

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Town of Monkton, Vermont



The Monkton Town Flag was created by the late Linda Reynolds

Town meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday March 2, 2024 at the Monkton Central School
Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at MONKTON TOWN HALL on March 5, 2024

Please bring your Town Report with you to the meeting.

2023 Monkton Town Report dedicated in Memory of

LINDA REYNOLDS



Linda was an active member in Monkton.
We are thankful for her contributions to our
community, especially the designing of our town flag.

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OFFICE	Elected/Appointed	Term	Term Exp.	
Town Clerk:				
Sharon Gomez	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	
Asst. Town Clerk:				
Kaitlyn Gomez	Appointed			Appointed by Town Clerk
Town Treasurer:				
Bill Joos	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	Interim appt
Asst. Treasurer:				
** Open **	Appointed			
Town Administrator				
Stan Wilbur	Appointed			
Delinquent Tax Collector:				
Bill Joos	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	
Zoning Administrator:				
Andrew Peterson	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Interim Appointment
Town Moderator:				
Jerry Schwarz	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	
Select Board:				
Paul Low	Elected	2 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/24	
John McNerney	Elected	2 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/25	
Walter Crandall	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	
Marikate Kelley	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Stephen Pilcher	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Town Constable				
** Open **	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	
Listers:				
** Open **	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Levi Cousino	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	(elected 3/7/23 bal of term)
Lisa Burns	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	
Auditors:				
Janet Cassarino	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	
Robin Huizenga	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Randall Charboneau	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Justices of the Peace:				
November Election				
Kenneth Wheeling	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/22 - 11/24	(November Election)
Vallerie Mullin	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/22 - 11/24	(November Election)
Kathy Malzac	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/22 - 11/24	(November Election)
Jane Low	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/22 - 11/24	(November Election)
Jerry Schwarz	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/22 - 11/24	(November Election)

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MAUSD Board:	(new unified school board)			
Bailee Layn-Gordon	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Barbara Crandall	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	(appointed till next election)
Justin Pearson	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	(appointed till next election)
Development Review Board:				
Stephen Pilcher	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/22 - 03/26	
Vicky Stern (Alternate)	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/22 - 03/26	(appt 6/13/22 for bal of term)
Chris Acker	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/21 - 03/25	
Philip Russell	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/21 - 03/25	
Scott Gordon	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/20 - 03/24	(appt 4/26/22 for bal of term)
Curtis Layn	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/20 - 03/24	
Mark Bolz-Robinson	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/23 - 03/27	
Jaime Schulte	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/23 - 03/27	
Planning Commission:				
Ivor Hughes	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Gayle Grim	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Peter Close	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Mike New	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	(appt 10/24/23 for bal of term)
Gary Strait	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Marilyn Cargill	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	
Wendy Sue Harper	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	
Recreation Committee:				
Rick Imes	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
John Zaikowski	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Adam Crary	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Ed Cook	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
** Open **	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Tim Hunt	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	
Paul Low	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	
Health Officer:				
Robin Hopps	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Town Service Officer:				
Bailee Layn-Gordon	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Road Foreman:				
Shane Lawrence	Hired by Select Board			
Fire Warden:				
Curtis Layn	Appointed	5 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/24	
911 Coordinator:				
Kris Perlee	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	
Emergency Management Director				
Stephen Pilcher	Appointed	1 yr Term	03/23 - 03/24	

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Conservation Commission:				
Janet Schwarz	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/26	(appt 9/27/22 for bal of term)
Jaime Schulte	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/27	
Nancy Wilson	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/27	
Ann Miller	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/24	
Kesta Osborne	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/24	(appt 3/28/23 for bal of term)
Debra Sprague	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/25	(appt 11/22/21 for bal of term)
Sue Stasny	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/25	(appt 3/28/23 for bal of term)
Delegates to Addison County Reg. Planning:				
Stephen Pilcher	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	07/23 - 06/24	ACRPC terms run Jul-Jun
Debra Sprague	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	07/23 - 06/24	ACRPC terms run Jul-Jun
** Open ** (Alternate)	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	07/23 - 06/24	ACRPC terms run Jul-Jun
Transportation Advisory Committee				
Debra Sprague	Appointed	1 yr Term	07/23 - 06/24	Term runs July 1 - June 30
Stephen Pilcher (alternate)	Appointed	1 yr Term	07/23 - 06/24	Term runs July 1 - June 30
Delegates to Addison County Solid Waste Management District:				
Deborah Gaynor	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	
Jessica Demeritt (alternate)	Appointed	1 Yr Term	03/23 - 03/24	
Energy Committee:				
Mark Boltz-Robinson	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
** Open **	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Dave Bristol	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
** Open **	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	
John Dunham	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	
Chris Boeckman	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	(term changed 4/12/21)
Harry Atkinson	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee (ANAC)				
Jaime Schulte	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	
Laura Farrell	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	
Deborah Houghton (Alternate)	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Whitney Leighton	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Susan Mahony	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Steve Parren (Alternate)	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	(appt 3/28/23 for bal of term)
John Mejia	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Recycling Coordinator:				
Jessica Demeritt	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	
Tree Warden:				
Mark Boltz-Robinson	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	
Animal Control Officer:				
Jane Palmer	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	effective 4/30/23
Dawn Vukas -volunteer deputy	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	
Green Up Coordinator:				
Deb Gaynor	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	01/23 - 01/24	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:				
Samuel Ludwig	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Jane Low	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Janet Fairchild	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	
Theresa Schwegel	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	
Cynthia Walcott	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	(elected 3/1/22 bal of term)
Web Master				
Ian Schulze	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/24	
Town Forest Committee				
John McNerney	Appointed			
Jaime Schulte	Appointed			
Peter Dufault	Appointed			
Callie Brynn	Appointed			
Molly Parren	Appointed			
CJ Buzzy (alternate)	Appointed			
Maple Broadband (formerly ACCUD)				
Mark Boltz-Robinson	Appointed	1 Yr Term	03/23 - 03/24	

Town of Monkton
Minutes of Annual Town Meeting
Saturday March 4, 2023 10:00am
(Approved 3/14/2023)

Jerry Schwarz, Town Moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:04am. There were 94 citizens in attendance.

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

The moderator said Article 1 will be voted on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at the new town hall. Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on November 15, 2023 by delivery to town hall by that date or postmarked on or before that date?

Wendy Sue Harper moved to authorize payment of property taxes on November 15, 2023. Mark Boltz-Robinson seconded. The motion was voice voted in the affirmative, and so declared by the moderator.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$27,749.00 to the following social service agencies?

- a) Addison County Community Action Group (Hope) \$1,250.00
- b) Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice \$ 550.00
- c) AgeWell \$1,500.00
- 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) Bristol Family Center \$250.00
- i) Bristol Recreation Dept. \$2,000.00
- j) Bristol Rescue Squad \$7,500.00
- k) Counseling Service of Addison County Inc. \$1,600.00
- l) Elderly Services \$800.00
- m) Green Up Vermont \$150.00
- n) Hinesburg Food Shelf \$500.00
- o) Homeward Bound (Humane Society) \$250.00
- p) John W. Graham Emergency Shelter \$1,000.00
- q) Lewis Creek Association \$550.00
- r) Monkton Mentors Program \$500.00
- s) Open Door Clinic \$500.00
- t) Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District \$198.00
- u) Retired & Senior Volunteer Program \$460.00
- v) Rural Fire Protection Program \$100.00
- w) Turning Point Center of Addison County \$500.00

- 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

Wendy Sue Harper moved that the listed social service requests be considered as a block. Deb Gaynor seconded. Sue Ledoux said please look into the Monkton mentoring program. It's a great benefit for all. John McNerney asked what the motion was: a motion to approve, or a motion to decide how to vote on the measure. The moderator replied that it was to vote on the measure itself and that it would be considered as a block. Kristin Farrell wanted to thank people for their support of the Monkton Museum and Historical Society. She would like to hear from anyone who has history to share. **The motion was voice voted in the affirmative, and so declared by the moderator.**

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

- a) General Fund Deficit \$45,160.19
- b) Salaries and General Expenses \$518,039.98
- c) Monkton Volunteer Fire Department \$98,200.00
- d) Russell Memorial Library \$37,046.33
- e) Monkton Museum and Historical Society \$1,500.00
- f) Recreation Fund \$8,500.00
- g) Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund \$40,000.00
- h) Highway Capital Equipment Fund \$30,000.00

for a total of \$778,446.50 of which \$553,036.50 shall be raised by taxes and \$225,410.00 by non-tax revenues?

Bill Martin moved to authorize general fund expenditures for the listed operating expenses as a block. Wendy Sue Harper seconded. The motion was voice voted in the affirmative, and so declared by the moderator.

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

- a) Highway Fund Surplus \$(138,176.04)
- b) Highway Expenses \$1,011,311.24

for a total of \$873,135.20 of which \$636,946.20 shall be raised by taxes and \$236,189.00 by non-tax revenues?

Wendy Sue Harper moved to authorize the highway fund expenditures. Bill Martin seconded. Deb Gaynor said she thinks this is an appropriate time to thank the road crew for getting everyone safely here this morning. Paul Molzoni wanted to know about the budget surplus. Stephen Pilcher said one of the major reasons for the budget surplus was due to the \$220,000 in the budget allocated for external contractor work on the Mountain Road culvert replacement which is a FEMA project. That project has repeatedly been delayed waiting for the design work and FEMA approval, so the monies were not spent although they were in the budget. The Selectboard has changed how the grant expenses and revenues for the Mountain Road project are accounted for in the budget to improve how this is reported in the future. Michael Hurlburt was looking at the gravel for road upgrades and wondered if there was enough gravel to build up the roads. He noted that Monkton used to have a road commissioner.

Stephen Pilcher said Monkton also used to have a road commissioner and not a road foreman. He said we have four young guys working on the road crew, and they have had increased compensation to keep them here. He noted that there have been increases in gravel expenditures in the last two years, and he thinks we are making progress. Paul Low said Monkton had some turnover in the road crew, as many other businesses have seen. He feels that the new staff is working hard to learn the work. He sees their hard work. Tom Kenyon wanted to address the surface of the roads. He thinks the road crew is doing excellent work, but that the rough surfaces are making for a lot of wear and tear on cars. He asked how the town determines when grading should happen and what is the best way to notify the town of issues. Paul Low said the weather has been active, and with the many miles of roads the crew is doing a good job. Paul Low has been driving the roads as a lookout and reaches out to the road foreman when he sees an issue. He said the road foreman has a board that has projects scheduled. It takes time to get to the work. He suggested contacting the road foreman, Paul Low on the Selectboard, or Sharon Gomez to express concerns. **The motion was voice voted in the affirmative, and so declared by the moderator.**

Senator Chris Bray was introduced by the moderator. It is his eleventh year in the senate. He spoke about the Affordable Heat Act. He explained an organized campaign to say no to the act, and the misinformation from that campaign. He said Vermont must reduce emissions by 2050 legally and the intent is to gradually make changes. Heating and transportation cause the most emissions. The act reduces fossil fuel use and generates money to support the transition. He said that the current trajectory is unaffordable fiscally. He noted electricity has a stable cost over time, and oil has a volatile cost. He said participation was voluntary.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town of Monkton sell the 1859 Town Hall building.

Robin Hopps moved the question of selling the 1859 Town Hall building. Bill Martin seconded. Peter Straub offered an amendment; he wondered if a sales agreement could require maintaining the building in a manner consistent with its historical appearance. Bill Martin indicated this was possible. Peter Straub proposed an amendment that the sales agreement include that the **buyer maintains the exterior of the building in accordance with the national historic preservation standards.** Jerry Schwarz asked if the building was on the registry. Kristin Farrell explained some history around the building. She said it is on the registry, and it would take about \$100,000 to bring the building into good repair. Deb Rickner wanted to know who it would be sold to in the town? Marikate Kelley said originally the voters approved selling the building when the new town hall was built. Since then some residents asked the town to keep ownership of the building. She said being on the national registry doesn't require maintaining the building. **Steve Pilcher seconded the amendment.** Mark Rickner said he is most interested in the appearance of the building and asked what are we trying to preserve. Lauren Parren would like to see a straight vote without the amendment to see if the town wants to keep the building. Nina Badger said requiring the amendment might make it harder to sell. She said the money from the sale of the building is a small amount and suggests not selling it. Joan Halloway feels it's an iconic part of Monkton and the little bit of money it will cost to hold onto it is worth it. The moderator directed the voters to only discuss the amendment at this time, as we were not discussing the motion to sell at this point. Deb Rickner said it looked obvious

that the town wants to keep the building. Mark Bolz-Robinson said the old building has problems and costs. He feels the amendment is the best way to go forward to preserve its nature. John Kelliher would like to add an amendment to the amendment to preserve the building and to sell it to the MMHS for \$1. The moderator said the amendment was not germane and expressed concerns about specifying a price. The proposed amendment was not accepted. Adrian Raphael said she would not go for the amendment, it's too broad. She feels it will limit and drag out the process. Robin Hopps said the amendment presumes that the building will be sold. There was a general response that the article's subject is to sell or not to sell. The moderator was unable to call the voice vote. **A hand vote was counted by the board of civil authority: 58 for, 24 against. The amendment carried.**

Stephen Pilcher said it would cost about \$2000-2500 per year to maintain the building. He said painting would be required next year for a cost of \$24,700. Cassandra Corcoran asked if the town promised to sell the old town hall? Marikate Kelley answered that the original proposal was to build a new town hall and sell the old one and the library. Stephen Pilcher said the old Russell Memorial Library sold yesterday and will net \$61,000 to the town. He said there is a \$29,000 deficit remaining in the building fund after the sale. Kristin Farrell said the 1859 building is structurally sound. Eugenie Doyle said we are talking about two things: the significance of the building and whether and can pay for it. She suggested ARPA money could be used to fill in the deficit. John McNerney said he would love to see the character of the building preserved and used by the community. He explained that he could not speak for the select board, since they had not voted on the issue. However, in several select board meetings, he had expressed interest in giving it to a community-oriented organization that will take responsibility for the building, maintenance, grant writing, etc. He doesn't want it to turn into a money pit. No one has indicated they are willing to take that on. Mark Bolz-Robinson said the old town hall had various deficiencies and fixing it wasn't worth it as discussed in 2019. He is in favor of maintaining the historical building but doesn't see how we can keep that building on top of the new town hall. Teri Fitz-Gerald lives next door to the old town hall. She thought a lot has changed since 2019 and feels the community could use it. She would like to take more time to see if we can develop something more. She said keep it now and sell it later. Joan Holloway said we can look for grant money instead of tax payer money. Kathy Charbonneau asked why it was a vote for town meeting instead of all the taxpayers. Stephen Pilcher Monkton is limited regarding what can be voted by Australian Ballot. It wasn't a choice for this issue. Kevin Lambert said short term need and long term goals run into conflict. He thought going back on the original vote to sell the old building was not in good faith. He feels we have community space which was a result of community efforts. He feels one organization does not have the money to keep the building. He is in favor of selling the building. Mark Rickner asked if the Selectboard is bound to take the highest offer for the building? The Selectboard answered that they felt the attorney needed to be contacted to provide an answer. Mark Rickner asked if the amendment could include: The Selectboard may make the sale, but not based solely on the highest bid. The moderator said it was not germane. John McNerney said we would need to consult the town attorney, but he believed the Selectboard has some flexibility in selecting the buyer, including non-financial considerations. Gabe Calvi wanted more info about the sale of the Russell Memorial Library. Stephen Pilcher said it was sold to someone who will lease it to a baker or other individual. Nancy Goodrich asked if we could give selling the building more time?

Barb Davis called the question. Mark Rickner seconded. The motion to call the question was voice voted in the affirmative, and so declared by the moderator. The moderator was asked to repeat the motion in its current form prior to the vote: **Shall the town sell the 1859 building with the amendment that the buyer preserve the exterior of the building in accordance with national historical preservation standards. The voice vote could not be determined. The moderator called for a division of the house. The Board of Civil Authority counted raised hands. 57 for, 33 against. The article carried.**

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Monkton vote to adopt the proposed Unified Planning Document (UPD) approved by the Selectboard on January 24, 2023 to amend and replace the previous Unified Planning Document? Article to be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7 at the new town hall.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters approve a sum not to exceed \$240,000 for the purchase of a Mack dump truck.

Wendy Sue Harper moved shall the voters shall approve purchasing a dump truck for a sum not to exceed \$240,000. Bill Martin seconded. Stephen Pilcher said this is a scheduled equipment replacement. And it takes over a year to get a replacement. Mark Bolz-Robinson is in favor of a new truck. He asked if the money covered the dump truck, plow and all. The Selectboard responded yes. **The motion was voice voted in the affirmative, and so declared by the moderator.**

ARTICLE 9: Shall the legal voters of the Town of Monkton, as part of the Mount Abraham Unified School District, approve the withdrawal agreement with the Lincoln School District, which includes the property transfer of the Lincoln Community School building and bond as well as a negotiated portion of the MAUSD Education Reserve Fund in the amount of \$74,754? The details of the terms can be found in the full withdrawal agreement posted on the MAUSD website, in MAUSD schools and at the town clerk's office. Article to be voted by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting. The moderator reminded everyone that anything discussed under article 10 was advisory only. Stephen Pilcher introduced the town administrator Stan Wilbur and the new Selectboard member Walter Crandall. Deb Rickner asked about ARPA funds. She wondered about a sidewalk in the Ridge. She would like to see the old signboard on the ridge replaced with an electronic sign. Stephen Pilcher said the Selectboard is always open to new ideas and the list of projects is listed on the town website. ARPA money has been distributed to: \$50,000 to Maple Broadband, replaced fundraising money for local non profits, up to \$25,000 committed for natural resources mapping, possibly for a town forest project that is underway, possibly to help fund accessory dwelling units to help with affordable housing, and other proposals. Marilyn Cargill asked when those funds need to be obligated. Stephen Pilcher answered they need to be committed by December 2024 and spent December 2026. Callie Brynn of the Monkton

Forest Committee spoke about the opportunity to purchase over 400 acres for the town. She said the goal is to work with the community to create our town forest. The town's contribution to the project would be leveraged by significantly larger contributions from State, Federal, and other sources. Deb Gaynor spoke as a representative for Addison County Solid Waste Management District. The district closed on a parcel of land in New Haven to build a regional dropoff. The hours will be based on the Middlebury transfer station's hours. She recognized Jessica Demeritt's work at the Monkton recycling center. Marikate Kelley thanked Bill Martin for his generosity to the town and his work for the Selectboard. He was given a standing ovation. She also thanked Dawn Griswald for her many years of work on the School Board. Robin Hopps read a prepared update on the Monkton Museum and Historical Society. John McNerney said there are Girl Scout cookies for sale in the hall. He encouraged the formation of a new Troop so he could continue to support his Thin Mint consumption. He noted there is no lunch today, but hopes some group will take that on in the future. Stephen Pilcher said the town got a grant to update the local hazard mitigation plan. He said if anyone wants to help out they will be meeting for the next few months. Eugenie Doyle said there were under 100 voters here today. She would like to revisit when town meeting will occur. She would like to see more participation in our democracy. Paul Molzoni moved to adjourn. Mike Bolz-Robinson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Demeritt

Auditors' Report 2023

The Auditors meet monthly - usually on the third Friday of the month to review the banking financial statements. Some things we examine are deposits, withdraws; validate check amounts to the actual bills and confirm the balances for the monthly activity. In addition, we may ask for clarification on large deposit, or payments made during the month.

In FY 2023 the Auditors conducted a review of Delinquent Tax and found the 2022 Town Report did not accurately reflect all the years for which delinquent taxes exist: currently 2014-2023. During our review, we discovered posting inconsistencies, properties being charged interest and penalties after timely payments of property taxes along with other findings. The Auditors presented a report to the Select Board on October 10, 2023, for their review and actions to correct.

This Annual Town Report represents the financial position of the Town of Monkton for the year ending, **December 31, 2023**. The undersigned Auditors of the Town of Monkton have examined the financial statements and reports of the Town Officers and declare them correct to the best of our knowledge based on the timeliness of submissions. (1)

The Town report is mailed to the legal voters of the Town of Monkton and land owners as required by the Vermont State Statues ten days prior to Town Meeting.

The Town Report is compiled in January for the previous year, if you have local event pictures to submit; Include the name and phone number of person submitting the picture with a brief description of the picture or have a recommendation of dedicating the Town Report to a special person, building or topic for the cover. Submit your suggestion in writing to the Auditors by **December 10**, of each year.

Respectfully,

Monkton Auditors

Notes:

1. **Town Committees:** The Auditors attempt to proof every report submitted and notify the Committee if a correction is needed. However, some Committees are late in submitting reports to the Auditors and as a result they are presented to the Town of Monkton as received. Reports from the Town Committees are due to the Auditors **no later than January 10th**, of every year.

Selectboard Report 2023

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.

One of the largest completed projects was the new bridge which replaced the large culvert on Mountain Road. This project was years in the making and was completely paid for by FEMA and State of Vermont monies. Thank you to the new Town Administrator, Stan Wilbur, for handling all the paperwork and cash flow issues.

After consultation with the voters at Town Meeting, the Town of Monkton sold both the old Russell Memorial Library and the old Town Hall, adding revenue of \$171,538 to the Town Hall Fund. Other projects completed this year include replacing the large culvert on northern Pond Road, upgrades to computer services, the Town email server, and installation of radar speed sign on Monkton Ridge.

The Selectboard would also like to acknowledge the road crew, for their work under difficult circumstances, especially Shane Lawrence the Road Foreman. The extreme wet weather which caused flooding in many communities resulted in only minor damage in Monkton with the exception of the culvert on Tyler Bridge Road (more discussion below). With the assistance from members of the community, the road crew received training and support from Junior Lewis (Charlotte Road Supervisor) and Todd Eaton (Local Roads Director). Because of the flooding statewide, there were changes to how the highway state aid was allocated this year with communities getting 50% more funding in 2023 and 50% less funding in 2024.

The repair of the culvert on Tyler Bridge Road will involve constructing a plank bridge similar to what was done on Mountain Road. The Town has applied for, and expects to receive, a Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Grant for this work but this grant will involve a 20% match on project cost which is estimated at over a million dollars. The Selectboard has added monies to the Highway Capital Projects Fund in anticipation of these expenses. Construction will happen in the next three to five years depending on the grant timeline.

At the Town Offices there are several other projects planned for 2024, paving

the lower parking lot, repair of the front doors and installation of an electric vehicle charging station. A design study for a bike/pedestrian route from the Ridge and around Cedar Lake back up to the Ridge is also planned. Much of this work is being funded by monies from the Town Hall fund and by grants.

The state-required town wide reappraisal will also be completed in early 2024 which will result in changes to both the Grand List and the tax rate. As noted in the following projected tax rate calculation, the tax rate is equal to the projected taxes to be raised divided by the total value of the Grand List. The Grand List valuation will go up and the municipal tax rate will go down from the projected value of 46.98 after the reappraisal is complete.

Several personnel changes occurred in 2023.

Paul Low is stepping off the Selectboard this year and will be greatly missed. Paul has been a very active member of the Selectboard acting as the liaison to the Highway Department, being responsible for facilities scheduling and handling many of the property maintenance tasks. The Selectboard would like to thank him for his years of service. There have also been changes in the office of the Zoning Administrator. Andrew Peterson did an admirable job filling in as interim Zoning Administrator when Kris Perlee left to take a full-time position in Bristol. Recognizing

that Andrew was only filling the position on a temporary basis, the Town hired Steven True as our new Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator is available at the Town Offices on Tuesday evenings 5-7 pm and Fridays from 10 am – 1 pm.

There are several other retirements to be noted. First, Robin Hopps has been the Health Officer for the Town of Monkton since 2007. As Health Officer she was responsible for investigating public health hazard complaints as well as preventing, removing or destroying any health hazards in the community in coordination with the Vermont Department of Health. Much of her work centered around problems with rental properties and dog bites. Second, Jessica Demeritt is stepping down as Recycling Coordinator. As Recycling Coordinator she cheerfully worked on ensuring the recycling drop-off was safe and fully staffed with volunteers twice a month. Finally, Dawn Vukas stepped down early in the year as Animal Control Officer.

The Selectboard would also like to acknowledge Liz Paquette and other community volunteers for their work on the pollinator gardens.

This was the first full year with the new Town Administrator, Stan Wilbur. As Town Administrator he is responsible for assisting the Selectboard in the general administration of the Town including monitoring budgets, writing grants, responding to citizen complaints, and interfacing with state and federal agencies. Stan has been instrumental in the awarding of several grants to the Town, notably:

the Pond Road culvert replacement (\$21,892),
Monkton Bike/Pedestrian Scoping Study (\$35,200),
Highway Fog Lines (\$32,044) painting costs, and
the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (\$8,362).

The Selectboard would also like to recognize several contractors that provide services to the Town. Jill Marsano of Vermont Utility Management Systems took over as water systems operator and has resolved our water testing issues at the Town Office. Skip Lisle of Beaver Deceivers has helped the Town solve some of the problems related to beavers. Finally, we also thank Brian Barrows and his team of Brian's Lawn Care, who has been responsible for lawn care and landscaping in Town owned cemeteries, recreation field, common areas, and around the Town offices.

The pandemic has changed how Town business is conducted. Many Committees and Commissions continue to hold meetings 'remotely', meaning via Zoom or other digital applications, or have hybrid meetings which allow both in person and remote participants. To facilitate these meetings and to allow work to be done from home much of the Town's data and documents are being kept digitally on a Google Drive.

The pandemic also brought much-needed funds to the Town. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provided the Town of Monkton with \$624,755.40 to be used for COVID relief, economic development and to build community resilience. These are one-time monies to build our future.

These monies must be allocated by 2024 and disbursed by 2026. To date, the Selectboard has allocated funding for projects totaling \$535,067, including:

\$150,000 to the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department to support the purchase of a new fire truck

\$150,000 towards the purchase of 445 acres to form a Town Forest

\$54,245 to upgrade and improve Monkton's parks and recreational areas

\$67,086 to update Monkton Volunteer Fire Department equipment and make improvements to the Monkton Fire Station

\$50,000 to Maple Broadband, a Communication Union District, committed to bringing affordable high-speed internet to all unserved and underserved households and businesses in Addison County.

There are several other projects being considered, including construction of a multi-sport playing court, purchase of a digital sign to advertise town activities, and support for building out the unused area in the Town Offices. A list of ARPA projects currently being considered by the Selectboard can be found at monktonvt.com/arpa.

The Town of Monkton maintains a website for posting town business at www.monktonvt.com.

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

The 2024 budget currently submitted by the Selectboard will result in an approximate Municipal Tax Rate of 0.4695 (46.95 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 for the last 10 years:

2014 – 0.4991

2015 – 0.4707

2016 – 0.4828

2017 – 0.3929 (after reappraisal)

2018 – 0.3582

2019 – 0.4119

2020 – 0.4358 / 0.3937 (Selectboard altered budget)

2021 – 0.4383

2022 – 0.4467

2023 – 0.4541

2024 – 0.4695 (projected)

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 will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024 starting at 10:00 am at the Monkton Central School gym. The Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the Town Offices at 92 Monkton Ridge Road.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monkton Selectboard

Marikate Kelley – Vice Chair
Paul Low
Walter Crandall
John McNerney – Secretary
Stephen Pilcher – Chair

**Calculating the 2024
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. As noted above the Town of Monkton is doing a town-wide reappraisal which will increase the Grand List and decrease the actual, rather than projected, tax rate. The budgeted amount of taxes to be raised will not change.

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.

General Fund Expenses are:

Article 3 = \$ 30,197.00

Article 4 (includes deficit) = 901,418.82

General Fund Total Expenses = \$ 931,615.82

subtract

General Fund Total Revenues = \$ 271,160.00

General Fund Property Taxes = \$ 660,455.82

Article 5 (includes Highway Fund Surplus)

Highway Expenses = \$ 811,106.50

subtract

Highway Fund Total Revenues = \$200,044.00

Highway Fund Property Taxes = \$ 611,062.50

The projected total property taxes to be raised in 2024 are the sum of the General Fund and Highway Fund taxes needed.

Projected Taxes To Be Raised = \$1,271,518.31

The 2023 Grand List (divided by 100 for the purposes of calculating tax rate) was \$2,681,460.00. Given a projected 1% increase in the Grand List, the projected grand list is \$2,708,274.60. The tax rate is the taxes to be raised divided by the Grand List.

Projected 2024 Projected Grand List = \$2,708,274.60

Projected 2024 Municipal Tax Rate = 0.4695

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

General Fund and Other Appropriations= 0.2439

Highway Department= 0.2256

Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee 2023 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.*

We were happy to announce the closing of two excellent ANAC projects that have been in the works for years, and the funding for the new Town Forest! Watch for announcements to celebrate with us in 2024.

Steve and Janice Linehan conserved 92 acres of agricultural land with an expanding vineyard, large sugarbush, and natural habitat, and lots of rural character (including their Halloween tractor!). Though the closing was in April 2023, the Linehans have been busy, and we are hoping to host a celebration on their land early in 2024.

ANAC's first forest conservation project, which started in 2019, closed in stages through the last half of 2023. This forest, belonging to Peter Close, contains the northern portion of the intersection of the town's two mapped wildlife movement corridors, and excellent wildlife breeding habitat. Conservation of this land nearly completes a north/south conserved corridor from Raven Ridge south through forest and wetlands to Mt. Florona, and down to the Miner and Huizenga properties. We are currently working on a few related projects, involving multiple parcels of neighboring forest lands that will complete this corridor. These will likely close in 2024-25.

In June we recommended that the Selectboard allocate ANA funding to contribute to the new 445 acre Town Forest at the closing. We applaud the hard work of the Town Forest Committee and their partners who secured other major state and federal funding to make this happen! An earlier 2022 allocation from the ANA Fund helped with early appraisals of this parcel. These two contributions represent 3.9% of the project's total budget.

Please visit bit.ly/monktonanac, or the ANAC page on the town website, to find:

- *Field Naturalist Chris Ajello's May 2022 natural resource inventory report, recording of his presentation, and slideshow: Monkton's Ecological Landscape.*
- *Lyra Brennan's Pond Brook watershed work and her excellent local field guide are there too.*
- *Arrowwood Environmental's Natural Resource Inventory maps, report, and presentation*
 - At the request of the Planning Commission, members of ANAC and the Conservation Commission participated on the panel that oversaw Act 171 (forest fragmentation) and natural resource mapping. The mapping is completed, and the set of online digital maps depicts the natural features and important resources within the town in much finer detail than the previous natural resource planning map.

Our current balance, minus appropriated funds, is \$150,652.21. Two contiguous forest block projects are in progress around the heart of Monkton's wildlife corridors. One parcel is likely to close in 2024 and the other two to four in 2024 or 2025. The expenses for these projects are estimated to be \$35,000 per parcel including appraisals, recording fees, and the conservation easement monitoring endowment fund

for each parcel. We are occasionally presented with projects with a timeline of less than one year, which would not be possible without ANA Fund support. ANAC would like to remain financially prepared to assist any projects that come to us in a timely manner and ensure that we can continue to leverage the town's support to secure external funds.

In the last 13 years, Monkton's Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund has leveraged \$383,611 of town funds into \$4,463,626 of project funding for 11 projects that have conserved 1,931 acres (3 square miles!) of farmland, forest, and wetlands, and facilitated the transfer of 179 acres to the next generation. The cost to Monkton averages \$178/acre for preserving some of the most significant agricultural and natural areas in town. Monkton's average contribution to a project is 8.6% of the total project costs, representing a 1:12 leverage of the ANA Fund.

If you own or operate an agricultural production business in Monkton and would like to be included in a **Directory of Farms** please email lfarrell@monktonvt.com. Include farm name, address, contact person and email or phone #, products, and/or whatever other information you would like to share. Look for a completed guide to Monkton's farms and orchards on our website in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Farrell, Chair	John Mejia	Steven Parren
Susan Mahony, Vice Chair	Jaime Schulte	
Whitney Leighton, Clerk	Debbie Houghton	

About ANAC: *ANAC assists landowners in navigating the conservation processes for agricultural, 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.*

Monkton Conservation Commission Report—2023

Conservation Commissions play a role described in Vermont statute under Title 24, chapter 118, which includes taking inventory of the natural resources of a community, community education on conservation topics, stewardship of some municipal lands, an advisory role in development and planning, and more.

The Monkton Conservation Commission (MCC) worked throughout 2023 with Arrowwood Environmental to assist in creating detailed Natural Resources Inventory mapping. The maps will be used to guide town planning, zoning, and natural resource management, are complete. These maps will also be useful for landowners who want to assess the natural resources on their land. A public meeting to present the maps to the Monkton community was held September 28th. That presentation and the maps may be seen at the Conservation Commission page on the Town of Monkton website.

Our work eradicating invasive species at Morse Park and the Monkton Elementary School continues. The MCC held a handful of sessions to pull buckthorn and wild parsnip in June and July. We have made good progress on reducing wild parsnip. We post the dates of these meetings on Facebook and Front Porch Forum. Please consider joining us for this opportunity to learn correct eradication methods and to try our uprooting tools. You can borrow a buckthorn Uprooter for your own use by contacting the MCC at conservationcommission@monktonvt.com. In October our commission member Debra Sprague shared information about Monkton's invasive eradication program at the Vermont Associations of Conservation Commissions. Debra spearheads this program for MCC and we appreciate her hard work.

Other ongoing projects include working with the Recreation Committee to create a plan for management of Morse Park. We were also happy this year to support the Town Forest Project and are eager to collaborate with that committee in the future.

Four MCC members attended a Conservation Summit in Bristol in November. Conservation Commission members in Addison County met to share ideas and listen to presentations. It was a great opportunity to meet other commission members and to learn what other towns are doing.

Because working on the mapping project took nearly all of the MCC's time this year we did not host any public programs focusing on conservation causes. We would like to present interesting speakers and topics in 2024. If you have an idea for a program, please email us at the address at the MCC page on the town website. In the past we have hosted programs about amphibians and reptiles of Monkton, wetlands and watersheds, and town ecology, for example.

This year we welcomed Sue Stasny to the Conservation Commission. We still have one opening on our seven-member commission. Please contact us if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted, Monkton Conservation Commission members,

Ann Johnson Miller, Nancy Wilson, Jaime Schulte, Debra Sprague, Janet Schwarz, and Sue Stasny



2023 Monkton Town Forest Committee Report

2023 was another busy year for the Monkton Town Forest Committee. In early February, an 18-month option to purchase was signed between A. Johnson Co and the Vermont Land Trust (VLT). We welcomed new member Molly Parren, a wildlife biologist, and also CJ Buzzy as our new alternate member. Both are Monkton residents and great additions. We focused on community engagement and the on-going acquisition of the 445 acre parcel with VLT. VLT has extensive experience working with towns to establish town forests and would be the steward and hold the conservation easement on the property.

Background:

The Town Forest Committee was formed in March of 2019 when the Monkton Selectboard voted to “create a 5 member Town Forest Committee to explore creating a Town Forest in Monkton.” In 2022, we identified a suitable parcel for a town forest due to its size, diversity, and landscape features and expressed our interest to the landowner, who was receptive to the proposed project. The property is owned by the A. Johnson LLC Co. and is located on the Monkton/Bristol line near Hardscrabble & Old Airport Road (PVT).

Community Engagement:

The Monkton Town Forest Committee (MTFC) began community outreach and planning for Town Meeting in February 2023 and organized many engagement opportunities. These included an announcement during Town Meeting, many committee and Selectboard meetings, 6 site walks (with 43 residents participating), 3 informational sessions at Town Hall and on Zoom, 4 tabling events (Monkton Recycling Center, Strawberry Festival, and Town Meeting), an article and a mention in the Addison Independent, an interview with NEAT TV, signs/posters around Town, maintaining a website with Frequently Asked Questions and other information, a display at Town Hall, numerous Front Porch Forum and Facebook posts, and last but not least...a mailing and return postcard survey.

With the goal of reaching as many voters as possible, the MTFC worked with VLT on a mailing and postcard survey that was sent to registered voters in June. The two questions asked were:

1. Do you support the Town acquisition of 445 acres from the A. Johnson Co. to create a Monkton Town Forest using \$150,000 of existing Monkton ARPA funds, up to \$45,000 of existing Monkton Agricultural and Natural Area Funds, and other grants? YES NO Unsure/Need to know more.

2. Please tell us why you support or do not support a Monkton Town Forest: _____

SURVEY RESULTS: Yes: 341 (75.1%) Unsure: 17 (3.7%) No: 93 (20.5%) Blank: 3 (0.7%) Total: 454

The full report can be found on the Town Forest page of the Monkton website (link and QR code below).

Funding:

The committee worked with VLT on major grant applications in the first part of the year. In February, we applied for a \$371,000 grant through Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB), which was awarded in May. In March we applied for a \$400,000 federal grant through the Community Forest Program, which was awarded in July! These two combined brought the project to being 75% funded. VLT also applied to the Monkton Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund for up to \$45,000 in May, which was approved by ANAC in June and the Selectboard in July. The MTFC submitted a proposal to the Selectboard for \$150,000 in ARPA funds which was also approved in July. The A. Johnson Co generously donated 100K of appraisal value. This left \$50,000 to fundraise. In the late fall, a group of volunteers began to raise the remaining \$50,000, consisting of small grants and private donations. A broader public phase of fundraising will be underway in Feb/March of 2024 to raise the final dollars for the project! Keep an eye out for a mailing and, if you would like to donate, please reach out to the town forest committee. You can check out the full budget on the committee website below.

Access Points:

The Committee is working with the residents of Old Airport Rd., a private road, with the goal of being good neighbors and coming to an arrangement for the maintenance of the roadway, which enables access to the western portion of the future Monkton Town Forest. Some parking on Hardscrabble Rd. and at Old Lover's Lane is also in consideration.

Upcoming:

The UVM Landscape Inventory & Assessment class will use the future Monkton Town Forest as their classroom over the course of the Spring semester (Jan – May). The class is a comprehensive, practical, hands-on, real-world, semester-long training exercise that teaches students how professionals make sense of a landscape and its values. The students will meet with the Town Forest Committee in January to develop a needs assessment for the project on the property over the semester. Monkton residents will have the chance to join the class in the field. The students will also have the opportunity to meet with ecologists, farmers, historians, and natural resource professionals as they apply a range of assessment, inventory and mapping techniques. The data they collect and reports they generate will help to inform the management plan and provide useful information about the parcel. Their work will culminate in a presentation and report to the Monkton community in May.

Management Plan:

The federal grant requires that an interim management plan be in place at closing, to be followed by a more formal management plan within 4 months after closing. The interim plan is a placeholder as the Town Forest Committee works to engage the community's participation in developing the full management plan, which will cover topics like the characteristics of the land, human uses in different parts of the forest, sensitive natural areas, etc. This process will likely consist of a mix of workshops, surveys, brainstorming, and research of how other entities of conserved lands steward their properties.

Committee members: Callie Brynn, Peter Dufault, John McNerney, Molly Parren, Jaime Schulte & CJ Buzzy



Questions: Email: townforest@monktonvt.com

Website: <https://monktonvt.com/boards-and-committees/town-forest-committee-2/>

The Town Forest Committee greatly appreciates everyone's engagement with the project in 2023 and we look forward to a closing in summer 2024!

2023 Road Foreman Report

2023 was a busy year for the highway department. We continued working on meeting compliance for the Municipal Roads General Permit program by creating better drainage ditches, replaced numerous culverts, and continuously improved the road crews' training and knowledge.

A couple notable projects we did complete was; ditched and rebuilt Parks-Hurlburt Road, replaced an existing temporary culvert on Pond Road, replaced another existing temporary culvert on Mountain Road and repaved States' Prison Hollow Road. Other notable projects we completed was ditching and replacing culverts along Covered Bridge Road, ditching and reestablished the crown on Davis Road, ditching the entirety of Piney Woods Road, and reconstructed the drainage along the intersection of Church Road and Mountain Road.

The Town was applied and received a Class II Municipal Highway Grant, which we were awarded \$146,517.65. We used this grant to repave States' Prison Hollow Road with a ½" shim coat and a 1 ½" overlay. The goal for 2024 is to repave sections of Bristol Road. In addition to that, we continue to plan to remedy any previous pavement cuts to help smooth out the transitions.

In addition, the town replaced two temporary culverts that we had installed years prior. On Pond Road, we replaced a temporary 8 foot culvert with an 8'7" x 5'11" pipe arch. We were awarded a \$40,000.00 grant to do so. On Mountain Road, A.L. St. Onge Contractors' replaced an existing 8 foot temporary culvert with a plank style concrete bridge.

2024 is gearing up to be a busy year, with receiving grants of \$45,000 to continue to upgrade our roads and ditches to compliance for the Municipal Roads General Permit program and a safety grant to paint fog lines along all of our class two asphalt roads. In addition to that, we plan on reconstructing and improving the drainage along Mountain Road, Pond Road, and Roscoe Road this year. We are also in the preliminary stages of replacing a culvert on Tyler Bridge Road.

I want to thank the Town of Monkton residents for their support as we battle these unpredictable storms, with understanding that the road crew is working as hard and diligently as they can. Once again, I would like to thank my great crew; Trevor Currier, Dan Bourgeois, and Shane Coyle for their hard work and selflessness, as they take pride in the quality of work they accomplish. Make sure when you pass our work zones you are alert and driving at a safe speed so we can all have a hand in sending these guys home to their families. Most importantly, don't forget to wave!

Shane Lawrence

Road Foreman, Monkton Highway Department



2023 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

It has been another busy and productive year in the town clerk's office. I am pleased to share the following highlights of 2023 with the community.

- Vital Records recorded: 14 Births, 7 Marriages and 12 Deaths.
- Land Records: 1254 pages of land records (warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, mortgages, mortgage discharges, easements and liens) were received for recording.
- Voter Registrations 94 new voter registrations added to our voter checklist – 30 names removed
- Certified copies: 50
- Green Mountain Passports 18 were issued.
- Dogs Registered in town: 211

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 <https://mvp.vermont.gov/> 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 your 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: https://mydmv.vermont.gov/_/

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 Certificate 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 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, 2023

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 2024 budget, 2024 summary of proposed expenditures, and 2024 Capital Equipment Replacement Plan 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 sixteenth 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 toward 2023 property taxes. The Town then issued each property tax bill for the remaining balance due. Once again, in 2023, 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.

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, 2024 taxes are due on or before ***Friday, November 15, 2024.*** 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 **Friday, November 15, 2024**).

- A secure lockbox is located to the left of the Town Hall's rear entrance 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 at any time 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, 2024 due date.

Kathy Nolan, CPA retired mid-year from serving the Treasurer’s office and Town with distinction as its Assistant Treasurer. Kathy’s influence was meaningful and profound since she joined us on a part-time basis in May, 2015. Kathy’s efforts resulted in new and improved approaches, better reporting, and immediate solutions to challenging accounting scenarios. Kathy’s intellect, experience, kindness, and keen judgement are missed at Town Hall. She was a superb teacher, always willing to share her knowledge, which is considerable. Please wish Kathy well as she pursues new adventures!

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 2024 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Joos
Treasurer & Tax Collector
treasurer@monktonvt.com

Town of Monkton
Financial Statements
For The Year Ended December 31, 2023

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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 - 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. The Town serves as an agent for the State of Vermont. As required by statute, the Town bills, collects, and remits statewide education property taxes. Activity related to statewide education property taxes is considered a custodial fiduciary activity.

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 VMERS 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.

VMERS 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)	3.750%	6.125%	11.250%	12.600%
The Town's contributions (% of gross wages)	5.250%	6.750%	8.500%	11.100%

Employee contributions are withheld pre income tax by the Town and remitted to the State of Vermont. Such withholdings totaled \$16,666 in 2023. The Town contributed \$18,406 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. In the past, the Town secured Tax Anticipation Notes whenever necessary prior to November 15th. For 2023, no Note was required.

NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT

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

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, with a principal reduction payment of \$15,353 annually plus accrued interest until April 28, 2025. Total borrowed was \$76,765. \$ 30,706

National Bank of Middlebury 2021 Massey Ferguson tractor note, interest at 1.9%, payable beginning June 29, 2022. The note is to be repaid over 5 years, with a principal reduction payment of \$23,600 annually plus accrued interest until June 29, 2026. Total borrowed was \$118,000. \$ 70,800

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank 2020 Series 2 bonds, interest rate of 1.98%, with a term of 20 years. The Town was allocated \$1,700,000 in financing, with semi-annual interest payments on May 1st and November 1st, starting on November 1, 2020. Annual principal payments of \$85,000 commenced November 1, 2021. \$1,445,000

Total \$ 1,546,506

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,	2024	123,953	28,218	152,171
	2025	123,953	26,891	150,844
	2026	108,600	25,463	134,063
	2027	85,000	24,344	109,344
	2028	<u>85,000</u>	<u>23,572</u>	<u>108,572</u>
Totals		<u>\$526,506</u>	<u>\$128,488</u>	<u>\$654,994</u>

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

	Balance December 31, 2022	Increase	Decrease	Balance December 31, 2023
20 Mack Dump Truck Note	46,059	0	15,353	30,706
21 MF Tractor Note	94,400	0	23,600	70,800
20 VMBB Series 2 Bonds	<u>1,530,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>1,445,000</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,670,459</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$123,953</u>	<u>\$1,546,506</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.
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	834,629	1,009,039
4. Uncollateralized and Uninsured	<u>3,704</u>	<u>3,704</u>
Total deposits	<u>\$ 1,088,333</u>	<u>\$ 1,262,743</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 2023 not yet cashed by payees.

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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:

Special Revenue Funds:		<u>GASB No. 54 Fund Bal Class</u>
Recreation	21,058	Committed
Property Valuation Review (PVR)	677	Restricted
Act 68 Reappraisal	24,528	Restricted
Agricultural & Natural Areas	199,852	Committed
Record Restoration Fund	27,867	Restricted
ARPA Fund	485,111	Restricted
Wildlife Crossing	2,467	Restricted
RML Operating	<u>51,573</u>	Committed
Total	<u>\$813,134</u>	
Highway	<u>\$ 0</u>	Restricted
Capital Projects Funds:		
Highway Capital Projects	2,481	Committed
Municipal Building Fund	53,523	Unrestricted
RML Capital Drive	<u>15,162</u>	Committed
Total	<u>\$71,166</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.

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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 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 August 2023 and were payable in one installment by November 15, 2023. 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 2023:</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>x GRAND LIST ¹</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>TOTAL RAISED</u>
Nonhomestead Education Tax	\$ 1.7220	\$ 838,322.06		\$ 1,443,590.58
Homestead Education Tax	1.8558	1,849,036.00		3,431,441.03
Hwy Tax & '23 Lodged Grand List	0.2375	2,681,128.00		636,767.90
Muni Tax & '23 Lodged Grand List	0.2166	2,681,128.00		<u>580,732.32</u>
Gross Property Taxes Levied				\$ 6,092,531.83
Less: Education Portion of Homestead Rebates Paid by State				
<u>Directly</u> to Schools (i.e., neither received nor distributed by Town):				(776,577.46)
Less: Muni Portion of Homestead Rebates Paid by State				
<u>Directly</u> to Town:				<u>(21,117.31)</u>
Net Property Taxes Levied for Collection by Town				\$ 5,294,837.06
2023 Taxes Due Warranted to Delinquent Tax Collector on 12/06/23:				\$ 169,929.37
Total 2023 Delinquent Tax Balance as of 12/31/23:				\$ 138,376.73

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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SEVEN-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON: 2017 – 2023:

(Per \$100 of assessed value)

	<u>Municipal Tax Rate</u>	<u>Homestead Ed. Tax Rate</u>	<u>Nonhomestead Ed. Rate</u>
2017	.3929	1.5544	1.4648
2018	.3582	1.5402	1.5726
2019	.4119	1.6547	1.6267
2020	.3937	1.7294	1.6939
2021	.4383	1.7482	1.7317
2022	.4467	1.6972	1.6701
2023	.4541	1.8558	1.7220

Town of Monkton
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Groups
December 31, 2023

I

	Governmental Fund Types				Account Group	
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	General Long-Term Debt	Totals
ASSETS:						
Current Assets:						
Cash	3,704.37	208,620.10	813,134.26	71,166.34	-	1,096,625.07
Due from Other Funds	4,568.86	81,641.00	-	-	-	86,209.86
Total Current Assets	8,273.23	290,261.10	813,134.26	71,166.34	-	1,182,834.93
Other Assets:						
Amount to be Provided for:						
Retirement of Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	-	1,546,506.00	1,546,506.00
Total Other Assets	-	-	-	-	1,546,506.00	1,546,506.00
TOTAL ASSETS	8,273.23	290,261.10	813,134.26	71,166.34	1,546,506.00	2,729,340.93
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:						
Liabilities:						
Other Current Liabilities	2,821.02	-	-	-	-	2,821.02
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	101,506.00	101,506.00
Bond Payable	-	-	-	-	1,445,000.00	1,445,000.00
Total Liabilities	2,821.02	-	-	-	1,546,506.00	1,549,327.02
Fund Equity:						
Fund Balances:						
Unreserved	5,452.21	290,261.10	813,134.26	71,166.34	-	295,713.31
Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	884,300.60
Total Fund Equity	5,452.21	290,261.10	813,134.26	71,166.34	-	1,180,013.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	8,273.23	290,261.10	813,134.26	71,166.34	1,546,506.00	2,729,340.93

II

Town of Monkton
Combined Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Governmental Fund Types				Totals
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects and Other Funds	
REVENUES					
Property Taxes ¹	\$ 468,744.80	\$ 636,946.20	\$ 85,546.33	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 1,221,237.33
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	24,150.28	-	-	-	24,150.28
Investment Income	4,785.87	-	75.75	6.99	4,868.61
Other Revenue	60,362.32	10,482.54	37,901.05	-	108,745.91
Other Financing Source	-	-	-	171,537.97	171,537.97
Grants	-	141,565.78	-	-	141,565.78
Loan Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Property/Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
State Payments/Refunds	57,403.68	239,545.58	8,542.50	-	305,491.76
TOTAL REVENUES	615,446.95	1,028,540.10	132,065.63	201,544.96	\$ 1,977,597.64
EXPENDITURES:					
Payroll	185,013.19	308,105.49	-	-	493,118.68
Routine Expenses	292,841.45	568,324.49	189,160.81	1,160.57	1,051,487.32
Equipment Purchase	-	-	-	155,047.00	155,047.00
Appropriations	127,449.00	-	-	-	127,449.00
Account Transfer	-	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Facilities Construction/Maintenance	-	-	10,227.46	24,700.00	34,927.46
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	605,303.64	876,429.98	199,388.27	185,907.57	1,867,029.46
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	10,143.31	152,110.12	(67,322.64)	15,637.39	110,568.18
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	10,143.31	152,110.12	(67,322.64)	15,637.39	110,568.18
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2023	(4,691.10)	138,150.98	880,457.00	55,528.95	\$ 1,069,445.73
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2023	\$ 5,452.21	\$ 290,261.10	\$ 813,134.26	\$ 71,166.34	\$ 1,180,013.91

Note: 1 General fund property tax revenue includes general fund current & delinquent taxes. School property tax revenue (and expense) is now reported as a separate fiduciary fund, reported in the accompanying notes.

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

Town of Monkton
Combining Balance Sheet
Special Revenue Funds
December 31, 2023

	Recreation Fund	PVR Education Fund	Act 68 Reappraisal	Agricultural and Natural Areas Conservation	Record Restoration Fund	ARPA Fund	Wildlife Crossing Fund	RML Operating	Totals
ASSETS:									
Current Assets:									
Cash	\$ 21,058.09	\$ 677.55	\$ 24,528.20	\$ 199,852.29	\$ 27,867.35	\$ 485,110.68	\$ 2,466.92	\$ 51,573.18	\$ 813,134.26
Due from Other Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	21,058.09	677.55	24,528.20	199,852.29	27,867.35	485,110.68	2,466.92	51,573.18	813,134.26
TOTAL ASSETS	21,058.09	677.55	24,528.20	199,852.29	27,867.35	485,110.68	2,466.92	51,573.18	813,134.26
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:									
Liabilities:									
None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances:									
Reserved	21,058.09	677.55	24,528.20	199,852.29	27,867.35	485,110.68	2,466.92	51,573.18	813,134.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	21,058.09	677.55	24,528.20	199,852.29	27,867.35	485,110.68	2,466.92	51,573.18	813,134.26

Town of Monkton
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Special Revenue Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Recreation Fund	PVR Education Fund	Act 68 Reappraisal	Agricultural and Natural Areas Conservation	Records Restoration & Preservation Fd	ARPA Fund	Wildlife Crossing Fund	RML Operating Fund	Totals
REVENUES									
Property Taxes	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,046.33	\$ 85,546.33
Investment Income	5.33	-	-	60.78	-	-	-	9.64	75.75
Other Revenue	6,320.00	-	-	-	6,572.00	-	-	25,009.05	37,901.05
State Payments	-	-	8,542.50	-	-	-	-	-	8,542.50
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>14,825.33</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,542.50</u>	<u>40,060.78</u>	<u>6,572.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,065.02</u>	<u>132,065.63</u>
EXPENDITURES									
Routine Expenses	2,269.34	-	48,288.00	25,672.29	528.94	69,056.00	-	43,346.24	189,160.81
Facilities Construction/Maintenance	<u>10,227.46</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,227.46</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>12,496.80</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,288.00</u>	<u>25,672.29</u>	<u>528.94</u>	<u>69,056.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,346.24</u>	<u>199,388.27</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	2,328.53	-	(39,745.50)	14,388.49	6,043.06	(69,056.00)	-	18,718.78	(67,322.64)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):									
Transfers In (Out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER)	2,328.53	-	(39,745.50)	14,388.49	6,043.06	(69,056.00)	-	18,718.78	(67,322.64)
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES									
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2023	18,729.56	677.55	64,273.70	185,463.80	21,824.29	554,166.68	2,466.92	32,854.40	880,456.90
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2023	<u>\$ 21,058.09</u>	<u>\$ 677.55</u>	<u>\$ 24,528.20</u>	<u>\$ 199,852.29</u>	<u>\$ 27,867.35</u>	<u>\$ 485,110.68</u>	<u>\$ 2,466.92</u>	<u>\$ 51,573.18</u>	<u>\$ 813,134.26</u>

Town of Monkton
Combining Balance Sheet
Capital Project Funds
December 31, 2023

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	Highway Capital Projects Fund	Municipal Building Fund	RML Capital Drive Fund	Totals
ASSETS:				
Current Assets:				
Other Current Assets				
Due from Other Fund	\$ 2,480.94	\$ 53,523.44	\$ 15,161.96	\$ 71,166.34
Total Current Assets	<u>2,480.94</u>	<u>53,523.44</u>	<u>15,161.96</u>	<u>71,166.34</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,480.94</u>	<u>53,523.44</u>	<u>15,161.96</u>	<u>71,166.34</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:				
Liabilities:				
Due To Other Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances:				
Reserved	2,480.94	53,523.44	15,161.96	71,166.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	<u>2,480.94</u>	<u>53,523.44</u>	<u>15,161.96</u>	<u>71,166.34</u>

Town of Monkton
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
Changes in Fund Balances
Capital Project Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Highway Capital Projects Fund	Municipal Building Fund	RML Capital Drive Fund	Totals
REVENUES				
Property Tax Income	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Investment Income	-	-	6.99	6.99
Other Financing Sources	-	171,537.97	-	171,537.97
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Donations - Fund Raising	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>171,537.97</u>	<u>6.99</u>	<u>201,544.96</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Routine Expenses	-	1,160.57	-	1,160.57
Equipment Purchase	155,047.00	-	-	155,047.00
Account Transfer	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Facilities Construction/Maintenance	-	24,700.00	-	24,700.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>155,047.00</u>	<u>25,860.57</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>185,907.57</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(125,047.00)	145,677.40	(4,993.01)	15,637.39
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(125,047.00)	145,677.40	(4,993.01)	15,637.39
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2023	127,527.94	(92,153.96)	20,154.97	55,528.95
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2023	<u>\$ 2,480.94</u>	<u>\$ 53,523.44</u>	<u>\$ 15,161.96</u>	<u>\$ 71,166.34</u>

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

GENERAL FUND

Revenues	Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Grant Income		-	-	6,736.00	15,000.00	-	-
Property Taxes		73,129.32	177,065.48	228,578.36	465,239.17	303,994.73	487,234.82
Current Use/Hold Harmless		51,158.50	50,568.00	53,802.00	55,000.00	55,223.00	55,000.00
ANR PILOT		1,153.80	1,153.80	1,168.68	1,170.00	1,168.68	1,170.00
Act 60 Equalized Ed. GL		981.00	987.00	993.00	1,000.00	1,005.00	1,000.00
National Opioid Settlement Fund		-	-	-	-	508.16	-
Town Clerk Fees		24,994.00	33,803.00	22,903.00	25,000.00	19,080.00	19,000.00
Liquor Licenses		140.00	-	70.00	140.00	70.00	140.00
Copier Use Fees		3,299.16	3,108.00	3,338.72	3,000.00	2,548.10	2,500.00
DMV/AOT Fees		12.00	-	6.00	-	6.00	-
Records Restoration Fees		-	-	-	-	-	-
Dog Licenses & Fines		1,909.00	2,566.00	2,322.00	2,500.00	942.00	2,000.00
Facilities Rental		-	-	75.00	-	180.00	-
Judicial Fines		15,658.32	14,706.50	48,457.50	18,000.00	29,542.78	25,000.00
Interest Income (General Fund)		1,741.20	2,146.15	5,486.15	2,000.00	4,785.87	4,500.00
Interest Income (HRA)		-	-	-	-	0.34	-
Misc. Revenue		1,733.41	253.68	12.90	-	9.04	-
Postal Facility Rental Fee		500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	792.50	550.00
Delinquent Taxes		134,842.43	183,405.94	169,289.12	80,000.00	164,750.07	140,000.00
Del Taxes - Interest		7,090.63	15,483.37	7,450.98	9,000.00	17,289.57	9,000.00
Del Taxes - Penalty		5,551.74	4,556.02	4,484.70	2,500.00	6,860.71	2,500.00
DRB Subdivision Fees		1,410.00	1,940.00	800.00	1,500.00	800.00	1,200.00
DRB Boundary Adj Fees		100.00	-	270.00	200.00	125.00	200.00
DRB Variances Fees		135.00	-	135.00	200.00	-	200.00
DRB Conditional Use Fees		-	135.00	-	200.00	-	200.00
DRB Administrator Fees		7,573.72	9,336.55	9,849.20	8,500.00	5,765.40	7,000.00
Municipal Planning Grants		-	1,500.00	490.00	-	-	-
Donations		-	400.00	10,000.00	-	-	-
Total Revenues		333,113.23	503,617.49	577,218.31	690,649.17	615,446.95	758,394.82

**General Government Expenses
General Government Payroll**

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed)	
				Budget FY - 2023	Budget FY - 2024
Town Clerk Salary	35,000.00	35,807.77	37,453.95	40,068.00	41,270.04
Assistant Town Clerk	6,460.25	5,729.75	5,095.50	7,420.00	13,000.00
Treasurer	35,000.00	35,000.00	36,413.62	38,955.00	40,123.65
Assistant Treasurer	7,800.00	7,989.00	8,359.50	8,268.00	2,000.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,641.45	3,895.50	4,012.47
Web Master	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Town Administrator	-	-	9,423.12	37,100.00	38,213.00
Selectboard	6,920.00	6,910.00	6,720.00	7,700.00	7,700.00
Selectboard Administrative	936.38	215.00	1,065.00	1,200.00	2,000.00
Auditors	2,916.00	1,328.00	3,761.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
BCA - Election Officials	805.56	190.94	274.31	1,000.00	1,000.00
Custodian	1,083.60	3,195.85	7,571.25	-	-
Constable	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Fire Warden	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Health Officer	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Animal Control Officer	-	-	3,300.00	3,360.00	3,360.00
Recycling Coordinator	-	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
FICA	11,942.98	18,118.97	10,324.69	13,785.03	14,751.43
Vt Child Care Contribution	-	-	-	-	848.45
VMERS DB-Employer	-	-	612.50	2,411.50	2,627.14
Appraisal	4,065.00	11,403.75	6,390.00	8,000.00	15,000.00
Reappraisal	-	-	-	-	-
Zoning Administrator	7,107.46	7,621.51	9,200.58	11,130.00	13,000.00
DRB Board Members	150.00	-	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
DRB Clerical	-	-	-	2,750.00	1,200.00
DRB Recording Secretary	210.38	-	-	500.00	2,000.00
Planning Comm. Bd Members	720.00	990.00	510.00	1,500.00	1,600.00
Planning Comm. Clerical	-	-	-	200.00	200.00
Total Payroll	126,017.61	139,650.54	151,766.47	196,393.03	211,056.18

Town Office

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Copier Rental	2,260.29	2,499.73	2,334.18	2,500.00	2,622.70	2,500.00
Custodian	-	-	-	6,000.00	8,100.00	8,100.00
Office & General Supplies	2,634.16	3,535.05	3,285.48	3,000.00	2,796.01	3,000.00
Postage	2,963.26	3,343.50	3,628.43	3,200.00	4,642.16	3,800.00
Equipment/Furniture	131.96	674.70	753.20	700.00	48.54	700.00
Computer Equip & Software	480.00	1,932.10	1,343.83	1,000.00	1,190.47	1,500.00
Computer Contract Service	11,587.21	13,425.61	13,948.35	14,000.00	19,003.94	20,000.00
Conferences & Training	45.00	244.00	25.00	700.00	10.00	700.00
Mileage Reimbursement	66.70	395.03	249.55	300.00	308.50	300.00
Water System	-	-	-	-	3,370.11	1,000.00
Telephone	2,058.35	3,010.44	3,908.92	3,500.00	4,017.73	3,700.00
Heat	1,513.93	2,474.73	917.24	-	-	-
Electricity	1,568.20	4,379.84	7,109.90	6,500.00	7,577.43	7,000.00
Trash Removal	-	-	-	-	645.70	600.00
Total Town Office	25,309.06	35,914.73	37,504.08	41,400.00	54,333.29	52,900.00

General Expenditures

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Sheriff Dept.	28,779.66	25,747.51	23,436.55	27,000.00	32,722.18	33,500.00
Insurance - Workmens Comp	14,657.00	3,775.75	12,188.25	600.00	546.39	12,000.00
Insurance - Prop & Liab	4,747.00	6,990.25	5,797.00	19,500.00	11,533.82	20,000.00
Insurance - Unemployment	-	-	-	350.00	-	444.00
Appraisal	571.35	1,105.39	13,429.17	20,000.00	9,000.79	20,000.00
Reappraisal	-	-	765.30	800.00	-	-
PVR Education Expense	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
Printing /Advertising	6,336.32	7,322.45	6,665.66	7,000.00	7,501.36	7,500.00
Property Maint & Upgrade	308.49	1,010.24	24,538.11	21,800.00	9,843.74	20,000.00
Consultant Fees, Audit	8,650.00	5,692.50	5,060.00	4,200.00	3,567.50	4,200.00
Association Dues & Fees	5,220.00	4,940.00	5,060.00	5,225.00	125.00	5,225.00
Legal Fees	6,351.55	2,783.68	789.84	8,000.00	5,306.76	9,000.00
BCA-Elections Expense	1,412.60	1,151.40	1,846.37	1,400.00	1,441.56	2,000.00
Property Tax Appeal Settled	14,076.64	-	2,018.82	-	-	-
Recycling Expenses	2,014.19	13,175.76	10,167.04	14,000.00	9,402.32	12,000.00
Animal Expense	-	1,945.96	2,496.76	2,500.00	1,709.69	2,500.00
Restoration of Records	-	-	-	-	-	-
State fees - Marriage Licenses	600.00	50.00	950.00	700.00	425.00	700.00
Park and Ride Expense	312.22	303.99	316.13	330.00	322.33	330.00
New Municipal Building Comm Expense	(8,414.06)	8,414.06	-	-	-	-
Cemetery Maintenance	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,550.00	5,500.00	5,600.00	5,800.00
County Taxes	12,610.43	13,653.43	15,695.00	16,128.95	16,066.00	16,369.89
Tax Maps	4,770.00	4,750.00	4,750.00	5,000.00	4,750.00	5,000.00
Tax Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Principal Pmts: Genl Fund LTD	15,600.00	100,600.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00
Interest Expense	1,677.24	40,594.29	26,801.76	26,413.00	26,418.86	26,010.86
Miscellaneous (includes ANAC G&A)	-	400.00	74.50	1,000.00	60.00	-
Total General Expenditures	124,280.63	248,406.66	253,396.26	272,446.95	231,343.30	287,779.75

DRB

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Supplies & Postage	35.00	49.41	-	200.00	-	50.00
Advertising	197.64	143.39	530.71	600.00	301.50	400.00
Computer Equipment & Software	-	-	-	-	129.99	-
Conferences & Training	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00
Legal Fees	-	-	-	500.00	-	-
Total DRB	232.64	192.80	530.71	1,400.00	431.49	550.00

Town Forest Committee

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Advertising, Postage & Printing	-	-	-	-	-	750.00
Consultants	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00
Events	-	-	-	-	-	250.00
Private Road - Shared Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	3,945.00
Total Town Forest Committee	-	-	-	-	-	6,445.00

Housing Committee

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Advertising, Postage & Printing	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
Consultants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Events	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Housing Committee	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00

Planning Commission

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Supplies & Postage	263.86	-	-	500.00	-	500.00
Printing	356.31	32.07	287.72	200.00	534.35	500.00
Advertising	485.00	969.15	502.39	500.00	609.00	600.00
Mileage Reimbursement	51.18	-	-	50.00	-	50.00
Consultants	-	1,500.00	375.33	1,150.00	120.00	1,400.00
ACRPC Assessment	2,745.60	2,745.60	2,806.65	2,900.00	2,869.02	2,950.00
Legal Fees	-	-	451.50	-	-	-
Total Planning Commission	3,881.95	5,246.82	4,423.59	5,300.00	4,132.37	6,000.00

Conservation Commission

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Supplies & Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fees	-	356.00	-	50.00	-	-
Consultants	-	-	1,500.00	-	-	-
MCG Expense	-	-	490.00	-	-	-
Conferences	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00
Activities / Mapping Project	-	-	495.00	150.00	2,601.00	650.00
Educational Opportunities	-	-	-	500.00	-	-
Total Conservation Commission	-	356.00	2,485.00	800.00	2,601.00	750.00

Energy Committee

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Supplies & Postage	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
Mileage Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Expenditures	-	-	-	300.00	-	400.00
Total Energy Committee	-	-	-	300.00	-	900.00
Total General Government	279,721.89	429,767.55	450,106.11	518,039.98	477,854.64	567,380.93

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Appropriations						
Addison Cty Community Action (HOPE)	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Addison Cty Court Diversion	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
Counseling Service of Addison Cty, Inc.	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Addison Cty Home Health & Hospice	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
Addison Cty Parent/Child	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Bristol Family Center	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
Bristol Rescue Squad	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	8,748.00
AgeWell	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Elderly Services	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
Green Up Vermont	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Hospice Volunteer Service	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
Lewis Creek Association	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
Open Door Clinic	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Older Creek Natural Resources CD	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00
Tn-Valley Transit	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00
UWAC - Addison Cty Readers	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
Vermont Adult Learning	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
Women Safe	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
American Red Cross	250.00	500.00	500.00	-	-	500.00
Have-A-Heart Food Shelf	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
Hinesburg Food Shelf	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Turning Point Center of Addison County	-	-	-	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
Monkton Volunteer Fire Dept	55,000.00	60,000.00	70,000.00	98,200.00	98,200.00	124,300.00
Monkton Museum & Historical Society	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total Appropriations	83,399.00	87,849.00	99,249.00	127,449.00	127,449.00	155,997.00
Total G.F. Expenditures	363,120.89	517,616.55	549,355.11	645,488.98	605,303.64	723,377.94
Total General Fund Expenses (over) under	(30,007.66)	(13,999.06)	27,863.20	45,160.19	10,143.31	35,016.88
Revenue - Actual						

January 1, 2023 Unassigned Fund Balance
Committed Fund Balance - Stabilization Fund
Assigned Fund Balance - Planning & Zoning
January 1, 2023 Total Fund Balance
December 31, 2023 Unassigned General Fund Balance:
Committed Fund Balance - Stabilization Fund
Assigned Fund Balance - Planning & Zoning
December 31, 2023 Total Fund Balance

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

HIGHWAY

Revenues

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
HWY State Aid	191,194.71	160,882.55	162,949.19	163,000.00	239,545.58	81,500.00
Highway Grants	14,500.15	319,528.14	198,314.14	71,689.00	141,565.78	117,044.00
Property Taxes (Incl.LTD&Article7Pro)	713,520.01	706,314.22	579,715.57	636,946.20	636,946.20	611,062.50
Overweight Permits	1,295.00	1,280.00	1,330.00	1,300.00	1,325.00	1,300.00
911 Signs	-	20.00	110.00	200.00	-	200.00
Sale of Equipment	-	10,460.00	2,000.00	-	-	-
Misc Revenue	410.94	342.90	2,773.25	-	9,157.54	-
Total Revenues	920,920.81	1,198,827.81	947,192.15	873,135.20	1,028,540.10	811,106.50

Highway Expenses

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Regular employees	206,497.55	200,062.53	215,119.60	238,713.06	240,271.82	246,890.59
Part-time Employees	-	-	-	4,000.00	60.00	11,500.00
FICA	12,580.98	6,478.94	16,456.61	18,950.05	17,820.53	19,766.88
VT Child Care Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	568.46
VMERS DB - Employer	12,115.46	12,241.62	13,684.70	12,000.00	15,974.32	16,973.73
Health Insurance	45,310.47	51,976.56	60,565.24	57,100.00	29,076.19	52,500.00 inc HRA & fees
Dental Insurance	2,804.30	932.30	1,672.16	1,200.00	877.66	1,200.00
Short Term Disability Insurance	163.20	290.94	324.83	250.00	246.97	250.00
Insurance - Unemployment	328.00	1,223.00	745.00	820.00	414.00	307.00
Workers Comp	-	-	-	13,000.00	-	14,100.00
Life Insurance	48.00	92.80	75.60	60.00	67.50	75.00
HRA Reimbursements	-	-	-	-	2,960.50	7,500.00
HRA Fees	-	-	-	-	336.00	400.00
Total Payroll	279,847.96	273,304.69	308,643.74	346,093.11	308,105.49	372,031.66

Garage Expenses

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Equipment/Tools/Supplies	15,043.99	10,813.62	12,016.11	16,000.00	12,129.94	15,000.00
Conferences & Training	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
Telephone	2,061.14	1,771.48	1,522.83	2,200.00	994.19	2,000.00
Heat	3,125.95	4,293.56	3,913.03	5,730.00	3,262.81	5,900.00
Electricity	2,762.09	2,460.90	3,149.59	3,100.00	3,139.56	3,200.00
Trash Removal/Dumpsters	2,403.64	2,430.41	2,651.11	2,700.00	2,898.35	2,700.00
Capital Equipment Expense	15,316.58	16,285.00	61,168.96	17,000.00	7,041.19	18,500.00
Property Maint & Upgrade	17,072.62	9,157.31	10,599.47	8,500.00	1,860.00	9,000.00
Total Garage Expenses	57,786.01	47,212.28	95,021.10	55,230.00	31,326.04	56,800.00

General Highway Expenses

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Insurance - Workmens Comp	12,518.00	3,184.75	13,017.00	-	12,144.71	12,200.00
Insurance - Prop & Liab	-	-	-	11,500.00	12,761.38	-
Grease & Oil	2,901.86	4,836.37	8,017.33	6,500.00	9,866.08	7,000.00
Permit Fees	-	-	-	-	1,765.00	1,800.00
Equipment Fuel	29,447.92	38,625.54	64,434.47	50,000.00	54,065.15	52,000.00
Repairs, Parts, Blades	56,192.05	-	-	-	-	-
Parts	-	19,292.64	31,246.24	30,000.00	34,000.15	30,000.00
Tires	8,439.47	5,222.86	3,175.57	10,500.00	13,231.91	10,000.00
Equipment Repairs	-	30,002.23	15,576.01	22,000.00	17,386.58	22,000.00
Blades	-	5,733.41	12,169.67	9,500.00	5,533.34	10,000.00
Oxygen & Acetylene	932.80	967.96	447.43	1,500.00	656.47	1,000.00
Interest Expense	2,215.84	2,768.49	3,943.45	3,085.13	3,081.49	2,208.00
LTD Principal Pmts-Trucks	75,106.15	43,164.20	38,953.00	38,953.00	38,953.00	38,953.00
Misc. Expenditures	1,375.92	3,876.90	952.90	2,000.00	-	1,000.00
Total General Highway Expenses	189,130.01	157,675.35	191,933.07	185,538.13	203,445.26	188,161.00

Road Maintenance

Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Rental Equipment	1,265.00	1,445.00	142.56	2,500.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Gravel Stockpile	86,462.86	10,192.19	14,724.66	15,000.00	9,470.12	16,500.00
Salt	42,683.89	49,662.35	45,099.87	65,000.00	38,374.82	67,000.00
Winter Sand	35,835.12	17,387.54	39,082.70	40,000.00	18,103.16	42,000.00
Summer Chloride	31,234.42	19,304.35	22,950.00	25,000.00	20,700.00	25,000.00
Winter Solution/Chloride	-	-	-	2,500.00	-	1,000.00
Hot Mix	-	228,918.09	200,997.06	150,000.00	174,951.28	180,000.00
Cold Patch	1,052.26	555.33	536.41	1,000.00	1,386.24	1,200.00
Culverts	6,639.10	12,064.68	9,619.65	10,000.00	16,994.88	10,000.00
Signs, Painting	2,780.88	3,976.87	2,391.08	4,750.00	9,942.24	12,500.00
911 Signs	105.75	80.54	199.43	200.00	134.99	200.00
Highway Upgrade/Paving	1,630.00	1,335.00	4,695.95	10,000.00	1,600.00	8,500.00
Contract Services	193,359.11	18,942.50	21,281.84	8,000.00	9,085.44	26,000.00
Erosion Stone	-	5,540.80	9,151.39	8,500.00	5,839.70	7,500.00
Gravel - Road Upgrade	-	54,091.07	71,689.01	82,000.00	25,970.32	85,000.00
Total Road Maintenance	403,048.39	423,496.31	442,561.61	424,450.00	333,553.19	484,400.00
Total Highway Expenses	929,812.37	907,688.63	1,038,159.52	1,011,311.24	876,429.98	1,101,392.66
Highway Exp (over)/under Rev - Actual	(8,891.56)	297,139.18	(90,967.37)	(138,176.04)	152,110.12	(290,286.16)
January 1, 2023 Total Fund Balance					138,150.98	
December 31, 2023 Total Fund Balance					290,261.10	

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Recreation Committee Revenue						
Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Property Tax	6,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
Activities Fees	785.00	2,985.00	2,565.00	1,900.00	890.00	1,900.00
Donations	300.00	1,070.00	1,065.00	800.00	-	-
Supplies/Equipment	-	160.00	-	-	-	500.00
Facilities Rental	650.00	490.00	2,080.00	1,900.00	1,210.00	1,700.00
Grant Income	-	-	-	-	4,220.00	-
Interest Income	3.19	7.33	6.56	-	5.33	-
Total Recreation Comm. Revenue	7,738.19	12,212.33	13,216.56	13,100.00	14,825.33	12,600.00
Recreation Committee Expense						
Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2023	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2024
Activities Fees	-	572.99	18.00	50.00	-	500.00
Uniforms, Supplies/Equip	-	5,197.88	1,382.06	3,000.00	1,700.47	2,000.00
Electricity	250.97	530.15	523.76	450.00	568.87	500.00
Facilities Maintenance	6,249.66	7,599.80	14,464.15	9,600.00	10,227.46	9,600.00
Total Recreation Comm. Expense	6,500.63	13,900.82	16,387.97	13,100.00	12,496.80	12,600.00
Recreation Committee Expenses (over)/under Revenue	1,237.56	(1,688.49)	(3,171.41)	-	2,328.53	-
January 1, 2023 Total Fund Balance					18,729.56	
December 31, 2023 Total Fund Balance					21,058.09	

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

Russell Memorial Library Operating Fund

RML Revenue	Account	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed)	
					Budget FY - 2023	Budget FY - 2024
	Grant Income	-	8,697.91	5,052.99	300.00	1,300.00
	Grant Income - Rural Libraries	-	-	-	15,000.00	15,000.00
	Property Tax	31,948.00	35,098.51	29,170.00	37,046.33	44,721.00
	Donations	35.00	12,940.00	325.00	300.00	300.00
	Interest Income	1.06	7.82	8.42	-	-
	Transfers In/Out	-	-	-	5,000.00	-
	Miscellaneous Revenue	36.50	19.50	18.00	-	-
	Strawberry Festival	-	-	1,976.50	1,800.00	2,700.00
	Total RML Revenue	32,020.56	56,761.74	36,550.91	59,446.33	65,421.00
RML Expenses						
	Payroll - Librarian	11,447.14	12,504.48	14,455.14	15,467.01	23,750.00
	Payroll - Assistant Librarian	4,438.82	5,339.87	6,452.52	6,904.20	7,287.00
	Payroll - Other Staff	1,448.65	3,377.50	5,272.75	6,650.00	1,360.00
	FICA	1,326.08	1,623.44	2,025.75	2,220.12	2,479.00
	Books - All Other	2,086.34	2,292.37	3,428.65	4,000.00	4,000.00
	General Office Supplies	150.27	224.75	454.34	100.00	100.00
	Postage & Delivery	55.00	55.00	117.78	125.00	200.00
	Office Supplies - Book Processing	-	-	-	350.00	300.00
	Computer Equipment & Software	619.99	1,964.86	416.25	400.00	400.00
	Computer Expenses	90.00	67.50	1,681.39	1,700.00	3,000.00
	Conferences & Training	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
	Mileage Reimbursements	96.95	-	13.75	20.00	100.00
	Telephone Expenses	624.75	746.23	875.00	900.00	950.00
	Electric & Heat	1,308.36	1,097.83	442.29	-	-
	Insurance - WC & P&C	283.00	-	382.25	400.00	435.00
	Janitorial Services	-	-	-	360.00	360.00
	Board Authorized Gifts	-	-	100.00	100.00	250.00
	Expenses - Grants	-	-	5,967.34	15,300.00	300.00
	Expenses - Rural Libraries	-	-	-	-	15,000.00
	Expenses - Donations	-	-	6,241.24	2,100.00	2,700.00
	Dues & Subscriptions	-	-	1,283.20	1,300.00	1,500.00
	Maintenance - Bldg	1,216.16	1,282.70	-	100.00	-
	Maintenance - Grounds	-	-	-	-	-
	Programs	600.00	600.00	500.00	-	500.00
	Miscellaneous Expenses	282.52	339.26	442.59	350.00	200.00
	Strawberry Festival Expenses	-	4,473.75	94.50	100.00	450.00
	Total RML Expense	26,074.03	35,989.54	51,037.32	59,446.33	65,721.00
	RML Expenses (over/under Revenue)	5,946.53	20,772.20	(14,486.41)	-	18,718.78
	January 1, 2023 Total Fund Balance				32,854.40	
	December 31, 2023 Total Fund Balance				51,573.18	

2024 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN											
	Year Purchased	Life Cycle (Years)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	
1994 John Deere Backhoe/Ldr	1994	21									
2005 John Deere Road Grader	2005	15									
2013 Mack Dump Truck	2012	10									
2013 John Deere Bucket Loader	2014	15						X			
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 Massey Ferguson Tractor & roadside mower	2021	15									
2020 GMC 2500 Crew Cab Pickup	2022	8							X		
2024 Mack Dump Truck	2024	10									

2024 LONG TERM DEBT											
Existing Annual Long Term Debt Expense/Payoff Schedule											
	Balance Due	Annual Amount	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	
2020 Mack Dump Truck	30,706	15,353	15,353	15,353							
2021 Massey Ferguson Tractor	70,800	23,600	23,600	23,600	23,600						
2021 New Community Center	1,445,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	
TOTALS	1,546,506	123,953	123,953	123,953	108,600	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	

2024 TOTAL MUNICIPAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES & 2 YEAR COMPARISON

2024 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					2023 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY				
ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL MONIES TO BE VOTED	TOTAL 2024 EXPENSE		ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL 2023 Budgeted EXPENSE	
Operating Budget To Be Voted					Operating Budget Voter Approved				
4	General Fund Deficit	35,016.88			4	General Fund Deficit	45,160.19		
4	Salary & General Expenses	567,380.94			4	Salary & General Expenses	518,039.98		
4	Recreation Committee Fund	8,500.00			4	Recreation Committee Fund	8,500.00		
4	Agri-Natural Areas Conservation Fund	50,000.00			4	Agri-Natural Areas Conservation Fund	40,000.00		
4	Highway Capital Equipment Fund	70,000.00			4	Highway Capital Equipment Fund	30,000.00		
5	Highway Expenses	1,101,392.66			5	Highway Expenses	1,011,311.24		
5	Highway Fund Surplus	(290,286.16)			5	Highway Fund Surplus	(138,176.04)		
Total Operating Budget				1,542,004.32	Total Operating Budget				1,514,835.37
Appropriations To Town & Outside Agencies To Be Voted					Appropriations To Town & Outside Agencies Voter Approved				
4	Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	124,300.00			4	Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	98,200.00		
4	Russell Memorial Library	44,721.00			4	Russell Memorial Library	37,046.33		
4	Monkton Museum & Historical Society	1,500.00			4	Monkton Museum & Historical Society	1,500.00		
3	Social Agencies	30,197.00			3	Social Agencies	27,749.00		
Total Appropriations				200,718.00	Total Appropriations				164,495.33
Special Funds (To Be Voted) & Capital Expense (Prev. Approved)					Special Funds & Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved				
Total Special Funds and Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved				-	Total Special Funds and Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved				-
Capital Expense To Be Voted					Capital Expense Voter Approved				
					9	2024 Mack Dump Truck with plow	240,000.00		
Total Capital Expense (To Be Voted)				-	Total Capital Expense (Voter Approved)				240,000.00
Capital Expense, Long Term Debt Existing					Capital Expense, Long Term Debt Existing				
Capital Budget	Bonds & Notes Due				Capital Budget	Bonds & Notes Due			
	2020 Mack Dump Truck - Note Due	15,353.00				2020 Mack Dump Truck - Note Due	15,353.00		
	2020 VMBB Bond - Annual Principal Payment	85,000.00				2020 VMBB Bond - Annual Principal Payment	85,000.00		
	2021 Massey Ferguson Tractor - Note Due	23,600.00				2021 Massey Ferguson Tractor - Note Due	23,600.00		
This \$123,953 Capital Expense (LTD) is included in General and HWY budgets at top.					This \$123,953 Capital Expense (LTD) is included in General and HWY budgets at top.				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				1,742,722.32	TOTAL EXPENDITURES				1,919,330.70

2017 - 2023 Delinquent Tax Report

		2017 - 2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2017 - 2023
		Delinquent Tax Due*	Delinquent Tax Due*	Delinquent Tax Due*	Delinquent Tax Due*	Delinquent Tax Due*	Delinquent Tax Due*
Parcel ID							by Parcel ID
1	01.111.039-001					5,814.02	5,814.02
2	01.207.009-004					3,765.25	3,765.25
3	02.114.003-001					7,091.91	7,091.91
4	02.216.004-000				2,877.67	5,580.72	8,458.39
5	02.216.010-000					1,176.52	1,176.52
6	02.216.015-005					9,125.22	9,125.22
7	02.216.015-006					369.15	369.15
8	04.102.017-000	4,791.07	1,404.59	2,619.19	1,186.69	2,626.55	12,628.09
9	04.102.028-000					5,593.42	5,593.42
10	04.102.029-000			1,302.00	1,270.08	1,305.66	3,877.74
11	04.102.030-012					1,671.25	1,671.25
12	04.102.032-200					141.45	141.45
13	04.102.052-000		1,333.30			1,366.59	2,699.89
14	04.102.054-001				1,284.07	221.10	1,505.17
15	04.102.54A-000					621.36	621.36
16	04.102.062-000	462.76	473.89				936.65
17	04.102.064-000					887.85	887.85
18	04.111.048-003					833.19	833.19
19	04.221.003-000	2,034.13	795.38		806.50	829.09	4,465.10
20	04.222.003-000		1,432.08	2,321.90	2,264.98	2,328.43	8,347.39
21	04.226.032-000					4,288.61	4,288.61
22	05.101.094-010				2,514.44	8,162.55	10,676.99
23	05.101.094-005					7,904.48	7,904.48
24	05.114.002-000				370.44	380.82	751.26
25	05.215.005-004					4,349.23	4,349.23
26	05.224.014-001				4,654.84		4,654.84
27	06.206.066-010					6,081.37	6,081.37
28	07.101.172-000		91.85	95.48	93.13	95.75	376.21
29	07.101.203-000					2,115.17	2,115.17
30	07.101.208-004				3,539.58	3,813.65	7,353.23
31	07.226.025-401					134.91	134.91
32	08.103.045-04					5,091.02	5,091.02
33	08.103.045-002					6,401.46	6,401.46
34	08.103.050-001					511.38	511.38
35	08.103.057-000					2,016.52	2,016.52
36	08.103.060-000	4,571.64	2,274.94	2,521.03	-	1,545.32	10,912.93
37	08.231.005-000					866.09	866.09
38	09.206.101-001					6,373.80	6,373.80
39	13.101.095-000					757.34	757.34
40	13.111.014-000					11,620.85	11,620.85
41	13.215.016-000					13.71	13.71
42	13.215.03C-000					2,195.69	2,195.69
43	13.215.12C-000		26.86	1,944.32		1,949.78	3,920.96
44	13.216.025-000					477.83	477.83
45	13.216.029-000					3,276.53	3,276.53
46	14.101.108-000					3,698.43	3,698.43
47	14.101.145-000					2,905.71	2,905.71
		2017 - 2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total Delinquent - All Years
Total Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/23, by year:		\$ 11,859.60	\$ 7,832.89	\$ 10,803.92	\$ 20,862.42	\$ 138,376.73	\$ 189,735.56

William C. Joos
Delinquent Tax Collector

Notes: * Amounts listed are base taxes only; interest and penalty also apply.

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 4% 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 at a Regular Selectboard meeting held on the 22nd day of November, 2022.


Stephen Pilcher


Paul Low


John McNerney


Marikate Kelley


William Martin

2023 Listers Report, Common Terms and Calendar

2023 was an active year for Monkton's Listers as new personnel were trained and we spent most of the year focused on the reappraisal project.

- 63 Change Notices were mailed
- 1 Grievance - approved

Property values continued to rise causing our Common Level of Assessment (CLA) to drop again, to 72.04% from 80.78%, in 2022 (2021 CLA was 87.78%). As Monkton fell below the CLA threshold requiring a reappraisal, the Town contracted with New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) to perform the reappraisal. The two-year project begun in 2022 is well underway and on track to be completed in 2024. The goal is to have all properties valued at their Fair Market Value by an unbiased professional with access to the latest information and technology available. Throughout 2023, NEMRC personnel visited properties and completed measurements, updated photos and performed interior inspections. NEMRC and Listers will be performing their field review which is expected to be completed by the end of April, 2024. Notice of updated appraised values will be mailed to all residents in early May. Notices will detail the meeting schedule and further timeline (not yet determined.)

During 2023, the focus of the Listers office was adjusted to provide the most cost effective and efficient service to property owners. A dedicated Administrative Lister position was filled in December with a second person to assist in other duties as needed. They are supported by a professional NEMRC Assessor. As these are part-time positions, questions for the Listers are best addressed **via email at listers@monktonvt.com** or please call us directly at **802-453-4515**. We are happy to schedule in person appointments when requested or required. The Lister's appreciate your understanding that response times may not be immediate, but will be timely to the best of our abilities. Please do not hesitate to let us know of any urgent issues.

Online resources have been updated and can be accessed through the Town of Monkton website. The Town Info tab will have an option for Parcel and Zoning Maps. The Interactive Digital and Zoning Map will allow you to access parcel Property Record Cards and tax maps. Tax maps were updated in 2023 and are updated annually after the close of the tax year. In order to keep our files as current as possible, kindly notify the Listers of any change in mailing address.

Common Terms:

Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)

The coefficient of dispersion is a measure of equity. It shows how fairly distributed the property assessment is within a town. A high COD (above 15) means that many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share, and some are paying less. If a Town's COD is higher than 15, a town is ordered to reappraise. The COD is the average of the absolute deviation of each sales ratio from the median ratio divided by the median ratio.

Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)

The common level of appraisal is the education property value (listed value) divided by the equalized Education property value. Vermont Law requires property to be assessed at 100% of Fair Market Value. If the CLA falls below 85% or above 115%, a town is required to reappraise.

Grand List

The Municipal Grand List is the value used to raise municipal funds. One percent of the listed value as established by the local assessing official. The education Grand List values are used to raise statewide education funds. The Grand List included any personal property taxable at the local level and excluded locally voted exemptions.

Calendar:

The activities of the Listers follow the State of Vermont statutory calendar.

January 15

Final Grand List 411 reported to the State of Vermont for reconciliation of the Education Property Tax Due to school.

Property Valuation sends the Current Use parcels that have received preliminary approval for the upcoming tax year. We receive the information as an electronic file and continue to process the Current Use file until all parcels are certified, the Current Use Exemptions must be 100% certified by December 31 of each year.

February

On the first Tuesday, if there is no suit pending, the Listers and Selectboard certify the Grand List Book.

Beginning in February, electronic downloads for Homestead Declarations are available and each download is reviewed as it is processed. This process is ongoing through October.

Beginning in February and continuing through the fall, all sales are reviewed and vetted as part of the State of Vermont Three (3) year Equalization Study.

April 1

Assessment Date. All parcels are brought up to date regarding current value. Construction completion, and additional building project, decks, garage or outbuildings and condition changes are accounted for and the assessed value calculated as of April 1 of each year.

June 4

Latest date to lodge the Grand List, change of appraisal notices sent.

June 30

Education Tax Rates available from the Department of Taxes.

July 1

State Payment (income sensitivity education tax payments) information transmitted to the Town. Payments are ongoing through November 1 of each year.

July 9

Grievance Hearings end and Results of Grievance mailed.

August 15

Copy of Grand List form 411 (abstract of the Grand List) and Form 427 (statement of Taxes Assessed) due at the Department of Taxes.

September 1

Applications for Current Use programs due to the Department of Taxes.

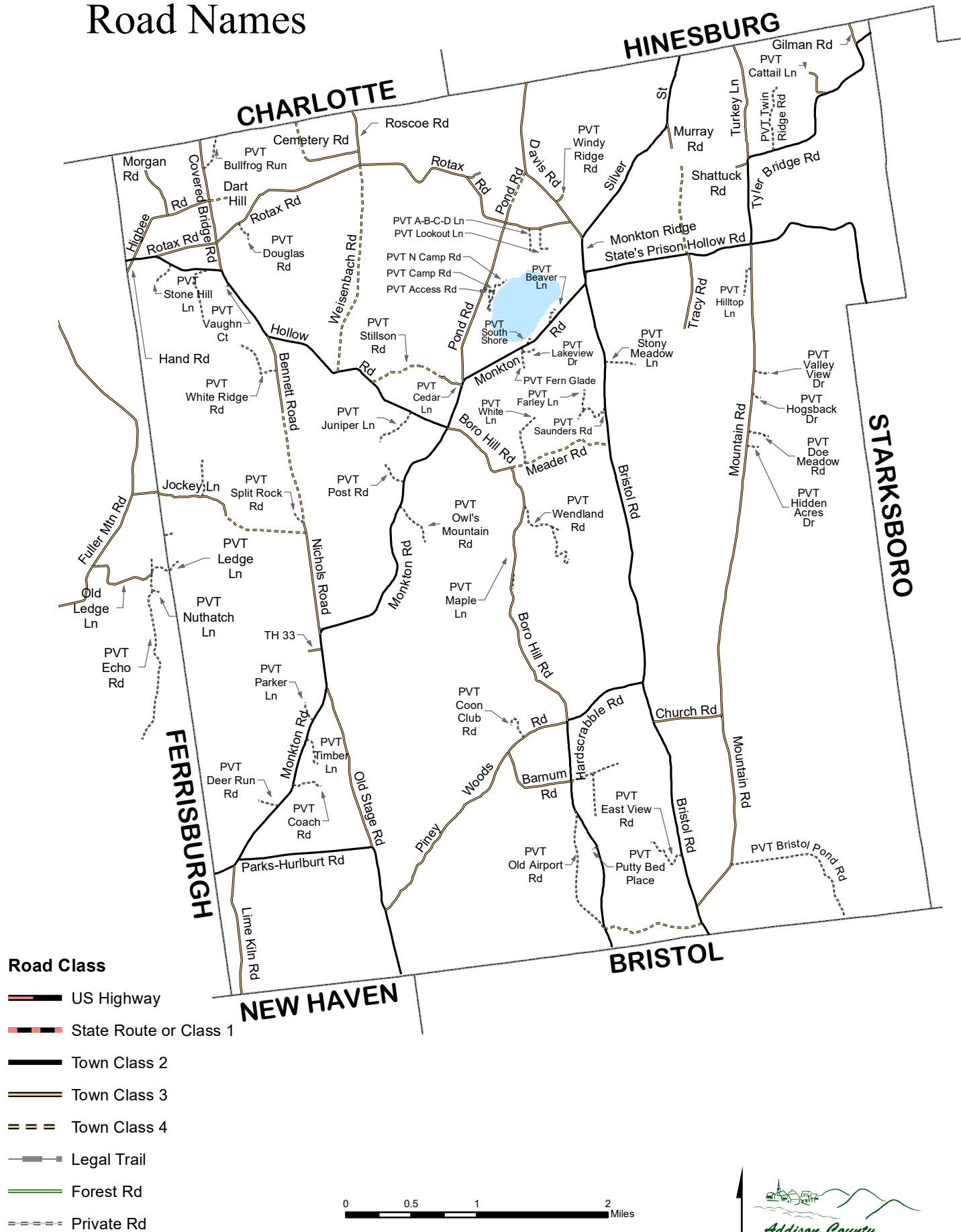
December 31

Final Grand List sent to the Department of Taxes for information finalizing Town Education Tax.

Respectfully,

Lisa Burns & Levi Cousino – Monkton Listers

Town of Monkton Road Names



ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

During 2023 was a transitional time for the Monkton Zoning Office, who would like to thank the departing Zoning Administrator Kris Perlee for his five years of service, and also recognize Andrew Peterson for stepping up in an interim capacity until October when the new permanent Zoning Administrator, Steven True, was appointed.

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

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

	2023
Applications	
New Residential	5
Accessory Building (shed/garage/porch)	20
Addition	6
Other	38
TOTAL	69

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven W. True
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. Meetings, which are open to the public; for much of 2023 meetings have been on Zoom.

In March, the updated Unified Planning Document, known as the UPD, which contains zoning and subdivision regulations was passed on Town Meeting Day. Town residents are partners in the planning and zoning process.

Also in March, the MPC wrote a letter of support for the Town Forest grant applications. We are delighted they received their funding, because Monkton having a Town Forest is a priority in the Town Plan. Several members of the MPC toured the property.

Starting in June the MPC worked with the Select Board to advertise, interview, and hire a new Zoning Administrator (ZA). We would like to thank Andrew Petersen for serving as the interim ZA. We are happy to welcome Steven True as the new ZA.

Additionally in 2023, we worked on the Town Plan. We opened sections containing Census data and natural resources sections to address forest integrity as required by Vermont Act 171.

For the Town Plan to comply with Vermont Act 171 requirement the MPC in conjunction with the Conservation Commission secured ARPA funding and contracted Arrowwood Environmental to assist in fulfilling this requirement. Arrowwood Environmental has completed the contract and supplied the Town with up-to-date, fine scale, natural resources inventory maps of Monkton. These maps identified the major forest blocks, habitat connectors, wildlife corridors, and wetlands. This new data will help protect core forest areas, prevent forest fragmentation, and protect habitat connectors.

To update the Town Plan, we added new data based on the 2020 Census with updated text, several new natural resource maps, and information related to future land use and language that identifies locally significant forest blocks and habitat connectors.

This information updates the Monkton Town Plan 2020-2028 as a revision. An informational meeting and public hearing were held on October 17th. Directly following the hearing, the Town Plan was pulled back by the Commission, because of issues raised by attendees about the Natural Heritage Map. We want to thank everyone who participated in the hearing; your contributions are critical. We plan to continue working in the Town Plan and will have another hearing in early summer. Per the process, if we pass the Town Plan, it goes to the Select Board for their review and hearing. We hope it will go for a Town vote on Election Day 2024.

The full Commission wants to thank the Listers for all their support with updating data in the Town Plan; their well-timed help was essential to our project. We also want to thank Stan Wilbur, Monkton's Town Administrator for moderating our hearing and Jessica Demeritt for taking minutes. Stan's thoughtful approach and experience in moderating was very helpful, and Jessica captured all important points, so we could focus on listening.

After the MPC sub-committee on affordable housing started discussions to address this issue in Monkton, the Commission realized this issue needed to be broader than just planning. We recommended to the Select Board, and they concurred, that these issues should be addressed by a Town-wide committee. Two of our Commissioners attend their meetings.

We want to thank Lee Mahony for his decades of service to Monkton on the MPC; he left the Commission in June. His thoughtful discussions are missed. We would like to welcome Mike New, who is our newest Commission member. We are excited to have him on the Commission.

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, Mike New, and Gary Strait

Development Review Board

The Development Review Board (DRB)'s role is to apply and interpret the rules, regulations, and guidance of the State of Vermont and the Town of Monkton to subdivision projects, changes to parcels, some uses of property, and waiver applications. All permits, use applications, subdivisions, boundary line adjustments, waivers, etc., begin with the Zoning Administrator. Some types of applications are then referred to the DRB.

The DRB would like to thank Kris Perlee for his service to Monkton as Zoning Administrator and DRB Clerk. He moved to a position in Bristol in June. In August we welcomed interim Zoning Administrator Andrew Peterson, who kept the wheels turning until the onboarding of a new Zoning Administrator, and DRB Clerk, Steven True in October. Member Vicky Stern was on maternity leave mid-year and expressed interest in moving to the Alternate position on the DRB. She and alternate member Mark Boltz-Robinson then exchanged places.

In 2023 the DRB approved two Subdivisions, two Conditional Uses, and one Boundary Line Adjustment. In total three new building lots were created. The Conditional Uses allowed for an accessory structure at an existing residence in the Conservation District and for an accessory structure at, and an addition onto, an existing residence in the Ridgeline Overlay District.

The DRB makes every effort to conduct its work fairly and consistently in accord with the rules, regulations, and guidance of the State of Vermont and the Town of Monkton, as documented in the Unified Planning Document (zoning), the Monkton Town Plan, and state law. Where there is flexibility within that framework, as applications are evaluated, we seek to balance the interests of landowners and of the community as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis Layn (Chair)
Jaime Schulte (Vice-Chair)
Phil Russell
Chris Acker

Scott Gordon
Stephen Pilcher
Mark Boltz-Robinson
Vicky Stern (Alternate)



Monkton Volunteer Fire Department

3747 States Prison Hollow Road
Bristol, Vermont 05443

During 2023 your fire department responded to 45 emergency calls. These calls included not only fires but, automobile accidents, carbon monoxide detector activations, medical assists, and down power lines. As is always we appreciate the assistance we receive from our neighboring fire departments, Monkton First Response, Monkton Highway Department, Bristol Rescue Squad, Vergennes Area Rescue Squad, and Charlotte Rescue.

Your department is currently made up of 12 active members. These members attend weekly meetings and trainings. We rely heavily on our mutual aid departments, especially during the day while the majority of our members are working out of town. Addison county has a very strong mutual aid relationship ensuring that all its residents and departments have 24/7 coverage. Every year we like to recognize those who go above and beyond. This year the department voted Dan Reinhart the outstanding firefighter of the year. The award for the most training hours was earned by Dan Reinhart. Our most active firefighters were Logan Young and Cody Haines. This Year we were proud to recognize "Buck" Bennett, Paul Meader, Charlie Huizenga, and Greg Cota for 50 years of service to the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department. These four members have and continue to set the standard of commitment that we all strive for.

This year the department received countless donations and thank you cards in response to a letter we mailed to you. We can't thank the people of Monkton enough for the kind words and generosity. This year we were able to take a large step towards purchasing a new truck, largely in part from the assistance of the Monkton Select Board and the truck replacement fund that is approved by the towns people each year.

We are always in need of more volunteers to join us on Wednesday nights and assist their community members in their time of need. Feel welcome to stop by on a Wednesday night or talk to one of our current members. I can be contacted at (453-6919) if you have any questions.

The following list of current department leadership elected by the department members to serve for 2024:

Chief	Curtis Layn	Captain	Max Murray	Lieutenant	Buzz Kuhns
1st Asst Chief	Robert Howard	Captain	Logan Young	Lieutenant	Rick Gomez
2nd Asst Chief	Dan Reinhart	Secretary	Logan Young	Treasurer	Rick Gomez

We thank our families, neighbors, the Town Selectboard, 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 2024!

Curtis Layn, Chief, Monkton Volunteer Fire Department



12/31/2022 MVFD 2023 Town Meeting Budget Submission

	<u>2022 Income</u>	<u>2023 Income</u>
Town to Operating Budget	\$50,000.00	58200
Town to Truck Fund	\$20,000.00	40000
ARPA Funds	\$10,000.00	56586
USPS/Station Rental	\$3,400.00	3400
Donations	\$1,135.00	3765
Fundraising	\$8,000.00	11813
Total	<u>\$92,535.00 ✓</u>	<u>\$173,764.00 ✓</u>

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
		<u>12/31/2022</u>		<u>12/31/23</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Awards	\$100.00	\$43.00	\$100.00	865.8	\$100
Building Repair and Maint	\$3,000.00	\$4,577.46	\$4,000.00	1631.73	\$4,000
Cleaning and Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,500.00	1669.53	\$1,800
Dispatch Services	\$1,600.00	\$1,417.50	\$1,600.00	1550	\$1,800
Dues, Training and Meeti	\$2,000.00	\$793.00	\$2,000.00	676.06	\$1,500
Electric Service	\$3,500.00	\$2,777.09	\$3,500.00	2929.87	\$3,500
Equipment Repair/Suppl	\$4,500.00	\$6,641.07	\$4,500.00	6944.54	\$7,000
Shelter Related Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$977.00	\$1,000.00	14725.44	\$1,000
Heating Fuel	\$6,000.00	\$4,989.11	\$6,000.00	7061.27	\$6,000
Insurance	\$7,100.00	\$7,551.75	\$7,100.00	8617.75	\$8,700
Monkton First Response	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	394.15	\$4,000
New Equipment and Gea	\$6,500.00	\$20,327.26	\$10,000.00	25044.81	\$10,000
Office Supplies and Post	\$700.00	\$94.85	\$700.00	1122.62	\$1,200
Radios and Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$263.50	\$5,000.00	1229	\$5,000
Telephone/Internet Serv	\$1,200.00	\$1,126.72	\$1,200.00	1147.69	\$1,200
Truck Repair and Mainte	\$6,000.00	\$6,266.94	\$7,500.00	3967.32	\$7,500
Operating Budget	<u>\$51,700.00</u>	<u>\$58,896.25</u>	<u>\$57,700.00</u>	<u>\$79,577.58</u>	<u>\$64,300.00</u>

MVFD is Requesting \$64,300 for Operating Budget and \$60,000 for truck fund Total = \$124,300

Balances December 31, 2022

Checking	\$9,542.14
Money Market	\$32,272.43
Truck Fund	\$61,076.08
	<u>\$102,890.65</u>

Balances December 31, 2023

	3844.12
	104582.55
	61317.24
	<u>\$169,743.91</u>



Bristol Rescue Squad Town Report

The Bristol Rescue Squad (BRS) has seen an increase in call volume of greater than 30% over the past two years. In 2023, our agency was dispatched for 1,034 calls, compared to just a few years ago when we were averaging around 700 / year, for our five-town service area. Despite the growing call volume, we have worked to improve our response times and capabilities as an advanced life support ambulance service. While we have adjusted to the increased demand in the communities that we serve, BRS has found the need to increase our staffing (including adding more paid staff) and to purchase (and maintain) quality equipment for the safety of our crews and the communities we serve.

Bristol Rescue Squad currently has 35 volunteers, and part- and full-time staff, and is always seeking to support community members that wish to get involved. We can be reached for membership inquiries at membership@bristolrescuevt.org.

Inflationary pressures have challenged our agency, just as they have all the residents in our area over the last few years. Fuel costs for the ambulances have increased, as have the costs of medical supplies, equipment maintenance, and more.

For these reasons, Bristol Rescue Squad is looking to adjust to a more equitable model, which is used by most agencies in the State of Vermont already – a per capita approach. While many agencies are around \$ 25 / capita / year cost to their communities, we have kept our target for this year's request at \$ 6. This model adjusts the Town costs by portion of calls, population density, and new developments/construction activities.

We hope for continued support of our communities to provide emergency and medical services for years to come.

Respectfully,

The Board of Directors
Chief Will Elwell
Deputy Chief Eli Rickner

To the Residents of Monkton,

Town Health Officers (THOs) are appointed by the Commissioner of Health at the recommendation of the Town's Select Board. The THO's main duty during the three-year term is to investigate and abate existing and potential public health hazards in their Town. Refer to the town website THO page at: <http://monktonvt.com/town-services/health-officer/>

The THO 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 THO 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.

The Monkton THO issues in 2023 were 3 animal bites, and a 2 septic system issues. There were no rental issues reported.

The Vermont Department of Health website: www.healthvermont.gov has a comprehensive list of information and resources under the "Quick Links" tab with such topics as:

- Advance Directives
- Birth Death Marriage
- Board of Medical Practice
- COVID-19 Data
- Food & Lodging
- Health Insurance
- Healthy Homes
- Hospital Report Cards
- Immunizations
- Public Comment on Rules
- Public Health Lab
- Town Health Officers
- Translations
- Vermont Immunization Registry
- Vermont.gov
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

I have been pleased to serve Monkton as your THO, however, after 17 years, I am completing my last term in March 2024. If you are interested in serving Monkton as the THO, please contact the Select Board. I welcome any questions you may have about the position; send an email to me at HealthOfficer@monktonvt.com. If you have a public-health related concern, please contact the newly appointed THO. For issues not within the THO purview you will be directed to the appropriate agency.

Have a healthy year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Hopps
Monkton Health Officer



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

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

211 Dogs Licensed in Year 2023

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

****Please be sure to bring a copy of your most recent Rabies Vaccination.****

RABIES CLINIC

March 26, 2023

At Monkton Vol. Fire Dept.

5:30pm – 7:30pm

RABIES SHOTS \$20.00

Please be sure to bring a copy of your most recent Rabies Vaccination.

The Monkton Community Dog Park is now 3 years old!

As we reflect on the year that was, we'd like to extend a **Note of Gratitude** from all of us on the Monkton Community Dog Park Committee, to all who use and love the dog park. The Monkton Community Dog Park Committee is grateful for:

- ❖ Everyone who picks up poop, whether it's from their dog or not, pitches in to help keep bark mulch in the mud wallows, snow and ice from the entrances, and brings a sense of community and love for dogs to the park with them during each visit.
- ❖ Paul Low and the Red Schoolhouse Contracting crew and Bob Wahl of Wahl Landscaping for taking on the Shade Structure project and getting it done! This beautiful gazebo is now providing shelter and a comfortable place for people to sit and visit while watching their pups play.
- ❖ The much-needed mulch donated by Gillian Epler and Harry Mead (welcome to Monkton!) delivered and spread by Doug Schmidt and Bob Radler.
- ❖ The donation and delivery of dirt from the Town of Monkton and Bob Wahl, Stephen Pilcher and Ian Schulze for their work to fill the perpetual mud wallows (once and for all?).
- ❖ Bill Houston, who brought his weed trimmer to the park all summer long and kept the entry area and front of the park neat and tidy.
- ❖ All the donors, large and small, and the volunteers who keep the Dog Park going and make it a safe, fun place for dogs to play and for dog people to meet and visit.

Reflection by Lizzie Wolff - Sadly, we lost one of our earliest Monkton Community Dog Park Committee members this past year. We remember Linda Reynolds in gratitude for her work in the initial stages of forming the Dog Park. Linda had a deep love and connection for all animals and always had a houseful of dogs, along with chickens, goats, horses, and cats! She was dedicated to her animals and their well-being and loved the idea of a space where folks could gather with their dogs in community! Linda was rarely without an animal by her side. We are grateful for Linda's time, energy and love in helping form the dog park. She will be greatly missed.



Linda with her last Mudi dog, Kooza

Please all join us in marveling at the fact that this incredibly successful community resource is 100% donor-funded and volunteer-run. Monkton is an amazing community!

Highlights from Our 3rd Year at The Monkton Community Dog Park

Anniversary Party - In early June, we celebrated our third year with an anniversary party and fund-raiser. Our guest vendors La Chapina and Monkton's own BEVO brought delicious tostadas and a variety of beverages to the celebration, and courtesy of the Dog Park, everyone enjoyed a fabulous Tres Leches cake made by Cakes by Christian. Dogs and people made new friends, while enjoying a lively competition for our 50:50 raffle, Jolene McKay's maple sap bucket planters, and the festive atmosphere. Through the generosity of our supporters, we raised \$530 to help pay for the ongoing mowing and maintenance of the Park.

Our Gazebo - With support from a Vermont Buildings and General Services recreational grant award, and Monkton's ARPA funds, as well as the generosity of our supporters, we have accomplished our goal of building a beautiful shade structure that will grace Morse Park for years to come. Thank you to all our supporters!



Halloween Treats - Once again we participated in Monkton's wonderful Trunk or Treat event. Visitors to the Dog Park Rav trunk went home with a pair of dog biscuits and a Monkton Dog Park sticker, and of course, candy!

Be on the lookout for more exciting community activities coming this spring.

Questions, concerns, or just want to pitch in and help?

We are committed to ensuring that decision-making for the Monkton Community Dog Park is an inclusive and transparent process. Anyone interested in joining the workgroup or sharing ideas is welcome. The Dog Park Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 7pm via Zoom. If you don't want to join the committee and just want to lend a hand, let us know and we'll come up with a plan for you. To attend a meeting, join the committee or request additional information contact us at dogpark@monktonvt.com.

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



If you prefer donating by check, you can do that too!

Please make your check payable to Monkton Community Dog Park and mail it to:

Monkton Dog Park, Monkton Town Hall, 92 Monkton Ridge, North Ferrisburgh, VT 05473



Respectfully Submitted,
Monkton Community Dog Park Committee
Cathie Buscaglia, MCDP Chair
Deb Gaynor, Treasurer
Ian Schulze, Secretary
Kerrie Garvey

We look forward to seeing you at the Dog Park!
Be the person your dog thinks you are.

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

TIME TO SPAY & NEUTER CATS & DOGS and LICENSE!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VVSA). Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, resources are limited by the number of dogs licensed as required by law by 6 months of age. A rabies vaccination is required to license. The first vaccination can be given at 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a vet office, Community Animal Aid (free to those on public assistance: 734-0259 at the E. Barre Fire Station) & Tractor Supply host monthly clinics. After vaccinating, contact your Town Clerk to license your dog. By statute, unlicensed dogs can be seized. Rabies is in Vermont and it is deadly.

Licensing identifies your dog and is proof the dog is protected in the event bitten by an animal, but would still need immediate medical attention. Vaccinations and licensing protect if they bite another animal or person, which could result in the quarantine of the animal or euthanized. If not proven by being licensed to be currently vaccinated, testing for rabies requires the brain to be examined.

For an Application for VSNIP send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if it is for a cat, dog, or both. To print out, go to: VSNIP.Vermont.Gov. VSNIP helps income challenged Vermonters with neutering and vaccinations. If approved, you'll receive a Voucher and instructions. If not, a list of low-cost resources will be sent. Several humane societies host spay neuter clinics open to the public. Your cost for a VSNIP surgery is \$27.00, if without complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with their \$4.00 fee collected at licensing. **Veterinarians and their staff are the backbone of this important program. Thanks to their generosity and altruistic vision, Vermont no longer uses routine euthanasia as a means of population control. Sincerely thank your veterinarian for their participation in VSNIP. If not currently a participating office, please ask them to join and help make a difference in your community. They are very needed.**

Facts: Female cats as young as 4 months can become pregnant. The "mom" cat can/will become pregnant when nursing is finished. Males travel for miles to find a female in heat, often not returning. Cats and dogs (naturally) mark their territory if not neutered. Resolve Carpet Cleaner and a single moth ball in its place will help deter from repeat markings. (Do not use moth balls with young children in the house.) 70% of cats and 15% of dogs using VSNIP are reported as strays or abandoned, which is cruel and illegal. Please do promote VSNIP, helping those that cannot afford to neuter, that will otherwise reproduce over and over. Repeat litters can cause uterine infection, mammary tumors, kidney failure, etc., leading to death. "Farm" cats are especially at risk. Be wary of any seller of animals that won't allow you to see how they are kept before acquiring and want to meet in a parking lot. Animals are often used as a means of making money, and their life may be the inside a room or cage. Please be the voice for those that cannot speak. Purchasing does not 'save' one, it 'enables' those to continue to misuse animals for money. Thank you for promoting this time proven program.

Thanks to now retired Lynn Murrell, DVM, who first agreed to extend reduced rates for animals in need, and all the Veterinarians and Clinics that served for the last forty years plus. A sincere thank you to Bernard "Snook" Downing for helping support many animals in need over the years with his hard work, contributions, and the donors we are unable to thank in print – but you know who you are! ***Together We Truly Do Make a Difference!*** 800 HI VSNIP (1-800-448-7647)

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator: VSNIP Executive Director: VVSA

Monkton Recreation Committee - 2023 Report

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

Monkton Recreation Volunteer committee meeting schedule:

When: 1st Monday of each month

What Time: 7pm

Where: New Town Hall

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 (tee, farm, minors, and majors teams/ages 5-12)

Soccer (K through 6 grade)

Basketball (K through 6 grade)

Lacrosse (when available)

Youth basketball open gym

Property operations and maintenance coordinated by Monkton Recreation:

Recreation walking path at Morse Park

Morse Park Parking lot

Pavilions at Morse Park and the Recreation Field

Volleyball, Soccer, Softball, and Lacrosse fields at Morse Park

Baseball and soccer fields at the Recreation Field on Hollow Road

Lower playing and ball field adjacent to Monkton Central School

Morse Park and Recreation Field Pavilion Rentals:

The Pavilions at Morse Park and the Recreation Field are available to reserve for family/community gatherings or events. Contact Paul Low @ 425-2742 to reserve a pavilion.

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

The Sports Year in Review:

The Recreation Committee is very proud of and grateful for the community volunteers, coaches, and parents that helped make our children and adult programs successful this past year. Our youth sports programs and coach/parent mentors are strong and Monkton's teams show great sportsmanship and talent on the fields and courts. Their success and pride is a reflection of the investment and opportunity we can afford them. A few highlights from our teams in 2023: For the winter of 2023, The grade 5-6 Boys basketball team led by John Zaikowski and Cale Pelland placed well in the annual Middlebury Tournament in February 2023, and was runner up in the 5-Town Tournament held later that month. For the spring of 2023, Little League baseball had another successful season. The combined Monkton/Starksboro Majors team led by Cale Pelland, Ed McCarthy, and John Zaikowski won the Mt. Abe Little League's Curler Cup in June 2023, capping off a great season. Congratulations to Cale, Ed, John, and the boys on the Majors team (see accompanying photograph). For the fall of 2023, the grade 5-6 boys soccer team led by Ed McCarthy came in as runner up in the 5-Town Cup championship. As of the drafting of this report, the 2023-2024 basketball season is off to a great start.

Special thanks go to a variety of businesses for their generosity to our sports programs, activities, and facilities over the past several years. These include Clark-Wright Septic, 802 Print, Yates Family Orchard, MAUSD, Dicks Sporting Goods, Vermont Landlords Association, VHB, Bennett and Zaikowski P.C., and undoubtedly more that we apologize if we missed. Special thanks also go out to Angela Zaikowski and Bennett & Zaikowski, PC for sponsoring the 5/6 girls and boys basketball teams' warm-up shirts and the 5-6 boys basketball team's year-end trip to the UVM Men's Basketball Game. Special thanks also go out to Kristen Blanchette for her continued support and dedication serving the Monkton Little League baseball/softball programs through her coordinator and MALL president roles, Terri Fitzgerald for the volleyball program, and many other dedicated coaches, sponsors, and volunteers. Our youth sports and adult programs are made possible through these efforts, and our youths' excitement and success in each sport is truly a reflection.

Other Highlights:

The Recreation Committee recently obtained approval to fund several projects through ARPA totaling \$54,245.00, which include recouping lost revenue from activity fees during the pandemic, enhancing the Rec Field baseball field and Morse Park ballfield, purchasing and installing exercise equipment at Morse Park, repairing sections of the Morse Park walking path, installing a 3-hole disc golf course at Morse Park, and construction of a Dog Park Shade Structure at Morse Park. The Recreation Committee also recently agreed to take on sponsorship of the youth basketball open gym program, previously established by Kevin Lambert. Work on development of an updated management plan for Morse Park that strives to balance varying management objectives also continues in partnership with the Town's Conservation Commission. The Monkton Community Dog Park continues to enhance Morse Park and serve as a resource for meeting community members and their furry companions. If you have a dog, give it a try and enjoy a unique social opportunity in Town.

The 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. In addition, 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 Play

Camping (by reservation and permitting)

Charcoal fires only

Activities not allowed:

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



2023 Monkton/Starksboro Little League Majors Baseball Curler Cup Champions



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 6, 2023



Green Up Day, continued to grow with 23,500 volunteers statewide who cleaned up nearly 348 tons of litter and 15,000 tires. We saw 23% more volunteers lend a hand and heard in many cases there was less litter (30%) to be cleaned up. Tire collection saw a 4.8% increase. The statistics show that the hard work to beautify Vermont is still needed but also that our efforts for awareness are paying off. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2024.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives.

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. **Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.**

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 802-522-7245

Recycling Center

News

The big news at the recycling center this year was the rebuild of the decks, rails, and shed. Natalie Adams was responsible for this amazing transformation. She earned the highest possible honor for a Girl Scout in high school, a Gold Award. It was over 90 hours of work and about \$1000 in materials. Thank you, Natalie!

In 2024 a regional recycling facility will be opening in New Haven off of Campground Road. The Addison County Solid Waste Management District's goal is to provide a facility that will serve all of the county's towns with a place for residents to bring a variety of recyclables along with bagged trash multiple days a week on a weekly basis. Rain has delayed the project; the current expected opening date is early summer 2024.

After seven winters of shoveling, three hauler changes, one new recycling law (food scrap ban), and one pandemic, I am stepping down from the appointment of recycling coordinator. I have greatly enjoyed serving the town in this capacity, and the many conversations with the community.

Thank You

The recycling center only works because of volunteers:

Carroll Maxwell, Troop 525, Joan Holloway, Jessica Demeritt, Paul Dicovitsky, Critter Creek 4-H, Monkton Friends Church, Robin Hopps, Kimberly Jones, Eugenie Doyle, Kathy Boyer, Rob Hunter, Julie McGowan, Ken Wolpin

These generous folks covered 24 Saturdays, helping neighbors with recycling, sharing news, greeting friends, and providing a place for community to connect.

Information

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. Blue bin recyclables are accepted at no charge, and trash and food scraps are accepted for a fee.

Do you know what blue bin recycling is? Recycling is a complex business guided by state laws. If you are throwing things in the blue bin *hoping* it can be recycled you are a wishcycler. Throwing the wrong things in recycling is dangerous for workers and makes recycling unsellable or landfill.

Blue Bin Recycling

All items must be clean, dry, and measure two inches on two sides.

Aluminum and metal cans: cans, disposable foil pans and plates, sheets of foil crumpled into a 2"x2" ball

Cardboard and boxboard: flatten all boxes, yes to clean pizza boxes, boxes from frozen and refrigerated foods are accepted but **no cartons** (milk, juice, soup) or ice cream tubs; they contain additional unrecyclable layers.

Glass bottles and jars

Paper: printer paper, newspaper, magazines, paperback books, brown paper, phone books, junk mail, and envelopes

Plastic containers and packaging: bottles, jugs, yogurt containers, dairy tubs, clear plastic takeout containers, and blister packaging

For questions about what is recyclable, please check out the A-Z Guide at addisoncountyrecycles.org

Trash

These items are commonly thrown in blue bin recycling and belong in the trash or some may go to special recycling at the transfer station in Middlebury:

filmy plastic: ziploc bags, wrapping on toilet paper rolls, bubble wrap, shipping mailers

all black plastic

styrofoam egg cartons and meat trays, all styrofoam

durable goods: dog toys, laundry baskets, shoes, clothing, random pieces of metal such as vacuum nozzles, frying pans, hangers

Recycling Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame began as a playful way to engage neighbors about their recycling knowledge. The contest was offered on the Monkton Community Facebook page. Since this is my final recycling report, I celebrate these folks who displayed top knowledge of current recycling practices.

2022: Mike Cousino, Carroll Maxwell, Andrea Jacobson

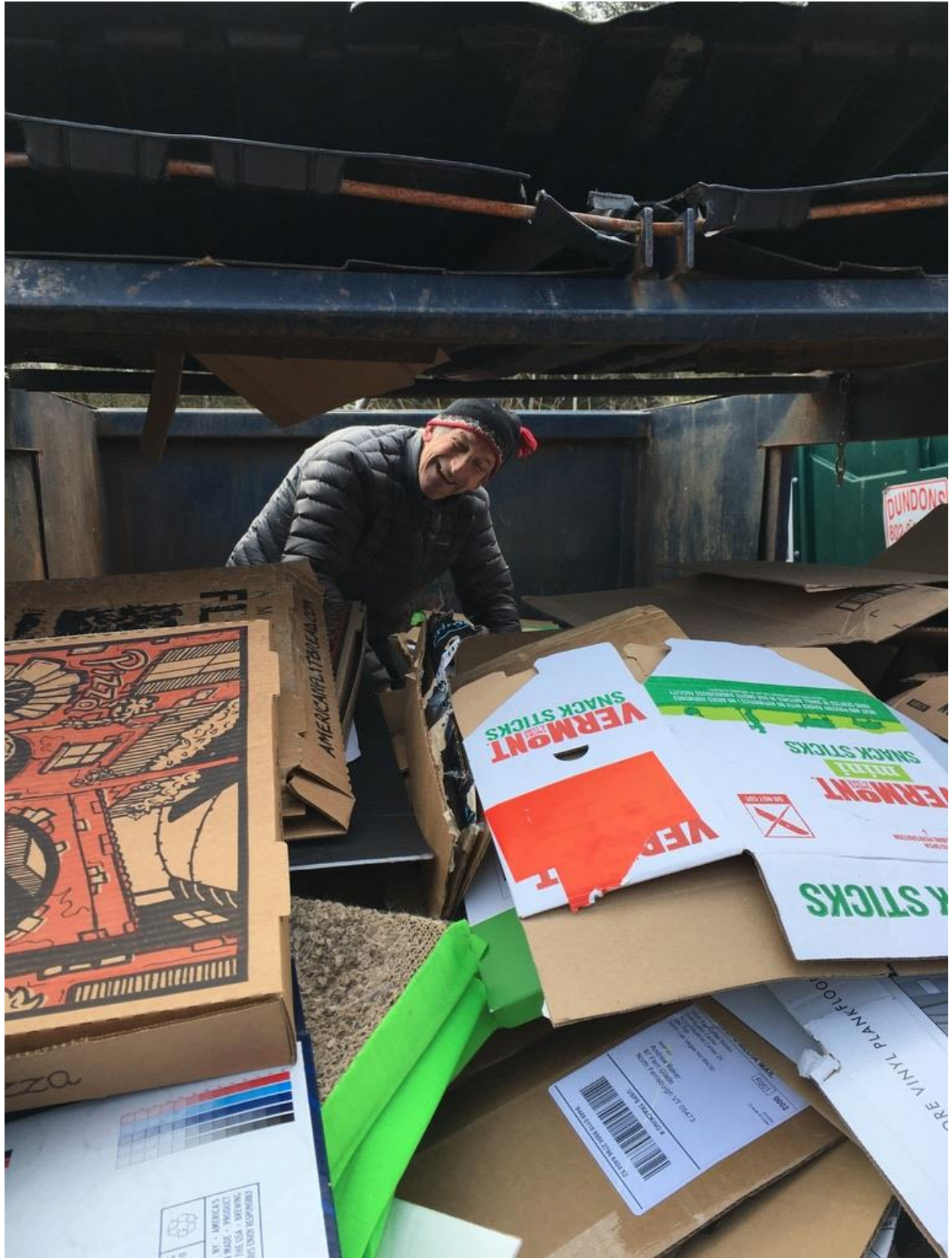
2019: Alaina Skye Dickason Roberts

2018: Jane Lindholm, Carroll Maxwell, John McNerney, Kim Clark, Anna Royar, Dawn Thibault, Sarah Mangini, Sarah Rougier, Gretchen Beaupre

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Demeritt

recycling@monktonvt.com





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.

2023 was another busy and successful year for the library. Our number of patrons increased each month and our annual Strawberry Festival & Book Sale was a roaring success; so much so that we ran out of berries and ice cream!

The biggest change at the close of 2023 was the retirement of Deb Chamberlin, who has steered the library for nearly 38 years. Her years of service were recognized by a large gathering of patrons and friends at a recent retirement celebration in her honor.

In December, we were thrilled to hire Lisa Boeckman as the new Lead Librarian. Lisa has been an assistant librarian for over 1 ½ years and is already known and appreciated by many patrons. Kat Cyr continues to work on Tuesdays and has been active in our adult fiber programs.

Our staff stays busy handling lots of programming for children and adults, some supported by grant funding. 2023 programs included:

- ✧ MCS students' Early Release afternoons in the spring
 - ✧ Large gatherings of Stitch & Spin, a group meeting on the 3rd Sunday each month, 10-1:00
 - ✧ Weekly student visits for the March MCS Read-a-Thon
 - ✧ "All Together Now," a summer reading 'passport' used to help children discover our town
 - ✧ Regular opportunities to read to Bailey the therapy dog
 - ✧ Mushroom cultivation and seed saving (and our new seed catalogue)
 - ✧ Art therapy open studio (thanks to a grant from Five Town Friends of the Arts)
 - ✧ Craft Your Closet (instruction on clothing repairs & more)
 - ✧ Author visit by Vermont author & illustrator Ashley Wolff
 - ✧ Halloween Trunk or Treat held in collaboration with the Monkton Friends Methodist Church.
- This year saw more than 300 children and parents!

New programming ideas are always welcome! Lisa has been busy planning for the winter and spring. And the next time you're in, take a look at the local artists' work on display (some pieces are for sale, too).

The Library's proposed budget for 2024 is \$65,721. We are requesting \$44,721 from taxpayers. The balance will be paid for by grants and donations. In 2023, we requested \$37,046 from taxpayers. The increase for 2024 is due to the following: (1) last year, we applied \$5,000 in carried over funds to the budget; (2) staff will receive a 3.2% cost of living increase in 2024; and (3) the cost of contracted computer services for the town hall has increased.

Careful readers will note that the line item for Lead Librarian wages has increased and Other Staff has decreased. This reflects a move in the number of shifts each staff person works.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Low, Chair
Cindy Walcott, Treasurer
Janet Fairchild

Theresa Schwegel
Samuel Ludwig, Secretary

Best Wishes to Deb Chamberlin

After nearly 38 years at the helm of Russell Memorial Library, our Lead Librarian Deb Chamberlin retired at the end of 2023. She began working just a few hours each week at the original library building and over time, helped grow the library's patrons, both young and old. It was evident to most of us just how much she *truly* loved and cared about our library and its patrons. Deb mastered the skill of helping regular patrons find their perfect next book. She helped spark the joy of reading in hundreds of children who came through the library door and while visiting local daycares and the Monkton Central School. Her biggest passion was doing craft projects with kids, particularly paper projects and bookmaking. In 2020, Deb helped plan and carry out our major move from the original Russell Memorial Library building to the beautiful space we now have. And finally, Deb has spent countless hours planning, preparing, and carrying out the annual Strawberry Festival since the very first one in 1986. We're hoping she'll still join us as a volunteer at our favorite annual event! Please join us as we wish her the best for a well-earned retirement.



Monkton Scouts Troop 525

And just like that, another year is over. 2023, a year of getting back to normal. So out we went, and adventure was found.

Again, this year our little community supported us in everything we did. Whether it was our food drive in February, our Spaghetti dinner in May, or our tree sales in December. You all never let us down and are always there to show your appreciation. Thank you!

The first few months of the year were Winter adventure. Our annual Klondike derby was a blast. Our kids showed well bringing in First place. Ice fishing on Monkton Pond is always a hit. We do have some big fish in our pond, and they cook up well. A winter camping trip in a blizzard. That didn't stop us. Even had a handful of first timers spend the night in snow shelters they built. In our world we call them Quinzees.

The middle of the year brought on some warmer weather. Spring camporee was another great showing by Monkton's finest. A small group but still victorious. Our Annual Spaghetti dinner brought us all together again. Great showing by our townsfolk. We ventured down to Bristol to try our hand at horseshoes. Not bad for first timers.

The dog days of summer were filled with more fun. A small group of Monkton youth and adults joined up with others around the state to travel to West Virginia. The National Jamboree is the Olympics of Scouting. Thousands of Scouts from all over the world gather for 10 days of high adventure. These are the memories that last.

Summer camp at Mt. Norris in Eden. Always a thrill. Brought along a few newbies who were immediately hooked. Not sure if it was the freedom, the food, or maybe that they were always dirty. Whatever it was, a week at camp is one of the most valuable things in Scouting.

The last chunk of the year was littered with traditional events like fall camporee, our annual haunted trail and of course caroling. It is remarkable how these youth give their time so freely. Never asking for anything in return, just jumping in and getting their hands dirty.

We put together another Big Truck Day in September. A huge shout out to everyone that brought their big boy toys out to Morse Park. Allowing

all sorts of kids and adults to climb all over them. Thank you for spending your day with us.

I can not end without saying Thank You to Russ Baker. After many, many years of giving to Scouting, Russ has retired to the hills. It's time for him to take on his own personal adventures. The mark that he has left on Scouting in Monkton, and statewide, will be remembered for years to come. He is responsible for so many youths becoming caring and giving adults. Thank you, Russ, we will do our best to keep it going.

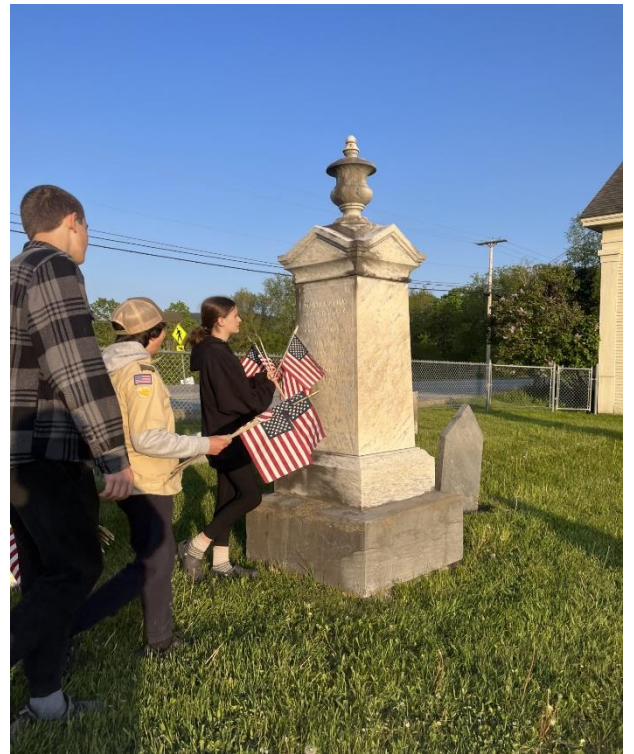
Well, 2024 here we come. Thank you, Monkton.

Yours in Scouting,

George Parker – Scoutmaster







Town Report- Monkton Museum & Historical Society

The Monkton Museum & Historical Society (MM&HS) has had an interesting year presenting, publishing, organizing, collaborating, and discussing historical topics. Member and webmaster Michael Rounds presented his book *A Soldier's Life* about his ancestor Lyman Franklin Rounds (1807-1890) who migrated west from Monkton. Bernie Noble presented a superb slideshow of pictures he took chronicling the New Haven train depot being moved from Rt. 7 to its current resting place beside Beeman Academy and the New Haven town offices. MM&HS member and President Emeritus Gill Coates shared his research of Augustus T. Cox to members and then again at a public presentation at the East Monkton Church in honor of Memorial Day. Members Lauren Parren, Candace Polzella, and Cynthia Walcott presented to members and in a public forum at the East Monkton Church their story of historical research for their *East Monkton, Vermont: A History of its Land and People* publication. We culminated our year with our annual Vermont Humanities Council Speakers Bureau lecture, *The Hills of Home: Mountains and Identity in Vermont History*. Historian Jill Mudgett presented a timeline of artwork that displayed various images of the Vermont spirit from rugged individualism to the community essence, nestled in the majesty of the mountains. We have a great speaker line up for 2024 listed on our website. www.monktonhistory.org We hope to see you!

We have created a Monkton flag banner cut into various puzzle pieces displayed in the Monkton Town Hall Community Room. Community members are asked to add answers to two questions on the back of the puzzle piece. What would you like to know about Monkton's past and/or Why is it important to preserve Monkton's history? Answers may be sent to our email: monktonmhs@gmail.com and will help us plan for future events and publications.

We appreciate community outreach and enjoyed participating in the annual Trunk or Treat event. Our community includes those courageous veterans honored at the

Monkton War Memorial in front of the old Grange, where we planted flowers for Memorial Day and then again for Veterans Day. We will continue to collaborate with the East Monkton Church (EMC) Association. We celebrated with them their new status on the National Register of Historic Places, just like the 1859 Town Hall received in 1978. Part of this EMC event in August included an East Monkton Cemetery tour and rehabilitation activity.

This year the MM&HS also published the fascinating book, *East Monkton, Vermont: A History of its Land and People*. These books can be purchased at the town office. We also offer for sale *History of Monkton*, *Index for History of Monkton*, *A Soldier's Life*, and *Monkton Ridge History*. Please email monktonmhs@gmail.com if you would like to purchase any of these publications. Additionally, our website has some of these references posted online.

We are organizing and formally documenting our inventory to share with you in the future at a yet to be determined museum location. We continue to get donations, including a school desk, with an attached seat, an ink well, and on metal legs. It is thought, but not known, to have come out of the Morgan School. We always welcome such donations. Because we currently do not have a museum location, we have in the past stored this inventory in a private home, then temporarily at the 1859 Town Hall, and currently a monthly storage unit.

We continue to refine our website www.monktonhistory.org with relevant MM&HS happenings. Our exciting lineup of speaking events for the coming year are listed on our frontpage. We also just announced a new Facebook Page and Facebook Group, both called Monkton Museum and Historical Society, and are easily searchable on FB. We welcome you to add comments or create your own posts with photos on this interactive site.

The MM&HS is a vibrant community to join if you want to explore local history. You are always welcome to join us. We have our annual membership drive in April, if you

would like to become a member. We appreciate and thank you for the continued community support in our annual budget request. Please reach out to us through our facebook page or email us at monktonmhs@gmail.com. We also value stamped mail and our address is:

Monkton Museum and Historical Society, P.O. Box 12, Monkton, VT 05469

We look forward to meeting you and sharing our Monkton heritage.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen B. Farrell

MM&HS President

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2023

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2023 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Worked with Orwell, Waltham, Ferrisburgh and Vergennes on Municipal Planning Grants.
- Worked with Bristol, Lincoln and Shoreham on Bylaw Modernization projects focused on housing.
- Represented the Region in Act 250 and Section 248 hearings.
- Assisted municipalities in applying for Village Center Designation: Cornwall, Ferrisburgh.
- Designed and conducted a Regional Housing Survey.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops on planning topics, including housing, planning essentials and flood resiliency bylaws..
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County's Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning and training.
- Helped communities create Local Emergency Management Plans (LEMPs) & Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMPs)
- Updated Mutual Aid agreements for Public Works Departments.
- Administered two Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF) grants.
- Administered one Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant.
- Assisted Vermont Emergency Management and FEMA with summer flooding response.

Energy Planning:

- Helped all towns access capacity grants and energy assessments through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.
- Provided energy scorecards for municipalities to track progress on state and local energy efficiency goals.
- Developed an online map of renewable energy resources and siting.

Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's regional priorities and studies.
- Supported Tri-Valley Transit by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to reduce road erosion from local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, Better Roads and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for projects in Middlebury, Vergennes and New Haven.
- Sponsored town transportation planning studies.
- Conducted traffic and pedestrian studies and hosted the regional Walk/bike council meetings.
- Provided local oversight for Planning and Environmental Linkages Study for Vergennes and surrounding communities

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively supported the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Served as the Clean Water Service Provider for the Otter Creek Basin
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

Brownfields Planning

- Administered EPA-funded Community Wide Assessment grant for brownfield sites

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





ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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, Panton, 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 holds hybrid meetings on the 3^d Thursday of the month at 7 PM, and the Executive Board meets monthly 8 days prior to the Board at 4:30 PM. 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 can be found on the District's website.

2023 Highlights

New Regional Residential Drop-off. The ACSWMD is developing a new regional residential solid waste transfer station at 65 Campground Road in New Haven, Addison County, VT. This regional facility will serve all 21 member towns of the District. District surveys and experience over the past 30 years have demonstrated that the hub and spoke system of town drop-offs feeding into the District Transfer Station in Middlebury, VT lacks a substantive depot, open some weekdays and on Sats., that can accept a variety of recyclables along with residential bagged Municipal Solid Waste (MSW). This new facility, while not intended to replace the small-town drop-offs, is intended to offer a sustainable system to provide more comprehensive and accessible service for residents. All relevant environmental and solid waste permits have been obtained by the District. The District contracted with Champlain Construction for Phase 1 construction. The scope of the work in Phase I, to be completed in early 2024, includes some site work: erosion control, concrete pads, paving, storm drain, buried retaining wall, driveway, landscaping, gate, and two concrete bunkers. The District will arrange for a private vehicle to park during Phase 1. In Phase 2, with a goal toward CY2025 construction, the new regional residential transfer station will be constructed and fully staffed, and will accept residential single stream recyclables, food scraps, leaf & yard debris, scrap metal, electronics (E-Waste), MSW, fluorescent light bulbs, tires, books, plastic film/bags, and confidential documents for shredding/ recycling. A new regional HazWaste (HHW) Center is planned for Phase 3 in CY2026.

HHW Extended Producer Responsibility Law. In 2023, Vermont enacted the first-in-the nation Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Extended Producer Responsibility Law. H.67 requires producers of hazardous household products to safely collect and dispose of them. It is the eighth Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law enacted in Vermont, second only to California with its number of successful EPR programs. EPR is a legislative tool that extends a manufacturer's responsibility for its product throughout all lifecycle stages. Under an EPR program, financial and management responsibility for products is shifted away from local governments and back to the manufacturer. The District has been participating in numerous planning sessions to obtain an EPR law for HHW since 2017 and will continue these efforts in the coming years along with the VT Department of Environmental Conservation and other solid waste planning entities to ensure successful implementation of this critical program. The program goals include a reduction in public sector costs for managing HHW, increased education and outreach about safe management and reduction in generation of HHW, and incentives for producers to design products that are less toxic in the future.

2024 Annual Budget

The ACSWMD Board of Supervisors adopted its 2024 Annual Budget, including the Rate Schedule for CY2024, on Nov. 16, 2023. The new rates will take effect on Jan. 1, 2024. As with prior years, the 2024 Annual Budget will be funded by a combination of: (1) tip fees collected at the Transfer Station; (2) a per-ton District Fee on all waste generated within the District and destined for disposal; (3) donations or fees at special events sponsored by the District; (4) the sale of items such as compost bins; (5) grants, if available; (6) profit sharing of scrap metal; and (7) manufacturer EPR reimbursements. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in CY2024.** The new tip fee for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) & Construction/Demo Debris (C&D) at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury will be \$148/ton, a \$3/ton increase. Rates on a few other items will have nominal changes. For a copy of the 2023 Annual Report and/or adopted CY2024 Rate Sheet, please call the District at 802-388-2333, or e-mail the office at acswmd@acswmd.org. Both are also available on the District's website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

ADOPTED ACSWMD TRANSFER STATION RATE CHANGES IN CY2024

The adopted CY2024 rate changes at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury are:

- (1) \$148/ton for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) & Construction/Demo Debris (C&D);
 - (2) Clean Wood: \$7/load for Residential, up to 1 regular pick-up truck or small trailer;
 - (3) Food Waste: \$1/ea. for Businesses, containers up to 5 gallons;
 - (4) Motor Oil: \$2/gallon of Business, any amount or Residential >10 gallons, uncontaminated only;
 - (5) Composting Supplies: \$68/ea. for a compost bin; \$138/ea. for a Green Cone Solar Digester.
- For a copy of the 2023 Annual Report and/or Adopted CY2024 Rate Sheet, please call the District at 802-388-2333, or e-mail the office at acswmd@acswmd.org. Both documents are also available on the District's website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

Emergency Management Report 2023

The job of Emergency Management Director (EMD) is to reduce the threat posed by hazards through mitigation, plan strategies to respond to disasters when they occur, and coordinate with local, State and Federal resources to assist in response and recovery. By way of trying to meet this mission statement the following actions were taken in 2023:

1. Reviewed and updated the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). The LEOP exists as a compendium of names, contact information and procedures to follow in the event of an emergency. There are now updated copies of the LEOP at the Monkton Fire Station, the Monkton Central School and the Town Hall.
2. The Town of Monkton has received a grant under the 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program to update our Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). There will be significant public outreach as part of this effort which will give the community a chance to identify hazards and recommend mitigation.

The flooding throughout the State in 2023 is a reminder of the importance of emergency preparation.

The best way to be prepared for an emergency is to make sure you have what you need to shelter in your home for several days. Items to think about would include:

Emergency Food and Water for 3 days
Flashlight with extra batteries
Portable radio with extra batteries
First aid kit
Non-electric can opener
Essential medicines for at least 7 days
Having the ability to heat your house without grid electricity

Monkton is a beautiful and safe town to live in; let's continue to make it as resilient as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Pilcher
Monkton Emergency Management Director



Maple Broadband is one of ten Communications Union Districts in Vermont. Our mission is to enhance the economic, educational, and medical well-being of our 20 Addison County member towns, by ensuring that EVERY on-grid address has access to high-speed fiber-optic broadband.

Maple Broadband has partnered with Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT) whereby both organizations are building fiber-optic networks concurrently, ensuring that all member towns receive service as rapidly as possible.

As a local not-for-profit, we've been working hard behind-the-scenes to bring fast, dependable, and locally-managed internet to our service areas.

We don't have shareholders; we have stakeholders: the residents and businesses of our member towns.



Maple Broadband Members

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



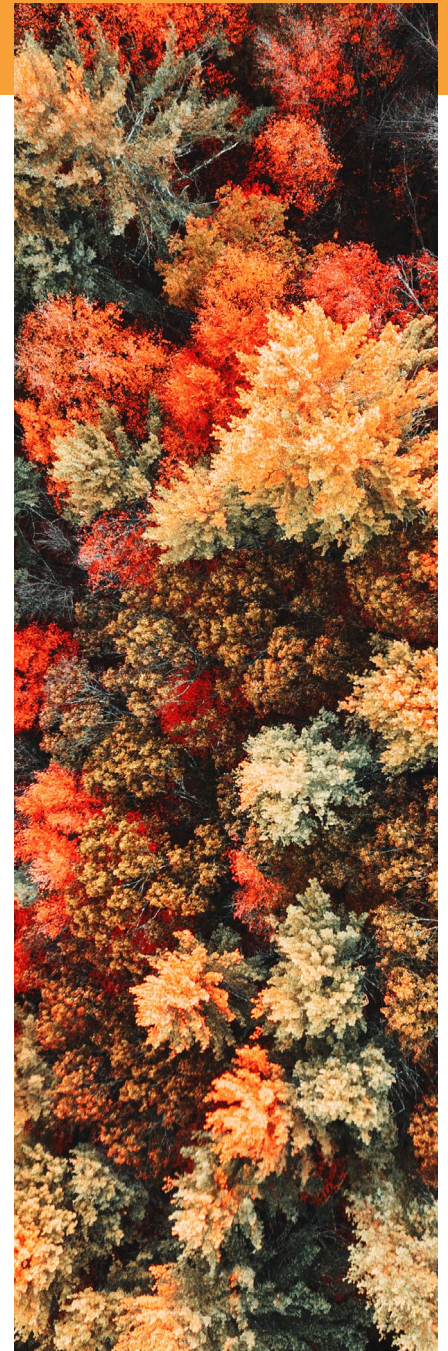
PLANS FOR 2024 AND BEYOND

Currently, we have funding in place for our Phase 2 build, including portions of Vergennes, Ferrisburgh, Waltham, Monkton, and New Haven.

The map on the next page illustrates the collective progress of Maple Broadband and WCVT in 2023 and currently funded commitments for 2024.

Our experience over the last year has helped us understand what approaches are most successful at minimizing cost and maximizing build speed, and we plan to use this to our full advantage as we plan the continuation of our build.

Our 2024 budget anticipates a Phase 3 of approximately 40 miles starting in the second half of the year. More details will be announced when the scope is finalized, and funding secured.



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FUNDING

The rollout of service to every home and business in Maple Broadband's service area takes time and money.

We have received a total of \$10.9 million in construction grant funding, which is enabling us to build a substantial portion of our service territory. The rules governing this funding require that we build exclusively to underserved areas of Addison County, or routes necessary to reach those areas, and exclude areas that are served by another provider.

We anticipate additional federal funding for broadband arriving in early 2025 as part of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. This will help us reach the remaining underserved.

However, a substantial gap remains. Our 2024 budget anticipates obtaining approximately \$3 million in financing to cover the funding gap and to allow us to build areas ineligible under either grant program.

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

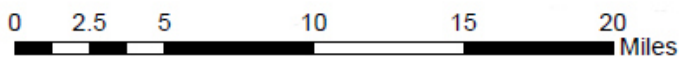
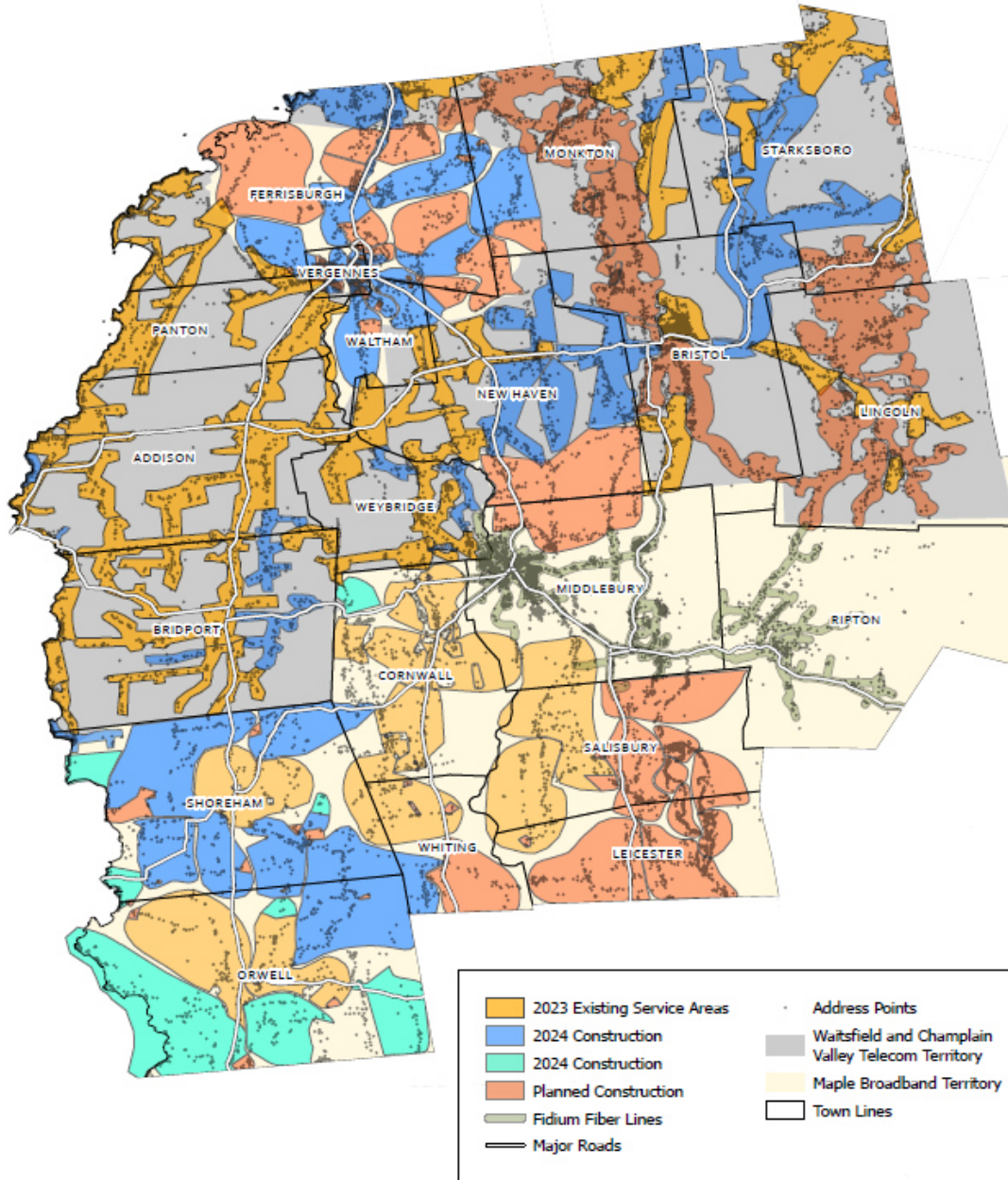
- After several years of planning, and since breaking ground in October 2022, service was officially launched in February.
- Demand for Maple Broadband's services is strong with early subscriptions exceeding the estimates in the business plan.
- The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved a total of \$3.39 million in new grant funding for Maple Broadband.
- Maple Broadband is on target to offer services across over 125 miles by early 2024, finishing our Phase 1 build.
- As a result of Maple Broadband's support of its application to the VCBB, partner WCVT is on target to offer services across 225 new miles by the end of 2023, following on its 2022 construction grant award.

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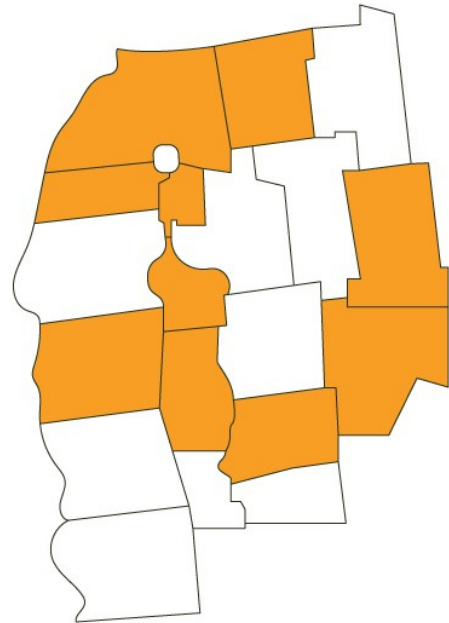
SPECIAL THANKS

We know that reliable access to the internet will help every home and business grow to meet the current and future needs of all our community, and we SO appreciate the support and encouragement we've received from community members across Addison County.

Fully half our member towns have generously contributed portions of their ARPA funds to Maple Broadband.

Maple Broadband Total Match To-Date: \$415,000

Bridport	\$40,000
Cornwall	\$50,000
Ferrisburgh	\$50,000
Lincoln	\$35,000
Monkton	\$50,000
Panton	\$50,000
Ripton	\$25,000
Salisbury	\$30,000
Waltham	\$45,000
Weybridge	\$40,000



100% of these contributions are eligible for a 100% match from the Vermont Community Broadband Board, doubling the impact of these dollars. We understand that all towns have many competing needs for these funds, and are so grateful for the funding that has been made available to us.

Additional ARPA contributions and other donations are most welcome and will help us meet our goal sooner.



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BROADBAND

Submitted by the Maple Broadband Governing Board:

Executive Committee: Steve Huffaker (Chair), Carl Siebecker (Vice Chair), Nancy Cornell, Shannon Haggett, Dan Sonneborn

Executive Director: Ellie de Villiers (ex officio)

Treasurer: Cy Tall (ex officio)

Clerk: Adam Lougee (ex officio)

Governing Board Delegates: Addison (Paul Nikolich), Bridport (Rick Scott), Bristol (Dan Sonneborn), Cornwall (Magna Dodge), Ferrisburgh (Steve Huffaker), Leicester (vacant), Lincoln (vacant), Middlebury (Ross Conrad), Monkton (Mark Boltz-Robinson), New Haven (Ellie de Villiers), Orwell (Bill Goddard), Panton (Howard Hall), Ripton (Billy Sneed), Salisbury (Justin Boyer), Shoreham (Carl Siebecker), Starksboro (Nancy Cornell), Vergennes (Shannon Haggett), Waltham (Lesley Huston), Weybridge (Spencer Putnam), Whiting (vacant)

Maple Broadband is composed of 20 member towns in Addison County, forming one of ten tax-exempt Communications Union Districts (CUDs) serving the state of Vermont. CUDs are non-profit, municipal entities formed with the single goal of delivering high-speed fiber broadband service to every unserved and underserved address in their member towns. CUDs cannot tax their member towns or the residents of those towns. A CUD must fund its operations by grants, debt, and donations.

Maple Broadband's Governing Board is comprised of one Delegate from each member town. Representatives are appointed by the town Selectboard and serve for one-year terms. The Executive Committee consists of five voting members and three non-voting ex officio members. Meeting times, agendas and minutes are posted on the <https://www.maplebroadband.net/meetings>.

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MAPLE BROADBAND

2024 Budget - FINAL 12/12/2023

Income:	Budget 2023		2023 Pro Forma	Budget 2024
Revenue				
Subscriber Payments	\$ 380,000	\$	63,284	\$ 382,610
Installation Fees	\$ 75,000	\$	17,094	\$ 73,480
Dividend Revenue	\$ -	\$	10,562	\$ 500
Interest Income	\$ -	\$	3,000	\$ 60,000
Less Low-Income Installation Subsidies	\$ (4,948)	\$	(300)	\$ (9,447)
Less Low-Income Subscription Subsidies	\$ (7,920)	\$	(40)	\$ (9,677)
Less Allocation for Buried Subsidies	\$ (7,920)	\$	-	\$ (10,000)
Grants				
Pre-Construction	\$ 500,000	\$	672,611	\$ 733,749
Construction	\$ 8,816,480	\$	4,592,750	\$ 4,223,730
USDA	\$ 21,845	\$	21,845	\$ -
Town ARPA Contributions	\$ 100,000	\$	-	\$ 35,000
VCBB ARPA Match	\$ 480,000	\$	-	\$ 415,000
BEAD	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
Financing				
Financing	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 3,000,000
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 10,352,537	\$	5,380,806	\$ 8,894,946
EXPENSES:				
Operating Expenses				
Auditing Expense	\$ 20,000	\$	15,540	\$ 20,000
Financial Administration	\$ 24,000	\$	6,557	\$ 25,000
Bad debt	\$ 7,000	\$	466	\$ 11,478
Insurance	\$ 24,500	\$	21,744	\$ 25,000
Legal Expense	\$ 10,000	\$	16,496	\$ 10,000
Marketing	\$ 157,740	\$	106,115	\$ 130,000
Misc./Admin/Other	\$ 28,000	\$	21,820	\$ 46,978
Pole rentals	\$ 68,000	\$	20,663	\$ 59,000
Payroll	\$ 135,000	\$	162,750	\$ 170,778
Costs related to obtaining debt	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 50,000
Construction				
Pre-Construction Services	\$ 640,000	\$	471,422.16	\$ 240,000
Make Ready	\$ 1,650,000	\$	745,476.40	\$ 400,000
Construction Costs	\$ 7,700,500	\$	3,527,700.19	\$ 6,461,500
Construction Oversight	\$ -	\$	181,772.83	\$ 287,500
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 18,760,000	\$	5,133,479	\$ 7,937,235
NET CASH FLOW:	\$ (8,407,463)	\$	247,327	\$ 957,711
Beginning Cash				\$ 2,791,147.34
Plus: Net Cash Flow				\$ 957,711.15
Ending Cash				\$ 3,748,858.49

For the purposes of this report we were required to make estimates. These estimates may depend upon the outcome of future events and may need to be revised as circumstances change.

MAPLE BROADBAND

Pro Forma 12/31/23 - FINAL 12/12/2023

	Actual		Forecast		Total	
	1/23 - 10/31/23		11/1/23 - 12/31/23		1/1/23 - 12/31/23	
Income:						
Subscriber Payments	\$	43,194.05	\$	20,090.00	\$	63,284
Installation Fees	\$	14,095.30	\$	2,999.00	\$	17,094
Dividend Revenue	\$	10,561.69	\$	-	\$	10,562
Interest Income	\$	-	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000
Less Low-Income Installation						
Subsidies	\$	-	\$	(300)	\$	(300)
Less Low-Income Monthly						
Subsidies	\$	-	\$	(40)	\$	(40)
Grants						
Pre-construction	\$	-	\$	672,611.02	\$	672,611.02
Construction	\$	3,945,749.73	\$	647,000.00	\$	4,592,749.73
USDA	\$	21,845.16	\$	-	\$	21,845.16
ARPA - Towns	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
TOTAL INCOME	\$	4,035,446	\$	1,345,360	\$	5,380,806
Expenses						
Auditing Expense	\$	15,540.00	\$	-	\$	15,540.00
Financial Administration	\$	5,056.70	\$	1,500.00	\$	6,556.70
Insurance	\$	16,244.00	\$	5,500.00	\$	21,744.00
Legal Expense	\$	13,996.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	16,496.00
Marketing	\$	86,115.07	\$	20,000.00	\$	106,115.07
Misc./Admin/Other	\$	18,820.10	\$	3,000.00	\$	21,820.10
Pole Rentals	\$	15,163.28	\$	5,500.00	\$	20,663.28
Payroll & Benefits	\$	131,649.61	\$	31,100.00	\$	162,749.61
Pre-Construction Services	\$	481,422.16	\$	(10,000.00)	\$	471,422.16
Make Ready	\$	510,476.40	\$	235,000.00	\$	745,476.40
Construction Costs	\$	2,283,042.19	\$	1,244,658.00	\$	3,527,700.19
Utilities	\$	1,574.37	\$	300.00	\$	1,874.37
Construction Oversight	\$	131,772.83	\$	50,000	\$	181,772.83
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	3,710,873			\$	5,299,931
NET CASH FLOW:	\$	324,573			\$	80,875
Beginning Cash:	\$	2,710,272			\$	2,710,272
Plus Net Cash Flow	\$	324,573			\$	80,875
Ending Cash:	\$	3,034,845			\$	2,791,147

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MARRIAGES FILED IN 2023

	<u>DATE OF MARRIAGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
HALIE MARIE NOLAN JOSEPH HERBERT CORNET	JUNE 17, 2023	BRANDON, VT
IAN THOMAS HUNT DEVON MACKENZIE O'BRIEN	JUNE 17, 2023	STOWE, VT
ROBERT THOMAS HOWARD JESSICA MAY ADKINS	JUNE 24, 2023	MONKTON, VT
MICHAEL KARL RUSSELL ALLISON ALDEN COOK	JULY 29, 2023	GRAND ISLE, VT
HANNAH CAITLIN THOMAS SAMUEL ROGER FORTIN	AUGUST 19, 2023	MORETOWN, VT
NATALIE MICHELLE DOYLE KEVIN HOWARD CLARK JR.	SEPTEMBER 9, 2023	BRIDPORT, VT
KATELYNN MARIE SAWYER CASEY MATTISON AYERS	SEPTEMBER 9, 2023	NEW HAVEN, VT
MEGAN JEAN HUMPHREY TERRY TYLER HOTALING	SEPTEMBER 18, 2023	SHELBURNE, VT
ANDREW NELSON KOHLMAYER CAROLYN RUTH BOIVIN	SEPTEMBER 22, 2023	HINESBURG, VT
LAURA FRANCES CAHILL LIAM BOUDREAU CAHILL	SEPTEMBER 30, 2023	NO. FERRISBURGH, VT

2023 BIRTHS

01/08/2023	CHARLAND	AUTUMN	PAIGE	JORDAN M. CHARLAND JACOB A. CHARLAND
01/24/2023	COUSINO	AMELIA	MARIE	JENNIFER M. COUSINO GREGORY D. COUSINO
03/11/2023	PARK	ISAAC	ANDREW	SARAH M. PARK STEPHEN O. PARK
04/19/2023	MOSTOLLER	GEORGIA	JULIET	STEPHANIE C. STEVENS JESSE M. MOSTOLLER
04/26/2023	KIESSLING	ANDERSON	RANDY	CHELSEA J. B. KIESSLING MICHAEL S. KIESSLING
06/23/2023	ARSENEAU	ANNABELLE	SOPHIA	AYLA A. ALLEN MARC B. ARSENEAU
06/27/2023	BILAN	TANYA		DANIELA COPACINSCHI PAVEL BILAN
07/05/2023	BRYNN-BARROWS	LEIF	CIAN	ELIZABETH C. BRYNN CAMERON R. BARROWS
07/06/2023	PECHIE	MADELINE	REED	ANGELA I. REED ERIC J. PECHIE
09/02/2023	TATRO	MASON	REEVE	JANNEL L. TATRO MATTHEW D. TATRO
09/09/2023	CORNET	KAYA	ROSE	HALIE M. NOLAN JOSEPH H. CORNET
09/27/2023	TIMMINS	EMMETT	MARK NICHOLAS	ELLEN D. TIMMINS JOSEPH M. F. TIMMINS
12/13/2023	VALENTINE	LIAM	WESLEY	JENNA M. C. VALENTINE MAX W. VALENTINE

2023 DEATHS

<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
MARK ADAM NELSON	FEBRUARY 23, 2023	MONKTON, VT
PETER WINSLOW NICHOLS	MARCH 23, 2023	BURLINGTON, VT
THERESA MARY SCATCHARD	MARCH 30, 2023	MONKTON, VT
WALTER L. KNOX JR.	APRIL 5, 2023	MONKTON, VT
KAREN LEE DIXON	APRIL 13, 2023	BURLINGTON, VT
ROGER LEWIS COTA	MAY 10, 2023	MONKTON, VT
GORDON M. PICKETT	MAY ?? 2023	MONKTON, VT
PATRICIA A. SOYCHAK	AUGUST 17, 2023	COLCHESTER, VT
LINDA S. REYNOLDS	SEPTEMBER 27, 2023	COLCHESTER, VT
NANCY SABIN	SEPTEMBER 27, 2023	MONKTON, VT
CAROL ST. LOUIS ALFRED	OCTOBER 13, 2023	MONKTON, VT
CARMELITA C. BURRITT	OCTOBER 30, 2023	MONTPELIER, VT

**Mount Abraham Unified School District
(Bristol, Monkton, New Haven, Starksboro)**

The legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District, consisting of the Towns of Bristol, Monkton, New Haven, and Starksboro are hereby notified and warned to meet in person (Mount Abraham Library) on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:00 PM**, to consider and act upon the following articles (Articles 1-8) and to discuss the articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Articles 9 & 10). **Legal voters who attend via Zoom may not act upon articles from the floor but may participate for informational purposes only.** The legal voters are further notified and warned that voting on Articles 9 & 10 shall take place by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the official polling places of the respective Towns comprising the district.

Please click the link below to join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85351946609?pwd=R3lYRVhabzYRHFkQXQvRENQZ2Q1QT09>

Meeting ID: 853 5194 6609

Passcode: MAUSD

Dial by your location

1-929-205-6099

1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 853 5194 6609

Passcode: 948482

To be acted upon on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

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| 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 on July 1, 2024 and serve a one-year term or until the election and qualification of a successor. |
| Article 3: | To elect Co-Treasurers who shall assume office on July 1, 2024 and serve one-year terms or until the election and qualification of successors. |
| Article 4: | To establish the salaries for the elected officers of the District. |
| Article 5: | To hear and act upon the reports of the School District directors and officers. |
| Article 6: | To discuss articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Articles 9 & 10) |
| Article 7: | To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting. |
| Article 8: | To adjourn the meeting until 7:00 AM March 5, 2024, when voting by Australian ballot shall commence. |

To be voted upon by Australian ballot on March 5, 2024

Article 9: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District (“MAUSD”) authorize the School Board of Directors to purchase MAUSD’s Central Office building and associated property for One Million, Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$1,230,000), being a +/-10,324 square-foot building and common elements, including the parking lot and associated improvements, located at 72 Munsill Avenue in Bristol, Vermont?

Article 10: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District (“MAUSD”) authorize the School Board of Directors to expend Thirty-Seven Million, Fourteen Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty Six Dollars (\$37,014,566), which is the amount the School Board of Directors has determined to be necessary for the 2024-2025 school year?

For the purpose of voting by Australian ballot:

In person voting will be available at local polling places on **March 5, 2024, 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 **February 27, 2024**. 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 5, 2024, at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Monkton will vote at the Monkton Town Offices located at 92 Monkton Ridge, Monkton, VT 05469. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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 70 North St, New Haven, VT 05472. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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 5, 2024, at 7:00AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Upon closing of the polls in Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro, the ballot boxes will be sealed, transported to, and re-opened at Holly Hall in the Town of Bristol, where the ballots will be counted and comingled by a tabulator under observation of representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Bristol, Monkton, New Haven and/or 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.

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

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Krista Siringo, Chair of the Board

Dated this ____ day of January 2024

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Erin Jipner, Board Member, Vice Chair

Dated this ____ day of January 2024

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Liz Sayre, Board Member, Clerk

Dated this ____ day of January 2024

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Kevin Hanson, Board Member

Dated this ____ day of January 2024

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Mike Dash, Board Member

Dated this ____ day of January 2024

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Kielee Pelland, Board Member

Dated this ____ day of January 2024

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Justin Pearson, Board Member

Dated this ____ day of January 2024

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Barbara Crandall, Board Member

Dated this ____ day of January 2024

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Steve Rooney, Board Member

Dated this ____ day of January 2024

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Kristen Toy, Board Member

Dated this ____ day of January 2024

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Brad Johnson, Board Member

Dated this ____ day of January 2024

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Sarah LaPerle, Board Member

Dated this ____ day of January 2024

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Kathi Apgar, Board Member

Dated this ____ day of January 2024

Received for the record and recorded this ____ day of January 2024 by:

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Jennifer Bauer, Clerk of the District



WARNING – February 27, 2024 & March 5, 2024

PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2024 & MARCH 5, 2024

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

The legal voters of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District are hereby warned to meet at the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District, Middlebury, Vermont in said district on February 27, 2024 at 5:00 P.M., to transact and vote on the following business:

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following officers:

a) Moderator b) Treasurer c) Clerk

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Treasurer and Auditors of the District.

ARTICLE 3: To determine 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 4: To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to allocate its FY23 fund balance as follows: One Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) of the school district's fund balance as revenue for the 2024-2025 operating budget.

ARTICLE 5: To do any other business proper to come before said meeting.

A Public Information Hearing will take place immediately following Article 5, to discuss Article 6 (Proposed Budget) The meeting will be recessed until March 5, 2024 on which date member district voters are further warned to vote on the article listed below by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend \$5,279,797 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? This budget represents a **9.33%** increase 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 **\$31,936** per full-time equivalent student on a 6-semester trailing average. This projected spending per full-time equivalent student is **18.67%** higher than spending for the current year.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2024 at Middlebury, Vermont.

Kim Farnham, Board Chair
PAHRTSD

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING - 2024

**THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MONKTON ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND
WARNED TO MEET AT THE MONKTON CENTRAL SCHOOL ON
SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**

**ARTICLES 1 AND 7 TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON
TUESDAY MARCH 5, 2024 AT THE MONKTON TOWN OFFICES
POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

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, 2024 by delivery to town hall by that date or postmarked on or before that date?

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$30,197.00 to the following social service agencies?

a) Addison County Community Action Group (Hope)	\$1,250.00
b) Addison County Home, Health & Hospice, Inc.	\$1,946.00
c) Addison County Restorative Justice Services	\$ 550.00
d) Addison County Parent/Child Center	\$1,600.00
e) Addison County Readers	\$450.00
f) AgeWell	\$1,500.00
g) Bristol Family Center	\$250.00
h) Bristol Recreation Dept.	\$2,000.00
i) Bristol Rescue Squad	\$8,748.00
j) Counseling Service of Addison County Inc.	\$1,600.00
k) Elderly Services	\$800.00
l) Green Up Vermont	\$150.00
m) Have-a Heart Food Shelf	\$200.00
n) Hinesburg Food Shelf	\$500.00
o) Homeward Bound (Humane Society)	\$250.00
p) John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	\$1,000.00
q) Lewis Creek Association	\$550.00
r) Monkton Mentors Program	\$500.00
s) Open Door Clinic	\$500.00
t) Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	\$198.00
u) Red Cross	\$500.00
v) Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	\$460.00
w) Rural Fire Protection Program	\$100.00
x) Tri Valley Transit	\$850.00
y) Turning Point Center of Addison County	\$1,000.00
z) Vergennes Area Rescue Squad Inc.	\$600.00
aa)Vermont Adult Learning	\$700.00
bb)Vermont Center for Independent Living – Addison	\$195.00
cc) Women Safe Inc.	\$1,250.00

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

a) General Fund Deficit	\$35,016.88
b) Salaries and General Expenses	\$567,380.94
c) Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	\$124,300.00
d) Russell Memorial Library	\$44,721.00
e) Monkton Museum and Historical Society	\$1,500.00
f) Recreation Fund	\$8,500.00
g) Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund	\$50,000.00
h) Highway Capital Projects Fund	\$70,000.00

for a total of \$901,418.82 of which \$630,258.82 shall be raised by taxes and \$271,160.00 by non-tax revenues?

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

a) Highway Fund Surplus	\$(290,286.16)
b) Highway Expenses	\$1,101,392.66

for a total of \$811,106.50 of which \$611,062.50 shall be raised by taxes and \$200,044.00 by non-tax revenues?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town of Monkton vote to eliminate the elected office of Lister and instead appoint an Assessor pursuant to 17 V.S.A §2651(c)(b). Article to be voted by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.

	<u>/s/ Stephen Pilcher</u>
Monkton Town Clerk	Stephen Pilcher, Chair Selectboard
Received and Recorded	
On : _____	<u>/s/ Paul Low</u>
	Paul Low, Member Selectboard
	<u>/s/ Marikate Kelley</u>
	Marikate Kelley, Member Selectboard
Attest: /s/ Sharon Gomez	
Sharon Gomez, Town Clerk	<u>/s/ Walter Crandall</u>
Monkton Town Clerk received	Walter Crandall, Member Selectboard
	<u>/s/John McNerney</u>
	John McNerney, Member Selectboard

MONKTON LOCAL ELECTION MARCH 5, 2024

TOWN CLERK – 1 YEAR TERM	2024 - 2025	SHARON M. GOMEZ
TOWN MODERATOR - 1 YEAR TERM	2024 - 2025	JERRY SCHWARZ
SELECTBOARD 2 YEAR TERM	2024 - 2026	STEPHEN PILCHER
SELECTBOARD 3 YEAR TERM	2024 - 2027	JOSEPH SZAREJKO
CONSTABLE 1 YEAR TERM	2023 - 2024	
LISTER 3 YEAR TERM	2024 - 2027	
AUDITOR 3 YEAR TERM	2024 - 2027	ROBIN HUIZENGA
MAUSD Board – 2 YEAR REMAINDER OF 3 YEAR TERM	2024 - 2025	KIELEE PELLAND
MAUSD Board – 3 YEAR TERM	2024 - 2026	JUSTIN PEARSON
MAUSD Board – 3 YEAR TERM	2024 - 2027	BARBARA CRANDALL
PLANNING COMMISSION – 3 YEAR TERM	2024 - 2027	IVOR HUGHES
PLANNING COMMISSION – 3 YEAR TERM	2024 - 2027	GAYLE GRIM
RUSSELL MEM. LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR TERM	2024 - 2027	CYNTHIA WALCOTT

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

Lisa Burns, Levi Cousino

Listers' Hours:

By Appointment

E-Mails: Town Clerk – townclerk@monktonvt.com

Treasurer - treasurer@monktonvt.com

Select Board - selectboard@monktonvt.com

Zoning Adm - zoning@monktonvt.com

Listers- listers@monktonvt.com

Animal Contr. aco@monktonvt.com

Town website - www.monktonvt.com

Select Board:

Steve Pilcher-chair 425-2178

Paul Low

Walter Crandall

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

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

(e-mail) www.sanders.senate.gov

U.S. Representative:

Peter Welch 1-888-605-7270

(e-mail) www.welch.house.gov

Russell Memorial Library: 453-4471

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