

2020
ANNUAL REPORT

**Town of
Monkton, Vermont**



An information meeting will be held via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2021.
Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Monkton Volunteer Fire Station on March 2, 2021.

This 2020 Town Report is dedicated to our Town Clerk

Sharon Gomez

Everyone will agree that 2020 was especially challenging. Sharon met the Covid-19 challenge head on with hand sanitizer, masks (making some herself) and scrupulous cleaning to keep everyone safe. As usual, she has kept the Town Hall office running smoothly and efficiently, requiring everyone who enters to wear masks and sanitize their hands.

At election time, she designed a shield and had it built that protected workers at the polls as well as the voters. She made sure all items used such as pens, the voting booths, tables and any other items used were continually cleaned and sanitized.

Sharon's assistant clerk has been on medical leave since May of 2020. For a while she worked alone keeping records up to date, besides maintaining office protocol with the Covid-19 regulations. She now has much needed help from a family member with his assignments.

She is Monkton's own special Energizer Bunny, keeping up with everything.

We are lucky to have her!

Thank you Sharon for all you do!

**TOWN OF MONKTON
REMOTE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING
NOTICE and AGENDA**

The Selectboard for the Town of Monkton will hold a public informational hearing by electronic means on **February 27, 2021 at 10 a.m.** to discuss the Australian ballot articles on the 2021 Town Meeting Warning.

Information on how to access the remote hearing:

- By telephone: Dial **646-558-8656**. When prompted enter the Zoom meeting ID: **802-453-3800** and password **1762**
- By computer, smartphone or other device: Join Zoom meeting by clicking here monktonvt.com/meeting or going to <https://zoom.us/join>. The Zoom meeting ID is **802-453-3800** and the password is **1762**.
- If you are unable to attend, the hearing will be recorded and available on Northeast Addison TV (neat.com)

Please review our "Informational Handout for Remote Public Hearings" (below) to understand how this electronic hearing will be managed. If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to comment remotely during the Zoom meeting, please email your comment(s) to Selectboard@monktonvt.com

To ensure smooth access, we recommend that you test your remote hearing software in advance of the meeting. **If you have difficulty accessing the hearing, please call 453-6838 or email iandschulze@gmail.com.**

The meeting will open a 9:00 a.m. to allow time to iron out technical problems. A practice session will also take place on February 20, 2021 at 10:00 to test your setup.

AGENDA

- 10:00 : Call to Order
- Review and discuss **Town Meeting Articles in order**
- Adjourn

INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT FOR REMOTE HEARINGS

Remote Public Informational Hearing

The public informational hearing will be conducted remotely via electronic means. The public will also be able to access and participate in the remote hearing by dialing in through telephone.

Accessing the Hearing

Please refer to the hearing notice and agenda for information on how to access the remote hearing. You also may be muted or restricted from using any chat function until the public comment portion of the hearing.

Participation

In order to participate you need to be able to perform two simple operations:

Mute/Unmute – in a large meeting like this it is important that those not speaking are ‘muted’ to control background noise. If you are connected via computer, smartphone or tablet you can use the microphone symbol in the lower left corner of your screen to toggle mute/unmute. On a phone use *6 to toggle between mute/unmute.



Raise/lower hand – in order to be recognized by the moderator of the meeting you need to raise your hand. If you are connected via computer, smartphone or tablet, the Raise Hand icon is under Reactions on the bottom right of your screen. Press the icon to raise and lower your hand. On a phone use *9 to raise your hand. Unfortunately there is no way to lower your hand on a phone if your question has already been answered.



Zoom meeting mechanics -- If you are unfamiliar with Zoom meetings, you have several video options. You may view only the video of the person who is speaking by using the “Speaker” option on your video control (at the top of your screen), or you may use the “Gridview” option to see as many participants as your screen can display. Please be aware that if your camera is on, you are broadcasting your image and your background, even if you do not see yourself on your screen. Consider yourself as “out in public” when your camera is on.

As the meeting starts all participants will be muted. This is necessary to control background noise. We will review procedures to follow during the meeting and then will start reviewing the Articles in order. At present the procedure to ask a question is to ‘raise’ your hand and wait to be recognized by the Chair. When you are recognized please unmute yourself and state your name (this makes minute taking much easier). When you are done with your question/comment please mute yourself.

When the Selectboard adjourns the hearing, the host/organizer will end the electronic hearing by closing the remote hearing software. Attendees will be automatically disconnected.

Minutes and other public records that were part of the hearing will be made available in accordance with VT's Open Meeting and Public Records Laws.

To learn more about Remote Public Hearings and the Open Meeting Law, please visit the Secretary of State's Municipal Assistance webpage at <https://sos.vermont.gov/municipal-division/laws-resources/covid-19-response/>.

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A Tribute to some Special People

Monkton Elections will not be the same without Charlie Huizenga, Sr. as Constable and Jane Huizenga as ballot clerk. They have served every election since 2003. We will miss their smiling faces. Charlie kept the coffee pot full and hot water for tea ready along with his regular duties. Jane always brought goodies to enjoy as well. They also deserve an award for their stamina; working from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.! Jane has also retired as an Auditor this year. Her fellow workers will miss her hearty sense of humor and her “Golden Fingers” at the calculator for sure! Thank you Charlie and Jane for all your years of dedicated service to the town!

After serving since 2015, Sam Burr is not running for re-election as a Lister. We hope someone as knowledgeable and conscientious will be interested in filling his position. Thank you, Sam, for all your hard work!

Our Librarian, Deb Chamberlain has completed 35 years of service at the Russell Memorial Library. Her wonderful imagination has kept new projects and activities available for both children and adults. She always keeps townspeople updated as to places that the library can obtain discounts to such as state parks, certain museums and the like. She keeps the library stocked with great books, including audio and works hard to accommodate people by telling them to call and leave her a message if they cannot make it to the library during open hours, so she can fulfill their needs. Thank you for always being there Deb!



Good Morning Morse Park

Directory of Monkton Town Officials

Revised: 1/25/21				
OFFICE	Elected/Appointed	Term	Term Exp.	
Town Clerk:				
Sharon Gomez	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/21	
Asst. Town Clerk:				
John Phillips	Appointed			Appointed by Town Clerk
Town Treasurer:				
Bill Joos	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/21	
Asst. Treasurer:				
Kathy Nolan	Appointed			Appointed by Treasurer
Delinquent Tax Collector:				
William Joos	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/21	
Zoning Administrator:				
Kris Perlee	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Town Moderator:				
Kenneth Wheeling	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/21	
Select Board:				
Paul Low	Elected	2 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/22	
John McNerney	Elected	2 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/21	
William Martin	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Marikate Kelley	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
Stephen Pilcher	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	
Constable #1				
Charles Huizenga Sr.	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/21	
Listers:				
Sam Burr	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	
Bernie Wisniewski	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
John Howard	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Auditors:				
Janet Cassarino	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Robin Huizenga	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	appointed 1/25/21 bal of term
Elizabeth Pecor	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
Justices of the Peace: November Election				
Kenneth Wheeling	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/18 - 11/20	(November Election)
James Schlesinger	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/18 - 11/20	(November Election)
Janet Cassarino	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/18 - 11/20	(November Election)
Kathy Malzac	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/18 - 11/20	(November Election)
Jane Low	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/18 - 11/20	(November Election)

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OFFICE	Elected/Appointed	Term	Term Exp.	
MAUSD Board:	(new unified school board)			
Kristin Blanchette	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
Dawn Griswold	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Development Review Board:				
Scott Gordon	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/18 - 03/22	
Joshua Giard (Alternate)	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/18 - 03/22	
Chris Acker	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/17 - 03/21	
Philip Russell	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/17 - 03/21	
Charles Johnston	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/20 - 03/24	
Curtis Layn	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/20 - 03/24	
Betsy Brown	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/19 - 03/23	
Jaime Schulte	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/19 - 03/23	
Planning Commission:				
Ivor Hughes	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	
Gayle Grim	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	
Peter Close	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
Lee Mahony	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
Gary Strait	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	(appt 5/11/20 to Bal of Term)
Marilyn Cargill	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Wendy Sue Harper	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Recreation Committee:				
Stephanie Murray	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	
John Zaikowski	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	
** Open **	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
Ed Cook	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
Charles Huizenga Sr.	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
Tim Hunt	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Paul Low	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Health Officer:				
Robin Hopps	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	
Town Service Officer:				
Bailee Layn-Gordon	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	
Road Foreman:				
Ben Hollwedel	Hired by Select Board			
Fire Warden:				
Curtis Layn	Appointed	5 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/24	
911 Coordinator:				
Kris Perlee	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/21	
Emergency Management Director				
Stephen Pilcher	Appointed	1 yr Term	03/20 - 03/21	

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OFFICE	Elected/Appointed	Term	Term Exp.	
Conservation Commission:				
Ann Miller	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/24	
Jaime Schulte	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/23	
** Open **	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/17 - 03/21	
Kevin Lambert	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/17 - 03/21	
Chelsea Smiley	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/22	(appt 10/14/19 for bal of term)
Caroline Alves	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/24	(appt 9/14/20 for bal of term)
Delegates to Addison County Reg. Planning:				
Stephen Pilcher	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	07/20 - 06/21	ACRPC terms run Jul-Jun
Wendy Sue Harper	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	07/20 - 06/21	ACRPC terms run Jul-Jun
** Open **	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	07/20 - 06/21	ACRPC terms run Jul-Jun
Transportation Advisory Committee				
** Open **	Appointed	1 yr Term	07/20 - 06/21	Term runs July 1 - June 30
Stephen Pilcher (alternate)	Appointed	1 yr Term	07/20 - 06/21	Term runs July 1 - June 30
Delegates to Addison County Solid Waste Management District:				
Deborah Gaynor	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/21	
Jessica Demeritt (alternate)	Appointed	1 Yr Term	03/20 - 03/21	
Energy Committee:				
Mark Bolz-Robinson	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
Alex Perkins	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
** Open **	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
** Open **	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
** Open **	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Nate Palmer	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	
Jane Palmer	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	
Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee (ANAC)				
Jaime Schulte	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Laura Farrell	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Nora Woolf	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	
Whitney Leighton (Alternate)	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	(appt 4/27/20 to bal. of term)
Susan Mahony	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
Sam Burr (Alternate)	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
John Mejia	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
Recycling Coordinator:				
Jessica Demeritt	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/21	
Tree Warden:				
Mark Boltz-Robinson	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/21	
Animal Control Officer:				
Alexandra Dalton	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/20	(appt effective 12-1-19)
Green Up Coordinator:				
** Open **	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	01/20 - 01/21	January Appointment

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Monkton Volunteer Fire Department				
Curtis Layn – Chief	Chosen by Fire Dept			
Robert Howard – Asst. Chief	Chosen by Fire Dept			
Matt Dupont – Asst. Chief	Chosen by Fire Dept			
Historical Society:				
Gil Coates, President	Chosen by MMHS			
Russell Memorial Library:				
Deb Chamberlin – Librarian	Appointed by Library Trustees			
Katie Cyr – Asst. Librarian	Appointed by Library Trustees			
Russell Mem. Library Trustees:				
Sandra May	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
Jane Low	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/22	
Ann Marie Dingler	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Theresa Schwegel	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Ian Smiley	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/18 - 03/21	
Grand Juror:				
** Open **	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/21	
Town Agent to Defend & Prosecute:				
** Open **	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/21	
Town Agent to Deed Real Estate:				
John McNemey	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/21	(appt. to bal of term 7/13/20)
Web Master				
Ian Shulze	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/21	
Municipal Building Committee				
Ian Smiley	Appointed			
Heather Bessette	Appointed			
Peter Straube	Appointed			
Stephen Pilcher	Appointed			
Melanie Cote	Appointed			
Jere Urban	Appointed			
Eric Baun	Appointed			
Peter Norris	Appointed			
Deb Mager Rickner	Appointed			
Town Forest Committee				
John McNemey	Appointed			
Jaime Schulte	Appointed			
Mark Boltz-Robinson	Appointed			
Peter Dufault	Appointed			
David Sterrett	Appointed			

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING -2020

Minutes approved 3/9/2020

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MONKTON ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO MEET AT THE MONKTON CENTRAL SCHOOL ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 29, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

ARTICLES 1, 7, 8 AND 9 TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2019 AT THE MONKTON FIRE STATION
POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Selectboard Members Present: Bill Martin, Anne Layn, Marikate Kelley, John McNerney, Stephen Pilcher.

Moderator Ken Wheeling called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all Town Officers by Australian Ballot.

Will take place Tuesday, March 3rd.

ARTICLE 2: To receive and act on the Report of the Auditors as submitted.

Charlie Huizenga moved Article 2. Jerry Schwartz seconded. All voted in favor. The moderator declared that ayes have it and that the vote was in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 3: To set the time and date for the payment of Real Estate Taxes to be paid to the Town Treasurer.

Roger Wallace moved to set the and time of the payment of Real Estate Taxes to be paid to the Town Treasurer as Nov 15th at 5pm. Charlie Huizenga seconded. It was noted that this is a Sunday. The Moderator asked the house for permission for Mr. Wallace to permission to modify his motion. The House agreed. Roger Wallace then moved to make the date Nov 16th at 5pm. The moderator declared that the ayes have it and the vote was in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town empower the Selectboard to set the Tax Rate when the Grand List is finalized?

Mike Bushey moved. Mark Rickner seconded. R. Wallace asked a question about pg 42 in the town report that there are 3 tax rates listed. In past years, the difference is 0. The question is that there should be a sum difference? Kathy Nolan (Asst. Town Treasurer) noted that she gets the download from the State and she is unsure as to why the State's numbers are different and she wants to do some research on it. R. Wallace asked that is there a potential that there is \$750,000 worth of property in town not being taxed on? Kathy says she doubts it. S. Burr explained how the State gets our numbers.

The moderator then called for the vote. The moderator noted that the ayes have it and the vote is in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Voters approve the following requests by various Agencies?

a) Addison County Community Action Group (Hope)	\$1,250.00
b) Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice	\$ 550.00
c) AgeWell	\$1,100.00
d) Addison County Home, Health & Hospice, Inc.	\$1,946.00
e) Addison County Parent/Child Center	\$1,600.00
f) Addison County Readers	\$450.00
g) Addison County Transit Resources	\$850.00
h) American Red Cross	\$250.00
i) Bristol Family Center	\$250.00
j) Bristol Recreation Dept.	\$2,000.00
k) Bristol Rescue Squad	\$7,500.00
l) Counseling Service of Addison County Inc.	\$1,600.00
m) Elderly Services Inc	\$800.00
n) Green Up Vermont	\$150.00
o) Hinesburg Food Shelf	\$500.00
p) Homeward Bound (Humane Society)	\$250.00
q) Hospice Volunteer Services	\$300.00
r) John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	\$1,000.00
s) Lewis Creek Association	\$550.00
t) Monkton Mentors Program	\$500.00
u) Open Door Clinic	\$500.00
v) Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	\$198.00
w) Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	\$460.00
x) Rural Fire Protection Program	\$100.00
y) Vergennes Area Rescue Squad Inc.	\$600.00
z) Vermont Adult Learning	\$700.00
aa) Vermont Center for Independent Living – Addison	\$195.00
bb) Women Safe Inc.	\$1,250.00

Total: \$27,399.00

Wendy Sue Harper moved to vote the total amount by the block. Charlie Huizenga seconded. The moderator called the vote and the moderator declared that the ayes have it.

Discussion ensued.

Sue Ledoux thanked the community for supporting the Monkton Mentoring Program.

Becky Bonvouloir from Home Health & Hospice thanked the town for the support they have received over the years.

Kristin Blanchette, MAUSD School Board member, noted that a lot of the organizations support children and families and thanked the town for their support.

Heather Bessette of the Counseling Service of Addison County spoke and gave a synopsis of what the organization does and thanked the town for their support.

The moderator called for a vote and the moderator declared that the ayes have it. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters approve the following sums of money for the listed purposes?

a) Salaries and General Expenses	\$335,717.60
b) Highway Expenses	\$1,084,826.94
c) Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	\$55,000.00
d) Russell Memorial Library	\$31,948.00
e) Monkton Museum and Historical Society	\$1,000.00
f) Recreation Fund	\$6,000.00
g) Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund	\$15,000.00
h) Highway Capital Equipment Fund	\$30,000.00
i) Tax Stabilization Fund	\$(30,000.00)
Total:	\$1,529,492.54

Wendy Sue Harper moved to vote as a block. Susan DeSimone seconded.

The moderator declared that the ayes have it and voted in the affirmative.

Tom Steadman asked about the new truck that has been on order. S. Pilcher noted that the truck was ordered in Fall 2018. In November 2019 it went to Viking to get the snow plow equipment put on and it is still there. It has not yet been delivered.

Mike Bushey asked why it has taken so long. S. Pilcher noted that from what they understand is that there is a big demand for these trucks right now and ours is in a large queue.

Tom Steadman asked about a check not being sent in that was supposed to be sent in. S. Pilcher noted that the answer to that is yes. There was some confusion between the Selectboard and the Treasurer regarding the procurement of the loan. The issue was resolved by spending out of the Capital Equipment Fund (\$60K) and a 70K loan will be taken out to pay Viking once we get the truck.

Mark Boltz-Robinson asked a question re: highway capital equipment fund (page 61 of the town report) and replacement plan. A backhoe and grader are marked for replacement this year. He asked about maintenance going forward. J. McNerney answered that part of reason the Town went over budget was maintenance. The road crew found a lot of "cobb jobs" that have been done over the years and our current mechanic thinks we are getting ahead of it. Mark also wanted to thank Ben and crew for all the work they do and that they do a great job.

Roger Wallace asked about deficit, primarily due to delinquent taxes. Are we running in to a trend? Kathy Nolan noted that as of now we are running ahead. The town did not do a tax sale this year. Currently have 119K in delinquent taxes. She feels the town has gotten better about sending people notices every month.

Roger Wallace asked why we are still having deficit if we are collecting more delinquent taxes. Kathy noted that we always have a deficit. S. Pilcher attempted to explain.

Jeff Fortin asked about town vehicles...asked if we were getting duct tape repairs, were we paying duct tape salaries.

Jim Jewell asked why we are spending all this money while other towns are subbing this out.

Ben Hollwedel, Road Foreman, arrived and spoke. Ken first asked House if OK since he is not a resident. All said yes.

Mark Boltz-Robinson re-asked his question to Ben.

Tom Steadman asked if the highway dept. is fully staffed. Ben said yes.

Jim Jewell asked why we can't sub some of this out. Ben doesn't think this is unreasonable and it is something he thinks we could explore.

Jeff Fortin asked that the Selectboard and Ben look into subbing out some work. The moderator noted to do it under new business.

Roger Wallace asked about the bottom of page 54 about 59K deficit and covering it via tax stabilization fund. It appears we are not adding \$ to the stabilization fund at this time. He asked how much is in there and why are we not adding into it if we are spending out of it. S. Pilcher noted that there is no reason to be upset/worried about running a deficit if it is because people haven't paid taxes yet. The money will come in. Re: the tax stabilization fund...the -\$30K is to take money out of that fund to put into the general fund and that is what the stabilization fund is for.

Leah Benner asked about snow fences. B. Hollwedel noted that he attended a meeting of the Addison County road foremans and they all concurred that snow fences are not of any real value for the time and effort. B. Hollwedel decided to try going without them this year as an experiment.

Peter Straube asked about pg 62 proposed expenditures. 2 items going up - volunteer Fire and Russell Memorial Library up. Jane Low, chair of the Library Board, explained their budget. Noted that on Page 58 that last year they asked for less because they had money from prior years that had not been spent. This year they don't have that left over funding. Matt Dupont, representing the Fire Department, explained that the extra is to start a truck replacement fund that was asked for at least years meeting.

Julie Pelland asked about ANAC fund and how it benefit the taxpayers. Sue Mahoney, committee member, referred to page 29 of the town report as an explanation. The money is used for conservation of land in Monkton. Wendy Sue Harper added that it gives us a future that has ag and open land.

Roger Wallace asked about page 52, 10K budgeted for new muni building expense. S. Pilcher noted that the 10K is what we are spending in fees to get us to the bond vote on Tuesday.

Jeff Fortin explained what happened at last year's meeting re: the truck fund for Fire Department

Moderator called the vote, and the declared that the vote was in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voter authorize the Selectboard to appoint the Town Treasurer pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2651f effective March 2021. Article to be voted by Australian Ballot.

Will be voted on Tuesday March 3

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voter authorize the Selectboard to appoint the Delinquent Tax Collector pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2651d(a)(1) effective March 2021. Article to be voted by Australian Ballot.

Will be voted on Tuesday March 3

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Monkton vote to adopt the proposed Monkton Town Plan dated 2020 – 2028 to amend and replace the previous Monkton Town Plan, which expired in March 2019? Article to be voted by Australian Ballot.

Will be voted on Tuesday, March 3

Roger Wallace moved to recess to allow the state representatives to speak. Robin Hobbs seconded. Moderator declared an aye vote. Meeting recessed at 11:10am.

Recess adjourned at 11:32.

Betsy Brown made a motion to recess for lunch. Jeff Fortin seconded. Moderator declared a vote in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 11:33.

Mike Bushey made a motion to come out of recess. S. Pilcher seconded. Meeting came out of recess at 12:04pm.

ARTICLE 10: Does the Town of Monkton support the distribution of natural gas in parts of the Village District as per the Memo of Understanding signed by Vermont Gas in June 2013.

Mark Boltz-Robinson moved to discuss. Jane Palmer seconded.

Mark Boltz-Robinson suggests tabling this until a future town meeting due to the fact that VT Gas is under investigation for the safety pipeline.

Eugenie Doyle stated that her position is that if people have the current pipeline through their property and were promised the ability to connect, that they should connect. However, she feels any public buildings should NOT utilize natural gas as she would like to see us moving away from fossil fuels.

Jane Palmer gave a history of the safety investigation.

Jeff Fortin noted that he is a pipeline supporter, but is concerned about the safety concerns at this time.

Jeff Fortin made a motion to postpone this vote at least one year to get these safety concerns resolved. Mark Boltz-Robinson seconded.

Jane Palmer questioned how much support there is in town for more fossil fuel infrastructure.

Eugenie Doyle asked that the Selectboard to speak about the MOU. S. Pilcher explained the history of the MOU.

M. Kelley noted the distribution is what was negotiated, doesn't mean those along the distribution have to hook up

Jeff Fortin wants to clarify that his motion is not a vote for or against natural gas. His motion is to delay the vote a minimum of one year.

Mark Boltz-Robinson spoke in favor of J. Fortin's motion. He also suggests that the MOU be part of the next town report so it can be reviewed if the question is on the ballot next year.

Peter Straube noted that there is a hunger to speak about this. If we wait a year, what more information will we have?

Eugenie Doyle wants clarification that if we wait a year, the MOU is still in place. Could the Selectboard go ahead and negotiate w/VT Gas prior to a year from now?

Jeff Fortin noted his assumption would be that the Selectboard cannot move on this within the year.

Roger Wallace understands that Jeff's motion was a motion to Table. Moderator noted that moderator used the word table, not Mr. Fortin

J. McNerney noted that the 5 Selectboard members will act on the will of town's vote.

Will Bown spoke to address a question concerning Vermont Gas. To address the question posed by Peter Straube regarding what will happen in the next year if we postpone this decision. Will stated, based on his understanding, a third party engineer inspection of the VT gas line installation identified several issues and was submitted to the PUC. The PUC will be reviewing/making a determination on this report in June/July.

Susan DeSimone asked if there were legal issues that would make them act.

Eugenie Doyle made a motion to add an amendment to postpone for one year during which time the Selectboard will not take action on the MOU. Roger Wallace seconded.

Mark Rickner was concerned that the motion would restrict the ability of the Selectboard to deal with VT Gas for anything.

The moderator called for a vote. The vote to Ms. Doyle's amendment was in the negative as declared by the moderator.

M. Kelley noted that it will be of substantial cost to build this distribution system, so she feels it will be easy to negotiate a delay.

Jane Palmer noted that VT Gas doesn't make money selling gas, they make money on their return on investment.

Ian Schulze asked a procedural question.

The moderator called a vote on Mr. Fortin's motion. Moderator called that the ayes to have it.

Charlie Johnson made a motion to Table Article 10 until further notice. Mark Rickner seconded.

Bob Radler called the question. Jeff Fortin seconded. The moderator called the motion in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow money from time to time and pledge the credit of the Town from the past and present indebtedness as may be necessary for them.

Chelsea Smiley made a motion to discuss. Pete Aube seconded.

The moderator called the question. The moderator said the aye's appear to have it and declared the vote in the affirmative

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.

The moderator asked if anyone has any questions of Articles 7.

S. Burr wants to know why this is on the ballot. S. Pilcher noted that the Selectboard feels that the election process is not a great way to pick a treasurer. Anyone on the ballot needs to be a Monkton resident which restricts possible candidates. The Town also wants to make sure the position is held by someone who is competent for the job. Jeff Fortin asked if this includes the asst treasurer. J. McNerney noted that this position is already appointed. S. Burr asked about the fact that the current treasurer is up for election. S. Pilcher noted that article would be effective March 2021. S. Burr also asked about the removal of an elected official. M. Kelley noted that it is a long, complicated process.

Moderator asked for questions on Article 8:
No questions were asked

Moderator asked for questions on Article 9:
Doris Brace asked where copies were available. S. Pilcher noted at Town Hall and on the Town's website.

Dawn Griswold & Kristin Blanchette spoke as a MAUSD school board members and gave a quick overview of the school district budget and the upcoming studies involving school consolidation.

S. Pilcher gave an overview of the proposal for the new municipal town building. He gave a general discussion of the bond, why the bond is warned differently, rates, payment schedule and application process. Bond article is to be voted on by Australian Ballot on march 3rd. The bond vote is on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Melody Daigle asked what will happen if the bond does not get approved. S. Pilcher noted that is not known at this time.

There was further discussion from community members with their pros and cons for a new building.

Jeff Fortin noted that he was thankful to see many younger people in the room.

J. Fortin would like to formally request to work with the road commissioner to subcontract out some of the work that needs to be done.

George Parker, Scoutmaster, wanted to point out the photos on Page 91 and explain the pictures. He thanked the Girl Scouts for the pop up library on the future town hall site. George also thanked the town for using the bottle drop. George also noted that he was delighted to see Andy Letourneau's photo on the front of the page of the Town Report.

Mark Rickner put in a plug for Monkton First Response and would love to see more members.

The moderator and members of the public thanked Anne Layn for her years of service to the Town of Monkton on the Selectboard with a resounding applause and standing ovation.

Bailee Layn-Gordon put in a plug for the local 4-H group and explained the pollinator garden and spoke about the PTO Read-A-Thon.

S. Pilcher spoke as the Town Emergency Management Coordinator. He noted that the town will be getting some FEMA funds from the Halloween storm. He also noted he has some CDC prints outs re: CoronaVirus.

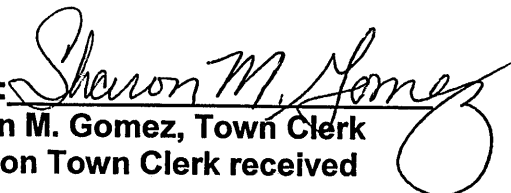
Mark Boltz-Robinson noted that the town Grand Juror is always unfilled. If he understands correctly, the State Legislature has eliminated the necessity for the position of grand juror.

Theresa Payea and Lee Kauppila stood and spoke on behalf of the Cedar Lake Association.

Ann Marie Letourneau noted that she was very happy to see that the town report was dedicated to her husband. She thanked everyone that has helped and reached out to her family. She was thanked with a round of applause and a standing ovation.

S. Pilcher moved to adjourn. B. Martin seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 1:58pm.

Monkton Town Clerk
Received and Recorded
on 10 March at 9:00 AM/PM

Attest: 
Sharon M. Gomez, Town Clerk
Monkton Town Clerk received

/s Stephen Pilcher
Stephen Pilcher, Chair Selectboard

/s Paul Low
Anne Layn , Member Selectboard

/s Marikate Kelly
Marikate Kelley, Member Selectboard

/s William Martin
William Martin, Vice Chair Selectboard

/s John McNerney
John McNerney, Member Selectboard

Auditors' Report - 2020

The undersigned auditors of the Town of Monkton have examined the financial accounts, records and reports of the town officers and declare them to be correct to the best of our knowledge. The financial statements submitted in the Annual Town Report accurately represent the financial position and results of the operation of the Town of Monkton for the year ending, December 31, 2020.

The town reports are mailed to the legal voters of the Town of Monkton as required by the Vermont State Statutes which means you should receive your report ten days prior to Town Meeting which, because of Covid-19 restrictions will be held on February 27th, 2021 at 10 a.m. via Zoom as an informational hearing of the articles, with voting by Australian Ballot at the polls on March 2nd, 2021. It would be helpful to have your Town Report handy if you plan to join in on the Zoom meeting for any questions you have.

As you know, every January the auditors put together the annual Town Report for the prior year, dedicating it to a special person, building or topic for the front cover. We would welcome input for future covers and/or dedications of Monkton's Town Report. Please submit your suggestion in writing to the auditors by December 1st, 2021 for next year.

Any pictures that you would like to send us to possibly go into the town report are greatly appreciated! If you want your pictures back, please be sure to put your name & phone number on the back of the picture. We welcome pictures of people, including children, pets, places or events. A brief description of the picture, with names of people is appreciated. Thank you to those of you that have provided pictures in the past!

A note to town committees: In prior years the auditors proofed every report and made corrections needed. Due to the time shortage with town meeting being on the Saturday prior to the first Tuesday in March voting day, we will no longer proof your reports. Your reports will be printed the way you give them to us.

Please make sure to read your reports over to be sure they are correct before submitting to the auditors!

Respectfully,
Janet Cassarino, M. Jane Huizenga and Elizabeth Pecor
Auditors, Town of Monkton, VT

Notice!

Are you interested in becoming an Auditor?

Now is the time to talk to the town auditors about your interest.

The present auditors could show you what the title requires you to know.
Contact one of the auditors or call the Town Clerk and leave your phone number for them.

Selectboard Report 2020

Clearly, the first topic of this year is COVID-19 and the impact it has had on Monkton. Fortunately, Monkton has had a very low infection rate but it still has had a huge impact on everyone's life. To lessen the impact on taxpayers the Selectboard made two temporary changes. First, with the help of Ben Hollwedel, our Road Foreman, the Selectboard cut \$85,000 from the Highway budget voted on at Town Meeting by electing not to do the normal blacktop project this year. Normally the Selectboard does not have this ability but temporary authorization was granted by the State Legislature. This decreased the Municipal Tax Rate from 43.58 cents to 39.37 cents. The Selectboard also waived the 8% late payment tax penalty.

The pandemic also changed how Town business has been conducted. Both Town Hall and the Russell Memorial Library have been closed to the general public although both institutions have made allowances for people to get work done or check out books. In the case of Town Hall, the Town Clerk has been doing much of the research that would normally be performed by visiting legal clerks.

Another change is all Committees and Commissions hold meetings 'remotely', meaning via Zoom or other digital application, which allow participation by computer or phone. By statute the Selectboard meetings are recorded and the recordings are available for viewing at Northeast Addison TV (neat.com). For some committees this has meant an increase in public participation.

COVID-19 has also directly affected Town Meeting this year. The Monkton Central School Gym is not big enough to hold Town Meeting in person and meet the Vermont guidelines on meetings. As a result, the Selectboard has voted to hold a remote informational meeting on Saturday February 27, 2021 starting at 10 am via Zoom and to vote all parts of the Municipal Budget and other matters by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 2, 2021. This will make for a very long ballot and will preclude any amendments to the budget. This will be a change only for this year.

Once again, it has been a busy year for the Monkton Selectboard. There have been a number of projects which have been completed, new projects started and personnel changes at various levels of Town government.

In March 2020, the voters of the Town of Monkton approved a bond of \$1,700,000 for the construction of the new Town Offices and Library. The Town was fortunate to get the bond through the Vermont Bond Bank at a rate of less than 2%. Construction is well underway on the building and expected to be complete by May 1. The project continues to stay on budget.

The Planning Commission has worked hard to generate a new Unified Planning Document (UPD) based on the Town Plan passed in March 2020. The UPD was reviewed by the Selectboard and it will be voted on by Australian Ballot.

The Selectboard would also like to congratulate the Dog Park group who independently raised the monies for, and built, the new Monkton Community Dog Park.

Some of the biggest changes in Monkton are personnel changes. Several long serving members of Town government have stepped down or are not running for re-election. Among them is Mary Jane Huizenga whose long service as Auditor was recognized in the 2017 Annual Report which was dedicated to her. Constable Charlie Huizenga Sr., And also retiring is Lister Sam Burr who was often the 'voice of the Listers'. Their expertise and institutional memory will be missed and we thank them for their service to the community.

In the Highway Department, Joe Tourville, a member of the Road Crew, retired. The Town has hired Trevor Currier to fill out the Road Crew.

The Town of Monkton maintains a web site for posting town business at www.monktonvt.com. Since 2014, citizens can subscribe to receive emails when postings are made to the front page.

Creating the Town budget and setting the Municipal Tax rate is an important part of any year for the Selectboard.

The 2020 budget currently submitted by the Selectboard will result in an approximate Municipal Tax Rate of **0.4451** (**44.51** cents) if all the budgetary articles pass as written. The Budgetary Municipal Tax Rate Worksheet is included in this report on the following page.

Here is a listing of Municipal Tax Rates since 2014:

- 2014 – 0.4991
- 2015 – 0.4707
- 2016 – 0.4861
- 2017 - 0.3929 (after reappraisal)
- 2018 – 0.3582
- 2019 – 0.4119
- 2020 – 0.4358/0.3937 (Selectboard altered budget)
- 2021 – 0.4451

The Selectboard appreciates everyone who serves the Town of Monkton, as volunteers for various committees, as volunteer firefighters, as members of the Highway Department, at Russell Memorial Library and at Town Hall. Thanks also to the citizens of Monkton who attend meetings, write letters, participate in Town Meeting and engage in conversations about the Town.

Please remember that for this year Town Meeting and the Municipal Election will be held on March 2, 2021 and all Town business will be done via Australian Ballot. An informational hearing will held remotely via Zoom on Saturday February 27th at 10:00 A. M. Zoom ID 802-453-3800 Password 1762

Respectfully Submitted,

Monkton Selectboard

Marikate Kelley.

Paul Low

William Martin – Vice Chair

John McNerney – Clerk

Stephen Pilcher – Chair

**Calculating the 2021
Projected Municipal Tax Rate
For Budgetary Purposes**

The Selectboard calculates a projected Municipal Tax Rate to help make decisions regarding amounts to fund Capital and Special Funds and to help make judgments regarding spending in parts of the budget. These calculations are not precise since the Grand List is part of the equation and Articles in the Town Warning can be amended or voted down. The Grand List is the sum of all the property assessments in Monkton. .

Simply put, the Municipal Tax Rate is the budget surplus or deficit from the previous year plus the Town expenses minus the Town revenues with the result divided by the Grand List. The General Fund/ Other Appropriations and Highway Fund property tax calculations have been divided.

The 2019 General Fund deficit = **\$ (59,024.33)**

General Fund Total Revenues = **\$ 232,563.80**

General Fund expenses are:

Article 5 = **\$ 26,849.00**

Article 6 minus Highway Expenses = **\$ 576,856.06**

General Fund Property Taxes = \$ 430,165.59

The 2019 Highway Fund deficit = **(68,020.77)**

Highway Fund Total Revenues = **\$ 555,936.20**

Highway Expenses (in Article 6) = **\$ 1,771,085.71**

Highway Fund Property Taxes = \$ 706,314.22

The projected total property taxes to be raised in 2020 is the sum of the General Fund and Highway Fund taxes needed.

Projected Taxes To Be Raised = **\$1,136,479.81**

The 2019 Grand List (divided by 100 for the purposes of calculating tax rate) was **\$2,527,937.00**. Given a projected 1% increase in the Grand List, the projected grand list is **\$2,553,216.00**. The tax rate is the taxes to be raised divided by the Grand List.

Projected 2020 Grand List = **\$2,553,216.00**

Projected 2020 Municipal Tax Rate = **0.4451**

Separating General Fund and Highway Department contributions to this tax rate:

General Fund and Other Appropriations= 0.1685

Highway Department= 0.2766

Agricultural and Natural Areas 2020 Yearly Report

Mission statement: *The Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee (ANAC) is dedicated to protecting the farmland, woodland, natural areas, and other open spaces that help give Monkton its distinctive rural character and quality of life.*

Summary: ANAC is very happy to announce the successful closure of two large, long-term conservation projects in 2020. Charles and Jane Huizenga's 348-acre farm was conserved with \$40,000 from Monkton's Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund, Vermont Land Trust, and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. Also, the ANA Fund contributed \$40,000 to the update of an older easement to ensure that the 273 acre Last Resort Farm would continue to be farmland, and to enhance ecological protection along riparian areas. As well, Sam Burr and Eugenie Doyle donated 80 acres to the Pond Brook Management Area.

ANAC requests \$15,000 from the town for the 2021 budget. The request is down from \$50k in 2019, and level from \$15k in 2020. Our ANA Fund balance was reduced by \$80k in 2020 by completed projects.

Background: After years of work, Charlie and Jane Huizenga have successfully established a conservation easement on 348 acres of their farm. On a beautiful afternoon in November 2020, we gathered outside at the barn with the Huizengas and Ben Miner's family to proudly hang The Vermont Land Trust sign on the barn. Ben purchased the newly conserved land from the Huizengas shortly after. A long-held vision has become reality, and we hope for a town-wide celebration in 2021!

A previous conservation easement on the Last Resort Farm was updated in August of 2020 to facilitate the transfer of the farm to the next generation. ANAC is looking forward to planning a celebration for the Burr-Doyles next summer, when we can gather safely outside. And may the skies be clear!

ANAC continues to work with landowners on the early stages of two more projects.

In the last 10 years, Monkton's Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund has leveraged \$345,800 of town funds into \$4,113,025 of project funding for 9 projects that have helped conserve 1635 acres (2.55 square miles!) of farmland, forestland, wetlands, and aided inter-generational transfer of an additional 179 acres. The cost to Monkton averages \$211/acre for preserving some of the most significant agricultural and natural areas in town. Monkton's average contribution to a project is 8.4% of the total project costs, representing a 1:12 leverage of the taxpayer's dollar. ANAC would like to remain financially prepared to assist in a timely manner and ensure that we can continue to leverage the town's support to secure external funds.

About ANAC: *ANAC assists landowners in navigating the conservation processes for agricultural, woodland, natural, and recreation area projects located completely or partially within Monkton. ANAC engages in conversations with each involved landowner, helps them through the town's application process, and assists them as they work with other conservation agencies. ANAC also performs a site visit, evaluates the project, and makes a recommendation to the Select Board regarding use of the Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund to support the conservation project.*

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Farrell, Chair

Susan Mahony, Vice Chair

Jaime Schulte, Clerk

John Mejia

Whitney Leighton

Nora Woolf (Alternate)

Sam Burr (Alternate)

Monkton Conservation Commission

2020 Summary of Activities

The Monkton Conservation Commission (MCC) is comprised of concerned citizens who dedicate their energy and efforts to fulfilling the mission of 1- identifying and preserving areas of significant environmental importance and their wildlife occupants, 2- informing town policy to manage these areas in regards to outdoor leisure and recreation, and 3- educating the public on these issues.

The MCC is comprised of:

Chelsea Smiley – Chair
Ann Johnston Miller – Vice-Chair
Jaime Schulte – Clerk
Kevin Lambert – Treasurer
Caroline Alves – Member

The MCC was active in diverse initiatives, including:

Pond Brook Management Plan – Friend of the MCC and former member Laura Farrell spearheaded an expansion and refinement of the Pond Brook Management Plan (PBMP). The Commission updated and refined the wildlife management plan for existing and newer parcels owned by the town in an extensive wetland area between Mountain Rd. and Bristol Rd. The final draft of the PBMP will be completed in 2021.

Community Values Mapping – MCC members initiated a virtual community values mapping event that roughly 40 residents attended. From collaboration with Conservation Biologist Jens Hilke from VT Fish & Wildlife and his team, as well as the Monkton Town Forest Committee and Vermont Fish & Wildlife, the MCC successfully conducted a survey of the places and spaces most important to Monktonites. The effort involved a full marketing plan, including a multi-page website, road signage, regular posts on front porch forum, coordinated emails to friends and neighbors, and active word of mouth. On a shared online map of Monkton, townspeople highlighted different areas they use or appreciate. Values Mapping is important for two reasons: 1- To inform citizens, policymakers, planners, developers and businesses about what's truly important to the townspeople, and 2- to help the MCC compose language from data generated at the event to include in the Monkton Town Plan.

Informational Presentations – The MCC was honored and most fortunate to host a handful of subject experts who educated us on various conservation issues.

Wetland conservation – Zapata Courage (VT Agency of Natural Resources ecologist)
Soils and Mapping – Caroline Alves (former NRCS soil scientist & GIS specialist)
Emerald Ash Borer – Mark Boltz-Robinson (Monkton Tree Warden)
Mapping – Jaime Schulte (Monkton Conservation Commission)

Monkton Layer Maps – MCC Clerk Jaime Schulte, also a member of the Monkton Development Review Board (DRB), presented the commission with a series of maps indicating forest blocks, deer wintering areas, ridgelines and more. These insightful and visually intuitive maps are a crucial tool for informing building and zoning rules and regulations, and the MCC will seek to incorporate them into the official review process.

Act 171 – The MCC met with the Monkton Planning Commission regarding upcoming Town Plan revisions for Act 171. Act 171 seeks to preserve forest blocks crucial to the travel patterns of native wildlife. In 2021 the MCC will assist the Planning Commission with updated language and maps to incorporate into the Town Plan and Unified Planning Document.

Caroline Alves – The MCC was honored and happy to welcome seasoned soil scientist / GIS specialist Caroline Alves to the Commission. Caroline has vast knowledge about natural systems in general and is especially learned in water systems and quality. To say she is an asset to the Commission would be a gross understatement.

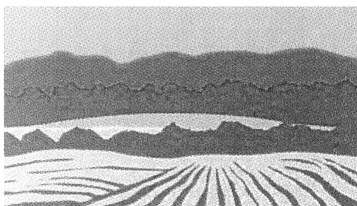
Invasives Management – The MCC organized a series of Wild Parsnip pulling events to continue the work from recent years to eradicate this invasive plant at Morse Park. Progress is being made!



Photo by Chelsea Smiley

Photo by Mark Boltz-Robinson of parsnip management at Morse Park in 2019





Monkton Tree Warden Report

In 2020, the Tree Warden continued researching the different aspects of being a tree warden, and learned much about urban forestry, tree management, and how other towns were approaching tree warden duties. The Tree Warden of a municipality is responsible for shade trees within town right-of-way and public spaces, now according to a Shade Tree Preservation Plan.

The Tree Warden reviewed a couple of dead trees at the request of a property owner and recommended their removal from the town right of way, as they posed a hazard to public safety.

The State held an educational event on Emerald Ash Borer, and specifically how to use the Rural Roadside Ash Inventory application provided by the State of Vermont. The Tree Warden attended this event in Bristol.

In September, the Tree Warden held a virtual online, and a socially distanced in-person presentation on Emerald Ash Borer. This invasive pest has been confirmed throughout the state, including in neighboring Bristol, putting Monkton within a quarantine zone. Slowing the spread of EAB will help the Town defer the eventual management costs over a longer period of time – you can do your part by not moving firewood!

And at the end of the year, with the approval of the Selectboard, Monkton was selected in a pilot program to develop a Shade Tree Preservation Plan. The plan will be developed in 2021, working with various town committees, and with at least one public event for input. Development of the plan is in part due to changes in the tree warden statutes, which the legislature updated for the first time since the 1960s.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Shade Tree Preservation Plan work, which will be reviewed with a variety of committees and commissions of the Town as drafting takes place, or any other aspects of the tree warden role in Vermont, are welcome to reach out to TreeWarden@monktonvt.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Boltz-Robinson, Tree Warden

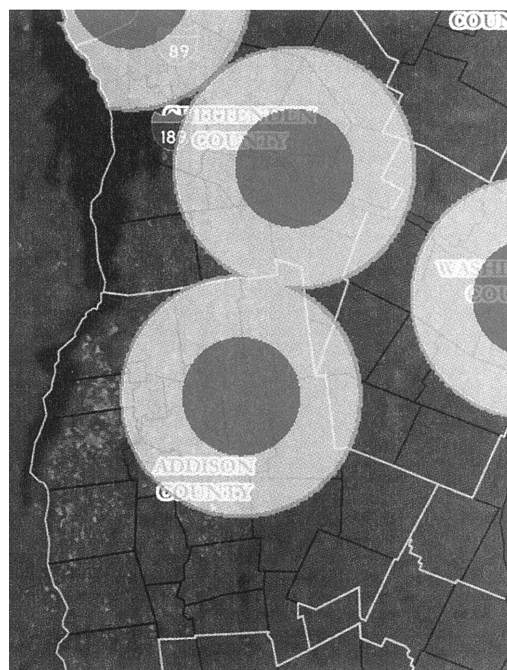
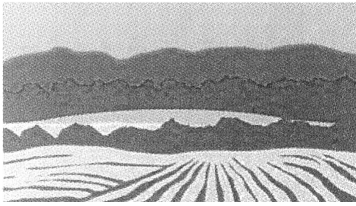


Figure 1: EAB confirmations, as of November 2020



Monkton Town Forest Committee

The Monkton Town Forest Committee continues to explore the various aspects of creating and maintaining a Town Forest for Monkton.

This year was challenging, as it was for many, due to the pandemic. Many committee meetings were held via Zoom meeting, and the committee will continue to meet that way until the pandemic ends.

For 2020, the committee had a primary goal to participate in a community values mapping event, primarily driven by the Conservation Commission. The data from a values mapping event informs the committee on the areas of town that Monktonites value for different reasons, including recreation, conservation, viewsapes, wildlife, and hunting and fishing.

The committee also continued to explore sources of funding, including grants and funds from land trusts, conservation groups, and state and federal programs. While the funding of a town forest is a bit of a chicken versus egg problem, the committee determined to learn about the timing and application process of different grants, so that such could be applied for quickly if an opportunity arose.

The committee began reviewing materials available through the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry program (<https://vtcommunityforestry.org>) related to town forests as well.

For 2021, the Town Forest Committee plans to hold some community events for input on the different roles a Town Forest could fill. The committee will continue to look at funding sources, and keep an eye out for suitable lands coming up for sale.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Boltz-Robinson, Chair

2020 Road Foreman's Report

In 2020 the Monkton Highway Department continued to upgrade road segments according to the Vermont Municipal Roads General Permit road inventory. At this time the Town of Monkton has two segments still considered to be "high" priority. Our goal is to upgrade those segments during the 2021 construction season.

The year 2020 also saw the completion of a road restoration project on Piney Woods Road. After a lengthy application process Monkton was awarded approximately \$38,152.51, from FEMA, to restore the sections of road damaged during the October 2019 rain storm. In addition, the town anticipates a significant amount of FEMA assistance for the replacement of the culvert on Mountain Road that was also damaged during the October 2019 storm. (Please note that the town will not receive any money from FEMA until all supported projects are completed)

Lastly I would like to address the fact that the town did not complete any large paving projects during 2020. This decision was made, after a request by the Monkton Select Board, in an effort to lessen the tax burden for all town residents.

Benjamin N. Hollwedel
Road Foreman
Monkton Highway Department
(802)453-3263



Jane & Charlie Huizenga

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

It has been another busy and productive year in the town clerk's office. The challenges presented by COVID-19 pandemic to the office and community at large were considerable. None the less I am pleased to share the following highlights of 2020 with the community.

- Vital Records recorded: 13 Births, 16 Marriages and 5 Deaths.
- Land Records: 2287 pages of land records (warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, mortgages, mortgage discharges, easements and liens) were received for recording.
- Voter Registrations 234 new voter registrations added to our voter checklist – 11 names removed
- Certified copies: 44
- Green Mountain Passports 17 were issued.
- Dogs Registered in town: 208

The VT Election Management System (VEMS), where you can register to vote or request an absentee ballot is available on line. As a registered voter, you can use "My Voter Page" by going to <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/> to check your voter registration status, absentee ballot status, poll location, sample ballot, request an absentee ballot, etc. We are now offering same day voter registration at the polls.

The Vital Records Law (Act 46) became in to affect July 2019. Act 46 significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records – namely, birth and death certificates. Only certain parties will be able to apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate and the individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for the certified copy. Certified copies of Birth, Death, and Marriage certificates are available here if the event occurred while you were a resident here, or if a birth or death was pronounced in town. The Cost is \$10.

https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/HS_VR_App_Certified-Copy-Birth-Death-Form.pdf

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV): We can process a vehicle, boat, or trailer registration renewal, as long as it is not more than 60 days expired; and snowmobiles within the year. A check or money order for the DMV renewal fee is required (**no cash**). There is a \$3 fee for the Town, payable separately from the DMV check. We issue a temporary registration and sticker while you wait for you renewal to come by mail. New vehicles or those registrations more than 60 days overdue must be processed directly with DMV. Or you could also register online via: vermont.gov/dmv/express

Excess Weight Vehicle Permits: Excess Weight Permits are required for operators of vehicles in excess of the posted weights for Monkton's roads and bridges. These permits cost \$5. For a single vehicle, or \$10 for a fleet, and they expire each year on March 31. A valid Certified of Insurance is required with the fee.

Land Posting: If you post your land against hunting, shooting, fishing, or trapping, State law requires landowners to record this notice annually at the Town Clerk's Office; the fee is \$5.

Notary public services: The Town Clerk and Asst. Town Clerk can notarize documents for you. This means that we need to see you sign your name. Please do not sign before you come here. Bring an I.D. if we do not know you very well. There is no fee for this service.

Green Mountain Passports: These are available for residents of Vermont who are either over age 62, or a Veteran of the uniformed services. The cost is \$2. The passport offers discounts at State Parks and the Addison County Fair.

Town of Monkton Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2020

Treasurer's Message

Greetings:

The attached statements and notes report the Town's financial status and activity for the past year. You are encouraged to read the notes preceding the financial statements because they define terms and fund types used and amplify information in the statements. These were prepared internally from our own computerized records.

The Selectboard's proposed 2021 budget, 2021 summary of proposed expenditures and 2021 Capital Equipment Replacement Plan, along with a listing of the Town's Major Fixed Assets, appear after the financial statements for your information.

The Treasurer ensures the Town's monies are securely held, receive a fair return, and are distributed prudently and accurately to employees and vendors in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the direction of our citizens via the annual Town Meeting. The Treasurer is also responsible for the billing and receipt of annual property taxes.

Last year was the thirteenth year for the revised procedure the State uses to report and pay property tax adjustments from the Vermont Department of Taxes. The Town received electronically the Department's list of property owners' names and school parcel account numbers (SPAN) to credit homeowners' property tax adjustments towards 2020 property taxes. The Town then issued each property tax bill for the remaining balance due. Once again, in 2020, the Town never actually received these homestead rebate monies to distribute to the schools. The State pays these monies directly to the schools, on its own pre-determined schedule, essentially bypassing the Town accounts. This will continue to present a cash flow challenge for the Town, especially during the April – November period. The Town does internal borrowing against reserves. Additionally, the Town secured a Tax Anticipation Note from the National Bank of Middlebury in 2020.

Important Reminders to Taxpayers:

- The Town mails tax bills annually to the owner of record as of April 1st. If you have sold your property by the time you receive your tax bill, please forward the bill to the new owner(s). We encourage all taxpayers to read the reverse of their bill for important reminders about property taxes, including information related to the Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment.

- If you have your taxes escrowed with your mortgage, please pay close attention to changes in your net taxes due and communicate with your mortgage lender. The escrow companies will not necessarily be aware of changes unless they hear from you and may withhold at a level higher than you prefer. The Town recommends that you forward a copy of your tax bill to your escrow company to ensure accurate and timely payment.

- Subject to approval at Town Meeting, taxes are due for 2021 by *Monday, November 15, 2021*. Review your tax bill closely. The due date appears on the bill. Note that the Town now accepts postmarks up to and including **THE DUE DATE (i.e., no later than **Monday, November 15, 2021**).**

- A secure lockbox is located to the right of the Town Hall's front door to receive payments. The Treasurer checks the lockbox several times daily. Taxpayers using the lockbox will be mailed a receipt. Thankfully, many taxpayers are now using the lockbox or mailing their payments. This has reduced lines and waiting time.

- Taxpayers can make pre-payments in any amount to the Treasurer anytime during the year. Any partial payments made up to the due date are recorded as timely, and are not subject to late penalties or interest charges. Unfortunately, historically, 3-5% of Monkton taxpayers have “delinquent balances” (those unpaid as of the due date deadline) subject to penalty and interest charges, as applicable. By offering the options of mail, lockbox drop-off, and pre-payments, the Town attempts to minimize this impact on its citizens. Any tax overpayment will be refunded to the taxpayer as soon as practical after the November 15, 2021 due date.

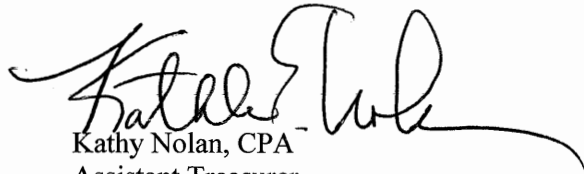
We welcome your questions and comments via email, telephone, or during a visit to Town Hall. Thank you for your continuing support of our efforts.

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2021 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,



William C. Joos
Treasurer
treasurerer@monktonvt.com



Kathy Nolan, CPA
Assistant Treasurer

Town of Monkton
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Notes to Financial Statements
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town of Monkton (“Town”) is organized, according to State law and Town Charter under the governance of a five (5) member Selectboard to provide the following services for the Town: public health and safety, highways and streets, public improvements, planning and zoning, recreation, and general administration.

Reporting Entity:

This report includes all of the services provided by the Town to residents, and all of the funds and account groups relevant to the operation of the Town. The criteria used by the Town are financial accountability and the nature and significance of the relationship.

Fund Accounting:

The Town uses several funds and account groups to account for its financial position and results of operations. A fund or account group is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses as appropriate established to record the financial position and result of operations of a specific activity. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Concentration of Risk:

The Town receives the majority of its revenues from property taxes and service charges assessed on residences and businesses located in the Town of Monkton. Additionally, the Town receives revenue from the State of Vermont primarily as highway and community development grants.

The various funds and account groups are organized in the general-purpose financial statements in this report, as follows:

Governmental Fund Types:

Governmental Fund Types account for the ongoing general government activities of the Town that are financed with general government revenues.

General Fund - The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds (except for major capital projects) of specific revenue sources that are restricted or designated for expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Project Funds - The Capital Project Funds are used to account for all resources to be used for acquisition, construction or improvement of major capital facilities, infrastructure and equipment. Separate capital projects are reported as separate funds.

Fiduciary Funds (Agency Funds):

Agency Funds. The Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Town as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other funds and/or governmental units.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurements of results of operations.

Account Group:

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the long-term debt associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - General long-term debt account group accounts for the principal amount of long-term debt and other long-term obligations of the governmental funds. The account group is not a fund. It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position. It is not involved with measurement of results of operations.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

Basis of Accounting refers to when revenue and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounting and reported in the financial statements. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus.

The Town's governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. Accordingly, only current assets and liabilities are included on the balance sheet and the fund balances report only spendable resources. Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net assets. These funds use the modified cash basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are available and measurable and expenditures are recorded when the fund liability is incurred and funds are released. Revenues that may be accrued include federal and state grants, property taxes, and interest. Other financing sources such as bond proceeds are recognized when the debt is issued or the transaction is completed.

The agency funds are custodial in nature and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. The assets of the agency funds are accounted for on the modified cash basis of accounting, and fund liabilities equal their assets.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For purposes of reporting cash flows, all liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable/Allowance for Doubtful Accounts:

No allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary, since the Town has the right to put a lien on property with delinquent property taxes.

Prepaid Items:

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future periods. In the governmental funds, the cost of prepaid items is generally recorded as an expenditure when the payments are made. In the proprietary funds, these items are recorded as prepaid items.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Long-term Obligations:

Long-term debt expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for at face value in the general long-term debt account group, not in the governmental funds. Debt proceeds are reported in a governmental fund as an other financing source, net of any premium or discount and issuance costs. Expenditures for the payment of principal and interest on general long-term debt are recognized in the General and Highway operating funds when the payments are due.

Budgets:

The Town is required by state law to adopt a budget for the General and Highway Funds. The budget is presented on the modified cash basis of accounting. The operating budget is prepared by the Selectboard and approved by the Selectboard at a properly warned meeting for presentation to the voters. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures by line item and the means of financing them. The budget is approved by town voters at a properly warned annual town meeting. The voters vote on the total expense amount and not on the individual line items presented in these financial statements.

NOTE 2 - PENSIONS

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

All municipal employees who work on a regular basis for not less than 24 hours per week and for not less than 1040 hours in a year are eligible to participate in the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System ("VMERS"). Enrollment is mandatory and employees must be enrolled in the VMERS as soon as the eligibility requirements previously described are met, regardless of any probationary period established by the town. There are four levels of contributions and benefits in the System called Groups A, B, C, and D. The Town participates in Group B. Normal retirement for Group A members is age 65 or the completion of 5 years of service, whichever is later. Normal retirement for Group B members is age 62 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service. Normal retirement for Group C and D members is age 55 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service. A member may receive reduced benefits at age 55 if they have 5 years of service and have made contributions for at least 2.5 years.

The System is an actuarial reserve, joint-contributory program. Both the members and the Town contribute to the fund according to Group B (in bold) from the following options:

Employees' contributions (% of gross wages)	3.000%	5.375%	10.500%	11.850%
The Town's contributions (% of gross wages)	4.500%	6.000%	7.750%	10.350%

Employee contributions are withheld pre income tax by the Town and remitted to the State of Vermont. Such withholdings totaled \$10,825 in 2020. The Town contributed \$12,115 during the year.

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NOTE 3 – SHORT-TERM DEBT

Because the Town bills and collects its property tax revenues towards the very end (mid-November) of each fiscal year (same as calendar year), cash flow management can be challenging. For the first 10.5 months of each year, the Town pays employees and vendors from monies collected from the prior year. During 2020, the Town secured a Tax Anticipation Note from the National Bank of Middlebury prior to November 15. The Town borrowed \$150,540 on this Note at an annual interest rate of 1.70%. The Note was repaid along with the interest due of \$1,038 in full on December 30, 2020.

NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of notes and capital leases payable at year-end:

Deere Credit, Inc. Master Lease Purchase Agreement, 2014 John Deere 75G excavator, interest at 3.00%, payable April 15, 2019. The lease is to be renewed annually for 7 years, with a payment annually of \$13,894 until April 15, 2021. Total borrowed was \$89,060.	\$ 13,484
Community Bank, N.A., 2016 Ford F550 dump truck note payable, interest at 2.05%, payable May 10, 2021. The note is to be repaid over 5 years, with a principal reduction payment annually of \$14,327 plus accrued interest, until May 10, 2021. Total borrowed was \$71,635.	\$ 14,327
Community Bank, N.A., 2016 Capital Improvement–fire station addition note, interest at 2.05%, payable August 23, 2021. The note is to be repaid over 5 years, with a principal reduction payment of \$15,600 annually plus accrued interest, until August 23, 2021. Total borrowed was \$78,000.	\$ 15,600
Community Bank, N.A., 2020 Mack dump truck note payable, interest at 2.75%, payable starting April 28, 2021. The note is to be repaid over 5 years starting April 28, 2018, with a principal reduction payment of \$15,353 annually plus accrued interest until April 28, 2025. Total borrowed was \$76,765.	\$ 76,765
National Bank of Middlebury, Bond Anticipation Note, interest at 1.70%, due on February 28, 2021 along with all accrued interest. The Town intends to extend this Note until the end of construction of the new Town Offices and Library, currently expected to be May 15, 2021, and any final reimbursements from the Vermont Bond Bank. See below for additional information.	<u>\$636,903</u>
Total	<u>\$757,079</u>

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On August 6, 2020, the Town secured long term financing for the construction of the new Town Offices and Library. The Vermont Municipal Bond Bank closed the 2020 Series 2 bonds on this date. The bonds carry an annual interest rate of 1.98% and a term of 20 years. The Town was allocated \$1,700,000 in financing from the total bond borrowing. The Town is required to make semi-annual interest payments on May 1st and November 1st, starting on November 1, 2020 and to make annual principal payments of \$85,000 starting on November 1, 2021. No proceeds from this borrowing have been received by the Town as of December 31, 2020. The Vermont Bond Bank reimburses the costs of construction after submission of supporting invoices and other documentation and a completion of its review. The Town has submitted documentation of \$736,457 in invoices and anticipates reimbursement of these expenses in early 2021. The National Bank of Middlebury will be repaid \$636,903 directly and the Town will receive \$99,554. The Town paid \$8,676 in interest expense on this borrowing on November 1, 2020.

The annual debt service requirement to maturity for general obligation bonds and notes including interest are as follows:

		Principal	Interest	Total
During the year ended December,	2021	143,764	31,807	175,571
	2022	100,353	28,491	128,844
	2023	100,353	27,685	128,038
	2024	100,353	26,854	127,207
	2025	<u>100,353</u>	<u>25,982</u>	<u>126,335</u>
Totals		<u>\$545,176</u>	<u>\$140,819</u>	<u>\$685,995</u>

The following is a summary of changes in Long-term Debt:

	Balance December 31, 2019	Increase	Decrease	Balance December 31, 2020
John Deere 75G Excavator	26,672	0	13,187	13,484
16 Ford F550 Note	28,654	0	14,327	14,327
Fire Station Addition Note	31,200	0	15,600	15,600
18 WS Dump Truck Note	43,333	0	43,333	0
20 Mack Dump Truck Note	0	76,765	0	76,765
20 Bond Anticipation Note	<u>0</u>	<u>636,903</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>636,903</u>
Totals	<u>\$129,859</u>	<u>\$713,668</u>	<u>\$86,448</u>	<u>\$757,079</u>

NOTE 5 - CASH AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Cash deposits with financial institutions at December 31st are presented below. As major revenues are received during the year bank deposits may temporarily exceed \$250,000.

Four categories of credit risk that apply to the Town's bank balances:

1. Insured or collateralized with securities held by the government or by the government's agent in the government's name.
2. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the bank's name.

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3. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the government's name. (i.e., repurchase agreements)
4. Uncollateralized.

Balances held in each area are as follows:

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$250,000	\$250,000
1. Insured or registered or secured, held by Town or by the Town's agent in the Town's name	0	0
2. Uninsured and Unregistered: Collateral held by the counterparty or its Trust department or agent but not in the Town's name	0	0
3. Uninsured and Unregistered: Collateral held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the Town's name	2,042	236,200
4. Uncollateralized and Uninsured	<u>993</u>	<u>993</u>
Total deposits	<u>\$ 253,035</u>	<u>\$ 487,193</u>

All amounts of insured and collateralized cash always equal total deposits throughout the year. Bank Balance exceeds Carrying Amount due to outstanding checks written in 2020 not yet cashed by payees.

NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS

The Town receives significant financial assistance from the State of Vermont. Entitlement to the resources is generally based on compliance with terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable federal and state regulations, including the expenditure of the resources for eligible purposes. Substantially all grants are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors. Any disallowance because of these audits becomes a liability of the fund that receives the grant. As of year-end, the Town estimates that no material liabilities will result from such audits.

NOTE 7 - RESERVED FUND BALANCES

Reserved fund balances represent amounts that must be used for specific purposes within that fund and cannot be spent otherwise without prior approval of funding source or Selectboard. Reservations at year-end are for the following:

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Special Revenue Funds:		<u>GASB No. 54 Fund Bal Class</u>
Recreation	23,589	Committed
Property Valuation Review (PVR)	677	Restricted
Act 68 Reappraisal	71,588	Restricted
Agricultural & Natural Areas	107,573	Committed
Record Restoration Fund	10,099	Restricted
Wildlife Crossing	2,467	Restricted
RML Operating	<u>26,569</u>	Committed
Total	<u>\$242,562</u>	
 Highway	 <u>\$ 0</u>	 Restricted
 Capital Projects Funds:		
Highway Capital Projects	68,013	Committed
Municipal Building Fund	5,078	Committed
RML Capital Drive	<u>20,141</u>	Committed
Total	<u>\$93,232</u>	

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town.

In addition, the Town of Monkton is a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) for Medical Benefits, Workers Compensation and Unemployment Compensation Programs. VLCT is a nonprofit corporation formed to provide insurance and risk management programs for Vermont cities and towns and is owned by the participating cities and towns.

To provide insurance coverage, VLCT has established a program in conjunction with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont. A portion of member contributions is used to purchase reinsurance and to fund a reserve required by the reinsurance. Contributions in excess of claims requirements, reserve fund requirements, reinsurance and administrative costs are returned to participants. The pooling agreement does not permit the pool to make additional assessments to its members.

To provide unemployment coverage, VLCT has established a separate trust of funds from member contributions to pay administrative costs, unemployment claims, and provide excess reinsurance protection. Contributions are based on payroll expense and the previous two-year unemployment compensation experience. In the event that total contributions assessed to and made by all members result in an actual or projected financial deficit and VLCT UIT is unable to meet its required obligations, the Program will be terminated with each member assessed their proportionate share of the deficit.

To provide worker's compensation (WC) coverage, VLCT has established a separate trust of funds from member contributions to pay administrative costs and workers compensation coverage. Contributions are based upon formulas applied to payroll expense. At the end of the

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coverage period, the members will be assessed or refunded any difference between estimated contributions and actual expenses. VLCT audits every community it serves to confirm WC data.

NOTE 9 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes become an enforceable lien upon Town of Monkton property holders as of April 1st of each year. Taxes were levied in September 2020 and were payable in one installment by November 16, 2020. Taxes not paid on time were listed as delinquent taxes and interest charges were assessed. The Town bills all property tax assessed for the benefit of the Town and the School District.

<u>Property Tax Levied 2020:</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>x GRAND LIST</u> ¹	<u>=</u>	<u>TOTAL RAISED</u>
Non-Residential Education Tax	\$ 1.6939	\$ 817,797.20		\$ 1,385,266.79
Homestead Education Tax	1.7294	1,739,183.00		3,007,743.07
Hwy Tax & '20 Lodged Grand List	0.2799	2,549,505.00		713,606.46
Muni Tax & '20 Lodged Grand List	0.1138	2,549,505.00		<u>290,133.79</u>
Gross Property Taxes Levied				\$ 5,396,750.11
Less: Education Portion of Homestead Rebates Paid by State <u>Directly</u> to Schools (i.e. Never Received nor Distributed by Town):				(845,574.65)
Less: Muni Portion of Homestead Rebates Paid by State <u>Directly</u> to Town:				<u>(17,679.13)</u>
Net Property Taxes Levied for Collection by Town				\$ 4,535,496.33
2020 Taxes Due Warranted to Delinquent Tax Collector on 11/17/20:				\$ 134,147.73
Total 2020 Delinquent Tax Balance as of 12/31/20:				\$ 75,084.90

SIX YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON: 2015 – 2020:
(Per \$100 of assessed value)

	<u>Municipal Tax Rate</u>	<u>Homestead Ed. Tax Rate</u>	<u>Nonhomestead Ed. Rate</u>
2015	.4707	1.9064	1.7926
2016	.4828	1.8072	1.7495
2017	.3929	1.5544	1.4648
2018	.3582	1.5402	1.5726
2019	.4119	1.6547	1.6267
2020	.3937	1.7294	1.6939

¹ The Grand List for the Highway and Municipal Tax is slightly smaller than the Grand List for the Education Tax due to exemptions granted to Comcast Corporation and certain veterans.

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 Combined Balance Sheet
 All Fund Types and Account Groups
 December 31, 2020

	Governmental Fund Types				Account Group	Totals
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	General Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS:						
Current Assets:						
Cash	992.39	-	231,901.37	20,140.91		253,034.67
Due from Other Funds	-	-	10,661.03	73,091.37		83,752.40
Total Current Assets	<u>992.39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>242,562.40</u>	<u>93,232.28</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>336,787.07</u>
Other Assets:						
Amount to be Provided for:						
Retirement of Long-Term Debt	-				757,078.95	757,078.95
Total Other Assets					<u>757,078.95</u>	<u>757,078.95</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>992.39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>242,562.40</u>	<u>93,232.28</u>	<u>757,078.95</u>	<u>1,093,866.02</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:						
Liabilities:						
Other Current Liabilities	3,816.06				-	3,816.06
Due to Other Funds	15,731.57	68,020.83				83,752.40
Notes Payable	-				757,078.95	757,078.95
Bond Payable	-				-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>19,547.63</u>	<u>68,020.83</u>			<u>757,078.95</u>	<u>844,647.41</u>
Fund Equity:						
Fund Balances:						
Unreserved	(18,555.24)	(68,020.83)				(86,576.07)
Reserved			242,562.40	93,232.28		335,794.68
Total Fund Equity	<u>(18,555.24)</u>	<u>(68,020.83)</u>	<u>242,562.40</u>	<u>93,232.28</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>249,218.61</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	<u>992.39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>242,562.40</u>	<u>93,232.28</u>	<u>757,078.95</u>	<u>1,093,866.02</u>

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 Combined Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 All Governmental Fund Types
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Governmental Fund Types					Totals
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects and Other Funds		
REVENUES						
Property Taxes ¹	\$ 3,747,276.41	\$ 713,520.01	\$ 52,948.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$	4,543,744.42
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	12,642.37	-	-	-	-	12,642.37
Investment Income	1,741.20	-	24.43	20.60	-	1,786.23
Licenses, Permits	2,049.00	1,295.00	-	-	-	3,344.00
Other Revenue	46,196.89	410.94	10,162.50	6,948.00	-	63,718.33
Subdivision/Zoning	9,218.72	-	-	-	-	9,218.72
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loan Proceeds	-	-	-	713,667.75	-	713,667.75
Sale of Property/Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers In/Out	-	-	3,343.53	(3,343.53)	-	-
State Payments/Refunds	53,293.30	205,694.86	8,338.50	-	-	267,326.66
TOTAL REVENUES	3,872,417.89	920,920.81	74,816.96	747,292.82	\$	5,615,448.48
EXPENDITURES:						
Payroll	126,017.61	279,847.96	-	-	-	405,865.57
Town Offices	25,309.06	-	-	-	-	25,309.06
General Expenditures	124,280.63	-	-	-	-	124,280.63
DRB/Planning/Conservation/Energy	4,114.59	-	-	-	-	4,114.59
Appropriations ²	83,399.00	-	-	-	-	83,399.00
Town Garage	-	57,786.01	-	-	-	57,786.01
Truck Purchase	-	-	-	78,159.00	-	78,159.00
General Highway Expenses	-	189,130.01	-	-	-	189,130.01
Road Maintenance	-	403,048.39	-	-	-	403,048.39
School	3,539,304.66	-	-	-	-	3,539,304.66
Routine Expenses	-	-	115,080.02	-	-	115,080.02
Facilities Construction/Maintenance	-	-	-	731,853.18	-	731,853.18
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,902,425.55	929,812.37	115,080.02	810,012.18		5,757,330.12
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(30,007.66)	(8,891.56)	(40,263.06)	(62,719.36)		(141,881.64)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(30,007.66)	(8,891.56)	(40,263.06)	(62,719.36)		(141,881.64)
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2020	11,452.42	(59,129.27)	282,825.46	155,951.64		391,100.25
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$ (18,555.24)	\$ (68,020.83)	\$ 242,562.40	\$ 93,232.28	\$	249,218.61

Notes: ¹ General fund property tax revenue includes school, general fund current & delinquent taxes.

² Appropriation for RML was moved to Special Revenue Funds in 2019.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Monkton Building Fund was moved from the Special Revenue Funds to the Capital Projects Funds.

< The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements. >

Town of Monkton
 Combining Balance Sheet
 Special Revenue Funds
 December 31, 2020

	Recreation Fund	PVR Education Fund	Act 68 Reappraisal	Agricultural and Natural Areas Conservation	Record Restoration Fund	Wildlife Crossing Fund	RML Operating	Totals	
ASSETS:									
Current Assets:									
Cash	\$ 23,589.46	\$ 677.55	\$ 71,587.70	\$ 96,912.49	\$ 10,098.64	\$ 2,466.92	\$ 26,568.61	\$ 231,901.37	
Due from Other Fund	-	-	-	10,661.03	-	-	-	10,661.03	
Total Current Assets	<u>23,589.46</u>	<u>677.55</u>	<u>71,587.70</u>	<u>107,573.52</u>	<u>10,098.64</u>	<u>2,466.92</u>	<u>26,568.61</u>	<u>242,562.40</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>23,589.46</u>	<u>677.55</u>	<u>71,587.70</u>	<u>107,573.52</u>	<u>10,098.64</u>	<u>2,466.92</u>	<u>26,568.61</u>	<u>242,562.40</u>	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:									
Liabilities:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
None									
Fund Balances:									
Reserved	<u>23,589.46</u>	<u>677.55</u>	<u>71,587.70</u>	<u>107,573.52</u>	<u>10,098.64</u>	<u>2,466.92</u>	<u>26,568.61</u>	<u>242,562.40</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	<u>23,589.46</u>	<u>677.55</u>	<u>71,587.70</u>	<u>107,573.52</u>	<u>10,098.64</u>	<u>2,466.92</u>	<u>26,568.61</u>	<u>242,562.40</u>	

Note: For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Monkton Building Fund was moved from the Special Revenue Funds to the Capital Projects Funds.

Town of Monkton
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 Special Revenue Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Recreation Fund	PVR Education Fund	Act 68 Reappraisal	Agricultural and Natural Areas Conservation	Records Restoration & Preservation Fd	Wildlife Crossing Fund	RML Operating Fund ¹	Totals
REVENUES								
Property Taxes	\$ 6,000.00	-	-	\$ 15,000.00	-	-	\$ 31,948.00	\$ 52,948.00
Investment Income	3.19	-	-	20.18	-	-	1.06	24.43
Other Revenue	1,735.00	-	-	-	8,356.00	-	71.50	10,162.50
Transfers In/Out	3,343.53	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,343.53
State Payments	-	-	8,338.50	-	-	-	-	8,338.50
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>11,081.72</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,338.50</u>	<u>15,020.18</u>	<u>8,356.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,020.56</u>	<u>74,816.96</u>
EXPENDITURES								
Routine Expenses	6,500.63	-	-	80,000.00	2,505.36	-	26,074.03	115,080.02
Facilities Construction/Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>6,500.63</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,000.00</u>	<u>2,505.36</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,074.03</u>	<u>115,080.02</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>4,581.09</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,338.50</u>	<u>(64,979.82)</u>	<u>5,850.64</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,946.53</u>	<u>(40,263.06)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):								
Transfers In (Out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	<u>4,581.09</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,338.50</u>	<u>(64,979.82)</u>	<u>5,850.64</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,946.53</u>	<u>(40,263.06)</u>
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2020	<u>19,008.37</u>	<u>677.55</u>	<u>63,249.20</u>	<u>172,553.34</u>	<u>4,248.00</u>	<u>2,466.92</u>	<u>20,622.08</u>	<u>282,825.46</u>
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2020	<u>\$ 23,589.46</u>	<u>\$ 677.55</u>	<u>\$ 71,587.70</u>	<u>\$ 107,573.52</u>	<u>\$ 10,098.64</u>	<u>\$ 2,466.92</u>	<u>\$ 26,568.61</u>	<u>242,562.40</u>

NOTES: ¹ For 2019 and following years, the RML Operating Fund will be included in the financial statement section of the Town Report consistent with the Town's Reviewed Financial Statements

Town of Monkton
 Combining Balance Sheet
 Capital Project Funds
 December 31, 2020

	Highway Capital Projects Fund	Municipal Building Fund	RML Capital Drive Fund	Totals
ASSETS:				
Current Assets:				
Cash	-	-	-	-
Due from Other Fund	68,012.94	5,078.43	20,140.91	20,140.91
Total Current Assets	<u>68,012.94</u>	<u>5,078.43</u>	<u>20,140.91</u>	<u>73,091.37</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>68,012.94</u></u>	<u><u>5,078.43</u></u>	<u><u>20,140.91</u></u>	<u><u>93,232.28</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:				
Liabilities:				
Due To Other Funds	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances:				
Reserved	68,012.94	5,078.43	20,140.91	93,232.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	<u><u>68,012.94</u></u>	<u><u>5,078.43</u></u>	<u><u>20,140.91</u></u>	<u><u>93,232.28</u></u>

Note: For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Monkton Building Fund was moved from the Special Revenue Funds to the Capital Projects Funds.

Town of Monkton
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
 Changes in Fund Balances
 Capital Project Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	REC Community Center Building Fund	Highway Capital Projects Fund	Municipal Building Fund	RML Capital Drive Fund ¹	Totals
REVENUES					
Property Tax Income	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	-	-	\$ 30,000.00
Investment Income	0.58	-	16.81	3.21	20.60
Other Financing Sources	-	76,765.00	636,902.75	-	713,667.75
Transfers In/Out	(3,343.53)	-	-	-	(3,343.53)
Donations - Fund Raising	-	-	-	6,948.00	6,948.00
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>(3,342.95)</u>	<u>106,765.00</u>	<u>636,919.56</u>	<u>6,951.21</u>	<u>747,292.82</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Routine Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment Purchase	-	78,159.00	-	-	78,159.00
Facilities Construction/Maintenance	-	-	731,853.18	-	731,853.18
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>78,159.00</u>	<u>731,853.18</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>810,012.18</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(3,342.95)	28,606.00	(94,933.62)	6,951.21	(62,719.36)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(3,342.95)	28,606.00	(94,933.62)	6,951.21	(62,719.36)
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2020	3,342.95	39,406.94	100,012.05	13,189.70	155,951.64
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2020	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 68,012.94</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,078.43</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,140.91</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 93,232.28</u></u>

NOTES: ¹ RML's Board of Trustees established the Capital Drive Fund in 2019 in conjunction with the proposed move to a new Town Hall.
 For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Monkton Building Fund was moved from the Special Revenue Funds to the Capital Projects Funds.

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

GENERAL FUND

Revenues	Account	Actual FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2018	Actual FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2020	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021
Grant Income		-	-	-	-	-	33,150.00
Property Taxes		-	73,890.14	152,766.48	228,635.70	73,129.32	342,569.08
Current Use/Hold Harmless		66,987.00	50,470.00	49,844.50	44,172.00	51,158.50	50,000.00
ANR PILOT		1,725.93	1,439.87	1,153.80	1,500.00	1,153.80	1,153.80
Act 60 Equalized Ed. GL		952.00	963.00	967.00	1,000.00	981.00	1,000.00
Town Clerk Fees		21,585.07	19,773.00	20,779.00	19,000.00	24,994.00	20,000.00
Liquor Licenses		70.00	70.00	140.00	70.00	140.00	140.00
Copier Use Fees		2,571.50	3,412.87	3,494.06	3,200.00	3,299.16	3,000.00
DMV-AOT Fees		85.00	3.00	12.00	50.00	12.00	20.00
Records Restoration Fees		-	-	4.00	2,000.00	-	-
Dog Licenses & Fines		3,482.00	3,310.00	3,489.00	3,500.00	1,909.00	3,500.00
Judicial Fines		15,397.00	14,583.81	19,827.00	22,000.00	15,658.32	16,000.00
Interest Income		2,338.72	60.63	35.57	50.00	1,741.20	1,500.00
Misc. Revenue		3,993.05	1,077.15	525.88	-	1,733.41	-
Postal Facility Rental Fee		-	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	-
Delinquent Taxes		177,904.77	155,300.88	90,861.27	96,255.57	134,842.43	80,000.00
Del Taxes - Interest		37,804.49	6,141.46	13,301.42	8,600.00	7,090.63	9,000.00
Del Taxes - Penalty		2,245.60	5,919.69	9,944.85	7,600.00	5,551.74	4,000.00
DRB First Cut Fees		-	135.00	-	-	-	-
DRB Subdivision Fees		1,810.00	2,610.00	1,285.00	2,000.00	1,410.00	1,500.00
DRB Boundary Adj Fees		495.00	135.00	675.00	200.00	100.00	200.00
DRB Variances Fees		135.00	-	405.00	100.00	135.00	200.00
DRB Conditional Use Fees		160.00	270.00	270.00	200.00	-	200.00
DRB Administrator Fees		8,984.54	9,536.80	8,278.80	8,000.00	7,573.72	8,000.00
Municipal Planning Grants		-	-	9,677.00	-	-	-
Total Revenues		348,726.67	349,602.30	388,236.63	448,133.27	333,113.23	575,132.88

**General Government Expenses
General Government Payroll**

Account	Actual FY - 2017			Actual FY - 2018			Actual FY - 2019			Budget FY - 2020		(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021	
Town Clerk Fees	3,128.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Town Clerk Salary	30,288.35	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	36,000.00	
Assistant Town Clerk	10,861.50	11,711.00	11,893.00	11,893.00	11,893.00	11,893.00	11,893.00	11,893.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Treasurer	33,475.00	33,475.00	34,706.65	34,706.65	34,706.65	34,706.65	34,706.65	34,706.65	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	
Assistant Treasurer	8,100.00	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,500.00	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,725.00	
Delinquent Tax Collector	3,659.11	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	
Web Master	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Selectboard	5,005.00	6,490.00	6,465.00	6,465.00	6,465.00	6,465.00	6,465.00	6,465.00	7,700.00	7,700.00	7,700.00	7,700.00	
Selectboard Administrative	456.00	412.00	706.88	706.88	706.88	706.88	706.88	706.88	1,200.00	936.38	936.38	1,200.00	
Auditors	4,143.75	4,983.75	4,080.75	4,080.75	4,080.75	4,080.75	4,080.75	4,080.75	6,000.00	2,916.00	2,916.00	6,000.00	
BCA - Election Officials	1,060.00	1,622.26	517.45	517.45	517.45	517.45	517.45	517.45	2,000.00	805.56	805.56	700.00	
Custodian	983.15	993.30	993.30	993.30	993.30	993.30	993.30	993.30	1,000.00	1,083.60	1,083.60	4,500.00	
Constable	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Fire Warden	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Health Officer	738.26	300.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	
Animal Control Officer	682.50	90.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200.00	-	-	1,500.00	
FICA	10,579.74	10,134.17	10,592.03	10,592.03	10,592.03	10,592.03	10,592.03	10,592.03	10,000.00	11,942.98	11,942.98	12,000.00	
Appraisal	14,190.00	12,922.50	15,637.50	15,637.50	15,637.50	15,637.50	15,637.50	15,637.50	16,000.00	4,065.00	4,065.00	12,000.00	
Reappraisal	1,980.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Zoning Administrator	15,277.66	9,692.05	8,309.27	8,309.27	8,309.27	8,309.27	8,309.27	8,309.27	12,000.00	7,107.46	7,107.46	10,000.00	
DRB Board Members	1,120.00	480.00	420.00	420.00	420.00	420.00	420.00	420.00	500.00	150.00	150.00	500.00	
DRB Clerical	-	240.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	500.00	
DRB Recording Secretary	600.50	494.50	561.00	561.00	561.00	561.00	561.00	561.00	500.00	210.38	210.38	500.00	
Planning Comm. Bd Members	1,440.00	1,390.00	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,540.00	720.00	720.00	1,540.00	
Planning Comm. Clerical	-	-	13.48	13.48	13.48	13.48	13.48	13.48	200.00	-	-	200.00	
ANAC Clerical	140.38	378.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	400.00	-	-	-	
Total Payroll	148,708.90	142,908.84	143,916.31	143,916.31	143,916.31	143,916.31	143,916.31	143,916.31	155,140.00	126,017.61	126,017.61	154,465.00	

Town Office	Account	Actual FY - 2017			Actual FY - 2018			Actual FY - 2019			Budget FY - 2020		Budget FY - 2021	
	Copier Rental	3,903.84	3,125.33	2,241.11	3,500.00	2,260.29	2,400.00							
	Office & General Supplies	4,731.76	3,482.87	3,421.32	3,600.00	2,634.16	3,500.00							
	Postage	3,108.04	3,176.73	2,570.07	3,000.00	2,963.26	3,000.00							
	Equipment/Furniture	27.54	29.99	400.00	700.00	131.96	700.00							
	Computer Equip & Software	383.99	215.00	4,825.00	5,000.00	480.00	6,500.00							
	Computer Contract Service	2,628.55	2,922.19	2,788.62	9,600.00	11,587.21	11,600.00							
	Conferences & Training	760.00	380.00	240.00	700.00	45.00	700.00							
	Mileage Reimbursement	225.80	106.40	122.80	500.00	66.70	300.00							
	Telephone	1,975.96	2,056.08	2,024.06	2,100.00	2,058.35	2,500.00							
	Heat	1,755.88	3,452.30	2,965.84	2,750.00	1,513.93	2,500.00							
	Electricity	1,269.50	1,354.65	1,373.48	1,500.00	1,568.20	2,500.00							
	DMV-AOT Fees	76.00	-	-	-	-	-							
	Service/Finance Charges	84.64	-	-	-	-	-							
	Total Town Office	20,931.50	20,301.54	22,972.30	32,950.00	25,309.06	36,200.00							

General Expenditures	Account	Actual FY - 2017			Actual FY - 2018			Actual FY - 2019			Budget FY - 2020		Budget FY - 2021	
	Sheriff Dept.	15,068.10	11,156.75	27,279.33	25,000.00	28,779.66	29,000.00							
	Insurance - Workmens Comp	16,725.00	14,728.62	14,653.00	16,000.00	14,657.00	16,000.00							
	Insurance - Prop & Liab	8,453.00	3,497.00	1,214.00	6,000.00	4,747.00	6,000.00							
	Appraisal	560.24	595.71	576.57	600.00	571.35	600.00							
	Reappraisal	44.80	-	-	-	-	-							
	PVR Education Expense	270.00	270.00	145.00	300.00	-	300.00							
	Printing /Advertising	5,757.50	6,831.82	5,734.08	6,500.00	6,336.32	6,500.00							
	Property Maint & Upgrade	1,576.06	220.98	8,302.40	6,000.00	308.49	500.00							
	Consultant Fees, Audit	3,000.00	3,150.00	3,674.43	3,800.00	8,650.00	4,000.00							
	Association Dues & Fees	3,332.00	3,622.00	5,241.00	5,200.00	5,220.00	5,225.00							
	Legal Fees	2,969.55	285.00	767.50	6,000.00	6,351.55	6,000.00							
	BCA-Elections Expense	1,812.75	2,948.37	952.83	3,500.00	1,412.60	1,000.00							
	Property Tax Appeal Settled	6,514.41	-	416.27	-	-	-							
	Recycling Expenses	6,023.04	6,092.50	8,314.00	11,000.00	14,076.64	15,000.00							
	Animal Expense	2,520.13	2,526.51	2,693.53	2,800.00	2,014.19	2,500.00							
	Restoration of Records	3,000.93	2,728.73	2,590.00	2,500.00	-	-							
	State fees - Marriage Licenses	500.00	850.00	550.00	700.00	600.00	700.00							
	Park and Ride Expense	324.30	311.88	295.36	330.00	312.22	330.00							
	New Municipal Building Comm Expense	458.98	2,041.67	20,124.68	10,000.00	(8,414.06)	-							
	Cemetery Maintenance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00							
	County Taxes	8,346.84	9,340.04	10,555.70	10,600.00	12,610.43	13,139.55							
	Tax Maps	1,670.00	1,770.00	1,770.00	1,800.00	4,770.00	4,770.00							
	Tax Sales	-	-	480.63	-	-	-							
	Debt Principal Pmts: Genl Fund LTD	15,600.00	15,600.00	15,600.00	15,600.00	15,600.00	100,600.00							
	Interest Expense	1,594.61	1,280.08	958.52	639.60	1,677.24	13,000.00							
	Miscellaneous (Includes ANAC G&A)	84.62	-	55.08	-	-	-							
	Total General Expenditures	110,206.86	93,847.66	136,943.91	139,869.60	124,280.63	230,164.55							

DRB	Account	Actual FY - 2017			Actual FY - 2018			Actual FY - 2019			Budget FY - 2020		(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021	
	Supplies & Postage	21.03	408.22	212.33	212.33	35.00	200.00	35.00	200.00	300.00	35.00	200.00		
	Advertising	385.57	656.20	333.25	333.25	197.64	500.00	197.64	500.00	700.00	197.64	500.00		
	Office, Computer Equip & Software	-	1,826.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Conferences & Training	415.00	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	-	100.00		
	Mileage Reimbursement	34.04	10.08	-	-	-	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	-	50.00		
	Legal Fees	-	-	151.00	151.00	-	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	-	500.00		
	Total DRB	855.64	2,900.75	696.58	696.58	232.64	1,650.00	232.64	1,300.00	1,650.00	232.64	1,300.00		

Planning Commission	Account	Actual FY - 2017			Actual FY - 2018			Actual FY - 2019			Budget FY - 2020		(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021	
	Supplies & Postage	70.08	1,165.90	258.54	258.54	263.86	600.00	263.86	600.00	600.00	263.86	600.00		
	Printing	-	60.74	144.36	144.36	356.31	100.00	356.31	200.00	100.00	356.31	200.00		
	Advertising	868.00	806.00	213.13	213.13	465.00	800.00	465.00	800.00	800.00	465.00	800.00		
	Mileage Reimbursement	134.16	232.40	74.40	74.40	51.18	300.00	51.18	300.00	300.00	51.18	300.00		
	Consultants	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00		
	MPG Expenses	-	9,715.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Assigned Reserve Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Add City Reg'l Ping Comm. Assess.	2,517.81	-	-	-	2,745.60	2,808.00	2,745.60	2,808.00	2,808.00	2,745.60	2,808.00		
	Legal Fees	589.00	2,609.46	2,687.07	2,687.07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Total Planning Commission	4,179.05	14,589.50	3,377.50	3,377.50	3,881.95	5,608.00	3,881.95	5,700.00	5,608.00	3,881.95	5,700.00		

Conservation Commission	Account	Actual FY - 2017			Actual FY - 2018			Actual FY - 2019			Budget FY - 2020		(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021	
	AVCC Fees	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	100.00	-	-		
	Conferences	-	-	-	-	-	200.00	-	-	200.00	-	100.00		
	Conservation Activities	-	-	-	-	-	200.00	-	-	200.00	-	100.00		
	Total Conservation Commission	-	-	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	500.00	-	200.00		

Energy Committee	Account	Actual FY - 2017			Actual FY - 2018			Actual FY - 2019			Budget FY - 2020		(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021	
	Supplies & Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00		
	Mileage Reimbursement	-	-	69.36	69.36	-	-	80.00	-	-	-	80.00		
	Misc. Expenditures	-	-	80.00	80.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00		
	Total Energy Committee	-	-	149.36	149.36	-	-	-	-	-	-	230.00		
	Total General Government	284,881.95	274,548.29	308,055.96	308,055.96	279,721.89	335,417.60	279,721.89	428,259.55	335,417.60	279,721.89	428,259.55		

Appropriations	Account	Actual FY - 2017		Actual FY - 2018		Actual FY - 2019		Budget FY - 2020		(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021	
	Addison City Community Action (HOPE)	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
	Addison City Court Diversion	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
	Counseling Service of Addison Cty, Inc.	1,500.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Addison City Home Health & Hospice	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00
	Homeward Bound	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
	Addison City Parent/Child	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Addison City Transit Resources	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00
	Bristol Family Center	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
	Bristol Recreation Dept.	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Bristol Rescue Squad	4,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
	AgeWell	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
	Elderly Services	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
	Rural Fire Protection Program	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Green Up Vermont	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
	Hospice Volunteer Service	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
	John D. Graham Emergency Shelter	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Lewis Creek Association	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
	Monkton Mentors Program	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Open Door Clinic	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Otter Creek Natural Resources CD	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00
	Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	400.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00
	UWAC - Addison City Readers	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
	Vergennes Rescue Squad	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
	Vermont Adult Learning	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
	Vermont Center for Indep Living	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00
	Women Safe	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
	American Red Cross	-	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	500.00
	Hinesburg Food Shelf	-	-	-	-	-	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Monkton Volunteer Fire Dept	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
	Monkton Museum - Hist Soc	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Total Appropriations	59,989.00	61,399.00	61,399.00	72,899.00	72,899.00	83,399.00	83,399.00	83,399.00	87,849.00	87,849.00
	Total G.F. Expenditures	344,870.95	335,947.29	335,947.29	380,954.96	380,954.96	419,116.60	419,116.60	363,120.89	516,108.55	516,108.55
	Total General Fund Expenses(over) under										
	Revenue - Budget										
	Total General Fund Expenses (over) under										
	Revenue - Actual	3,855.72	13,655.01	13,655.01	7,281.67	7,281.67	29,016.67	29,016.67	29,016.67	59,024.33	59,024.33
	January 1, 2020 Unassigned Fund Balance										
	Committed Fund Balance - Stabilization Fund 1										
	Assigned Fund Balance - Planning & Zoning										
	January 1, 2019 Total Fund Balance										
	December 31, 2020 Unassigned General Fund Balance:										
	Committed Fund Balance - Stabilization Fund										
	Assigned Fund Balance - Planning & Zoning										
	Total Fund Balance										

NOTES: 1 As of January 1, 2020, the balance in this account was reduced from \$60,000 to \$30,000 as reflected in Article 6 of the Warning and approved at the February 29, 2020 Town Meeting.

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

HIGHWAY

Revenues	Account	Actual FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2018	Actual FY - 2019	Revised		(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021
					Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2020	
	HWY State Aid	146,253.30	146,176.26	147,485.65	151,205.00	191,194.71	151,205.00
	Highway Grants	86,682.81	29,457.91	38,560.28	183,031.20	14,500.15	403,231.20
	Property Taxes (Incl.LTD&Article7Proj)	627,715.96	503,928.21	674,291.18	713,519.95	713,520.01	706,314.22
	Overweight Permits	890.00	1,090.00	1,365.00	1,000.00	1,295.00	1,300.00
	911 Signs	220.00	100.00	100.00	200.00	-	200.00
	Sale of Equipment	-	3,000.00	500.00	-	-	-
	Misc Revenue	11,855.00	2,681.40	43.35	-	410.94	-
Total Revenues		873,617.07	686,433.78	862,345.46	1,048,956.15	920,920.81	1,262,250.42
Highway Expenses		Actual FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2018	Actual FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020		(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021
	Regular employees	128,663.62	153,674.42	211,776.99	225,280.60	206,497.55	211,000.00
	Part-time Employees	44,480.25	44,264.88	12,960.00	-	4,000.00	4,000.00
	FICA	13,245.47	15,142.29	16,799.99	18,022.45	12,580.98	16,141.50
	VMERS DB - Employer	7,137.18	8,500.78	12,036.60	13,516.84	12,115.46	12,500.00
	Health Insurance	50,605.18	53,856.40	57,835.32	50,900.00	45,310.47	43,455.00
	Dental Insurance	2,313.31	2,518.66	2,756.42	2,500.00	2,804.30	2,900.00
	Short Term Disability Insurance	200.20	203.32	185.64	400.00	163.20	200.00
	Insurance - Unemployment	414.00	664.00	222.00	400.00	328.00	400.00
	Life Insurance	54.68	62.40	56.80	100.00	48.00	100.00
Total Payroll		247,113.89	278,887.15	314,629.76	311,119.89	279,847.96	290,696.50
Garage Expenses		Actual FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2018	Actual FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020		(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021
	Equipment/Tools/Supplies	11,287.41	8,834.65	10,800.96	12,000.00	15,043.99	15,000.00
	Telephone	1,604.37	1,656.53	1,765.69	1,800.00	2,061.14	2,100.00
	Heat	2,988.28	4,091.09	4,395.04	5,000.00	3,125.95	5,200.00
	Electricity	1,642.67	1,816.13	2,223.04	2,200.00	2,762.09	2,600.00
	Trash Removal/Dumpsters	1,794.81	2,009.04	2,465.55	2,400.00	2,403.64	2,500.00
	Capital Equipment Expense	-	21,332.27	6,523.58	8,000.00	15,316.58	14,000.00
	Property Maint & Upgrade	3,063.79	7,703.79	20,620.50	7,000.00	17,072.62	15,000.00
Total Garage Expenses		22,381.33	47,443.50	48,794.36	38,400.00	57,786.01	56,400.00

General Highway Expenses	Actual FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2018	Actual FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2020	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021
Insurance - Prop & Liab	11,330.00	11,071.00	11,973.00	12,000.00	12,518.00	13,000.00
Grease & Oil	2,000.05	2,829.01	4,095.69	5,000.00	2,901.86	5,500.00
Equipment Fuel	33,386.55	44,642.26	34,545.41	42,000.00	29,447.92	44,000.00
Repairs, Parts, Blades	36,536.86	32,224.00	62,792.72	45,000.00	56,192.05	-
Parts	-	-	-	-	-	20,000.00
Tires	-	-	14,886.61	-	8,439.47	10,000.00
Equipment Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	45,000.00
Blades	-	-	-	-	-	8,000.00
Oxygen & Acetylene	356.87	370.81	451.78	500.00	932.80	1,500.00
Interest Expense	4,126.85	5,264.46	3,908.33	2,139.06	2,215.84	4,374.00
LTD Principal Pmts-Trucks	67,902.88	67,464.25	68,522.65	70,848.00	75,106.15	100,059.15
Misc. Expenditures	7,962.48	4,176.25	8,146.94	5,000.00	1,375.92	2,000.00
Total General Highway Expenses	163,602.54	168,042.04	209,323.13	182,487.06	189,130.01	253,433.15
Road Maintenance	Actual FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2018	Actual FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2020	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021
Rental Equipment	2,700.00	1,900.00	1,390.57	4,000.00	1,265.00	4,000.00
Gravel Stockpile	76,440.17	64,711.93	78,109.00	86,520.00	86,462.86	14,000.00
Salt	37,317.42	46,445.31	59,393.17	55,000.00	42,683.89	60,000.00
Winter Sand	18,509.74	27,790.69	34,827.31	35,100.00	35,835.12	38,000.00
Summer Chloride	25,988.00	20,799.00	17,041.76	20,000.00	31,234.42	30,000.00
Hot Mix	161,306.05	99,803.02	108,453.92	15,000.00	-	115,500.00
Cold Patch	323.75	430.50	1,172.75	1,000.00	1,052.26	1,500.00
Culverts	18,981.36	34,242.42	55,581.25	20,000.00	6,639.10	10,000.00
Signs, Painting	1,890.63	3,746.63	13,860.80	4,000.00	2,780.88	4,500.00
911 Signs	165.04	149.52	82.20	200.00	105.75	200.00
Highway Upgrade/Paving	14,172.00	19,531.90	2,495.45	20,000.00	1,630.00	10,000.00
Contract Services	-	-	-	197,000.00	193,359.11	220,000.00
Erosion Stone	-	-	-	-	-	3,500.00
Gravel - Road Upgrade	-	-	-	-	-	82,500.00
Total Road Maintenance	357,794.16	319,550.92	372,408.18	457,820.00	403,048.39	593,700.00
Total Highway Expenses	790,891.92	813,923.61	945,155.43	989,826.95	929,812.37	1,194,229.65
Highway Expenses (over)/under Budget - Budget						68,020.77
Highway Exp (over)/under Rev - Actual	82,725.15	(127,489.83)	(82,809.97)	59,129.20	(8,891.56)	
January 1, 2020 Balance					(59,129.27)	
December 31, 2020 Balance					(68,020.83)	

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Recreation Committee Revenue Account	Actual FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2018	Actual FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2020	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021
Property Tax	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	7,500.00
Activities Fees	4,590.00	5,040.00	3,285.00	3,500.00	785.00	2,500.00
Transfer In	-	-	-	-	3,343.53	-
Donations	10.00	-	185.00	-	300.00	-
Facilities Rental	350.00	175.00	450.00	300.00	650.00	300.00
Interest Income	1.67	1.87	1.99	-	3.19	-
Total Recreation Comm. Revenue	9,451.67	9,716.87	8,421.99	9,800.00	11,081.72	10,300.00
Recreation Committee Expense						
Activities Fees	540.00	460.00	480.00	500.00	-	500.00
Uniforms, Supplies/Equip	1,303.89	1,518.23	1,465.94	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Electricity	347.00	461.56	484.41	500.00	250.97	500.00
Facilities Maintenance	5,490.00	6,298.45	6,723.11	7,300.00	6,249.66	7,800.00
Total Recreation Comm. Expense	7,680.89	8,738.24	9,153.46	9,800.00	6,500.63	10,300.00
Recreation Committee Expenses (over)/under Revenue	1,770.78	978.63	(731.47)	-	4,581.09	-
January 1, 2020 Balance					19,008.37	
December 31, 2020 Balance					23,589.46	

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON
Russell Memorial Library Operating Fund

Account	Actual FY - 2017	Actual FY - 2018	Actual FY - 2019	Budget FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2020	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2021
RML Revenue						
Grant Income	-	-	450.00	-	-	-
Property Tax	23,650.00	30,800.00	21,683.47	31,948.00	31,948.00	35,096.51
Donations	135.00	120.00	140.00	-	35.00	-
Interest Income	0.28	-	0.58	-	1.06	-
Transfers In/Out	-	-	(10,000.00)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	225.00	-	-	-	-	-
Strawberry Festival	2,595.50	2,884.32	102.80	620.00	36.50	620.00
Total RML Revenue	26,605.78	33,804.32	12,376.85	32,568.00	32,020.56	35,716.51
RML Expenses						
Payroll - Librarian	6,504.30	11,154.00	10,918.25	12,319.00	11,447.14	13,200.00
Payroll - Assistant Librarian	3,520.98	4,826.80	6,286.61	5,736.00	4,438.82	6,986.25
Payroll - Clerical Asst	489.14	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll - Other Staff	4,615.65	2,512.63	1,714.79	3,712.00	1,448.65	3,710.00
FICA	1,157.46	1,414.73	1,447.39	1,448.00	1,326.08	1,553.26
Books - Young Adult	-	-	-	650.00	-	-
Books - All Other	2,048.73	2,145.37	2,449.56	1,150.00	2,086.34	2,500.00
General Office Supplies	241.03	437.01	270.01	300.00	150.27	300.00
Postage & Delivery	9.40	40.83	105.00	110.00	55.00	110.00
Computer Equipment & Software	-	-	-	750.00	619.99	750.00
Computer Expenses	90.00	-	215.00	250.00	90.00	250.00
Conferences & Training	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00
Mileage Reimbursements	73.60	8.00	-	-	96.95	100.00
Telephone Expenses	558.34	586.25	586.68	620.00	624.75	620.00
Electric & Heat	1,088.71	1,248.81	1,289.82	1,400.00	1,308.36	1,400.00
Insurance - WC & P&C	150.00	209.38	271.00	220.00	283.00	280.00
Janitorial Services	215.00	115.00	130.00	225.00	-	225.00
Board Authorized Gifts	40.00	100.00	-	-	-	-
Dues & Subscriptions	1,241.20	1,040.72	1,367.20	1,368.00	1,216.16	1,622.00
Maintenance - Bldg	3,039.33	5,938.00	-	200.00	-	200.00
Maintenance - Grounds	600.00	800.00	-	800.00	600.00	600.00
Programs	182.36	264.94	248.71	400.00	282.52	400.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	379.62	195.72	228.04	190.00	-	190.00
Strawberry Festival Expenses	100.00	409.78	102.80	620.00	-	620.00
Total RML Expense	26,344.85	33,447.97	27,630.86	32,568.00	26,074.03	35,716.51
RML Expenses (over)/under Revenue	260.93	356.35	(15,254.01)	-	5,946.53	-
January 1, 2020 Balance					20,622.08	
December 31, 2020 Balance					26,568.61	

Town of Monkton
Capital Assets
12/31/2020

Town Real Estate:

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date in Service</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Value*</u>
Morse Park (47.1 acres)	Land	1996	90,000.00	169,600.00
Ridge Road/Bean (5 acres)	Land	2006	95,000.00	NA
Barnum Cemetery	Land	NA	NA	NA
Grange Cemetery	Land	NA	NA	NA
Layn (Smith) Cemetery	Land	NA	NA	NA
Boro Cemetery	Land	NA	NA	NA
Old Town Dump (1 acre)	Land	NA	NA	NA
Swamp Lots Lime Kiln Rd (2 acres)	Land	NA	NA	NA
Pond Brook Mgt Area Parcel (8.3 acres)	Land	NA	NA	10,200.00
Pond Brook Mgt Area Parcel (58.3 acres)	Land	NA	NA	66,700.00
Pond Brook Mgt Area Parcel (1 acre)	Land	1995	NA	4,200.00
Pond Brook Mgt Area Parcel (4 acres)	Land	2008	NA	14,000.00
Nature Conservancy (71.9 acres)	Land	2014	14,924.00	NA
Nature Conservancy (10 acres)	Land	2014	2,076.00	NA
Martin (Tatro) Land (134 acres)	Land	2004	77,700.00	NA
Pond Road Pavilion Access	Land Improvemnt	2012	7,612.00	NA
Monkton Ridge Road Box Culvert	Infrastructure	2012	121,817.00	NA
Morse Park Pavilion	Infrastructure	2018	31,394.54	29,510.87
Hollow Rd Rec. Field	Infrastructure	1986	NA	NA
Recycling Utility Building	Infrastructure	NA	NA	2,575.00
Wildlife Crossing Culvert	Infrastructure	2016	300,586.66	NA
Park 'n Ride	Infrastructure	2016	19,112.51	NA
Various Culvert Projects	Infrastructure	2019	47,581.25	NA
Various Culvert Projects	Infrastructure	2020	193,359.11	NA
Garage	Building & impr.	1987	152,650.00	319,739.00
Salt Shed	Building & impr.	1987	24,850.00	NA
Fire Station - Building	Building & impr.	1972	25,000.00	265,000.00
Fire Station - Addition	Building & impr.	2003	275,000.00	see above
Town Hall	Building & impr.	1859/1961	46,137.85	65,000.00
Russell Memorial Library	Building & impr.	1970	32,777.05	51,300.00
Fire Station - Addition	Building & impr.	2017	138,351.28	see above
New Town Hall	CIP	2021	723,177.60	NA

Town of Monkton
Capital Assets
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Equipment:

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date in Service</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Value*</u>
1994 John Deere 410D backhoe	Equipment	1994	83,413.00	-
1995 Case 5240A Tractor	Equipment	2000	35,000.00	-
2005 John Deere 772D Grader	Equipment	2005	187,000.00	-
2005 Diamond Roadside Mower	Equipment	2005	24,590.00	-
2013 Mack Dump Truck	Equipment	2012	189,030.00	75,612.00
2013 Side Rotary Attachment	Equipment	2013	9,900.00	4,620.00
2013 John Deer 524K Bucket Loader	Equipment	2014	88,844.00	47,383.47
2014 John Deere 75G Excavator	Equipment	2015	89,060.00	53,436.00
2015 2242 Recycler	Equipment	2015	6,614.00	3,968.40
2016 Ford F550 Dump Truck	Equipment	2016	85,635.00	57,090.00
2016 Dump Body for 2003 Truck	Equipment	2016	31,900.00	21,266.67
2018 WS Dump Truck	Equipment	2017	203,193.00	149,008.20
Grader Roller Attachment	Equipment	2018	6,900.00	5,520.00
Trailer for Summer Chloride	Equipment	2018	14,432.27	11,545.82
2020 Mack Truck GR64F	Equipment	2019	198,759.00	185,508.40
Highway Dept Furnaces	Equipment	2019	6,921.04	5,998.23
Town Hall Furnace	Equipment	2019	6,248.18	5,415.09
Bale Chopper	Equipment	2020	7,700.00	7,186.67
York Rake	Equipment	2020	7,616.58	7,108.81

* Estimated Value is either most recent appraised value or for equipment, book value per town financial statements.

Note: The Town generally capitalizes all equipment that was purchased for \$5,000 or more. All land and land improvements maintained on this listing are per the Town Grand List.

2021 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN										
	Year Purchased	Life Cycle (Years)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
1994 John Deere Backhoe/Ldr	1994	21								
1995 Case Tractor	2000	21	X							
2005 John Deere Road Grader	2005	15								
2005 Diamond Roadside Mower	2005	12	X							
2013 Mack Dump Truck	2012	10		X						
2013 John Deere Bucket Loader	2014	15								
2014 John Deere Excavator	2015	10					X			
2016 Ford Dump Truck	2015	8			X					
2018 Western Star Dump Truck	2017	10							X	
2020 Mack Dump Truck	2020	10								


2021 LONG TERM DEBT										
	Existing Annual Long Term Debt Expense/Payoff Schedule									
	Balance Due	Annual Amount	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
2014 John Deere Excavator	13,484	13,484	13,484							
2016 Ford Dump Truck	14,327	14,327	14,327							
2020 Mack Dump Truck	76,765	15,353	15,353	15,353	15,353	15,353	15,353			
2016 Fire Department Addition	15,600	15,600	15,600							
2021 New Community Center	1,700,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	
TOTALS	1,820,176	143,764	143,764	100,353	100,353	100,353	100,353	85,000	85,000	

2021 TOTAL MUNICIPAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES & 2 YEAR COMPARISON

2021 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY				2020 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY			
ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL MONIES TO BE VOTED	TOTAL 2021 EXPENSE	ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL 2020 Budgeted EXPENSE
Operating Budget To Be Voted				Operating Budget Voter Approved			
4	General Fund Deficit	59,024.33		N/A	General Fund Deficit	59,016.89	
4	Salary & General Expenses	428,259.55		6	Salary & General Expenses	335,717.60	
4	Recreation Committee Fund	7,500.00		6	Recreation Committee Fund	6,000.00	
4	Agri-Natural Areas Conservation Fund	15,000.00		6	Agri-Natural Areas Conservation Fund	15,000.00	
4	Highway Capital Equipment Fund	30,000.00		6	Highway Capital Equipment Fund	30,000.00	
5	Highway Fund Deficit	68,020.77		N/A	Highway Fund Deficit	59,129.27	
5	Highway Expenses	1,194,229.65		6	Highway Expenses (revised)	989,826.94	
Total Operating Budget			1,802,034.30	Total Operating Budget			1,494,690.50
Appropriations To Town & Outside Agencies To Be Voted				Appropriations To Town & Outside Agencies Voter Approved			
4	Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	60,000.00		6	Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	55,000.00	
4	Russell Memorial Library	35,096.51		6	Russell Memorial Library	31,948.00	
4	Monkton Museum & Historical Society	1,000.00		6	Monkton Museum & Historical Society	1,000.00	
3	Social Agencies	26,849.00		5	Social Agencies	27,399.00	
Total Appropriations			122,945.51	Total Appropriations			115,347.00
Special Funds (To Be Voted) & Capital Expense (Prev. Approved)				Special Funds & Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved			
				6	Tax Stabilization Fund (use of)	(30,000.00)	
Total Special Funds and Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved			-	Total Special Funds and Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved			(30,000.00)
Capital Expense To Be Voted				Capital Expense Voter Approved			
6	Tractor with attached Roadside Mower	118,000.00					
Total Capital Expense (To Be Voted)			118,000.00	Total Capital Expense (Voter Approved)			-
Capital Expense, Long Term Debt Existing				Capital Expense, Long Term Debt Existing			
Capital Budget				Capital Budget			
	2014 JD Excavator - Note Due	13,484.00			2014 JD Excavator - Note Due	13,188.00	
	2016 Ford F550 Dump Truck - Note Due	14,327.00			2016 Ford F550 Dump Truck - Note Due	14,327.00	
	2016 Fire Dept Building Addition-Note Due	15,600.00			2016 Fire Dept Building Addition-Note Due	15,600.00	
	2018 Wstrn Star Dump Truck - Note Due	0.00			2018 Wstrn Star Dump Truck - Note Due	43,333.00	
	2020 Mack Dump Truck - Note Due	15,353.00					
	2020 VMBB Bond - Annual Principal Payment	85,000.00					
Total Capital Expense (LTD) is included in General and HWY budgets at top.				Total Capital Expense (LTD) is included in General and HWY budgets at top.			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			2,042,979.81	TOTAL EXPENDITURES			1,580,037.50

2017 - 2020 Delinquent Tax Report

		2017	2018	2019	2020	2017- 2020
Parcel ID		Delinquent Tax Due *	Delinquent Tax Due *	Delinquent Tax Due *	Delinquent Tax Due *	Delinquent Tax Due *
		by Parcel ID				
1	01.207.009-004			**	1,155.73	2,584.87
2	01.228.001-000				**	3,550.85
3	03.206.016-000					158.40
4	03.206.021-000			**	3,124.15	3,269.18
5	03.206.023-000				1,407.59	1,442.99
6	03.206.023-009					**
7	03.206.023-012					**
8	03.218.001-000					1,378.84
9	04.102.017-000		2,330.48	2,460.59	1,404.59	622.10
10	04.102.029.000		1,037.65	1,223.16	1,252.56	6,195.66
11	04.102.032-200			540.23	553.21	3,513.37
12	04.102.039.000				2,345.01	1,093.44
13	04.102.052-000				1,333.30	2,345.01
14	04.102.056-000				257.71	1,333.30
15	04.102.062-000			462.76	473.89	257.71
16	04.102.064-000				866.23	936.65
17	04.102.54A-000				561.57	866.23
18	04.111.048-003				**	561.57
19	04.221.003-000	707.78	735.63	776.70	3,308.84	3,308.84
20	04.221.005-000				**	3,015.49
21	04.222.003-000		2,065.95	2,181.30	2,233.73	11.49
22	04.226.032-000	2,685.81	3,283.91	3,856.28	3,961.70	6,480.98
23	05.103.017-008				**	13,787.70
24	05.224.012-220				56.34	56.34
25	05.224.014-001			4,482.88	1,626.24	1,626.24
26	06.104.008-000				**	9,073.52
27	07.101.172-000				3022.83	3,022.83
28	07.101.208-004				**	91.85
29	07.226.025-401				**	2,901.24
30	08.103.044-000				**	2,901.24
31	08.103.045-002			5,959.15	1555.88	1,555.88
32	08.103.050-001				**	12,169.22
33	08.103.060-000		2,188.85	2,382.79	2274.94	230.41
34	08.105.004-000				**	6,846.58
35	08.231.005-000				**	29.27
36	08.235.006-001				**	8.31
37	09.206.106-008				3,420.31	3,420.31
38	13.101.095-000				5,505.00	5,505.00
39	13.215.12C-000				**	197.32
40	13.216.029-000			**	1,790.66	1,790.66
41	14.101.138-000			**	3,469.51	2,462.46
42	14.101.140-000					5,931.97
43	14.224.024-000					2,890.96
						3,672.53
						31.32
						31.32
Total Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/20, by year:		\$ 3,393.59	\$ 11,642.47	\$ 33,482.82	\$ 75,084.90	\$ 123,603.78


William C. Joos
Delinquent Tax Collector

Note * Amounts listed are base taxes only; interest and penalty also apply.
** Indicates parcels for which partial payment(s) has been received.

TOWN OF MONKTON, VERMONT
POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES AND
FOR COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines so that all taxpayers will be treated fairly in the payment of property taxes and will know the process for the collection of delinquent taxes.

1. Payments to the Town of Monkton can be made at any time in person at Town Hall, via the drop box at Town Hall, or via mail. There are several deadlines described in this document regarding payments. To meet these deadlines you must either be present at Town Hall, your payments must be in the drop box or, if paying by mail, the envelope must be postmarked by the deadline. **There are no grace periods allowed for late payment.**
2. Property taxes are payable to the Town Treasurer on or before the due date posted on the tax bills unless otherwise noticed. Taxes paid by mail must be postmarked by the due date on the tax bill; otherwise they will be deemed delinquent and subject to all applicable penalties. The Town of Monkton is not responsible for mailed tax payments not received.
3. Once the due date has passed, the Town Treasurer will give the Delinquent Tax Collector a list of all delinquent property taxes.
4. After the list of all delinquent property taxes is received, the Delinquent Tax Collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer, itemizing the amount due; including tax, interest and penalty. The Delinquent Tax Collector may also send additional notices to delinquent taxpayers from time to time.
5. Payments, or portion thereof, received after the due date are subject to the following interest and penalties. Late payments paid in full within fifteen (15) days of the due date are subject to a 1% interest charge. Payments received more than fifteen (15) days late are subject to a **penalty of 8%** and interest charges of 1% per month for the first three (3) months and 1½% per month thereafter.
6. Payments will be applied first to outstanding interest, and the remainder will be divided proportionately between the principal amount of the tax, penalty, and any other costs or expenses including attorney's fee (if applicable).
7. If a delinquent taxpayer has not made arrangements for satisfactory monthly payments to the Delinquent Tax Collector on or before six (6) months after the due date, the Delinquent Tax Collector will take those steps required under Vermont law to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due as is necessary to pay the property tax, interest, penalty, and all legal costs (including attorney's fees and legal notices).
8. The Delinquent Tax Collector may, at their discretion, take those steps under Vermont law to schedule a tax sale at any time when taxes are delinquent. In exercising this discretion, the Delinquent Tax Collector may take into account, among any other factors, the following considerations: the amount of taxes that are delinquent; the taxpayer's history of delinquency

in previous years; whether or not the property has been the subject of tax sales in previous years while owned by the same taxpayer; whether or not a delay may impair the town's ability to collect in full taxes owed; whether or not delay may require the town to borrow additional funds in anticipation of taxes. Typically property will not be included in a tax sale, until at least \$500.00 in total delinquencies has accrued.

9. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or, if in the judgment of the Delinquent Tax Collector, proceeding with the tax sale is inadvisable, the Delinquent Tax Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all of the means permitted by law.
10. Each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A. 1535 and to request that a portion only of the property be sold at tax sale upon meeting the conditions listed in 32 V.S.A. 5254. Adopted by the Board of Selectmen

	Date
<u>Stephen Pilcher</u> /s/	1/28/2019
<u>Anne Layn</u> /s/	1/28/2019
<u>John McNerney</u> /s/	1/28/2019
<u>Marikate Kelley</u> /s/	1/28/2019
<u>William Martin</u> /s/	1/28/2019

Note well:

At its Special Meeting held on August 31, 2020, the Monkton Selectboard voted to suspend for 2020 only the late payment penalty of 8%, as detailed in item 5 above. All other terms of the policy remain unchanged.

2020 LISTER REPORT

2020 was a challenging year for your listers. The pandemic has made site visits problematic and inside visits prohibited. We are seeing sale values averaging 25-30 % over our appraisal values. Our common level of appraisal (CLA) for 2021 is a respectable 93.09 % but we anticipate a dramatic drop for 2022, putting the Town in the range requiring a new reappraisal. We are also seeing a sharp increase in home renovations which are impossible for us to track. Subdivisions have increased. There are over 30 permitted parcels in Town. While 2020 saw a similar number of new houses permitted as in recent years, seven. Activity has increased and we anticipate more in 2021.

We have a new tax mapping service and anticipate online availability of lister cards and redacted tax bills in 2021. We also hope to have public computer access to records in the new Town Hall.

The listers are grateful to property owners for their cooperation. Please let us know of any problems, questions, or changes to your property. Notify us of any changes of address so all communications will get to you directly. We hope to be able to schedule a visit to your property later in the year. The goal is to have all properties valued at their fair market value. You may contact us at the Town Hall at 453-4515 or e-mail at monktonlist@comcast.net . Our regular business hours are Wednesdays 8-11 AM or by appointment.

Your Monkton Board of Listers:

Bernie Wisnoiowski

John Howard

Sam Burr

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

During 2020, the Zoning Office was fairly busy processing permits, working with applicants, and assisting the Development Review Board.

Surprisingly, in 2020 the town experienced an increase in permitting during the COVID-19 pandemic. This can be contributed to an increase in new construction, home sales, and property refinancing. The Zoning Office was able to adapt to the unusual circumstances and provide timely service.

The Zoning Administrator will continue to work with the Development Review Board to ensure the processing of requests is smooth and timely.

Below is the year in review of zoning activities in the Town of Monkton.

	2020
Applications	
New Residential	10
Accessory Building (shed/garage/porch)	21
Addition	6
Other	43
TOTAL	80

Respectfully Submitted,

Kris Perlee
Zoning Administrator

Monkton Planning Commission

The Planning Commission (MPC) meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Its work includes updating the Town Plan and the Unified Planning Document (UPD), which contains Monkton's zoning and subdivision regulations to manage growth, and completing projects that help the Town effectively serve its citizens.

The biggest change in 2020 was the conversion to all virtual meetings and hearings via Zoom. Virtual meetings allow us to continue our work, while keeping Commission members and the public safe during the pandemic. Our agendas include the Zoom code if you would like to join us.

The Town voted to adopt the Town Plan in March of 2020. We requested a review of the Town Plan for Regional Approval and received Regional Approval in July from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. Regional Approval gives Monkton additional standing when we apply for municipal planning grants and other State grants.

We are collaborating with the Monkton Conservation Commission; we asked them to develop language for the Town Plan and UPD to address the requirements of the State of Vermont Act 171 on Forest Fragmentation. We appreciate their collaboration and good work on the Values Mapping Project.

Kate McCarthy, Sustainable Communities Program Director, Vermont Smart Growth, joined us in August to discuss Planned Unit Development (PUD), its use as a zoning tool, and what they can and cannot do for the Town. She showed us the complexity of using PUDs well as a zoning tool, which resulted in the need for our further examination of how to best use PUDs before we present changes on this section of the UPD to the Town. Look for these in 2021.

This year we developed a new section in the UPD to comply with the Enhanced Energy Plan, which was a new component of the Town Plan. This section addresses Private or Public Utility Power Generating Facilities, and provides guidance and requirements regarding community standards for solar and wind power generating installations. The addition of this section allows Monkton to address some issues these facilities raise. Per the Development Review Board's (DRB) request, the section on Seasonal Camps was revised to add the requirements for converting to year-round use. Also the requirement was made to include a digital copy of materials submitted to the DRB.

A public hearing was held on October 20th. Directly following the hearing, the UPD was passed by the Commission and sent to the Select Board. Following the Select Board's review and subsequent public hearing, the earliest UPD will be voted on for adoption is in 2021. We thank everyone who participated in the hearing; your contributions are critical. Town residents are partners in the planning and zoning process.

During 2020, a new member joined the Planning Commission; Gary Strait join the board in May. Gary has lived in Monkton since October of 2017. Gary brings experience in business to the Commission. Welcome to the Commission, Gary!

Please look for our upcoming posted-activities and announcements on our webpages on the Town website where you can also view: *Agendas*, *Minutes* and *Project Reports*. You are welcome to contact members with questions and comments.

Respectfully Submitted by The Monkton Planning Commission:

Marilyn Cargill, Co-Chair, Peter Close, Gayle Grim, Clerk, Wendy Sue Harper, Co-Chair, Ivor Hughes, Lee Mahony, and Gary Strait



Monkton Volunteer Fire Department

3747 States Prison Hollow Road
Bristol, Vermont 05443
Annual Report 2021

During 2020, your volunteer fire department responded to 45 emergency alarms. Calls included fire emergencies, automobile accidents, carbon monoxide detector activations, powerlines down and medical assists. As is always, we appreciate the assistance we receive throughout the year from Monkton First Response, Monkton Road Department, the Bristol Rescue Squad, the Vergennes Area Rescue Squad as well as our mutual aid partners.

As was true with many community/volunteer-based town organizations, the COVID 19 pandemic presented some significant challenges to the fire department. Twice this year in order to address member safety we suspended our monthly meetings and drills while continuing to respond to various emergency calls. On a positive note, we were happy to celebrate "drive by" birthdays for a number of community members. In December Santa hitched a ride on our department trucks and drove by most homes in Monkton spreading holiday cheer.

The pandemic understandably resulted in the cancellation of our annual "Mud Bog" held each September. This event is our biggest fundraiser that annually contributes approximately 20% of the department income. Knowing this likely would happen, department membership took steps early in the year to reduce expenses. While we were successful in making a number of reductions in some categories, we also had some significant unexpected (but required) expenses with one of our older vehicles requiring extensive repairs and the purchase of new/compliant "turn out gear" for three newer members.

Maintaining adequate membership in our fire department is a major challenge. Recruiting new members is vital to the sustainability of the MVFD. We are fortunate to have a core group of members available to respond to most calls. We were happy to welcome Christian Placey and Dan Reinhart to the department this past year. We continue to look for new members and have a place for everyone. Please call me (355-3570) or contact any member with questions about the department.

The following is a list of current department leadership:

Chief	Curtis Layn	Captain Rick Gomez	Lieutenant Jeremy Steele
1 st Asst Chief	Robert Howard	Captain Buzz Kuhns	Lieutenant Max Murray
2 nd Asst Chief	Matt DuPont		

We are a dedicated group of 20. Some members, thankfully, can offer extra effort and respond to more emergencies, in part because they work in Monkton during the day. The department votes annually to recognize those who go above and beyond. I am pleased to acknowledge Max Murray as the department *Outstanding Firefighter of the Year*. Matt DuPont again earned the department's *Training Award* for recording the most training hours last year. Our *Most Active Members* in 2020 were Matt DuPont and Bob Howard. Others who responded often included Rick Gomez, Matt Dupont, Max Murray, Chris Kruckel and Buzz Kuhns.

We thank our families, neighbors, the Town Select board, the rescue squads (most notably Monkton First Response), law enforcement agencies, and our all-important mutual aid partner-fire departments for their continuing support.

We appreciate your continuing support and encouragement. Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2021!

Curtis Layn, Chief, Monkton Volunteer Fire Department

MVFD 2021 Town Meeting Budget Submission

	<u>2020 Income</u>
Town to Operating Budget	\$45,000.00
Town to Truck Fund	\$10,000.00
USPS/Station Rental	\$3,400.00
Donations	\$755.00
Fundraising	\$0
Total	<u>\$59,155.00</u>

	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Actuals 12/31/2020</u>	<u>2021 Proposed Budget</u>
Awards	\$75.00	\$261.58	\$100.00
Building Repair and Maintenance	\$500.00	\$1,196.00	\$500.00
Cleaning and Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$913.04	\$1,500.00
Dispatch Services	\$2,000.00	\$1,888.31	\$1,600.00
Dues, Training and Meetings	\$3,000.00	\$1,966.37	\$2,000.00
Electric Service	\$3,000.00	\$2,927.56	\$3,500.00
Equipment Repair	\$4,000.00	\$780.86	\$2,000.00
Equipment Supplies	\$2,600.00	\$981.70	\$2,600.00
FEMA Requirements	\$3,000.00	\$700.00	\$1,500.00
Heating Fuel	\$6,000.00	\$4,838.39	\$6,000.00
Insurance	\$9,500.00	\$9,373.00	\$9,500.00
Monkton First Response	\$4,000.00	\$1,224.00	\$4,000.00
New Equipment and Gear	\$6,500.00	\$9,983.83	\$6,500.00
Office Supplies and Postage	\$200.00	\$37.09	\$250.00
Radios and Supplies	\$3,600.00	\$919.50	\$5,000.00
Telephone/Internet Service	\$500.00	\$1,108.17	\$1,500.00
Truck Repair and Maintenance	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$7,222.60</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
Operating Budget	<u>\$51,975.00</u>	<u>\$46,322.00</u>	<u>\$54,050.00</u>

Balances December 31, 2020

Checking	\$64,939.78
Money Market	\$11,241.76
Truck Fund	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
	<u>\$96,181.54</u>

MVFD is Requesting \$50,000 for Operating Budget and \$10,000 for truck fund Total = \$60,000

Monkton Volunteer Fire Department Vehicles

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>
Engine #1	Pumper	Freightliner	Heavy Truck	Medium Conventional	1999
Engine #2	Mini-Pumper	GMC	Heavy Truck	TOPKICK	1992
Tanker	Water Supply	Freightliner	Heavy Truck	M2	2006
Utility #1	Fire/Accident Support	GMC	Heavy Rescue	S8500	1994
Brush #1	Brush Fire/Towing	Ford	Pick up	F250	2002
Rescue Boat	Water Rescue	Zodiac	Inflatable Boat	Mark II	2010
Boat Trailer	Tow Rescue Boat	Karavan		1250-46	2010



Jane & Charlie Huizenga

E 911

The year of 2020 was a fairly busy one compared to recent prior years. Six new houses were built and received 911 numbers, along with one barn. Also, six vacant lots were assigned numbers. Three new roads received names: Cardinal Lane, Twin Maple Road and Charlotte's Way.

You should pick up your number and get it posted at your residence or business as soon as possible, if you do not have one yet. The state recommends that E 911 numbers be available at the Town Clerk's office or they can be ordered for a small fee. Having a number assigned to every home, business, school, etc. for E-911 is an important tool to enable fire, rescue, law enforcement and others to locate you in a time of need.

Numbers should be posted where they can easily be seen by emergency personnel from the road. If your residence or business is close to the road, it could be attached to your building, near the main entrance. If you have a long driveway, the number could be attached to your mailbox post or at the end of your drive so it can be seen from both directions of the roadway.

These signs should also be reflective so they are easily seen at night.

A map showing details of where to put your signs follows this report.

But this only works if you use them!

It is well worth the nominal fee when there is an emergency!

Please! Display the 911 number assigned to your building!

Help emergency personnel and yourself.

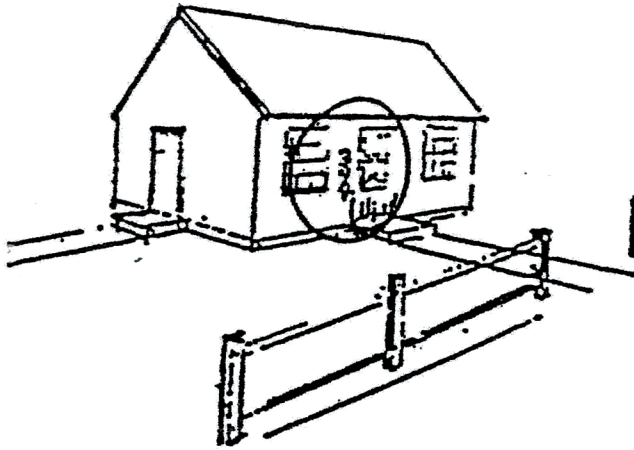
If they can't find you, they can't help you!

Display your 911 numbers!

911 Coordinator
Town of Monkton

Where to Affix Street Numbers

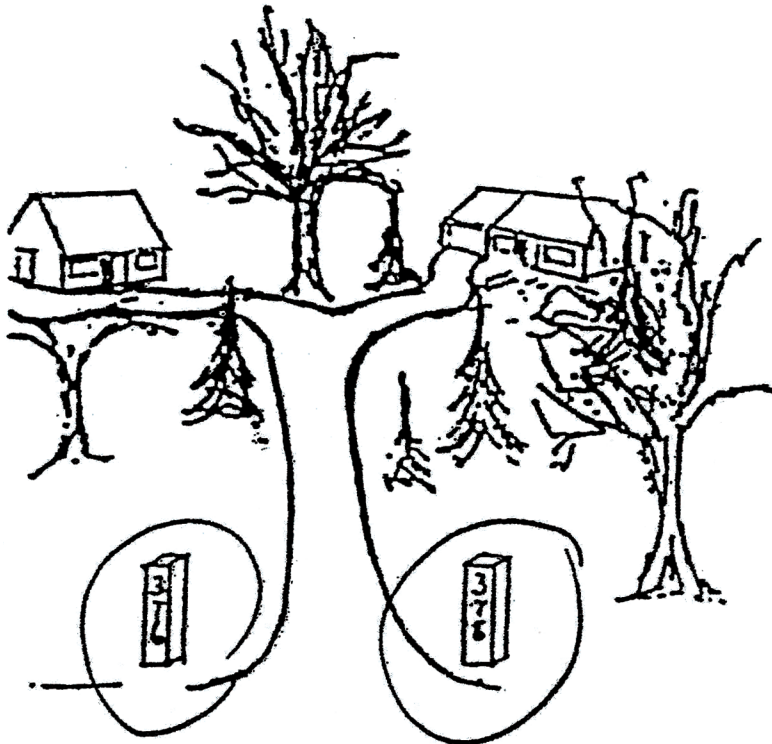
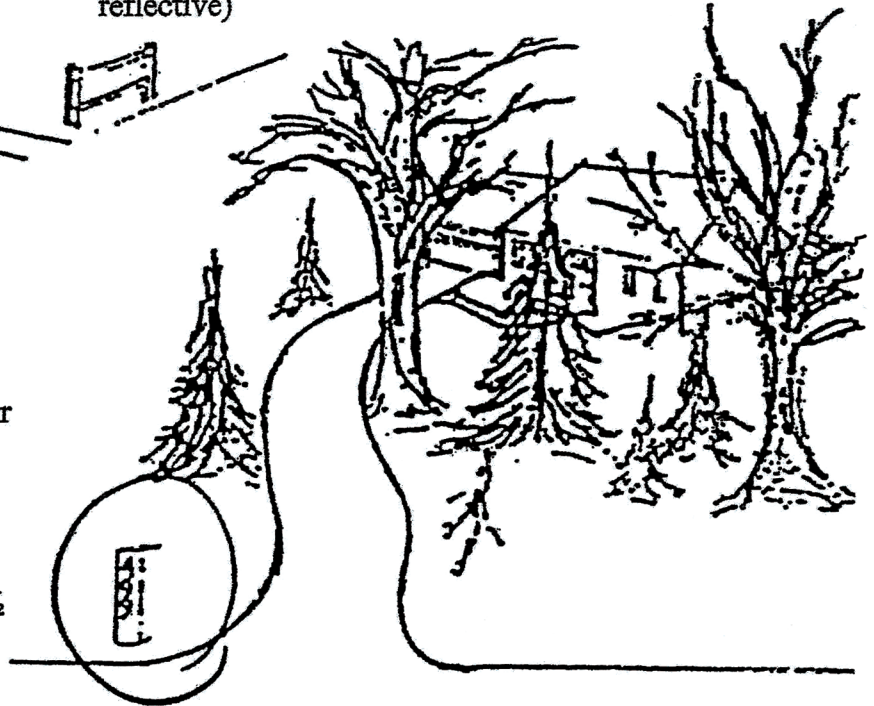
Residence on Street



Numbers on Main Entrance
(Min. 3" high x 2 ½ wide reflective)

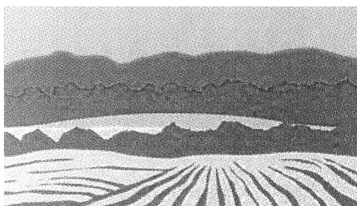
Residence on Back Lot or not visible from street.

Number on solid post or mail box at end of driveway. (Min. 3" high x 2 ½ wide reflective.)



More than one residence on Back Lot or Not Visible from Street.

All numbers on end of driveway on solid post or mailbox. Each structure has number at main entrance visible from driveway.
(Min 2" high x 2 ½ wide reflective)



Monkton Energy Committee

The Monkton Energy Committee is first and foremost still actively seeking new community members to join us! We have three openings available; join a committee meeting to learn more.

This year was challenging, as it was for many, due to the pandemic. Many committee meetings were held via Zoom meeting, and the committee will continue to meet that way until the pandemic ends.

With the Enhanced Energy Plan complete for now, the committee turned its focus to several other projects. The primary project is developing the details of a Monkton Energy Fund, what monies would seed/build the fund, and ideas on what an Energy Fund could be used for. The Town voted in the 2019 Town Meeting to have the Selectboard consider the viability of such a fund.

Energy Funds of other towns, such as Weybridge, provide assistance to residents for weatherization projects. The Monkton Energy Committee has also been considering support of projects such as a rooftop solar array for the new Monkton Community Center, and the placement of an EV charging station there also.

While other municipalities use taxes to supply their Energy Fund, the Monkton Energy Committee recognizes that increased tax burdens, especially in this pandemic, are not desired. Instead, the committee has been looking into grants, state and federal funds, and other sources of income for the projects the fund could help support.

In 2020 the Monkton Energy Committee also

- Continued support of the Monkton Wood Bank
- Promoted weatherization initiatives like ButtonUp Vermont (<https://buttonupvermont.org>)
- Contributed to language in the Unified Planning Document based on the Enhanced Energy Plan

The Monkton Energy Committee also recommends, in support of the State initiatives to reduce carbon footprint and contributions to climate change, that the Town work to reduce, then eliminate the use of fossil fuels in town buildings.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Boltz-Robinson, Chair



**Remember to register your dog!
On or Before April 1st**

All we need is a copy of your dogs valid rabies certificate

208 Dogs Licensed in Year 2020

Jan. – April 1

Spayed / Neutered	\$10.00
Un-Neutered	\$13.00

Information for Special Licenses for Kennels
Available at the Town Clerks Office

After April 1

Spayed / Neutered	\$12.00
Un-Neutered	\$15.00

For dog problems contact:
Animal control Officer:
at 802-503-7350

Due to COVID 19
There will **NOT** be a
RABIES CLINIC

Please be sure to get your dogs vaccinated with your Vet.
To register your dog(s) you can mail in your information and payment.

A Dog Park for Monkton

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” –Margaret Mead

The Monkton Community Dog Park is Open! Here’s how it happened;

We kicked off our fund-raising campaign with the first issue of the MCDP newsletter on August 19, 2020. By early November we raised enough money to purchase fencing and materials and with the donated labor from our Blue Ribbon sponsor, Red School House Contracting, we were able to forge ahead.

We gratefully thank our **Ribbon Sponsors**, who made it possible to build the park this fall:



Red Schoolhouse Contracting, LLC

VT Buildings and General Services Recreational Facilities Grant

AmeriVets Veterinary Partners

Bristol Animal Hospital and Hinesburg Animal Hospital

Greentree Real Estate

Our **Construction Sponsors** include the in-kind donation of the mesh fence from Deerbusters, and an early contribution from a committee member. They are joined by these supportive members of our community:

- * VT Barks & Recreation--Canine Camp
- * Vergennes Animal Hospital

- * Clark Physical Therapy and Bodywork, PLC
- * Goliathtech LLC

Our **Fence Section Sponsors** covered the remaining costs of materials:

- * Paws at Home Mobile Vet
- * Lantman’s Market
- * Brennan, Punderson, & Donahue PLLC
- * Cathie Buscaglia and Bob Radler
- * Betsy Brown
- * Callie Brynn
- * Adam Miller
- * Jere Urban and Robin Shalline
- * Andrea Wolack



Red School House Contracting: Building the Fence

Courtesy of **Aubuchon Hardware** and the building skills of **Monkton Troop 525** there are now two park benches to sit on (socially distanced for now) to visit with neighbors while the pups play.

You can’t have a dog park without a waste station (bags, waste container, and disposal), and **Pet Food Warehouse** came through with the donation of a full waste station for the park. An anonymous donor made it possible for the **Monkton Community Dog Park** to buy a bag dispenser for the Morse Park walking path, and **Casella Waste Management** donated a full-

size tote and disposal services for the park! We are all very grateful for this material support and on-going service from this generous group of contributors.

We have been overwhelmed by the widespread support of members of the Monkton community. Through checks and our PayPal and GoFundMe links, local generosity has showered this project with support and good wishes. In return, we would like to thank our **Committee Members*** and local **Supporters**:

Corine Farewell*
Ian Schulze*
Cameron Barrows
Gayle Chellis
Laura Farrell

Chris Henry
Ivor Hughes
Diana Hill
Phoebe Kittredge
Emily McManamy

Patricia and Mike New
Kesta Osborne
Nicole Reilly

We are so grateful that **Monkton Community Coffeehouse** agreed to be our fiscal sponsor. As a registered non-profit corporation, they receive all cash contributions for us, allowing us to provide a charitable tax deduction for any of our donors who can use such a deduction, and more importantly, they made it possible to apply for funding through the Vermont Buildings and General Services Recreational Facilities grant program. That \$2,000 grant was what we needed to order the fencing and embark on construction. We thank Jonathon Corcoran (President) and Steve Pilcher (Treasurer) for all the hard work it took to register the Monkton Community Dog Park as a dba for the Coffeehouse, and to set up the banking connections to allow us to receive cash contributions and pay for our expenses. This on-going support is such a gift!

We are also so grateful for the enduring gift of Morse Park to the community of Monkton, and to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for the protection of this treasured town resource.

Construction was completed on November 19, and on November 21, we officially opened the dog park in accordance with the restrictions from Governor Scott. The entrance is posted with a sign highlighting the Governor's mandate for "Masks on faces, Six foot spaces, and Uncrowded places". We appreciate users' compliance with this important public health action. We have not publicized the opening of the park widely, in order to keep the area from being overrun with excited patrons. In the early summer (conditions permitting) we will have a grand opening where we will thank our sponsors and celebrate everyone who helped make this dream come true.

Finally, it takes a dedicated group of people with diverse talents and great determination to make a community-wide project happen. The Monkton Community Dog Park Committee has pulled together a group of dog lovers, many of whom had never met each other before, and through their dedication to an idea, of a resource to build relationships within our community based on a shared need to have somewhere safe to go with our pups, the Monkton Community Dog Park was born. We were so lucky to have just the talents and resources we needed within our group to pull this off in record time. A big THANK YOU from everyone on the committee, to everyone else on the committee!

Cathie Buscaglia
Ian Schulze
Deb Gaynor

Callie Brynn
Corine Farewell
Lizzy and Nora Woolf

Linda Reynolds
Paul Low (auxiliary)

Signs

Our permanent beautiful MCDP logo (thank you Linda Reynolds) and rules signs are in place. Additional signage recognizing our sponsors will be in place for our grand opening.

MONKTON COMMUNITY DOG PARK WELCOME!

Please read and understand all dog park rules before using the dog park.

- Dogs must be licensed, vaccinated and healthy
- Dogs must be kept in sight and under voice control at all times
- Limit: 2 dogs per adult
- Minimize excessive barking
- Dogs in heat and dogs under the age of 12 weeks are prohibited
- Pick up your dog's waste and dispose of it properly
- Dogs that display aggression toward people/dogs must be removed immediately
- Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult
- Keep your dog from jumping on other dogs or people
- Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by them
- No glass, food, alcohol, or smoking - all other Morse Park rules apply

Hours of Operation: The Park will be open from dawn to dusk.

In an emergency, please call 911.

Questions or concerns? - Contact dogpark@monktonvt.com

The Monkton Dog Park Committee and/or Town of Monkton will not be liable for any injury or damage caused by any dog or person in the park. Users of the park do so at their own risk. All dogs and their owners must comply with the Town of Monkton Animal Control Ordinance.

Archaeology

We would also like to send our thanks to the Vermont Department of Historical Preservation. While restricted from field work for most of the summer, due to the pandemic, the State Archaeologist Jess Robinson and the Archaeology Volunteer Coordinator (a Monkton resident, and our Assistant Town Treasurer Kathy Nolan) pulled together a team to extend the previous site investigation to include the areas where cement footers would be poured to support construction of the fence. They brought their tools, skills, and the most beautiful fall weather anyone can remember for 2 ½ days of careful digging and sieving. While they only found a few small pieces (pre-conquest rock artifacts and Colonial pottery shards), the work was key to building the park this fall. We are grateful to everyone who came and worked, and who shared their joyful pleasure in the search for evidence of our early history.



Fundraising Continues

One of the realities of owning dogs is cleaning up after them, and one of the delights of a dog park is the poop bag dispenser and waste can RIGHT THERE! so the clean-up job is easy and doesn't go home with you. But those bags have to be purchased, and this will be a significant and on-going expense. Come summer, we will all want the beautiful grassy field to stay beautiful and grassy, and this involves mowing and trimming along the fenceline. Again, this is a significant expense. Our goal is to never have to burden the Monkton taxpayer with any costs related to the dog park, so we will continue to look to our supporters for funding for these on-going expenses.

- 🐾 You can now use Amazon Smile to support the Dog Park. If the pandemic has you shopping on Amazon, you can select the Monkton Community Coffeehouse as a charitable recipient, and 0.5% of the purchase price (for all qualifying purchases) will be donated directly to the MCDP bank account. All you have to do is go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-4429225> to start your shopping! It's easy to do, and your purchases will not cost you anything extra.
- 🐾 We are providing an opportunity for dog-lovers to memorialize a beloved pet's life with a small engraved plaque which will be displayed in the memorial area (under construction) of the park. For \$25, your pet's name and information can be engraved on a dog tag, and your dog can play on in memory at the park.
- 🐾 When public health conditions permit, we hope to sponsor events at the dog park which will raise money through small attendance fees and donations.
- 🐾 Please visit our page on the Monkton Town website to keep up with our Park news (<http://monktonvt.com/community/monkton-community-dog-park/>), and to make a donation through PayPal, or you can visit our GoFundMe page to make a donation (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/monkton-community-dog-park>).



Snap a picture of the QR Code to make a donation through the MCDP GoFundMe page.

It is our goal to make this an inclusive and transparent process and anyone interested in joining the workgroup or sharing ideas is welcome.

The Dog Park Committee meets monthly via Zoom (for now). To join the committee, attend a meeting, or request additional information please contact us at dogpark@monktonvt.com

Everyone deserves to get out and play-- even our four-legged friends. We look forward to seeing you at the Dog Park! Respectfully Submitted – Cathie Buscaglia, MCDP Chair

VSNIP Spay / Neuter 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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VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society has held a "DRIVE UP & POKE! RABIES CLINIC" for several years now. This type of clinic allows us to maintain a safe distance from people while vaccinating dogs and cats. All people stay in cars, masks are required. Pre-registration is encouraged. If you would like the paperwork we've developed to share with whomever usually does rabies clinics in your area, we'd be happy to share. Thanks! Sue Skaskiw, VVSA Director/ VSNIP Administrator: 802-672-5302.

YOU MAY WANT TO SHARE THIS IFO RE THE RABIES CLINICS.

TRACTOR SUPPLY STORES: RABIES CLINICS FOR CATS & DOGS. CALL AHEAD TO BE SURE INFO IS CURRENT!

VERMONT

Bennington: 300 Depot St. 05201 802-440-9937	TIME: 5:00 – 7:30	12.3.20 / 1.28.21 / 2.25.21 / 3.25. 21 / 4.22.21
Middlebury: 476 Foote St 05753 802-382-9292	TIME: 9:30 – 11:00	12.5.20 / 1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 / 3.27.21
Montpelier: 352 River St 05602 802-223-2246	TIME: 4:00 – 5:30	12.6.20 / 1.3.21 / 1.31.21 / 2.28.21 / 3.28.21
Morrisville: 88 Center Rd 05661 802-888-2010	TIME: 1:00 -2:30	12.6.20 / 1.3.21 / 1.31.21 / 2.28.21 / 3.28.21
Newport: 124 Commerce Way 05855 802-334-2944	TIME: 9:30 – 11:00	12.6.20 / 1.3.21 / 1.31.20 / 2.28.21/ 3.28.21
No. Clarendon: 1177 US RTE 7 So. 05759 747-4759	TIME: 1:00 – 3:00	12.3.20 / 1.28.21 / 2.25.21 / 3.25.21 / 4.22.21
St. Albans: 2636 Highgate Rd 05478 802-524-0705	TIME: 4:00 – 5:30	12.5.20 / 1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 / 3.27.21
Shelburne: 3708 Shelburne Rd 05482 802-985-4092	TIME: 1:00 – 2:30	12.6.20 / 1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 / 3.27.21

Monkton Recreation Committee -2020 Report

Committee members: Adam Crary, Ed Cook, Tim Hunt, Paul Low, John Zaikowski (Chair)

Monkton Recreation Volunteer committee meeting schedule:

When: 1st Monday of each month

What Time: 7pm

Where: Temporarily all meetings are by Zoom due to State COVID-19 rules. Zoom info available upon request.

All Meetings are open to the public.

Monkton Recreation Committee coordinates and/or sponsors the following community youth teams:

Mt. Abe Little league baseball and softball

Soccer

Basketball

Addison United Soccer

Lacrosse (when available)

Property maintenance coordinated by Monkton Recreation:

Recreation walking path at Morse Park

Morse Park Parking lot

Pavilions at Morse Park and the Recreation fields

Volleyball, Soccer and Lacrosse at Morse Park

Baseball and soccer field at the Recreation Field on Hollow Road

Lower playing field adjacent to the Elementary school

Contact Paul Low @ 425-2742 to reserve a pavilion for family/community gatherings or events.

Fees are: \$75.00 for residents and \$100.00 for non-Monkton residents.

The Recreation Committee is very proud of the community volunteers that helped make our children and adult programs successful this past year given the health restrictions. Youth sports in the 5-towns is strong and Monkton's teams show great sportsmanship and talent on the fields and courts, with much gratitude to the volunteer coaches/managers and parents. A few highlights from our teams: 2020 saw Ed Cook/Tim Hunt's boys basketball team finish runner up in 5-6 basketball. Little League Majors baseball was able to play ball in the summer when restrictions lifted, and Adam Crary/Tim Hunt's team finished runner up in the inaugural Curler Cup league tournament in Bristol. Kylee Coffey's 5-6 girls soccer team took the 5-town championship under the lights in Bristol this fall. Morse Park was able to provide fields for Addison United soccer to play and give opportunity for competition and exercise for many area youths during the restrictions, and Chris Coffey was instrumental in coordinating this opportunity. Much gratitude to Kristen Blanchette for her dedication to baseball/softball programs for many years, and Terri Fitzgerald for the volleyball program, and so many other dedicated coaches, sponsors, and volunteers.

The latest addition to Morse Park includes the Monkton Community Dog Park. It has surpassed all expectations with frequent attendance and a resource for meeting community members and their furry companions. If you have a dog, give it try and enjoy a unique social opportunity.

Most importantly the Recreation Committee wishes to recognize Stephanie Murray for her 18 years of service in managing/promoting and fund raising for our community's recreation services. The establishment of Morse Park was a monumental task, and we can be thankful for Stephanie for her persistence in grant achievements to provide the town with this most valuable resource and a park that is indeed special. The Murray Pavilion in Morse Park was dedicated in her honor in 2020.

Monkton Recreation Committee is always in need of dedicated volunteers and committee members to help provide valuable learning experiences for our children and adults. Please join us at our monthly meetings for more information and consider coming out to support our youth teams during games. Take some time to explore our recreation facilities.

MORSE PARK and RECREATION FIELD REGULATIONS:

Activities Allowed:

X-country Skiing

Walking, running, snow shoeing

Bicycling, snowmobiling (sufficient snow only)

Ball Playing /Camping (by reservation and permitting)

Charcoal fires only

Activities not allowed:

Atv's, 4 wheel vehicles of any kind, and horses



Thanks Stephanie!



Monkton Girls 5/6 Team Champions!

Morse Park Regulations Walk Path & Ball Fields

Activities Allowed:

X-country Skiing
Walking, running, snow shoeing
Bicycling
Snowmobiling, if there is sufficient snow
Ball Playing
Camping, by permit only
Charcoal fires only

NOTE: If you are walking with a dog, all dogs must be on a leash!
Owners are also required to clean up dog waste.

Activities Not Allowed:

No ATV's
No 4-Wheel drive cars or trucks
No Horses



2020 Little League Team at the Finals

Recycling Center News 2020

Masks and traffic cones, social distancing and humor. These were some of the defining moments at the recycling center in 2020. The coronavirus pandemic and our state's response led to an initially restrictive access to the recycling center, only 4 cars at a time. We wore masks and stayed 6 feet or more away from each other. Neighbors called out friendly greetings from afar, and we shared news and disbelief and a relief to do something (recycling) that seemed normal. Week after week. I offer my thanks to everyone for supporting safe practices to reduce the spread of the virus.

And more **thanks are in order for the volunteers** that keep the recycling center running:

Girl Scout Troop 30474, Boy Scout Troop 525, Travis Guillemette, Deb Gaynor, Robin Hopps, Carroll Maxwell, Kristin Blanchette, Eric and Natalie Adams, Anna and Andrew Lester, Joan Holloway, Bill Joos, and Diana Butler

And special thanks to John McNerney for helping me with traffic cone layout and signage, and also to the Road Crew who plow and sand and brush hog the center. (Don't you want to be included in this list?! Please contact me to volunteer and get in on serving your community: jessica.demeritt@gmail.com)

Your donations of redeemable bottles raised money for:

Monkton Scouts, Mt Abe Travel Club, Mt Abe Fall Musical, Have-A-Heart Food Shelf
Thank you for your generosity.

The recycling center is located at 4047 State Prison Hollow Road. It's open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9AM-12PM. With the pandemic the hours were extended by one hour, 8AM-12PM to aid social distancing. Trash and food scraps are also collected by a hauler for a fee.

Please, don't be a wish-cycler. Learn what is accepted for recycling in our solid waste management district: addisoncountyrecycles.org

When in doubt, throw it out.

Have you considered the 5 r's of zero waste? Ask yourself, "Where will it go when I am done with it?" If the answer is into the trash, then kindly refuse it.

Refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle, rot

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Demeritt

Monkton Recycling Coordinator



Troop 525, February 2020

Russell Memorial Library Trustee's Report

The mission of the Russell Memorial Library is to promote positive growth in our community by providing free access to library materials, resources, and programs for personal enrichment, self-education, and leisure.

Well, 2020 has certainly made a lasting impression on all of us. After receiving a directive from Governor Scott this spring, the library closed its doors and initiated curbside pick-up for our patrons. The RML board is *very* grateful to our librarians who have worked hard to keep everyone informed and reading. We are lucky to have such experienced and passionate staff. A big thank you goes to Deb Chamberlin who is celebrating her 35th anniversary at RML in January of 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused the cancellation of our June Strawberry Festival. Instead, we put up story walks at Last Resort Farm, Full Belly Farm, and the Morse Park so patrons could still enjoy three great story books and local berries. Plans are going forward for the 2021 Strawberry Festival in June.

This year the RML will be celebrating **50 years** in Monkton, thanks to the generosity of the Russell family who provided the funds and land to build the library (which was dedicated on July 18, 1971). We are excited to watch the progress on the new library and town hall and look forward to moving into our new home. We will be recruiting help to move books, so look for volunteer opportunities this spring. We plan to move our existing furniture, shelving and books to the new space and then determine what we need to fill the space.

With the help of our librarian and several community members, RML trustee Theresa Schwegel wrote a handful of grants to help defray costs related to our future library. So far, we have secured state money for Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant door openers for the new building and a grant from the American Library Association to create an outdoor 'meeting and reading' area. Schwegel has also established a capital campaign to raise funds to help with indoor furniture purchases. There will be more opportunities (and more grant applications) to come this year. Your help is welcomed.

Our proposed FY 2021 budget seeks to increase our two librarians' hours by approximately 1 hour per week. With our move to a new building, estimating our heating and electrical costs is a challenge!

At this time, the library continues to have curbside pickup only. Please go to our website at: russelllibraryvt.wordpress.com to learn about our pickup hours and search our books and board games online. Check out our calendar for programs such as Friday Night Fiber Arts. If you haven't done so, we urge you to join the Homecard Program and learn how to access our digital audio and e-books. You can also check out passes for free or reduced entrance fees to parks and museums around the state. The library's phone number is 453-4471 if you prefer to speak with our staff in person.

Our Assistant Librarian, Kat Cyr, works hard at updating our website's blog and Facebook page with reading themes and recommendations, so give them a look!

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Low, Chair
Sandy May, Secretary
Ian Smiley, Treasurer

Theresa Schwegel
Ann Marie Dangler

Monkton Scouts BSA Troop 525

“It’s not can we do it, it’s how can we do it”, this was the message Vermont’s new Scout Executive Mark Saxton delivered to us in Spring of 2020. From there it became a year of getting back to basics.

For most of the year the boys stayed close to home. We welcomed in Jonesville’s Dr. Electricity in March for our community night. John Cohn has graced us in the past, and this visit was extra memorable. Turns out this was our last “normal” meeting of the year.

After a few months of getting used to the new normal, we finally ventured out of isolation with a day on the pond. Our annual boat build and race was a splashing success. It turned into a flotilla anchored in the middle. A day of splashing, fishing, and most importantly some social interaction. We even grilled supper out there.

August became the month of hiking. Our fearless Mt. Norris camp director, Clint Buxton, started the Vermont Scouts love affair with the Long Trail. Going end to end he met up with units from all over the Green Mountain State. My Parker family of scouts joined in for a night atop Mt. Ellen at Starks Nest. A few of the Troop boys joined me even closer to home, with an overnight “bushwhack” of the Hogbacks. From our campsite just above Prison hollow road all the way to downtown Bristol for Cubber’s in the park. A couple ground nests of bees got us through the 10 miles at a decent pace.

With the summer bugs easing up, the boys wanted to hit the water. We set off from the Vergennes falls with 4 canoes and 2 kayaks. Full of gear stuffed dry bags, loaned by helpful townfolk, we paddled against the wind to the mouth of Lake Champlain. The boys enjoyed the life on the Otter Creek. After learning the hard way that Lake Champlain is no place for a gear loaded canoe, especially in high winds, we settled in on a spit of land amongst some trees. Laughter, fresh bear steaks and of course S’mores around our campfire, made for a great end to summer.

October brought another milestone to Troop 525. Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scout, Travis Guillemette. His work in August, brought Teri Fitzgerald’s Little Free Pantry a permanent home. It is a great addition to our growing list of projects around town.

Seeing the writing on the wall. Fall brought us to the realization that we needed a space to meet when it gets cold. In true, a Scout is Thrifty fashion, we harvested a pile of canvass and poles that were stored in the old schoolhouse. From it emerged a 16’x32’ military tent, donated to the Pack, 15 or so years earlier. A trailer load of pallets and plywood for a floor, donated furniture and a woodstove, Monkton’s “Scout House” was born.

As always, this town never fails. A huge Thank You for your support. Your generosity turns into these adventures. Your bags of bottles in our nice new crate, Pop Corn purchases on the side of the road, and even buying your Christmas tree at our new “self-service” tree stand, all add up to a year of fun.

We are always looking for more. Boys and Girls, young and old, Scouting is available to you. Monkton is lucky to be home to 3 units. A young co-ed Pack, and 2 separate BSA Troops. The young men of Troop 525, and the pesky girls of Troop 802.

Yours in Scouting,

George Parker
Scoutmaster Troop 525



Travis Guillemette - Eagle Project Little Free Pantry



Annual Boat Build and Race on Monkton Pond



Bushwhacking the Hogback



Canoeing Down the Otter Creek

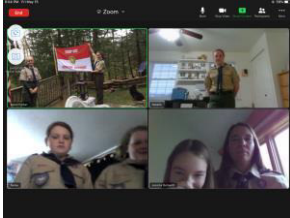


Dr. Electricity comes to town

BSA Troop 802

Scout On Through Covid-19 has been the theme for most of this past year for Troop 802, not wondering what we can do but rather how we can do it safely. We continue to serve female youth, ages 12-17, from Monkton and our surrounding communities.

The year started out with lots of winter fun, while in-person meetings were still allowed. The girls enjoyed winter survival activities at the council wide Klondike Derby, ice fishing on Monkton Pond, a snowshoe hike and winter campout where some of us built and slept in snow shelters.



Springtime introduced us to online meetings and adapting to a new kind of fun together. The girls had so many great ideas, online games played together, a Zoom campout, photo scavenger hunts and even a pet show. We also participated in a virtual camporee with scouts from all over the state, camping at home with shared experiences online.



In the summer we were able to meet up again in person, putting our Social Distancing Merit Badge skills into action. We enjoyed canoeing on the pond and a few local camp outs. Although we missed attending summer camp, we were able to meet up with the camp director for a short hike with him along his end to end Long Trail journey.

The girls learned many useful skills this year including swimming and boating safety, first aid, safe axe handling, and how to tackle tough situations involving bullying, drugs and alcohol. Some earned Merit Badges in the fields of Energy, Personal Management and Citizenship.

Since fall we have been meeting online again, with lots more game playing, doing science experiments together, and even a celebration of holiday traditions from around the world. We are currently honing in our navigation skills, preparing for another winter hike. We are looking forward to more canoeing around the state this summer and hoping for the opportunity to attend summer camp safely.

Thank you Monkton for all of the support you give this fun bunch.

Karen Parker
Scoutmaster T802

If you know of a young lady interested in Scouting please contact me at samdog@gmavt.net



MONKTON MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As everyone knows, 2020 was a difficult year on many levels. The Monkton Museum and Historical Society (MM&HS) began 2020 with its usual planning meetings developing our schedule of events for the year. Most of the meetings and events never took place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. On the last day of February, we did have our display at Town Meeting. The display highlighted two topics, maple sugaring in Monkton and progress on the Boro Schoolhouse project. We appreciate the wonderful sugaring photos donated by Mark Boyer, and John and Clark Kelliher. In addition, the before-and-after photographs of the Boro Schoolhouse provided a dramatic contrast showing progress covering site cleanup, building repairs, and painting of the building's south side. What a difference those improvements have made. More on the Boro Schoolhouse Project follows later in this report.

The Town Meeting Day vote to construct a new Town Hall left me and other members wondering about what the impact would be on MM&HS. The plans for the new building includes about the same space and maybe more for MM&HS. However, the space problem has continued, as our collection grows with a significant number of items and written records being stored in members' homes. That can only be thought of as short-term solution to the space problem MM&HS faces.

Our March meeting was canceled. April's annual reorganization meeting, with the election of officers, was replaced by email approval of a slate of members willing to serve as officers for 2020. I was reelected as President along with Caroline Aube as Treasurer. Kristen Farrell was elected Vice President, Stan Slonka as Secretary and Robin Hopps as a Trustee.

In May, a presentation on the Vermont 251 Club put off until later in the year and eventually canceled. Canceled as well was our annual Memorial Day observance.

The planned field trip in early July, to visit both the Bridport and Ferrisburgh Historical Societies, was put off until July of 2021. It remains to be seen if that will actually happen this year.

The expectation was that work on the Monkton Boro schoolhouse preservation project would be placed on hold until it was safe to continue work following the pandemic. However, Project Manager, Eric Bessette, continued the work by single-handedly painting the east side of the building. He felt it was best to work alone because of pandemic. He did a marvelous job! Words cannot express how much we appreciate the work Eric has done to move this project forward. Half of the exterior of the building has now been painted. At this point, we remain optimistic that progress can continue this year with painting of the north and west sides of the building. There was no financial activity related to the Boro Schoolhouse this year. The balance of the special account, dedicated for schoolhouse preservation, remains at \$2,271.36.

In August, our third and last in-person meeting of the year was held. It was held outside at Morse Park. We met under the Murray Pavilion using masks, gloves, and distancing. There was a lot of information to cover and we quickly moved through the agenda. It was a very productive meeting.

Our September meeting was the 2020 bright spot. Our annual Vermont Humanities Council (VHC) presentation was held using Zoom. It was a challenge, but extremely successful. New York Times bestselling author Michael Tougias' presented "Indian Wars of New England." about the conflicts between New England's Native Americans and colonists. We had more than the normal attendance. It was the best way to end a troubled year. Thank you to everyone who attended.

In many ways, we have felt the support from the community this year in words and actions. It inspires us in our quest to preserve Monkton's history and to stand with our fellow community organizations in making Monkton a great place to live. Thank you so much for your continuing support of our efforts!

To contact us anytime, our email address is: monktonmhs@gmail.com or leave a message at 482-2277.

Respectfully submitted by: Gill Coates, MM&HS President

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

14 Seminary Street Middlebury, VT 05753 www.acrpc.org Phone: 802.388.3141 Fax: 802.388.0038

Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2020

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2020 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning municipal government.
- Represented the Region in Act 250 and Section 248 hearings.
- Assisted municipalities in applying for Village Center Designation.
- Worked with Ferrisburgh and Shoreham on their 2020 municipal planning grants to create housing
- Continued work on the update of the Population and Housing section of the regional plan.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops, Zoning Administrators Roundtables and monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics, including water quality, housing and planning essentials.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County’s Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC 8) and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning and training.
- Hosted Local Emergency Management Plan training for town Emergency Managers and hosted a Tier II workshop for municipalities and businesses required to report hazardous chemicals.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted in development of a hazard mitigation plan for the Town of Lincoln, and completion of FEMA requirements and acceptance for the Town of Ripton.
- Assisted communities in completing Local Emergency Management Plans to maintain ERAF status.
- Provided COVID-19 updates and information to Town Officials and Emergency Managers
- Assisted in developing a Mutual Aid agreement for Public Works Departments

Energy Planning:

- Assisted a Bristol, Pantton New Haven and Shoreham in completing their enhanced energy plans and strengthening policies supporting renewable energy.
- Worked with five municipalities; Monkton, Pantton, Salisbury, Vergennes and Weybridge through the process of regional approval of their Enhanced Energy Plans.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.
- Hosted 4 roundtables of municipal energy committees and coordinators

Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee’s regional priorities and studies.
- Supported Tri-Valley Transit/ACTR by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce road erosion inventories for local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, structures, and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for sidewalk construction projects in Middlebury and Weybridge.
- Sponsored town transportation planning studies, and supported municipal capital budget development.
- Hosted regional Walk/bike council and began planning for a future Bike/Ped Summit in Middlebury.

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

Addison	Bridport	Bristol	Cornwall	Ferrisburgh	Goshen	Leicester
Lincoln	Middlebury	Monkton	New Haven	Orwell	Pantton	Ripton
Salisbury	Shoreham	Starksboro	Vergennes	Waltham	Weybridge	Whiting





ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

DISTRICT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 21 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Pantton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate appointed by each of the member municipalities. The Board regularly meets virtually (due to the ongoing pandemic) on the 3^d Thursday of the month at 7PM, and the Executive Board meets monthly 8 days prior to the Board meeting. All meetings are open to the public.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333

Fax: (802) 388-0271

Website: www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org

Transfer Station Hours: M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

HazWaste Center Hours: M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website. The office is closed to visitors due to the pandemic, but staff can be reached via phone, e-mail, text, and mail.

2020 Highlights

COVID-19. The year 2020 has been a difficult year, requiring the flexibility to adapt to the pandemic that disrupted all of the lives of our community residents and businesses. The District staff have been working diligently, despite the risk, toward maintaining the solid waste management and collection system during these challenging times. Deemed an “essential business” by the Dept. of Homeland Security, and state and local emergency declarations, the District has been following the guidance on how to protect our staff and customers while providing essential services. On March 30th – May 18th, the District Transfer Station was forced to limit residents to food scraps only. The *Reuse It or Lose It!* Centers were closed until further notice. Thankfully, the Transfer Station was able to continue servicing businesses and commercial haulers without interruption.

Waste Diversion. The VT Universal Recycling Law instituted a landfill ban of food scraps as of 7/1/2020. All generators had to begin diverting food scraps, either through backyard composting, through a commercial hauler, or at a waste facility. The District has been busy working with its residents, haulers, schools, institutions, and businesses to comply with the new mandate. As a result, the District has collected an average of 14,500 lbs. per week, a 200% increase since the ban took effect.

Recycling. The decline in market prices for most recyclables continued in 2020. The District has been able to absorb the recycling losses, estimated to reach \$35,000+ this year. However, the District's commitment to recycling remains steadfast. VT Act No. 69 mandates took effect on 7/1/2020. Single-use expanded polystyrene food service products are banned, along with single-use plastic carryout bags. Expanded polystyrene food service products are not allowed to be sold in VT. Plastic straws are available upon request only, and plastic stirrers are banned. A study committee was formed to further examine ways to manage packaging and printed materials.

Product Stewardship. The District has continued to be a strong advocate for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws as a method of controlling costs and keeping unwanted and banned items out of the landfill. EPR laws help distribute the cost of recycling and safe management of these products among industry, government, and consumers. The District continues to serve as a Collector under Vermont's EPR programs for electronics, mercury-containing lamps, primary cell batteries, and architectural paints.

Illegal Burning/Disposal. The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2020 to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. The District served again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, assisting the many area volunteers who organized collection of roadside litter, and providing bags and gloves. Green-up Day collection totals were lower this year, with an event delay and a drop in participation rates due to the pandemic. The District subsidized the disposal of 6.09 tons of roadside trash, 10.81 tons of tires, and various other abandoned items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$2,293.

2021 Annual Budget

The District adopted a 2021 Annual Budget of \$3,818,063, an 8.35% increase. The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$130/ton (\$8 minimum fee) for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will increase to \$125/ton. Residential food scraps will be \$1 per 5 gallons or less. Business Food Scraps will increase to \$15 per 32-gal unit and \$20 per 49-gal unit. Leaf & Yard Waste greater than 3 cu.yds. will increase to \$20. Rates on some other items will have nominal increases. The prices of green food scrap buckets, Soil Savers, kitchen collectors and blue recycling bins will also increase. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2021.**

To the Residents of Monkton,

Town Health Officers (THOs) are appointed by the Commissioner of Health at the recommendation of the Town Select Board. The Health Officer's main duty during the three-year term is to investigate and abate existing and potential public health hazards in their Town.

The Health Officer and the Select Board form the Local Board of Health. This Board is the entity that brings action against anyone creating a public health risk or hazard. However, it is the Health Officer who is required by Vermont State law to investigate all complaints. THOs have extensive authority to take emergency abatement steps, and may enforce any state health regulations and local health ordinances.

2020 case reports include:

- several animal-bite cases. All cases were resolved,
- investigated and mitigated a rat infestation in an abandoned home that affected a neighborhood,
- investigated a report of 40+ rats at a residence, but it was a one-time occurrence,
- investigated rental code violations, some of which are resolved while others are in process of being resolved.

I am pleased to serve Monkton as the Town Health Officer and welcome any questions you have. If you have a public health-related concern, please contact me at rhopps@monktonvt.com

If an issue is not within my purview, then I can direct you to the appropriate agency.

Have a healthy 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Hopps
Monkton Town Health Officer (THO)

Maple Broadband 2020 Annual Report

December 2, 2020

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

Our member towns include Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Waltham, and Weybridge. Our mission is to make locally-controlled, affordable, and reliable high-speed internet service available to every address in our member towns; and to ensure that all subscribers receive prompt, user-friendly customer service and tech support.

The official organizational meeting of Maple Broadband was held on September 3, 2020. During our first three months of existence, we focused on setting up the new organization and fundraising.

Our Governing Board has 16 representatives appointed by Selectboards of the member towns. We have an Executive Committee and established three temporary subcommittees to work on specific tasks. Meeting times, agendas and minutes are posted on our temporary website hosted by Addison County Regional Planning Commission <http://acrpc.org/programs-services/accud/>. We will be launching our permanent website in the coming days.

Between September and November 2020, we raised \$130,000 in grants to support the startup of the organization. The Vermont Community Foundation provided a total of \$30,000 in grants to support general operating expenses. The Vermont Department of Public Service awarded \$100,000 in CARES Act funds which allowed us to retain administrative and consulting services from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission, engage a website and marketing firm to help inform the community about our organization, and legal representation.

The year 2021 will be an important year for Maple Broadband. While it is difficult to predict with certainty what our network will look like by the end of 2021, in the coming months, we expect to be engaging an operating partner and implementing a business plan as we prepare to build our fiber network. If we experience favorable market conditions in the coming year, our first phase subscribers will have high-speed internet service in 2022.

Submitted by Maple Broadband Governing Board,

Executive Committee: Dan Sonneborn (Bristol), Magna Dodge (Cornwall), Steve Huffaker (Ferrisburgh), Billy Sneed (Ripton), Nancy Cornell (Starksboro)

Treasurer: Arabella Holzapfel (Ferrisburgh)

Governing Board: Paul Forlenza (Lincoln), Ross Conrad (Middlebury), Mark Boltz-Robinson (Monkton), Jim Walsh (New Haven), Dave Carpenter (Orwell), Howard Hall (Panton), Amey Ryan (Salisbury), Carl Siebecker (Shoreham), Andrew S. Martin (Waltham), Spencer Putnam (Weybridge), Brad Lawes (Leicester)

Maple Broadband Members

Bristol
Lincoln
Orwell
Starksboro

Cornwall
Middlebury
Ripton
Waltham

Ferrisburgh
Monkton
Salisbury
Weybridge

Leicester
New Haven
Shoreham
Panton

Maple Broadband FY 2021 Budget

Revenues	2020 Initial Estimates	2020 YTD Actuals as of 11/30/20	2020 Adopted Budget & Estimated EOY	2021 Proposed Budget
Capital				
Grants	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00
Unspent funds				
Subtotal Capital Revenue	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 2,400,000.00
Operational				
Grants & Contributions				
In-Kind	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$56,500
Donations - Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Unknown
Donations - Unrestricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Unknown
Grants - Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Grants - Foundation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants - State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00
Grants - Other				\$ 70,000.00
Investments				
Investment Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal Operational Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 216,500.00
Brought Forward from Previous Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 2,646,500.00

Expenses	2020 Initial Estimates	2020 YTD Actuals as of 11/30/20	2020 Adopted Budget & Estimated EOY	2021 Proposed Budget
Capital				
Debt Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pole assessment, Make-ready, construction				\$ 2,034,000.00
Subtotal Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,034,000.00
Operational				
Accounting/Bookkeeping/Admin	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Office 365 Licenses/MS Teams			\$ 11,300.00	\$ 11,300.00
Grant Station			\$ 699.00	\$ 699.00
Advertising & Marketing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,777.00	\$ 10,000.00
Dues, Fees & Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 2,160.00
In-Kind	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,500
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Legal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 10,000.00
Meeting/Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Development & Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 50,000.00
Rent & Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Website & Email	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,360	\$ 1,000
Case Management Software	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,500	
Supplemental Case Management Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,114	\$ 20,000
Subtotal Operational	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,310.00	\$ 194,659.00
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,310.00	\$ 2,228,659.00

Net Surplus/Deficit	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 19,690.00	\$ 417,841.00
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MARRIAGES FILED IN 2020

	<u>DATE OF MARRIAGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
THOMAS E. BURRITT PATRICIA A. GRAY	FEBRUARY 20, 2020	MONKTON, VT
KELLY M HOLST JESSIE BORDELEAU-LIBOIRON	MAY 2, 2020	MONKTON, VT
IAN D. BRENNAN NIKEITHA S. LOUISON	MAY 30, 2020	MONKTON, VT
KATHLEEN K. SCANLIN NIKHIL RAINA	JULY 6, 2020	MONKTON, VT
TARA L. MILLER NARIN PHANTHAKHOT	AUGUST 15, 2020	MONKTON, VT
AMELIA B. NORRIS BENJAMIN P. CAYER	SEPTEMBER 5, 2020	STARKSBORO, VT
AMANDA B. ALMQUIST CHARLES W. JOHNSTON	SEPTEMBER 12, 2020	ADDISON, VT
MELISSA J. MARTIN BRADLEY J. KIPHAUT	SEPTEMBER 26, 2020	HINESBURG, VT
JULIA M. KILCOLLINS DAVID C. BOWERS IV	SEPTEMBER 18, 2020	GRAND ISLE, VT
HEATHER A. BESSETTE PETER W. STRAUBE	SEPTEMBER 26, 2020	FERRISBURGH, VT
LAURA E. KHOURI MARK E. SMITH JR.	OCTOBER 2, 2020	CHARLOTTE, VT
CODY R. IBBITSON JULIANNE MANNION	OCTOBER 10, 2020	STOWE, VT
FELICIA M. CLARK POLLARD NATHAN W. PERSING	OCTOBER 31, 2020	MONKTON, VT
CHARLOTTE E. PAUL COLIN M. M. JUDGE	DECEMBER 12, 2020	MONKTON, VT
SHANNON L. MOULTON IAN W. MCMURRAY	DECEMBER 21, 2020	MONKTON, VT
ALEAH N. CLAXTON DYLAN K. ROSCOE	DECEMBER 27, 2020	MIDDLEBURY, VT

2020 BIRTHS

<u>DOB</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>MIDDLE</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
1/29/2020	BRAULT	LEO	ALEXANDER	LISA R. BARNES JEREMY L. BRAULT
3/3/2020	HAMMOND	ELLIANA	JOY	STEPHANIE A. HAMMOND CASEY M. HAMMOND
3/3/2020	HAMMOND	MADELINE	GRACE	STEPHANIE A. HAMMOND CASEY M. HAMMOND
3/27/2020	JEWELL	HARPER	ANNE-MARIE	KRISTEN E. JEWELL CHRISTOPHER H. JEWELL
4/1/2020	LOTHIAN	THEODORE	PATRICK	HEATHER A. LOTHIAN TYLER A. LOTHIAN
4/18/2020	COLEMAN	LINCOLN	ROBERT	ELIZABETH D. COLEMAN MASON D. COLEMAN
5/28/2020	PARKER	CHARLES	ROGER	SAMANTHA M. PARKER JUSTIN C. PARKER
6/1/2020	BEAMS	FRANCIS	JOSEPH	SARA T. W. BEAMS JASON D. BEAMS
9/10/2020	REILLY	LUNAFREYA	WILLOW REI	NICOLE A. REILLY STEPHEN G. REILLY
10/4/2020	BYDLIK	THEODORE	WILLIAM	NICOLE L. BYDLIK MATTHEW J. BYDLIK
10/23/2020	ABBOTT	MICHAEL	JESSE	JESSICA D. ABBOTT MICHAEL T. ABBOTT
10/23/2020	ABBOTT	WILLIAM	DEWEY	JESSICA D. ABBOTT MICHAEL T. ABBOTT
11/20/2020	LAMBERT	BROOKLYN	JULIE	KATELIN M. LAMBERT NICHOLAS N. LAMBERT

2020 DEATHS

<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
LELAND TERENCE CUNNINGHAM	MARCH 1, 2020	MONKTON, VT
DARLENE RAE PECOR	MARCH 10, 2020	MONKTON, VT
HERRICK FISK HURLBURT, SR.	MARCH 19, 2020	MIDDLEBURY, VT
ROGER WRIGHT LAYN	OCTOBER 5, 2020	MONKTON, VT
CHARLES WEISENBACH	NOVEMBER 16, 2020	MIDDLEBURY, VT

**WARNING FOR
ANNUAL MEETING
MOUNT ABRAHAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton New Haven, Starksboro)**

The legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District, consisting of the towns of Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, and Starksboro are hereby notified and warned to meet via Zoom (see link information below) on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM** to discuss the articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Articles 1-9).

Please click the link below to join the Zoom Webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83960884894pwd=T0hIMTNFOWNmK3VhaHYrYXhlaGdKUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6088 4894

Password: **qYQ732**

To Phone In

Dial 1 301 715 8592 or 1 312 626 6799

follow the prompts (meeting ID:) **839 6088 4894**

Password: **372050**

To be discussed on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2021:

Article 1: To elect a moderator who shall assume office immediately and serve a one-year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Article 2: To elect a clerk who shall assume office July 1, 2021 and serve a one-year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Article 3: To elect a Treasurer who shall assume office July 1, 2021 and serve a one-year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.

Article 4: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District approve the salary of \$50 for the Moderator?

Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District approve the salary of \$1200 for the Clerk?

Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District approve the salary of \$7200 for the Treasurer?

Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District approve the salary of \$2400 for the Board Chair?

Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District approve the salary of \$1200 for each board member?

- Article 5: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District accept the reports of the School District directors and officers?
- Article 6: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District authorize the District Board of Directors to borrow money by the issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the fiscal year 2021-2022 per 16 V.S.A. §562(9).
- Article 7: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District authorize the School Board of Directors to deposit \$300,000 of the District's unaudited fund balance in the Capital Reserve Fund? The total unaudited fund balance as of June 30, 2020 is \$966,229.00. In consideration of passage of this Article and Article 8, the remaining \$366,229.00 has been applied to the proposed budget to offset taxes.
- Article 8: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District authorize the School Board of Directors to deposit \$300,000 of the District's unaudited fund balance in the Education Reserve Fund? The total unaudited fund balance as of June 30, 2020 is \$966,229.00. In consideration of passage of this Article and Article 7, the remaining \$366,229.00 has been applied to the proposed budget to offset taxes.
- Article 9: Shall the Mount Abraham Unified School District adopt a budget of \$31,753,310 for the school year 2021-2022? It is estimated that this budget amount, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,572.59 per equalized pupil. This proposed spending per equalized pupil is 0.18% higher than spending for the current year.

For the purpose of voting by Australian ballot:

In person voting will be available at local polling places on **March 2, 2021 from 7am – 7 pm**. To request to have an MAUSD absentee ballot mailed to you, please contact your Town Clerk or use the "My Voter Page" online resource from the Secretary of State which can be found here: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>. Please make your request for **mailed** ballots to your town clerk no later than **2/24/21**. Absentee ballots must be returned before the close of the Town Clerk's office on the day before the election, or to the polling place before 7:00PM on the day of the election, in order to be counted.

Voters of the Town of Bristol will vote at Holley Hall located at 1 South St, Bristol, VT 05443. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Lincoln will vote at Burnham Hall located at 52 East River Road, Lincoln, VT 05443. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Monkton will vote at the Monkton Fire Station located at 3747 States Prison Hollow Rd, Monkton, VT 05469. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town New Haven will vote at the New Haven Town Hall located at 76 North St, New Haven, VT 05472. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

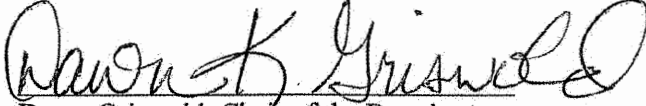
Voters of the Town of Starksboro will vote at the Robinson Elementary School located at 41 Parsonage Rd, Starksboro, VT 05487. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Upon closing of the polls, the ballot boxes will be sealed, transported to and re-opened at Holly Hall in the Town of Bristol, where the ballots will be commingled and counted by a tabulator under observation of representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro under the supervision of the Clerk of the Mount Abraham Unified School District.

The legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

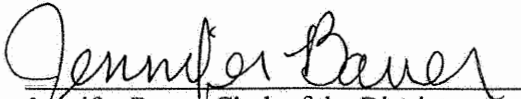
Dated this 28th day of January 2021.

On behalf of the Mount Abraham Unified School District Board of Directors:



Dawn Griswold, Chair of the Board

Received for the record and recorded this 28th day of January 2021 by:


Jennifer Bauer, Clerk of the District

WARNING

**PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2021 & MARCH 2, 2021**

Member Towns are Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham and Weybridge.

The legal voters of the Regional Technical School District are hereby warned to meet at their local polling places (see attached) on March 2, 2021 to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article(s) of business:

- ARTICLE 1:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money, pending receipt of payment from member districts, by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date for the purpose of paying the sum approved by the voters.
- ARTICLE 2:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to assign Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) of the school district's FY20 fund balance into the Building & Equipment Reserve Fund.
- ARTICLE 3:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to use funds in the Building and Equipment Reserve Fund for capital improvements and program equipment.
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to assign Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) of the school district's FY20 fund balance into the Health Reserve Fund.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to use funds in the Health Reserve Fund for expenses related to Health Care Coverage.
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to allocate its current fund balance as follows: assign Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$28,500) of the school district's FY20 fund balance as revenue for the 2021-2022 operating budget, and assign Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$27,500) as revenue for future budgets.
- ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend **\$3,829,301** which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? This budget represents a **0.92%** decrease over expenses for the current year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending at the Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center to be **\$23,827** per full-time equivalent student on a 6-semester trailing average. This projected spending per full-time equivalent student is **6.57%** lower than spending for the current year. The legal voters and residents of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held on the above-listed Australian ballot article on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at the Hannaford Career Center in the Town of Middlebury, Vermont immediately following the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District's annual meeting which begins at 7:00 pm.

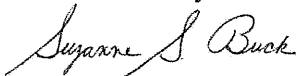
ARTICLE 8: To elect the following officers:

A Moderator

A Treasurer

A Clerk

Dated this 13th day of January, 2021 at Middlebury, Vermont.



Suzanne S. Buck, Chair
PAHRTSD

The polling places and hours of the member districts of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District are as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Polling Hours</u>
Addison	Addison Town Clerk's Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Bridport	Bridport Masonic/Community Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Bristol	Holley Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Cornwall	Cornwall Town Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Ferrisburgh	Town Hall - RT 7	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Lincoln	Burnham Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Middlebury	Town of Middlebury Recreation Center/Gymnasium	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Monkton	Monkton Fire Department	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
New Haven	New Haven Town Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Panton	Panton Town Clerk's Office	9:00 AM-7:00 PM
Ripton	Ripton Community House	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Salisbury	Salisbury Town Office	8:00 AM-7:00 PM
Shoreham	Shoreham Town Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Starksboro	Robinson Elementary School	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Vergennes	Vergennes Fire Station	9:00 AM-7:00 PM
Waltham	Waltham Town Office	10:00 AM-7:00 PM
Weybridge	Weybridge Town Clerk's Office/Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM

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**PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

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The legal voters of the Regional Technical School District are hereby notified of the Virtual Public Information Hearing on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., to discuss Australian Ballot articles warned for vote on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

The Virtual Hearing link can be found here and on our website:

Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/95448286829?pwd=L05GOTth6Y0pjMTNUVVWx6WHR2RHBEUT09>

Meeting ID: 954 4828 6829

Passcode: FxT6yq

The Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District Annual Report and FY22 Budget will be available at the following address and on our website. <https://tinyurl.com/pahcc2021>

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING - 2021

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MONKTON ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO MEET AT THE MONKTON FIRE STATION ON TUESDAY MARCH 2, 2021 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.

AN INFORMATIONAL HEARING TO DISCUSS ARTICLES WILL MEET REMOTELY ON FEBRUARY 27,2021 AT 10 A.M. HEARING IS WARNED SEPARATELY.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all Town Officers by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on November 15, 2021 by delivery to town hall by that date or postmarked on or before that date? By Australian ballot.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$26,849.00 to the following social service agencies? By Australian ballot.

a) Addison County Community Action Group (Hope)	\$1,250.00
b) Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice	\$ 550.00
c) AgeWell	\$1,100.00
d) Addison County Home, Health & Hospice, Inc.	\$1,946.00
e) Addison County Parent/Child Center	\$1,600.00
f) Addison County Readers	\$450.00
g) Addison County Transit Resources	\$850.00
h) American Red Cross	\$500.00
i) Bristol Family Center	\$250.00
j) Bristol Recreation Dept.	\$2,000.00
k) Bristol Rescue Squad	\$7,500.00
l) Counseling Service of Addison County Inc.	\$1,600.00
m) Green Up Vermont	\$150.00
n) Hinesburg Food Shelf	\$500.00
o) Homeward Bound (Humane Society)	\$250.00
p) Hospice Volunteer Services	\$300.00
q) John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	\$1,000.00
r) Lewis Creek Association	\$550.00
s) Monkton Mentors Program	\$500.00
t) Open Door Clinic	\$500.00
u) Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	\$198.00
v) Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	\$460.00
w) Rural Fire Protection Program	\$100.00
x) Vergennes Area Rescue Squad Inc.	\$600.00
y) Vermont Adult Learning	\$700.00
z) Vermont Center for Independent Living – Addison	\$195.00
aa) Women Safe Inc.	\$1,250.00

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize General fund expenditures for operating expenses of:

a) General Fund Deficit	\$59,024.33
b) Salaries and General Expenses	\$428,259.55
c) Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	\$60,000.00
d) Russell Memorial Library	\$35,096.51
e) Monkton Museum and Historical Society	\$1,000.00
f) Recreation Fund	\$7,500.00
g) Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund	\$15,000.00
h) Highway Capital Equipment Fund	\$30,000.00

of which \$430,165.59 shall be raised by taxes and \$232,563.80 by non-tax revenues? By Australian ballot.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters authorize Highway fund expenditures for operating expenses of:

a) Highway Fund Deficit	\$68,020.77
b) Highway Expenses	\$1,194,229.65

of which \$706,314.22 shall be raised by taxes and \$555,936.20 by non-tax revenues? By Australian ballot.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters approve a sum not to exceed \$118,000 for the purchase of a tractor and road side mower. Article to be voted by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Monkton vote to adopt the proposed Unified Planning Document (UPD) approved by the Selectboard on January 25, 2021 to amend and replace the previous Unified Planning Document? Article to be voted by Australian Ballot.

Monkton Town Clerk
Received and Recorded
on 26 January, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/ Stephen Pilcher
Stephen Pilcher, Chair Selectboard

/s/ Paul Low
Paul Low

/s/ Marikate Kelley
Marikate Kelley, Member Selectboard

Attest: /s/ Sharon Gomez
Sharon Gomez, Town Clerk
Monkton Town Clerk received

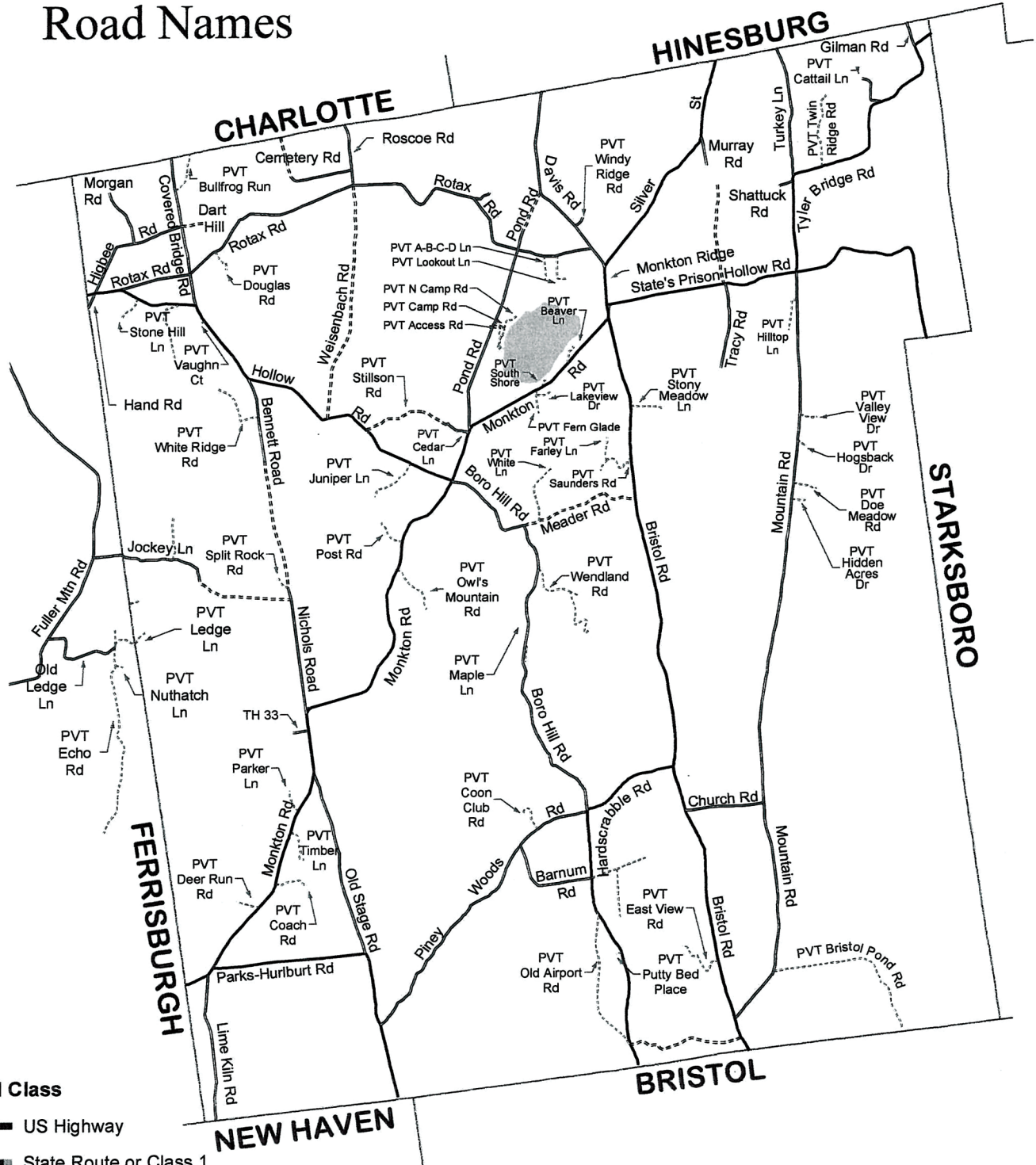
/s/ William Martin
William Martin, Vice Chair

/s/John McNerney
John McNerney, Member Selectboard

MARCH 2021 TOWN MEETING CANDIDATES AND TERMS

TOWN CLERK	TERM: 1 YEAR	03/21 – 03/22	SHARON M. GOMEZ
TOWN MODERATOR	TERM: 1 YEAR	03/21 – 03/22	KENNETH E. WHEELING
SELECT BOARD	TERM: 2 YEAR	03/21 – 03/23	JOHN MCNERNEY
SELECT BOARD	TERM: 3 YEAR	03/21 – 03/24	STEPHEN PILCHER
CONSTABLE	TERM: 1 YEAR	03/21 – 03/22	MARC E. BEAUPRE
LISTER	TERM: 3 YEAR	03/21 – 03/24	
AUDITOR	TERM: 3 YEAR	03/21 – 03/24	ROBIN HUIZENGA
PLANNING COMMISSION	TERM: 3 YEAR	03/21 – 03/24	IVOR HUGHES
PLANNING COMMISSION	TERM: 3 YEAR	03/21 – 03/24	GAYLE GRIM
RUSSELL MEM. LIBRARY TRUSTEE	TERM: 3 YEAR	03/21 – 03/24	IAN SMILEY

Town of Monkton Road Names



HINESBURG

CHARLOTTE

STARKSBORO

FERRISBURGH

BRISTOL

NEW HAVEN

Road Class

- US Highway
- State Route or Class 1
- Town Class 2
- Town Class 3
- Town Class 4
- Legal Trail
- Forest Rd
- Private Rd



Community Information
Town of Monkton ~ Chartered in 1762

Town Clerk: Sharon Gomez 453-3800

Clerk's hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8 am to 1pm

Closed Wednesdays

Town Treasurer: William Joos

Treasurer's hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
8 am to 1 pm

Clerk & Treasurer's Evening Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday
4 pm to 7 pm

Zoning Administrator: 453-3800

Kris Perlee

Zoning Adm. Hours:

Tuesday 9 am to 1 pm
Thursday 4 to 7 pm

Listers: 453-4515

Bernard Wisniowski, Sam Burr, John Howard

Listers' Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday
8 am to 11 am

E-Mails: Town Clerk - monktontc@comcast.net
Treasurer - monktontr@comcast.net
Select Board - selectboard@monktonvt.com
Zoning Adm - monktonza@comcast.net
Listers- listers@monktonvt.com
Animal Contr. aco@monktonvt.com
Town website - www.monktonvt.com

Select Board:

Steve Pilcher-chair 425-2178

Paul Low

Bill Martin

John McNerney 877-9929

Marikate Kelley

Animal Control Officer see website

Delinquent Tax Collector 453-3800

William Joos

Emergency #'s: 911

Fire, Rescue Squad

State Police 388-4919

Town Garage: 453-3263

Town Constable: see website

Schools:

Monkton Elementary 453-2314

Mount Abraham

Principal 453-2333

All other Depts. 453-2348

Superintendent's off. 453-3657

Russell Memorial Library: 453-4471

Librarian: Deborah Chamberlin

Hours:

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm Friday & Saturday

Meetings:

Select Board: 2nd & 4th Monday @ 7 pm

DRB/ Zoning: 2nd & 4th Tuesday @ 7:30 pm

MM & Historical Society: 3rd Monday @ 7pm

Planning Comm. 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 7 pm

Post Offices:

Monkton 453-3115

Bristol 453-2421

Hinesburg 482-2292

New Haven 453-2752

No. Ferrisburgh 425-3231

Starksboro 453-3711

Hospitals:

Porter Hospital 388-4701

UVM Medical 1-800-358-1144

Rutland Regional 1-800-649-2187

Northern New England Poison Center:

1-800-222-1222

Governor's Action Line: 1-800-649-6825

(e-mail) www.vermont.gov/governor

Attorney General: 828-3171

T J Donovan

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Caleb Elder 802-373-6465

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Ruth Hardy

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(e-mail) senator_leahy@leahy.senate.gov

Bernard Sanders 1-800-339-9834

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Peter Welch 1-888-605-7270

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**Note: Town Meeting is on the Saturday preceding the first Tuesday of March
Election Day is the first Tuesday of March**

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