re-open as soon as it is safe to do so. We certainly miss not having the opportunity to showcase Johnson's history! Would you like to help keep history alive by being a volunteer? There are many opportunities to participate. Please contact any of our members.

Dick Simays, President  
Tom Carney, Vice President  
Lois Frey, Recording Secretary

Kelly Vandorn, Treasurer  
Alice Whiting, Membership  
Linda Jones, Town Historian

Dean West  
Duncan Hastings  
Mary Jean Smith

## TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE FINANCIAL

6/30/2020

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2019		4,806.95
INCOME:		
Tuesday Night Live Concerts		
Shore Sales	250.00	
Nicole Whittemore	250.00	
Rock art Brewery	250.00	
Lamoille Valley Bike Tours	250.00	
United Church	50.00	
Johnson Works	250.00	
Papa Gyros	175.00	
Oma Kase	175.00	
Donations	1,863.60	
		<u>3,513.60</u>
	TOTAL	8,320.55
EXPENSE:		
Tuesday Night Live Concerts		
John Freebum	500.00	
Brett Hughes	500.00	
Abby Sherman	400.00	
Mark Daley	100.00	
Django Koenig	700.00	
Luke Auriemmo	500.00	
Maiz Vargas	700.00	
Seth James	400.00	
Hartigan	500.00	
Johnson Hardware	82.50	
Donna Griffiths	277.60	
Dark Star Lighting	442.43	
Country Home Center	30.47	
Working Dog Septic	220.00	
		<u>5,353.00</u>
	TOTAL	2,967.55
Ending Balance, June 30, 2020		

## JOHNSON COMMUNITY OVEN FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2019		0.00
INCOME:		
Lamoille Family Center	500.00	
Walter Pomroy	50.00	
George Pearlman	35.00	
Vermont Community Foundation	800.00	
Vermont Electric Co-op	625.00	
OneCare Vermont	500.00	
Donation	209.42	
Brick Oven Party	398.25	
		<u>3,117.67</u>
	Total Income	3,117.67
EXPENSES:		
Foote Brook Farm	831.10	

Elmore Mountain Bread	612.50	
Jasmine Yuris - Reimbursement	155.16	
Sterling Market	800.00	
Lamoille Woodcraft	598.00	
Vt Awards & Engraving	46.11	
Jennifer Burton - Reimbursement	74.80	
	<u>          </u>	
Total Expenses		3,117.67
Total Available		0.00

#### **JOHNSON COMMUNITY LOAN FUND**

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2019	220,921.94
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**INCOME:**

Bank Interest	334.15	
Blackjack Properties Loan Payments	2,785.78	
Blackjack Interest Payments	1,598.90	
	<u>          </u>	
Total Income		4,718.83

TOTAL AVAILABLE	225,640.77
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**EXPENSES:**

Jenna's Promise Loan	50,000.00	
Bank Services Fees	36.00	
	<u>          </u>	
Total Expenses		50,036.00

ACCOUNT BALANCE, June 30, 2020	175,604.77
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#### **LOAN BALANCES 6-30-2020**

Blackjack Properties	47,873.82	
Jenna's Promise	50,000.00	
	<u>          </u>	
Total Loan Balance		97,873.82

#### **JOHNSON BANDSTAND FUND**

Ending Balance, June 30, 2020	209.97
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**TOWN PROPERTIES**  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

Real Estate:

Municipal Building	232,453.72	
Town Clock w/bell	42,700.00	
Duba Field, Est. 5 acres	9,400.00	
Legion Field 1.61 acres	5,600.00	
Gomo Farm, 123 acres	28,850.00	
Prindle Lot, 25 acres	3,100.00	
Spitzer Lot, .25 acres	4,200.00	
Tatro land, 180.5 acres with garage	150,286.74	
Journey's End 25.28 acres	190,000.00	
Wescom Rd 11.3 acres	23,000.00	
New Town Garage	239,583.11	
Holcomb House	306,586.71	
Old Mill Park 19 acres/Trail Head Building	78,800.00	
Beard's Swimming Hole 1.89 acres	85,000.00	
Jewett Property for Industrial Park	<u>225,621.97</u>	
		1,625,182.25

Town Equipment:

2012 John Deere Backhoe	73,426.40	
Mower	8,300.00	
Grader Teeth	4,500.00	
Office Equipment - copier, vacuum, computers		
software & furniture	51,751.15	
Pressure Washer	5,070.12	
2016 Loader	130,823.00	
1982 Compressor	2,500.00	
2012 Air Compressor	3,833.00	
2010 John Deere Grader	199,992.00	
2013 Int'l Tandem Truck	161,803.00	
2016 Int'l Dump Truck	99,373.00	
2018 Dodge Ram	35,024.00	
2019 In't Tandem Truck	161,110.00	
2020 In't Tandem Truck	150,060.00	
Two Way Comm. Radios	7,649.85	
Small Equip. & Tools, Sanders, Plows		
Wings & Chainsaws	<u>42,299.91</u>	
		<u>1,137,515.43</u>
		2,762,697.68

## 2020 DOG LICENSES

December 31, 2020

Female Spayed	170
Male Neutered	166
Female	37
Male	57
Total Licenses	<u>430</u>

### DOG LICENSE INFORMATION

State law requires that all dog owners license any dog over 6 months of age with the Town Clerk between January 1 and April 1 of every year. To obtain a license the new owner must present proof that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies, pay the appropriate fee and, in the case of spayed/neutered dogs, provide proof of sterilization.

Because of the many cases of rabies in the State, the Health Department is asking the Town to keep a list of unlicensed dogs. If you, as a citizen, would let the Town Clerk know about the ownership of dogs that are not licensed, we would appreciate it.

License fees are as follows:

#### Before and on April 1:

Town Charge - Neutered male dog or spayed female dog	4.00	
State - Spaying & Neutering Surcharges	4.00	
State - Rabies Program	<u>1.00</u>	
Total Fee		9.00

Town Charge - Male dog or female dog	8.00	
State -Spaying & Neutering Surcharges	4.00	
State - Rabies Program	<u>1.00</u>	
Total Fee		13.00

#### After April 1, the charges go up to:

Town Charge - Neutered male dog or spayed female dog	6.00	
State - Spaying & Neutering Surcharges	4.00	
State - Rabies Program	<u>1.00</u>	
Total Fee		11.00

Town Charge - Male dog or female dog	12.00	
State -Spaying & Neutering Surcharges	4.00	
State - Rabies Program	<u>1.00</u>	
Total Fee		17.00

Special fees apply for licensed kennels and dogs kept for breeding purposes; contact the Town Clerk for further details.

## Animal Control Ordinance For the Town of Johnson

In November of 2017, the Johnson Selectboard adopted a new animal control ordinance, the purpose of which is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, domestic animals, domestic pets, and wolf-hybrids of the Town by regulating the keeping of domestic pets, domestic animals, and wolf-hybrids and their running at large and by defining what constitutes a public nuisance.

This ordinance has greatly expanded the scope of animal control with respect to violations and enforcement.

The complete ordinance is available at the Town Offices and Town website.

## VERMONT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services, helps income challenged care-providers of cats & dogs neutered for \$27.00. The balance is paid **ONLY** by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, and put into a designated account.

VSNIP is now at “0” funding due to dogs not being registered at least by six months of age. Required by law, a rabies vaccination enables your dog to be licensed. While town offices may not be open to the public, dogs *can* be licensed. Call, provide the rabies certificate, include a check for that amount, and a SASE. **Rabies IS in Vermont and IS deadly.** Tractor Supply Stores are now holding monthly rabies clinics again! Call for their schedule.

**Licensing a dog:** **1)** identifies your dog if lost, **2)** provides proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but would still need immediate medical attention}, **3)** bites another animal/person, which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanasia to test for rabies if your current vaccination isn't proven, **4)** helps support VSNIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT, and **5)** **§3590. List of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed states, in part ...** “the municipal clerk shall notify the owners or keepers of all dogs and wolf-hybrids named on the list that have not already been licensed or inoculated, and after May 30 shall furnish to the legislative body a list of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed or inoculated as required by law. **Owners shall also be notified that unlicensed or uninoculated dogs or wolf-hybrids may be destroyed.**” (No one want this, so vaccinate & register – for the protection of your animals and people!

For an application for VSNIP, send a SASE to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if this is for a cat/dog or both. 802-672-5302

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### COMPARISON TABLE

Year	Grand List	Tax Rate	Taxes Assessed	Delinquent Taxes
2016-2017	2,130,032.00	0.7200	1,533,603.23	
2016-2017	2,130,032.00	0.0100	21,300.32	
2016-2017	1,111,770.00	1.3850	1,540,357.44	
2016-2017	1,023,850.93	1.4330	1,465,233.14	213,853.58
2017-2018	2,140,698.00	0.0064	13,700.29	
2017-2018	2,140,698.00	0.7393	1,582,598.21	
2017-2018	1,133,257.00	1.3951	1,580,979.05	
2017-2018	1,013,295.59	1.4598	1,479,208.89	
2018-2019	2,155,755.20	0.7493	1,615,283.42	
2018-2019	2,155,755.20	0.0385	82,996.89	
2018-2019	1,025,798.36	1.5898	1,726,813.71	
2018-2019	1,134,625.00	1.5102	1,713,510.69	195,262.54
2019-2020	2,163,257.20	0.8612	1,862,977.16	
2019-2020	2,163,257.20	0.0049	10,599.91	
2019-2020	1,170,474.00	1.5600	1,825,939.44	
2019-2020	997,327.94	1.6322	1,627,838.72	244,495.26
2020-2021	2,305,689.00	0.8232	1,898,023.34	
2020-2021	2,305,689.00	0.4000	9,222.88	
2020-2021	1,310,992.00	1.5814	2,073,202.84	
2020-2021	998,396.23	1.6322	1,629,582.45	

### TAX TABLE RATE

Year	Selectmen's Budget	Local Agreement	School Homestead	School Non-Residential
2016-2017	0.7200	0.0100	1.3855	1.4311
2017-2018	0.7393	0.0064	1.3951	1.4598
2018-2019	0.7493	0.0385	1.5102	1.5859
2019-2020	0.8612	0.0049	1.5600	1.6322
2020-2021	0.8232	0.4000	1.5814	1.6322

### TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

Name of Fund	Type	Interest Rate	Amount 07/01/19	Interest 2020	Balance 6/30/2020
Dexter Whiting	School	6%	1,000.00	60.00	1,000.00
Dexter Whiting	Cemetery	6%	300.00	18.00	300.00
Hannah Hill	Cemetery	6%	300.00	18.00	300.00
			1,600.00	96.00	1,600.00

DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF 12/31/20		
<b>NAME</b>		
<b>2013-2014 DELINQUENT TAXES</b>	<b>PARCEL#</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
WILCOX, MARK II	615-051	\$1,004.37
<b>2014-2015 DELINQUENT TAXES</b>	<b>PARCEL #</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
WILCOX, MARK II	615-051	\$922.69
<b>2015-2016 DELINQUENT TAXES</b>	<b>PARCEL #</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
WILCOX, LORI D. & MARK	615-047	\$357.13
WILCOX, MARK II	615-051	\$635.61
		\$992.74
<b>2016-2017 DELINQUENT TAXES</b>	<b>PARCEL #</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
BIDWELL, DEANNA	555-005	\$36.72
HORNER, CORY	600-423	\$183.80
WILCOX, LORI & MARK	615-047	\$224.98
WILCOX, MARK II	615-051	\$579.54
		\$1,025.04
<b>2017-2018 DELINQUENT TAXES</b>	<b>PARCEL #</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
BIDWELL, DEANNA	555-005	\$559.22
HORNER, CORY	600-423	\$169.17
WILCOX, LORI D. & MARK	615-047	\$584.34
WILCOX, MARK II	615-051	\$530.42
		\$1,843.15
<b>2018-2019 DELINQUENT TAXES</b>	<b>PARCEL #</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
BIDWELL, DEANNA	555-005	\$536.92
BLACKRIDGE CONSTRUCTION	520-055	\$2,559.54
BUTLER, BRUCE E.	460-069	\$2,431.00
HORNER, CORY	600-423	\$162.68
JONES, JESSICA	134-010	\$476.62
LAFOUNTAIN, JENNIFER	134-100	\$553.52
TALLMAN, TIA-MARIE	335-007	\$536.44
WESCOM, DANIEL B. & MARY	134-020	\$1,614.68
WESCOM, WAYNE ET AL	600-206	\$2,935.03
WILCOX, LORI & MARK	615-047	\$560.48
WILCOX, MARK	615-051	\$509.78
WOOD, ROBERT SCOTT & KIMBERLEY	529-248	\$3,212.52
		\$16,089.21

2019-2020 DELINQUENT TAXES	PARCEL #	TOTAL DUE	
ARMSTRONG, JAMES C.	529-320	\$1,752.58	
ARMSTRONG, JAMES & HARRIET	529-322	\$876.16	
B & N TOMKAT	109-200	\$1,269.04	**
B & N TOMKAT	185-125	\$948.24	**
BIDWELL, DEANNA	555-005	\$494.40	
BIDWELL, ROGER & JANEICE	540-160	\$2,904.54	
BLACKRIDGE CONSTRUCTION	520-055	\$2,356.48	
BRADLEY, DANIEL	604-187	\$372.58	
BUTLER, BRUCE	460-069	\$2,240.62	
COURCHAINE, MARK A.	100-245	\$3,122.94	
CUTTER, ANGELINA	298-038	\$49.20	
DEBUQUE, WAYNO W.	200-635	\$57.26	
DINSMORE, SARAH B. & MICHAEL	135-020	\$1,298.78	
FERLAND, BRETT	298-009	\$147.12	**
FERLAND, REBECCA LYNN	335-130	\$1,871.76	
FLOOD, CAROL ANN	604-250	\$3,955.20	
GRISWOLD, C. MARCUS & BARBARA HAMMOND	290-020	\$3,068.82	
HOOPER, STEPHEN	298-046	\$84.50	*
HORNER, CORY	600-423	\$150.34	
JONES, JESSICA	134-010	\$488.12	
LAFOUNTAIN, JENNIFER & WADE CHAFFEE III	134-100	\$510.26	
LANPHEAR, ROBERT JR.	298-040	\$310.02	
LIMLAW, BOBBIE & DIANE	270-210	\$1,485.74	
MCKNIGHT, DANA & KATHY	163-171	\$39.84	
MELE, MELANIE & JAMES	298-011	\$98.38	
MERCHANT, GARY S. JR. & STACEY A.	625-054	\$2,347.02	
MONA HOLDINGS, LLC	600-271	\$14,684.92	
MORAN, MATT	615-090	\$281.60	
PRATT, CHRISTOPHER	200-455	\$25.32	
RABIDOUX, JOHN E.	625-035	\$10.79	**
RICH, KATHLEEN & PHILIP	109-215	\$1,695.79	**
TALLMAN, TIA MARIE	335-007	\$495.48	
TOMLINSONS STORE, INC.	185-065	\$7,503.82	**
WESCOM, DANIEL B. & MARY	134-020	\$1,486.34	
WESCOM, WAYNE ET AL	600-206	\$4,215.00	
WHITEHILL, GARY	540-170	\$90.78	
WILCOX, LORI D. & MARK	615-047	\$516.54	
WOOD, EUGENE & KAREN	134-055	\$148.77	**
WOOD, ROBERT & KIMBERELY	529-248	\$2,956.98	
		\$66,412.07	
* denotes new owner			
** paid by 1/20/2021			

## 2019-2020 TAX ACCOUNTING

### GRAND LIST

#### Appraised Values:

Municipal	216,500,816 X 1%	2,165,008.16
Non-Residential Education	102,443,387 X 1%	1,024,433.87
Homestead Education	114,426,200 X 1%	1,144,262.00

### Tax Assessment & Billing

Municipal	2,165,008.16 X	0.8661 =	\$1,875,113.56
Non-Residential	1,024,433.87 X	1.6322 =	\$1,672,080.96
Homestead	1,144,262.00 X	1.5600 =	\$1,785,048.72
Adjust for Rounding			\$0.17
Late HS-131 Penalties			\$814.58
			<b>\$5,333,057.99</b>

#### Receipts:

Property Taxes	\$4,447,657.95
State payments	\$643,853.01
Interest	9,753.67
Tax Overpayments	5,719.38
Bad check fees	0.00
	<b>\$5,106,984.01</b>

**\$226,073.98**

#### Adjustments:

Accrued Interest	\$16,736.66	
Homestead Declarations	-1,898.39	
Tax Overpayments returned to owners	-4,532.42	
Late filer adjustments	126.92	
Changes due to Current Use	6,329.64	
Abatements	\$1,658.87	
Bad check fees	\$0.00	
	<b>\$18,421.28</b>	<b>\$18,421.28</b>

#### Balance of Delinquent Tax Collector on 5/11/20

**\$244,495.26**

Interest Added May 2020	\$2,857.06
Interest Added June 2020	1,419.28
Penalties & Costs	17,271.47
Cash Receipts thru 6/30/20	-139,069.11
Bad check fee	\$25.00

**-\$117,496.30**

#### Balance as of 6/30/20

**\$126,998.96**

**EVERGREEN LEDGE CEMETERY  
2020**

Balance on hand January 1, 2020		8,617.60
Receipts:		
Sale of Lots	600.00	
Interest on Savings Certificate	9.66	
Interest on Money Market Account	<u>3.11</u>	
Total Receipts		612.77
Expenses:		
Care of Cemetery	<u>-</u>	
		<u>-</u>
Total Balance on hand December 31, 2020		9,230.37
Current Value of Merchants Bank CD Account		4,636.50

**PLOT CEMETERY REPORT  
2020**

Trust account balance January 1, 2020	19,480.74
Market gain and Trust fees	<u>1,094.93</u>
Total account balance December 31, 2020	20,575.67

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Marvin

# A Year in Numbers at Johnson Public Library

**Your Public Library:** a nucleus for social and educational support with free access to information and ideas through books, programs and the internet in a way that is tailored to the particular needs of our community.

Like everywhere around the world the library felt the impact of COVID-19. While our in person visits and programs were halted, our circulation numbers and programs remained strong.

**14,723** Items Circulated  
Books, DVD's and audiobooks



13,338  
Print  
Holdings



760  
Audio  
Books



657  
Movies



10  
Museum/  
Park  
Passes



44,267  
downloadable  
E-Books



6,736  
downloadable  
Audio  
Books

**Current library holdings with NEW materials arriving each week!**



Free Wifi

Ask us about our Adopt an Author program, borrowing a wood moisture meter and snowshoes.

Thanks to a generous donation from a community member, we added over 90 books and 10 DVD's, for all ages, to our Social Justice/ BIPOC collection.



Through interlibrary loan, we can request books, movies and audios that we do not own. Last year we loaned 222 items and borrowed 364 items.

Youth programs were limited this year, but lots of crafts went home with families. Take home crafts were picked up each week with books.



**Storytime  
and crafts  
for youth**

With countless songs, feltboard stories, fingerplays, books read aloud, puppet shows, movement and super cute crafts.

1160  
items  
delivered  
to  
daycares

Monthly drop offs to daycares. Each daycare is left with a crate of books, educational kits and a felt board story to enjoy.



**Programs  
for youth**

Art  
Programs

- Clay Creations
- Mineral Mosaic
- Watercolors
- Sculpting
- Velvet Art

S.T.E.M.  
programs

- Snow Secrets LCNC
- Insects in Winter LCNC
- Grass Heads
- Watercolor Flowers

Craft  
Programs

- Lots of Origami
- Embroidery, stitching
- Wooden Ornaments
- Paper snowflakes
- Stained glass candle holders

Other  
Programs

- Modern Times Theater
- Book Groups
- Lego creations

## **2020 Library Trustee Report.**

What a year... It is with great appreciation to our library staff that I write this report. The library has managed to keep books and activities coming to the Johnson community in the midst of this unprecedented time. Patrons can call or order books online for curbside pickup. Our library staff team quarantines the books when they return before check-in and then re-shelves until they are requested again.

Also you may have noticed a change at the front of the building. Some bushes were removed and a new curbside berm was installed with space for new planting in the spring. The old berm was crumbling and this new arrangement allows for more parking. Many thanks to trustee, Jasmine Yuris and her family for volunteering time to make this happen!

As always the trustees would like to acknowledge with gratitude the legacy giving that annually aids in the operations of the Johnson Public Library. The Roger and Georgia Jones Endowment and the Clara Farrington Endowment are important assets that support quality programs. This year these funds were augmented with grants from the Copley Fund and the Turrell Foundation. Thank you to several anonymous donations that have helped to expand our collection this year. --- Donations do not have to be big to help create a great collection... Do you have a favorite author? Would you like to be the first in town to read their new books? Talk to our librarians about the adopt an author program!

Our website is constantly featuring updates and highlighting new materials. Visit us at: <https://www.johnsonpubliclibrary.org/> Did you know that you can use our website as an online portal to access other materials and resources including over 500 free online classes, job resources, newspapers, and a host of materials that can't fit in our library? <https://www.johnsonpubliclibrary.org/catalog-and-resources>

If you ever need anything please don't hesitate to call our staff team at 635-7141.

Wishing you each a warm throw, a comfy space, and a good book,

Jessica Bickford, Trustee Chair

Stacey Waterman

Kelly Vandorn

Sabrina Rossi

Jasmine Yuris

JOHNSON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Grant Funds, Fundraising and Donation Report 2019-2020

Income:

Copley Fund Grant	10,000.00	
Turrell Foundation Grant	3,000.00	
Donations	1,350.00	
Bench Sale	100.00	
Roger & Georgia Jones Endowment Dividends	4,955.62	
JPL Account Dividends	3,624.91	
Clara Farrington Endowment Dividends	5,885.37	
TOTAL		\$28,915.90

Expenses:

Dividend Income Transferred to Town	12,797.84	
Payments for Workshop Providers	500.00	
Jones Account Fees	175.36	
JPL Account Fees	175.00	
Farrington Account Fees	<u>150.01</u>	
TOTAL		<u>\$13,798.21</u>
Net Income		\$15,117.69

Investments:

Jones Account Unrealized Gain/Loss	591.16	
JPL Account Unrealized Gain/Loss	(3,851.04)	
Farrington Account Unrealized Gain/Loss	<u>(6,205.91)</u>	
TOTAL		<u>\$(9,465.79)</u>
Total Income		\$5,651.90

Balance on June 30, 2019

Checking - Community Bank	22,126.16	
Roger & Georgia Jones Endowment	115,630.07	
JPL Account	86,857.18	
Clara Farrington Endowment	<u>113,576.14</u>	
		\$338,189.55

Balance on June 30, 2020

Checking - Community Bank	36,076.16	
Roger & Georgia Jones Endowment	116,677.86	
JPL Account	83,035.56	
Clara Farrington Endowment	<u>108,051.87</u>	
		<u>\$343,841.45</u>
Change in value		\$5,651.90



## JOHNSON SKATE PARK & BIKE TRACK: 2020 Report

COVID created a year of give and take. Bike areas gave people one of the few permitted recreation areas during times of most severe health restrictions. On the other, the changing restrictions meant a lot of work, problem-solving, and was frustrating to the public. Closing the skateboard terrain in the spring was the most challenging to manage, more so when a few riders reacted with vandalism. We appreciate the help from the Highway Department and our municipal Emergency Management Team.

*Community Use and Programs* were coordinated with the Emergency Management Team. When skateboarding resumed, we did our best with signage and role models to encourage safe social distance and appropriate use of masks. Both are totally contrary to the way riders usually congregate and socialize. We had planned for two week-long Camps in August with RiverArts, each typically serve about 25 area youth. Camps ended up serving about 8 kids each, in Morrisville. Laraway's Summer Program was all off-campus, which eliminated their usual Park use. Recreation Coordinator Lisa Crews tried to organize small coaching clinics in the fall, but no one signed up. We had to take the Bike Repair Station out of use because the tools could not be kept sanitized. Overall, the Park did have more general use for as a place to bike and walk, and for kids to play on the various terrains. We hope by next August the two River Arts camps can return the Park, along with youth served by our partners at Laraway.

*Site Management* work was divided between COVID compliance, general maintenance, and improvements. We changed the water supply to a foot pedal operation, and supplied hand sanitizer. Some nasty political graffiti bloomed in the spring, which added to Jon Girard's maintenance work load. COVID restrictions did not allow youth volunteer or stipend clean-up work. The Lamoille County Sheriff's Department helped out this spring, with vandalism and night trespassing. They later donated two game cameras to improve site security. James Whitehill organized a much-needed overhaul and improvement of the Pump Track and jump lines. We also installed tarps on some parts of the jump line, in hopes of making maintenance more efficient next year. We had hoped to start work on a basketball half-court; this was deferred to next year. We are designing a large new Park sign for the entrance, and hope to complete it by June 2021. Eventually we want to expand the large concrete feature, but it will take several years to get funding. This spring we will make significant repairs to the big mini-ramp.

*Outreach & Communication* went totally online. Committee meetings went to Zoom, but not without technical glitches and other limitations. General public outreach was done on social media and Front Porch Forum. We made more posted signs than ever, for COVID information.

*Budget:* We had no revenue from fundraising, donations or facility fees. The private camp that generated about \$500 in fees has closed permanently. We were awarded a \$1500 Rise Up VT grant, which will be spent on program equipment and our new sign. We still have grant funds to cover improvements in FY20-21, and for the basketball half-court in FY21-22. We don't anticipate any significant revenue next year from donations or fees. Spring operating expenses were lower than usual, and we added \$3132 to the Reserve Fund in July. This winter, Lisa Crews and Casey will work to find any possible grant funds. Our expenses in FY21-22 will remain about the same as this year. Contracted services expenses have increased, partly from greater need and partly (like the Portolet) from COVID costs.

As always, we thank the many riders, parents, and others who helped keep the Park clean, safe, and fun. This year, Town support included Lisa Crews as Recreation Coordinator. Besides her considerable contributions to Committee work, Lisa adds broader perspective on all recreation programs and resources.

*Johnson SkatePark Committee 2020:* Casey Romero, Chair; Rick Aupperlee, Greg Fatigate, Jon Girard, Howard Romero, George Swanson, and James Whitehill.

**SKATEPARK COMMITTEE BUDGET  
FY21 SUMMARY & PROPOSED FOR FY21-22**

REVENUE	Town Budget FY 20-21	Estimated FY 20-21		Proposed FY 2021-22	Notes
Extg. Restricted Funds	0	2500		3500	Grant funds on hand, for specific expenses.
Facility Rental	500	0		60	River Arts fee. Private camp has closed.
Fundraising	175	0		0	
Donations	250	0		50	
Grants <i>New funds awarded</i>	0	1500		0	Town helps with grant applications, and administers funds & fiscal reports.
Events & Programs	1200	0		1700	Est. \$1600 for two camps + \$100 clinic fees.
Reserve Fund Withdrawal	0	0		0	Selectboard approval required.
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2125</b>	<b>4000</b>		<b>5310</b>	

EXPENSES	Town Budget FY 20-21	Estimated FY 20-21		Proposed FY 21-22	Notes
Administrative	130	130		100	Town provides insurance, accounting, payroll, photocopy, and other administrative support.
Personnel, Town Payroll	2500	816		1300	Basic maintenance + some mini-ramp rebuild & basketball area sitework in FY22..
Events & Programs	1600	0		1800	\$1600 for RiverArts Camps + \$200 for clinics.
Fundraising	50	0		0	
Site Maint. & Repair <i>Includes Contracted Svc.</i>	1000	2225		3000	Town does mowing & some sitework; Village provides water. Contract svc. costs have grown.
Site Improvements	120	120		0	Minor improvements moved to Site Maint. & Repair category.
Site Maintenance Supplies*	300	1104		600	FY21 Estimate includes supplies for mini-ramp rebuild.
Site Capital Improvements	2000	4806		3500	FY21 BikeTrack work paid by operating funds. New sign & program supplies paid by grants. FY22 Basketball area paid by grants.
PR & Outreach	250	50		50	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7950</b>	<b>9131</b>		<b>10,350</b>	

The Town and Village provide essential support that is not shown in Committee Budgets. Insurance, general office costs, and municipal salaries are in the Town and Village budgets. Municipal support is the foundation of the SkatePark and other recreation resources.

## Johnson Community Oven Committee Report 2020-21

The Johnson Community Oven Committee successfully fulfilled a unique season of Monday Night Bakes. Every Monday in July and August, we made between 75-95 pizzas that were taken home or out in Legion Field for distanced-picnicking. We knew that once we dialed in a safe and healthy system, this program would continue to be successful - but we were blown away by the growing popularity as the summer went on! A line of masked neighbors would start to form 45 minutes before the first pizza was ordered, and we would often “sell out” after only 20 minutes. Families were allowed to order up to 3 pizzas, choosing between cheese, pepperoni, and a specialty veggie pizza that would change every week.

Last year we encouraged participants to have a hand in making pizzas. Pizzas were then taken from the oven and served on the “Community Table,” where slices could be taken and pizzas shared. Obviously, neither of these features of our formative season would be able to endure under pandemic restrictions. With some collective task-forcing and tweaking, the Oven Committee is quite happy with the new model under these guidelines, and found this model to be more effective and sustainable. We were able to hone in on using some of Vermont’s finest ingredients, such as Jasper Hill Cheese, homemade tomato sauce, Elmore Mountain Bread dough, VT Smoke and Cure Pepperoni, and vegetables from Foote Brook Farm. We were able to determine appropriate ingredient amounts (alleviating composted waste) and found a sweet spot of consistency. Next year will only be more refined as we build off of our experiences, but the committee would like to take this documented opportunity to thank all the community members who supported us, participated, and made our Monday Nights the highlight of this past summer.

Funding for this program is two-fold: We received a grant for \$1,000 from RiseVT for purchasing ingredients, and we raised over \$1600 in donations. While event planning is limited for the Winter Months (sadly no “Skate and Bakes” at the Ice Rink), we are taking this season as an opportunity to fundraise with t-shirt sales and to establish an Oven Manual: a step-by-step guide to starting the oven and maintaining the fire for proper use. It is our intention to get more groups and community members comfortable with the utilization of the oven from start to finish – the oven is for anyone and everyone!

We look forward to providing workshops and collaborating with other organizations when we are free to gather around the oven again, able to explore all it has to offer. Until then, we will be dreaming up programs to enrich our collective culinary lives.

Jennifer Burton	Sophia Berard	Luke Gellatly
Ray Kania	Liam Murphy	Lotty Roozkrans
Mark Woodward	Jennifer Yuris	Jasmine Yuris

# Emergency Contact Information

Save these numbers in case of an  
emergency or natural disaster!

Police 911

Fire 911

Ambulance 911

Emergency Management Director:

Eric Osgood 635-2611

Emergency Management Coordinator:

Nat Kinney 635-2611

Scott Meyer 635-2611

Town & Village Offices 635-2611

Highway Department 635-2274

Village of Johnson W&L 635-2611 Or 635-2301

Wastewater Treatment Facility 635-2951

VT Electric Co-op 635-2331

Hyde Park Electric 888-2310

Morrisville W&L 888-3348

Please remember that **Vermont Alert** ([www.vtalert.gov](http://www.vtalert.gov)) has gone through a significant upgrade to further improve its alerting capabilities for Vermonters. As part of the upgrade, if you haven't registered for the new system and you still want to receive alerts and notifications, you will need to register for Vermont Alert. Please go to [www.vtalert.gov](http://www.vtalert.gov) to register. VT Alert is the state's notification system for emergencies, Amber Alerts, weather, road conditions, and more.

VTALERT has improved functionality, a new look, and a smartphone app (search for Everbridge). If you do not sign up for VTALERT you may not receive important bulletins relevant to your location.

**If you are seeking information** or non-emergency assistance, call 2-1-1. Vermont 2-1-1 is FREE and available 24 hours a day. Operators give you accurate information about state and local resources.

**If you are a senior** and need help, call the Senior Helpline: 1-800-642-5119

**If you are a veteran** and need assistance, call the VA at 1-800-827-1000

**If you have access to the internet**, you can log on to the following sites:

Area Food Shelves: [www.vtfoodbank.org](http://www.vtfoodbank.org) (635-9003)

Regional: [www.capstonevt.org](http://www.capstonevt.org) (888-7993) or [www.uwlamaille.org](http://www.uwlamaille.org) (888-3252)

Travel Information: [www.newengland511.org](http://www.newengland511.org)

Area Transportation: [www.gmtaride.org](http://www.gmtaride.org) (223-7287) or RCT (888-6200)

## Johnson Fire Department Report

The Johnson Fire Department is glad 2020 is behind us. Like all of you, the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic have made daily routines difficult. There has been great cooperation both locally and with neighboring agencies to provide steady emergency services. We experienced a reduced call volume last year, but the severity and complexity in providing a response brings additional obligations for safety and adds time to each incident. Overall, the function of the Fire Department remains smooth.

We completed the planned replacement of our air-packs (SCBA) last year. This task began in June with a committee to evaluate our future needs and research available products. During the fall months we conducted demonstrations and try-outs at our training facility from three vendors, which led to the purchase and recent delivery of new air-pack equipment. This project was completed out of our Small Tools Capital plan. It stayed under budget while providing the appropriate equipment to serve its 15-year expected life span.

The Johnson Fire Department responded to 98 alarms last year. Those calls were:

Structure fires	5	Wilderness rescue	3
Chimney fires	3	Medical assist	7
Wildland fires	4	Automatic alarms	12
Vehicle fires	10	Mutual aid	9
Carbon monoxide	9	Vehicle accidents	21
Hazardous materials	1	Smoke conditions	4
Water rescue	0	Other	10

Looking forward to the upcoming year, our priority item is the safe operations and response during the continued pandemic. As safety protocols continue to prove effective, and with the anticipation of vaccines, we look forward to the return of regular training exercises which keeps the team proficient and well oiled.

Budget planning for 2021 has been completed. There is a requested 3% cost increase to your fire protection services this year. This is a \$ 2,643 increase. The two primary factors are the increase to minimum wage for 2021, and the continued contributions into both our Truck Capital and Small Tools Capital savings plans, which have proven essential for consistent future stability.

I wish to thank all our members for their professional service and ability to adapt throughout these challenging times. We sincerely appreciate the overall patience and community support that we've received.

Respectfully,  
Arjay West, Fire Chief

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

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

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

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

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

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

Below are just some of our incident totals:

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

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



Lamoille County Sheriff's Department  
Patrol Budget (without COPS grant and without 7th officer)  
July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

OPERATING BUDGET							
	Budget 17 - 18	Budget 18 - 19	Budget 19-20	Budget 20-21	Budget 21-22	Percentage Increase	Assessment Increase
SALARIES	\$ 669,224	\$ 687,085	\$ 717,567	\$ 674,572	\$ 712,548	5.63%	
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 41,492	\$ 42,599	\$ 44,489	\$ 41,823	\$ 42,320	1.19%	
MEDICARE	\$ 9,704	\$ 9,963	\$ 10,405	\$ 9,781	\$ 9,895	1.16%	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,600	2.22%	
HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT	\$ 67,613	\$ 77,637	\$ 81,308	\$ 137,629	\$ 146,557	6.49%	
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$ 54,885	\$ 55,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 55,000	-8.33%	
RETIREMENT	\$ 65,590	\$ 65,988	\$ 71,360	\$ 64,468	\$ 90,552	40.46%	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 4,750	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,300	0.00%	
UNIFORMS	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	0.00%	
TRAINING/EDUCATION	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	-20.00%	
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 42,600	\$ 42,600	\$ 35,000	\$ 29,500	\$ 25,000	-15.25%	
INSURANCE - LIABILITY / UMBRELLA	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,750	7.14%	
AUTO INSURANCE	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,900	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 18,500	-31.48%	
GAS EXPENSE	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 39,000	\$ 33,500	\$ 31,000	-7.46%	
PATROL EQUIPMENT	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	0.00%	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	0.00%	
TELEPHONE/DATA LINE	\$ 9,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,000	-20.00%	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	0.00%	
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,137	\$ 1,200	5.54%	
GPS MONITORING	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,800	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	0.00%	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,086,208	\$ 1,109,922	\$ 1,175,379	\$ 1,164,461	\$ 1,214,472	4.29%	
CAPITAL BUDGET							
CRUISER	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	0.00%	
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	0.00%	
TOTAL BUDGET: FY 21-22	\$ 1,101,208	\$ 1,134,922	\$ 1,210,379	\$ 1,204,461	\$ 1,254,472	4.15%	

CREDIT FOR LARAWAY SCHOOL	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,360	3.00%
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT				\$ 20,000	\$ 20,600	3.00%
CREDIT FOR ELMORE PATROL	\$ 14,003	\$ 14,537	\$ 15,514	\$ 15,979	\$ 16,458	3.00%
LAMOILLE UNION - RESOURCE OFFICER	\$ 73,600	\$ 76,414	\$ 81,548	\$ -	\$ -	
ASSESSMENT - HYDE PARK	\$ 368,561	\$ 382,658	\$ 408,372	\$ 420,623	\$ 433,242	3.00%
ASSESSMENT - JOHNSON	\$ 422,136	\$ 438,278	\$ 467,729	\$ 481,761	\$ 496,214	3.00%
ASSESSMENT - WOLCOTT	\$ 203,265	\$ 211,035	\$ 225,216	\$ 231,972	\$ 238,931	3.00%
CONTRIBUTION FROM LCSD				\$ 22,126	\$ 36,667	65.72%
CREDIT FOR CARRY-OVER FUNDS	\$ 7,642	\$ -				
ADJUSTED TOTAL	\$ 1,101,208	\$ 1,134,922	\$ 1,210,379	\$ 1,204,461	\$ 1,254,472	

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department  
Patrol Budget  
July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

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HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT	\$ 67,613	\$ 77,637	\$ 81,308	\$ 137,629	\$ 151,432	10.03%	
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$ 54,885	\$ 55,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 55,000	-8.33%	
RETIREMENT	\$ 65,590	\$ 65,988	\$ 71,360	\$ 64,468	\$ 90,552	40.46%	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 4,750	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,300	0.00%	
UNIFORMS	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	0.00%	
TRAINING/EDUCATION	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	-20.00%	
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MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	0.00%	
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CRUISER	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	0.00%	
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	0.00%	
TOTAL BUDGET: FY 21-22	\$ 1,101,208	\$ 1,134,922	\$ 1,210,379	\$ 1,204,461	\$ 1,324,836	9.99%	

With 7th grant position added in.

COP'S GRANT (IF WE CAN FILL THE POSITION)	\$	12,000	\$	12,000	\$	12,000	\$	12,000	\$	93,750	3.000%
CREDIT FOR LARAWAY SCHOOL	\$									12,360	3.000%
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT	\$									20,600	3.000%
CREDIT FOR ELMORE PATROL	\$	14,003	\$	14,537	\$	15,514	\$	15,979	\$	16,458	3.000%
LAMOILLE UNION - RESOURCE OFFICER	\$	73,600	\$	76,414	\$	81,548	\$	-	\$	-	3.000%
ASSESSMENT - HYDE PARK	\$	368,561	\$	382,658	\$	408,372	\$	420,623	\$	433,242	3.000%
ASSESSMENT - JOHNSON	\$	422,136	\$	438,278	\$	467,729	\$	481,761	\$	496,214	3.000%
ASSESSMENT - WOLCOTT	\$	203,265	\$	211,035	\$	225,216	\$	231,972	\$	238,931	3.000%
CONTRIBUTION FROM LCSD	\$									13,281	-60.000%
CREDIT FOR CARRY-OVER FUNDS	\$	7,642	\$	-							
ADJUSTED TOTAL	\$	1,101,208	\$	1,134,922	\$	1,210,379	\$	1,204,461	\$	1,324,836	



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

Total Budget Assessment One Half of Budget

**FY 2021-2022**

\$ 833,716 \$ 416,858

Town Name	Population Portion 50% of allocation			Grand List Portion 50 % of allocation			FY 21-22		FY 20-21		Percent Increase/ (Decrease)	Overall Assessment Percentage
	Population	Percentage	Population Cost	Grand List	Grand List Percentage	Grand List Portion	Assessment	Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Assessment		
Belvidere	365	1.262%	\$ 5,261	\$ 337,950	0.63%	\$ 2,627	\$ 7,888	\$ 8,667	\$ (779)	\$	-8.99%	0.95%
Cambridge	3844	13.291%	\$ 55,404	\$ 5,564,050	10.38%	\$ 43,251	\$ 98,655	\$ 108,125	\$ (9,470)	\$	-8.76%	11.83%
Eden	1370	4.737%	\$ 19,746	\$ 1,385,530	2.58%	\$ 10,770	\$ 30,516	\$ 34,180	\$ (3,664)	\$	-10.72%	3.66%
Elmore	863	2.984%	\$ 12,439	\$ 1,628,360	3.04%	\$ 12,658	\$ 25,096	\$ 28,098	\$ (3,002)	\$	-10.68%	3.01%
Hyde Park	2961	10.238%	\$ 42,677	\$ 2,987,160	5.57%	\$ 23,220	\$ 65,898	\$ 71,098	\$ (5,200)	\$	-7.31%	7.90%
Johnson	3633	12.561%	\$ 52,363	\$ 2,335,900	4.36%	\$ 18,158	\$ 70,521	\$ 72,798	\$ (2,277)	\$	-3.13%	8.46%
Morristown	5501	19.020%	\$ 79,287	\$ 6,905,700	12.88%	\$ 53,680	\$ 132,967	\$ 135,465	\$ (2,498)	\$	-1.84%	15.95%
Stowe	4431	15.321%	\$ 63,865	\$ 25,638,210	47.81%	\$ 199,294	\$ 263,159	\$ 280,097	\$ (16,938)	\$	-6.05%	31.56%
Waterville	706	2.441%	\$ 10,176	\$ 593,750	1.11%	\$ 4,615	\$ 14,791	\$ 15,339	\$ (548)	\$	-3.57%	1.77%
Wolcott	1688	5.836%	\$ 24,329	\$ 1,630,680	3.04%	\$ 12,676	\$ 37,005	\$ 41,500	\$ (4,495)	\$	-10.83%	4.44%
Hardwick	2861	9.892%	\$ 41,236	\$ 2,002,570	3.73%	\$ 15,567	\$ 56,803	\$ 62,320	\$ (5,517)	\$	-8.85%	6.81%
Greensboro	699	2.417%	\$ 10,075	\$ 2,616,810	4.88%	\$ 20,341	\$ 30,416	\$ 33,655	\$ (3,239)	\$	-9.62%	3.65%
	28922	100.00%	\$ 416,858	\$ 53,626,670	100.00%	\$ 416,858	\$ 833,716	\$ 891,342	\$ (57,626)	\$	-6.47%	100.00%

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

Total Budget Assessment One Half of Budget

**FY 20-21**

\$ 891,341 \$ 445,671

Town Name	Population Portion 50% of allocation			Grand List Portion 50 % of allocation			FY 20-21		FY 19-20		Percent Increase/ (Decrease)	Overall Assessment Percentage
	Population	Percentage	Population Cost	Grand List	Grand List Percentage	Grand List Portion	Assessment	Assessment	Increase/ (Decrease)	Assessment		
Belvidere	389	1.34%	\$ 5,976	\$ 311,490	0.60%	\$ 2,690	\$ 8,667	\$ 9,140	\$ (473)	\$	-5.18%	0.97%
Cambridge	3945	13.60%	\$ 60,610	\$ 5,501,090	10.66%	\$ 47,515	\$ 108,125	\$ 112,952	\$ (4,827)	\$	-4.27%	12.13%
Eden	1482	5.11%	\$ 22,769	\$ 1,321,120	2.56%	\$ 11,411	\$ 34,180	\$ 36,060	\$ (1,880)	\$	-5.21%	3.83%
Elmore	923	3.18%	\$ 14,181	\$ 1,611,270	3.12%	\$ 13,917	\$ 28,098	\$ 30,187	\$ (2,089)	\$	-6.92%	3.15%
Hyde Park	3043	10.49%	\$ 46,752	\$ 2,818,670	5.46%	\$ 24,346	\$ 71,098	\$ 74,306	\$ (3,208)	\$	-4.32%	7.98%
Johnson	3429	11.82%	\$ 52,682	\$ 2,328,890	4.51%	\$ 20,115	\$ 72,798	\$ 75,255	\$ (2,457)	\$	-3.27%	8.17%
Morristown	5173	17.83%	\$ 79,476	\$ 6,482,160	12.56%	\$ 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%
Wolcott	1805	6.22%	\$ 27,731	\$ 1,594,110	3.09%	\$ 13,769	\$ 41,500	\$ 42,753	\$ (1,253)	\$	-2.93%	4.66%
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%



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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully

Jeff Johansen,

Executive Director

Newport Ambulance Inc

### NEMS 2021 Draft

	2020 budget	2020 actual	2021 CY Budget
<b>Income</b>			
4000 · Town Appropriations	\$327,780.00	\$309,727.58	\$353,515.00
4001.01 Cares Relief Act	\$0.00	\$26,449.20	\$0.00
4001.02 hazard pay grant	\$0.00	\$36,606.00	\$0.00
4001.03 EMS stabilization Grant	\$0.00	\$39,384.06	\$0.00
4001.05 SBA payroll Protection	\$0.00	\$139,164.67	\$0.00
4005 · Donations	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
4007 Covid testing	\$0.00	\$71,736.75	\$0.00
4009 · Service Ambulance Runs	\$770,000.00	\$769,208.43	\$780,000.00
4012 · Intercept Income	\$2,000.00	\$4,370.00	\$3,500.00
4018 · Ambulance Coverage Time	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$250.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,099,780.00</b>	<b>\$1,398,526.69</b>	<b>\$1,137,265.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
5000.01 · Collection Fees	\$600.00	\$355.78	\$600.00
Total 5000 · Billing Services Exp.	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5001 · Administration Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5001.01 ·02.03.04.17 Payroll	\$63,190.00	\$58,122.21	\$61,659.00
5001.05 Nas 11 R&M	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$468.00
5001.6 Nas 11 Fuel	\$300.00	\$292.01	\$390.00
5001.08 · CPA	\$371.00	\$429.00	\$390.00
5001.10 · Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$285.85	\$390.00
5001.11 · Telephone	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,187.00
5001.12 · Cell Phones	\$1,794.00	\$1,889.73	\$1,557.00
5001.13 · Dues	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5001.14 · Health Insurance	\$3,000.00	\$3,671.52	\$3,730.00
5001.15 · Pension	\$2,894.00	\$4,070.18	\$3,742.83
5006 · Rubbish Removal Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,543.26	\$1,500.00
5007 · Diesel Fuel/Gas Expense	\$23,000.00	\$19,144.11	\$23,000.00
5008.01 · Insurance Package	\$12,344.00	\$14,967.18	\$12,344.00
5008.03 · Health Insurance Exp	\$54,000.00	\$54,796.76	\$70,539.00
5008.05 · Workers Comp. Ins Exp	\$58,480.00	\$53,205.02	\$44,080.00
5009 · Bank Charges/ Fees Exp.	\$500.00	\$1,092.97	\$500.00
5010 · Interest Expense	\$17,160.00	\$16,118.47	\$12,000.00
5011 · Staff & Squad Training	\$2,000.00	\$740.00	\$2,000.00
5012 · Payroll Expenses	\$680,000.00	\$821,753.84	\$707,200.00
5013 · Postage/Delivery Expense	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
5016.01 · Meals Expense	\$200.00	\$404.28	\$200.00
5017.01 TPA	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$456.00
5017 · Pension Plan Expense	\$19,334.00	\$28,162.46	\$25,170.00
5018 · Amb R&M Expense			
5018.01 NAS 1	\$0.00	\$682.01	\$0.00
5018.06 · NEMS #1 R&M	\$8,000.00	\$1,448.98	\$4,000.00
5018.07 · NEMS #2 R&M	\$8,000.00	\$5,725.61	\$8,000.00
5018.08 · NEMS #3 R&M	\$7,000.00	\$3,112.25	\$7,000.00
5018.14 · Service Agreements	\$1,000.00	\$6,473.20	\$1,000.00

### NEMS 2021 Draft

	2020 budget	2020 actual	2021 CY Budget
5018.10 · Misce. Amb R&M	\$1,000.00	\$4,405.79	\$0.00
5023 Grounds	\$0.00	\$2,996.44	\$4,000.00
5019 · Building R&M Expense	\$8,000.00	\$7,141.89	\$4,000.00
5020 · Computer Repairs/ Upgrade Expense	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5021.01 · Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$263.94	\$500.00
5021.03 · Med. Supplies/Equip.	\$8,000.00	\$12,109.94	\$10,000.00
5021.04 · General Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$3,643.68	\$2,000.00
5021.05 · Equipment Batteries	\$1,000.00	\$1,016.59	\$800.00
5022 Hiring Expense	\$0.00	\$446.82	\$0.00
5024 · Oxygen Expense	\$2,500.00	\$2,996.44	\$2,500.00
5025 · Employee Recognition	\$1,000.00	\$900.00	\$2,000.00
5027 · Paging Expense	\$1,015.00	\$984.57	\$1,015.00
5028.01 · Telephone Expense	\$1,705.00	\$1,316.60	\$0.00
5028.03 · Internet Service	\$1,080.00	\$1,867.73	\$1,100.00
5029 · Electricity Expense	\$3,000.00	\$3,396.03	\$3,200.00
5030 · Heating Expense	\$3,500.00	\$3,404.77	\$3,600.00
5032 · Comp Exp Non Capitalize	\$300.00	\$825.94	\$300.00
5034 · Radio Exp Non Capitalized	\$500.00	\$570.00	\$500.00
5040 · Squad Uniforms	\$1,200.00	\$1,605.44	\$1,400.00
5043 · Public Relations	\$500.00	\$73.06	\$500.00
5045 · Equip. t Replacement Fund	\$0.00	\$26,449.20	\$0.00
5046 · Amb. Replacement	\$0.00	\$39,384.06	\$0.00
5047 Billing Contract	\$22,558.00	\$22,558.00	\$22,558.00
Mortgage 2026	\$19,848.00	\$21,937.62	\$21,876.00
NEMS 3 2018	\$15,348.00	\$16,179.08	\$15,000.00
NEMS 1 new truck	\$0.00	\$2,766.93	\$16,020.00
NEMS 2	\$12,360.00	\$12,995.33	\$11,881.00
old nems 1	\$0.00	\$6,454.00	\$0.00
Zoll lease	\$8,122.00	\$5,414.40	\$5,414.00
Provider Tax	\$16,000.00	\$24,552.46	\$24,665.00
Stretcher	\$5,904.00	\$4,428.18	\$0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,106,577.00</b>	<b>\$1,331,571.61</b>	<b>\$1,147,951.83</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$1,099,780.00</b>	<b>\$1,398,526.69</b>	<b>\$1,137,265.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>\$1,106,577.00</b>	<b>\$1,331,571.61</b>	<b>\$1,147,951.83</b>
	<b>-\$6,797.00</b>	<b>\$66,955.08</b>	<b>-\$10,686.83</b>
<b>This is a non audited report.</b>			

## 2020 Calendar Year

### ELECTIONS

### BALLOTS CAST

February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Green Mountain Technology Annual Meeting	Floor	
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Annual Town Meeting	Floor	157 out of 2136 Registered Voters 7%
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Annual Town Meeting Ballot		655 out of 2157 Registered Voters 30%
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Presidential Primary		707 out of 2157 Registered Voters 33%
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	State Primary Election		629 out of 2182 Registered Voters 29%
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	General Election		1613 out of 2290 Registered Voters 70%

### VITAL STATISTICS

The official records from which the following statistics are derived are housed in the Town Clerk's Office. They are available for public review during regular office hours.

Births:	Resident	30
Marriages:	Resident	16
	Non Resident	3
Deaths:	Resident	23
Burials:	Resident	3
	Non Resident	8

Certified Copies Issued: 153

### LAND RECORDS

Total Pages of documents processed as land records:	2082
Total number of Property Transfer Tax forms filed:	123
Mylar Maps:	12

<b>DOG LICENSES ISSUED:</b>	440
<b>LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED:</b>	7
<b>CAR REGISTRATIONS ISSUED:</b>	26
<b>FISH &amp; GAME LICENSE TAGS ISSUED:</b>	17
<b>OVERWEIGHT PERMITS ISSUED:</b>	49
<b>DRIVEWAY/RIGHT OF ACCESS PERMIT:</b>	8
<b>TOTAL TAX BILLS ISSUED:</b>	1330



# Changes to getting copies of **VERMONT BIRTH & DEATH CERTIFICATES**

**Effective  
July 1, 2019**

Act 46 (2017) enhances the security of birth and death certificates, provides better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduces the risk of identity theft.

## What you need to know:

- ➔ Only family members, legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or their legal representatives can apply for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. For death certificates, a funeral home or crematorium may also apply for a certified copy.
- ➔ Applicants must provide valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- ➔ Nothing will change when ordering copies of marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificates.
- ➔ **Where to apply for certified copies of birth or death certificates:**
  - ➔ Any Vermont Town or City Clerk's Office
  - ➔ Online at: [secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords](https://secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords)
  - ➔ Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA)
  - ➔ Vermont Department of Health Vital Records Office

## SUMMARY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2020

Moderator David Williams called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

D. Williams noted that the Girl Scouts were selling cookies, the Historical Society was selling pie and were asking people to fill out a survey, in person or online, to provide input for their strategic planning process. He also explained that according to Vermont Statute, buttons, campaign paraphernalia, etc. with candidate or party names are not allowed at town meeting. He asked non-voters to occupy a specific section of the bleachers at the side of the room and asked voters not to sit in that section. He asked speakers to identify themselves before speaking.

D. Williams read the warning, noting a printing error in Article 3, which should have said “three (3)” instead of “one (3).”

### **Article 5. To review the reports of the town officers and others as included in the Town Annual Report.**

At this time, E. Osgood asked for a moment of silence in memory of Town Constable and Health Officer Sharon Duffy who passed away this past year (Town Report pg. 5). He presented a Town Report to her partner, son and mother. He then noted the Report was dedicated to Jan Perkins (recently retired after serving 20 years as Assistant Clerk) and Peg Rowe (having retired from doing cleaning and organizing at the Town Library). Reports were presented to Jan Perkins and to Peg Rowe’s son who accepted it on her behalf in her absence.

Eric encouraged anyone not signed up to sign up for Vermont Alert. It is a method the town is using to get emergency messages out. The town will be sending test messages twice a year on the weekends when time changes.

He also encouraged vulnerable members of the community to register for the Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies (CARE.) A confidential list is kept at dispatch centers. Only the fire chief and emergency management director have access. They can get the list when there is an emergency event. It is helpful for members of the community who might need special help in an emergency to sign up so emergency personnel are aware of issues.

Regarding Article 5, Walter Pomroy asked if the new grand list coming out this year will be certified and submitted to the State for taxes on time and E. Osgood responded, yes.

### **Article 6. To establish the rates of compensation for the Town Officers.**

**Motion: Rick Aupperlee moved to establish a rate of compensation of \$1200 per year for the Selectboard chair and \$1000 per year for all other Selectboard members and the motion was seconded.** Brief discussion.

**Motion to Amend: Geoff Corey moved to amend the motion to make rates of compensation \$1500 per year for the Chair and \$1200 per year for other members and the motion was seconded.** After further brief discussion, **the motion to amend was passed by a standing vote.**

**The amended motion was passed by a standing vote.**

### **Article 7. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$3,047,961.25, of which \$1,859,934.91 shall be raised by taxes and \$1,016,612.37 by non-tax revenues?**

**Motion: Eric Osgood moved to authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$3,008,282.45, of which \$1,016,612.37 shall be raised by taxes and \$1,188,026.34 by non-tax revenues and the motion was seconded.** Eric Osgood explained why the figures were different from those in the Article and went into more detail.

**Motion:** Duncan Hastings moved to amend the motion to replace “shall be” with “is estimated to be.” He explained why. E. Osgood and the seconder of his motion agreed to accept the amendment as a friendly amendment, which precluded the need for a vote. W. Pomroy asked what the Selectboard feels they will need to be spent on the Scribner Bridge. E. Osgood addressed this question.

**Motion:** Walter Pomroy moved to amend the motion to increase proposed expenditures by \$37,500, which was seconded by J. Gregg. Discussion with explanation continued. D. Williams considered the motion to be in order. D. Williams said that the motion just specifies a budget number and the recommendation on spending is not binding, but the Board can be advised by the discussion. Discussion continued.

Dave Williams said the motion is to amend the budget figure from \$3,008,282.45 to \$3,045,782.45. Steve Reber asked how the motion changes the other two numbers in the original motion. Walter said it should change the tax number by \$37,500.

David Williams said it would change the amount to be raised by taxes from \$1,859,934.91 to \$1,897,434.91. The amount from non-tax revenues is still \$1,016,612.37.

**The motion to amend passed by a voice vote. The amended motion passed by a voice vote.**

**Article 8.**           **Shall the Town of Johnson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,224.48 for the support of THE LAMOILLE COUNTY SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT to provide services to residents of the Town?**

**Motion:** Dick Cross moved the article as written and Eric Nuse seconded.

Carol Borst explained why this article is on the warning. Discussion continued. Shayne Spence suggested a friendly amendment changing the appropriation to \$1500 and Dick Cross and Eric Nuse agreed to accept the friendly amendment and change the amount in their motion to \$1500. Discussion was suspended on the article until after hearing from our legislators: Rep. Matt Hill, Rep. Dan Noyes and Sen. Rich Westman, who addressed those present. A dialogue ensued between the legislators and those present. The legislators left and discussion of Article 8 was resumed. By unanimous consent, Sheriff Roger Marcoux was allowed to address the meeting. E. Hutchins commented and then asked how to amend the motion to go back to the original number of \$2,224.48. D. Williams accepted that as a motion to amend.

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded to amend the amount from \$1500 to \$2,224.48. The motion to amend was passed.

**The original motion was passed by a voice vote.**

**Article 9.**           **Shall the Town of Johnson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,000 for the support of Lamoille Family Center and Healthy Lamoille Valley (a program of the Lamoille Family Center) to continue to provide the residents of Johnson and the Lamoille Valley with parent and child services?**

**Motion:** The article was moved and seconded as written. Jessica Bickford, coordinator of Healthy Lamoille Valley, spoke to this Article, explaining their need and why it's a separate article this year and not included within the Town budget.

**The motion was passed by a voice vote.**

The meeting was recessed for lunch from 11:58 to 1:18.

**Article 10.**           **Shall the Town vote to collect 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 1/2%) per month or 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.

First installment to be paid on or before Monday, August 10, 2020. Second installment to be paid on or before Tuesday, November 10, 2020.<sup>[11 SEP]</sup> Third installment to be paid on or before Wednesday, February 10, 2021. Fourth installment to be paid on or before Monday, May 10, 2021.

**Motion:** The article was moved and seconded as printed and passed by a voice vote.

**Article 11.** Shall the town establish a reserve fund to be called the “TNL Reserve Fund” for the purpose of funding the operation of the Tuesday Night Live Concert Series to be funded by funds raised by donation and fee by the TNL Committee in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

**Motion:** Howard Romero moved the article as printed and the motion was seconded. Eric Osgood explained the reasoning for this Article. H. Romero reminded voters that Tuesday Night Live is completely self-funded.

The motion was passed by a voice vote.

**Article 12.** Shall the Town of Johnson make the following statement of support: <sup>[11 SEP]</sup> We, the citizens of Johnson, 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.

**Motion:** Scott Meyer moved the article as printed and the motion was seconded.

Eric Osgood said this article came in to us as a resolution that was recommended for all communities along the rail trail. We have heard from legislators that rail trail funding has a good chance of going through. The impact to Johnson would be significant. We would benefit from traffic on the rail trail. The Selectboard agreed to put in this article for community support and will send the resolution if the voters desire.

The motion was passed by a voice vote.

**Article 13.** Shall the voters of Johnson affirm their support of Jenna’s Promise in its mission to help those suffering from substance use disorder?

**Motion:** <sup>[11 SEP]</sup> Jessica Bickford moved the article as printed and the motion was seconded. Eric Osgood explained why the Article is before the Town. The Selectboard invited the Tatros to explain the project, and Greg Tatro did so. Brief discussion ensued.

The motion was passed by a voice vote.

**Article 14.** Shall the Selectboard appoint and establish rules and procedures of a Budget Advisory Committee of resident taxpayers of the Town of Johnson, whose general purpose would be initial review, evaluation and recommendation to the Johnson Selectboard (who retain final budget decisions) of budget requests or proposals of such committees, boards, organizations and entities connected with the Town of Johnson budget, as defined by the Selectboard?

**Motion:** Walter Pomroy moved the article as printed with one change: replacing “resident taxpayers of the

**Town of Johnson” with “residents of the Town of Johnson.” The motion was seconded.**

W. Pomroy explained the reason for the proposed change in wording. Discussion continued. D. Williams responded to Charles Gallanter’s query regarding the change in wording from that in the article. As long as a motion relates to the topic of the warned article, it is in order.

**Motion: Charles Gallanter moved to amend the W. Pomroy’s motion to go back to “resident taxpayers” rather than “residents.” The motion to amend was seconded.** Discussion continued.

**The motion to amend failed by a voice vote.** After further discussion regarding purpose, authority, direction of such a committee,

**Motion: It was moved and seconded to call the question and the motion to call the question was passed by a voice vote.**

**The original motion by W. Pomroy failed by a counted standing vote with 17 voting in favor and 21 opposed.**

**Article 15.        Shall the voters of the Town hear a report from the Johnson representatives on the Lamoille North School District?**

Mark Nielsen, one of the 5 members who represent Johnson on the Lamoille North School District Board, which encompasses 5 towns, introduced himself and spoke. He gave an overview of what’s been happening and what questions he has received regarding Act 46, how it is affecting us tax-wise, status of local control, process of withdrawing from the Modified Unified Union School District, etc.

**Motion: Walter Pomroy moved that the voters of the Town of Johnson hereby request the Selectboard of the Town of Johnson to call a Special Town Meeting pursuant to 16 V.S.A. Section 724 for the purpose of deciding whether the Town of Johnson should withdraw from the Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District #958A. seconded by Scott Meyer.**

**Eric Hutchins objected to consideration of the question.** David Williams said he would take that to be a motion essentially to overrule the Moderator’s ruling that this is discussable. Article 15 is a very general article simply asking if the voters will hear a report. In the course of hearing the report a non-binding motion has been made by W. Pomroy asking the Selectboard to call a special meeting. E. Hutchins’ objection is not debatable. If a majority vote yes on E. Hutchins’ motion, they are voting not to continue discussion of W. Pomroy’s motion. If the majority votes no, we will continue to consider W. Pomroy’s motion.

Jackie Stanton asked if we could hear more from Eric Hutchins about his objection. David Williams said E. Hutchins could reply and he did so. **Eric Hutchins’ motion to overrule the moderator failed by a voice vote.** M. Nielsen spoke further about why our budgets are higher, etc. General discussion indicated more debate is needed.

**The motion by Walter Pomroy was passed by a voice vote.**

**Article 16.        Shall the voters of the Town of Johnson review the report provided by the Center for Governmental Research on the question of merging the Town and Village?**

Eric Osgood said we’d hoped to have the consultant’s report by town meeting and put this Article in. The Report is not ready and E. Osgood suggested the voters pass over this.

**Motion: Dean West moved that the voters pass over Article 16, but that an informational meeting be held as soon as the report provided by the Center for Governmental Research is available for the public. There was not a recorded second for this motion, thus no motion to be voted on.** Discussion continued during which D. Williams said the voters can only postpone a motion, not an agenda item. There could be a motion to hear the report

and then a motion to postpone that motion.

**Motion (#2): Dean West moved and Lynda Hill seconded that the voters of the Town of Johnson review the report provided by the Center for Governmental Research on the question of merging the Town and Village.** David Williams suggested there could be a motion to postpone that motion (#2) to a definite time. Eric Osgood suggested the motion could be postponed until the next regular Selectboard meeting following receiving the report.

**Motion (#3): Dean West moved to postpone the motion to the next regular Selectboard meeting after the report from the Center for Governmental Research is received and the motion was seconded.** After further discussion,

**Dean West and the seconder of the motion (#3) to postpone the motion to a time certain, agreed to withdraw the motion. Dean West and the seconder of the motion (#2) to review the report agreed to withdraw that motion.**

**Motion (#4): Dean West moved that as soon as the report provided by the Center for Governmental Research on the question of merging the Town and Village is received in appropriate form, it be distributed to the voters and that the Selectboard schedule a public review of the report at a reasonable time. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.**

**Article 17. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before this Town.**

Ken Tourangeau asked for consideration of an amendment to the Town's ATV ordinance to allow ATV's to travel on Railroad Street across the Lamoille River. Discussion included: current ordinance, process to change the ordinance, State Highway regulations, the affects of ATV's traveling on Railroad St., overall pros and cons.

Richard Simays said that at a special meeting last week, the Johnson Historical Society unanimously approved a statement that because Scribner Bridge is the only original covered bridge in Johnson, the Historical Society strongly and passionately supports Scribner Bridge. If preservation of the bridge on site is not possible, they feel a site should be found to relocate the bridge.

Scott Meyer said he has asked for an update on the cost associated with the industrial park property so far. E. Osgood and Brian Story responded. Summary: Since purchase of the property, there has been no expense other than Brian Story's time.

**Motion: Dick Cross moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.**

**Note: A detailed report of the discussions, which took place at the Annual Town Meeting, is available at the Town Clerk's office and/or online at [TownofJohnson.com](http://TownofJohnson.com), Meeting Minutes and Agendas, Selectboard.**

## **Capstone Community Action Fall 2020 Report to the Citizens of Johnson**

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Capstone Community Action served 10,624 people in 6,166 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 149 Johnson households representing 283 individuals this past year included:

- 7 Johnson individuals in 2 Johnson households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 27 Johnson households with 78 Johnson family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 1 homeless individual with 3 homeless family members worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 26 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 46 additional family members.
- 2 households received emergency furnace repairs and 2 household furnaces were replaced at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for residents.
- 1 household was weatherized at no charge, making it warmer and more energy efficient for residents, including 2 senior and 1 resident with disabilities.
- 15 people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 5 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 26 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 3 childcare providers received nutrition education and were reimbursed for the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the 39 children in their care.

**Capstone thanks the residents of Johnson for their generous support this year!**



*Local Partnerships in Learning*

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

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

**Last year, 23 residents of Johnson enrolled in CVABE's free programs.** Additionally, 1 Johnson resident volunteered with CVABE last year. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. ***Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 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 Johnson residents for generations to come.***

CVABE provides free instruction to nearly 450 people annually in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$2,942 per student to provide a full year of instruction. *Nearly all students are low income.* Nearly 100 community volunteers work with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We deeply appreciate Johnson's voter-approved *past* support. This year, your level support is again critical to CVABE's free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life.

For more information regarding CVABE's adult education and literacy instruction for students, or volunteer opportunities, contact:

**Morrisville Learning Center**  
52 Portland Street – 2nd Floor  
Morrisville, Vermont 05661  
**(802) 888-5531**  
[www.cvabe.org](http://www.cvabe.org)

**Central Vermont Council on Aging**  
**Report of Services to Johnson FY20**  
**December 15, 2020**

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

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

Some of the options we make available include:

- CVCOA Help Line - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development for home-delivered and Community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, group training, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members who help to make it possible for seniors to remain in their home.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 76 Johnson residents. Case Managers, Sarah Willhoit and Christine Melicharek worked directly with the seniors in Johnson.

RSVP, a sponsored agency of Central Vermont Council on Aging, recruits, screens and trains volunteers 55+ to serve older Central Vermonters. RSVP volunteers lead wellness classes, deliver Meals on Wheels and many other services to local not-for-profit organizations. Last year, there were 2 RSVP volunteers from Johnson.

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

## **Clarina Howard Nichols Center 2020 Annual Report**

Founded in 1981, the Clarina Howard Nichols Center works to end domestic and sexual violence in Lamoille County. During the past year, Clarina served 295 individuals, including:

- Provided shelter to 49 individuals (30 adults and 19 children) for a total of 2,042 bed nights
- Provided criminal court advocacy to 103 individuals
- Responded to 860 hotline calls

As we ended our 39<sup>th</sup> year of service to the community in June 2020, we were in the midst of a pandemic. During the early weeks and months of the pandemic, our hotline was silent. There were nearly no requests for shelter and the court was only open for emergencies. We were worried. We knew that the risk for abuse had increased due to lost jobs, isolation, and school closures, but survivors were trapped and too afraid to seek help during a health crisis. Our staff worked harder than ever to ensure that the community knew our services were available. Staff created and distributed posters, spoke to the media, increased partnerships with other service providers, and posted on social media. By the end of June, the hotline was ringing again, requests for shelter were increasing, and staff were ready for court to re-open. Staff prepared for the surge in calls and requests for assistance that would come in FY21.

Funding from the Town of Johnson supports the continued availability of high quality, free advocacy, education, and shelter services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

### **Our Services:**

- 24-hour hotline - support, information and options from a trained advocate including access to emergency shelter and assistance with filing emergency Relief from Abuse Orders.
- 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.





Dear Johnson Residents,

Lamoille County Mental Health Services strives to provide the highest quality services and support to our community to enhance independence and quality of life. Over the past year we provided quality services to Lamoille Valley residents with all of our programs including a 24 hour 365 day a year Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) responding to requests from children, families, and individuals as well as local police, ambulance, Copley Hospital inpatient and Emergency Department, Lamoille Valley school districts and other partners. The Mobile Crisis Team also provides Critical Incident Stress Debriefing for first responders, families, and work colleagues coping with the aftermath of a traumatic event. This is the only full time mental health emergency crisis response service in the region. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 we served 137 individuals providing over 12802 services over the course of fiscal year 2020.

In the past five years, we have created a community peer support program, the Cadre team, to support individuals who are experiencing a difficult time to have a peer to talk with or to assist them in getting over a temporary challenge. We have also developed into a Zero Suicide agency to help reduce suicides in our area, among the highest county for suicide related deaths in Vermont. This effort has been successful in training over 200 staff and community members on basic suicide prevention and over 70 providers on doing specific suicide intervention therapy. As well, LCMHS is sponsoring a survivors of suicide support group which is open to all communities to help individuals cope with this challenging event. Funding support from local governments can help to expand these efforts.

Our community and school treatment/support programs were engaged by Zoom and in person to work with children and families through the challenges of the early pandemic and as the 2020-21 school year start we are continuing to develop new pathways to help families coping with both the Covid virus as well as a hybrid classroom model spawned by it. Meanwhile our Developmental Services program has also done phenomenally well as we have recently been found to continue to have one of Vermont's strongest employment programs for persons with intellectual and development disabilities.

In these challenging times, town contributions and support, are always valued, making them more important than ever as all of us wrestle with the Covid 19 recovery. We are committed to do what we can to support our families and friends who find themselves in need and help to mitigate the many health impacts of the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Michael Hartman  
Chief Executive Officer



# Lamoille County Planning Commission FY20 Municipal Report



## FY20 Municipal Assistance July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

### JOHNSON TOWN & VILLAGE

**LCPC Board Member**  
Town: Duncan Hastings  
Village: Meredith Birkett  
Howard Romero – County Director

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

**Transportation Advisory  
Committee**  
Brian Story  
Brian Krause (Alt)

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 Johnson and Johnson Village these services included:

- Providing general support, coordination, and assistance for continuity of municipal operations during COVID-19;
- Providing broadband planning assistance;
- Organizing a “Step up to Button Up” Weatherization Workshop;
- Providing funding, through LCPC’s Brownfields Program, to conduct environmental assessment at the former Powerhouse building on Gihon River;
- Providing economic development assistance and grant writing assistance to advance construction of the industrial park;
- Assisting with updating Local Emergency Management Plan;
- Expanding LCPC’s hydrological model to further evaluate flood mitigation options in Johnson;
- Providing information, technical support, and a road erosion inventory for the Municipal Roads General Permit;
- Facilitating \$14,760 of Grant In Aid funds, used to assist towns in complying with the state’s Municipal Roads General Permit, for a 2019 project;
- Providing information, technical support, and coordination about various highway topics between State officials and Johnson Highway Department;
- Facilitating technical support and coordination with VTrans, related to traffic and bike-pedestrian safety, speed limits, and signs on town and state roads;
- Providing information about VTrans grant programs and other available funds for road projects;
- Conducting traffic and bike-pedestrian counts;
- Providing outreach, informational resources, and hosting presentations on new Vermont stormwater management standards including the “3 Acre Rule” and Draft Stormwater General Permit;
- Assisting in applying for a Local Hazard Mitigation Grant to update the Johnson Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.



*promotes the well-being of Lamoille Valley children, youth and families and supports them in meeting life's challenges through education, direct services and advocacy.*

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

In fiscal year 2020, our caring and dedicated staff of 35 reached more than 5,000 children, youth, parents and caregivers throughout the Lamoille Valley and have impacted many more. LFC pivoted quickly during the COVID-19 pandemic to continue providing telehealth and socially distanced services. When stay-at-home restrictions were put in place, area families continued to receive (virtual) home visits, participated in socially distanced playgroups and parent support groups, attended virtual parent education classes, received Reach Up tele-job coaching services and participated in socially distanced or equipment-protected programming for runaway and homeless youth. Hundreds more families and child care providers received child care support services including assistance with applying for Child Care Financial Assistance and referral to regulated programs. Many families received education around youth substance misuse prevention from Healthy Lamoille Valley, a coalition and program of Lamoille Family Center. LFC worked together with 11 other local organizations to distribute 400 Activity Bags to families in Lamoille Valley, giving case managers an opportunity to connect with families and promote children's development.

Countless children are stronger, safer and more resilient as a result of their involvement with the Family Center. Together, we strive to help families become mentally and physically healthy, strong and independent.

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

Floyd Nease  
Executive Director  
Lamoille Family Center  
480 Cadys Falls Road  
Morrisville, VT 05661  
(802) 888-5229 ext. 124  
[fnease@lamoillefamilycenter.org](mailto:fnease@lamoillefamilycenter.org)



## Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District 2020 Annual Report

A Communications Union District (CUD) is an organization of two or more towns that join together as a municipal entity to build communication infrastructure together. Vermont legislation, VSA 30 Chapter 82, enabled the formation of CUDs, and “Lamoille FiberNet” is the name we chose for our CUD.

Our member towns include Belvidere, Cambridge, Eden, Johnson, Hyde Park, Morristown and Waterville, and our mission is to make locally-controlled, affordable, and reliable high-speed internet service available to every address in our member towns.

The official organizational meeting of the Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District (LFCUD) was held on July 14, 2020. During our first six months of existence, we focused on standing up the new organization, fundraising, and launching a utility pole assessment which is the first step in constructing the fiber optic internet network. The fiber network will be built in stages, offering higher broadband speeds than what are currently available in the region.

Our Governing Board has 17 representatives appointed by Selectboards of the member towns. We have an Executive Committee, a Technology Committee, and a Marketing & Communications Committee. Meeting times, agenda and minutes are posted on our website <https://lamoillefiber.net/>

Between July and November 2020, we raised \$115,000 in grants to support the startup of the organization. Green Mountain Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation awarded \$5,000. The Vermont Community Foundation provided additional \$10,000 grant to support general operating expenses. Finally, the Vermont Department of Public Service awarded \$100,000 in CARES act funds which allowed us to retain administrative and consulting services of the Lamoille County Planning Commission and Matrix Design Group.

The Lamoille County Planning Commission provides daily administrative support as well as overall governance guidance to the Board and the Committees. The Matrix Design Group was hired to conduct a utility pole assessment. The pole assessment will evaluate the utility poles for readiness and capacity to support the fiber optic network. The pole assessment will also enable design and engineering of the entire network, which is necessary before construction.

Submitted by LFCUD Governing Board,

Jeff Tilton (Vice Chair) and Lucy Rogers (**Waterville**)  
Jane Campbell, John Meyer and Carl Fortune (**Morristown**)  
Charlotte Reber, Doug Molde and Paul Warden (**Johnson**)  
Michael Rooney (Chair), Jack Wool and Carol Fano (**Hyde Park**)  
Liza Jones and Stephanie Van Blunk (**Eden**)  
Timothy Humphrey and Sam Lotto (**Cambridge**)  
Carol Caldwell Edmonds and Kipp Verner (**Belvidere**)

For more information, please reach out to your town representatives or Lea Kilvadyova, LFCUD Clerk, at [info@lamoillefiber.net](mailto:info@lamoillefiber.net).

# LAMOILLE HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

*54 Farr Avenue*

*Morrisville, VT 05661*

*(802)888-4651*

The year 2020 was a challenging time for all of us. Lamoille Home Health & Hospice was no exception. Understandably, the COVID-19 pandemic has had an enormous impact on the way we serve our clients.

The financial and emotional toll that COVID – 19 has taken on many Vermonters is real. Collaborating with our community health partners to keep people safely in their homes has increased our referrals and increased our need for more nurses and therapists. Administrative burdens of acquiring PPE, tracking COVID related expenses, making non-billable check-in calls to Long Term Care clients to lessen their feeling of isolation, maintaining compliance with new Federal and State COVID guidelines, transitioning to a new electronic medical record and preparing for a Medicare payment reform has also increased our need for more clerical staff. The full financial impact of the pandemic has yet to be determined.

I am happy to recount how LHH&H and your community came together to help us be successful. Your town's support is a constant for us in the every changing and challenging world of health care.

Last fiscal year, LHH&H staff made 7,647 home visits and 398 non-billable phone encounter visits (COVID19) to 130 Johnson clients. A total of 43,918 home visits and 2,779 phone encounter visits were made to all residents of Lamoille County, traveling 186,808 miles. These visits included nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical social worker, licensed nursing assistants, personal care attendants and case managers.

LHH&H exists to serve you and your loved ones – to provide hope, healing and recovery. Your continued support makes a world of difference to so many in Lamoille County.



## **Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report Town of Johnson**

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 Johnson and were served by one of LRC's thirteen (13) programs in fiscal year 2020 was one hundred nineteen (119).*

Across the Lamoille Valley in fiscal year 2020, staff at LRC worked with over **900** individuals, and specifically helped:

- **361** kids attend school.
- **187** people stay out of the justice system with the help of **44** volunteers; meeting each week to repair the harm caused by their crime.
- **34** children and **19** parents and caregivers overcome the negative consequences of incarceration.
- **6** men and women reenter their community from jail, establishing positive relationships and working to avoid re-offense.
- **111** people get drug, alcohol and mental health treatment. They avoided court involvement and many avoided jail.
- **29** 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. LRC relies on financial contributions from individuals and communities, and we are grateful for Johnson's residents' continued support.

**Lamoille Restorative Center**  
**221 Main St.**  
**Hyde Park, VT 05655**  
[www.lrcvt.org](http://www.lrcvt.org)  
**(802) 888-5871**

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](mailto:hhobart@lrcvt.org).

P.O. Box 1427  
21 Munson Avenue  
Morrisville, VT 05661



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Website: [www.mowlc.org](http://www.mowlc.org)

### Annual Town Report

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. Our daily meal and well check visit help elders live independently in their own home and community.

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County provides home-delivered meals and congregate style meals at meal sites throughout Lamoille County. Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County delivers meals to elders (60 or older) in need for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to inability to prepare their meals, income and transportation challenges, hospital/nursing home discharge and illness or injury. Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County also provides meals to caregivers (regardless of age) and people under 60 with a disability if they reside with or are in the care of someone receiving meals.

Volunteers are crucial in our success. Volunteers deliver eight of the nine delivery routes traveling over 275 miles each day. Volunteers also help process locally gleaned produce, serve lunch at our congregate meal sites, and help with fundraising events. Over the last year, we have prepared over 10,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables (10% sourced locally), that has helped improve the nutrients in our meals. Each meal provides 1/3 of the daily Recommended Dietary Allowances and complies with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Our work is only possible because of support from communities like yours. State and Federal funding account for 40% of our budget. We fill in the gap by writing grants and campaign letters, fundraising activities, client contributions, and town appropriations.

**This fiscal year, October 1, 2019- September 30, 2020, Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County served 49,061 meals, of those 7895 were to Johnson residence.**

Thank you for your ongoing support. For more information about our services or to become a volunteer, please call 888-5011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Fournier Grisgraber  
Executive Director



Meals on Wheels is a United Way of Lamoille County Community Partner

## **North Country Animal League 2020 Report**

**Mission Statement:** To promote compassionate and responsible relationships between humans and animals. We do this through:

- Adoptions
- Education and Outreach
  - Community Outreach
    - NCAL Free Pet Food Shelf
    - NCAL Meals
    - Pet CPR and First Aid Training
    - Outdoor Adventure Safety With Dogs
    - Shelter Tours
  - Youth Programs
    - Reading Buddies
    - Horsemanship Camps
    - After-school Saddle Club
    - Humane Heroes Camps
    - Be a Vet Camps
    - Virtual programming during COVID-19
  - Dog Training Classes
- Spay/Neuter Programs
- Support of Cruelty Prevention
- Sheltering of Homeless Animals

### **Lamoille County Data for 2020:**

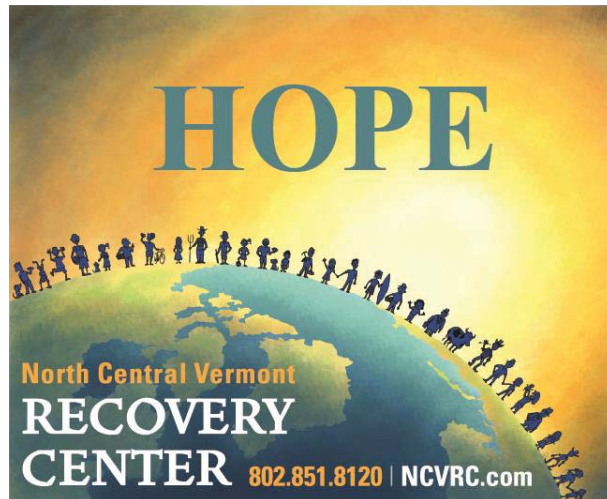
- 42 Stray animals taken in
- 53 Pets surrendered by residents
- 172 dogs and cats adopted by Lamoille County residents
- 20 days was the average length of stay for dogs
- 21 days was the average length of stay for cats
- \$756 was the average expense per animal
- Only 46% of each animal's expense was covered by their adoption fee

### **Johnson Numbers for 2020:**

- 9 Stray animals taken in
  - Expense of \$756 x 9 = \$6,804
  - Fees recovered only 46% of expenses costing NCAL = \$3,674.16
- 8 Pets surrendered by residents
  - Expense of \$756 x 3 = \$2,268
  - Fees recovered only 46% of expenses costing NCAL = \$1,224.72
- 27 dogs and cats adopted by Johnson residents
- 4 children from Johnson attended our Camps

We ask that you please remember that while our income through community programs and adoptions was severely impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic we had to remain open to shelter abandoned, abused, and surrendered dogs and cats.





## NORTH CENTRAL VERMONT RECOVERY CENTER

### Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2020

North Central Vermont Recovery Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe, supportive, welcoming, and substance-free environment for individuals and families on their paths to lasting recovery from alcohol and other drugs.

#### **Our Values**

**Excellence** – We set high standards to cultivate an atmosphere of peer professionalism with non-judgmental compassion. Our facility and conduct represent a clean, safe, welcoming, positive experience for all.

**Empowerment** – Through education, support, and encouragement, we empower all people to make the best choices to fill their own needs for healing and growth in their lives.

**Community** – We genuinely and transparently collaborate with our community partners toward an effort to holistically serve and support the human being and the community as a whole.

**Good Stewardship** – We use all funds contributed to organization wisely, ensuring ethical and prudent financial practices.

Our programs and services are provided to all citizens regardless of age, race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation. All services and programs offered at NCVRC are provided free of charge.

Most of our staff, coaches, volunteers and board members are people with lived experience with addictions, allowing us to provide powerful, effective insights working with the people we serve.

Although the Covid-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges for us, as it has for everyone, under normal circumstances NCVRC is open every day of the year, including holidays. The center is open and staffed at least 56 hours per week while also hosting support groups and workshops in the evenings outside of official open hours.

According to our sign-in system, during FY20, from July 1 to June 30, we served approximately 7601 people including several hundred new, first-time visitors.



We support numerous pathways to and in recovery, including:

- Recovery Coaching (individual support and goal setting)
  - Recovery Coaching for family members
  - 24/7 Emergency department recovery coaching at Copley Hospital
  - SMART Recovery* and *All Recovery* groups
  - Refuge Recovery (Buddhist-based meditation)
  - Al-Anon (for family members/loved ones)
  - Recovery Yoga
  - Substance-free social activities
  - Health and Wellness Workshops (Reiki, Yoga, Acudetox, smoking cessation, nutrition)
  - Employment and vocational counseling
  - Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
  - Harm reduction services
  - Opiate addiction recovery assistance
  - Volunteer Opportunities
  - Alcoholics Anonymous
  - Families Anonymous
  - Financial Planning Workshops
  - Arts and Music programs
  - Provision of free food, community meals
- A safe space to visit and meet others in a substance-free environment, including the use of computers, television, and a full kitchen to prepare meals.

We distribute Narcan (an opioid overdose reversal medication) free of charge to anyone over 18 who requests it as well as other agencies. We also distribute harm reduction to go packs including Narcan, educational and instructive materials, and in some cases fentanyl test strips.

With the other 11 recovery centers in Vermont and the Vermont Recovery Network, we provide a Telephone Recovery Support Service to people upon discharge from an inpatient treatment facility or incarceration.

We collaborate with our many community partners, providing referrals and resources to assist with barriers and challenges connected with addiction, such as housing, healthcare, food, employment, parenting, transportation, inpatient and outpatient treatment, and legal issues.

And in FY21, we are adding an expanded Health and Wellness program, the Moms in Recovery Support Program and other programming at our satellite facility at Jenna's House in Johnson. We are working with Jenna's Promise to dramatically increase the recovery services available in the Lamoille Valley.

November 2020 marks NCVRC's 10-year anniversary.

Some of our community partners and partnerships include:

-Lamoille Restorative Center	- Lamoille Family Center	-Clarina Howard Nichols Center
-Copley Hospital	-Health Lamoille Valley	-Lamoille Chamber of Commerce
-Lamoille Sherriff's Dept.	-Morristown Police Dept.	-Stowe Police Department
-Lamoille County Mental Health Services		-Morristown EMS
-Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley		-Lamoille Housing Partnership
-Lamoille Community House		-The MAT team
-Laraway Youth and Family Services		-Treatment Associates
-Northern Vermont University		-Upstream Lamoille
-Unified Community Collaborative		-Lamoille Interagency Networking Team
-Lamoille Workforce Development Team		-The LV Housing and Homeless Coalition
-Vermont Cares		-Lamoille Professional Development Network
-Lamoille Development Professionals Network		-Zero Suicide Committee
-The Intervention, Treatment, and Recovery Committee		-The VRN Committee of Directors
-VAMHAR/Recovery Vermont		-IC&RC Certification Board
-Lamoille Care Management Team		-Family Action Network
-The Phoenix		-Step Into Action VT
-The Rural Health Network		-The Housing Solutions Team
-Jenna's Promise		-The Working Communities Challenge
-The Vermont Recovery Network		

We use all funds contributed to operate our organization wisely, ensuring ethical and prudent financial practices. In addition to fundraising events, we depend on generous grants from the state of Vermont, as well as contributions from local businesses and individual donors. Both volunteer time and financial contributions are critical to our ability to serve our community members.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors and the whole NCVRC family, we greatly appreciate and thank the community for supporting North Central Vermont Recovery Center.

Sincerely,



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Celebrating 10 years of providing hope in the Lamoille Valley.

## Johnson

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As of December 2020, this year Salvation Farms has delivered **36,389 total pounds** of surplus produce to community food programs in the Lamoille Valley that are serving residents of Johnson:

<b>Food Program</b>	<b>Pounds of Produce Delivered in 2020</b>
Cambridge Community Food Shelf	1,907
Capstone Community Action – Head Start Program (Morrisville)	457
Community Health Services of Lamoille County (CHSLV) – Bounty Share	3,681
Johnson Emergency Food Shelf	1,529
Lamoille Community Food Share (Morrisville)	9,210
Lamoille County Mental Health Services – Food Shelf (Morrisville)	2,176
Lamoille County Youth Center (Morrisville)	55
Lamoille Campus Cupboard – Lamoille Union High School	2,671
Lamoille South Supervisory Union (Morristown, Elmore, Stowe)	431
Laraway Youth & Family Services (Johnson)	271
Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County	2,507
The Manor, Inc.	1,798
Teen Challenge New England	2,946
WIC (Morrisville)	4,511
Lamoille County Mental Health Services -- Copley House (Morrisville)	1,663
Lamoille View Apartments – SASH	576
<b>Total:</b>	<b>36,389 pounds</b>

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## Morrisville District, 2021

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2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

- COVID-19 Testing:
  - Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost Covid-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
  - Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020
- COVID-19 Cases:
  - As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
  - Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

### Additional Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
  - Approximately 213,000\* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season \*(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
  - 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

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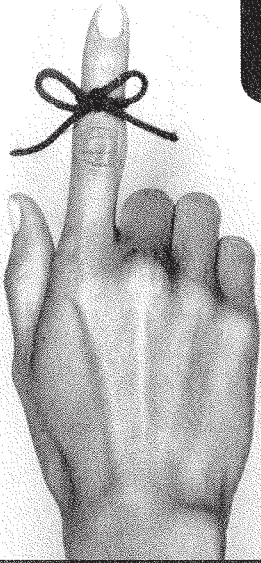
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# Merger: Town & Village of Johnson, Vermont

## Assessment of Benefits & Costs

February, 2020 draft

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# Introduction

Johnson, Vermont was named after William Samuel Johnson, son of Samuel Johnson, the first president of King's College (later renamed Columbia University). William Samuel Johnson was a contemporary and acquaintance of the more famous English writer Samuel Johnson, about whom the noted biographer James Boswell wrote "Life of Samuel Johnson" in 1791. They were apparently not related.

Johnson was active in Colonial affairs, representing Connecticut in negotiations with England. He was also engaged by the Vermont Republic to represent its interests before the Continental Congress, for which he (and others) received a grant of land in 1782 that became the town in 1792.\* Vermont was admitted to the Union as the 14<sup>th</sup> state in 1791 (as a free state, counterbalancing the admission of slaveholding Kentucky, which joined the Union in 1792). William Samuel Johnson was a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention in 1787 and played an influential role in crafting the U.S. Constitution. The Village of Johnson was incorporated in 1894.



**Power House Bridge**

Like many Colonial-era settlements, Johnson's early economy was centered on water power. The Gihon River hosted the community's first generating plant just north of the Power House Bridge.

Key economic drivers today include the Johnson Woolen Mills, established in 1836; Northern Vermont University-Johnson (formerly Johnson University), founded as the

Johnson Academy School in 1828; and the Vermont Studio Center, established in 1984.† The once-significant talc industry remains a physical presence as the Town Public Works and Village Water and Light departments occupy the site of a former mill.

\* Swift, Esther M. (1977). Vermont Place-Names, Footprints in History. The Stephen Greene Press. pp. 282–283. ISBN 0828902917, cited in [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Samuel\\_Johnson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Samuel_Johnson)

† Johnson, Vermont website: <http://townofjohnson.com/about/>

# Johnson town and village

## Demographic profile

Combined, the population of Johnson village and town totals about 3,500 residents, with a slight majority living outside the boundary of the village. Demographically, distinctions between the village and the town outside the village are modest. Differences in the age profile, median household income and share of rental housing are likely the result of the college, which is located in the village.

American Community Survey 2018 (5 year rolling survey)	Johnson Village	Johnson Town-Outside-Village	Vermont
Population	1,532	2,055	624,977
Population under 18 years	18%	19%	19%
Population over 65 years	7%	15%	18%
Median age	22	30	43
Share of pop in civilian labor force	71%	70%	66%
Share of pop, one race, white only	93%	99%	94%
Share of pop in poverty	26%	27%	11%
Median household income	\$33,125	\$52,634	\$60,076
Share housing, owner-occupied	24%	66%	71%
Median home value (owner-occupied)	\$162,800	\$157,362	\$223,700

## Service responsibilities

Towns and villages have historically played distinctive roles and this is evident in Johnson. Village are organized around the unique needs of a dense cluster of homes, often including water supply and wastewater disposal. Wells and septic systems suffice in rural areas, but are impractical or even impossible in a more urban setting. The village structure facilitates the construction and operation of public utilities, with users sharing the cost. Commercial districts benefit from street lights. Residential neighborhoods are enhanced by sidewalks.

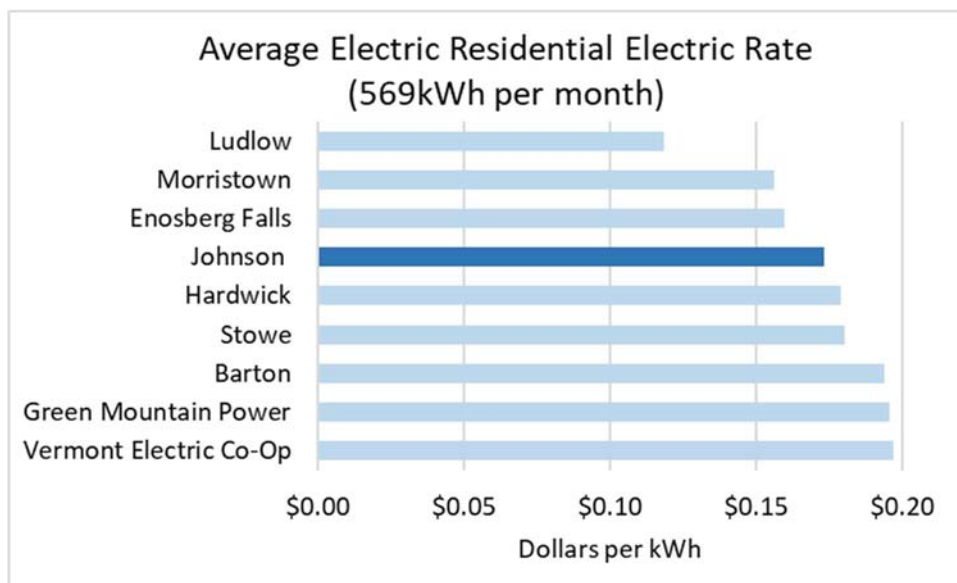
As in many states, a Vermont village is a sub-unit of a town. All village residents are town residents, but not the reverse. All town residents collectively pay for services used by residents both in the village and outside the village. In Johnson, this includes the maintenance of roadways, plus police and emergency medical services (both contracted from other agencies on behalf of all town residents). Village residents pay a

separate property tax for the concentrated services offered principally in the urban core.

The division between “town” services and “village” services is imperfectly defined in practice. It is rare for a village water or sewer system to serve only village residents, as key parcels lying just outside the village boundary may petition for inclusion. Some villages require formal annexation while others simply extend their service territories to include properties outside the village. There also may be parcels within a village that, for reasons of geography or geology, are never connected to either system. Most water and wastewater systems are operated as enterprise functions with the cost divided among the users as opposed to being supported by the property tax. Users may pay different rates based on their location, level of use or particular needs.

Although the Town of Johnson takes responsibility for police and emergency medical services and pays for these through the town property tax, it does not provide these services directly. Police protection is provided by the Lemoille County Sheriff under a contract negotiated by the town and funded by all town residents (including those who live in the village). Fire protection in Johnson is under the control of the village, but provided by contract to residents in the town outside the village plus two other towns. In other communities in the Northeast, these responsibilities are flipped, with the town providing fire protection services and the village operating a police department that services the town.

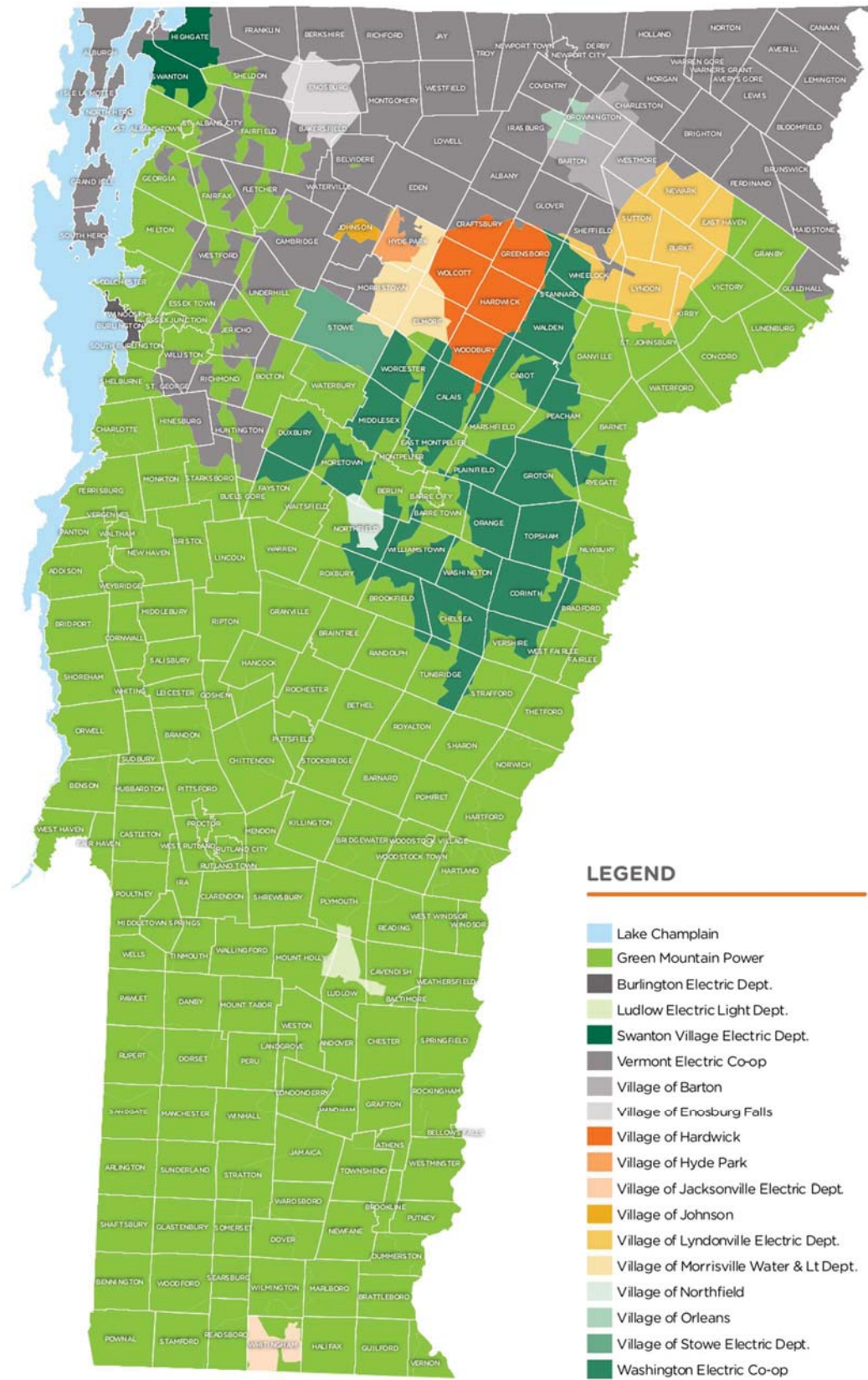
The Village of Johnson also owns and maintains a public power utility. Its service territory includes all village residents and many town residents. Johnson’s electric department is one of 14 municipal electric departments in Vermont. A map of



Vermont’s electric utility service territories appears on the page following.

Johnson’s Electric Department is recognized for its reliable service and stable, low price. One of the state’s smallest public utilities, it has about 950 customers.





## Fiscal profile

Of the four Village departments – Electric, Water, Sewer, and General (which includes the Fire Department), only the General Department relies on the property tax for principal funding. As noted above, the other village departments serve a different set of users, which pay based on usage. The village also receives .10 cent of its grand list—\$59,443 in 2018—from the town tax levy (paid by all town taxpayers).

The village departments' budgets are intertwined. Nearly all village employees serve more than a single department. Labor costs are allocated across the departments according to a reporting system that records hours spent by function. This is not an uncommon practice in small communities. Nonetheless, accurate reporting is required to ensure that one set of rate payers is not subsidizing another or that the general property taxpayer is not bearing costs justly borne by ratepayers.

The Electric Department pays rent to the General Department for its use of the village-owned buildings. The Water and Wastewater departments do not.

Taxpayers owning the median-valued home in the Village pay a total Town and Village tax of just over \$4,000 while town-outside-the-Village property owners pay about \$3,600.

	Village FY19 actual	Town-wide FY18-19 actual	Town Outside Village
Tax parcels	370	1,310	940
Occupied housing units	506	1,287	781
Owner-occupied	123	642	519
Share owner-occupied	24%	50%	66%
Median home value (owner-occupied)	\$162,800	\$159,500	\$157,362
Total assessed value	\$59,443,000	\$216,683,000	\$157,031,000
Tax levy	\$111,889	\$1,693,741	\$1,227,460
AV per parcel	\$161,222	\$165,407	\$167,054
Municipal tax rates on AV	\$0.1876	\$0.7817	\$0.7817
Muni property tax on median valued home	\$305	\$1,247	\$1,230
Total property tax on median valued home	\$1,552		\$1,230
Education tax rate	\$1.51		
Education tax on median valued home	\$2,459	\$2,409	\$2,376
Total property tax on median valued home	\$4,011		\$3,606

The highest total expenditure in the village and town is for electrical service, although this cost is borne by ratepayers on a usage basis.

<i>Service</i>	<i>Total Cost (\$1000)</i>
<b>Village oversight (FY18 actual)</b>	
Fire (shared by village & town of Johnson plus towns of Belvedere & Waterville)	\$185
Water (shared among ratepayers)	\$304
Wastewater (shared among ratepayers)	\$473
Electric (shared among ratepayers)	\$2405
General (property tax levy \$112k)	\$229
<b>TOTAL VILLAGE SERVICE EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$3596</b>
<b>Town oversight (shared among all property taxpayers)</b>	
Sheriff	\$484
Emergency Medical Services	\$110
Highway & summer roads	\$565
Solid waste	\$12
Library	\$75
Recreation	\$48
Historical society	\$6
<b>TOTAL TOWN SERVICE EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$1,300</b>

## How should the cost of public services be shared?

As the division of responsibility between a village and its town is fluid, the question of “who pays” can be contentious. Should maintenance of village infrastructure be purely the obligation of village residents? Town residents benefit from street lights and snow-free sidewalks—what share of the cost should they bear?

Even pricing of water and wastewater services varies by local practice and preference. Most utilities charge a fixed fee for access to the system plus a charge based on volume. Some assess large users a reduced fee per unit while others offer a low rate for low volume users and charge larger users a premium. Users who live outside the municipal boundary may be charged more or, when the user is a prized contributor to the local economy, less. Reasonable arguments can be made for a variety of approaches to pricing.

Fire protection is rarely paid for on a fee basis. Instead, the cost of fire services is paid through the property tax. As the fire service protects real estate and higher valued



property pays more in tax, there is some rough equity in this. In the case of Johnson, the village fire department relies on property tax revenue from village residents plus fees it charges its three town customers (Johnson, Waterville and Belvedere) based roughly on historic calls for service.

In theory, police services could also be charged on a fee basis. Private security firms set customer fees based on cost and client need. A bar may benefit more from security than an accountant's office. This kind of price variation is unheard of in the public sector, however.

The value of public works to the property owner also varies: A merchant dependent on the driving public gets more benefit from plowed streets than an office-based business whose customers are nearly all online. Differential fees are possible but rare: In Rochester, NY the cost of street maintenance, including plowing, depends on the length of street frontage\*. This is the only example in New York and we know of no similar cases in Vermont.

Few of these distinctions are observed in real life—or in Johnson. Most communities fund local government with property taxes that vary with property value or through sales tax paid by local residents and visitors alike. Perfect fairness is illusive.

This “who shares the burden?” question is creating friction between the two Johnsons currently. With or without further discussion of merger, a clearer understanding of the shared financial obligations of the two (overlapping) sets of taxpayers would be helpful.

## Should Johnson have both a town and a village?

### Towns and villages in Vermont

There are no clear principles to apply to the creation or elimination of village government. This is a local option which must be approved by a special act of the state legislature. The trend has favored disincorporation over incorporation. Since 1960, twenty-six villages have been disincorporated while no new villages have been formed. The most recent incorporations were the Village of Jericho (Chittenden

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\* As a fee as opposed to a tax, this ensures that nonprofit property owners, from universities and municipal buildings to churches, share in the cost of road maintenance.

County) in 1933 and the Village of Essex Center (Essex County) in 1949, which was disincorporated in 1977.\*

The Census Bureau reports that the Town of Johnson is ranked 39<sup>th</sup> by population among Vermont's 244 towns. Of the largest 50 towns in the state, 16 also contain villages. Excluding populous Chittenden County (Burlington), four of the largest ten contain villages: Essex, Bennington, Swanton and Lyndon.

## When is dissolution supported by voters?

CGR's experience with mergers and dissolutions suggests that one of two conditions usually applies when a village votes to dissolve or a village and town choose to merge.

- Movement toward dissolution or merger is most often prompted by concerns over property taxes. There is a common sense appeal to eliminating apparent redundancy that is often phrased as, "Surely we'll save money by eliminating the village." As the reality of dissolution or merger often yields only modest savings, the push to dissolve or merge can falter after study.
- Local governments rely heavily on volunteer time from citizens. Small communities can find it difficult to persuade residents to commit to the time required for responsible participation on planning commissions, boards of trustees, town selectboards, etc. Low turnover and lack of competition for key positions and poor participation in town and village meetings can suggest that the "pool" of willing and able volunteers has become too small to support two levels of governments responsibly.

## The process of dissolution or merger

The process of merging municipalities is governed by Chapter 49 of Title 24 of Vermont State Statutes<sup>†</sup>. The law requires that the two merging municipalities prepare a plan for merger that is approved by each of the governing bodies. Required specifics of the merger are set out in "§1483: Contents of plan." <sup>‡</sup>

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\* See ET Howe, "Vermont Incorporated Villages: A Vanishing Institution," *Vermont History* 73 (Winter/Spring 2005): 16–39 ([https://vermonthistory.org/journal/73/05\\_Howe.pdf](https://vermonthistory.org/journal/73/05_Howe.pdf)) and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Village\\_\(Vermont\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Village_(Vermont))

<sup>†</sup> See <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/fullchapter/24/049>

<sup>‡</sup> Although the town and village of Essex have not voted to merge, the community has assembled a helpful set of papers describing the process and the alternatives considered. See [https://www.essex.org/index.asp?SEC=4E47D6BE-6C1E-4A77-B246-FFCAA8CAF9306&Type=B\\_BASIC](https://www.essex.org/index.asp?SEC=4E47D6BE-6C1E-4A77-B246-FFCAA8CAF9306&Type=B_BASIC) for more information.

Two properly-advertised public hearings must precede a vote. The vote, taken by Australian ballot, must be approved by a majority of electors in each municipality. The merger must then be approved by the Vermont General Assembly.

Dissolution or merger may also be effected by passage of a special act of the state legislature:

*§ 1487. Alternative merger provisions*

*Notwithstanding the existence of any special act authorizing the merger of two or more municipalities, the legislative bodies of those municipalities which plan to merge may elect to proceed either under this chapter or under the special act authorizing the merger.*

As an example, see pending state law H.554 authorizing the dissolution of the Village of Perkinsville into the Town of Weathersfield as of July 1, 2020.\* The bill passed the House in January and has been referred to the Senate's Committee on Government Operations.

## Would taxpayers save by eliminating the Village of Johnson?

### Village dissolution is impractical in Johnson

Simple dissolution, where a village simply votes itself out of existence and "turns over the keys" to the town, is impractical here although it makes sense in the Village of Perkinsville: With a population of about 130, the village provides few services.

H.554 requires the village to settle its accounts in advance and transfers all assets to the town on July 1. Any remaining cash is dedicated to "restoration of the Perkinsville 1879 Schoolhouse." The town is obligated to "keep the [street]lights on."

### Village of Johnson services

The responsibilities of the Village of Johnson are far more complex and consequential than in Perkinsville. Nearly all of the village functions are supported by a specific group of users—electric utility, water and wastewater customers all pay the costs based on usage.

Given the different responsibilities of the village and town, the responsibilities of the Village Manager and the Town Administrator are also distinct and would remain were

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\* <https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2020/Docs/BILLS/H-0554/H-0554%20As%20passed%20by%20the%20House%20Official.pdf>

there a single level of government. The only unambiguous savings would be some reduction in the nominal stipends paid to members of the elected boards, assuming that a single selectboard would be roughly equal in size to half of the combined trustees and selectboard. Collectively, village trustees and town selectboard members are currently paid \$12,050 per year.

## **Village “dissolution” misleading**

Moreover, the notion of the village “dissolving” is misleading. The two Johnsons would merge to form something new. CGR’s experience in Princeton, NJ is instructive. Both the borough and township of Princeton were transformed into a new entity that was neither borough nor township. While a post-merger Johnson would be organized as a town, the merger plan would have to provide for a new governing board elected by a post-merger Town Meeting.

## **Town & village services unduplicated**

The village and town share most “back office” services, including a joint municipal building, a clerk/treasurer and a computer system. The office staff is fully cross-trained and seamlessly handle town and village services.

As noted above, nearly all major services are already provided by either the town or the village to all users: Fire, police, emergency medical, highway maintenance, electric, water, wastewater are all provided by one or the other, not both.

## **PILOT payment**

Both the village and town receive a payment-in-lieu-of-tax from the State of Vermont in acknowledgement of the service burden imposed by the presence of Northern Vermont University-Johnson. This is based on the current property tax rate for each of the village and town. The village payment is currently \$52,000. The property tax for a merged Johnson is likely to be less than the current combined rate, putting some portion of this payment at risk.

## **The structure of a merged Johnson**

A merged Johnson would be organized as a town that is governed by a selectboard. The process for selecting the new selectboard would be an important component of a merger agreement negotiated between the current village trustees and town selectboard and approved by a vote of village and town voters. The community

appears to have significant discretion over the transition period and the structure of the new selectboard\*.

## Utilities

The merged Johnson would continue to provide the same services now overseen by the town and the village. Services provided to a subset of the town's residents—water, wastewater and power—would continue to operate under state oversight as enterprise functions. These could be overseen directly by the newly-constituted selectboard or could prompt creation of an intermediate level of oversight from the group of ratepayers. Once again, the oversight function would be part of a negotiated merger agreement between the village trustees and the town selectboard.

## Back office functions

The back office function is already quite well coordinated., although some duplication exists currently—there are two property tax rolls and bills, two reporting obligations to the State of Vermont, etc. While some efficiencies would be achieved over time, the elimination of this duplicative work would be unlikely to free up an entire position.

## Electric Department

Public works is the function in which some tangible, if modest, efficiencies could be achieved from merger. Staff of the village Electric Department support the public works needs of the water and wastewater departments and are tasked with executing the village charter obligation to build and maintain sidewalks (including snow removal) and storm sewers. Town taxpayers (which includes village residents) support this work with a contribution of .10 cents on the village grand list (\$59,443 in 2018). The electric department foreman estimates that the total cost of sidewalk and storm drain maintenance in the village is about \$130,000 per year.

As a consequence of this staffing arrangement, workers with highly specialized skills (the linemen) are performing work that is comparable to that undertaken by the public works employees of the town at a lower cost. Were the town and village to be merged, the village electric utility would no longer be required to perform this function. The average salary and benefits for the current town highway department workers (excluding the supervisor) is about \$65,000. The comparable figure for the electric department workers is about \$106,000. Both departments are reported to do excellent work.

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\* Again, the deliberations and alternatives explored by Essex are instructive. See [https://www.essex.org/vertical/sites/%7B60B9D552-E088-4553-92E3-EA2E9791E5A5%7D/uploads/Potential\\_Governance\\_Scenarios\\_with\\_Questions.GTedit\\_gd\\_071618.pdf](https://www.essex.org/vertical/sites/%7B60B9D552-E088-4553-92E3-EA2E9791E5A5%7D/uploads/Potential_Governance_Scenarios_with_Questions.GTedit_gd_071618.pdf)

CGR does not recommend a specific staffing model, but it seems reasonable to assume that a combination of new full time public works staff augmented by seasonal workers could provide satisfactory service to the community. Staffing for the electric department would need to be reduced, presumably by attrition, to realize these savings.

These savings could be achieved without merger through an intermunicipal agreement. Such an agreement would reverse the financial flow—instead of town taxpayers supporting this function in the village, the village would compensate the town for services supporting sidewalk and storm sewer maintenance and general services required by the Electric, Water and Wastewater departments.

## Fire Department

The fire department already serves the entire community, including two nearby towns. Oversight would shift from the current village trustees to the newly-constituted town selectboard. Alternatively, the fire department could become a standalone nonprofit.

## Disposition of Assets

Several village residents asked if a merger would involve compensation for any asset reallocation between the current village and the reconstituted town. This is a complicated matter. Proper cost accounting should ensure that the assets of the major utilities have been paid for, thus owned by, the ratepayers, not the general village taxpayer.

For assets not effectively “owned” by ratepayers, the nature of any compensation is complicated by the fact that the merged town will include current village residents who comprise 43% of the population, 28% of tax parcels and 27% of assessed value. Village residents and taxpayers are on both sides of any proposed transaction.

Again, this is an issue that can be addressed in a merger plan.

## Conclusion

Public services provided to the Johnson community have evolved over time, with some provided by the village and some provided by the town. Many services are already shared, for which the community should be commended. The division of responsibility is quite complete and we see little costly duplication.

Merger would address an unfortunate competitive dynamic that some residents find troubling. We also see some evidence of "volunteer fatigue" in the trustees and selectboard.

Whether continued discussion about merger would be productive is a matter best left to the deliberations of the trustees and selectboard and, if deemed appropriate, the village and town meetings.

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