

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF MONKTON, VERMONT



Photo of the Pollinator garden in front of the Town Hall

Town Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM
Saturday February 28, 2026, at the Monkton Central School

Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
At Monkton Town Hall on March 3, 2026

Please bring your Town Report with you to the meeting.

Joseph Cassarino Dedication

We lost a long-time member of the Monkton Community this year and we dedicate this years town report to Joe Cassarino. He loved living here with family and friends. He was born in Middlebury, VT where he went to School and graduated from Middlebury High School in 1952. He served in the Air Force for 4 years and then went to Photography School in Woodstock. He married Janet and moved to Monkton. One of his sons wanted to be a Boy Scout, but there were no troops in town. So, Joe applied for and was given the 525 Troop, and he served as a Scout Master for many years. He liked being on second shift for many years and at morning recess he would go to school and help the kids with baseball skills if the kids were interested. Joe was also on the Monkton Central School Board for 6 years, 3 years as Chairman of the Board. He was a longtime friend of Harry and Shelia Smith. Harry and Joe built a new horse barn at Field Days one summer. Joes passions were family, photography and Golf. He was a charter member of Cedar Knoll Country Club in Hinesburg. He will be missed.

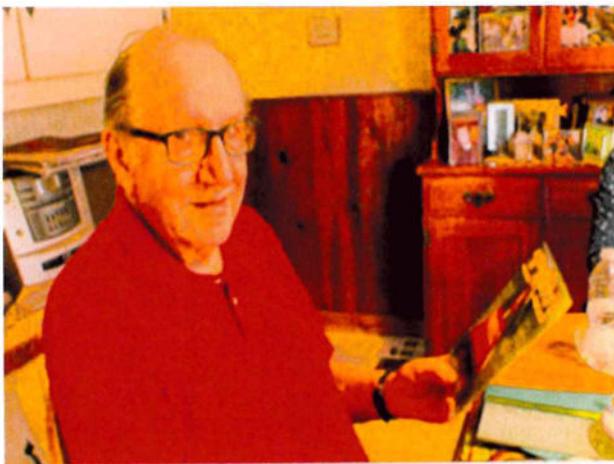


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Title	Name	Length of Term	Term Date	Elected / Appointed
Town Clerk	Sharon Gomez	1 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/26	Elected
Assistant Town Clerk	Becky Stearns	-		Hired By Town Clerk
Town Treasurer	Bill Joos	Appointed By Selectboard	03/25 - 03/26	Appointed
Assistant Town Treasurer	** Open **	Appointed By Selectboard	03/25 - 03/26	Appointed
Delinquent Tax Collector	Bill Joos	Appointed By Selectboard	03/25 - 03/26	Appointed
Town Administrator	Stan Wilbur	-		Hired By Selectboard
Highway Foreman	Trevor Currier (Interim)	-		Hired By Selectboard
Assistant Foreman	Dan Bourgeois	-		Hired By Selectboard
Highway Crew Member	Caleb Dion	-		Hired By Selectboard
Highway Crew Member	Cole Putnam	-		Hired By Selectboard
Assessor	Lisa Burns	-		Hired By Selectboard
Zoning Administrator	Susan Gulrajani	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Appointed
Town Moderator	Jerry Schwarz	1 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/26	Elected
Town Constable	** Open **	1 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/26	Elected
Select Board	Sam Peisch	2 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/26	Elected
Select Board	John Dunham	2 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/27	Elected
Select Board	Walter Crandall	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Elected
Select Board	Jessica Demeritt	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Elected
Select Board	Joseph Szarejko	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Elected
911 Coordinator	Susan Gulrajani	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	
Auditors	Janet Cassarino	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Elected
Auditors	Robin Huizenga	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Elected
Auditors	Randall Charboneau	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Elected
ACSWMD Delegate	Deborah Gaynor	1 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
ACSWMD Delegate	Jessica Demeritt (alternate)	1 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Agriculture and Natural Areas Committee	** Open ** (Alternate)	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Agriculture and Natural Areas Committee	John Mejia	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Agriculture and Natural Areas Committee	Susan Mahony	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Agriculture and Natural Areas Committee	Jaime Schulte (Alternate)	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Agriculture and Natural Areas Committee	Laura Farrell	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Agriculture and Natural Areas Committee	Deborah Houghton	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Appointed by Selectboard
Agriculture and Natural Areas Committee	Peter Huber	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Appointed by Selectboard
ACRP Delegate	Stephen Pilcher	1 Yr. Term	07/25 - 06/26	Appointed by Selectboard
ACRP Delegate	** Open ** (Alternate)	1 Yr. Term	07/25 - 06/26	Appointed by Selectboard
ACRP Delegate	Debra Sprague	1 Yr. Term	07/25 - 06/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Animal Control Officer	Jane Palmer	1 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Conservation Commission	Janet Schwarz	4 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Conservation Commission	Jaime Schulte	4 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/27	Appointed by Selectboard
Conservation Commission	** Open **	4 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/27	Appointed by Selectboard
Conservation Commission	Ann Miller	4 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Conservation Commission	David Moore	4 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Conservation Commission	Debra Sprague	4 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/29	Appointed by Selectboard
Conservation Commission	Sue Stasny	4 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/29	Appointed by Selectboard
Cemetery Administrator	Lisa Burns	1 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Development Review Board	Chris Acker	4 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/29	Appointed by Selectboard
Development Review Board	** Open ** (Alternate)	4 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/29	Appointed by Selectboard
Development Review Board	Michael Brennan	4 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Development Review Board	Stephen Pilcher	4 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Development Review Board	Mark Bolz-Robinson	4 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/27	Appointed by Selectboard
Development Review Board	Jaime Schulte	4 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/27	Appointed by Selectboard
Development Review Board	Scott Gordon	4 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Development Review Board	Curtis Layn	4 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard

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Title	Name	Length of Term	Term Date	Elected / Appointed
Emergency Management Director	Stephen Pilcher	1 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Energy Committee	** Open ** (Alternate)	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Energy Committee	Dave Bristol	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Energy Committee	John Dunham	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Energy Committee	** Open ** (Alternate)	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Energy Committee	** Open **	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Appointed by Selectboard
Fire Warden	Curtis Layn	5 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/29	Appointed by the Vermont FPR
Green Up Coordinator	Deb Gaynor	1 Yr. Term	01/25 - 01/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Health Officer	Mark Boltz-Robinson	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Maple Broadband	Mark Boltz-Robinson	1 Yr Term	03/25 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Recreation Committee	Adam Crary	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Recreation Committee	Ed Cook	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Recreation Committee	Sarah Bouchard	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Recreation Committee	Tim Hunt	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Recreation Committee	Devin Mason	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Recreation Committee	Paul Low (Alternate)	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Recreation Committee	Rick Imes	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Appointed by Selectboard
Recreation Committee	John Zaikowski	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Appointed by Selectboard
Recycling Coordinator	Robin Hopps	1 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Town Forest Committee	Cassandra Corcoran	4 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/29	Appointed by Selectboard
Town Forest Committee	John McNerney	4 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Town Forest Committee	Jaime Schulte	4 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Town Forest Committee	Callie Brynn	4 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/27	Appointed by Selectboard
Town Forest Committee	Molly Parren	4 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/27	Appointed by Selectboard
Town Forest Committee	CJ Buzzy	4 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Town Forest Committee	Jessica Demeritt	4 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/28	Appointed by Selectboard
Town Service Officer	** Open **	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Appointed by Selectboard
Transportation Advisory Committee	Stephen Pilcher (alternate)	1 Yr. Term	07/24 - 06/25	Appointed by Selectboard
Transportation Advisory Committee	Debra Sprague	1 Yr. Term	07/24 - 06/25	Appointed by Selectboard
Tree Warden	Mark Boltz-Robinson	1 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Web Master	Ian Schulze	1 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/26	Appointed by Selectboard
Justices of the Peace	Kristen Blanchette	2 Yr. Term	2/25 - 1/27	Elected
Justices of the Peace	Lynne Caulfield	2 Yr. Term	2/25 - 1/27	Elected
Justices of the Peace	Jane Low	2 Yr. Term	2/25 - 1/27	Elected
Justices of the Peace	Kathy Malzac	2 Yr. Term	2/25 - 1/27	Elected
Justices of the Peace	Renee McGuinness	2 Yr. Term	2/25 - 1/27	Elected
Justices of the Peace	Amy Moody	2 Yr. Term	2/25 - 1/27	Elected
Justices of the Peace	Norma Norris	2 Yr. Term	2/25 - 1/27	Elected
Justices of the Peace	Jerry Schwarz	2 Yr. Term	2/25 - 1/27	Elected
Justices of the Peace	Gail Vansteamerberg	2 Yr. Term	2/25 - 1/27	Elected
Justices of the Peace	William Vansteamerberg	2 Yr. Term	2/25 - 1/27	Elected
MAUSD Board	Kielee Pelland	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Elected
MAUSD Board	Barbara Crandall	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Elected
MAUSD Board	Justin Pearson	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Elected

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Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	Robert Howard -- Chief	-		Appointed by Fire Department
Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	Curtis Layn -- Asst. Chief	-		Appointed by Fire Department
Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	Dan Reinhart -- Asst. Chief	-		Appointed by Fire Department
Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	Matt Dupont -- Asst. Chief	-		Appointed by Fire Department
Planning Commission	Ivor Hughes	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Elected
Planning Commission	Debra Sprague	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Elected
Planning Commission	Stephen Pilcher	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Elected
Planning Commission	Sam Burr	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Elected
Planning Commission	Adam Miller	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Elected
Planning Commission	Marilyn Cargill	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Elected
Planning Commission	Wendy Sue Harper	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Elected
Russell Memorial Library Trustees	Samuel Ludwig	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Elected
Russell Memorial Library Trustees	Janet Fairchild	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Elected
Russell Memorial Library Trustees	Theresa Schwegel	3 Yr. Term	03/23 - 03/26	Elected
Russell Memorial Library Trustees	Cynthia Walcott	3 Yr. Term	03/24 - 03/27	Elected
Russell Memorial Library Trustees	Adam McGowan	3 Yr. Term	03/25 - 03/28	Elected
Russell Memorial Library:	Catherine Goldsmith - Lead Librarian			Appointed by Library Trustees
Russell Memorial Library:	Julie McGowan - Asst. Librarian			Appointed by Library Trustees
Russell Memorial Library:	Katie Cyr -- Asst. Librarian			Appointed by Library Trustees

Town of Monkton
Minutes of Annual Town Meeting
Saturday, March 1, 2025, 10 a.m.

Jerry Schwarz, town moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. There were approximately 120 citizens in attendance. The moderator explained guidelines for how the meeting would be run. Two Selectboard members were absent, John McNerney due to illness, and Marikate Kelley due to a family circumstance.

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

The moderator stated Article 1 will be voted on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at the town hall. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on November 17, 2025 by delivery to town hall by that date or postmarked on or before that date?
Mark Boltz-Robinson moved to authorize payment of property taxes on November 17, 2025. Susan DeSimone seconded. The motion was voice voted in the affirmative, and so declared by the moderator.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$20,849.00 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) Counseling Service of Addison County Inc. \$1,600.00
- j) Elderly Services \$800.00
- k) Green Up Vermont \$150.00
- l) Have-a Heart Food Shelf \$200.00
- m) Hinesburg Food Shelf \$500.00
- n) Homeward Bound (Humane Society) \$250.00
- o) John W. Graham Emergency Shelter \$1,000.00
- p) Lewis Creek Association \$550.00
- q) Monkton Mentors Program \$500.00
- r) Open Door Clinic \$500.00
- s) Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District \$198.00
- t) Red Cross \$500.00
- u) Retired and Senior Volunteer Program \$460.00
- v) Rural Fire Protection Program \$100.00

- w) Tri Valley Transit \$850.00
- x) Turning Point Center of Addison County \$1,000.00
- y) Vermont Adult Learning \$700.00
- z) Vermont Center for Independent Living – Addison \$195.00
- aa) Women Safe Inc. \$1,250.00

Roger Wallace moved Article 3. Bill Martin seconded. Bill Martin moved to consider the listed social services as a block. Mark Boltz-Robinson seconded. Roger Wallace noted that these funds represent only 1% of the budget and they are very important services. He recommended voting as a block so we can get on to other business. **The Motion to vote as a block was voice voted in the affirmative and so declared by the moderator.** Michael Hurlburt noted that in the past representatives had spoken to the need for funds. He suggested that information could be put in the town budget. Stephen Pilcher noted two items were moved to Article 4, Bristol Rescue and Vergennes Rescue. Sara Chicoine, representing a social service, noted that she has not described the need for funds for the service because it begins to slow down the meeting and overwhelm the voters. **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 \$79,257.90
- b) Salaries and General Expenses \$547,289.44
- c) Monkton Volunteer Fire Department \$125,000.00 - (increased to \$165,000 by a passing motion)
- d) Bristol Rescue Squad \$15,880.00
- e) Vergennes Area Rescue Squad Inc. \$4,400.00
- f) Russell Memorial Library \$38,463.38
- g) Monkton Museum and Historical Society \$1,500.00
- h) Recreation Fund \$8,500.00
- i) Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund \$22,500.00
- j) Highway Capital Projects Fund \$35,000.00

for a total of \$877,790.72 (increased to 917,790.72) of which \$614,080.72 (increased to 654,080.72) shall be raised by taxes and \$263,710.00 by non-tax revenues?

Tim Earle moved to authorize the General Fund expenditures. Barb Crandall seconded. Roger Wallace noted that it appeared that some residents were having a difficult time paying their taxes. He asked what is driving the increase in failure to pay property taxes. Stephen Pilcher noted that the general fund taxes being requested this year are less than last year. He noted that he agreed that there was a shortfall of \$136,000 in taxes this year. He invited the public to tell the Selectboard what they have done right and what they have done wrong. He noted a sizable highway department surplus for the last three years. The Selectboard decides what to do with the surplus each year, and often it has gone back to the taxpayers in the form of a reduced tax rate. This year there is no surplus. Stephen Pilcher noted that the delinquent tax penalty was changed from 8% to 4%. He noted the town has not had a tax sale for a number of years. There was discussion about property taxes and where the taxes are allocated. Roger Wallace noted that numbers in the town report did not match the numbers in Article 4. Stephen

Pilcher and Joan Holloway explained how to arrive at the numbers for Article 4. Stephen Pilcher said he could ask the treasurer to change how that report was done.

Scott Zeiter asked if the delinquency rate was decreasing over time. Stephen Pilcher noted that he does not have that information, but his sense is that there is not a big change year to year.

Tom Steadman noted that according to Vermont Statute, surplus funds in the highway fund could not be used for any other use. S. Pilcher noted that the leftover funds have not gone into the general fund, but were used for the highway fund. Deb Gaynor said that the delinquent tax rate is hard to understand year to year, because the town does not have a tax sale every year. A tax sale often spurs property owners to pay their taxes, making it hard to compare delinquent taxes year to year.

Norm Morrill asked why the Fire Department's budget was cut when they had a truck on order. Stephen Pilcher noted that the Selectboard cut the request and that the fire department received \$150,000 from ARPA funds in addition to other ARPA funds for equipment and lost revenue. He noted that the fire department is retiring 2 trucks and buying a new one. There was discussion about the budget for the fire department. Tom Steadman noted that there are a lot of things that can be done to collect delinquent taxes other than a tax sale. He collects delinquent taxes in Ferrisburg. He noted that the Selectboard is not supposed to be involved in delinquent taxes at all. Curtis Layn, Monkton Fire Department Chief, explained the costs for a new truck and how the ARPA funds have been used. He explained the history of the truck fund. He noted the lease payment is going to be \$79,500 per year on the new truck. He noted the ages of the trucks to be replaced. There was discussion about the Fire Department budget. Susan Randall Davis asked if any considerations have been made about loss of revenue to the budget because of loss of federal jobs. She recommended that the town reserve cash in case property tax revenues might be lower. She thanked the town for their work. **Tom Steadman made an amendment to Article 4 to add \$40,000 to the fire department. Eugenie Doyle seconded.** Tom Steadman said he thought adjustments could be made to the budget. Stephen Pilcher noted that \$42,000 in the town budget is a penny on the tax rate. Ivor Hughes asked what the \$40,000 would be used for. It was agreed that it was for the truck fund. Roger Wallace noted that the total appropriation being asked for was \$165,000. He asked if the amendment is not supported, how much does the fire department expect to have in savings. He also noted that he was concerned that FEMA owes Monkton \$140,000 and that Monkton may be on the hook for that. Rick Gomez explained that all of the \$227,000 would help pay for the truck and reduce the amount that the town would have to borrow. Bob Howard, Assistant Fire Chief, noted that a bare bones truck is being purchased, and the money will go toward all the equipment the truck needs. Mark Boltz-Robinson supported putting the money back in the fire department budget. He noted a change in dispatching is going to cost more. First response is in crisis in Vermont, it requires a lot of training and it is hard to get volunteers. He noted that we will need to incentivise the work. Barb Crandall asked how much \$40,000 impacts \$100,000 property value. Stephen Pilcher noted that it would be \$10 per \$100,000. Curtis Layn thanked the town for the support. Susan DeSimone said it was important to recognize the value of the fire department and what they do for us. **The amendment was voice voted in the affirmative and so declared by the moderator.**

Eugenie Doyle suggested that Kristin Farrell was not out of order in speaking under article 4, as she was addressing the Monkton Museum and Historical Society (MMHS). The moderator apologized. Kristin Farrell offered thanks for supporting the MMHS. She expressed gratitude to Bob Wahl and Nina Badger for their work on the 1859 building and to the library for supporting the museum.

Tom Steadman asked about reserve funds and how they are to be used. He commented that on the town website you could find definitions about reserve funds. He expressed concern about how that money is being handled. Stephen Pilcher explained the history and uses of the special reserve funds. He noted that the town has spent about \$140,000 repairing the roads from the July storm. FEMA will hopefully fund 75% of that and the state another 12.5%. Tom Steadman asked where reserve funds were being held. Stephen Pilcher noted that the town has auditors that review the financials every year. He said that as far as he knows the funds are where they belong. The moderator said the auditor discussion was out of order. Joan Holloway noted that the town tries to represent the town budget in the town report. She noted that the auditors, Pace and Hawley, make sure the financial statements match. She suggested that the auditor's financial statement should not be compared to the town report.

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 Deficit \$37,757.86

b) Highway Expenses \$1,460,448.23

for a total of \$1,498,206.90 of which \$1,004,647.69 shall be raised by taxes and \$493,558.40 by non-tax revenues?

Mark Boltz-Robinson moved to authorize expenditures for the Highway Fund. Tim Earle seconded.

Michael Hurlburt asked how much money might come from FEMA. Stephen Pilcher noted that the budget did not include future work such as Piney Woods Road. He expected about \$100,000 from FEMA. Tom Kenyon noted that he did not think the town was getting its money worth on the road for what was being spent. Roger Wallace asked why the highway budget was going up so much, and what happens if the town does not get the FEMA money? Stephen Pilcher answered that if the town does not receive money from FEMA, it will show up as a deficit in the town budget. He explained that there is no highway surplus this year as there was last year. He noted a substantial increase for health insurance costs. Hot mix costs have increased, part of which will be covered by a grant. He noted that if the town does not receive a grant the work will not be done. He noted that there is a town match for all of the grants. Joe Szarejko noted that the budget is being increased for sand as well. Marsha Arend noted that the jump in the budget is very large, and suggested staging it. Mark Boltz-Robinson stated that the road crew does an amazing job with the roads, and seeking grants. He recommended the town begin using the state plan for health care to reduce costs.

The motion was voice voted in the affirmative, and so declared by the moderator.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters approve a sum not to exceed \$114,801.00 for the purchase of a Ford F550 truck.

Bill Martin moved to authorize a sum not to exceed \$114,801.00 for the purchase of a Ford F550 truck. Tim Earle seconded.

Dave Bristol asked what the truck would be used for. Joe Szarejko noted that a nine year old truck needed to be phased out. Anthony Delgreco noted that the old truck was wrecked last week, and he noted other damage had occurred. He asked what the firing policy was. Stephen Pilcher said the town was an at-will employer. Michael Hurlburt asked about reusing the plow and sander. Stephen Pilcher explained that the town asked for an amount not to exceed, and would work from there. Roger Wallace asked why the truck was not on Article 5. Stephen Pilcher explained that because it was not being purchased in cash, so it was a different article.

The motion was voice voted in the affirmative, and so declared by the moderator.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Monkton vote to adopt the Monkton Town Plan 2025-2033 as approved by the Selectboard on December 19, 2024. To be voted by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.

Herb Olson, who lives in Starksboro, is a state legislator representing Monkton. He noted the concerns: education property taxes, housing, and health care. He noted that work is being done at the capital and he hoped that the work would be comprehensive. He offered to help the town with revitalization work.

Barb Crandall, from the MAUSD school board, noted the annual budget meeting on March 3, 2025. Laura Farrell from ANAC recommended placing a board outside the post office to post town business. She also thanked Marikate Kelley, Stephen Pilcher, and John McNerney for their work on the Selectboard. Teri Fitz-Gerald said many great things are going on in town. She noted we could reduce stress by walking in the town forest, enjoying an event by the MMHS, and a future hardcourt. Laurie Earle asked for a digital sign in front of town hall. Stephen Pilcher noted that the meeting is being recorded by NEAT and a recording will be made available for viewing. He mentioned maybe offering a Zoom town meeting in the future. Kevin Lambert noted that Monkton was a wonderful place to live. He works for USDA Rural Development which helps people with clean energy projects, essential facilities, and weatherization projects. He expressed concern that smaller agencies being merged by the federal government is hurting communities. He expected to lose his job in three months. He suggested that this town meeting could look really different next year. He proposed working to accommodate the change financially and emotionally. He suggested that difficult times can bring out the best efforts. Mark Boltz-Robinson stated that close to 50% revenue for the rescue squad is coming from Medicare/Medicaid. That funding is at risk. He noted that a new truck costs \$350,000, and he needs a new truck. He noted that the hospitals also receive many dollars from Medicare/Medicaid. He said Bristol Rescue Squad will be bankrupt next year at this time without money. Jaime Schulte noted that the draft of the Town Forest Management Plan will be ready for viewing late this month and meetings for input will also happen later this month. He offered appreciation to the town for all the support for the town forest. There was discussion about where to view the updated Town Plan. Michael Hurlburt asked about spending more money to upgrade the fine print in the town report.

Tim Earle moved to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. Mark Boltz-Robinson seconded. The motion was voice voted in the affirmative and so declared by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Demeritt

**Town of Monkton
Auditors' Annual Report
Fiscal Year Ending December 31,2025**

Town Auditors' Report

The Town Auditors meet monthly, typically on the third Friday of each month, to review the Town's banking and financial statements. These reviews include deposits, withdrawals, verification of check amounts against supporting documentation, and confirmation of monthly account balances. When necessary, the Auditors request clarification regarding large deposits or payments made during the month.

During FY 2025, the Auditors conducted reviews in the following areas:

- Homestead and Non-Homestead status, Assessor (CU) and other adjustments
(Reference: Monkton Town Report 2024, page 35)
- Communication with Pace & Hawley, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, regarding the 2023 financial review
- Review of 2024 Abatement Hearing Minutes
- Recommendation regarding rotation of the external auditing firm

Homestead and Non-Homestead Status; Assessor (CU) and Other Adjustments

Request for Supporting Documentation

On March 18, the Auditors requested supporting documentation from the Delinquent Tax Collector for delinquent tax payments collected between December 6, 2024, and December 31, 2024, totaling \$7,384.89.

On May 6, based on information provided to the Auditors, eight parcel IDs were identified as accounting for the total amount collected. The Auditors reviewed the Detailed Transaction Reports for each parcel ID and verified that the amounts received were posted to the respective parcel accounts.

Follow-Up and Outstanding Questions

On June 6, the Auditors emailed the Delinquent Tax Collector outlining our findings and requested an explanation as to why several accounts did not reflect paid balances. No response was received.

In August and September, the Auditors sent correspondence to the Select Board requesting an explanation of the root cause of the posting discrepancies. Specifically, the Auditors asked:

- If payments were received between November and December 2024, why were they not posted to the accounts during that period?

- Was there a posting error that resulted in payments being credited to incorrect accounts?
- Why do parcels continue to appear on the delinquent tax report after full payment has been made?

As of the date of this publication, no formal explanation addressing these posting discrepancies has been provided to the Auditors.

Communication with Pace & Hawley, LLC

2023 Financial Review

In November, the Monkton Town Auditors contacted Pace & Hawley, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, regarding the status of the Town's 2023 financial review.

During a conference call, Pace & Hawley explained that the Town of Monkton had listed a culvert as a capital asset in the amount of \$50,000. The auditing firm is seeking documentation verifying that the work was completed and that the culvert exists

The Select Board was notified of this issue and is working to provide the required documentation.

Review of 2024 Abatement Hearing Minutes

The Town Auditors reviewed the findings of the Board of Abatement (BOA) hearing conducted on November 24, 2024. We found that the BOA generally followed guidelines published by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT).

A majority of the Justices of the Peace and Select Board members are required to fulfill BOA membership requirements. However, there was no documentation explaining how BOA members from these elected positions were selected. Other BOA positions are clearly defined by VLCT guidelines.

Currently, announcements of BOA hearings are posted in the following locations:

- Town Hall – Inside Bulletin Board
- Town Hall – Outside Bulletin Board
- Town Hall – Library Bulletin Board
- Monkton Post Office - Bulletin Board

VLCT recommends that BOA hearings be posted at Town Hall, two additional public locations, and on the Town's website.

Recommendation Regarding Rotating External Auditing Firm

In November, the Monkton Town Auditors provided correspondence dated September 23, 2025, to the Select Board outlining the benefits of rotating external auditing firms, typically every ten years. These benefits include enhanced independence, improved audit quality, mitigation of bias, and increased public confidence.

The Auditors respectfully recommended that the Select Board consider initiating a process to engage a new auditing firm for the review of the Town's financial reports.

Auditor's Statement

This Annual Town Report represents the financial position of the Town of Monkton for the year ending December 31, 2025. The undersigned Auditors have examined the financial statements and reports of the Town Officers and declared 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 landowners, as required by Vermont State Statutes, ten days prior to Town Meeting.

The Town Report is compiled in January for the previous year. Residents wishing to submit local event photographs should include the name and phone number of the person submitting the photo, along with a brief description. Recommendations for dedicating the Town Report cover to a special person, building, or topic should be submitted in writing to the Auditors by December 10 of each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Cassarino

Robin Huizenga

Randall Charboneau

1. The Auditors attempt to proofread every report submitted and notify committees if corrections are needed. However, some committees submit reports late; as a result, those reports are presented to the Town of Monkton as received. Reports from Town Committees are due to the Auditors no later than January 10 of each year.

Selectboard Report 2025

The Selectboard experienced a significant amount of turnover in 2025. Stephen Pilcher left his seat after serving for fourteen years on the Board, majority of which as chair. John McNerney did not run again after serving for thirteen years, and Marikate Kelley did not run again after serving for six years. The Board would like to thank them for their years of dedication and service.

In February, a 'Meet the Candidate' forum was held in the Community Room. Candidates answered questions from moderator Jane Lindholm. There were three open seats on the Selectboard and eight residents running. Jessica Demeritt, John Dunham, and Sam Peisch were elected to serve on the Board, joining current members Joe Szarejko and Walter Crandall. As is customary at the first meeting of the new Board, an election for positions within the Board was conducted. Jessica Demeritt was elected Chair, Walter Crandall as Vice Chair, and Sam Peisch as Secretary.

The Board is currently conducting follow up for six FEMA projects to repair Monkton roads that stemmed from major flooding that occurred in July 2024. Funds have been received for five of the projects with one outstanding. Piney Woods Road is the remaining project that is not yet fully FEMA funded. There is an article on the ballot regarding whether to repair and improve Piney Woods Road.

Items in the town right-of-way continue to be an issue for Monkton. Please do your part to support the safety of all using Monkton roads and keep items out of the town right-of-way. This allows for safe travel and road maintenance. Twenty-four feet and three quarters inches from the road centerline is the legal measure of the town right-of-way.

The Town continues to participate in litigation with Vermont Gas. The Board continues to advocate that the Public Utility Commission (PUC) require Vermont Gas Company to improve the safety of the pipeline through town and address issues related to soil compaction, trench breakers, and the changing depth of the transmission line. The Town's efforts have been generously supported free of charge by attorney Cindy Hill.

The Selectboard updated and created a number of policies including the Right-of-Way Permit Policy, the Highway Class 4 Policy, the Delinquent Tax Policy, Selectboard Rules and Procedures, Winter Operations Policy, Credit Card Use Policy, and Electronic Use Policy. Town Highway 13, also known as Morse Road, was discontinued and reduced the miles of road maintained by a one tenth of a mile.

The Board also requested several changes to the town website to improve its appearance and accessibility. We are grateful to the webmaster, Ian Schulze, for his work making these changes.

The Town's welcome signs were replaced and painted by Joe Szarejko and Sam Peisch. An electronic town announcement sign was considered by the Board but rejected due to cost and aesthetic concerns. The Selectboard decided to repair and replace the town's existing announcement sign, which was led by Sam Peisch and Stacy Jones.

A new position was created to administer the town's four cemeteries: Boro Cemetery, Barnumtown Cemetery, Layn Cemetery (Beers Cemetery), and the Florona Grange Cemetery (Smith Cemetery). This position will supervise the maintenance of the cemeteries. The Boro Cemetery is the only Town owned cemetery with open plots. The Board is grateful to Lisa Burns for filling this role.

On August 17, 2025 a Town wide celebration of our rural community was held. There were hay rides, music, kid's games, a hand-pie eating contest, a garlic braiding workshop, a floral show, a community story telling about the past 50 years in Monkton, burgers from the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department, and more. Thank you to the Monkton Community Coffee House, Cassandra Corcoran, and Deb Gaynor for offering this community building event. Thank you to all who participated.

Becky Stearns became the Town's assistant Town Clerk in January. Shane Lawrence resigned as road foreman in November. Trevor Currier, who was a member of the road crew for nearly five years, was promoted to Monkton Road Foreman. Cole Putnam was added to the road crew in January. The Highway Department is now fully staffed.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Selectboard and the Russell Memorial Library. It formally establishes RML as a municipal public library and clarifies the relationship between the town and the library.

The town benefits from the generosity and contributions of many hours of service from a number of volunteers. The gardens at the Town Offices receive kind attention from Liz Paquette, Debra Sprague, Ann Miller, John Padua, and other volunteers. The Fire Department members put in numerous hours in all kinds of conditions. The Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Trustees offer consistent guidance and support for our Town library, forest, recreational areas, rules and regulations, and legal compliance. The Selectboard offers its gratitude to all of you.

Monkton Municipal Tax Rate: 2017-2025

The below table illustrates the municipal tax rate over time using a stock example of a 1,600 square foot dwelling with 2-car garage, 3-bedroom, 2-bath in average/good condition on 2.5 acres.

Tax Year	Assessed Value	Muni Tax Rate	Muni Tax Paid	Grand List	Notes
2016				1,875,204	
2017	294,200	0.3929	1,155.91	2,274,065	<i>reappraisal year</i>
2018	294,200	0.3582	1,053.82	2,495,071	
2019	294,200	0.4119	1,211.81	2,527,937	
2020	294,200	0.3937	1,158.27	2,550,747	
2021	294,200	0.4383	1,289.48	2,592,248	
2022	294,200	0.4467	1,314.19	2,629,078	
2023	294,200	0.4541	1,335.96	2,681,636	
2024	416,600	0.2971	1,237.72	4,275,158	<i>reappraisal year</i>
2025	416,600	0.3881	1,616.82	4,325,878	
2026	416,600	0.4224	1,759.71	4,369,136	<i>estimated</i>

A Note About Considering a Switch from Calendar Year to State Fiscal Year

The Selectboard is considering changing Monkton's budget year from the calendar year to align with the state fiscal year. **No final decision has been made.** We just wanted to be upfront with the voters that the topic has been introduced at a Selectboard meeting for consideration. We want to give voters as much notice and information on this potential change as soon as possible so everyone can be afforded an opportunity to share their opinion as to whether or not it makes sense for the town.

Why Are We Considering a Change?

Currently, Monkton's budget is approved by voters at the Regular Town Meeting in March **but actually takes effect starting the prior January 1** (i.e. prior to the vote at the March Town Meeting). This timing means that the Town begins incurring expenses **before a budget is even approved.** By shifting to a fiscal year that runs from July 1 to June 30, voters will have the opportunity to approve budgets *before* they are implemented, ensuring that no operating expenses are incurred without voter consent.

Operating on the July 1 to June 30 fiscal year is the more common fiscal year for towns in Vermont. According to a recent survey by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, 123 towns operate on this fiscal cycle, while only 63 use the calendar year. Aligning Monkton's fiscal year with the State of Vermont and most other towns could allow for better coordination of planning, especially in terms of school expenditures and capital projects. It will also allow for tax collection to begin earlier in the fiscal year, potentially reducing the need for borrowing to cover operating expenses.

This change could also enhance the efficiency of our financial operations. Auditors and our outside auditing firm will have more time to perform their statutory duties, providing a more thorough review of the town's accounts, and they will be able to prepare the town report earlier. Planning for highway maintenance costs within a single fiscal year will further simplify financial management.

Acknowledging the Challenges

This shift would directly (temporarily) affect everyone's tax bill. This is why it is important to take the time to explain the impact and seek your input. To facilitate the transition, the easiest way is to prepare an 18-month budget for an upcoming fiscal year. If approved by the voters, the following **year's tax bills will reflect 1.5 times the usual amount.** This would be a temporary increase that we understand could be concerning. It is important to note that **the 18-month "increase" will apply to ONLY the municipal tax portion and not the entire tax liability of the owner.**

To mitigate the impact, one option is to spread out tax payments **to every six months rather than annually**. This will allow for more frequent, smaller payments with the goal of making the transition more manageable to taxpayers.

To accomplish this, the Selectboard **would need to hold a special town meeting in November**. If we wait until the Regular Town Meeting in March, the Selectboard would have to prepare two separate budgets: one for the proposed fiscal year and another for the current calendar year (in the event the fiscal year does not change). Addressing the issue in November would simplify the process and provide a clear path forward for the Selectboard and the town.

The Selectboard has not made a final decision about whether to make this switch or whether to do so. We want to hear from you. We encourage all residents to contact the Selectboard (selectboard@monktonvt.com) or attend a Selectboard meeting to discuss the implications of this change. Your input is critical to this decision. We hope for a constructive discussion that addresses the concerns and needs of the entire Monkton community.

If you would like more information about the switch and why it is recommended by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns page, please visit this page:

<https://www.vlct.org/calendar-year-fiscal-year-budget-process>

Thank you for your consideration and input. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jessica Demeritt, Chair

Walter Crandall, Vice Chair

Sam Peisch, Secretary

Joe Szarejko

John Dunham

Calculating the 2026 Projected Municipal Tax Rate For Budgetary Purposes

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

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

General Fund Expenses are:

Article 3 =	\$ 22,349.00
Article 4 (includes deficit) =	\$ 1,176,272.34
General Fund Total Expenses =	\$ 1,198,621.34

subtract

General Fund Total Revenues = \$ 319,793.68

General Fund Property Taxes = \$ 878,827.66

Article 5 (includes Highway Fund Surplus)	
Highway Expenses =	\$ 1,380,533.64

subtract

Highway Fund Total Revenues = \$391,500.00

Highway Fund Property Taxes = \$ 989,033.64

The projected total property taxes to be raised in 2026 are the sum of the General Fund and Highway Fund taxes needed.

Projected Taxes To Be Raised = \$1,867,861.30

The 2025 Grand List (divided by 100 for the purposes of calculating tax rate) was **\$4,325,878.00**. Given a projected 1% increase in the Grand List, the projected grand list is **\$ 4,369,136.78**. The tax rate is the taxes to be raised divided by the Grand List.

Projected 2026 Projected Grand List = **\$ 4,369,136.78**

Projected 2026 Municipal Tax Rate = **0.4275**

Share of General Fund and Highway Department contributions to this tax rate:

- General Fund and Other Appropriations = 0.2011
- Highway Department = 0.2264

Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee 2025 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.*

What we do: *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 Selectboard regarding use of the Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund to support the conservation project.*

We hope you are enjoying Raven Ridge and the new Town Forest– our first and most recent projects!

In the past year we have made significant progress on a large forest block project in the heart of Monkton. Conserving this land protects habitat surrounding the heart of our wildlife movement corridors, defined in the Town Plan (Map 21, p.87). The first of 4 contiguous forest parcels was conserved in 2023.

The second of these is due to close in March 2026. All steps necessary by the landowners have been taken, and the remaining steps are scheduled by New England Forestry Foundation, our collaborator on this project who will hold the easements. In September the Select Board approved providing \$3,400 from the ANA Fund to retain the appraiser for this parcel, and in December they approved an application to help with additional project costs of \$20,348. The expenses for the two remaining forest block projects are estimated to average \$35,000 per parcel to help with appraisals, recording fees, and the conservation easement monitoring fund for each parcel.

We are currently working on closing the remaining two parcels later in 2026 or early 2027.

Town contributions make projects like Raven Ridge, Full Belly Farm, this forest block, and the Town Forest, possible. The town contribution for projects is calculated into the ANA Fund project budget line item in the town budget. We consider projects that are still 2 to 3 years from closing so we can make sure to have sufficient funds for these, and a reserve for projects that come up with a short funding window. For example, two projects had short windows of less than six months from when we were looped into the project to closing and were not anticipated in our budget predictions. The first was the conservation of the Norris Berry Farm, now Full Belly Farm. The second was the conservation of the Huizenga Farm. Both closings occurred within 2 years – so having a reserve let us help both of these families conserve their land.

ANA Fund contributions show commitment from the town, and funding partners look for this assistance to fill gaps in their funding. The early commitment of ANA funds helped attract large state and federal grants to the \$1.15 million Town Forest project. In the last 15 years, Monkton's Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund has leveraged \$422,611 of town funds into \$5,506,745 of project funding for 12 projects that have conserved 2,378 acres (3.7 square miles!) of farmland and natural areas and facilitated the transfer of an additional 179 acres of

farmland to the next generation. The cost to Monkton averages \$160.88/acre for preserving some of the most significant agricultural and natural areas in town. Monkton's average contribution to a project is 7.7% of the total project costs, representing a 1:13 leverage of the ANA Fund.

Our balance on December 31, 2025, was \$197,755.29, after deducting expenditures approved by the Selectboard in December. ANAC is requesting \$35,000 in the 2026 budget. In 2026 and early 2027 we expect to outlay a significant portion of the remaining funds as we work to complete the 2 additional forest block projects that are well underway. Looking ahead, we have additional agricultural and natural areas projects in development. As noted above, we are occasionally presented with projects with a timeline of less than one year, which would not be possible without reserves in the ANA Fund.

Thank you, Monkton, for your support over the years! ANAC would like to remain prepared to assist with any projects that come to us in a timely manner and ensure that we can continue to leverage the ANA Fund to secure external funds.

For more information on the Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund, and a bit of Monkton natural history, visit our page on the town website – accessible at bit.ly/monktonanac, or join us at a meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Farrell, Chair

Debbie Houghton, Vice Chair

Susan Mahony

Peter Huber, Clerk

John Mejia, Tech Wiz

Jaime Schulte, Alternate

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*
 - Members of ANAC and the Conservation Commission participated in Act 171 (forest fragmentation) and natural resource mapping for the Planning Commission. The online digital maps depict the natural features and important resources within the town in much finer detail than the previous natural resource planning map.



*Looking across Peter Close's forest to Raven Ridge
Deb Houghton*

Monkton Conservation Commission Report—2025

The role of the Monkton Conservation Commission (MCC), as described by Vermont statute, includes inventorying natural resources, providing educational programs and materials on conservation topics, sharing stewardship of some town lands, and advising other town committees on conservation issues.

We worked with Lewis Creek Association (LCA) on several projects this year. In the town hall on June 30th, LCA Program Manager Kate Kelly provided a presentation on water quality in the Pond Brook in Monkton, Lewis Creek, LaPlatte River, and direct-to-lake drainages in Charlotte, and how it affects Lake Champlain's health. She reviewed the results of LCA's 2024 water quality sampling by walking through LCA's story map (<https://bit.ly/LCA-WaterQuality>), some of the causes of poor water quality, and ways to improve it. MCC Co-Chair Ann Johnston Miller is one of the 24 volunteers who helps monitor water quality of Pond Brook by taking water samples over spring and summer.

On November 2, 2025, Ann Johnston Miller and Debra Sprague participated in LCA's multi-part "Ahead of the Storm" tour of Hinesburg on both public and private land. It focused on explaining the science and practices that are being used to reduce the impact of stormwater flowing with increasing frequency and volume into the LaPlatte River from impervious surfaces, to improve wildlife habitat, and to incorporate natural infrastructure to help Hinesburg become a more resilient community.

MCC has also been involved this year with several wildlife projects. On February 12th, we cohosted a Bobolink Program with the Mid-Champlain Valley Regional Conservation Partnership in the town hall. This program discussed three species of grassland birds that are declining nationwide: Bobolinks, Eastern Meadowlarks, and Savannah Sparrows. Mass Audubon's Grassland Bird Biologist, and Coordinator for the Bobolink Project, Hyla Howe, talked about the natural history of these grassland obligate songbirds and discussed changes that the Bobolink Project has made to support both farmers and birds in Vermont's hayfields. Co-Chair Sue Stasny has been instrumental in working with Hyla Howe to add Morse Park as a site of the Bobolink Project. We are hoping to increase awareness of the need to protect Bobolink habitat in the park.

In a related project, Sue was able to secure a \$660 mini-grant from the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions for the purchase, assembly and public circulation of three birdwatching kits through the Russell Memorial Library. We shared these kits with the community at the Strawberry Festival in June.

MCC members Debra Sprague and Janet Schwarz took part in a program presented by the Vermont Center for Ecostudies on the Second Vermont Butterfly Atlas. This training workshop, which took place at the Starksboro Library on July 21st, included an introduction to the Butterfly Atlas, a guided butterfly survey walk, and a hands-on demonstration of how to submit data to the Vermont Butterfly Atlas. Debra and Janet have both signed up as volunteer contributors to an atlas priority block in Monkton.

Debra Sprague also participated in a webinar led by Vermont Fish and Wildlife's Black Bear Project Lead and Wildlife Biologist Jaclyn Comeau. She discussed Vermont's black bear population, their biology and habitat, and specific action people can take to avoid conflicts with bears. She also provided some beautiful slides. The presentation can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORAXtx8lq3s>

As another means to provide community conservation education, MCC has formed a subcommittee made up of Janet Schwartz and David Moore, who have been meeting with the conservation commissions from Starksboro, Bristol, New Haven, and Lincoln, on developing programming content for the Community Radio (WVVT) "Voices of Vermont" Project, based in Bristol. The intent is for the five towns to participate in a taped monthly 30- to 45-minute program of interviews, town conservation projects, and other conservation topics.

Further community outreach occurred on Monkton Day, August 17th, when MCC shared a table with the Monkton Planning Commission and the Monkton Pollinator Pathway Bee Team. We offered MCC brochures, and displayed our Uprooter tool and parsnip shovels, as well as the three new birdwatching kits available for checkout at Russell Memorial Library.

Control of invasive plants continues to be a strong focus of the MCC. In June, MCC invited Addison County Forester Brandon Benedict to lead a Monkton Town Forest walk to identify invasive plant species. In November, Debra Sprague attended a webinar that discussed a research project called Cover It Up from the University of Minnesota on using native plants to control buckthorn. Although the method may not be suitable for all situations, the website that discusses the research being carried out is informative: <https://coveritup.umn.edu/>

We held multiple sessions for wild parsnip eradication in Morse Park in June and July. Disappointingly, the two buckthorn sessions scheduled in May for the wooded area behind Monkton Central School had to be canceled because of heavy rain, but we were able to complete one session in October. We publicize these events on Front Porch Forum and the town Facebook page, and we welcome anyone who is able to join us in the upcoming 2026 season. We also have Uprooter tools available to loan out to town residents.

MCC has continued our commitment to maintaining Monkton's wildlife/amphibian crossings on the Monkton/Vergennes Road, which had been maintained by Chris Slesar and Steve Parren since their creation in 2015. In two sessions in October and November, we cleared overgrowth, dug up and repositioned the protective amphibian slates, and picked up trash at the crossings. MCC continues to work with the Monkton Town Forest Committee. We helped with the development of the forest management plan by providing input on resources, education, allowed uses, invasive plants, and beaver management.

One position in our seven-member commission is open. We meet monthly on Zoom. Please consider joining us in this important work.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Johnston Miller (Co-chair), Sue Stasny (Co-chair), Janet Schwarz (Clerk), Jaime Schulte, Debra Sprague



(Treasurer), David Moore

Monkton Tree Warden

The Tree Warden of a municipality is responsible for shade trees within town right-of-way and public spaces, now according to a Shade Tree Preservation Plan. For 2025, the Tree Warden completed a draft Shade Tree Preservation Plan, in accordance with new statutes from November of 2020. The STPP covers how trees are planted, maintained, and removed by the town, on both municipal properties and town right-of-way.

The completed draft was provided to the Selectboard and various town committees for review and input. The Tree Warden then began reviewing the comments and making revisions to the draft based on feedback.

The Tree Warden also received requests to review several trees in the town right of way that could potentially pose an imminent threat to public safety. One tree met such criteria, being of size and age, and of degraded quality that any severe weather could potentially topple it into the road, threatening life, limb, and utilities. The Tree Warden worked with the property owner and the Town Highway Department and recommended the Road Foreman find the safest removal option.

Additionally, the Tree Warden met with the town Road Foreman, several Selectboard members, and several others to review and discuss a project for ditching and other safety work on Hardscrabble Road. That project has been tabled to the springtime, as the Highway Department was already occupied working to complete a similar project on Nichols Road. All parties agreed to continue open communications and constructive feedback.

The Tree Warden also spent some time reviewing VT AOT materials, other Tree Warden's plans and work from other towns for ideas, and began planning for 2026 Arbor Day events, potential grants for funding additional tree plantings on municipal property, and how to best conduct a more comprehensive roadside and municipal property tree inventory.

Anyone interested in learning more about the tree warden role in Vermont, are welcome to reach out to TreeWarden@monktonvt.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Boltz-Robinson, Tree Warden



Monkton Town Forest Committee (MTFC)

Annual Report 2025

2025 was a year of collaboration and recuperation after three busy years of acquiring and conserving the 450-acre town forest property and developing a management plan. We appreciated a slower pace in the second half of the year as the committee and community settled into the first full year of the town owning the town forest property!

Thank you to Pete Dufault for all of his time and thoughts that went into being on the town forest committee from its beginning in March 2019 to March 2025! We **welcomed** Cass Corcoran to the committee in June and look forward to her energy!

Management Plan: Late winter/early Spring, the committee worked to incorporate community feedback from the Fall 2024 management plan discussions (Dog walking & Horseback riding, Hunting & Trapping, Mechanized recreation, Extraction (Timber harvest, sugaring, foraging), Visual Aesthetic (Art/sculpture/interpretive trails/signage). The draft of the long-term management plan was published on March 14th, 2025. There were community input sessions on March 19th and 22nd. The revised final draft was published on April 4th and took effect on April 17th with approval by the Select Board, Vermont Land Trust (VLT)/Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB) and the Community Forest Program. See also the trailhead [kiosk sign](#) at the town forest or the committee webpage for a quick view of uses and key information. As updates are needed in the future, the plan can be amended through a community process.

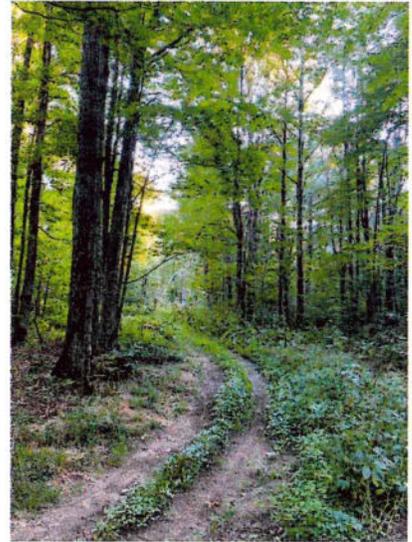
Community Events:

- June 7th – Invasive workshop with Monkton Conservation Commission and Addison County Forester
- June 14th – Community celebration and open house, thank you for joining!
- Oct 18th – Lewis Creek Association hosted their annual meeting in Monkton, with various field trips across town, culminating in presentations and a celebration at the Monkton Town Hall.
- October 1st – December 15th: VT Deer & Turkey Hunting seasons were underway.
- The Vermont Master Naturalist Program started a new class in the Middlebury Area for 2025-2026 which will focus on portions of the Monkton Town Forest.

Trail/Game Cameras: to answer a question that came up in the fall, cameras have not been in use by the Town at the property since April and are only allowed by permission for specific purposes. A request for off-trail game cameras was approved by the Town Forest Committee on 10/15/25. Those were set up the week of 10/19/25 and removed by 12/15/25.

Trails & Maintenance:

- Flagged re-route options for a steep section of trail leading west from Old Airport Road (OAR) parking as well as a section of the historic old county road. Began the initial stages of identifying a trail from Hardscrabble Rd to OAR.
- Mowed main forest roads/landing area, monitored beaver deceiver on the Kaolin dam. Received requests for trail cameras, tree stands.
- Old Lovers Lane (TH 36): Assessed water over the road at the wetland complex and how to manage it.
- Old Airport Road: Remains a private road. Conversations are ongoing about a road maintenance agreement and possible Class IV status.
- Vermont Land Trust conducted a monitoring visit



Grants/Funding: We submitted a letter of support to Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC), Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP). They are creating an inventory of Municipal forests with logging/skid trails that may need maintenance to prevent further erosion and phosphorous loading. If Monkton Town Forest is selected for an assessment, then a forester would conduct an analysis of suitable road segments that should be brought up to Vermont's AMPs. After that, the forester would prepare a prioritized list of segments and recommendations that would be cost effective while reducing phosphorous load. Once this phase is complete, hopefully by September 2026, the next step would be to submit an application for Monkton Town Forest to the Basin Water Quality Council (BWQC) for approval. Those applications would include the details, timeline, costs, and scope. We will keep the community and Select Board informed of this opportunity and process.

Upcoming: Boundary marking in areas where major trails cross, parking signage, Old Airport Road kiosk, trail/forest road assessment, host site for Game of Logging in the Spring (Stay tuned). Community effort to remove trash and debris, we are planning for the week of Earth Day on April 22nd, so stay tuned!

Thanks to everyone that has been a part of this process. We hope you've been able to get out into the forest and enjoy the property. It's been great to see the ski, snowshoe, sled and walking tracks in the snow!

Respectfully submitted by the Monkton Town Forest Committee:

Callie Brynn, Jaime Schulte, John McNerney, Molly Parren, CJ Buzzy, Jessica Demeritt, and Cass Corcoran

Questions: townforest@monktonvt.com

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

Monkton Energy Committee

The Energy Committee focused its efforts in 2025 on assisting the Selectboard in the continued work behind recommendations the MEC had previously made. These included: solar arrays and an EV charging station for the town hall. The committee changed membership to achieve quorum, as the originally established committee size of seven meant that there were not enough members to make quorum possible.

In 2024 the MEC received support through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP). Consultants performed building efficiency surveys of several town buildings, and made recommendations for improving their energy efficiency. See <https://bgs.vermont.gov/municipal-energy-resilience-program> for more details.

The MEC received and presented the findings of the MERP surveys before the deadline of December 31, 2024. None of the responsible parties requested further information or assistance so no MERP grants were used for energy efficiency and the program is now closed to new requests.

In support of State initiatives to reduce carbon footprint and contributions to climate change, the MEC recommends that the Town work to reduce, then eliminate the use of fossil fuels in town buildings, where possible.

Three Monkton Energy Committee positions remain open. The committee would welcome additional members to help guide the different projects. Folks interested should feel free to stop by an Energy Committee meeting (currently the third Thursday of every month), or reach out to selectboard@monktonvt.com or energy@monktonvt.com

Respectfully submitted,

John Dunham
Dave Bristol

2025 Road Foreman Report

The Town of Monkton Highway Department had a very successful year in 2025. We had a very busy schedule with many projects that we started and completed. We continued to make the roads better and safer for everyone. We did this by resurfacing the roads with gravel, ditching the roadsides, replacing culverts, grading, paving and roadside mowing.

During 2025, the Highway Department completed significant projects on Barnum Road, Tyler Bridge, Rotax Road, Nichols Road, and Old Stage Road. We removed a total of 596 loads of ditching material, averaging approximately 14 cubic yards per load. Effective ditching promotes drainage, reduces the risk of washouts and potholes, and enhances roadway safety for the community.

The Highway Department delivered 167 loads of gravel (approximately 14 yards per load) for resurfacing and road repairs. Consistent application of gravel is essential to maintain and prolong the serviceability of gravel roads.

Thank you to all town residents for your ongoing support and patience with the Highway Department. Your respect and cooperation make our work possible. We welcome all feedback — positive comments confirm our efforts are worthwhile, and constructive criticism helps us improve.

We're asking for support to replace our 2005 road grader this year with a new 2026 John Deere 672 P Series motor grader. The current grader is a 2005 772 D Series with 11,324 hours and needs over \$40,000 in repairs to return to usable condition. In accordance with our capital equipment plan, this machine is due for replacement, and purchasing the new grader now is the most cost-effective option to ensure reliable road maintenance, reduce downtime, and lower long-term repair and operating costs.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the road crew, Dan Bourgeois and Caleb Dion for their outstanding work and unwavering dedication to our town. Your commitment, skill, and long hours make our town safer.

2026 will be another active year for the Highway Department, with multiple projects scheduled. More details to follow. Any questions or concerns please contact the highway department at (802)-453-3263 or at highway@monktonvt.com

Trevor Currier
Road Foreman, Town of Monkton Highway Department

2025 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 2025 with the community.

- Vital Records recorded: **10** Births, **8** Marriages and **14** Deaths.
- * Land Records: **1379** pages of the land records (warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, mortgages, mortgage discharges, easements and liens) were received for recording.
- Voter Registrations **68** new voter registrations added to our voter checklist – **73** names removed.
- Certified copies: **51**
- Green Mountain Passports: **36** were issued.
- Dogs Registered in town: **189**

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) Registration Renewals – In order for us to process your renewal, we must have the renewal form the DMV sends you. We can only accept checks or money orders for the amount of the renewal and are not allowed to accept any renewals more than 60 days old. There is a three dollar (\$3.00) fee for processing the renewal, which is separate from the registration fee and can be paid in cash. To register online at <https://mydmv.vermont.gov/>.

Excess Weight Vehicle Permits: Excess Weight Permits are required for operators of vehicles in excess of the posed 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; 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, 2025

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, which were prepared internally from our own computerized records.

The Selectboard's proposed 2026 budget, 2026 summary of proposed expenditures, and 2026 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 eighteenth 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 2025 property taxes. The Town then issued each property tax bill for the remaining balance due. Once again, in 2025, 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, 2026 taxes are due on or before *Monday, November 16, 2026*. Review your tax bill closely. The due date appears on the bill. Note that the Town now accepts postmarks up to and including **THE DUE DATE (i.e., no later than **Monday, November 16, 2026**).**

- A secure lockbox is located to the left of 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.

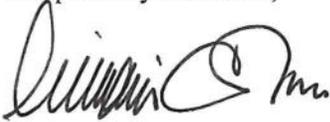
- Taxpayers can make pre-payments in any amount to the Treasurer at any time during the year. Any partial payments made up to the due date are recorded as timely, and are not subject to late penalties or interest charges. Unfortunately, historically, 3-5% of Monkton taxpayers have “delinquent balances” (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 16, 2026 due date.

This will be my final Treasurer’s Message to the citizens of Monkton, as I have tendered my resignation to the Selectboard, effective February 20, 2026. It is time for me to pursue a new challenge. I am very appreciative of the support, good humor, patience, and kindness shown to me during my time as Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector. I will especially miss my co-workers at Town Hall, but also the amazing people of Monkton who make this place so special. Best wishes, and thank you.

We welcome your questions and comments via email, telephone, or during a visit to Town Hall.

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2026 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William C. Joos', written in a cursive style.

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

Town of Monkton
Financial Statements
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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 another 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)	4.250%	6.625%	11.750%	13.100%
The Town's contributions (% of gross wages)	5.750%	7.250%	9.000%	11.600%

Employee contributions are withheld pre income tax by the Town and remitted to the State of Vermont. Such withholdings totaled \$20,133 in 2025. The Town contributed \$22,071 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. For 2025, the Town secured a tax anticipation note (TAN) from the National Bank of Middlebury on May 15th. The Town borrowed \$279,100 to satisfy its pending obligations at an annual interest rate of 4.15%. The note was repaid in full along with interest due of \$6,466 on 12/31/2025. For 2026, the Town again anticipates securing a TAN based upon needs and current cash reserves.

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.	\$ 0
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.	\$ 23,600
National Bank of Middlebury 2025 Ford F550 dump truck note, interest at 4.55%, payable beginning June 10, 2026. The note is to be repaid over 5 years, with a principal reduction payment of \$22,960 annually plus accrued interest until June 10, 2030. Total borrowed was \$114,801.	\$114,801
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 1 st and November 1 st , starting on November 1, 2020. Annual principal payments of \$85,000 commenced November 1, 2021.	\$1,275,000
Total	<u>\$ 1,413,401</u>

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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,	2026	131,560	30,686	162,246
	2027	107,960	28,523	136,483
	2028	107,960	26,706	134,666
	2029	107,960	24,447	132,407
	2030	<u>107,960</u>	<u>21,841</u>	<u>129,801</u>
Totals		<u>\$563,400</u>	<u>\$132,203</u>	<u>\$695,603</u>

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

	Balance December 31, 2024	Increase	Decrease	Balance December 31, 2025
20 Mack Dump Truck Note	15,353	0	15,353	0
21 MF Tractor Note	47,200	0	23,600	23,600
25 Ford Dump Truck Note	0	114,801	0	114,801
20 VMBB Series 2 Bonds	<u>1,360,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>1,275,000</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,422,553</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$123,953</u>	<u>\$1,413,401</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		

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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	903,480	1,268,701
4. Uncollateralized and Uninsured	<u>1,251</u>	<u>1,251</u>
Total deposits	<u>\$ 1,154,731</u>	<u>\$ 1,519,952</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 2025 not yet cashed by payees.

NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS

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

NOTE 7 - RESERVED FUND BALANCES

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

Special Revenue Funds:		<u>GASB No. 54 Fund Bal Class</u>
Recreation	19,194	Committed
Property Valuation Review (PVR)	677	Restricted
Act 68 Reappraisal	16,001	Restricted
Agricultural & Natural Areas	218,123	Committed
Record Restoration Fund	23,335	Restricted
ARPA Fund	11,446	Restricted
Wildlife Crossing	2,467	Restricted
RML Operating	<u>42,735</u>	Committed
Total	<u>\$333,978</u>	
Capital Projects Funds:		
Highway Capital Projects	107,481	Committed
Mountain Rd Culvert/FEMA	16,927	Restricted
Town Forest Project	37,762	Restricted
Bike-Pedestrian Path	(7,995)	Restricted
RML Capital Drive	<u>15,175</u>	Committed
Total	<u>\$169,350</u>	

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NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town. In addition, the Town of Monkton is a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) for Medical Benefits, Workers Compensation and Unemployment Compensation Programs. VLCT is a nonprofit corporation formed to provide insurance and risk management programs for Vermont cities and towns and is owned by the participating cities and towns. To provide insurance coverage, VLCT has established a program in conjunction with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont. A portion of member contributions is used to purchase reinsurance and to fund a reserve required by the reinsurance. Contributions in excess of claims requirements, reserve fund requirements, reinsurance and administrative costs are returned to participants. The pooling agreement does not permit the pool to make additional assessments to its members.

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

To provide worker's compensation (WC) coverage, VLCT has established a separate trust of funds from member contributions to pay administrative costs and workers compensation coverage. Contributions are based upon formulas applied to payroll expense. At the end of the 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 2025 and were payable in one installment by November 17, 2025. 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 2025:</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>x GRAND LIST ¹</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>TOTAL RAISED</u>
Nonhomestead Education Tax	\$ 1.1359	\$ 1,379,086.36		\$ 1,566,504.13
Homestead Education Tax	1.1275	2,958,322.00		3,335,508.82
Hwy Tax & '25 Lodged Grand List	0.2322	4,329,457.00		1,005,299.92
Muni Tax & '25 Lodged Grand List	0.1560	4,329,457.00		<u>675,395.29</u>
Gross Property Taxes Levied:				\$ 6,582,708.16
Less: Education Portion of Homestead Rebates Paid by State				

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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Notes to Financial Statements
For The Year Ended December 31, 2025

<u>Directly</u> to Schools (i.e., neither received nor distributed by Town):	(747,040.35)
Less: Muni Portion of Homestead Rebates Paid by State	
<u>Directly</u> to Town:	<u>(15,264.94)</u>
Net Property Taxes Levied for Collection by Town:	\$ 5,820,402.87
2025 Taxes Due Warranted to Delinquent Tax Collector on 11/18/25:	\$ 213,991.61
Adjustment:	<u>5,903.54</u>
	\$ 219,895.15
Total 2025 Delinquent Tax Balance as of 12/31/25:	\$ 126,427.80

NINE-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON: 2017 – 2025:
(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
2024	.2971	1.2411	1.2103
2025	.3881	1.1275	1.1359

Town of Monkton
 Combined Balance Sheet
 All Fund Types and Account Groups
 December 31, 2025

	Governmental Fund Types				Account Group	Totals
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	General Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS:						
Current Assets:						
Cash	1,250.37	268,647.05	333,978.14	125,181.17	-	729,056.73
Due from Other Funds	(50,813.22)	-	-	-	-	(50,813.22)
Total Current Assets	<u>(49,562.85)</u>	<u>268,647.05</u>	<u>333,978.14</u>	<u>125,181.17</u>	-	<u>678,243.51</u>
Other Assets:						
Amount to be Provided for:						
Retirement of Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	-	1,413,401.00	1,413,401.00
Total Other Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,413,401.00</u>	<u>1,413,401.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>(49,562.85)</u>	<u>268,647.05</u>	<u>333,978.14</u>	<u>125,181.17</u>	<u>1,413,401.00</u>	<u>2,091,644.51</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:						
Liabilities:						
Other Current Liabilities	7,683.44	-	-	-	-	7,683.44
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	138,401.00	138,401.00
Bond Payable	-	-	-	-	1,275,000.00	1,275,000.00
Total Liabilities	<u>7,683.44</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,413,401.00</u>	<u>1,421,084.44</u>
Fund Equity:						
Fund Balances:						
Unreserved	(57,246.29)	268,647.05	333,978.14	125,181.17	-	211,400.76
Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	459,159.31
Total Fund Equity	<u>(57,246.29)</u>	<u>268,647.05</u>	<u>333,978.14</u>	<u>125,181.17</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>670,560.07</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	<u>(49,562.85)</u>	<u>268,647.05</u>	<u>333,978.14</u>	<u>125,181.17</u>	<u>1,413,401.00</u>	<u>2,091,644.51</u>

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Town of Monkton
 Combined Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 All Governmental Fund Types
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Governmental Fund Types				Totals
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects and Other Funds	
REVENUES					
Property Taxes ¹	\$ 460,754.17	\$ 1,004,647.69	\$ 69,463.38	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 1,569,865.24
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	17,596.35	-	-	-	17,596.35
Investment Income	8,011.75	-	120.15	6.79	8,138.69
Other Revenue	74,421.81	73,160.67	36,561.18	-	184,143.66
Grants	5,394.49	74,079.41	-	3,636.63	83,110.53
Loan Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Property/Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
State Payments/Refunds	48,192.68	166,068.85	8,738.00	-	222,999.53
TOTAL REVENUES	614,371.25	1,317,956.62	114,882.71	38,643.42	\$ 2,085,854.00
EXPENDITURES:					
Payroll	213,546.63	423,804.18	-	-	637,350.81
Routine Expenses	336,232.86	584,710.60	203,974.38	8,324.27	1,133,242.11
Appropriations	187,349.00	-	-	-	187,349.00
Facilities Construction/Maintenance	-	-	-	41,333.32	41,333.32
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	737,128.49	1,008,514.78	203,974.38	49,657.59	1,999,275.24
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(122,757.24)	309,441.84	(89,091.67)	(11,014.17)	86,578.76
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(122,757.24)	309,441.84	(89,091.67)	(11,014.17)	86,578.76
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2025	(38,802.25)	(40,769.79)	423,069.81	136,195.34	479,693.11
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2025	\$ (161,559.49)	\$ 268,647.05	\$ 333,978.14	\$ 125,181.17	\$ 566,271.87

Note: ¹ General fund property tax revenue includes general fund current & delinquent taxes.

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

Town of Monkton
 Combining Balance Sheet
 Special Revenue Funds
 December 31, 2025

	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	\$ 19,193.93	\$ 677.55	\$ 16,000.99	\$ 218,123.29	\$ 23,334.86	\$ 11,446.04	\$ 2,466.92	\$ 42,734.56	\$ 333,978.14
Due from Other Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	<u>19,193.93</u>	<u>677.55</u>	<u>16,000.99</u>	<u>218,123.29</u>	<u>23,334.86</u>	<u>11,446.04</u>	<u>2,466.92</u>	<u>42,734.56</u>	<u>333,978.14</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>19,193.93</u>	<u>677.55</u>	<u>16,000.99</u>	<u>218,123.29</u>	<u>23,334.86</u>	<u>11,446.04</u>	<u>2,466.92</u>	<u>42,734.56</u>	<u>333,978.14</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:									
Liabilities:									
None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances:									
Reserved	<u>19,193.93</u>	<u>677.55</u>	<u>16,000.99</u>	<u>218,123.29</u>	<u>23,334.86</u>	<u>11,446.04</u>	<u>2,466.92</u>	<u>42,734.56</u>	<u>333,978.14</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES:	<u>19,193.93</u>	<u>677.55</u>	<u>16,000.99</u>	<u>218,123.29</u>	<u>23,334.86</u>	<u>11,446.04</u>	<u>2,466.92</u>	<u>42,734.56</u>	<u>333,978.14</u>

Town of Monkton
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 Special Revenue Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Recreation Fund	PVR Education	Act 68 Reappraisal	Agricultural and Natural Areas Conservation	Records Restoration & Preservation Fnd	ARPA Fund	Wildlife Crossing Fund	RML Operating Fund	Totals
REVENUES									
Property Taxes	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,463.38	\$ 69,463.38
Investment Income	10.87	-	-	90.12	-	-	-	19.16	120.15
Other Revenue	20,990.32	-	-	-	5,204.00	-	-	10,366.86	36,561.18
State Payments	-	-	8,738.00	-	-	-	-	-	8,738.00
TOTAL REVENUES	29,501.19	-	8,738.00	22,590.12	5,204.00	-	-	48,849.40	114,882.71
EXPENDITURES									
Routine Expenses	31,713.11	-	-	7,586.15	4,097.37	111,368.17	-	49,209.58	203,974.38
Facilities Construction/Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	31,713.11	-	-	7,586.15	4,097.37	111,368.17	-	49,209.58	203,974.38
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(2,211.92)	-	8,738.00	15,003.97	1,106.63	(111,368.17)	-	(360.18)	(89,091.67)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):									
Transfers In (Out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(2,211.92)	-	8,738.00	15,003.97	1,106.63	(111,368.17)	-	(360.18)	(89,091.67)
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2025	21,405.85	677.55	7,262.99	203,119.32	22,228.23	122,814.21	2,466.92	43,094.74	423,069.81
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2025	\$ 19,193.93	\$ 677.55	\$ 16,000.99	\$ 218,123.29	\$ 23,334.86	\$ 11,446.04	\$ 2,466.92	\$ 42,734.56	333,978.14

Town of Monkton
 Combining Balance Sheet
 Capital Project Funds
 December 31, 2025

	Highway Capital Projects Fund	Municipal Building Fund	RML Capital Drive Fund	Mountain Rd Culvert FEMA Fund	Bike-Pedestrian Path Fund	Town Forest Project Fund	Totals
ASSETS:							
Current Assets:							
Other Current Assets	\$ 107,480.94	\$ -	\$ 15,174.89	\$ 16,927.13	\$ (7,995.29)	\$ 37,762.37	\$ 169,350.04
Due from Other Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	<u>107,480.94</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,174.89</u>	<u>16,927.13</u>	<u>(7,995.29)</u>	<u>37,762.37</u>	<u>169,350.04</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>107,480.94</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,174.89</u>	<u>16,927.13</u>	<u>(7,995.29)</u>	<u>37,762.37</u>	<u>169,350.04</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:							
Liabilities:							
Due To Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances:							
Reserved	107,480.94	-	15,174.89	16,927.13	(7,995.29)	37,762.37	169,350.04
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 107,480.94</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,174.89</u>	<u>\$ 16,927.13</u>	<u>\$ (7,995.29)</u>	<u>\$ 37,762.37</u>	<u>169,350.04</u>

Town of Monkton
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
 Changes in Fund Balances
 Capital Project Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Highway Capital Projects Fund	Municipal Building Fund	RML Capital Drive Fund	Mountain Rd Culvert FEMA Fund	Bike-Pedestrian Path Fund	Town Forest Project Fund	Totals
REVENUES							
Property Tax Income	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00
Investment Income	-	-	6.79	-	-	-	6.79
Other Financing Sources	-	-	-	-	3,636.63	-	3,636.63
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations - Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6.79</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,636.63</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,643.42</u>
EXPENDITURES							
Routine Expenses	-	-	-	-	1,917.77	6,406.50	8,324.27
Equipment Purchase	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Facilities Construction/Maintenance	-	41,333.32	-	-	-	-	41,333.32
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>41,333.32</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,917.77</u>	<u>6,406.50</u>	<u>49,657.59</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	35,000.00	(41,333.32)	6.79	-	1,718.86	(6,406.50)	(11,014.17)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	35,000.00	(41,333.32)	6.79	-	1,718.86	(6,406.50)	(11,014.17)
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2025	72,480.94	41,333.32	15,168.10	16,927.13	(9,714.15)	44,168.87	136,195.34
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2025	<u>\$ 107,480.94</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,174.89</u>	<u>\$ 16,927.13</u>	<u>\$ (7,995.29)</u>	<u>\$ 37,762.37</u>	<u>\$ 125,181.17</u>

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

GENERAL FUND

Revenues	Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Grant Income		6,736.00	-	5,000.00	-	2,588.00	-
LHMP - Grant Income		-	-	3,651.09	-	2,806.49	-
Mini-Grant: Energy Program		-	-	4,000.00	-	-	-
Property Taxes		228,578.36	303,994.73	351,111.53	570,466.34	287,145.38	527,411.92
Current Use/Hold Harmless		53,802.00	55,223.00	56,564.00	57,000.00	45,996.00	46,000.00
ANR PILOT		1,168.68	1,168.68	1,168.68	1,170.00	1,168.68	1,168.68
Act 60 Equalized Ed. GL		993.00	1,005.00	1,023.00	1,000.00	1,028.00	1,000.00
National Opioid Settlement Fund		-	508.16	194.15	-	711.75	-
Town Clerk Fees		22,903.00	19,080.00	16,570.00	15,000.00	16,074.00	15,000.00
Liquor Licenses		70.00	70.00	170.00	140.00	185.00	-
Copier Use Fees		3,338.72	2,548.10	2,127.85	1,500.00	1,136.50	1,200.00
DMV-AOT Fees		6.00	6.00	6.00	-	-	-
Records Restoration Fees		-	-	-	-	-	-
Dog Licenses & Fines		2,322.00	942.00	2,946.00	3,000.00	2,871.00	3,000.00
Facilities Rental		75.00	180.00	180.00	-	265.00	-
Judicial Fines		48,457.50	29,542.78	22,631.50	25,000.00	13,439.67	22,000.00
Interest Income (General Fund)		5,486.15	4,785.87	4,360.36	3,200.00	8,010.59	4,200.00
Interest Income (HRA)		-	0.34	2.49	-	1.16	-
Misc. Revenue		12.90	9.04	1,272.03	-	10,099.29	-
Postal Facility Rental Fee		500.00	792.50	557.76	900.00	557.76	575.00
Delinquent Taxes		169,289.12	164,750.07	121,105.56	130,000.00	173,608.79	180,000.00
Del Taxes - Interest		7,450.98	17,289.57	20,596.45	10,000.00	13,465.12	20,000.00
Del Taxes - Penalty		4,484.70	6,860.71	8,546.00	7,000.00	4,131.23	14,000.00
WC & UI Reimbursement		-	-	-	-	14,949.48	-
DRB Subdivision Fees		800.00	800.00	1,025.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
DRB Boundary Adj Fees		270.00	125.00	135.00	200.00	-	200.00
DRB Variances Fees		135.00	-	-	200.00	-	-
DRB Conditional Use Fees		-	-	210.00	200.00	400.00	200.00
DRB Administrator Fees		9,849.20	5,765.40	9,818.78	7,000.00	11,822.36	10,000.00
Municipal Planning Grants		490.00	-	-	-	660.00	-
Cemetery - Sale of Plots		-	-	-	-	250.00	-
Cemetery - Donations		-	-	-	-	-	250.00
Donations		10,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues		577,218.31	615,446.95	634,973.23	834,176.34	614,371.25	847,205.60

General Government Expenses
General Government Payroll

Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Town Clerk Salary	37,453.95	41,085.78	41,085.14	45,000.00	44,282.72	45,000.00
Assistant Town Clerk	5,095.50	4,972.50	12,981.78	14,000.00	15,695.00	16,400.00
Treasurer	36,413.62	39,944.49	39,943.92	45,000.00	44,062.27	46,350.00
Assistant Treasurer	8,359.50	4,698.84	-	5,000.00	2,230.00	5,150.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	3,641.45	3,994.53	3,994.58	4,132.84	4,109.80	4,256.83
Web Master	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Town Administrator	9,423.12	38,042.49	38,041.78	40,324.00	39,917.98	41,533.72
Selectboard	6,720.00	8,455.00	6,781.68	7,700.00	4,833.33	7,700.00
Selectboard Administrative	1,065.00	1,845.00	1,774.50	2,000.00	946.00	2,000.00
Auditors	3,761.00	2,847.60	1,896.48	4,000.00	2,072.43	4,000.00
BCA - Election Officials	274.31	161.46	239.23	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Constable	250.00	-	-	250.00	-	250.00
Fire Warden	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Health Officer	600.00	600.00	-	600.00	-	600.00
Animal Control Officer	3,300.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,360.00	3,600.00	3,360.00
Recycling Coordinator	250.00	250.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Cemetery Administrator	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
FICA	10,324.69	13,499.98	15,114.58	15,767.94	19,759.12	17,158.99
VT Child Care Contribution	-	-	400.71	906.91	910.90	986.92
VMERS DB-Employer	612.50	2,431.66	2,627.98	2,823.00	2,844.60	3,011.19
Insurance - Workmens Comp	12,188.25	546.39	1,741.53	1,377.44	1,003.06	2,421.00
Insurance - Prop & Liab	5,797.00	11,533.82	19,464.30	-	-	-
Insurance - Unemployment	-	-	187.75	451.99	420.32	523.59
Assessor	6,390.00	7,467.51	9,616.25	12,000.00	8,320.58	13,200.00
Assessor - Reappraisal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zoning Administrator	9,200.58	8,476.35	7,328.00	15,600.00	17,101.50	25,000.00
DRB Board Members	-	-	-	1,500.00	50.00	1,500.00
DRB Clerical	-	-	-	-	528.00	1,000.00
DRB Recording Secretary	-	-	-	2,000.00	202.40	2,200.00
ANAC Clerical	-	-	-	-	-	650.00
Planning Comm. Bd Members	510.00	2,030.00	1,240.00	1,600.00	1,230.00	1,600.00
Planning Comm. Clerical	-	60.00	114.66	200.00	-	200.00
Total Payroll	162,180.47	197,093.40	209,024.85	227,444.12	214,970.01	248,402.24

Town Office

Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Copier Rental	2,334.18	2,622.70	2,764.87	2,800.00	2,167.34	2,800.00
Custodian	7,571.25	8,100.00	2,160.00	8,100.00	5,670.00	8,000.00
Office & General Supplies	3,285.48	2,796.01	2,926.87	3,000.00	3,675.72	3,000.00
Postage	3,628.43	4,642.16	4,122.21	3,800.00	4,890.65	3,800.00
Equipment/Furniture	753.20	48.54	1,071.50	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Computer Equip & Software	1,343.83	1,190.47	1,473.99	1,500.00	2,340.00	7,000.00
Computer Contract Service	13,948.35	19,003.94	23,584.13	20,000.00	22,882.96	24,000.00
Conferences & Training	25.00	10.00	20.00	500.00	238.71	400.00
Mileage Reimbursement	249.55	308.50	493.12	300.00	473.20	500.00
Water System	-	3,370.11	1,413.71	1,000.00	1,636.45	1,500.00
Telephone	3,908.92	4,017.73	4,223.15	4,000.00	4,258.25	4,000.00
Heat	917.24	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	7,109.90	7,577.43	6,559.73	7,000.00	7,931.23	7,000.00
Trash Removal	-	645.70	648.00	600.00	634.00	720.00
Total Town Office	45,075.33	54,333.29	51,461.28	53,600.00	56,798.51	63,720.00

General Expenditures

Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Sheriff Dept.	23,436.55	32,722.18	31,536.76	33,500.00	23,260.75	40,200.00
Area Rescue Squads	-	8,100.00	8,748.00	20,280.00	21,380.00	21,380.00
Insurance - Property & Liability	-	11,533.82	19,464.30	11,465.64	13,649.25	16,417.00
Appraisal	13,429.17	9,000.79	3,269.25	15,000.00	6,211.82	11,465.00
Reappraisal	765.30	-	-	-	-	-
PVR Education Expense	-	-	-	200.00	-	200.00
Printing /Advertising	6,665.66	7,501.36	9,605.00	9,000.00	9,681.37	9,500.00
Property Maint & Upgrade	24,538.11	9,843.74	26,083.54	15,000.00	20,157.10	15,000.00
Consultant Fees, Audit	5,060.00	3,567.50	1,625.00	4,200.00	-	25,000.00
LHMP - Consultant Fees	-	-	3,709.15	-	3,682.08	-
Energy Program: Consultant Fee	-	-	3,500.00	-	-	-
Association Dues & Fees	5,060.00	125.00	7,886.00	5,300.00	4,180.00	4,163.00
Legal Fees	789.84	5,306.76	3,853.60	6,000.00	4,799.05	6,000.00
BCA-Elections Expense	1,846.37	1,441.56	1,593.23	2,000.00	849.68	1,500.00
Property Tax Appeal Settled	2,018.82	-	-	-	-	-
National Opioid Settlement	-	-	549.31	-	864.75	-
Recycling Expenses	10,167.04	9,402.32	9,650.51	10,000.00	12,747.35	11,000.00
Animal Expense	2,496.76	1,709.69	1,690.80	2,500.00	2,172.08	2,200.00
Restoration of Records	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Fees - Marriage Licenses	950.00	425.00	195.00	700.00	520.00	500.00
Park and Ride Expense	316.13	322.33	332.70	330.00	293.59	330.00
New Municipal Building Comm Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cemetery Maintenance	5,550.00	5,600.00	5,600.00	6,000.00	3,079.00	-
County Taxes	15,695.00	16,066.00	17,439.00	18,000.00	19,952.00	22,945.00
Tax Maps	4,750.00	4,750.00	5,000.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Tax Sales	-	-	139.50	-	-	-
Debt Principal Pmts: Genl Fund LTD	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00
Interest Expense	26,801.76	26,418.86	26,010.86	25,600.00	32,026.00	25,100.00
Miscellaneous (includes ANAC G&A)	74.50	60.00	43.00	-	280.00	-
Total General Expenditures	235,411.01	238,896.91	272,524.51	275,275.64	269,985.87	303,100.00

DRB

Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Supplies & Postage	-	-	106.48	50.00	-	1,000.00
Advertising	530.71	301.50	211.50	400.00	490.50	400.00
Computer Equipment & Software	-	129.99	-	-	-	-
Conferences & Training	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	141.00	-
Total DRB	530.71	431.49	317.98	550.00	631.50	1,500.00

Town Forest Committee

Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Advertising, Postage & Printing	-	-	1,353.50	950.00	-	-
Consultants	-	-	1,500.00	250.00	-	250.00
Events	-	-	-	300.00	-	250.00
Private Road - Shared Maintenance	-	-	-	1,800.00	2,827.00	2,000.00
Total Town Forest Committee	-	-	2,853.50	3,300.00	2,827.00	2,500.00

Housing Committee

Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Advertising, Postage & Printing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consultants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Events	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Housing Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-

Planning Commission

Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Supplies & Postage	-	-	-	500.00	-	-
Printing	287.72	534.35	771.72	500.00	768.67	800.00
Advertising	502.39	609.00	652.50	300.00	-	300.00
Mileage Reimbursement	-	-	80.27	50.00	-	50.00
Consultants	375.33	120.00	-	-	-	1,000.00
MPG Expenses	-	-	-	2,000.00	-	-
Conferences	-	-	106.37	300.00	-	300.00
ACRPC Assessment	2,806.65	2,869.02	2,806.65	3,000.00	2,869.02	3,000.00
Legal Fees	451.50	-	-	-	-	-
Total Planning Commission	4,423.59	4,132.37	4,417.51	6,650.00	3,637.69	5,450.00

Conservation Commission

Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Supplies & Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Printing	-	-	-	-	195.03	-
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consultants	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-
MCG Expense	490.00	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses - Grants	-	-	-	-	613.43	-
Conferences	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00
Activities / Mapping Project	495.00	2,601.00	7,799.00	650.00	120.45	650.00
Training	-	-	10.00	-	-	-
Educational Opportunities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Conservation Commission	2,485.00	2,601.00	7,809.00	750.00	928.91	750.00

Cemetery

Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Maintenance	-	-	-	-	79.00	1,000.00
Mowing	-	-	-	-	3,000.00	4,000.00
Miscellaneous Repairs	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
Mileage Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
Total Cemetery	-	-	-	-	3,079.00	5,600.00

Energy Committee

Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Supplies & Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mileage Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Energy Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total General Government	450,106.11	497,488.46	545,555.13	564,269.76	553,413.85	629,056.60

Appropriations	Account	Actual FY - 2022		Actual FY - 2023		Actual FY - 2024		Budget FY - 2025		Budget FY - 2026	
	Addison City Community Action (HOPE)	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
	Addison City Court Diversion	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
	Counseling Service of Addison Cty, Inc.	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Addison City Home Health & Hospice	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00
	Homeward Bound	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
	Addison City Parent/Child	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Bristol Family Center	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
	Bristol Recreation Dept.	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	AgeWell	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Elderly Services	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
	Rural Fire Protection Program	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Green Up Vermont	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
	Hospice Volunteer Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	John D. Graham Emergency Shelter	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Lewis Creek Association	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
	Monkton Mentors Program	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Open Door Clinic	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Otter Creek Natural Resources CD	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00
	Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00	460.00
	Tri-Valley Transit	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00
	UWAC - Addison City Readers	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
	Vermont Adult Learning	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
	Vermont Center for Indep Living	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00
	Altria Collective (formerly Women Safe)	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
	American Red Cross	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Have-A-Heart Food Shelf	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hinesburg Food Shelf	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Turning Point Center of Addison County	-	-	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Addison City Relocalization Network (ACORN)	-	-	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Monkton Volunteer Fire Dept	70,000.00	98,200.00	98,200.00	124,300.00	124,300.00	165,000.00	165,000.00	165,000.00	197,600.00	197,600.00
	Monkton Museum & Historical Society	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Bristol Rescue Squad	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	8,748.00	8,748.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Vergennes Area Rescue Squad	600.00	600.00	600.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Appropriations	99,249.00	127,449.00	127,449.00	158,697.00	158,697.00	187,349.00	187,349.00	187,349.00	221,449.00	221,449.00
	Total G.F. Expenditures	549,355.11	624,937.46	624,937.46	704,252.13	704,252.13	737,462.85	737,462.85	847,205.60	847,205.60	847,205.60
	Total General Fund Expenses (over) under	27,863.20	(9,490.51)	(9,490.51)	(69,278.90)	(69,278.90)	(123,091.60)	(123,091.60)	-	-	-
	Revenue - Actual										
	January 1, 2025 Unassigned Fund Balance										
	Committed Fund Balance - Stabilization Fund										
	Assigned Fund Balance - Planning & Zoning										
	January 1, 2025 Total Fund Balance										
	December 31, 2025 Unassigned General Fund Balance:										
	Committed Fund Balance - Stabilization Fund										
	Assigned Fund Balance - Planning & Zoning										
	December 31, 2025 Total Fund Balance										

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

HIGHWAY

Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Revenues						
HWY State Aid	162,949.19	239,545.58	166,068.85	83,000.00	85,439.16	166,000.00
Highway Grants	198,314.14	141,565.78	21,892.39	215,000.00	74,079.41	224,000.00
Disaster Expenses - Reimbursements	-	-	-	194,058.40	142,385.90	-
Property Taxes	579,715.57	636,946.20	611,062.50	1,004,647.69	1,004,647.69	989,033.64
Overweight Permits	1,330.00	1,325.00	1,280.00	1,300.00	1,255.00	1,300.00
911 Signs	110.00	-	170.00	200.00	150.00	200.00
Street Signs	-	-	88.00	-	-	-
Sale of Equipment	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Misc Revenue	2,773.25	9,157.54	7,839.88	-	9,999.46	-
Total Revenues	947,192.15	1,028,540.10	808,401.62	1,498,206.09	1,317,956.62	1,380,533.64
Highway Expenses						
Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Regular employees	215,119.60	240,271.82	252,964.45	279,638.10	270,039.97	304,042.50
Part-time Employees	-	60.00	-	12,000.00	10,500.00	12,000.00
FICA	16,456.61	17,820.53	17,286.27	22,310.31	16,770.13	24,177.25
VT Child Care Contribution	-	-	566.08	1,283.21	1,101.23	1,390.59
VMERS DB - Employer	13,684.70	15,974.32	17,414.87	19,574.67	19,225.92	22,043.08
Health Insurance	60,565.24	29,076.19	65,692.83	90,221.76	88,129.74	108,925.00
Dental Insurance	1,672.16	877.66	1,972.00	2,515.20	2,368.64	2,896.73
Short Term Disability Insurance	324.83	246.97	427.00	343.00	336.00	300.00
Insurance - Unemployment	745.00	414.00	827.25	301.01	334.68	339.41
Life Insurance	75.60	67.50	109.80	100.00	86.40	100.00
HRA Reimbursements	-	2,960.50	2,345.76	7,500.00	3,172.97	4,000.00
HRA Fees	-	336.00	-	400.00	324.29	420.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	-	12,144.71	18,030.67	15,147.96	11,360.97	16,981.00
Vision Insurance	-	-	-	-	53.24	100.00
Total Payroll	308,643.74	320,250.20	377,636.98	451,335.22	423,804.18	497,715.56
Garage Expenses						
Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Equipment/Tools/Supplies	12,016.11	12,129.94	18,711.30	18,000.00	20,946.17	18,000.00
Conferences & Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone	1,522.83	994.19	968.50	1,300.00	976.28	1,365.00
Heat	3,913.03	3,262.81	2,677.48	4,200.00	3,774.87	4,410.00
Electricity	3,149.59	3,139.56	2,750.65	3,000.00	3,760.78	3,150.00
Trash Removal/Dumpsters	2,651.11	2,898.35	2,983.54	2,700.00	3,300.15	2,835.00
Capital Equipment Expense	61,168.96	7,041.19	9,089.00	20,000.00	21,500.00	-
Property Maintenance & Upgrade	10,599.47	1,860.00	9,583.53	20,000.00	1,671.86	2,000.00
Allowance - Pantry & Meals	-	-	-	-	-	700.00
Allowance - Safety Gear	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
Total Garage Expenses	95,021.10	31,326.04	46,764.00	69,200.00	55,930.11	33,460.00

General Highway Expenses

Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Insurance - Workmens Comp	13,017.00	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance - Prop & Liab	-	12,761.38	13,548.46	16,391.00	12,292.95	18,267.00
Insurance Claim Settlement	-	-	4,550.00	-	-	-
Grease & Oil	8,017.33	9,866.08	10,758.62	7,200.00	8,464.33	6,200.00
Permit Fees	-	1,765.00	1,350.00	1,500.00	1,350.00	1,500.00
Equipment Fuel	64,434.47	54,065.15	55,172.14	53,000.00	56,529.26	55,650.00
Parts	31,246.24	34,000.15	31,423.00	30,000.00	41,773.78	31,500.00
Tires	3,175.57	13,231.91	7,836.94	10,000.00	13,222.20	10,500.00
Equipment Repairs	15,576.01	17,386.58	35,949.13	26,000.00	25,218.75	27,300.00
Blades	12,169.67	5,533.34	7,294.27	10,000.00	14,845.61	10,500.00
Oxygen & Acetylene	447.43	656.47	701.98	850.00	1,016.87	1,000.00
Interest Expense	3,943.45	3,081.49	2,178.81	1,319.01	1,322.41	5,671.85
LTD Principal Pmtis-Trucks	38,953.00	38,953.00	38,953.00	38,953.00	38,953.00	46,560.20
Misc. Expenditures	952.90	-	345.04	1,000.00	50.00	1,000.00
Total General Highway Expenses	191,933.07	191,300.55	210,061.39	196,213.01	215,039.16	215,649.05

Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Rental Equipment	142.56	1,000.00	575.00	4,000.00	800.00	4,200.00
Gravel Stockpile	14,724.66	9,470.12	20,514.66	18,000.00	18,583.48	18,900.00
Salt	45,099.87	38,374.82	58,105.17	67,000.00	57,601.65	70,350.00
Winter Sand	39,082.70	18,103.16	20,284.28	44,000.00	29,439.78	35,000.00
Summer Chloride	22,950.00	20,700.00	25,702.76	26,000.00	21,974.40	27,300.00
Winter Solution/Chloride	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hot Mix	200,997.06	174,951.28	169,300.09	425,000.00	48,292.52	621,000.00
Cold Patch	536.41	1,386.24	1,578.66	1,200.00	1,196.46	1,260.00
Culverts	9,619.65	16,994.88	8,809.74	10,000.00	6,140.64	10,000.00
Signs, Painting	2,391.08	9,942.24	39,734.49	12,500.00	7,797.35	13,125.00
911 Signs	199.43	134.99	253.19	-	88.66	-
Highway Upgrade/Paving	4,695.95	1,600.00	11,710.00	10,000.00	4,258.00	10,500.00
Contract Services	21,281.84	9,085.44	53,640.00	26,500.00	49,000.00	20,000.00
Erosion Control	9,151.39	5,839.70	9,055.26	9,500.00	9,947.79	9,975.00
Gravel - Road Upgrade	71,689.01	25,970.32	85,384.30	90,000.00	58,620.60	65,000.00
Total Road Maintenance	442,561.61	333,553.19	504,647.60	743,700.00	313,741.33	906,610.00
Total Highway Expenses	1,038,159.52	876,429.98	1,139,109.97	1,460,448.23	1,008,514.78	1,653,434.61
Highway Exp (over)/under Rev - Actual	(90,967.37)	152,110.12	(330,708.35)	37,757.86	309,416.84	(272,900.97)
January 1, 2025 Total Fund Balance					(40,769.79)	
December 31, 2025 Total Fund Balance					268,647.05	

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Recreation Committee Revenue	Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
	Property Tax	7,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	10,500.00
	Activities Fees	2,565.00	890.00	1,684.00	2,000.00	2,262.82	2,000.00
	Donations	1,065.00	-	-	500.00	30.00	750.00
	Donations - Hardcourt Project	-	-	2,500.00	-	18,442.50	-
	Supplies/Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Facilities Rental	2,080.00	1,210.00	475.00	1,000.00	255.00	750.00
	Grant Income	-	4,220.00	-	-	-	-
	Interest Income	6.56	5.33	6.72	-	10.87	-
	Total Recreation Comm. Revenue	13,216.56	14,825.33	13,165.72	12,000.00	29,501.19	14,000.00
Recreation Committee Expense							
	Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
	Activities Fees	18.00	-	-	500.00	-	500.00
	Expenses - Hardcourt Project	-	-	-	-	16,791.89	-
	Uniforms, Supplies/Equip	1,382.06	1,700.47	871.29	1,500.00	1,591.81	1,500.00
	Electricity	523.76	568.87	588.63	500.00	641.77	500.00
	Facilities Maintenance	14,464.15	10,227.46	11,358.04	9,500.00	12,687.64	11,500.00
	Total Recreation Comm. Expense	16,387.97	12,496.80	12,817.96	12,000.00	31,713.11	14,000.00
	Recreation Committee Expenses (over)/under Revenue	(3,171.41)	347.76			(2,211.92)	
	January 1, 2025 Total Fund Balance					21,405.85	
	December 31, 2025 Total Fund Balance					19,193.93	

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

Russell Memorial Library Operating Fund

RML Revenue	Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Grant Income		5,052.99	1,300.00	5,564.00	350.00	850.00	350.00
Grant Income - Rural Libraries		-	15,015.00	15,000.00	-	-	-
Property Tax		29,170.00	37,046.33	44,721.00	38,463.38	38,463.38	41,979.00
Donations		325.00	901.00	1,155.00	1,500.00	2,980.00	2,000.00
Interest Income		8.42	9.64	15.08	-	19.16	15.00
Transfers In/Out		-	5,000.00	-	10,000.00	-	7,670.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		18.00	-	-	-	89.00	-
Strawberry Festival		1,976.50	2,793.05	5,136.75	3,000.00	6,447.86	5,000.00
Total RML Revenue		36,550.91	62,065.02	71,591.83	53,313.38	48,849.40	57,014.00

RML Expenses	Account	Actual FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2023	Actual FY - 2024	Budget FY - 2025	Actual FY - 2025	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2026
Payroll - Librarian		14,455.14	14,204.49	24,199.93	31,172.00	21,576.02	28,188.00
Payroll - Assistant Librarian		6,452.52	5,927.33	5,338.95	5,136.00	3,540.62	4,694.00
Payroll - Other Staff		5,272.75	8,679.75	2,775.25	1,969.00	5,862.27	4,563.00
FICA		2,025.75	2,204.09	2,388.97	2,929.00	1,839.21	2,434.00
VT Child Care Contribution		-	-	73.95	202.00	96.24	100.00
Books - All Other		3,428.65	3,868.66	4,105.42	4,000.00	3,611.31	4,000.00
General Office Supplies		454.34	59.30	676.40	250.00	483.27	500.00
Postage & Delivery		117.78	124.44	66.00	80.00	82.21	100.00
Office Supplies - Book Processing		-	223.95	217.06	250.00	165.58	225.00
Computer Equipment & Software		416.25	-	21.19	400.00	-	600.00
Computer Expenses		1,681.39	1,944.00	-	-	-	-
Conferences & Training		-	55.00	213.29	250.00	90.00	200.00
Mileage Reimbursements		13.75	9.17	28.14	50.00	19.60	40.00
Telephone Expenses		875.00	877.01	844.43	875.00	856.54	950.00
Electric & Heat		442.29	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance - WC & P&C		382.25	536.20	466.88	400.00	334.59	400.00
Janitorial Services		-	-	-	200.00	400.00	400.00
Board Authorized Gifts		100.00	81.00	150.00	100.00	-	100.00
Expenses - Grants		5,967.34	1,494.21	5,060.88	350.00	1,222.12	350.00
Expenses - Rural Libraries		-	-	30,000.00	-	-	-
Expenses - Donations		6,241.24	325.15	-	1,500.00	3,484.53	1,500.00
Dues & Subscriptions		1,283.20	1,311.56	1,639.10	1,700.00	1,454.20	1,845.00
Maintenance - Bldg		-	-	-	-	548.33	-
Maintenance - Grounds		500.00	-	-	-	-	-
Programs		442.59	355.94	433.98	500.00	322.28	500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		94.50	180.00	279.80	300.00	349.00	325.00
Strawberry Festival Expenses		390.59	884.99	1,090.65	700.00	2,871.66	5,000.00
Total RML Expenses		51,037.32	43,346.24	80,070.27	53,313.00	49,209.58	57,014.00
RML Expenses (over)/under Revenue		(14,486.41)	18,718.78	(8,478.44)	0.38	(360.18)	-
January 1, 2025 Total Fund Balance						43,094.74	
December 31, 2025 Total Fund Balance						42,734.56	

2026 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN

	Year Purchased	Life Cycle (Years)	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
1994 John Deere Backhoe/Ldr	1994	21								
2005 John Deere Road Grader	2005	15	X							
2013 Mack Dump Truck	2012	10								
2013 John Deere Bucket Loader	2014	15				X				
2014 John Deere Excavator	2015	10		X						
2016 Ford F550 Dump Truck	2015	8	X							
2018 Western Star Dump Truck	2017	10			X					
2020 Mack Dump Truck	2020	8			X					
2021 Massey Ferguson Tractor & roadside mower	2021	15								
2020 GMC 2500 Crew Cab Pickup	2022	8					X			
2024 Mack Dump Truck	2024	10								
2025 Ford F550 Dump Truck	2025	8								X

2026 LONG TERM DEBT

	Existing Annual Long Term Debt Expense/Payoff Schedule									
	Balance Due	Annual Amount	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
2021 Massey Ferguson Tractor	23,600	23,600	23,600							
2025 Ford F550 Dump Truck	114,801	22,960	22,960	22,960	22,960	22,960	22,960			
2021 New Community Center	1,275,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000
TOTALS	1,413,401	131,560	131,560	107,960	107,960	107,960	107,960	85,000	85,000	85,000

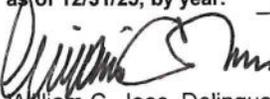
2026 TOTAL MUNICIPAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES & 2 YEAR COMPARISON

2026 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY			2025 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY				
ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL MONIES TO BE VOTED	TOTAL 2026 EXPENSE	ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL 2025 Budgeted EXPENSE
Operating Budget To Be Voted				Operating Budget Voter Approved			
4	General Fund Deficit	243,571.09		4	General Fund Deficit	79,257.90	
4	Salary & General Expenses	631,122.25		4	Salary & General Expenses	547,289.44	
4	Recreation Committee Fund	10,500.00		4	Recreation Committee Fund	8,500.00	
4	Agri-Natural Areas Conservation Fund	30,000.00		4	Agri-Natural Areas Conservation Fund	22,500.00	
4	Highway Capital Projects Fund	20,000.00		4	Highway Capital Projects Fund	35,000.00	
5	Highway Expenses	1,653,434.61		5	Highway Expenses	1,460,448.23	
5	Highway Fund Surplus	(272,900.97)		5	Highway Fund Deficit	37,757.86	
Total Operating Budget			2,315,726.98	Total Operating Budget			2,190,753.43
Appropriations To Town & Outside Agencies To Be Voted				Appropriations To Town & Outside Agencies Voter Approved			
4	Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	197,600.00		4	Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	125,000.00	
4	Russell Memorial Library	41,979.00		4	Russell Memorial Library	38,463.38	
4	Monkton Museum & Historical Society	1,500.00		4	Monkton Museum & Historical Society	1,500.00	
3	Social Agencies	22,349.00		3	Social Agencies	20,849.00	
				4	Bristol Rescue Squad	15,880.00	
				4	Vergennes Area Rescue Squad, Inc.	4,400.00	
Total Appropriations			263,428.00	Total Appropriations			206,092.38
Special Funds (To Be Voted) & Capital Expense				Special Funds & Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved			
7	Piney Woods Road - Storm Repairs	150,000.00					
Total Special Funds and Capital Expense			150,000.00	Total Special Funds and Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved			
Capital Expense To Be Voted				Capital Expense Voter Approved			
6	2026 John Deere 672P Road Grader	311,930.00		6	2025 Ford F550 Dump Truck	114,801.00	
Total Capital Expense (To Be Voted)			311,930.00	Total Capital Expense (Voter Approved)			114,801.00
Capital Expense, Long Term Debt Existing				Capital Expense, Long Term Debt Existing			
Capital Budget	Bonds & Notes Due			Capital Budget	Bonds & Notes Due		
	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	
	2025 Ford F550 Dump Truck	22,960.00			2020 Mack Dump Truck - Note Due	15,353.00	
Total Capital Expense (LTD) is included in General and HWY budgets at top.				Total Capital Expense (LTD) is included in General and HWY budgets at top.			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			3,041,084.98	TOTAL EXPENDITURES			2,511,646.81

2017 - 2025 Delinquent Tax Report

	2017 - 2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2017 - 2025	
Parcel ID	Delinquent Tax Due*						
						by Parcel ID	
1	01.111.039-001				& 1,716.07	1,716.07	
2	01.207.005-000				& 79.62	79.62	
3	01.207.009-004			3,519.28	6,239.73	9,759.01	
4	01.207.009-005				2,247.90	2,247.90	
5	02.114.003-001				8,156.45	8,156.45	
6	03.206.016-000			2.61	257.56	260.17	
7	03.206.020-000				& 450.63	450.63	
8	03.206.023-004				& 55.06	55.06	
9	03.206.023-012				& 862.39	862.39	
10	04.102.013-000				& 72.34	72.34	
11	04.102.017-000	8,814.85	1,186.69	2,626.55	2,873.10	2,904.75	18,405.94
12	04.102.028-000			5,593.42	9,769.46	6,292.59	21,655.47
13	04.102.029-000			1,305.66	1,205.92	1,219.20	3,730.78
14	04.102.030-014					12,373.02	12,373.02
15	04.102.052-000			1,110.95	956.76	942.71	3,010.42
16	04.102.54A-000				472.33	858.01	1,330.34
17	04.102.062-000	936.65				737.62	1,674.27
18	04.111.048-003				&	1,216.40	1,216.40
19	04.221.003-000			829.09			829.09
20	04.226.032-000		&	1,567.86	5,476.00	& 2,977.60	10,021.46
21	05.101.094-000		&	7,261.16	8,118.86	8,208.27	23,588.29
22	05.103.013-004				10,404.07	10,518.65	20,922.72
23	05.103.019-001					3,806.89	3,806.89
24	05.114.002-000		370.44	380.82		419.10	1,170.36
25	05.215.005-004					4,123.27	4,123.27
26	05.224.012-003				&	49.86	49.86
27	06.206.031-000				470.15	403.37	873.52
28	06.206.066-010		&	6,081.37		5,903.54	11,984.91
29	06.206.066-015					6,409.95	6,409.95
30	07.101.172-000	187.33	93.13	95.75	99.49	100.58	576.28
31	07.101.208-004				4,037.78	3,978.45	8,016.23
32	07.226.025-401					131.07	131.07
33	08.103.045-002			6,401.46	8,035.22	8,102.40	22,539.08
34	08.103.050-001					& 283.33	283.33
35	08.103.057-000					867.31	867.31
36	08.103.060-000				& 1,283.86	2,417.07	3,700.93
37	08.105.013-000				1,751.17	1,380.79	3,131.96
38	08.227.021-002					7,612.86	7,612.86
39	09.206.092-000					& 14.49	14.49
40	11.105.057-000					& 1,393.14	1,393.14
41	13.101.091-000					5,728.72	5,728.72
42	13.101.095-000					498.98	498.98
43	13.215.12C-000			1,949.78	2,752.51	2,782.82	7,485.11
44	14.101.145-000					1,633.24	1,633.24

	2017 - 2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total Delinquent - All Years
Total Delinquent Taxes*						
as of 12/31/25, by year:	\$ 9,938.83	\$ 1,650.26	\$ 35,203.87	\$ 61,228.57	\$ 126,427.80	\$ 234,449.33


William C. Joos, Delinquent Tax Collector

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

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

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

1. Payments to the Town of Monkton can be made at any time in person at Town Hall, via the drop box at Town Hall, or via mail. There are several deadlines described in this document regarding payments. To meet these deadlines you must either be present at Town Hall, your payments must be in the drop box or, if paying by mail, the envelope must be postmarked by the deadline. **There are no grace periods allowed for late payment.**
2. Property taxes are payable to the Town Treasurer on or before the due date posted on the tax bills unless otherwise noticed. Taxes paid by mail must be postmarked by the due date on the tax bill; otherwise they will be deemed delinquent and subject to all applicable penalties. The Town of Monkton is not responsible for mailed tax payments not received.
3. Once the due date has passed, the Town Treasurer will give the Delinquent Tax Collector a list of all delinquent property taxes.
4. After the list of all delinquent property taxes is received, the Delinquent Tax Collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer, itemizing the amount due; including tax, interest and penalty. The Delinquent Tax Collector may also send additional notices to delinquent taxpayers from time to time.
5. Payments, or portion thereof, received after the due date are subject to the following interest and penalties. Late payments paid in full within fifteen (15) days of the due date are subject to a 1% interest charge. Payments received more than fifteen (15) days late are subject to a penalty of 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.

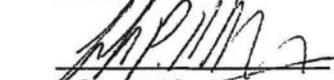
Adopted by the Board of Selectmen at a Regular Selectboard meeting held on the 22nd day of November, 2022.



Stephen Pilcher



Paul Low



John McNerney



Marikate Kelley

William Martin

2025 Assessor Report, Common Terms and Calendar

This is the first year following the town-wide reappraisal completed in 2024. At that time, properties were valued at their Fair Market Value by an unbiased professional with access to the latest information and technology available. NEMRC personnel visited properties, completed measurements, updated photos, and performed interior inspections. For 2025, the CLA as determined by the Division of Property Valuation was 1.0848 (108.48%) compared to the 2024 CLA of 1.1493 (114.93%).

- 87 Notices of change in Appraisal were mailed to the owners of record as of 4/1/2025,
- 7 Grievances were heard,
- 5 were approved and 2 were denied,
- No Appeals were made to the Board of Civil Authority.

During 2024, voters in the Town of Monkton approved replacing the existing Board of Listers with an appointed Assessor to provide the most cost effective and efficient service to property owners. The individual in previous Administrative Lister position became the Assessing Clerk. The Assessing Clerk is supported by a professional NEMRC Assessor. The Assessing Clerk remains a part-time position and questions are best addressed **via email at listers@monktonvt.com** or please call us directly at **802-453-4515**. The Assessor's Office is happy to schedule in person appointments when requested or required. The Assessor's Office appreciates your understanding that response times may not be immediate, but will be timely to the best of my abilities. Please do not hesitate to let me know of any urgent issues.

Online resources have been updated and can be accessed through the Town of Monkton website. The Town Info tab has an option for Parcel and Zoning Maps. The Interactive Digital and Zoning Map allows you to access parcel Property Record Cards and tax maps. Tax maps were updated in 2025 and are updated *annually after the close of the tax year*. In order to keep our files as current as possible, kindly notify the Assessor of any change in mailing address.

Respectfully,

Lisa Burns– Assessing Clerk

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 20%, 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.

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 Assessor's Office follow the current 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 Assessing Clerk 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.

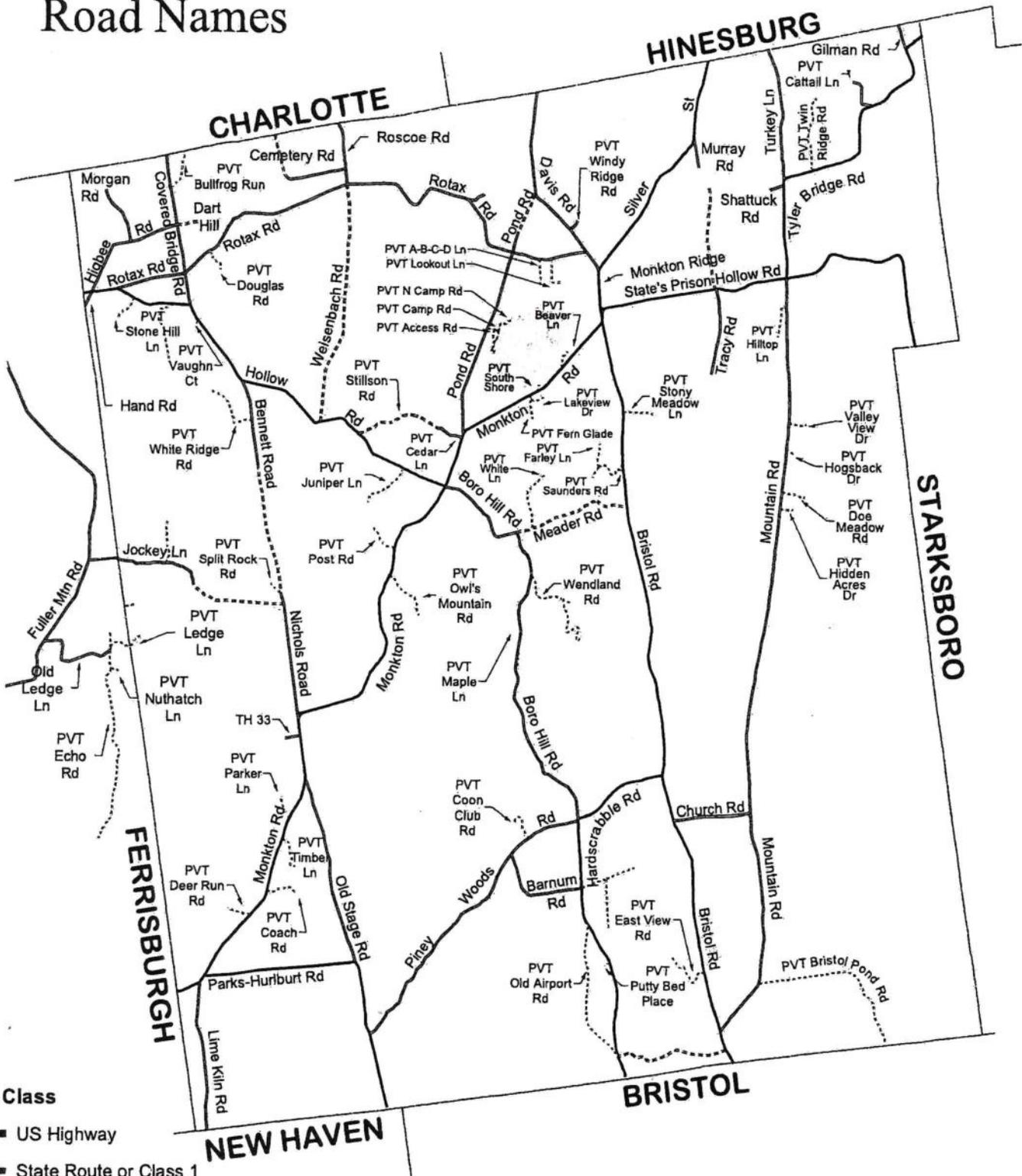
September 1

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

December 31

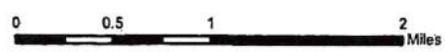
Final Grand List sent to the Department of Taxes for information finalizing Town Education Tax.

Town of Monkton Road Names



Road Class

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



ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

The year 2025 marked steady development activity in our community, with a balanced mix of new residential, accessory construction and one agricultural project (home greenhouse). The Zoning Office continued to focus on timely permit processing, clear communication with applicants, and ensuring compliance with the Town Unified Planning Document and Zoning Bylaws. In addition to providing support for permits, I assisted 21 applicants in preparing for their hearings to be presented to the Development Review Board.

Permit Activity

In 2025, the Zoning Office issued a total of 45 zoning permits, which included 8 Certificates of Compliance and 7 Certificates of Occupancy.

There were 2 complaints/violations. One permit was denied.

Not included in this count were several inquiries about what could and couldn’t be done in the Town of Monkton. With this information, applicants could decide whether to apply for a project resulting in the reduction in the number of denied permits.

2025 Breakdown of Applications

New Residential	13
Accessory Building (garage/shed/porch)	14
Additions	3
Certificates of Compliance	8
Certificates of Occupancy	7

2024 Permits

New Residential	3
Accessory Building (garage/shed/porch)	5
Additions	1

Development Review Board (DRB) Hearings

The DRB held 21 hearings in 2025, an increase from 13 in 2024.

Notable Trends & Observations

- **Infill Development:** There was a noticeable increase in questions and applications for accessory dwelling units (ADUs), aligning with state housing initiatives.
- **Sustainability:** Some applicants incorporated renewable energy systems which included including solar arrays.

Enforcement & Compliance

The Zoning Office addressed **2 zoning violations** in 2025, primarily related to unpermitted usage. One case was resolved and one case is ongoing with no need for legal action.

Looking Ahead to 2026

The office anticipates continued growth in residential permits, particularly for ADUs, and will focus on zoning bylaws to better address renewable energy installations and climate resilience.

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 to complete projects that help the Town effectively serve its citizens. Meetings are open to the public. All meetings in 2025 were hybrid: in-person at the Town Hall and on Zoom.

The Town Plan was voted on by the Town and adopted in March of 2025. A final step that is recommended for Town Plans is to have the Town Plan approved by the Regional Planning Commission Governance Committee. This step allows Monkton to have additional standing when applying for various grants and funding for future projects; it also provides us with valuable feedback on our Town Plan by other area experts. To that end, Addison County Regional Planning Commission Governance Committee held a hearing with the MPC in May. The Governance Committee voted unanimously to approve the Monkton Town Plan.

Also in May, Adam Lougee, Executive Director of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission, gave an overview of Act 181, legislation designed to simultaneously address housing and ecological conservation goals set by the State of Vermont. MPC will use information from the Natural Resources Inventory completed in 2023 to develop maps identifying the major forest blocks, habitat connectors, wildlife corridors, and wetlands to help protect core forest areas per Vermont Act 171. This will help Monkton have better stormwater protection and promotion of groundwater recharge, provide for wildlife habitat, and protect forest integrity.

Roughly every 10 years, the Planning Commission undertakes the development of a Town Wide Planning Survey. The scope of the survey was quite broad, addressing many planning topics. Some survey questions were submitted by other committees. The survey featured 25 questions and an open-ended comment section. Respondents were able to provide their feedback online or on paper. Notices concerning the survey were posted to Front Porch Forum, the Monkton Community Facebook page, and assorted bulletin boards throughout town. There was also a notice in the Addison Independent, and members of the Planning Commission attended town events over the month of July to further promote the survey. Based on these combined efforts the Commission received 322 responses, which gave a margin of error of +/- 5%. There was a broad diversity of opinions reflected in the comments section. These will be particularly helpful to the Planning Commission. To see survey results, go to the Planning Commission homepage and click on Project Reports. The Commission is incredibly grateful to everyone who took the time to fill out the survey and make their voice heard in the decision-making processes determining the path our Town follows into the future.

Once work on the survey was completed, the Commission focused our efforts on updating the Unified Planning Document (UPD) so that it reflects our recently adopted Town Plan as well as any changes in State regulations. Adam Lougee from Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) began advising the MPC in August, and continues to provide technical

support. The MPC hopes to hold informational meetings once the UPD has been completed. This is one of the opportunities for town members to provide feedback as well as to understand the changes that are being recommended. Look for those dates.

The MPC responded to a request for a recommendation from the Town Administrator and the Select Board regarding the Bike/Pedestrian Study. Combining this with the previous study "Complete Streets", the recommendations were to: install speed radar display upon entering the Boro from the south, install "Share the road" signs at the north end of Rotax Road and Baldwin Road, add gravel path on the side of the road on the blind hill section of Pond Road and add fog lines to paved roads.

On Monkton Day, August 17th, Planning Commission members Adam Miller and Debra Sprague shared a table on the Town Hall front lawn with the Monkton Conservation Commission and Monkton's Pollinator Pathway Bee Team. Although foot traffic wasn't heavy, we enjoyed conversing with fellow community members.

At the request of the Town Tree Warden, the Monkton Planning Commission provided feedback on the recently drafted Shade Tree Plan.

In October, Planning Commission member Debra Sprague attended a webinar titled Using Overlay Districts to Protect Connecting Habitat, sponsored by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT). Connecting habitat has emerged over the last two decades as an important means for maintaining biological diversity and providing resilience. Overlay Districts can be an important regulatory tool to protect habitat and crucial habitat connectors. The session discussed a variety of municipal tools and provided real world case studies to illustrate what has worked. Additionally, Debra Sprague attended another VLCT webinar on November 19th focused on changes to Act 250.

The Monkton Planning Commission saw member turnover in 2025. We want to thank Peter Close, a long-standing Commission member who brought a wealth of knowledge to the position, and Mike New, who served as the Clerk of the Commission, for their years of service to Monkton. We welcomed Sam Burr back to the Commission, who joined in March of 2025, as well as Stephen Pilcher, who was appointed in late November to the Commission to fill Mike New's remaining term. We are excited to have them 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:

Sam Burr, Marilyn Cargill, Co-Chair, Wendy Sue Harper, Co-Chair, Ivor Hughes, Adam Miller, Clerk, Stephen Pilcher, and Debra Sprague

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 (ZA). Some types of applications are then referred to the DRB.

The DRB would like to thank Vicky Stern, who served on the Board for more than three years until March and brought her background as an attorney to the mix. In the Spring the Selectboard appointed our alternate member Michael Brennan to replace her as a regular member. The position of Alternate remains open.

We have now had a full year to collaborate with the new Zoning Administrator, Susan Gulrajani, and are continuing the progress from prior years to improve how the DRB and ZA operate together and move applications through the Development Review process.

2025 was a busy year for the DRB. Many potential applicants brought Sketch Plans to the ZA and the Board for initial discussion, to get feedback and help their projects take shape. In total we had a record 20 Sketch Plan reviews, some of which progressed to an application or may do so in 2026. Three two-lot subdivisions were heard and approved, as well as three Conditional Use applications. The Conditional Uses allowed for a catering business, a general store/cafe with Accessory Dwelling Unit, and the expansion of an intentional community for adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers. Additional projects moved part-way through the application process in 2025 and will likely conclude in 2026. In total, 2 new building lots were approved in 2025 and applications progressed that involved up to 10 additional lots and more than 15 additional Dwelling Units.

In 2025 we worked with the ZA to increase the community's visibility to the applications being considered by the Board. To see application materials, site plans, decisions, etc., for current projects visit the DRB page on the Monkton website and scroll down to the Active Projects:

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 regulations), 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.

monktonvt.com/boards-and-committees/development-review-board/

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis Layn (Chair)	Stephen Pilcher
Jaime Schulte (Vice-Chair)	Mark Boltz-Robinson
Chris Acker	Mike Brennan
Scott Gordon	

**Monkton Volunteer Fire Department
3747 States Prison Hollow Road
Bristol, Vermont 05443**



During 2025, the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 55 emergency calls. These incidents included 26 fire-related responses, 24 motor vehicle accidents, and 5 other/public assist calls. In addition to fire suppression, the department routinely responds to emergencies such as vehicle crashes, carbon monoxide detector activations, medical assists, and downed power lines.

We continue to value the strong working relationships we share with neighboring fire departments, Monkton First Response, the Monkton Highway Department, Bristol Rescue Squad, and Vergennes Area Rescue Squad. These partnerships remain critical to ensuring public safety throughout the region.

The department is made up of a dedicated group of active volunteers who train weekly to maintain readiness for emergencies at any time. Several members work within town and are able to respond to daytime calls, which is vital to both local coverage and our ability to assist neighboring communities through mutual aid.

In addition to emergency response and training, the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department relies heavily on community support to sustain operations. Our annual Mud Bog event remains our largest and most important fundraiser, providing essential funding for equipment, training, and operational needs. The continued support and participation from the community make this event a success each year, and we are deeply grateful for that support.

Each year, the department also takes time to recognize members who have gone above and beyond in their service. In 2025, the members of the department voted Greg Cota as the Most Outstanding Firefighter of the Year, recognizing his dedication, commitment, and service to the department. The award for the most training hours was earned by David Bristol, acknowledging the significant amount of time and effort he contributed throughout the year. Additionally, Dylan Layn was recognized as the Most Active Firefighter (excluding Chiefs), responding to the greatest number of calls during 2025. We would also like to recognize our two new members Sean Henry and Colin Judge.

The following is a list of your current leadership that is elected by department members to serve in 2026.

Chief Bob Howard	1st Asst. Chief Matt Dupont	2nd Asst. Chief Curtis Layn
Captain Dan Reinhart	Captain Logan Young	Lieutenant Rick Gomez
Lieutenant Buzz Kuhns	Secretary Logan Young	Treasurer Rick Gomez

The Monkton Volunteer Fire Department remains committed to providing reliable emergency services while continually improving training, equipment, and coordination. We are always seeking new volunteers and encourage anyone interested to stop by the station on a Wednesday evening or speak with a department member to learn more.

We would like to thank our families, neighbors, the Town Selectboard, rescue squads—especially Monkton First Response—law enforcement agencies, and our mutual aid partner fire departments for their continued support. We appreciate the community’s ongoing encouragement and wish everyone a safe and healthy 2026.

Chief Bob Howard Monkton Volunteer Fire Department

MONKTON VOL. FIRE DEPT.

2026 TOWN MEETING BUDGET SUBMISSION

12/12/2025	2024 income		2025 Income
Town to Operating Budget	\$64,300		85,000
Town to Truck Fund	\$60,000		80,000
ARPA Funds	\$150,000	INTEREST	4,806.71
USPS/Station Rental	\$3,400		3,400
Donations	\$13,015		3,305
Fundraising	\$19,371		\$9,105.44
Total	\$310,086.00		\$185,617.15

	2024	2024	2025	2025	2026
	Proposed	actuals	Proposed	ACTUALS	Proposed
	Budget	12/4/2024	Budget		Budget
Awards	\$100	\$214.98	\$100	\$48.75	\$100
Building Repair and Maintenance	\$4,000	\$2,740	\$4,000	\$3,294.18	\$4,000
Cleaning and Supplies	\$1,800	\$250	\$1,800	\$375	\$1,800
Dispatch Services	\$1,800	\$2,047	\$1,800	\$2,432.50	\$2,500
Dues, Training and Meetings	\$1,500	\$766	\$1,000	\$5,113	\$2,500
Electric Service	\$3,500	\$3,826.23	\$3,500	\$4,025.36	\$4,500
Equipment Repair/Supplies	\$7,000	\$13,277	\$8,000	\$15,856.94	\$8,000
Shelter Related Expenses	\$1,000	\$961	\$1,000	\$1,381.70	\$1,500
Heating Fuel	\$6,000	\$2,604.20	\$6,000	\$10,254.88	\$6,000
Insurance	\$8,700	\$8,766	\$10,000	\$9,634	\$10,000
Monkton First Response	\$4,000	\$150	\$2,000	\$1,005	\$6,000
New Equipment and Gear	\$10,000	\$40,453.84	\$25,000	\$34,771.79	\$30,000
Office Supplies and Postage	\$1,200	\$4,913.19	\$5,000	\$257.28	\$1,000
Radios and Supplies	\$5,000	\$24,813	\$7,000	\$9,542.83	\$10,000
Telephone/Internet Service	\$1,200	\$1,160.68	\$1,200	\$1,289.41	\$1,400
Truck Repair and Maintenance	\$7,500	\$3,426.76	\$7,500	\$1,000.39	\$7,500
Operating Budget	\$64,300.00	\$110,369.88	\$84,900.00	\$100,283.01	\$96,800.00

MVFD is Requesting \$96,800 for Operating Budget and \$90,000 for truck fund Total = \$186,800

Balances December 31, 2023	Balances 12/31/24	Balances 12/31/25
Checking	\$22,432.61	\$18,611.35
Money Market	\$93,663.45	\$109,059.27
Truck Fund	\$111,826.78	176,552.68 CD
	\$227,922.84	\$304,223.30

Monkton Health Officer

I was honored to be appointed by the Commissioner of Health as your Town Health Officer (THO) this past May, following the recommendation of the Selectboard. As I conclude my first partial year in this role, I would like to provide a summary of the duties of this office and an update on significant legislative changes that affect how health and safety issues are managed in our community, since the time that our previous THO vacated the role.

The Role of the Town Health Officer

The Town Health Officer is a statutory position governed by **Title 18, Chapter 11 of the Vermont Statutes**. The primary responsibility of the THO is to investigate and mitigate potential public health hazards and nuisances within the town. This includes a wide range of concerns, such as:

- Investigating reports of failed septic systems.
- Assessing potential lead paint hazards.
- Managing reports of animal bites and coordinating with state officials regarding rabies protocols.
- Addressing public health nuisances that may impact the safety or well-being of the community.

The THO serves as a local liaison for the Vermont Department of Health, ensuring that state health regulations are followed and providing guidance to residents on how to maintain a healthy environment.

Collaboration with the Selectboard

Per **18 V.S.A. § 604**, the Town Health Officer and the Selectboard together constitute the **Local Board of Health**. While the THO performs the initial investigations and site visits, the Selectboard provides essential administrative and legal support required to enforce health orders if a hazard is not voluntarily remediated. This partnership ensures that Monkton has a structured process for addressing local health issues fairly and effectively.

Rental Housing Safety

Perhaps the most significant change involves how rental housing complaints are handled. Historically, Town Health Officers were the primary contacts for inspecting rental properties and enforcing the Rental Housing Health Code.

Effective July 1, 2024, following the passage of Act 181, the responsibility for enforcing the Rental Housing Health Code was officially transferred from local health officers to the **Vermont Department of Fire Safety (DFS)**.

What this means for Monkton residents:

- **For Tenants:** If you have a concern regarding the health or safety of your rental unit (such as heat, plumbing, or structural issues), you should now contact the Department of Fire Safety directly.
- **For Landlords:** All long-term rental properties must now be registered with the State of Vermont through the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- **Local Impact:** While I am still available to consult on general public health hazards that may exist on a property (such as outdoor sewage leaks), specific interior housing code violations are now under state jurisdiction. This shift allows for more specialized inspections by state fire and safety professionals.

Year in Review

Since my appointment in May, I have responded to several inquiries regarding water quality and animal safety (animal bites). I also helped direct several residents to DFS to resolve landlord/tenant issues. My focus has been on providing residents with the resources they need to resolve issues before they escalate into significant health hazards.

I would like to thank the Selectboard and the Town Clerk's office for their support during this transition. For more information on public health resources, I encourage residents to visit the Vermont Department of Health website at healthvermont.gov. Residents are welcome to email HealthOfficer@monktonvt.com

Respectfully submitted, Mark Boltz-Robinson, Town Health Officer



Bristol Rescue Squad 2025 Town Report

As 2025 comes to a close, Bristol Rescue is on track to have a second year with over 1,000 dispatched incidents via 9-1-1 and over 150 Inter-facility transfers. Despite the high demand on our crews, Bristol Rescue has had zero out of service time, while obtaining a VTEMS Paramedic Agency license! As a paramedic level agency, Bristol Rescue will be able to provide a higher level of care to our communities, including increased pain management options, intubation and additional medications for improved patient care. Additionally, Bristol Rescue pays an additional cost for every paramedic intercept that is requested; with our own paramedics available, we will be able to reduce the number of paramedic intercepts that we must request. Bristol Rescue is very excited about the doors these changes will bring to our communities and for the future of Bristol Rescue Squad!

Staffing in 2025 is also looking better and our personnel are on the rise! At this time, Bristol Rescue has 4 Vermont Emergency First Responders, 15 Emergency Medical Technicians, 18 Advanced EMT's and 4 Paramedics; Bristol Rescue has a total of 25 volunteer members and 20 paid employees, with one full-time employee at this time! Entering 2026, Bristol Rescue is looking to hire a full-time Deputy Chief, at the Paramedic level and possibly 1-2 additional full-time employees, as the year progresses. Bristol Rescue has also seen an increase in volunteer applications as well, we are excited to be bringing on multiple new EMT and EMT students, as 2025 ends.

Bristol Rescue also celebrated 55 years of service in 2025 and held our annual meeting at our station, with a meal put on by several members and the great team at Queen Bees! During our banquet, BRS recognized Maria Bedell, Mark Boltz-Robinson and Jeremy Southwell, for achieving 5 years of service at Bristol Rescue. The providers at Bristol Rescue Squad also recognized Hannah Ryan, AEMT as the ALS Provider of the Year and Meadow Waite, EMT as the BLS Provider of the year. The Board of Directors and Operations staff at BRS recognized Mike Boltz-Robinson and Mike Cram for their roles and dedication in advancing the BRS mission.

While billing and allocations go a long way toward Bristol Rescue Operations, donations are vital for our continued growth. If you are interested in donating to Bristol Rescue, interested in paid/volunteer employment opportunities or would like to learn more about BRS, check out our website at bristolrescuevt.org or send an email to info@bristolrescuevt.org. Finally, be sure to follow BRS on social media to stay up to date on all the goings on!

Respectfully,
William Elwell, AEMT
Chief- Bristol Rescue Squad

It's Time to
REGISTER YOUR PETS

**Please remember to register your dog(s)
On or before April 1st**

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

189 Dogs Licensed in Year 2025

<u>Jan. – April</u>		<u>After April 1</u>	
Spayed / Neutered	\$14.00	Spayed / Neutered	\$19.00
Un-Neutered	\$17.00	Un-Neutered	\$22.00

**RABIES CLINIC
March 10, 2026
At Monkton Vol. Fire Dept
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
COST FOR A RABIES VACCINE IS \$20.00**

Please be sure to bring a copy of the most recent rabies vaccination.



Monkton Community Dog Park

2025 Town Report Update

The Monkton Community Dog Park proudly celebrated its fifth year of operation in 2025. The park first opened quietly on November 21, 2020, during the early days of the pandemic, followed by an official Grand Opening in May 2021. Five years later, the park continues to thrive as a well-loved community resource that brings together dogs and people in all seasons.

The Dog Park remains a volunteer-run and donor-supported space. Its continued success is a testament to the generosity, care, and commitment of the Monkton community. Volunteers and regular park users consistently help with maintenance tasks such as picking up dog waste, adding bark mulch to muddy areas, monitoring fencing, spreading grass seed, and keeping the park welcoming and safe.

The Committee extends heartfelt thanks to Bill and Connie Houston for their unwavering support, including ongoing maintenance and financial contributions. We are also deeply grateful to the Monkton Recreation Committee, which covered the cost of mowing for the Dog Park this year. Additional thanks go to the many donors—named and unnamed—whose annual contributions help cover essential expenses such as mowing, poop bags, and supplies. Moving forward the MCDP Committee has formally requested that the responsibility for mowing costs be permanently absorbed by the Monkton Recreation Committee, the MRC has agreed and the costs will be reflected in the MRC's budget for 2026. We will continue fundraising to support the annual maintenance that keeps the fence in good repair, reseeding when necessary, and poop bags available while also adding to our capital reserve fund for the eventual replacement of the fence.

Several enhancements continue to benefit park users. The gazebo, constructed last year by Red Schoolhouse Contracting and Wahl Landscaping, has become a valued feature, offering shelter from sun and weather. The project was made possible through support from Paul Low, Bob Wahl, the Vermont Buildings and General Services Recreational Grant Program, the Monkton Recreation Committee, the Selectboard's allocation of ARPA funds, and generous community donors. A donated bench, provided by Lisabeth Sewell and relocated with help from Wahl Landscaping, adds additional seating. This year, Play Dog Play generously donated a new toy box and dog toys, adding enrichment and enjoyment for canine visitors.

In early June, the Committee hosted its 5th Anniversary Celebration and fundraiser, drawing a strong turnout of dogs and their families. Community partners La Chapina and BEVO returned with food and beverages, with cake once again donated by committee member Ian Schulze, and the event once again highlighted the strong sense of connection the park fosters among residents. In January the committee launched a community movie night, showing dog themed family movies in our town hall community room to help get us through the long winter days.

Looking ahead, the Committee plans to host another anniversary celebration in spring 2026 and continues to welcome new volunteers, ideas, and community involvement. The Monkton Community Dog Park remains a shining example of what can be accomplished through shared stewardship, generosity, and community spirit.

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



If you prefer

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, Chair
Deb Gaynor, Treasurer
Ian Schulze, Secretary
Kerrie Garvey



VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka "VSNIP"

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), a statewide program, is currently administered by VT Economic Services. Income challenged Vermonters can print an application from their website (VSNIP) or call for an application: 802-241-0589. In October 2025, the state began a wait list for vouchers, lacking funds. Vouchers issued for VSNIP is now determined according to the funds appropriated for the program for that fiscal year. Vermonters called Governor Scott asking for \$300,000.00. As one senator said, "that was a pittance amount". When our (VT Volunteer Services for Animals; VVSA) statewide program was moved to the state to assure viability, a \$4.00 fee added to the registration of dogs funded VSNIP. Currently, if there are no available VSNIP vouchers at the time the Department receives an application, the applicant is placed on a waitlist. However, our animals can't wait.

PLEASE CONSIDER: LOW COST SPAY NEUTER CLINICS IN VT & NH

Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793: Schedule on FFFVT.org
Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden County 802-923-9028
Feline & Friends Foundation 802-323-4793 Schedule on FFFVT.org
Homeward Bound: Addison County Humane Society "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100
Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: in West Windsor: 802-484-5829
Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter Orleans: 802-754-2228 Cats only
Riverside Rescue, Lunenburg: 802-524-9550
Rutland CTY Humane Society: 802-483-6700; Spay the "Mom" for free, kittens adopted.
Second Chance Animal Center: Shaftsbury 802-375-2898
Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc: Littleton, NH 603-259-3244
Springfield Humane Society: Springfield 802-885-3997
Sullivan CTY Humane Society: Claremont, NH 603-542-3277
Upper Valley Humane Society: Enfield NH 603-448-6888
Windham CTY Humane Society: Brattleboro 802-254-2232
VT-CAN: Middlesex 802-223-0034
N.E. Kingdom Spay Neuter Program: Orleans Essex CTY 802-334-7393
** Community Animal Aid Wellness Clinic: (No surgeries) Exams, vaccinations, parasite treatment, minor illnesses, wounds & injuries. 1X monthly: E. Barre Fire Station 2nd Saturday of the month. 10 AM – Noon animalaidvt@gmail.com 802-734-025

VVSA drafted modifications to help serve VSNIP applicants: adding rabbits, slightly increasing the co-payment and the dog registration fee to VSNIP running. We now know there was never an intention of passing this bill. One senator said, very frankly, "no one was going to support this bill, that they were telling us to your face they would, but would not".

Economic Services Commissioner: Miranda Gray, VT-CAN: Pamela Krauz, owner, and Dept of Agriculture spoke to the Committee objecting to these changes, supported by applicants and VSNIP veterinarians. Senators Alison Clarkson, Joe Major and Becca White knew the bill Clarkson "sponsored" was pre-determined to die. Politics at its worst. Hopefully VSNIP will survive. VVSA Humane Society, former administrator and originator, thanks to Lynn Murrell, DVM and the 80 initial participating offices that changed the euthanasia "solution" to the overpopulation in our state. You are the backbone of this program. Thank you all, sincerely.

Monkton Recreation Committee - 2025 Report

Committee members: Sarah Bouchard, Ed Cook, Adam Crary, Tim Hunt, Rick Imes, Paul Low (alternate), Devin Mason, 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 the Monkton Recreation Committee:

Recreation walking path at Morse Park

Morse Park Parking lot

Pavilions at Morse Park and the Recreation Field

Volleyball, Soccer, and Lacrosse fields at Morse Park

Baseball and soccer fields at the Recreation Field on Hollow Road

Lower ball field (for Softball and T-Ball) 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 grateful for the community volunteers, coaches, and parents that helped make our youth and adult programs successful this past year. Our youth sports programs are strong and Monkton's teams show great sportsmanship and talent on the fields and courts. Their success is a reflection of the investment and opportunity we can afford them. A few highlights from our teams in 2025: For the spring of 2025, Little League baseball and softball had another successful season. Special thanks to coaches and volunteers Emily Bacon, Stephanie Curtis, Jordan St. Clair, Angela Zaikowski, Tyler Lothian, Logan Young, Devin Mason, Alex Hodget, Matt Macaskill, Tony Curtis, Justin Huizenga, Galen Helms, Jason Beams, Jonathan Sykes, Cale Pelland, Chris Lampart, and Theresa Charest. Youth basketball open gym, coordinated by Kevin Lambert, continued to make a strong showing as well. We had a great fall 2025 soccer season. The Monkton Rec Soccer Program hosted a jamboree at Morse Park for Grade 1-6 teams, which was an enormous success, and also participated in the Charlotte Jamboree. The 5-6 team wrapped up the season by coming in 2nd in the 5-Town Tournament. Special thanks to Coordinator Sarah Bouchard and coaches Rick Kinsman, Crystal Kinsman, Danielle Mesick, Mindy Wetzel, Tom Wilson, Devin Mason, and Marc Arseneau. As of the drafting of this report, the 2025-2026 basketball season is off to a great start. Special thanks to Coordinator John Zaikowski and coaches Matt MacAskill, Josh Daneault, Devin Mason, Paul Molzon, Cal Hopwood, and Alison Farr.

Special thanks also go to a variety of businesses for their generosity to our sports programs, activities, and facilities over the past several years. These include 802 Print, Yates Family Orchard, MAUSD, Dicks Sporting Goods, Vermont Landlords Association, VHB, Bennett and Zaikowski P.C., Puro Clean, Badger's Quality Finishes, Cedar Lake Construction, Wahl Landscaping, Goose Creek Builders LLC, Sweeney Construction, Junction Automotive, All-Star Fuels, DEHP LLC, Alderman's of Vermont Chocolate, T & C Trucking, and undoubtedly more that we apologize if we missed. 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, and Terri Fitzgerald for the volleyball program. 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 previously obtained approval to fund several projects through ARPA, which included 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 Rec Committee has completed the shade structure and Rec Field and Morse Park ballfield work, and anticipates continuing work on its other projects in the coming year. Work to construct a basketball court and pickleball courts, using funding through ARPA and generous donations from the community, commenced at Morse Park. The courts have been installed. Through a Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services Building Communities Recreational Grant, leveraged through additional matching funds from the Recreation Committee and community donors, painting and lining of the courts is anticipated for next spring. A special thanks to Kevin Lambert and Ralph and Terrie FitzGerald for their tireless efforts to see this project come to fruition. The Monkton Community Dog Park also 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.

In the spring of 2025, a group of volunteers built brand new dugouts at the Rec Field. The dugouts reflect quality craftsmanship and something for the entire community to be proud of. A special

thanks to Anthony DelGreco, Joe Szarejko, Devin Mason, Anthony Curtis, and Rick Kinsman for these efforts. In the fall of 2025, another group of volunteers replaced the infield grass at the Rec Field. Special thanks to Matt MacAskill and Jonathan Sykes for these efforts. Volunteers, who donate time and expertise are invaluable to the viability of our programs and facilities, and we cannot thank them enough.

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.

Theft and Vandalism:

On a more somber note, over the past year the Morse Park and Rec Field facilities have been subject to several break-ins of its storage sheds and theft of equipment. In addition, the Rec Field was vandalized by a vehicle of some kind in late November/early December. This person(s) moved large rocks in order to gain access to the fields and did extensive damage to both the infield and outfield. We'll need to work with the town to repair and deter this damage before baseball season can occur.

This space is one of the few recreational areas our small town has, and it exists because of countless hours put in by volunteers who maintain the grounds, coach our kids, and keep our sports programs running. When someone damages this field, it isn't just "property." It's an attack on the hard work of community members who show up, often quietly and without recognition, to make sure our kids and families have a safe, welcoming place to play. Every act of vandalism takes time, money, and energy away from things that actually benefit the community.

We ask everyone to please keep an eye out and come together to protect the spaces we all share. Speak up if you see something concerning and report it to town officials and local law enforcement, support the volunteers who make these programs possible, and consider volunteering for field work days in the future. And perhaps most importantly, encourage respect for our public spaces among family, friends, and neighbors. Small towns thrive when we look out for one another. Let's make sure our recreation areas remain places that foster the health and well being of this small but mighty community.

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



Rec Field Dugouts Ready for Play



Monkton Rec Soccer Jamboree at Morse Park

GREEN UP DAY IN MONKTON

Monkton has done a great job patrolling and cleaning up almost every foot of roadway in the town for two years in a row. In 2025, Green Up Day was pleasantly cool and overcast, and residents used every bag we had available to pick up cans, bottles, and the small trash that accumulates every year on our roadsides. An excessive number of tires were also retrieved this year and accepted by the Solid Waste Management District under its agreement with Vermont Green Up Day.

In 2025, 1.35 tons of municipal solid waste and 1.23 tons of tires were brought to the Transfer Station. These totals are higher than for any other town in Addison County.

Looking forward to 2026, Green Up Day will be early, occurring on Saturday, May 2 (it is always the first Saturday in May). Bags and gloves and the route sign-up map will be available at Town Hall during normal business hours throughout the last week of April and then will be available on Saturday morning at the Park and Ride next to the school. Please be sure to pick up official Green Up Day bags and use only these bags. Waste brought to the Transfer Station in any other bags will be pulled from the Green Up Day collection and not counted as Green Up Day waste. As always, the Town will be charged for any waste in other bags.

Instructions for what to do with your bags once they are filled will be available when you pick up your bags and sign up for your route. Be sure to sign up on the official map, so you don't get to your favorite piece of roadway only to discover that someone else has already been there!

We would like to thank everyone who makes Green Up Day such a success. That includes all of you who reliably pick up your bags, sign up for your route, and scour the roadsides to make sure they are perfectly clean and beautiful as we start a new spring season. Many thanks also go to the volunteers and Road Crew who move the bags and tires around and deliver the waste to the Transfer Station on the busiest Monday of the year!

Gratefully, your Green Up Day Coordinators and Helpers:

Deb Gaynor
Tom Peterson
Sharon Gomez
Robin Hopps



Monkton Recycling Center Report

Monkton's Recycling Center, located at 4047 State Prison Hollow Road, continues to be a hub of activity, and thanks to our volunteers. The Monkton Recycling Center is open from 9am-noon on the 2nd and 4th Saturday, each month all year!

Monkton recycled approximately 222 tons of material in 2025.

Thank you to our dependable and dedicated volunteers: Bailee Layn Gordon and Fiber Flock 4-H Club, Carroll Maxwell, George Parker and Troop 525, Joan Holloway and Friends of MT Abe Musical Theater, Kim Jones, Scott Gordon and Cedar Lake 4-H Club, Teri Fitz-Gerald and Marilyn and Brian Cargill and the Monkton Friends Methodist Church. Thanks also to our haulers Acker Waste Management and Casella Waste Management.

Monkton's recycling webpage has lots of useful information:

<http://monktonvt.com/town-services/monkton-recycling-center/>

Monkton Recycling reminders: These items go in the garbage not the Blue Bin:

- Black plastic, such as take-out containers
- Styrofoam: all Styrofoam, such as egg cartons, meat trays
- Durable goods such as dog toys or laundry baskets

Be a *real-recycler* and not a *wish-cycler*; only recycle the Recyclables!

The Monkton Recycling Center does not receive items listed below, but FREE *Special Recycling at **Addison County Solid Waste Management District** saves money on trash disposal:

- Clean filmy plastic: Ziplock bags, shrink or bubble wrap go in the *Filmy Plastic* bin
- Scrap and misc. pieces of metal go in Metal Waste at ACSWMD
- Clean, dry clothing is accepted at the Textile Recycling.
- Pairs of shoes are accepted at the Textile Recycling.
- Books go in the book bin for \$3.

*There is Special Recycling at Addison County Solid Waste Management District locations:

1. District Transfer Station ACSWMD 1223 Rte. 7 South in Middlebury, M-F, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Note: HazWaste Center has different hours. See website)
2. And the new District Residential Drop-Off location opened in 2024 at 100 Kings Way (65 Campground Rd.) in New Haven, Fri., 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat., 7 a.m. to noon

For more information on recycling, explore: <https://www.addisoncountyrecycles.org/>

THANK YOU, Monkton residents for recycling! Consider volunteering. Get in touch and I'll give you all the information and support you need; email recycling@monktonvt.com

Respectfully submitted by Robin Hopps
Monkton Recycling Center Coordinator



Russell Memorial Library Trustees' 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.

2025 was a year filled with transition and growth. Our library saw new space, new neighbors, new librarians and new programs! We were thrilled to see the completion of the "Library South Wing," which allows for a children's area, storage, and meeting space for town officials. The Monkton History Museum also opened in the library where self-guided displays tell the story of Monkton's history.

We welcomed Catherine Goldsmith as new Lead Librarian, as well as Julie McGowan who fills in as substitute librarian in addition to running several programs. We continue to secure funds through grant writing to help support our programming. Events we held in 2025 included:

- Monthly: Nerd Night (Game Night), Book Club, Stitch & Spin, Art Journal Nights, Poetry Club, Silent Reading Parties, 802 Homeschool
- Weekly: Yoga, Toddler Story Time with Julie, Chess Club, Art Night
- One-time events: Puzzlepooza Puzzle Race, Musical Library Tour with William Lee Ellis, Recycled Art Workshops, Peg Doll Class, Sewing Machine Basics class, Crochet for Kids, Art Journaling, the Death Cafe
- Various talks on estate planning, travel, recycling, pollinators, rebuilding Notre Dame Cathedral, weather prediction, and Lyme's disease
- Summer Reading Program

In addition to our regular book collection, RML lends museum passes, card and board games, birdwatching kits, and a rotation of large print books. The children's area is filled with toys and crafts to entertain our youngest patrons, and there is a seed library for those with a green thumb. We also sell copies of the Addison County Independent and provide free Seven Days papers.

Currently, we have about 1000 library card holders. Roughly 5500 books are available to borrow. Additionally, our patrons use interlibrary loan for books from area libraries and can access a wide range of eBooks and audiobooks from the Green Mountain Library Consortium and the Palace Project.

Our annual Strawberry Festival continues to grow each year. This is the library's main fundraiser, and we are grateful for all who come out to join the fun and support RML. This year we listened to two amazing local bands, provided activity stations and yard games, ate lots of yummy food, and of course had many, many books for sale. As always, we couldn't make this a success without the enormous help of our wonderful volunteers – not only at Strawberry Festival, but all during the year.

RML's proposed budget for 2026 is \$57,014. We are requesting \$41,979 from taxpayers. This is a \$3500 increase from 2025. The balance of our expenses will be paid for by grants and donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Fairchild, Chair
Cindy Walcott, Treasurer

Samuel Ludwig, Secretary
Theresa Schwegel

Adam McGowan

Monkton Scout Troop 525

Another year, another new leader of Troop 525. This past December I stepped down as Scoutmaster and assumed the position of Assistant Scoutmaster. A decade or so of stewardship of this great organization has come to an end. Filling my shoes is an enthusiastic and younger member of our community. Jonathan Sykes, already known to many, and will soon be known to many more, has stepped into the Scoutmaster role. I am confident he will do great things during his tenure, and I wish him the best.

Continuing our tradition of adventure, learning, serving others and of course lots of fun, we had a great 2025. Troop 525 currently stands at 8 young boys. Not great numbers, but we still do great things. These boys are eager and driven. Spending a lot of time this past year working on advancement and merit badges.

Along the way there was ice fishing, Klondike derby and a weekend at Green Mountain Conservation Camp Kehoe in Castleton. We altered our Great Lakes trip a little and spent a long weekend on Lake Ontario. Long time Girl Scout leader and community member Kim Clark hosted us on her family camp in Pulaski NY. A great first glimpse of the great lakes for many of us.

Another week of fun and learning at our own Mt. Norris Scouting Reservation. A few first-time campers too. They all had such a great week, they are talking about doing 2 weeks next year. Speaking of 2026, we have 4 boys and 1 leader preparing for their July trip to the National Jamboree. I have mentioned this in the past. It is truly the Olympics of Scouting. Every kid should get a chance at this opportunity. Jonathan was selected to be the Scoutmaster for the Vermont Contingent. A very high honor, congratulations.

What a blast Monkton Community Day was this year. Many community members turned out to take part in the many events all over town. A big "Thank You" to the hard work of the planning group. I hope this becomes an annual event. Our part of the day was the Pie Eating contest. We roped in a pretty big group of contestants, and it was a blast. That pavilion at Morse Park was filled and roaring with laughter.

Sticking with the local events. We helped the Fire Department with their yearly Mud Bogs again. Even with the rain, we still had a great time and met many youths from the area. A word of Thanks to the Fire Department. They continue to be our charter organization for 2026. October brought a little change to our Haunted Trail offering. The Layn family offered up their Corn Maze, so we brought the show to them. What a fun change. One that I hope happens again. The Layn's certainly put a lot of work they put into the maze and we were grateful for the opportunity to haunt it.

A quick word on Troop 802. This was Monkton's female Troop. Last year 525 and 802 participated in a pilot program that allowed us to combine our two troops. It went great, both here and nationwide. This brought an announcement from National that coed troops are now allowed. Since 525 is the longer established of the two, we have decided to fold them both into Troop 525, even though their number was much cooler than ours.

Boys, Girls, Moms, Dads and everyone else. Come join us. We are a small town but we are always a shining example of what this storied organization strives to produce. Youth that are trained in all walks of life, confident leaders, willing to lend a hand, and great members of our community. The future is bright for Troop 525.

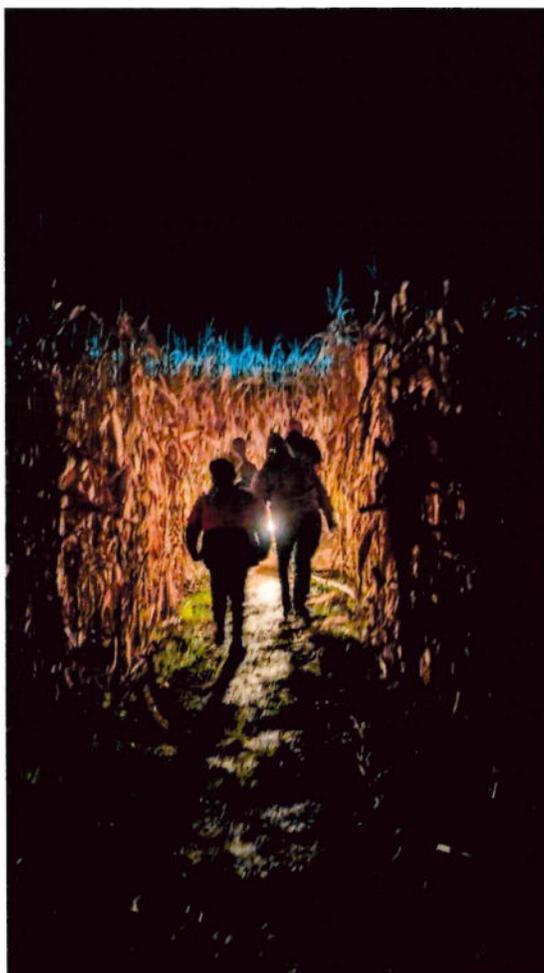
Thank you again Monkton for your continued support. We all love this town!

George Parker

Former Scoutmaster Troop 525



Court of Honor fall of 2025



Haunted Maze 2025



Lake Ontario 2025-4



Lake Ontario 2025-6



Memorial Day Parade 2025



Norris 2025

MONKTON MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN REPORT

The Monkton Museum & Historical Society (MM&HS) remains committed to our mission statement:

Monkton Museum & Historical Society is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and displaying items relevant to Monkton's heritage. We seek to educate and entertain residents, and the interested public, which provides insight to Monkton's past and present for future generations.

To this end, we have met throughout the year in person with Zoom access. Our webmaster is from Colorado and we have members with Monkton connections from Washington and Nebraska. Therefore, we always try to have Zoom access.

2025 was a pivotal year in fulfilling our mission of creating a Monkton History Museum. We had a very well attended opening party in July. MM&HS would like to thank Lauren Parren, Candace Polzella and Robert Turcot for the love and dedication they gave to create our Monkton History Museum's exhibits on general stores, one room school houses, and Grange members who served in World War II. We are working with the Vermont Archeological Society to create our next round of exhibits honoring the 250th anniversary of the United States of America's founding. We look forward to having you visit.

We kicked off our yearly lectures with a captivating discussion from Rick Winston on the Red Scare in Vermont. Sponsored through the Vermont Humanities Council Lecture Series, he offered a compelling analysis of how Vermont legislators and citizens responded to this historical time, when accusations of communism devastated lives. You can catch up by going to the recordings on our Monkton History Website www.monktonhistory.org.

We hosted the Blarney Pilgrims to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Irish traditions in our local area. Their music was lively and poignant. We had a great turn out of town folk dancing and enjoying time together. We hope to see you this year, in our new annual tradition. In the fall Ian Gramling, our very own Blarney Pilgrim and MM&HS Vice President, gave a fascinating discussion on Monkton in the American Revolution. He shared the specific story behind the infamous Tory Rocks. NEAT TV filmed this presentation which can also be found on our website.

We have a Monkton Museum and Historical Society Facebook page and utilize our website www.monktonhistory.org to share calendars and events with the public. We look forward to continuing our presentations, publishing more research, scanning more

pictures, gathering more oral histories and passing on the legacy of our Monkton past. We have been planning activities with other local historical societies, the East Monkton Church Association, and continue to explore, research and revitalize our local cemeteries. We are thankful to live in a community that values its history and supports the MM&HS. Come visit with us at our monthly meetings, often on the 3rd Monday of the month. Look for Zoom links on Front Porch Forum and the Monkton calendar in the Addison Independent, when events are announced. We would like to give a shout out to Liz Pecor who has helped us with these Addy Indy submissions.

We have created a vibrant community of historians who have been working to illuminate the various histories of the different areas of Monkton. We have hardcopy publications available for purchase about the development of Monkton Ridge and East Monkton. Many thanks to Sharon Gomez, Town Clerk, who sells these books during her regular business hours and supports us in countless ways. These are also available digitally for free on our website and here is a link:

<https://www.monktonhistory.org/monkton-self-guided-history-tours/>

We would like to thank Patrick A. Polzella who has worked diligently to serve the interests of MM&HS as Trustee for many years. He will be stepping down this year to focus on his outreach to the community with the East Monkton Church Association.

We thank you for any interest you have in the MM&HS and hope to meet you, as we share our Monkton History. Please join us in investigating our local history and sharing it with our community. Email us at monktonmhs@gmail.com to donate, volunteer, or become a member. We welcome all Monkton residents and those with Monkton connections or interest to join us in the exciting plans we have for 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen B. Farrell- MM& HS President
Ian Gramling-Trustee Board Member & Vice President
Teri Fitz-Gerald- Trustee Board Member & Treasurer
Lauren K. Parren- Secretary
Patrick A. Polzella- Trustee Board Member

Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2025

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following services during FY2025:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Began its work under Act 181 rewriting the entire Addison County Regional Plan.
- Worked with Addison, Waltham, Ferrisburgh, Panton, and Weybridge, on Municipal Planning Grants.
- Worked with Monkton and Salisbury on Bylaw Modernization projects focused on housing.
- Assisted municipalities with Town Plan updates: New Haven, Goshen, Shoreham, Lincoln, Leicester, Middlebury, Bridport, Addison, and Ferrisburgh.
- Supported Middlebury, Vergennes, and Ferrisburgh in the Transit Oriented Design (TOD) master plan process.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops on housing, planning essentials, agriculture, and flood resiliency.
- 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.
- Completed 2 municipal Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMPs) and initiated 5 additional plans.
- Updated Mutual Aid agreements for municipal Public Works Departments.
- Completed two Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF) grants.
- Assisted Vermont Emergency Management and FEMA with summer flooding response and assistance.

Energy Planning:

- Helped administer 10 capacity grants through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont, local organizations like CEAC’s Energy Navigators, and municipalities to implement active enhanced energy plans.
- Completed rewrite of the Regional Enhanced Energy Plan with the Energy Committee.
- Began implementing two grants that will develop at least 8 new municipal enhanced energy plans.
- Conducted energy data analysis updating the profiles of the Region’s municipalities.
- Organized and hosted a Regional Energy Fair with the City of Vergennes and towns of Bristol and Ferrisburgh.

Transportation Planning:

- Convened five meetings of the Addison County Road Foremen.
- Provided leadership and technical support to Tri-Valley Transit.
- 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 Bristol, Weybridge, Bridport, and Ferrisburgh.
- Conducted traffic and pedestrian studies and hosted the regional Walk/bike council meetings.
- Completed a 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, overseeing 15 active projects.
- 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 brownfield grant assessing 12 projects
- Conducted three Community Wide Assessments for potential brownfield sites in Middlebury, Vergennes and Ferrisburgh at the site of proposed Transportation Oriented Development projects.

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

2025 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 Stations

Telephone: (802) 388-2333

Fax: (802) 388-0271

Website: www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswwd@acswwd.org

Middlebury 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

Regional Residential Trash and Recycling Drop-Off (off Campground Road in New Haven) Hours: Fri. 8 AM – Noon

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 various other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. A complete list of acceptable items and prices can be found on the District's website. The ACSWMD Regional Residential Transfer Station is located at 100 Kings Way off of 65 Campground Road in New Haven. This facility accepts residential bagged waste and single stream recyclables, as well as food scraps and leaf & yard waste.

2025 Highlights

HHW Extended Producer Responsibility. Extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs shift financial and management responsibility for difficult-to-manage products away from local governments and back to the manufacturers. Vermont's first-in-the-nation Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) EPR Law requires producers of hazardous household products to safely collect and dispose of them. This year, Vermont passed Act 59, which amended the HHW EPR law to allow producers additional time to develop a stewardship plan but added the contingencies that if an approvable plan is not submitted within the allotted time, the Agency of Natural Resources will issue its own plan and charge producers for the full cost of implementation plus a penalty. Act 59 also includes provisions that provide additional compensation for disposal of pesticides, and an expansion of Vermont's paint product stewardship law to include additional types of coatings, such as aerosols, coating-related products, and additional types of nonindustrial coatings.

New Mattress Recycling Program. Mattresses and boxsprings take up valuable space in VT's remaining landfill. Their lightweight composition makes them difficult to bury and the metal coils often tangle in equipment. Recycling markets exist for the wood, metal, textiles, and foam that comprise most of the materials in a standard mattress. This year, the District was informed that the landfill would begin assessing an extra \$45 fee, in addition to the landfill tip fee, for each mattress or boxspring received. Although mattresses are not banned from landfill disposal, the District created a recycling program in 2025 to provide residents and businesses with a disposal alternative. The District expects a significant increase in its overall waste diversion percentage because of this new program.

Solid Waste Management Plan Revision. Last year, the VT Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) adopted its new Materials Management Plan, which guides waste management and diversion in Vermont for the next five years and includes objectives and deliverables for solid waste districts to incorporate into their planning. This year, the District revised its Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) to address these new objectives and completed its required public participation process for final SWIP approval. The Board of Supervisors adopted the draft SWIP on October 16, and the District received a letter of final approval from the ANR on October 22.

2026 Annual Budget

The ACSWMD Board of Supervisors adopted its 2026 Annual Budget, including the Rate Schedule for CY2026, on Nov. 20, 2025. The new rates will take effect on Jan. 1, 2026. As with prior years, the 2026 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 CY2026.** The new tip fee for Municipal Solid Waste & Construction/Demo Debris at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury will be **\$171/ton**, a \$15.00/ton increase primarily due to cost increases on disposing of waste at the landfill, recycling processing, vendor prices, insurance, and salary/wage cost-of-living adjustments. Rates on a few other items will have nominal changes. For a copy of the 2025 Annual Report and/or adopted CY2026 Rate Sheet, please call the District at 802-388-2333, or e-mail the office at acswwd@acswwd.org. Both documents are also available on the District's website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

Addison County Solid Waste Management District

2026 Adopted Rate Schedule

TRANSFER STATION & DISTRICT FEES

A \$1.00 admin fee is charged on all monetary transactions in addition to prices listed below.

HazWaste Center Hours:
 Mon-Fri: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 Saturdays: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Transfer Station Hours:
 Mon-Fri: 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 Saturdays: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

MSW (Trash), Construction & Demolition Debris	\$171/ton
Minimum Fee - 100 lbs. or less - mixed debris.....	\$9/load
(Telephone poles must be cut into 6' sections)	
Appliances w/ CFCs (refrigerator, freezer, window A/C, water fountain, vending machine, dehumidifier).....	\$15/ea.
Commercial-Grade A/C units & outdoor residential A/C units.....	At Cost
Appliances - no CFCs (furnace, washer, dryer, hot water heater, stove, dishwasher, microwave, woodstove, etc.).....	No Charge
Asbestos, Non-Friable (packaging requirements apply).....	\$300/ton
Asphalt Shingles Recycling (by appt.)	\$250/ton
Drywall Recycling	\$200/ton
Ashes (wood)	\$1/load
Batteries (wet-cell, automotive).....	No Charge
Batteries (primary cells, small dry-cell, cell phones, rechargeable, button cell, lithium, lithium ion, NiMH, NiCad).....	No Charge
Books (hard and soft cover) – Residential.....	\$2/load
Business.....	\$80/ton
Clean Wood, brush, branches, (cut into 16" logs if > 6" diameter) Residential, up to 1 regular pick-up truck or small trailer.....	\$10/load \$100/ton
Large loads or Business.....	\$10/scoop
Mulch loading assistance.....	No charge
Cooking Oil (Large quantities call ahead).....	No charge
Documents (Secure Destruction), small amounts only.....	No charge
Electronics (large items or quantities charged by weight at the discretion of the scalehouse operator).....	\$0.23/lb
Computers, whole systems (includes everything).....	No charge (or \$11/ea.²)
Computers, by piece (monitor or CPU or printer).....	No charge (or \$6/pc.²)
Televisions (Regular size TV).....	No charge (or \$7/ea.²)
(Console size TV).....	No charge (or \$15/ea.²)
Desktop Photocopier.....	\$11/pc.
Small Electronics (Fax, VCR, DVD/CD, Stereo, Telephones, etc.).....	\$2.50/pc.
Mixed Bag (cords, adapters, CDs, tapes, cassettes, DVDs, chips, cards - grocery bag size).....	\$5/bag
Film Plastic & Plastic Bags (must meet acceptance criteria, Residential).....	No charge
Business limit 1 CY per week or less.....	\$20
Fire Extinguishers – Any size.....	\$5/ea.
Fluorescent Light Bulbs – Compact Fluorescent Lamps.....	No Charge
U-Tube, Circular or Straight Tubes 4 ft. or shorter.....	No charge (or \$0.50/ea.³)
Straight Tubes longer than 4 ft.....	No charge (or \$1.00/ea.³)
HID Lamps.....	No charge (or \$1.50/ea.³)
UV, Neon or other Specialty Lamps.....	\$2.75/ea.
Food Waste (Residential, containers up to 5-gal).....	\$1/ea.
(Business, containers up to 5-gal).....	\$1.00/ea.
(Business, 32-gallon container).....	\$15/ea.
(Business, 48-gallon container).....	\$20/ea.

Hazardous Waste (Residential) – (including all paint).....	No Charge
Hazardous Waste (Business, VSQG) (including all paint) Must call for appointment day/time.....	Actual Cost +\$5 Fee*
Leaf & Yard Waste (grass clippings, leaves, small twigs) - 3 CY or less.....	\$2/load
Over 3 CY.....	\$20/load
Light Ballasts (containing PCBs).....	\$2.25/ea.
Maple Sap Tubing (call for acceptance guidelines, by appointment only).....	\$20/CY
Mattresses Crib Mattress - Recycling.....	\$15/ea.
All Other Size Mattresses or Box spring - Recycling.....	\$40/ea.
All Size Mattresses or Box spring - Landfill.....	\$171/ton plus \$45 Fee (Mattress Quantities Greater than 10 must call to make an appointment.)
Mercury Devices (intact thermometers, thermostats, etc.).....	No Charge
Motor Oil (Residential, uncontaminated only, 10 gal or less per day).....	No Charge
(Residential > 10 gal), uncontaminated only.....	\$1.50/gal.
Oil Filters (Residential).....	No Charge
(Business) Individual filters.....	\$1.00/ea.
(Business) 5-gallon pail full.....	\$15/pail
(Business) 55-gallon drum full.....	\$140/drum
Propane Tanks, 1-lb (Residential).....	No Charge
1-lb (Business).....	\$1/ea.
5-lb to 20-lb tanks (grill size, resident or business).....	\$5/ea.
Larger than 20-lb (resident or business).....	\$15/ea.
Recycling – Single Stream Recyclables from Commercial Haulers	\$130/ton
Single Stream self-hauled from Businesses - Min. Fee 1 CY or less.....	\$10.00
Single Stream self-hauled from Businesses > 1 CY.....	\$130/ton
Scrap Metal	No Charge
Stumps	\$15/CY
Textiles (Must be clean, dry and in bags).....	No Charge
Tires - Passenger Tires	\$5/ea.
Large Truck Tires.....	\$15/ea.
Agricultural Tires, Earthmoving Tires, Oversized Tires.....	\$0.20/lb.
Car & Light Truck up to 20" - Large Quantity by the pound	\$0.13/lb.

District Fee – \$35/ton on all MSW and C&D disposed of (included in Transfer Station tip fee), and \$10/ton on contaminated soils approved by ANR for use as ADC.

Scale Weights are \$5.00 per vehicle.

¹VT Battery Law - All batteries are collected at no charge.

²VT E-Waste Law – No charge for households, 501(c)(3) charities, school districts, small businesses (10 or < employees) OR 7 or < covered items/visit.

³VT Mercury Lamp Law – No charge for general purpose lamps if 10 or < per day.

⁴VT Paint Law – No charge for architectural paint. The \$5-per-visit admin. fee will be waived on paint-only loads.

Tel: (802) 388-2333 | Email: acswrmd@acswrmd.org | AddisonCountyRecycles.org
 11.20.2025

ACSWMD Town Drop-Off Information



Addison County
Solid Waste Management District
(802) 388-2333, www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org
1223 Rte. 7 S, Middlebury | 65 Campground Rd., New Haven

Addison County Solid Waste Management District Residential Drop-Off

Location: 100 Kings Way (off Campground Rd.), New Haven, VT. **Fridays: 8 AM to Noon**
Hauler: ACSWMD (802) 388-2333

All town drop-offs accept food scraps, recycling, bagged trash, and seasonally, leaf & yard waste. If in need of a scale weight or bringing a large load, household hazardous waste, and, or, special wastes, please visit the District Transfer Station in Middlebury. For details on rates and other special wastes collected, contact the drop-off directly.

Town Drop-Off	Time	Hauler
Addison: 65 VT Rte. 17 West	Saturdays: 9 AM-11 AM	R&L Rubbish (802) 388-6288
Bridport: Old Town Landfill, Happy Valley Rd.	Saturdays: 7:30 AM-Noon	Acker Waste Management (802) 453-6701
Bristol: Town Garage on Pine St.	Saturdays: 8 AM-Noon	R&L Rubbish (802) 388-6288
Cornwall: 112 School St.	Saturdays: 1 PM-3 PM	R&L Rubbish (802) 388-6288
Goshen: Curbside Trash & Recycling	Wednesdays	Dave Sabatini (802) 247-6350
Leicester: 19 Schoolhouse Rd. The Meeting House at Leicester Four Corners	1st & 3rd Saturday: 9 AM-Noon	Van Denton (802) 247-8340
Lincoln: 1111 Downingsville Rd.	Saturdays: 8 AM-1 PM	Acker Waste Management (802) 453-6701
Middlebury: 49 Wilson Rd.	Saturdays: 8 AM-10 AM	R&L Rubbish (802) 388-6288
Middlebury: 1442 Route 7 N	Tues. & Thurs.: 2 PM-6 PM	Acker Waste Management (802) 453-6701
Monkton: 4047 States Prison Hollow Rd.	2nd & 4th Saturday: 9 AM-Noon	Hauler: Acker Waste Management (802) 453-6701 Cardboard Only: Casella (800) 292-0297
New Haven: 78 North St.	Saturdays: 8 AM-Noon	R&L Rubbish (802) 388-6288
Ripton: 333 Peddler's Bridge Rd.	1st & 3rd Saturday: 9 AM-Noon, 1st Wednesday 5-7 PM	Webb & Sons (802) 388-4532, Casella (800) 292-0297
Salisbury: 1301 Upper Plains Rd.	Saturdays: 8 AM-1 PM	R&L Rubbish (802) 388-6288
Shoreham: 28 School Rd.	Saturdays: 8 AM-11:30 AM	R&L Rubbish (802) 388-6288
Starksboro: 3904 Rte. 116	1st & 3rd Saturday: 8 AM-11 AM	Acker Waste Management (802) 453-6701
Vergennes: 105 Panton Rd. (Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton & Waltham)	Saturdays: 8 AM-Noon, Wednesdays: 2 PM-6 PM	R&L Rubbish (802) 388-6288
Weybridge: 460 Quaker Village Rd.	Saturdays: 9:30 AM-11 AM	Chris Anderson (802) 545-2874 Kimball (802) 545-2891, Casella (800) 292-0297
Whiting: 79 So. Main St.	2nd & 4th Saturday: 9 AM-11 AM	BK Services (802) 779-2950

Emergency Management Report 2025

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 2025:

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). The plan has been reviewed and approved by both the State of Vermont and FEMA. Thank you to everyone who worked on this plan or attended one of the community outreach events. The LHMP is available on the Town website under Town Services\Emergency Management.

The flooding throughout the State in 2024 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 Communications Union District 2025 Annual Report

As one of Vermont's 9 Communications Union Districts (CUDs), Maple Broadband is working to ensure that every on-grid household in our member towns have access to broadband from at least one provider. Our impact, powered by local governance and strengthened through strategic partnerships, is bridging digital divides across our 20 member towns: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge, and Whiting.

2025 Accomplishments

Maple Broadband provisionally secured over \$14 million in new funding, which will enable us to accelerate our fiber rollout and ensure that broadband is available throughout our member towns. Until this funding is finalized, we are holding most of our remaining grant funds in reserve, and are planning a significant network expansion in 2026. At the close of 2025 Maple Broadband:

- Has been provisionally awarded three grants, totaling \$14.09 million;
- Plans to launch two new affordability initiatives in early 2026;
- Offers service over more than 250 miles in portions of 12 member towns; and
- Serves nearly 650 customers with fiber-optic broadband service.

Our partnership with Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT)/Green Mountain Access continues to expand fiber access within our district. In 2025 WCVT:

- Installed over 109 miles of fiber service drops;
- Activated service on over 75 miles of mainline fiber, and continue to build in portions of Bristol, Lincoln, Starksboro, Monkton, and North Ferrisburgh; and
- Continued to convert customers to fiber, with over 3,250 currently receiving fiber broadband.

For the expanded version of our Annual Report, including construction plans, maps, and a breakdown of our annual expenditures visit our website and click on Budgets & Reports: <https://www.maplebroadband.net/governance>

MAPLE BROADBAND 2026 Budget

Income:	Budget 2025	2025 Projected Actuals	Budget 2026
Operational Revenue			
Subscriber Payments Received	\$ 777,920	\$ 675,669	\$ 844,528
Installation Fees Received	\$ 49,030	\$ 32,249	\$ 49,334
Dividend Revenue	\$ 1,000	\$ 835	\$ 850
Interest Income	\$ 30,000	\$ 39,690	\$ 60,000
Less Low-Income Installation Subsidies	\$ (10,000)	\$ -	\$ -
Less Low-Income Subscription Subsidies	\$ (10,000)	\$ (540)	\$ (10,000)
Less Allocation for Buried Subsidies	\$ (10,000)	\$ -	\$ -
Other/Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 7,025	\$ -
Sub-Total Operational Revenues	\$ -	\$ 754,927	\$ 944,712
Grants Income			
Pre-Construction	\$ 775,261	\$ 111,561	\$ -
Construction	\$ 1,238,000	\$ 694,880	\$ 388,753
Town ARPA Contributions	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -
BEAD Match From Legislature	\$ -	\$ 1,110,875	\$ 1,851,458
Affordable Long Drop	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,122,232
BEAD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500,000
Sub-Total Grants Income	\$ 2,013,261	\$ 1,967,316	\$ 6,862,443
Financing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Financing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$ 2,013,261	\$ 2,722,243	\$ 7,807,155
Direct Operating Costs			
Subscriber Refunds	\$ -	\$ 1,678	\$ 4,223
Bad debt	\$ 15,559	\$ -	\$ 2,111
Bank Service Fees	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,331	\$ 6,756
Merchant Credit Card Fees	\$ 15,558	\$ 10,084	\$ 8,445
Operator Fees	\$ -	\$ 278,376	\$ 347,946
Sub-Total Direct Operating Costs	\$ 37,117	\$ 295,468	\$ 369,481
Indirect Operating Costs			
Advertising and Promotion	\$ 40,000	\$ 14,695	\$ 50,000
Affordability Verifications	\$ -	\$ 1,250	\$ 3,750
VT Gross Revenue Tax	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
1-800 Number Costs	\$ -	\$ 1,489	\$ 1,500
Insurance	\$ 20,000	\$ 17,706	\$ 20,000
Marketing	\$ 65,000	\$ 72,546	\$ 65,000
Meals	\$ 350	\$ 466	\$ 350
Pole rentals	\$ 85,000	\$ 59,485	\$ 75,000
Office Supplies	\$ 750	\$ 534	\$ 600
Postage and Shipping	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 50
Technology Subscriptions	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,626	\$ 8,000
Payroll Taxes	\$ 9,253	\$ 11,513	\$ 13,352
Wages	\$ 115,560	\$ 116,716	\$ 121,384
Benefits	\$ 55,000	\$ 50,047	\$ 55,000
Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Auditing Expense	\$ 25,000	\$ 41,750	\$ 25,000
Financial Administration	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,703	\$ 8,000
Stipends	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000
Legal Expense	\$ 35,000	\$ 14,508	\$ 10,000

Accounting Advisory Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$	10,000
Other Professional Services	\$	15,000	\$	8,522	\$	10,000
Regulatory Fees	\$	-	\$	1,830	\$	2,500
Membership Fees	\$	15,000	\$	10,175	\$	15,000
Repairs and Maintenance	\$	-	\$	26,400	\$	25,000
Website	\$	10,000	\$	9,090	\$	-
Travel Expense	\$	3,000	\$	4,048	\$	3,500
Hub utilities	\$	8,500	\$	6,692	\$	8,500
Misc./Admin/Other	\$	2,500	\$	480	\$	500
Costs related to obtaining debt	\$	50,000	\$	-	\$	-
Debt Service (Interest)	\$	120,000	\$	-	\$	-
Sub-Total Operational Expenses	\$	749,130	\$	509,770	\$	556,486
Operating Profit			\$	(50,311)	\$	18,745
Construction						
Pre-Construction Costs						
Detailed Network Design & Engineering Oversight	\$	150,000	\$	253,250	\$	50,000
Permitting/Easements Services & Permits	\$	20,000	\$	6,157	\$	20,000
Permitting/ROW Application Fees	\$	15,000	\$	3,544	\$	7,500
Make Ready	\$	500,000	\$	45,497	\$	207,500
Construction Costs						
Materials	\$	1,079,089	\$	139,282	\$	1,773,761
Freight Costs	\$	7,500	\$	32	\$	-
Storage Costs	\$	3,816	\$	8,277	\$	10,000
Construction Labor	\$	2,937,268	\$	283,696	\$	2,140,243
Construction Oversight	\$	200,000	\$	34,562	\$	135,000
Contingency/Miscellaneous	\$	-	\$	8,477	\$	-
Drops	\$	-	\$	211,509	\$	280,000
Long Drop Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$	42,000
Sub-Total Capital Expenses	\$	4,912,673	\$	994,283	\$	4,666,005
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	5,661,803	\$	1,799,521	\$	5,591,972

Cash at November 20, 2025	\$	3,711,623.26
Plus: Net Cash Flow	\$	(336,971.71)
Beginning Cash January 1, 2026	\$	3,374,651.56
Plus: Net Cash Flow	\$	2,215,182.73
Ending Cash December 31, 2026	\$	5,589,834.28

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.

2025 BIRTHS

<u>DOB</u>	<u>CHILDS NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
01/18/2025	BARCLAY, THOMAS JAMES	KELLY M. BARCLAY CHRISTOPHER T. BARCLAY
02/12/2025	HECKLINGER, BRYN THEODORE	LINNEA E. MANLEY MATTHEW B. HECKLINGER
05/14/2025	BROWNELL, WILDER AUGUSTUS	KEEGAN B. BROWNELL LATHROP A. BROWNELL
07/09/2025	GINGRAS, RIPLEY JAMES	ALEXANDRIA M. GINGRAS TAYLOR C. GINGRAS
07/13/2025	PELLAND, JUNE ELAH	KIELEE B. PELLAND CALE G. PELLAND
08/04/2025	MOSTOLLER, HUGO MICHAEL	STEPHANIE C. STEVENS JESSE M. MOSTOLLER
09/03/2025	BOWERS, ROWYN HARPER	JULIA M. BOWERS DAVID C. BOWERS IV
09/04/2025	SHANDROW, MURPHY ALEXANDRA	SAMANTHA E. SHANDROW CHARLES L. SHANDROW
10/25/2025	JUDGE, MURPHY DAVENPORT	CHARLOTTE E. JUDGE COLIN M.M. JUDGE
12/1/2025	MITCHELL, DECLAN SEAN	BROOKE A. MITCHELL BENTON J. MITCHELL

2025 MARRIAGES

	DATE OF MARRIAGE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
KENNETH F. LAFOUNTAIN CAROLA. FAY	04/19/2025	MONKTON, VT
KATRINA E. CZAR RACHEL M. SEIGEL	04/26/2025	ESSEX JCT, VT
LESLIE J. DEUTSCH AGNES KYUNG KIM	08/20/2025	MONKTON, VT
DANIELLE F. WINSLOW BENJAMIN M. GROLEAU	08/31/2025	STARSBORO, VT
TRACY L. GRENON BRIAN A. COTA	09/06/2025	CHARLOTTE, VT
LYDIA M. SABOURIN CONRAD J. MARSANO	09/27/2025	FERRISBURGH, VT
MASON D. WOOD TAYLOR M. COLE	10/04/2025	BRIDPORT, VT
MELISSA A. POTVIN AMANDA J. HAWKINS	10/18/2025	MONKTON, VT

2025 DEATHS

<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
DONALD G. SPRAGUE	01/10/2025	MONKTON, VT
CAROL D. KEMP	01/11/2025	MONKTON, VT
PAUL W. SHERMAN	02/02/2025	COLCHESTER, VT
CARL D. LAVALLEE	02/17/2025	MONKTON, VT
JOHN A. GARGANO	02/?/2025	MONKTON, VT
JOSEPH M. CASSARINO	03/14/2025	COLCHESTER, VT
CLARKE R. THIBAUT	03/19/2025	BURLINGTON, VT
DIANE G. BENNETT	08/11/2025	MONKTON, VT
DAVID WOOD	09/01/2025	MONKTON, VT
ELLEN L. BOWEN	09/10/2025	MONKTON, VT
LAUREN L. MORRILL	10/04/2025	HINESBURG, VT
GILLIAN B. GERO	10/26/2025	LIECESTER, VT
DANIEL R. COOLIDGE	10/28/2025	MIDDLEBURY, VT
DANIEL J. BAKER	11/16/2025	BURLINGTON, 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 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM**, to consider and act upon the following articles (Articles 1-9) and to discuss the article to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Article 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 Article 10 shall take place by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 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/83107177217?pwd=aVrOYXVfmGn7PMskkb95Bv8QFbfRla.1>

Meeting ID: 831 0717 7217
Passcode: dZf1B9

To be acted upon on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

- 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, 2026, and serve a one-year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.
- Article 3: To elect a Treasurer who shall assume office on July 1, 2026, and serve a one-year term or until the election and qualification of successors.
- Article 4: To establish the salaries for the elected officers of the District.
- Article 5: To authorize the District Board of Directors to borrow money by the issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the fiscal year 2026-2027 per 16 V.S.A. §562(9).
- Article 6: To hear and act upon the reports of the School District directors and officers.
- Article 7: To discuss article to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Article 10)
- Article 8: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.
- Article 9: To adjourn the meeting until 7:00 AM March 3, 2026, when voting by Australian ballot shall commence.

To be voted upon by Australian ballot on March 3, 2026

Article 10: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend Thirty-Seven Million, Eight Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$37,862,780), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Mount Abraham Unified School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-Two and Forty-Three Cents (\$15,132.43), which is 3.45% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

For the purpose of voting by Australian ballot:

In person voting will be available at local polling places on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 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 **Tuesday, February 24, 2026**. 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 3, 2026, 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 3, 2026, 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 3, 2026, 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 3, 2026, at 7:00AM and close at 7:00 PM.

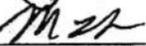
Upon closing of the polls in Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro, the ballot boxes will be sealed, transported to, and re-opened at Holly Hall in the Town of Bristol, where the ballots will be counted and comingled by a tabulator under observation of representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of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

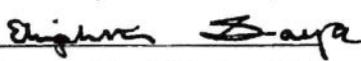
On behalf of the Mount Abraham Unified School District Board of Directors:


Erin Jipner, Chair of the Board

Dated this 6 day of January 2026


Mike Dash, Board Member, Vice Chair

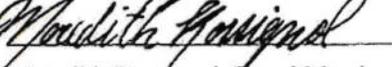
Dated this 6 day of January 2026


Liz Sayre, Board Member, ~~Clerk~~

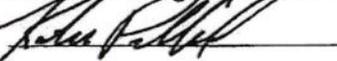
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Melissa Laurie, Board Member

Dated this 6 day of January 2026


Meredith Rossignol, Board Member

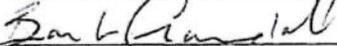
Dated this 6 day of January 2026


Kielee Pelland, Board Member

Dated this 6 day of January 2026

Justin Pearson, Board Member

Dated this ___ day of January 2026


Barbara Crandall, Board Member, **clerk**

Dated this 7 day of January 2026

Kristen Toy, Board Member

Dated this ___ day of January 2026

Brad Johnson, Board Member

Dated this ___ day of January 2026

Herb Olson, Board Member

Dated this ___ day of January 2026

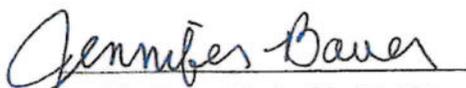

Sarah Louer, Board Member

Dated this 13 day of January 2026


Kathi Apgar, Board Member

Dated this 13th day of January 2026

Received for the record and recorded this 14th day of January 2026 by:


Jennifer Bauer, Clerk of the District

MAUSD Mentoring – Monkton Central School

2025 has been a great year for our school-based mentoring program!

In the spring, mentees participated in a quilt-making project, painting portraits of their mentors to be woven into the quilt and framed as end-of-year gifts. Perhaps you recognize some of our Monkton mentors, below!

During summer, we participated in Bristol's 4th of July parade. Many of us wore our MAUSD mentoring t-shirts with artwork created by our former MCS student - now a high-school mentee!

This fall at MCS, after losing a few matches to middle school, home school, and moves, we continued to recruit volunteers. While two new mentors came on board, we also had a former mentor who relocated decide to return when she recognized her mentee was in need. ***It is amazing how these adults become so endeared to our students***, and the great lengths (and driving distances) they will go to stay connected!

MAUSD mentors are matched to spend time and pursue shared interests with our students. In Monkton, while we host group events (the most recent outing a hayride to Morse Park to play basketball on the new hardcourt), many matches meet weekly in school during lunch. Others – particularly our older students – connect with mentors during or after school for off-campus activities because ***they say an hour simply isn't enough time***.

What MENTOR National research shows and what we see here in Monkton is that ***these intergenerational relationships build confidence, connection, and community*** for BOTH students and volunteers.

Currently, MCS supports seventeen active matches, and we anticipate that many of these relationships will continue to grow. Meanwhile, our coordinator continues to recruit compatible, compassionate adults. Teachers, caregivers and kids' requests for mentors have far outpaced our capacity!

We are grateful to receive annual financial support from grants, MentorVT, private donations, and from Monkton residents – especially those who give their time to support and grow with our kids. Many thanks to our mentors!



Interested in being a part of our program? Please contact our coordinator @ theresa.schwegel@mausd.org



WARNING

Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District Annual Meeting & Public Hearing February 19, 2026 Special Meeting for Australian Ballot March 3, 2026

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

The legal voters of 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 19, 2026 at 4:00 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 FY25 fund balance as follows: One Hundred and Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$128,000) of the school district's fund balance as revenue for the 2026-2027 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 3, 2026 on which date member district voters are further warned to vote on Article 6 listed below by Australian ballot at their respective polling places.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend \$6,271,916 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? This budget represents a **9.95%** 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 **\$38,894** per full-time equivalent student on a 6-semester trailing average. This projected spending per full-time equivalent student is **11.38%** higher than spending for the current year.



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Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District Annual Meeting & Public Hearing February 19, 2026 Special Meeting for Australian Ballot March 3, 2026

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

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

Addison - Addison Community Center 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Bridport - Bridport Community Hall 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Bristol - Holley Hall 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Cornwall - Cornwall Town Hall 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Ferrisburgh - Town Hall and community center 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Middlebury - Middlebury Recreation Center 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Monkton - Monkton Town Hall 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

New Haven - New Haven Town Hall 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Panton - Panton Town Hall 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Ripton - Ripton Community House 8:00 AM-7:00 PM

Salisbury - Salisbury Town Office 8:00 AM-7:00 PM

Shoreham - Shoreham Town Office 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Starksboro - Robinson Elementary School 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Vergennes - Vergennes Fire Station 9:00 AM-7:00 PM

Waltham - Waltham Town Hall 10:00 AM-7:00 PM

Weybridge - Weybridge Town Office 7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Dated this 15th day of January, 2026 at Middlebury, Vermont.

Kim Farnham, Board Chair
PAHRTSD

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING - 2026

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MONKTON ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO MEET AT THE MONKTON CENTRAL SCHOOL ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

**ARTICLE 1 TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2026 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 16, 2026 by delivery to town hall by that date or postmarked on or before that date?

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters appropriate \$22,349.00 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) Counseling Service of Addison County Inc.	\$1,600.00
j) Elderly Services	\$ 800.00
k) Green Up Vermont	\$ 150.00
l) Have-a Heart Food Shelf	\$ 200.00
m) Hinesburg Food Shelf	\$ 500.00
n) Homeward Bound (Humane Society)	\$ 250.00
o) John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	\$1,000.00
p) Lewis Creek Association	\$ 550.00
q) Monkton Mentors Program	\$1,000.00
r) Open Door Clinic	\$ 500.00
s) Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	\$ 198.00
t) Red Cross	\$ 500.00
u) Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 460.00
v) Rural Fire Protection Program	\$ 100.00
w) Tri Valley Transit	\$ 850.00
x) Turning Point Center of Addison County	\$1,000.00
y) Vermont Adult Learning	\$ 700.00
z) Vermont Center for Independent Living – Addison	\$ 195.00
aa) Atria (formerly Women Safe Inc.)	\$1,250.00
bb) ACORN	\$1,000.00

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

- a) General Fund Deficit \$243,571.09
- b) Salaries and General Expenses \$631,122.25
- c) Monkton Volunteer Fire Department \$197,600.00
- d) Russell Memorial Library \$41,979.00
- e) Monkton Museum and Historical Society \$1,500.00
- f) Recreation Fund \$10,500.00
- g) Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund \$30,000.00
- h) Highway Capital Projects Fund \$20,000.00

for a total of \$1,176,272.34 of which \$856,478.66 shall be raised by taxes and \$319,793.68 by non-tax revenues?

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

- a) Highway Fund Surplus \$(272,900.97)
- b) Highway Expenses \$1,653,434.61

for a total of \$1,380,533.64 of which \$989,033.64 shall be raised by taxes and \$391,500.00 by non-tax revenues?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters approve a sum not to exceed \$311,930.00 for the purchase of a John Deere Road Grader with a total cost of \$361,930.00 less \$50,000.00 for a trade allowance?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize no more than \$150,000 for the repairs of Piney Woods Road of which \$60,723.92 shall be raised by taxes and \$89,276.08 by non-tax revenues?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town provide notice of the availability of the annual report by post card, mailed to all registered voters at least 30 days before the annual meeting instead of mailing or otherwise distributing the report to the voters of the Town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682 (a)?

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.

	<u>/s/ Jessica Demeritt</u>
Monkton Town Clerk	Jessica Demeritt, Chair Selectboard
Received and Recorded	
On : January 28, 2026	<u>/s/ Joe Szarejko</u>
	Joe Szarejko, Member Selectboard
	<u>/s/ Sam Peisch</u>
	Sam Peisch, 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 Dunham</u>
	John Dunham, Member Selectboard

MONKTON LOCAL ELECTION MARCH 3, 2026

TOWN CLERK - 1 YEAR TERM	2026 - 2027	SHARON M. GOMEZ
TOWN MODERATOR - 1 YEAR TERM	2026 - 2027	JERRY L. SCHWARZ
CONSTABLE - 1 YEAR TERM	2026 - 2027	
AUDITOR - 3 YEAR TERM	2026 - 2029	JANET CASSARINO
SELECTBOARD MEMBER - 2 YEAR TERM	2026 - 2028	SAM PEISCH
SELECTBOARD MEMBER - 3 YEAR TERM	2026 - 2029	WALTER CRANDALL
PLANNING COMMISSION - 3 YEAR TERM	2026 - 2029	MARILYN CARGILL
PLANNING COMMISSION - 3 YEAR TERM	2026 - 2029	WENDY SUE HARPER
PLANNING COMMISSION - 2 YEAR REMAINING OF A 3 YEAR TERM	2026 - 2028	STEPHEN PILCHER
RUSSELL MEM. LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 YEAR TERM	2026 - 2029	JANET FAIRCHILD
RUSSELL MEM. LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 YEAR TERM	2026 - 2029	THERESA SCHWEGEL

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

Susan Gulrajani

Zoning Adm. Hours:

Monday 8 am to 1 pm
Thursday 8 am to 1 pm

Listers / Accessor: 453-4515

Lisa Burns,

Listers / Accessor 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- listeners@monktonvt.com

Animal Contr. aco@monktonvt.com

Town website - www.monktonvt.com

Select Board:

Jessica Demeritt-chair

Joseph Szarejko

Walter Crandall

John Dunham

Sam Piesch

Animal Control Officer see website

Delinquent Tax Collector 453-3812 William Joos

Emergency #'s: 911

Fire, Rescue Squad

State Police 388-4919

Town Garage: 453-3263

Town Constable: see website

Schools:

Monkton Elementary 453-2314

Mount Abraham

Principal 453-2333

All other Depts. 453-2348

Superintendent's off. 453-3657

Russell Memorial Library: 453-4471

Librarian: Catherine Goldsmith

Hours:

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Friday & Saturday

Meetings:

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

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

MM & Historical Society: 3rd Monday @ 7pm

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

Post Offices:

Monkton 453-3115

Bristol 275-8777

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

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Charity R. Clark

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U.S. Representative:

Becca Balint

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