

2022 ANNUAL REPORT  
**Town of Monkton, Vermont**



Town meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Monkton Central School.  
Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Monkton Town Hall on March 7, 2023.

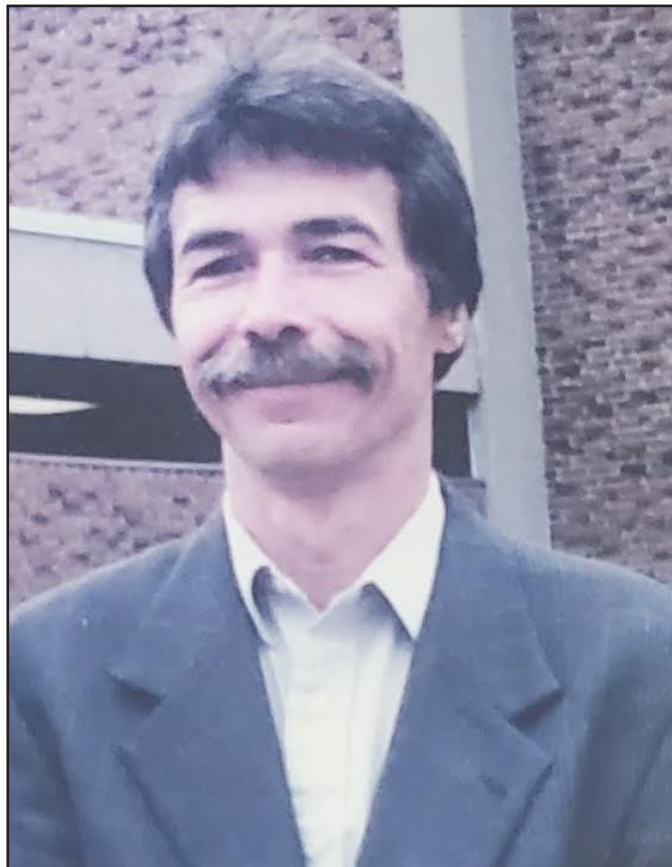
*Please bring your Town Report with you to the meeting.*

2022 Monkton Town Report dedicated to  
**BILL MARTIN**

Two of Monkton's faces that will no longer greet you when you come in to vote. Bill Martin has resigned as a selectman where he has served since 2018. He as one of the best people to work with, always knowledgeable, on time and a perfect working partner.  
*Thank you Bill !!*

Janet Cassarino has chosen not to run for Justice of the Peace, an office she has held since 1984. She will continue to work as an auditor after 39 years - Thank you to the voters of Monkton for your support.

We thank Bill and Janet for your services in our community.



**JOHN PHILLIPS**  
Gone but not forgotten.

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## DIRECTORY OF MONKTON TOWN OFFICIALS

<b>Revised: 1/17/23</b>				
<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>Elected/Appointed</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Term Exp.</b>	
<b>Town Clerk:</b>				
Sharon Gomez	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/23	
<b>Asst. Town Clerk:</b>				
Kaitlyn Gomez	Appointed			Appointed by Town Clerk
<b>Town Treasurer:</b>				
Bill Joos	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/23	
<b>Asst. Treasurer:</b>				
Kathy Nolan	Appointed			
<b>Town Administrator</b>				
Stan Wilbur	Appointed			
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector:</b>				
Bill Joos	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/23	
<b>Zoning Administrator:</b>				
Kris Perlee	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
<b>Town Moderator:</b>				
Jerry Schwarz	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/23	
<b>Select Board:</b>				
Paul Low	Elected	2 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/24	
John McNemey	Elected	2 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/23	
Walter Crandall	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	(appt 1/10/23 for bal of term)
Marikate Kelley	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Stephen Pilcher	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
<b>Town Constable</b>				
** Open **	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/23	
<b>Listers:</b>				
Lisa Burns	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	(appt 11/22/2022 bal of term)
Levi Cousino	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	(appt to bal of term)
** Open **	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
<b>Auditors:</b>				
Janet Cassarino	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Robin Huizenga	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Randall Charboneau	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
<b>Justices of the Peace: November Election</b>				
Kenneth Wheeling	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/22 - 11/24	(November Election)
Vallerie Mullin	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/22 - 11/24	(November Election)
Kathy Malzac	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/22 - 11/24	(November Election)
Jane Low	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/22 - 11/24	(November Election)
Jerry Schwarz	Elected	2 Yr. Term	11/22 - 11/24	(November Election)

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OFFICE	Elected/Appointed	Term	Term Exp.	
<b>MAUSD Board:</b>	(new unified school board)			
Bailee Layn-Gordon	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Dawn Griswold	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
<b>Development Review Board:</b>				
Stephen Pilcher	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/22 - 03/26	
Mark Boltz-Robinson (Alternate)	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/22 - 03/26	
Chris Acker	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/21 - 03/25	
Philip Russell	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/21 - 03/25	
Scott Gordon	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/20 - 03/24	(appt 4/26/22 for bal of term)
Curtis Layn	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/20 - 03/24	
Vicki Stern	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/19 - 03/23	(appt 11/22/21 for bal of term)
Jaime Schulte	Appointed	4 yr. Term	03/19 - 03/23	
<b>Planning Commission:</b>				
Ivor Hughes	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Gayle Grim	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Peter Close	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Lee Mahony	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Gary Strait	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Marilyn Cargill	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Wendy Sue Harper	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
<b>Recreation Committee:</b>				
Rick Imes	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
John Zaikowski	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Adam Crary	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Ed Cook	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
** Open **	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Tim Hunt	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Paul Low	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
<b>Health Officer:</b>				
Robin Hopps	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
<b>Town Service Officer:</b>				
Bailee Layn-Gordon	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
<b>Road Foreman:</b>				
Shane Lawrence	Hired by Select Board			
<b>Fire Warden:</b>				
Curtis Layn	Appointed	5 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/24	
<b>911 Coordinator:</b>				
Kris Perlee	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/23	
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>				
Stephen Pilcher	Appointed	1 yr Term	03/22 - 03/23	

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<b>Conservation Commission:</b>				
Janet Schwarz	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/26	(appt 9/27/22 for bal of term)
Jaime Schulte	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/19 - 03/23	
Nancy Wilson	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	new - 03/23	(appt 2/2/22 for bal of term)
Ann Miller	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/24	
Caroline Alves	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/24	(appt 9/14/20 for bal of term)
Debra Sprague	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/25	(appt 11/22/21 for bal of term)
** Open **	Appointed	4 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/25	
<b>Delegates to Addison County Reg. Planning:</b>				
Stephen Pilcher	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	07/22 - 06/23	ACRPC terms run Jul-Jun
Debra Sprague	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	07/22 - 06/23	ACRPC terms run Jul-Jun
** Open ** (Alternate)	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	07/22 - 06/23	ACRPC terms run Jul-Jun
<b>Transportation Advisory Committee</b>				
Debra Sprague	Appointed	1 yr Term	07/22 - 06/23	Term runs July 1 - June 30
Stephen Pilcher (alternate)	Appointed	1 yr Term	07/22 - 06/23	Term runs July 1 - June 30
<b>Delegates to Addison County Solid Waste Management District:</b>				
Deborah Gaynor	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/23	
Jessica Demeritt (alternate)	Appointed	1 Yr Term	03/22 - 03/23	
<b>Energy Committee:</b>				
Mark Bolz-Robinson	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
** Open **	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Dave Bristol	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Alex Perkins	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	(term changed 4/12/21)
John Dunham	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	(appt 4/26/22 for bal of term)
Chris Boeckman	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	(term changed 4/12/21)
Harry Atkinson	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
<b>Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee (ANAC)</b>				
Jaime Schulte	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Laura Farrell	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
** Open ** (Alternate)	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Whitney Leighton	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	
Susan Mahony	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
** Open ** (Alternate)	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
John Mejia	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
<b>Recycling Coordinator:</b>				
Jessica Demeritt	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/23	
<b>Tree Warden:</b>				
Mark Boltz-Robinson	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/23	
<b>Animal Control Officer:</b>				
Dawn Vukas	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/23	(appt 2/8/22 for bal of term)
Jane Palmer - Deputy	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/23	(appt 2/8/22 for bal of term)
<b>Green Up Coordinator:</b>				
Deb Gaynor	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	01/22 - 01/23	January Appointment

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<b>Monkton Volunteer Fire Department</b>				
Curtis Layn – Chief	Chosen by Fire Dept			
Robert Howard – Asst. Chief	Chosen by Fire Dept			
Matt Dupont – Asst. Chief	Chosen by Fire Dept			
<b>Historical Society:</b>				
Gil Coates, President	Chosen by MMHS			
<b>Russell Memorial Library:</b>				
Deb Chamberlin – Librarian	Appointed by Library Trustees			
Katie Cyr – Asst. Librarian	Appointed by Library Trustees			
<b>Russell Mem. Library Trustees:</b>				
Samuel Ludwig	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Jane Low	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/25	
Ann Marie Dingler	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Theresa Schwegel	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/20 - 03/23	
Cynthia Walcott	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/21 - 03/24	(elected 3/1/22 bal of term)
<b>Web Master</b>				
Ian Schulze	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/22 - 03/23	
<b>Municipal Building Committee</b>				
Heather Bessette	Appointed			
Peter Straube	Appointed			
Stephen Pilcher	Appointed			
Melanie Cote	Appointed			
Will Bown	Appointed			
Deb Mager Rickner	Appointed			
<b>Town Forest Committee</b>				
John McNerney	Appointed			
Jaime Schulte	Appointed			
Peter Dufault	Appointed			
Callie Brynn	Appointed			
** Open **	Appointed			
<b>Maple Broadband (formerly ACCUD)</b>				
Mark Boltz-Robinson	Appointed	1 Yr Term	03/22 - 03/23	

**Town of Monkton Selectboard**  
**Informational Meeting Feb 26, 2022**  
(Approved 3/8/22)

The Selectboard for the Town of Monkton will hold a public informational hearing by electronic means on February 26, 2022 at 10 a.m. to discuss the Australian ballot articles on the 2022 Town Meeting Warning.

**Selectboard Present In Person:** Stephen Pilcher, Bill Martin

**Selectboard Present Remote:** Marikate Kelley, John McNerney, Paul Low

**Others Present In Person:** Sharon Gomez (Town Clerk), Bill Joos (Treasurer), Jane Lindholm (Moderator), Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary)

**Others Present Remote:** Deb Gaynor, Laura Farrell, Bob Radler, Candace Polzella, Amy Moody, Bonnie Brennan, Mike New, Callie Brynn, Kathy Nolan, Ann Miller, Cindy Walcott, John Zaikowski, Peter Straube, Jane Low, Jaime Schulte, Robin Hoppes, Christie Sumner, Heather Besette, Paul Forlenza. Kia Venner, Joan Holloway, and other members of the public

S. Pilcher called the informational meeting to order at 10:00am.

**Article 1: To elect all Town Officers by Australian Ballot:** There were no questions or discussion.

**Article 2: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on November 15, 2022 by delivery to town hall by that date or postmarked on or before that date? By Australian Ballot.** There were no questions or discussion.

**Article 3: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$27,749.00 to the following social service agencies? By Australian Ballot.**

a) Addison County Community Action Group (Hope)	\$1,250.00
b) Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice	\$550.00
c) Agewell	\$1,500.00
d) Addison County Home, Health & Hospice, Inc.	\$1,946.00
e) Addison County Parent/Child Center	\$1,600.00
f) Addison County Readers	\$450.00
g) Addison County Transit Resources	\$850.00
h) American Red Cross	\$500.00
i) Bristol Family Center	\$250.00
j) Bristol Recreation Department	\$2,000.00
k) Bristol Rescue Squad	\$7,500.00
l) Counseling Services of Addison County	\$1,600.00
m) Elderly Services	\$800.00
n) Green Up Vermont	\$150.00

o) Hinesburg Food Shelf	\$500.00
p) Homeward Bound (Humane Society)	\$250.00
q) John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	\$1,000.00
r) Lewis Creek Association	\$550.00
s) Monkton Mentors Program	\$500.00
t) Open Door Clinic	\$500.00
u) Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	\$198.00
v) Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	\$460.00
w) Rural Fire Protection Program	\$100.00
x) Vergennes Area Rescue Squad, Inc.	\$600.00
y) Vermont Adult Learning	\$700.00
z) Vermont Center for Independent Living - Addison	\$195.00
aa) Women Safe, Inc.	\$1,250.00

Cindy Walcott noted that other towns vote on these separately and would like to suggest that to the Selectboard in the future. Steve Pilcher noted that during a traditional town meeting it is then decided whether to vote as a block or individually. John McNerney noted that historically Monkton has voted as a block and that is why they put it on the Australian Ballot as a block. Kathy Nolan that she would like to see things separated out on an Australian Ballot in the future.

**Article 4: Shall the voters authorize General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of:**

a) General Fund Deficit	\$73,023.00
b) Salaries 7 General Expenses	\$491,079.00
c) Monkton Volunteer Fire Dept	\$70,000.00
d) Russell Memorial Library	\$29,170.00
e) Monkton Museum & Historical Society	\$1,500.00
f) Recreation Fund	\$7,500.00
g) Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund	\$65,000.00
h) Highway Capital Equipment Fund	\$30,000.00

**For a total of \$767,272.39 of which \$567,378.59 shall be raised by taxes and \$199,893.80 by non-tax revenues? By Australian Ballot.**

Kathy Nolan asked if Agricultural & Natural Areas Fund (ANAC) gave any more info on what they might invest in this year? Laura Farrell gave some historical information about ANAC. She noted that they plan 2-3 years out. The past 3 years they have asked for less than this year. Conservation of a forest block is the current project that is nearing the final phases. \$122,606 is the current balance fund and the current project is about 45-50K. A related project collaborating with abutting landowners could be another 50-65K. If these projects go through that will leave them a small balance that would not even be able to fund an appraisal. They like to keep a little money in order to be able to

respond to projects. They are also looking at a potential agricultural project a few years down the road. Jane Lindholm asked if this work is in collaboration with Act 171. Laura noted that the Planning Commission asked them to review the town's zoning regulations with regard to Act 171. She noted that they reviewed town plans and zoning docs and made a recommendation to the Planning Commission. She noted that the Conservation Commission did the same. Laura Farrell also noted that their ability to act fast on projects has been hampered because they don't have the backup funds. Kathy Nolan noted that one of the big issues in the state is affordable housing and noted that if we keep conserving land we're keeping Monkton land off the market. She noted that as a town we need to make a decision as to how much we want to conserve. Laura Farrell noted that conservation is not incompatible with development-she noted that the question is where the placement of the development is.

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

- a) Highway Fund Surplus      **\$(229,118.41)**
- b) Highway Expenses      **\$1,160,931.98**

There were no comments or questions.

**Article 6: Shall the voters approve a sum not to exceed \$46,790.00 for the purchase of a ¾ ton pickup truck with plow and sander? Article to be voted by Australian Ballot**

Steve Pilcher noted that the Selectboard may pay part of it out of the Highway Capital Equipment Fund and the rest would be a 5 year loan. The Town currently has a fairly low loan balance/long term debt. Long term debt info can be found on pg 54 of the Town Report. The Fire Station addition has been paid off as have an excavator and Ford F150. Steve Pilcher noted that the grader is up for replacement in the future but is very expensive to do (\$300K). The Road Crew has sent our current grader into a shop to be refurbished to get a few more years out of it. John McNerney wanted to clarify that this is not one of the big plow trucks. This would replace a ¾ ton that is pretty much at the end of its life.

**Article 7: Shall the Town of Monkton vote to amend the Policy for Payment of Property Taxes to change the 8% late payment penalty to 4%? Article to be voted by Australian Ballot.**

Bill Joos noted that in 2021 it was approx \$4,600 in late fees. Steve Pilcher noted that many of the people who are late on their taxes are the people who can least afford to pay a late payment penalty. Jane Low asked where the 4% came from. Steve Pilcher stated that it was a compromise. Bill Joos noted that interest on delinquent payments would still apply. Peter Straube asked if there was any cost to the town to replace the funds not collected. Steve Pilcher noted that there really is no financial burden to the

town. The Town would be forgoing some \$2400 late fees that could have been collected. Kathy Nolan stated that maybe next year we could look at getting rid of it all together. John McNerney stated that 8% is the maximum that the State allows. John McNerney also noted that there are alternatives for those who truly cannot afford to pay their taxes.

**Article 8: Shall the Selectboard delay the sale of the 1859 Town Hall building until 9/1/2022 in order to give the Monkton Museum & Historical Society or other community group time to generate an acceptable proposal to take on responsibility for the building? Article to be voted by Australian Ballot.**

Kathy Nolan noted that the whole concept when this new building was built that we would be selling the old town hall. She wants to know really what the Historical Society is asking? Do they want to buy the building? Do they want the Town to give the building to the museum? Kristin Farrell from the Historical Society noted that they are just asking for a delay. They would like more time so that the Historical Society has more time to seek out grants to restore, not purchase the building. This building could become a community center of sorts. Kathy Nolan noted that one thing the Town needs to understand is that if we don't sell, then the Town will have to pick up the deficit as selling the building was part of the funding plan for the new town hall. Kristin Farrell noted that yes, and the historical society is asking the Town to see the value in their proposal. Callie Brynn noted that she grew up in Bristol and has a strong connection to Holley Hall and sees the connection to Monkton...an incredible opportunity to preserve the past for our community. Peter Straube noted that this should be part of a larger decision-making process and asked the Selectboard what the approach is to use the ARPA funds (\$600K+). S. Pilcher noted that there have been a lot of proposals re: the ARPA funds. Some have already been dispersed (50K to Maple Broadband, 4K to library for missed fundraising due to COVID). He noted that the ARPA proposal list is on <http://www.monktonvt.com/arpa>. Jane Lindholm asked that if this vote goes down, what is the timeline for the old town hall? Steve Pilcher noted that it needs to be cleaned up. He also noted that the sale would probably be a 3-4 month timeline (sold before Sept 1). Robin Hopps noted that this ask is for a 6 month delay and noted that if the building is sold to a private person...it's gone and there is no getting it back. John McNerney noted that regarding ARPA funds, the Selectboard needs more than ideas. They need people to take the reins and do the research etc as the Historical Society is doing. Kathy Nolan asked if any other group has expressed interest in joining the Historical Society on this potential restoration project. Kristin Farrell noted that people have expressed interest anecdotally. Steve Pilcher noted that his vision of use of ARPA funds is a one time chance to build a future for Monkton. Those monies need to be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026. Bonnie Brennan suggested that the town of Monkton lease this building to the Historical Society. Kathy Nolan noted that we really don't have a format on how an ARPA proposal needs to come in. Jane Lindholm asked that this be brought up during other business. With the old Town Hall the bigger issue is renovations and their costs. Steve Pilcher noted that interior renovations would be \$100K, outside \$50Kish. He also

noted that the septic system is very small. It would have to be revised for other uses which costs money.

**Article 9: Shall the Town of Monkton ratify the Town of Lincoln's vote of August 24, 2021 to withdraw the Town of Lincoln from the Mount Abraham Unified School District (MAUSD)?**

There are some folks who are interested in speaking who are not Monkton residents. Jane Lindholm asked folks by putting a thumbs up if Monkton residents are OK with them speaking. The vote was a resounding yes. Christie Sumner from Lincoln represented Save Community Schools to ask Monkton to vote to let Lincoln leave the district and is happy to answer any questions. Marikate Kelley noted that she saw an estimate that it would not cost anything for Lincoln to leave if 85% of Lincoln students grades 7-12 choose to go Mt. Abe. She asked if any data was collected on this? Christie noted that the numbers came from MAUSD Central Office. She noted that they have not taken a survey to know that is the 85% number is for sure. Paul Forlenza noted that for the coming year the cost to go to Mt. Abe is 19K which is the most expensive in Addison County. He noted a certain amount of taxes is collected from Lincoln and the rest comes from the State Ed Fund. Kristin Farrell asked about special education and Lincoln's ability to pay for all about it. Where is the shortfall that Lincoln will no longer be part of the equation (bussing, food service etc) going to come from? Paul Forlenza noted that if Lincoln leaves they have to join a supervisory union and they are currently speaking with Ripton about going in on one which would cover special ed, food service etc. His understanding that the district has no financial responsibility for busing in Lincoln if they do leave MAUSD. Joan Holloway is having a hard time understanding how this will have no financial impact. Paul Forlenza said that this is outlined in a report by Superintendent Reen. Jane Low asked about busing...who would pay for kids to be bused down to Bristol for middle/high school. Paul Forlenza said Lincoln would. Lia Venner noted that this feels very Brexit and wonders what Lincoln's options are if this vote goes through and they decide to change their mind later? Paul Forlenza noted that one option would be to rejoin MAUSD if MAUSD is open to it.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Rep. Caleb Elder gave a report on what is going on at the State House.

Senator Bray also spoke about what is happening in Montpelier.

Laura Farrell announced that Sam Burr has compiled a list of farms in town and is posted on the ANAC page. They are looking for more information on some of these farms so that the info can be made accessible to the broader public. You can find contact info for ANAC on the town's website. She also announced that Eric Sorensen did an ecological assessment of Monkton and there is a video available on the ANAC part of the Town's website. ANAC and the Conservation Commission sponsored a grad

student to do an ecological assessment in parts of town and he will be giving a presentation in early May.

Steve Pilcher noted that there is no one running for Lister. The town is looking for listers. There is money in the budget (20K) in the lister's payroll line to have NEMRC come and do assessing of buildings. There are still a lot of other administrative duties that need to be done. The Town is actively looking for people who are interested in serving as a lister.

Steve Pilcher also wanted to note the passing of John Phillips who was his mentor. John was Chair of the Selectboard for many years. When he stepped off the Board, he became assistant Town Clerk. He will be missed. Sharon Gomez noted that he was a wonderful assistant and will truly be missed and she is sorry that this did not make it into the town report.

Steve Pilcher also noted that there is money allocated for a Town Manager in the town budget. The position of the Selectboard is becoming more and more time consuming and complicated. This position would add as an assistant to the Selectboard. This person would work on grants, administrative duties that the Selectboard Chair and Zoning Administrator currently do.

Bonnie Brennan asked if there was any information on what the potential project regarding the General Store is. Steve Pilcher stated that the owner of the former store sent a letter to the Selectboard that they are considering selling the building and suggested that perhaps the Town would be interested in doing something like Elmore has done (a community supported enterprise). This is where the citizens of the town (not the town govt) put in money to buy the store and then lease it to someone who would be interested in running it as a store, pizza place, etc. Theresa Schwegel and Kevin Lambert are spearheading this. There will be a community meeting in March to start figuring out if this would be a possibility. (Information about the Elmore Store and how it is run as a community supported enterprise can be found here: <https://www.elmorecommunitytrust.org/our-mission>)

Betsy Brown thanked the Selectboard, Clerk, Highway Crew, and all the volunteer committees and boards for all their hard work.

Kristin Farrell announced that the historical society will be hosting a Monkton Ridge historical walk.

Heather Besette as a member of the Grounds committee thanked all for their help on the project.

Robin Hopps also thanked folks for all their work and also noted that John Philips would have loved this new town hall and that he will be missed.

Ann Miller, as a member of the Conservation Commission, noted that on March 10 there will be a presentation by a wetland ecologist for our DEC district on wetlands in Monkton. Information will be forthcoming on social media.

Bill Martin thanked Jane Lindholm for moderating this year. He would like to thank Ken Wheeling for being moderator for 30ish years.

Lauren Parren thanked the Library and Library Board for such a wonderful library in town.

Voting is open 7am to 7pm on Tuesday March 1st at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Brown

## Auditors' Report - 2022

The undersigned auditors of the Town of Monkton have examined the financial accounts, records and reports of the town officers and declare them to be correct to the best of our knowledge. The financial statements submitted in the Annual Town Report accurately represent the financial position and results of the operation of the Town of Monkton for the year ending, December 31, 2022.

The town reports are mailed to the legal voters of the Town of Monkton as required by the Vermont State Statutes which means you should receive your report ten days prior to Town Meeting which will be held on March 4th, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Monkton Central School, with voting by Australian Ballot at the polls on March 7th, 2023. It would be helpful to have your Town Report handy if you plan on attending the town meeting for any questions you have.

As you know, every January the auditors put together the annual Town Report for the prior year, dedicating it to a special person, building or topic for the front cover. We would welcome input for future covers and/or dedications of Monkton's Town Report. Please submit your suggestion in writing to the auditors by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 for next year.

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

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

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

Respectfully,  
Janet Cassarino, Robin Huizenga and Randall Charboneau  
Auditors, Town of Monkton, VT

### *Notice!*

Are you interested in becoming an Auditor?

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

The present auditors could show you what the title requires you to know.

Contact one of the auditors or call the Town Clerk and leave your phone number for them.

## Selectboard Report 2022

For the first time since March 2019 the Town of Monkton will hold Town Meeting in person. Town Meeting is an opportunity not only to vote on issues to come before the Town but also to ask questions regarding Town business and to have your voice heard.

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

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

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has made available to the Town of Monkton some \$624,755.40 to be used for COVID relief, economic development and to build community resilience. This is one time monies to build our future. These monies must be allocated by 2024 and disbursed by 2026. To date, the Selectboard has funded several projects totaling \$96,236. The largest of these are \$50,000 to Maple Broadband, a Communication Union District, committed to bringing affordable high speed internet to all unserved and underserved households and businesses in Addison County. The Selectboard also allocated \$20,000 for a mapping project proposed by the Conservation Commission, ANAC and Planning Commission focused on detailing high priority forest blocks and habitat connectivity. There are many other projects being considered, including child care, town forest, restoration of town buildings, and affordable housing proposals. The Selectboard is looking for advocates to flesh these projects out and present findings to the board. A list of ARPA projects currently being considered by the Selectboard can be found at [monktonvt.com/arpa](http://monktonvt.com/arpa).

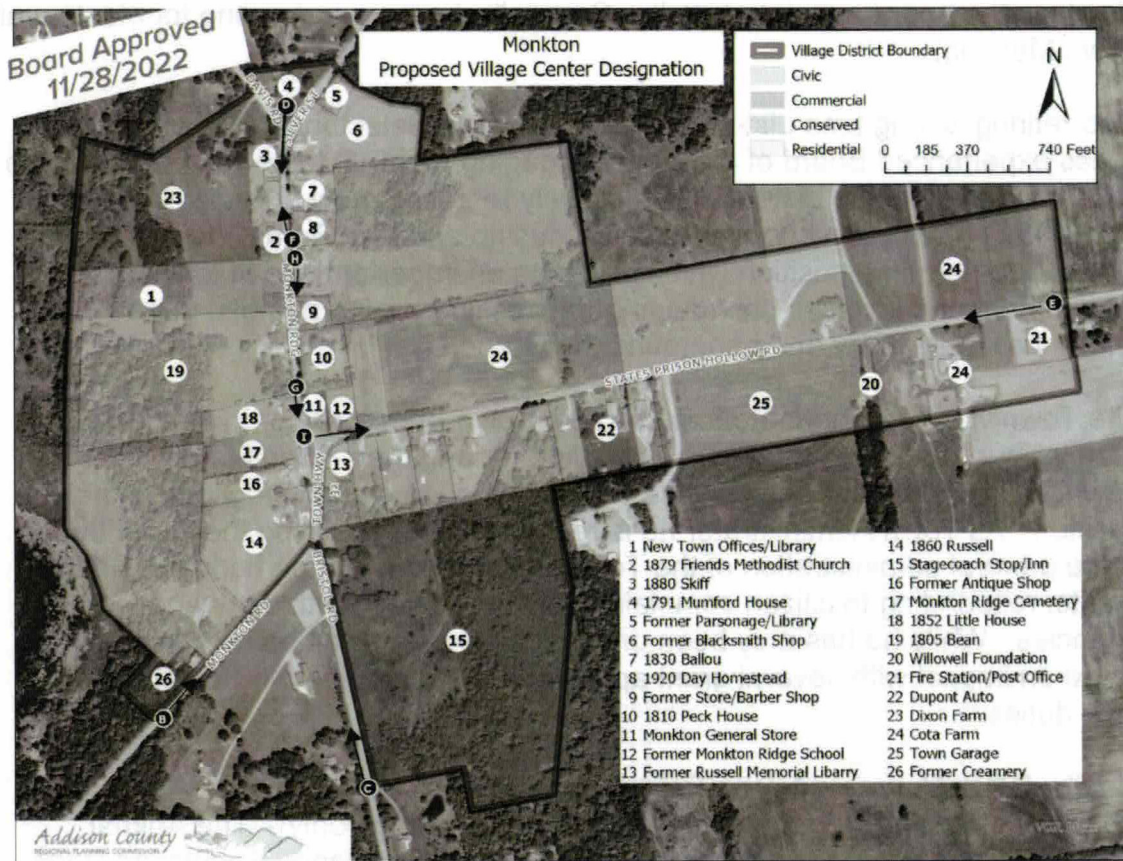
Work on the new Town Offices continued in 2022. A group of volunteers headed up by the Grounds Committee worked on landscaping. These efforts were led by Heather Bessette and Liz Paquette along with many other community partners including Cobble Creek Nursery, our local volunteer Pollinator Group, Russell Memorial Library board and staff, our tree Warden Mark Boltz-Robinson and Jamie Masefield who designed and built our beautiful sitting wall. This included planting numerous trees and shrubs and a pollinator garden and meadow. We stayed in our \$10,000 budget that was a part of the bond vote and also monies were donated by Ground's Committee members and folks from town for us to hire Andrea Morgante the Landscape Architect who created our new Town Hall

Grounds. Generous donations were given by friends and family of Jere Urban in his honor as he had been on our Building Committee. Jere's family donated a tree in his honor which is located by the sitting wall. John Padua of Cobble Creek Nursery also donated shrubs that have been planting in front of the town hall. We could not have done this without the countless volunteer hours and efforts of our community member. It is greatly appreciated and now we have an amazing outdoor space for community activities.

With the construction of the new Town Offices and Library, the question of the disposition of the old buildings remains. The old Russell Memorial Library building has been sold for \$75,000 with the proceeds to be applied to the remaining balance of the construction costs. The 1859 Town Hall building has not yet found a community group to manage and maintain it and there is an article on the Town Meeting Warning regarding its sale.

The Planning Commission and the Selectboard spent a lot of time working on updating the Unified Planning Document, Monkton's zoning regulations, to make it conform to new State standards and to improve the subdivision regulations around Planned Unit Developments. After both the Planning Commission and Selectboard held two public hearings it was approved by the Selectboard and is up to consideration by Australian Ballots this year.

The Planning Commission and Selectboard also collaborated on an application for a Village Center Designation application for Monkton Ridge with help from the Monkton Museum and Historical Society (MMHS). MMHS generated a map of historical buildings on Monkton Ridge that was the center piece of the application. This application was approved by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the map is shown below. This designation gives the Town priority consideration for grants from both Federal and State agencies including Municipal Planning Grants and Building and General Services. It also provides for grants for upgrading historic buildings in the district, including 10% historic tax credits, 25% facade improvement tax credits and 50% code improvement tax credits.



Many of the Town committees have been active this year. The Town Forest Committee has identified a parcel of land for a possible Town Forest and is working with Vermont Land Trust to secure an option to buy contract. This would give the Town a chance to consider the proposal and secure funding. The Conservation Commission along with ANAC and the Planning Commission have been working on a mapping project and ANAC continues to identify and vet conservation opportunities. The Energy Committee has given the Selectboard several recommendations regarding solar panel installation, EV car charging stations and battery backup for the Town Offices.

Some of the biggest changes in Monkton are personnel changes. In the Highway Department John Huling retired in October and J.T. Vincent resigned effective the last day of December. The Town was fortunate in a tight labor market to find two great candidates to hire in Shane Coyle and Dan Bourgeois. The Town is happy to have a young, dedicated Highway Department who do a great job maintaining the roads, culverts and bridges in Monkton.

Bill Martin also retired from the Selectboard in November. Bill was a very active member of the Selectboard as the liaison to the Highway Department, managing overweight permits and having an encyclopedic knowledge of the town and people in it. The Selectboard would like to thank him for his years of service. In

his place the board appointed Walter Crandell who will be standing for election at Town Meeting.

Also retiring is long time Lister John Howard. The Selectboard has prepared for a less experienced Board of Listers by engaging NEMRC to perform many of the assessor duties of the Listers and is actively recruiting new Listers. To date two new Listers have been appointed, Levi Cousino and Lisa Burns. The Board of Listers is a part time position which performs an important role in town government and involves tax mapping, processing zoning permits, deed references, data entry and generating the Grand List.

The Town was also fortunate to find a new Town Administrator in the person of Stan Wilbur. Stan was the Town Administrator and then Town Manager for the Town of Proctor and brings considerable experience and connections to the position. As Town Administrator he is responsible for assisting the Selectboard in the general administration of the Town including monitoring budgets, writing grants, responding to citizen complaints, and interfacing with state and federal agencies. While he has only been on the job for a few months he has already made an impact with several grant applications and helping the Selectboard in their duties.

Finally, Dawn Vukas and Jane Palmer volunteered to be appointed Animal Control Officer and Deputy Animal Control Officer (dogs only). The Animal Control Officer(s) are responsible for enforcing the Ordinance Regulating Dogs and Wolf-Hybrids. This is a difficult position that has been vacant for a number of years and requires both animal and people skills to resolve dog bites, noise complaints, lack of dog registration and dogs running at large.

The Town of Monkton maintains a website for posting town business at [www.monktonvt.com](http://www.monktonvt.com). Since 2014, citizens can subscribe to receive emails when postings are made to the front page.

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

The 2023 budget currently submitted by the Selectboard will result in an approximate Municipal Tax Rate of **0.4585** (**45.85** cents) if all the budgetary articles pass as written. The Budgetary Municipal Tax Rate Worksheet is included in this report on the following page.

Here is a listing of Municipal Tax Rates since 2014:

- 2014 – 0.4991
- 2015 – 0.4707
- 2016 – 0.4861
- 2017 - 0.3929 (after reappraisal)

- 2018 – 0.3582
- 2019 – 0.4119
- 2020 – 0.4358/0.3937 (Selectboard altered budget)
- 2021 – 0.4451
- 2022 – 0.4487
- 2023 – 0.4585

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

Please remember that for this year Town Meeting will be held on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 am at the Monkton Central School gym. The Municipal Election will be held on March 7, 2022 at the Town Offices at 92 Monkton Ridge Road.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monkton Selectboard

Marikate Kelley.  
Paul Low  
Walter Crandell  
John McNerney – Clerk  
Stephen Pilcher – Chair

**Calculating the 2023  
Projected Municipal Tax Rate  
For Budgetary Purposes**

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

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

General Fund Expenses are:

Article 3 =	<b>\$ 27,749.00</b>
Article 4 (includes deficit) =	<b>\$ 778,446.50</b>
<b>General Fund Total Expenses =</b>	<b>\$ 806,195.50</b>

subtract

**General Fund Total Revenues = \$ 225,410.00**

**General Fund Property Taxes = \$ 580,785.50**

Article 5 (includes Highway Fund Surplus)	
Highway Expenses =	<b>\$ 873,135.20</b>

subtract

**Highway Fund Total Revenues = \$236,189.00**

**Highway Fund Property Taxes = \$ 636,946.20**

The projected total property taxes to be raised in 2023 are the sum of the General Fund and Highway Fund taxes needed.

**Projected Taxes To Be Raised = \$1,217,731.70**

The 2022 Grand List (divided by 100 for the purposes of calculating tax rate) was **\$2,592,248.37**. Given a projected 1% increase in the Grand List, the projected

grand list is **\$2,629,474.37**. The tax rate is the taxes to be raised divided by the Grand List.

Projected 2023 Projected Grand List = **\$2,629,474.37**

Projected 2023 Municipal Tax Rate = **0.4585**

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

General Fund and Other Appropriations= 0.2187

Highway Department= 0.2398

## Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee 2022 Yearly Report

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

We were happy to end the year celebrating the Selectboard's support for two excellent ANAC projects that have been in the works for years. Watch for announcements, and come celebrate with us in 2023!

Steve and Janice Linehan have been interested in conserving their farm for a long time and they are all set for an early 2023 closing! They are conserving 92 acres of agricultural land with an expanding vineyard, large sugarbush, natural habitat, and lots of rural character (including their Halloween tractor!).

ANAC's first forest conservation project, which started in 2019, is also due to close in early 2023, at last! Peter Close's forest contains the northern portion of the intersection of the town's two wildlife movement corridors, and some fantastic wildlife breeding habitat. Conservation of this land will just about complete a north/south conserved corridor from Raven Ridge south through forest and wetlands to Mt. Florona, and down to the Miner and Huizenga properties. Two related projects, with forest lands that will complete this habitat corridor, are due to be conserved in 2023-24.

In 2022, allocations from the ANA Fund were also used for appraisals of a potential Town Forest parcel.

ANAC and the Conservation Commission co-hosted Field Naturalist Chris Ajello's fantastic work in 2021, which culminated in a presentation in May 2022 on Monkton's Ecological Landscape. You can link to this presentation and the slideshow, and soon the report, through the ANAC town page. Lyra Brennan's Pond Brook watershed work and her excellent local field guide are there too.

At the request of the Planning Commission, ANAC and the Conservation Commission have consolidated town plan and zoning language from Vermont towns with recently updated zoning regulations that address Act 171 and other ecological considerations. We made recommendations for revisions to the 2020 Town Plan, and recently to the current draft of the Unified Planning Document. A definition of 'Wildlife Travel Corridor' and subdivision planning parameters supporting this were added into the current UPD draft in December 2022. Two ANAC members are on the panel that is overseeing Act 171 and natural resource mapping.

Our current balance, minus appropriated funds, is \$145,797.98. In 2022 the Selectboard, with ANAC's recommendation allocated \$4,000 from the ANA Fund for appraisals of a potential town forest property, \$6,000 for conservation of the Linehan Farm, and \$31,811 for conservation of a large portion of the Close forest along Weisenbach Road. The latter two projects are due to close in early 2023. Two contiguous forest block projects are in progress: with one likely to close in 2023, and one involving multiple parcels closing in 2023 or 2024. There is also potential for establishing a Monkton Community Forest in the coming year, and ANAC would like to contribute to this. We would also like to remain able to act quickly as some agricultural projects can happen fast, particularly with current development pressures.

In the last 12 years, Monkton's Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund has leveraged \$383,611 of town funds into \$4,463,626 of project funding for 11 projects that have conserved 1,931 acres (3 square miles!) of farmland, forest, and wetlands, and facilitated the transfer of 179 acres to the next generation. The cost to Monkton averages \$178/acre for preserving some of the most significant agricultural and natural areas in town. Monkton's average contribution to a project is 8.6% of the total project costs, representing a 1:12 leverage of the taxpayer's dollar. ANAC would like to remain financially prepared to assist in a timely manner and ensure that we can continue to leverage the town's support to secure external funds.

If you own or operate an agricultural production business in Monkton and would like to be included in a **Directory of Farms** please email [lfarrell@monktonvt.com](mailto:lfarrell@monktonvt.com). Include farm name, address, contact person and email or phone #, products, and/or whatever other information you would like to share. Look for a completed guide to Monkton's farms and orchards on our website in 2023.

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Respectfully submitted,

Laura Farrell, Chair                      John Mejia  
Susan Mahony, Vice Chair      Whitney Leighton  
Jaime Schulte, Clerk

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



*Hill view south over the Linehan Farm*



*Halloween at the Linehan's - Laura Farrell*

## 2022 Financial Balance Statement

### Monkton Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee

Beginning balance (1/1/2022)	\$122,608.98
Voter Funding March 2022 (Article #4)	\$65,000.00
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Total Working Capital FY22	\$187,608.98
Allocations (Expenses)	
Potential Town Forest	\$4,000.00
Linehan Farm	\$6,000.00
Close Forest (Weisenback RD)	\$31,811.00
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Total Allocations/Expenses	\$41,811.00
Ending Balance (12/31/2022)	\$145,797.98

## Monkton Conservation Commission Annual Report--2022

2022 was an exciting year for the Monkton Conservation Commission (MCC). The select board appropriated a portion of our community's ARPA funds to a mapping project. A request for proposals was created by a committee of town officials and commission members and Arrowwood Environmental was chosen to spearhead the project. Interactive maps showing, for example, natural areas, wildlife corridors, forest blocks, and both undeveloped and developed areas of our town will be a very important interactive tool available online for the entire community to use as we plan for the future of Monkton. As the project progresses, through the fall of 2023, we expect to involve residents in helping us to identify important natural resources in town.

MCC continues to work on invasive species. The commission received a grant from the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions for two Uprooters for use in eradicating invasive buckthorn. Travis Hart, from the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, came in June to show a group of residents how to identify buckthorn and how to effectively uproot it. We held two sessions to uproot buckthorn with community volunteers in the fall. The Uprooters are available for people to borrow; please email us at [conservationcommission@monktonvt.com](mailto:conservationcommission@monktonvt.com) when you are ready to reserve. Commission members also hosted four sessions of wild parsnip removal at Morse Park. These eradication efforts will continue in 2023 and we appreciate all of the help we can get from community members to keep our beautiful natural areas free of invasive species.

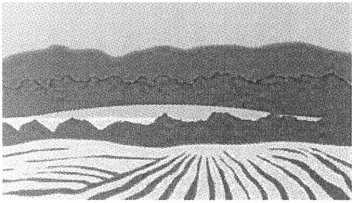
MCC hosted two programs this year. In March Zapata Courage presented a program *Wetlands on My Land*, focusing on identifying and managing wetlands for landowners. In April Jim Andrews presented a program highlighting *Significant Reptiles and Amphibians of Monkton*. Recordings of these programs are available on the Monkton Conservation Commission webpage, accessed from the Town of Monkton website. Please let us know if there is a topic that interests you or if you have special knowledge that you would be willing to share with our community.

MCC continues to work with the Recreation Committee to craft a management plan for Morse Park which will outline the uses of the land, ways to enact good stewardship, maintenance of the land including mowing for the preservation of natural communities and management of invasive species. We want to ensure the quality of our largest recreation area for the future.

The MCC is responsible for inventory of the natural resources in our community. We act to inform and advise town committees, organizations, and individuals of significant matters affecting local environments and natural resources. This year we welcomed two new commission members, Nancy Wilson and Janet Schwarz. We currently have a committee member opening; please consider joining us in this important work for our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Conservation Committee Members,

Anne Johnston Miller, Jaime Schulte, Caroline Alves, Nancy Wilson, Debra Sprague, Janet Schwarz



## Monkton Tree Warden Report

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 2022, the Tree Warden continued to work on a draft Shade Tree Preservation Plan, in accordance with new statutes from November of 2020. The STPP will cover how trees are planted, maintained, and removed by the town, on both municipal properties and town right-of-way.

The plan will continue to be developed in 2023, working with various town committees, and with at least one public event for input.

The Tree Warden reviewed a maple at the request of a property owner, but it was determined that the tree was in a private road section, so no right-of-way applied.

For 2022, the Tree Warden held a reading of *The Lorax* for Arbor Day, working with Russell Memorial Library staff to promote the event. About a dozen kids and their parents came out to hear the story of the Lorax, who speaks for the trees. In addition, everyone helped with the planting of red maples at the town hall, adding to the existing trees planted the previous fall. The red maples were also sited to have minimal impact on any future solar array on the roof, yet such that they will form a nice shaded grove by the back patio.

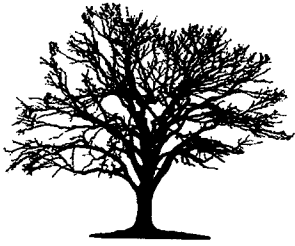
The trees at the town hall were all “banded” to help with infestation by Spangly Moth caterpillars, which were well on their way to defoliating all but the locust trees. The tree warden did observe evidence of one of the caterpillar’s enemies, a parasitic wasp, on several of the trees. The tree warden will be keeping a close eye on the trees for any recurrence.

The Tree Warden also inspected damage from the Christmas holiday storm, and noted that several potential “landmark trees” were impacted, by either damage, or falling over.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Boltz-Robinson, Tree Warden





# 2022 Monkton Town Forest Committee Report

2022 was a busy year for the Monkton Town Forest Committee. We explored the various aspects of creating a town forest, while focusing on a specific parcel of interest. In May, our committee chair, Mark Boltz-Robinson stepped down due to time constraints, we thank him for his efforts in support of a Monkton Town Forest. Callie Brynn was elected as the new chair. Towards the end of the year, we began conversations with a landowner about working with them to establish a town forest. If we are able to come to an agreement with the landowner in the coming months, we would then be able to discuss this exciting opportunity together as a community.

**BACKGROUND:** The Town Forest Committee was formed in March of 2019, the Selectboard voted to “create a 5 member Town Forest Committee to explore creating a Town Forest in Monkton.” Since then, we have researched site suitability, funding sources, conservation easements, and learned from other Town Forests in Vermont. We held two community input sessions in the fall of 2021 and plan to do more. The feedback from these sessions showed a strong preference for wildlife, natural areas, with light on the land recreational activities such as walking, hiking and snowshoeing.

**GOALS:** Our goal is to purchase and conserve a large forest block where people of all ages can walk, hike, take care of the land and learn from, for generations. What we heard from the public input sessions so far, was that the primary objectives will be guided by putting the health of the forest, water, and wildlife first. We look forward to hearing your thoughts as we open up the conversation to Monkton residents. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events and opportunities to take part in the discussion and creation of our community forest.

**POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY:** We have identified a property that we feel would make a wonderful town forest. It is accessible, large and diverse in natural communities, wildlife species, and habitats. As we heard in the community input sessions of 2021, our focus will be to connect the community with the land in ways that conserve wetlands, protect water quality and sensitive species through education, workshops, recreation and stewardship. We also see the Town Forest as a great place to model the demonstration of sustainable forestry practices including potential timber harvesting.

In addition to talking with the landowner, we are working closely with Vermont Land Trust (VLT), which has helped many communities in Vermont establish their own town forests. If we reach an agreement, it would likely be in the form of an 18-month option to purchase. This process takes time and would allow for the community as a whole to learn about, give feedback and consider the property.

**FUNDING:** If we are able to pursue this opportunity as a community, we will likely be seeking funding at the federal, state, local and municipal levels. Our primary goal will be to minimize the impact on taxpayers.

**SUMMARY:** For 2023, the Town Forest Committee hopes to shift its focus from research, to considering this exciting opportunity with the Monkton Community. This will likely consist of landowner negotiations, community outreach, grant applications, fundraising, site walks and management plan development. We are very excited about a future Monkton Town Forest and look forward to working with Monkton residents to create a natural legacy for our community.

Town Forest Committee: Callie Brynn (chair), Peter Dufault, John McNerney, Jaime Schulte

Questions/comments: [TownForest@monktonvt.com](mailto:TownForest@monktonvt.com)

## 2022 Road Foreman Report

In 2022, the Town of Monkton Highway Department completed various projects within the town. A majority of the work we completed to help us maintain compliance with the Vermont Municipal Roads General Permit standards. This year, we were awarded \$27,000 for the Municipal Roads Grant in Aid program (MRGP).

A couple notable projects we completed this year were cutting trees, removing stumps, and ditching large section of Hardscrabble road. In addition, we ditched and did erosion control on Rotax Road from the Apple Orchard to Roscoe Road and Bennett Road and also replaced numerous failing culverts and spent some time clearing out a handful of problematic beaver dams.

We also applied and received the Class II Municipal Highway Grant which we were awarded \$152,555.14. We used this grant to do a ½" shim coat and 1 ½" overlay on the asphalt on Hollow Road. We were fortunate to receive this grant for a second consecutive year and are extremely thankful to receive this grant considering the price on asphalt increased from \$70.00 per ton to \$88.70 per ton.

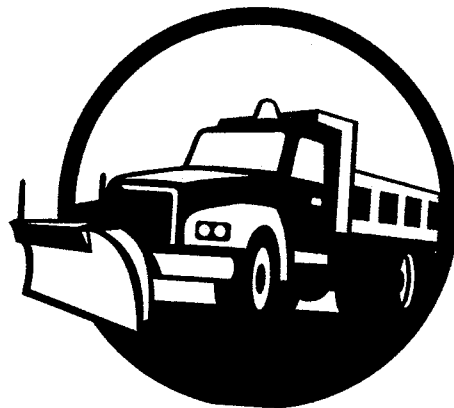
In 2023, we have a couple of major projects lined up. We will be replacing two culverts which have current temporary ones in place: Mountain Road and Pond Road. The Pond Road currently has a temporary six foot galvanized culvert in place. We plan to replace that with a 8'7" x 5'11" pipe arch which we have applied for a grant to do so next year. In addition to that, we will continue to keep moving forward to maintaining the roads to MRGP standards.

We are asking for your support to replace our 2013 Mack Granite plow truck. This truck is a pivotal part of our operation throughout all four seasons. First and foremost, its main priority is for plowing and sanding dirt roads in the winter months. In addition, it's utilized to haul debris from ditching and other waste material, add material to the road, and to bring sand in to our stockpile. In accordance to our Capital Equipment Plan, we typically have our tandem plow trucks on a ten year rotation in hopes to prevent major repair expenses and to maintain a larger trade-in value.

I would like to thank John Huling for his service with the Town of Monkton. John retired this fall and has been a crucial part of the highway department for the past five years. John will be enjoying his retirement in Florida.

I also want to thank the Town of Monkton for their support with the highway department. We ask that folks slow down, pay attention, and have patience through our work zones. It's crucial for us to be able to send the crew home each and every day safely so we can keep the Town of Monkton's roads maintained properly.

Shane Lawrence  
Road Foreman, Monkton Highway Department



## 2022 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

It has been another busy and productive year in the town clerk's office. The challenges presented by COVID-19 pandemic to the office and community at large were considerable. None the less I am pleased to share the following highlights of 2022 with the community.

- Vital Records recorded: 17 Births, 12 Marriages and 14 Deaths.
- Land Records: 2331 pages of land records (warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, mortgages, mortgage discharges, easements and liens) were received for recording.
- Voter Registrations 181 new voter registrations added to our voter checklist – 30 names removed
- Certified copies: 53
- Green Mountain Passports 26 were issued.
- Dogs Registered in town: 208

**The VT Election Management System (VEMS)**, where you can register to vote or request an absentee ballot is available on line. As a registered voter, you can use "My Voter Page" by going to <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](https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/HS_VR_App_Certified-Copy-Birth-Death-Form.pdf)

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

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

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

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

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

# Town of Monkton Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2022

## Treasurer's Message

### Greetings:

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

The Selectboard's proposed 2023 budget, 2023 summary of proposed expenditures, and 2023 Capital Equipment Replacement Plan, along with a listing of the Town's Major Fixed Assets, appear after the financial statements for your information.

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

Last year was the fifteenth year for the revised procedure the State uses to report and pay property tax adjustments from the Vermont Department of Taxes. The Town received electronically the Department's list of property owners' names and school parcel account numbers (SPAN) to credit homeowners' property tax adjustments towards 2022 property taxes. The Town then issued each property tax bill for the remaining balance due. Once again, in 2022, 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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, 2023 taxes are due by *Wednesday, November 15, 2023*. 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 **Wednesday, November 15, 2023**).**

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

- Taxpayers can make pre-payments in any amount to the Treasurer anytime during the year. Any partial payments made up to the due date are recorded as timely, and are not subject to late penalties or interest charges. Unfortunately, historically, 3-5% of Monkton taxpayers have “delinquent balances” (those unpaid as of the due date deadline) subject to penalty and interest charges, as applicable. By offering the options of mail, lockbox drop-off, and pre-payments, the Town attempts to minimize this impact on its citizens. Any tax overpayment will be refunded to the taxpayer as soon as practical after the November 15, 2023 due date.

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

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2023 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William C. Joos', with a stylized flourish at the end.

William C. Joos

Treasurer

[treasurer@monktonvt.com](mailto:treasurer@monktonvt.com)

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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. The Town billed and collected \$3,589,937 for education property taxes during the year ended December 31, 2022, for the state's fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. 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.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents:**

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

**Accounts Receivable/Allowance for Doubtful Accounts:**

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

**Prepaid Items:**

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

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Long-term Obligations:

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

Budgets:

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

NOTE 2 - PENSIONS

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

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

Employees' contributions (% of gross wages)	3.500%	<b>5.875%</b>	11.000%	12.350%
The Town's contributions (% of gross wages)	5.000%	<b>6.500%</b>	8.250%	10.850%

Employee contributions are withheld pre income tax by the Town and remitted to the State of Vermont. Such withholdings totaled \$12,894 in 2022. The Town contributed \$14,297 during the year.

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**NOTE 3 – SHORT-TERM DEBT**

Because the Town bills and collects its property tax revenues towards the very end (mid-November) of each fiscal year (same as calendar year), cash flow management can be challenging. For the first 10.5 months of each year, the Town pays employees and vendors from monies collected from the prior year. In the past, the Town secured Tax Anticipation Notes whenever necessary prior to November 15<sup>th</sup>. For 2022, no Note was required.

**NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT**

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

Community Bank, N.A., 2020 Mack dump truck note payable, interest at 2.75%, payable starting April 28, 2021. The note is to be repaid over 5 years, with a principal reduction payment of \$15,353 annually plus accrued interest until April 28, 2025. Total borrowed was \$76,765. \$ 46,059

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. \$ 94,400

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<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>, starting on November 1, 2020. Annual principal payments of \$85,000 commenced November 1, 2021. \$1,530,000

Total \$ 1,670,459

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,	2023	123,953	29,503	153,456
	2024	123,953	28,218	152,171
	2025	123,953	26,891	150,844
	2026	108,600	25,463	134,063
	2027	<u>85,000</u>	<u>24,344</u>	<u>109,344</u>
Totals		<u>\$565,459</u>	<u>\$134,419</u>	<u>\$699,878</u>

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

	Balance December 31, 2021	Increase	Decrease	Balance December 31, 2022
20 Mack Dump Truck Note	61,412	0	15,353	46,059
21 MF Tractor Note	118,000	0	23,600	94,400
20 VMBB Series 2 Bonds	<u>1,615,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>1,530,000</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,794,412</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$123,953</u>	<u>\$1,670,459</u>

**NOTE 5 - CASH AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

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

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

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

Balances held in each area are as follows:

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$250,000	\$250,000
1. Insured or registered or secured, held by Town or by the Town's agent in the Town's name	0	0
2. Uninsured and Unregistered: Collateral held by the counterparty or its Trust department or agent but not in the Town's name	0	0
3. Uninsured and Unregistered: Collateral held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the Town's name	866,474	1,043,085
4. Uncollateralized and Uninsured	<u>1,052</u>	<u>1,052</u>
Total deposits	<u>\$ 1,117,526</u>	<u>\$ 1,294,137</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 2022 not yet cashed by payees.

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NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS

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

NOTE 7 - RESERVED FUND BALANCES

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

Special Revenue Funds:		<u>GASB No. 54 Fund Bal Class</u>
Recreation	18,730	Committed
Property Valuation Review (PVR)	677	Restricted
Act 68 Reappraisal	64,274	Restricted
Agricultural & Natural Areas	185,464	Committed
Record Restoration Fund	21,824	Restricted
ARPA Fund	554,167	Restricted
Wildlife Crossing	2,467	Restricted
RML Operating	<u>32,854</u>	Committed
Total	<u>\$880,457</u>	
 Highway	 <u>\$ 0</u>	 Restricted
 Capital Projects Funds:		
Highway Capital Projects	127,528	Committed
Municipal Building Fund	(92,154)	Unrestricted
RML Capital Drive	<u>20,155</u>	Committed
Total	<u>\$55,529</u>	

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

To provide worker's compensation (WC) coverage, VLCT has established a separate trust of funds from member contributions to pay administrative costs and workers compensation coverage. Contributions are based upon formulas applied to payroll expense. At the end of the coverage period, the members will be assessed or refunded any difference between estimated contributions and actual expenses. VLCT audits every community it serves to confirm WC data.

**NOTE 9 - PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes become an enforceable lien upon Town of Monkton property holders as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Taxes were levied in August 2022 and were payable in one installment by November 15, 2022. 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 2022:</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>x GRAND LIST <sup>1</sup></u>	<u>=</u>	<u>TOTAL RAISED</u>
Nonhomestead Education Tax	\$ 1.6701	\$ 785,506.86		\$ 1,311,874.90
Homestead Education Tax	1.6972	1,851,002.00		3,141,520.59
Hwy Tax & '22 Lodged Grand List	0.2204	2,629,078.37		579,448.88
Muni Tax & '22 Lodged Grand List	0.2263	2,629,078.37		<u>594,960.44</u>
<b>Gross Property Taxes Levied</b>				<b>\$ 5,627,804.81</b>
Less: Education Portion of Homestead Rebates Paid by State				
<u>Directly</u> to Schools (i.e. Neither Received nor Distributed by Town):				(812,425.19)
Less: Muni Portion of Homestead Rebates Paid by State				
<u>Directly</u> to Town:				<u>(13,596.10)</u>
<b>Net Property Taxes Levied for Collection by Town</b>				<b>\$ 4,801,783.52</b>
2022 Taxes Due Warranted to Delinquent Tax Collector on 11/23/22:				\$ 223,104.24
Total 2022 Delinquent Tax Balance as of 12/31/22:				\$ 122,432.23

<sup>1</sup> 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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SIX-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON: 2017 – 2022:  
(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

Town of Monkton  
 Combined Balance Sheet  
 All Fund Types and Account Groups  
 December 31, 2022

	Governmental Fund Types				Account Group	Totals
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	General Long-Term Debt	
<b>ASSETS:</b>						
Current Assets:						
Cash	1,052.29	85,702.42	880,456.90	150,314.19	-	1,117,525.80
Due from Other Funds	2,311.15	52,448.56	-	-	-	54,759.71
Total Current Assets	<u>3,363.44</u>	<u>138,150.98</u>	<u>880,456.90</u>	<u>150,314.19</u>	-	<u>1,172,285.51</u>
Other Assets:						
Amount to be Provided for:						
Retirement of Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	-	1,670,459.00	1,670,459.00
Total Other Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,670,459.00</u>	<u>1,670,459.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>3,363.44</u></u>	<u><u>138,150.98</u></u>	<u><u>880,456.90</u></u>	<u><u>150,314.19</u></u>	<u><u>1,670,459.00</u></u>	<u><u>2,842,744.51</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:</b>						
Liabilities:						
Other Current Liabilities	8,054.54	-	-	-	-	8,054.54
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	94,785.24	-	94,785.24
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	140,459.00	140,459.00
Bond Payable	-	-	-	-	1,530,000.00	1,530,000.00
Total Liabilities	<u>8,054.54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,785.24</u>	<u>1,670,459.00</u>	<u>1,773,298.78</u>
Fund Equity:						
Fund Balances:						
Unreserved	(4,691.10)	138,150.98	880,456.90	55,528.95	-	133,459.88
Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	935,985.85
Total Fund Equity	<u>(4,691.10)</u>	<u>138,150.98</u>	<u>880,456.90</u>	<u>55,528.95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,069,445.73</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<u><u>3,363.44</u></u>	<u><u>138,150.98</u></u>	<u><u>880,456.90</u></u>	<u><u>150,314.19</u></u>	<u><u>1,670,459.00</u></u>	<u><u>2,842,744.51</u></u>

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 Combined Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
 All Governmental Fund Types  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Governmental Fund Types				Totals
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects and Other Funds	
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property Taxes <sup>1</sup>	\$ 397,867.48	\$ 579,715.57	\$ 101,670.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 1,109,253.05
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	11,935.68	-	-	-	11,935.68
Investment Income	5,486.15	-	57.30	6.98	5,550.43
Other Revenue	98,789.32	4,213.25	333,255.47	200.00	436,458.04
Grants	7,176.00	198,314.14	-	-	205,490.14
Loan Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Property/Equipment	-	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
State Payments/Refunds	55,963.68	162,949.19	8,440.50	-	227,353.37
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>577,218.31</u>	<u>947,192.15</u>	<u>443,423.27</u>	<u>30,206.98</u>	<u>\$ 1,998,040.71</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Payroll	151,766.47	308,643.74	-	-	460,410.21
Routine Expenses	298,339.64	729,515.78	156,372.05	-	1,184,227.47
Appropriations	99,249.00	-	-	-	99,249.00
Facilities Construction/Maintenance	-	-	14,464.15	18,437.69	32,901.84
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>549,355.11</u>	<u>1,038,159.52</u>	<u>170,836.20</u>	<u>18,437.69</u>	<u>1,776,788.52</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>27,863.20</u>	<u>(90,967.37)</u>	<u>272,587.07</u>	<u>11,769.29</u>	<u>221,252.19</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</b>					
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2022	27,863.20	(90,967.37)	272,587.07	11,769.29	221,252.19
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2022	<u>(32,554.31)</u>	<u>229,118.35</u>	<u>607,869.93</u>	<u>43,759.66</u>	<u>848,193.63</u>
	<u>\$ (4,691.11)</u>	<u>\$ 138,150.98</u>	<u>\$ 880,457.00</u>	<u>\$ 55,528.95</u>	<u>\$ 1,069,445.82</u>

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

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

Town of Monkton  
 Combining Balance Sheet  
 Special Revenue Funds  
 December 31, 2022

ASSETS:	Recreation Fund	PVR Education Fund	Act 68 Reappraisal	Agricultural and Natural Areas Conservation	Record Restoration Fund	ARPA Fund	Wildlife Crossing Fund	RML Operating	Totals
Current Assets:									
Cash	\$ 18,729.56	\$ 677.55	\$ 64,273.70	\$ 185,463.80	\$ 21,824.29	\$ 554,166.68	\$ 2,466.92	\$ 32,854.40	\$ 880,456.90
Due from Other Fund	<u>18,729.56</u>	<u>677.55</u>	<u>64,273.70</u>	<u>185,463.80</u>	<u>21,824.29</u>	<u>554,166.68</u>	<u>2,466.92</u>	<u>32,854.40</u>	<u>880,456.90</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>18,729.56</u>	<u>677.55</u>	<u>64,273.70</u>	<u>185,463.80</u>	<u>21,824.29</u>	<u>554,166.68</u>	<u>2,466.92</u>	<u>32,854.40</u>	<u>880,456.90</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>									

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:

Liabilities:									
None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances:									
Reserved	<u>18,729.56</u>	<u>677.55</u>	<u>64,273.70</u>	<u>185,463.80</u>	<u>21,824.29</u>	<u>554,166.68</u>	<u>2,466.92</u>	<u>32,854.40</u>	<u>880,456.90</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>18,729.56</u>	<u>677.55</u>	<u>64,273.70</u>	<u>185,463.80</u>	<u>21,824.29</u>	<u>554,166.68</u>	<u>2,466.92</u>	<u>32,854.40</u>	<u>880,456.90</u>

Town of Monkton  
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
 Special Revenue Funds  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Recreation Fund	PVR Education Fund	Act 68 Reappraisal	Agricultural and Natural Areas Conservation	Records Restoration & Preservation Fd	ARPA Fund	Wildlife Crossing Fund	RML Operating Fund	Totals
REVENUES									
Property Taxes	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,170.00	\$ 101,670.00
Investment Income	6.56	-	-	42.32	-	-	-	8.42	57.30
Other Revenue	5,710.00	-	-	-	7,648.00	312,524.98	-	7,372.49	333,255.47
State Payments	-	-	8,440.50	-	-	-	-	-	8,440.50
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>13,216.56</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,440.50</b>	<b>65,042.32</b>	<b>7,648.00</b>	<b>312,524.98</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,550.91</b>	<b>443,423.27</b>
EXPENDITURES									
Routine Expenses	1,923.82	-	24,144.00	2,187.50	6,343.41	70,736.00	-	51,037.32	156,372.05
Facilities Construction/Maintenance	14,464.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,464.15
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>16,387.97</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,144.00</b>	<b>2,187.50</b>	<b>6,343.41</b>	<b>70,736.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,037.32</b>	<b>170,636.20</b>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(3,171.41)	-	(15,703.50)	62,854.82	1,304.59	241,788.98	-	(14,486.41)	272,587.07
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):									
Transfers In (Out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(3,171.41)	-	(15,703.50)	62,854.82	1,304.59	241,788.98	-	(14,486.41)	272,587.07
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2022	21,900.97	677.55	79,977.20	122,608.98	20,519.70	312,377.70	2,466.92	47,340.91	607,869.93
<b>FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 18,729.56</b>	<b>\$ 677.55</b>	<b>\$ 64,273.70</b>	<b>\$ 185,463.80</b>	<b>\$ 21,824.29</b>	<b>\$ 554,166.68</b>	<b>\$ 2,466.92</b>	<b>\$ 32,854.50</b>	<b>880,457.00</b>

Town of Monkton  
 Combining Balance Sheet  
 Capital Project Funds  
 December 31, 2022

	Highway Capital Projects Fund	Municipal Building Fund	RML Capital Drive Fund	Totals
ASSETS:				
Current Assets:				
Other Current Assets	\$ 127,527.94	\$ 2,631.28	\$ 20,154.97	\$ 150,314.19
Due from Other Fund	-	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	<u>127,527.94</u>	<u>2,631.28</u>	<u>20,154.97</u>	<u>150,314.19</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>127,527.94</u></u>	<u><u>2,631.28</u></u>	<u><u>20,154.97</u></u>	<u><u>150,314.19</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:				
Liabilities:				
Due To Other Funds	-	94,785.24	-	94,785.24
Fund Balances:				
Reserved	127,527.94	(92,153.96)	20,154.97	55,528.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	<u><u>127,527.94</u></u>	<u><u>2,631.28</u></u>	<u><u>20,154.97</u></u>	<u><u>150,314.19</u></u>

Town of Monkton  
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
 Changes in Fund Balances  
 Capital Project Funds  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Highway Capital Projects Fund	Municipal Building Fund	RML Capital Drive Fund	Totals
REVENUES				
Property Tax Income	\$ 30,000.00	-	-	\$ 30,000.00
Investment Income	-	-	6.98	6.98
Other Financing Sources	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
Donations - Fund Raising	-	200.00	-	200.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>6.98</b>	<b>30,206.98</b>
EXPENDITURES				
Routine Expenses	-	-	-	-
Equipment Purchase	-	-	-	-
Facilities Construction/Maintenance	-	18,437.69	-	18,437.69
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,437.69</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,437.69</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>(18,237.69)</b>	<b>6.98</b>	<b>11,769.29</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>(18,237.69)</b>	<b>6.98</b>	<b>11,769.29</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2022</b>	<b>97,527.94</b>	<b>(73,916.27)</b>	<b>20,147.99</b>	<b>43,759.66</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 127,527.94</b>	<b>\$ (92,153.96)</b>	<b>\$ 20,154.97</b>	<b>\$ 55,528.95</b>

**MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON**

**GENERAL FUND**

Revenues	Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2023
Grant Income		-	-	-	-	6,736.00	15,000.00
Property Taxes		152,766.48	73,129.32	177,065.48	463,457.59	228,578.36	465,239.17
Current Use/Hold Harmless		49,844.50	51,158.50	50,568.00	55,000.00	53,802.00	55,000.00
ANR PILOT		1,153.80	1,153.80	1,153.80	1,153.80	1,168.68	1,170.00
Act 60 Equalized Ed. GL		987.00	981.00	987.00	1,000.00	993.00	1,000.00
Town Clerk Fees		20,779.00	24,994.00	33,803.00	25,000.00	22,903.00	25,000.00
Liquor Licenses		140.00	140.00	-	140.00	70.00	140.00
Copier Use Fees		3,494.06	3,299.16	3,108.00	3,000.00	3,338.72	3,000.00
DMV-AOT Fees		12.00	12.00	-	-	6.00	-
Records Restoration Fees		4.00	-	-	-	-	-
Dog Licenses & Fines		3,489.00	1,909.00	2,569.00	3,000.00	2,322.00	2,500.00
Facilities Rental		-	-	-	-	75.00	-
Judicial Fines		19,827.00	15,658.32	14,706.50	16,000.00	48,457.50	18,000.00
Interest Income		35.57	1,741.20	2,146.15	1,500.00	5,486.15	2,000.00
Misc. Revenue		525.88	1,733.41	253.68	-	12.90	-
Postal Facility Rental Fee		500.00	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Delinquent Taxes		90,861.27	134,842.43	183,405.94	70,000.00	169,289.12	80,000.00
Del Taxes - Interest		13,301.42	7,090.63	15,483.37	9,000.00	7,450.98	9,000.00
Del Taxes - Penalty		9,944.85	5,551.74	4,556.02	5,000.00	4,484.70	2,500.00
DRB Subdivision Fees		1,285.00	1,410.00	1,940.00	1,500.00	800.00	1,500.00
DRB Boundary Adj Fees		675.00	100.00	-	200.00	270.00	200.00
DRB Variances Fees		405.00	135.00	-	200.00	135.00	200.00
DRB Conditional Use Fees		270.00	-	135.00	200.00	-	200.00
DRB Administrator Fees		8,278.80	7,573.72	9,336.55	8,000.00	9,849.20	8,500.00
Municipal Planning Grants		9,677.00	-	1,500.00	-	490.00	-
Donations		-	-	400.00	-	10,000.00	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>388,236.63</b>	<b>333,113.23</b>	<b>503,617.49</b>	<b>663,351.39</b>	<b>577,218.31</b>	<b>690,649.17</b>

**General Government Expenses  
General Government Payroll**

Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2023
Town Clerk Salary	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,807.77	37,800.00	37,453.95	40,068.00
Assistant Town Clerk	11,893.00	6,460.25	5,729.75	7,000.00	5,095.50	7,420.00
Treasurer	34,706.65	35,000.00	35,000.00	36,750.00	36,413.62	38,955.00
Assistant Treasurer	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,989.00	7,800.00	8,359.50	8,268.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,675.00	3,641.45	3,895.50
Web Master	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Town Administrator	-	-	-	35,000.00	9,423.12	37,100.00
Selectboard	6,465.00	6,920.00	6,910.00	7,700.00	6,720.00	7,700.00
Selectboard Administrative	706.88	936.38	215.00	1,200.00	1,065.00	1,200.00
Auditors	4,080.75	2,916.00	1,328.00	4,000.00	3,761.00	4,000.00
BCA - Election Officials	517.45	805.56	190.94	1,000.00	274.31	1,000.00
Custodian	993.30	1,083.60	3,195.85	4,500.00	7,571.25	6,000.00
Constable	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Fire Warden	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Health Officer	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Animal Control Officer	-	-	-	3,000.00	3,300.00	3,360.00
Recycling Coordinator	-	-	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
FICA	10,592.03	11,942.98	18,118.97	12,723.00	10,324.69	13,785.03
VMERS DB-Employer	-	-	-	-	612.50	2,411.50
Appraisal	15,637.50	4,065.00	11,403.75	30,000.00	6,390.00	8,000.00
Reappraisal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zoning Administrator	8,309.27	7,107.46	7,621.51	10,500.00	9,200.58	11,130.00
DRB Board Members	420.00	150.00	-	500.00	-	1,500.00
DRB Clerical	-	-	-	2,750.00	-	2,750.00
DRB Recording Secretary	561.00	210.38	-	500.00	-	500.00
Planning Comm. Bd Members	1,320.00	720.00	990.00	1,540.00	510.00	1,500.00
Planning Comm. Clerical	13.48	-	-	200.00	-	200.00
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>143,916.31</b>	<b>126,017.61</b>	<b>139,650.54</b>	<b>209,788.00</b>	<b>151,766.47</b>	<b>202,393.03</b>

**Town Office**

Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2023
Copier Rental	2,241.11	2,260.29	2,499.73	2,400.00	2,334.18	2,500.00
Office & General Supplies	3,421.32	2,634.16	3,535.05	3,500.00	3,285.48	3,000.00
Postage	2,570.07	2,963.26	3,343.50	3,100.00	3,628.43	3,200.00
Equipment/Furniture	400.00	131.96	674.70	700.00	753.20	700.00
Computer Equip & Software	4,825.00	480.00	1,932.10	1,000.00	1,343.83	1,000.00
Computer Contract Service	2,788.62	11,587.21	13,425.61	13,000.00	13,948.35	14,000.00
Conferences & Training	240.00	45.00	244.00	700.00	25.00	700.00
Mileage Reimbursement	122.80	66.70	395.03	300.00	249.55	300.00
Telephone	2,024.06	2,058.35	3,010.44	2,500.00	3,908.92	3,500.00
Heat	2,965.84	1,513.93	2,474.73	2,500.00	917.24	-
Electricity	1,373.48	1,568.20	4,379.84	2,500.00	7,109.90	6,500.00
<b>Total Town Office</b>	<b>22,972.30</b>	<b>25,309.06</b>	<b>35,914.73</b>	<b>32,200.00</b>	<b>37,504.08</b>	<b>35,400.00</b>

**General Expenditures**

Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2023
Sheriff Dept.	27,279.33	28,779.66	25,747.51	27,000.00	23,436.55	27,000.00
Insurance - Workmens Comp	14,653.00	14,657.00	3,775.75	16,000.00	12,188.25	600.00
Insurance - Prop & Liab	1,214.00	4,747.00	6,990.25	8,000.00	5,797.00	19,500.00
Insurance - Unemployment	-	-	-	-	-	350.00
Appraisal	576.57	571.35	1,105.39	600.00	13,429.17	20,000.00
Reappraisal	-	-	-	-	765.30	800.00
PVR Education Expense	145.00	-	-	-	-	-
Printing /Advertising	5,734.08	6,336.32	7,322.45	7,000.00	6,665.66	7,000.00
Property Maint & Upgrade	8,302.40	308.49	1,010.24	1,000.00	24,538.11	21,800.00
Consultant Fees, Audit	3,674.43	8,650.00	5,692.50	4,200.00	5,060.00	4,200.00
Association Dues & Fees	5,241.00	5,220.00	4,940.00	5,225.00	5,060.00	5,225.00
Legal Fees	767.50	6,351.55	2,783.68	12,000.00	789.84	8,000.00
BCA-Elections Expense	952.83	1,412.60	1,151.40	1,800.00	1,846.37	1,400.00
Property Tax Appeal Settled	416.27	-	-	-	2,018.82	-
Recycling Expenses	8,314.00	14,076.64	13,175.76	15,000.00	10,167.04	14,000.00
Animal Expense	2,693.53	2,014.19	1,945.96	2,500.00	2,496.76	2,500.00
Restoration of Records	2,590.00	-	-	-	-	-
State fees - Marriage Licenses	550.00	600.00	50.00	700.00	950.00	700.00
Park and Ride Expense	295.36	312.22	303.99	330.00	316.13	330.00
New Municipal Building Comm Expense	20,124.68	(6,414.06)	8,414.06	-	-	-
Cemetery Maintenance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	5,500.00	5,550.00	5,500.00
County Taxes	10,555.70	12,610.43	13,653.43	15,464.00	15,695.00	16,128.95
Tax Maps	1,770.00	4,770.00	4,750.00	4,770.00	4,750.00	5,000.00
Tax Sales	480.63	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Principal Pmts: Genl Fund LTD	15,600.00	15,600.00	100,600.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00
Interest Expense	958.52	1,677.24	40,594.29	28,602.00	26,801.76	26,413.00
Miscellaneous (includes ANAC G&A)	55.08	-	400.00	1,000.00	74.50	1,000.00
<b>Total General Expenditures</b>	<b>136,943.91</b>	<b>124,280.63</b>	<b>248,406.66</b>	<b>241,691.00</b>	<b>253,396.26</b>	<b>272,446.95</b>

**DRB**

Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2023
Supplies & Postage	212.33	35.00	49.41	200.00	-	200.00
Advertising	333.25	197.64	143.39	500.00	530.71	600.00
Conferences & Training	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00
Legal Fees	151.00	-	-	500.00	-	500.00
<b>Total DRB</b>	<b>696.58</b>	<b>232.64</b>	<b>192.80</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>530.71</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>

**Planning Commission**

Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2023
Supplies & Postage	258.54	263.86	-	500.00	-	500.00
Printing	144.36	356.31	32.07	100.00	287.72	200.00
Advertising	213.13	465.00	969.15	800.00	502.39	500.00
Mileage Reimbursement	74.40	51.18	-	50.00	-	50.00
Consultants	-	-	1,500.00	1,000.00	375.33	1,150.00
Add City Reg'l Ping Comm. Assess.	2,687.07	2,745.60	2,745.60	2,850.00	2,806.65	2,900.00
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	451.50	-
<b>Total Planning Commission</b>	<b>3,377.50</b>	<b>3,881.95</b>	<b>5,246.82</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>	<b>4,423.59</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>

**Conservation Commission**

Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2023
Supplies & Postage	-	-	356.00	-	-	-
Fees	-	-	-	100.00	-	50.00
Consultants	-	-	-	-	1,500.00	-
MCG Expense	-	-	-	-	490.00	-
Conferences	-	-	-	200.00	-	100.00
Conservation Activities	-	-	-	500.00	495.00	150.00
Educational Opportunities	-	-	-	-	-	500.00
<b>Total Conservation Commission</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>356.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>2,485.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>

**Energy Committee**

Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2023
Mileage Reimbursement	69.36	-	-	-	-	-
Misc. Expenditures	80.00	-	-	-	-	300.00
<b>Total Energy Committee</b>	<b>149.36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>300.00</b>

**Total General Government**

	<b>308,055.96</b>	<b>279,721.89</b>	<b>429,767.55</b>	<b>491,079.00</b>	<b>450,106.11</b>	<b>518,039.98</b>
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**MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON**

**HIGHWAY**

Revenues	Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2023
	HWY State Aid	147,485.65	191,194.71	160,882.55	147,098.00	162,949.19	163,000.00
	Highway Grants	38,560.28	14,500.15	319,528.14	203,500.00	198,314.14	71,689.00
	Property Taxes (incl.LTD&Article7Proj)	674,291.18	713,520.01	706,314.22	579,715.57	579,715.57	636,946.20
	Overweight Permits	1,365.00	1,295.00	1,280.00	1,300.00	1,330.00	1,300.00
	911 Signs	100.00	-	20.00	200.00	110.00	200.00
	Sale of Equipment	500.00	-	10,460.00	-	2,000.00	-
	Misc Revenue	43.35	410.94	342.90	-	2,773.25	-
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>862,345.46</b>	<b>920,920.81</b>	<b>1,198,827.81</b>	<b>931,813.57</b>	<b>947,192.15</b>	<b>873,135.20</b>
	<b>Highway Expenses</b>						
	Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2023
	Regular employees	211,776.99	206,497.55	200,062.53	211,668.99	215,119.60	238,713.06
	Part-time Employees	12,960.00	-	-	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
	FICA	16,799.99	12,580.98	6,478.94	16,192.68	16,456.61	18,950.05
	VMERS DB - Employer	12,036.60	12,115.46	12,241.62	13,229.31	13,684.70	12,000.00
	Health Insurance	57,835.32	45,310.47	51,976.56	72,808.00	60,565.24	57,100.00
	Dental Insurance	2,756.42	2,804.30	932.30	2,900.00	1,672.16	1,200.00
	Short Term Disability Insurance	185.64	163.20	290.94	230.00	324.83	250.00
	Insurance - Unemployment	222.00	328.00	1,229.00	400.00	745.00	820.00
	Workers Comp	-	-	-	-	-	13,000.00
	Life Insurance	56.80	48.00	92.80	100.00	75.60	60.00
	<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>314,629.76</b>	<b>279,847.96</b>	<b>273,304.69</b>	<b>321,528.98</b>	<b>308,643.74</b>	<b>346,093.11</b>
	<b>Garage Expenses</b>						
	Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2023
	Equipment/Tools/Supplies	10,800.96	15,043.99	10,813.62	15,750.00	12,016.11	16,000.00
	Telephone	1,765.69	2,061.14	1,771.48	2,200.00	1,522.83	2,200.00
	Heat	4,395.04	3,125.95	4,293.56	5,460.00	3,913.03	5,730.00
	Electricity	2,223.04	2,762.09	2,460.90	2,740.00	3,149.59	3,100.00
	Trash Removal/Dumpsters	2,465.55	2,403.64	2,430.41	2,650.00	2,651.11	2,700.00
	Capital Equipment Expense	6,523.58	15,316.58	16,285.00	16,500.00	61,168.96	17,000.00
	Property Maint & Upgrade	20,620.50	17,072.62	9,157.31	8,000.00	10,599.47	8,500.00
	<b>Total Garage Expenses</b>	<b>48,794.36</b>	<b>57,786.01</b>	<b>47,212.28</b>	<b>53,300.00</b>	<b>95,021.10</b>	<b>55,230.00</b>

**General Highway Expenses**

Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023
Insurance - Prop & Liab	11,973.00	12,518.00	3,184.75	13,000.00	13,017.00	11,500.00
Grease & Oil	4,095.69	2,901.86	4,836.37	5,750.00	8,017.33	6,500.00
Equipment Fuel	34,545.41	29,447.92	38,625.54	46,200.00	64,434.47	50,000.00
Repairs, Parts, Blades	62,792.72	56,192.05	-	-	-	-
Parts	-	-	19,292.64	30,000.00	31,246.24	30,000.00
Tires	14,886.61	8,439.47	5,222.86	10,500.00	3,175.57	10,500.00
Equipment Repairs	-	-	30,002.23	23,000.00	15,576.01	22,000.00
Blades	-	-	5,733.41	8,400.00	12,169.67	9,500.00
Oxygen & Acetylene	451.78	932.80	967.96	1,550.00	447.43	1,500.00
Interest Expense	3,908.33	2,215.84	2,768.49	2,800.00	3,943.45	3,085.13
LTD Principal Pmts-Trucks	68,522.65	75,106.15	43,164.20	38,953.00	38,953.00	38,953.00
Misc. Expenditures	8,146.94	1,375.92	3,876.90	2,500.00	952.90	2,000.00
<b>Total General Highway Expenses</b>	<b>209,323.13</b>	<b>189,130.01</b>	<b>157,675.35</b>	<b>182,653.00</b>	<b>191,933.07</b>	<b>185,538.13</b>

**Road Maintenance**

Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023
Rental Equipment	1,390.57	1,265.00	1,445.00	3,000.00	142.56	2,500.00
Gravel Stockpile	78,109.00	86,462.86	10,192.19	14,500.00	14,724.66	15,000.00
Salt	59,393.17	42,683.89	49,662.35	62,500.00	45,099.87	65,000.00
Winter Sand	34,827.31	35,835.12	17,387.54	39,000.00	39,082.70	40,000.00
Summer Chloride	17,041.76	31,234.42	19,304.35	25,000.00	22,950.00	25,000.00
Winter Solution/Chloride	-	-	-	3,000.00	-	2,500.00
Hot Mix	108,453.92	-	228,918.09	123,500.00	200,997.06	150,000.00
Cold Patch	1,172.75	1,052.26	555.33	1,000.00	536.41	1,000.00
Culverts	55,581.25	6,639.10	12,064.68	10,000.00	9,619.65	10,000.00
Signs, Painting	13,860.80	2,780.88	3,976.87	4,750.00	2,391.08	4,750.00
911 Signs	82.20	105.75	80.54	200.00	199.43	200.00
Highway Upgrade/Paving	2,495.45	1,630.00	1,335.00	10,500.00	4,695.95	10,000.00
Contract Services	-	193,359.11	18,942.50	220,000.00	21,281.84	8,000.00
Erosion Stone	-	-	5,540.80	6,500.00	9,151.39	8,500.00
Gravel - Road Upgrade	-	-	54,091.07	80,000.00	71,689.01	82,000.00
<b>Total Road Maintenance</b>	<b>372,408.18</b>	<b>403,048.39</b>	<b>423,496.31</b>	<b>603,450.00</b>	<b>442,561.61</b>	<b>424,450.00</b>
<b>Total Highway Expenses</b>	<b>945,155.43</b>	<b>929,812.37</b>	<b>901,688.63</b>	<b>1,160,931.98</b>	<b>1,038,159.52</b>	<b>1,011,311.24</b>
<b>Highway Exp (over)/under Rev - Actual</b>	<b>(82,809.97)</b>	<b>(8,891.56)</b>	<b>297,139.18</b>	<b>(229,118.41)</b>	<b>(90,957.37)</b>	<b>(138,176.04)</b>
<b>January 1, 2022 Total Fund Balance</b>					<b>229,118.35</b>	
<b>December 31, 2022 Total Fund Balance</b>					<b>138,150.98</b>	

**MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON**  
**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Recreation Committee Revenue	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2023
Property Tax	4,500.00	6,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	8,500.00
Activities Fees	3,285.00	785.00	2,985.00	2,500.00	2,565.00	1,900.00
Donations	185.00	300.00	1,070.00	-	1,065.00	800.00
Supplies/Equipment	-	-	160.00	-	-	-
Facilities Rental	450.00	650.00	490.00	300.00	2,080.00	1,900.00
Interest Income	1.99	3.19	7.33	-	6.56	-
<b>Total Recreation Comm. Revenue</b>	<b>8,421.99</b>	<b>7,738.19</b>	<b>12,212.33</b>	<b>10,300.00</b>	<b>13,216.56</b>	<b>13,100.00</b>
<b>Recreation Committee Expense</b>						
Activities Fees	480.00	-	572.99	500.00	18.00	50.00
Uniforms, Supplies/Equip	1,465.94	-	5,197.88	1,500.00	1,382.06	3,000.00
Electricity	484.41	250.97	530.15	500.00	523.76	450.00
Facilities Maintenance	6,723.11	6,249.66	7,599.80	7,800.00	14,464.15	9,600.00
<b>Total Recreation Comm. Expense</b>	<b>9,153.46</b>	<b>6,500.63</b>	<b>13,900.82</b>	<b>10,300.00</b>	<b>16,387.97</b>	<b>13,100.00</b>
<b>Recreation Committee Expenses (over)/under Revenue</b>	<b>(731.47)</b>	<b>1,237.56</b>	<b>(1,688.49)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,171.41)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>January 1, 2022 Total Fund Balance</b>					<b>21,900.97</b>	
<b>December 31, 2022 Total Fund Balance</b>					<b>18,729.56</b>	

**MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON**

**Russell Memorial Library Operating Fund**

Account	Actual FY - 2019	Actual FY - 2020	Actual FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	Actual FY - 2022	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2023
<b>RML Revenue</b>						
Grant Income	450.00	-	8,697.91	-	5,052.99	15,300.00
Property Tax	21,683.47	31,948.00	35,096.51	29,170.00	29,170.00	37,046.33
Donations	140.00	35.00	12,940.00	-	325.00	300.00
Interest Income	0.58	1.06	7.82	-	8.42	-
Transfers In/Out	(10,000.00)	-	-	-	-	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	36.50	19.50	-	18.00	-
Strawberry Festival	102.80	-	-	-	1,976.50	1,800.00
<b>Total RML Revenue</b>	<b>12,376.85</b>	<b>32,020.56</b>	<b>56,761.74</b>	<b>29,170.00</b>	<b>36,550.91</b>	<b>59,446.33</b>
<b>RML Expenses</b>						
Payroll - Librarian	10,918.25	11,447.14	12,504.48	14,575.00	14,455.14	15,467.01
Payroll - Assistant Librarian	6,286.61	4,438.82	5,339.87	8,250.00	6,452.52	6,904.20
Payroll - Other Staff	1,714.79	1,448.65	3,377.50	4,081.00	5,272.75	6,650.00
FICA	1,447.39	1,326.08	1,623.44	2,059.00	2,025.75	2,220.12
Books - All Other	2,449.56	2,086.34	2,292.37	4,000.00	3,428.65	4,100.00
General Office Supplies	270.01	150.27	224.75	150.00	454.34	350.00
Postage & Delivery	105.00	55.00	55.00	125.00	117.78	125.00
Computer Equipment & Software	-	619.99	1,964.86	200.00	416.25	400.00
Computer Expenses	215.00	90.00	67.50	500.00	1,681.39	1,700.00
Conferences & Training	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00
Mileage Reimbursements	-	96.95	-	100.00	13.75	20.00
Telephone Expenses	586.68	624.75	746.23	800.00	875.00	900.00
Electric & Heat	1,289.82	1,308.36	1,097.83	1,200.00	442.29	-
Insurance - WC & P&C	271.00	283.00	-	300.00	382.25	400.00
Janitorial Services	130.00	-	-	360.00	-	360.00
Board Authorized Gifts	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
Expenses - Grants	-	-	-	-	5,967.34	15,300.00
Expenses - Donations	-	-	-	-	6,241.24	2,100.00
Dues & Subscriptions	1,367.20	1,216.16	1,282.70	1,670.00	1,283.20	1,300.00
Maintenance - Bldg	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00
Maintenance - Grounds	-	600.00	600.00	300.00	500.00	-
Programs	248.71	282.52	339.26	100.00	442.59	350.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	228.04	-	4,473.75	200.00	94.50	100.00
Strawberry Festival Expenses	102.80	-	-	-	390.59	400.00
<b>Total RML Expense</b>	<b>27,630.86</b>	<b>26,074.03</b>	<b>35,985.54</b>	<b>39,170.00</b>	<b>51,037.32</b>	<b>59,446.33</b>
<b>RML Expenses (over)/under Revenue</b>	<b>(15,254.01)</b>	<b>5,946.53</b>	<b>20,772.20</b>	<b>(10,000.00)</b>	<b>(14,486.41)</b>	<b>-</b>
January 1, 2022 Total Fund Balance					47,340.91	
December 31, 2022 Total Fund Balance					32,854.50	

2023 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN											
	Year Purchased	Life Cycle (Years)	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	
1994 John Deere Backhoe/Ldr	1994	21									
2005 John Deere Road Grader	2005	15									
2013 Mack Dump Truck	2012	10	X								
2013 John Deere Bucket Loader	2014	15							X		
2014 John Deere Excavator	2015	10				X					
2016 Ford Dump Truck	2015	8		X							
2018 Western Star Dump Truck	2017	10					X				
2020 Mack Dump Truck	2020	10									
2021 Massey Ferguson Tractor & roadside mower	2021	15									
2020 GMC 2500 Crew Cab Pickup	2022	8								X	

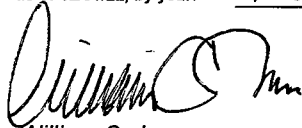
2023 LONG TERM DEBT											
		Existing Annual Long Term Debt Expense/Payoff Schedule									
	Balance Due	Annual Amount	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	
2020 Mack Dump Truck	46,059	15,353	15,353	15,353	15,353						
2021 Massey Ferguson Tractor	94,400	23,600	23,600	23,600	23,600	23,600					
2021 New Community Center	1,530,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,670,459</b>	<b>123,953</b>	<b>123,953</b>	<b>123,953</b>	<b>123,953</b>	<b>108,600</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>85,000</b>	

**2023 TOTAL MUNICIPAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES & 2 YEAR COMPARISON**

2023 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY			2022 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY				
ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL MONIES TO BE VOTED	TOTAL 2023 EXPENSE	ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL 2022 Budgeted EXPENSE
<b>Operating Budget To Be Voted</b>				<b>Operating Budget Voter Approved</b>			
4	General Fund Deficit	45,160.19		4	General Fund Deficit	73,023.39	
4	Salary & General Expenses	518,039.98		4	Salary & General Expenses	491,079.00	
4	Recreation Committee Fund	8,500.00		4	Recreation Committee Fund	7,500.00	
4	Agri-Natural Areas Conservation Fund	40,000.00		4	Agri-Natural Areas Conservation Fund	65,000.00	
4	Highway Capital Equipment Fund	30,000.00		4	Highway Capital Equipment Fund	30,000.00	
5	Highway Expenses	1,011,311.24		5	Highway Expenses	1,160,931.98	
5	Highway Fund Surplus	(138,176.04)					
Total Operating Budget			<b>1,514,835.37</b>	Total Operating Budget			<b>1,827,534.37</b>
<b>Appropriations To Town &amp; Outside Agencies To Be Voted</b>				<b>Appropriations To Town &amp; Outside Agencies Voter Approved</b>			
4	Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	98,200.00		4	Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	70,000.00	
4	Russell Memorial Library	37,046.33		4	Russell Memorial Library	29,170.00	
4	Monkton Museum & Historical Society	1,500.00		4	Monkton Museum & Historical Society	1,500.00	
3	Social Agencies	27,749.00		3	Social Agencies	27,749.00	
Total Appropriations			<b>164,495.33</b>	Total Appropriations			<b>128,419.00</b>
<b>Special Funds (To Be Voted) &amp; Capital Expense (Prev. Approved)</b>				<b>Special Funds &amp; Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved</b>			
Total Special Funds and Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved				Total Special Funds and Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved			
<b>Capital Expense To Be Voted</b>				<b>Capital Expense Voter Approved</b>			
9	2024 Mack Dump Truck with plow	240,000.00		6	3/4 Ton Pickup Truck with Plow and Sander	46,790.00	
Total Capital Expense (To Be Voted)			<b>240,000.00</b>	Total Capital Expense (Voter Approved)			<b>46,790.00</b>
<b>Capital Expense, Long Term Debt Existing</b>				<b>Capital Expense, Long Term Debt Existing</b>			
Capital Budget				Capital Budget			
	Bonds & Notes Due				Bonds & Notes Due		
	2020 Mack Dump Truck - Note Due	15,353.00			2020 Mack Dump Truck - Note Due	15,353.00	
	2020 VMBB Bond - Annual Principal Payment	85,000.00			2020 VMBB Bond - Annual Principal Payment	85,000.00	
	2021 Massey Ferguson Tractor - Note Due	23,600.00			2021 Massey Ferguson Tractor - Note Due	23,600.00	
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			<b>1,919,330.70</b>	TOTAL EXPENDITURES			<b>2,002,743.37</b>

# 2018 - 2022 Delinquent Tax Report

Parcel ID	2018 Delinquent Tax Due*	2019 Delinquent Tax Due*	2020 Delinquent Tax Due*	2021 Delinquent Tax Due*	2022 Delinquent Tax Due*	2018 - 2022 Delinquent Tax Due* by Parcel ID
1					5,327.98	5,327.98
2					74.08	74.08
3					2,200.12	2,200.12
4			3,550.85	5,857.57	7,692.45	17,100.87
5					4,242.07	4,242.07
6					4,833.73	4,833.73
7					2,877.67	2,877.67
8					378.42	378.42
9				1,755.94	1,445.24	3,201.18
10					1,807.51	1,807.51
11	2,330.48	2,460.59	1,404.59	2,619.19	1,186.69	10,001.54
12					4,259.24	4,259.24
13	181.83	1,223.16	1,252.56	1,302.00	1,270.08	5,229.63
14					137.60	137.60
15					2,141.51	2,141.51
16			1,333.30			1,333.30
17					1,496.58	1,496.58
17				339.17	332.71	671.88
18		462.76	473.89		688.19	1,624.84
19					863.65	863.65
20					1,732.08	1,732.08
21	735.63	776.70	795.38		806.50	3,114.21
22			1,432.08	2,321.90	2,264.98	6,018.96
23				2,473.01	3,942.52	6,415.53
24					7,940.12	7,940.12
25					75.71	75.71
26					8,249.73	8,249.73
27					3,440.82	3,440.82
28					370.44	370.44
29					2,840.86	2,840.86
30		1,629.51	4,590.64		4,654.84	10,874.99
31			91.85	95.48	93.13	280.46
32					3,539.58	3,539.58
33					131.25	131.25
34				4807.89	6270.91	11,078.80
35					497.44	497.44
36	2,188.85	2,382.79	2,274.94	2521.03	2471.92	11,839.53
37					2967.75	2,967.75
38					97.75	97.75
39					55.19	55.19
40					5514.11	5,514.11
41					374.19	374.19
42					2,043.14	2,043.14
43					5,359.75	5,359.75
44					1,958.04	1,958.04
45					2,307.69	2,307.69
46					2,135.85	2,135.85
47			26.86	1,944.32	1,896.65	3,867.83
48				1,018.62	2,432.76	3,451.38
49				194.17		194.17
50					2,711.01	2,711.01
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Total Delinquent - All Years</b>
<b>Total Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/22, by year:</b>	<b>\$ 5,436.79</b>	<b>\$ 8,935.51</b>	<b>\$ 17,226.94</b>	<b>\$ 27,250.29</b>	<b>\$ 122,432.23</b>	<b>\$ 181,281.76</b>

  
 William C. Joos  
 Delinquent Tax Collector

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

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


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

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

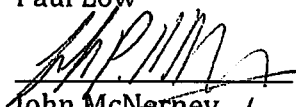
discretion, the Delinquent Tax Collector may take into account, among any other factors, the following considerations: the amount of taxes that are delinquent; the taxpayer's history of delinquency in previous years; whether or not the property has been the subject of tax sales in previous years while owned by the same taxpayer; whether or not a delay may impair the town's ability to collect in full taxes owed; whether or not delay may require the town to borrow additional funds in anticipation of taxes. Typically property will not be included in a tax sale, until at least \$500.00 in total delinquencies has accrued.

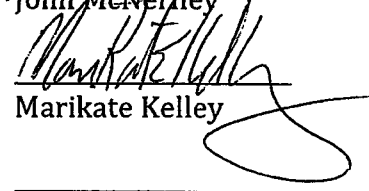
9. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or, if in the judgment of the Delinquent Tax Collector, proceeding with the tax sale is inadvisable, the Delinquent Tax Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all of the means permitted by law.
10. Each taxpayer has a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

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

  
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Stephen Pilcher

  
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Paul Low

  
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John McNerney

  
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Marikate Kelley

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William Martin

## **2022 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT, COMMON TERMS AND CALENDAR**

### ***Report:***

2022 was an active and transitional year for Monkton's Listers:

- 92 Change Notices were mailed
- 3 Grievances (1 approved, 2 were explanation only)

Property values continued to rise causing our Common Level of Assessment (CLA) to drop to 80.78% from 87.78% which was calculated for 2021. Monkton has fallen below the statutory CLA threshold, requiring a Reappraisal. Recognizing the downward trend of the CLA, in 2022 the Town contracted with New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) to begin a Town-Wide Reappraisal. The two-year project is underway and scheduled to be completed for the 2024 Grand List. The goal is to have all properties valued at their Fair Market Value by an unbiased professional with access to the latest information and technology available. Residents should expect to see NEMRC personnel visiting properties throughout the reappraisal process. If you are not available during their visit, a card will be left with information on how to schedule an interior inspection.

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

Online resources have been updated and can be accessed through the Town of Monkton website. The Town Info tab will have an option for Parcel and Zoning Maps. The Interactive Digital and Zoning Map will allow you to access parcel Property Record Cards and tax maps. Tax maps were updated in 2021 and are updated annually after the close of the tax year. In order to keep our files as current as possible, kindly notify the Listers of any change in mailing address.

### ***Common Terms:***

#### **Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)**

The coefficient of dispersion is a measure of equity. It shows how fairly distributed the property assessment is within a town. A high COD (above 15) means that many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share, and some are paying less. If a Town's COD is higher than 15, a town

is ordered to reappraise. The COD is the average of the absolute deviation of each sales ratio from the median ratio divided by the median ratio.

### **Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)**

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

### **Grand List**

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

### ***Calendar:***

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

#### January 15

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

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

#### February

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

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

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

April 1

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

June 4

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

June 30

Education Tax Rates available from the Department of Taxes.

July 1

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

July 9

Grievance Hearings end and Results of Grievance mailed.

August 15

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

September 1

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

December 31

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

Respectfully,

Lisa Burns & Levi Cousino - Monkton Board of Listers

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

During 2022, the Zoning Office was fairly busy processing permits, working with applicants, and assisting the Development Review Board.

This was a very busy year once again. The number of permits issued this year is very similar to the past year.

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

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

	2022
<b>Applications</b>	
New Residential	16
Accessory Building (shed/garage/porch)	14
Addition	6
Other	51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Kris Perlee  
Zoning Administrator

## Monkton Planning Commission

The Planning Commission (MPC) meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Its work includes updating the Town Plan and the Unified Planning Document (UPD), which contains Monkton's zoning and subdivision regulations to manage growth and completing projects that help the Town effectively serve its citizens. Meetings, which are open to the public; for much of 2022 meetings have been on Zoom.

In 2022, we primarily worked on the Unified Planning Document, known as the UPD, which contains zoning and subdivision regulations. Most of this work addressed natural resources concerns. A public hearing was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Directly following the hearing, the UPD was passed by the Commission and sent to the Select Board. We thank everyone who participated in the hearing; your contributions are critical. Town residents are partners in the planning and zoning process. We hope for a town vote on Town Meeting Day.

The sub-committee on affordable housing has started discussions on addressing this issue in Monkton. One sub-committee member attended the 2022 Vermont Statewide Housing Conference to network and brought ideas back to this committee and the MPC.

Town planning considers how our natural resources, current land use patterns, infrastructure and town values shape the future of our town. An important element for a rural town such as Monkton is protection of forest blocks, which protects water resources and provides habitat for wildlife. The State has recognized the importance of forest blocks by enacting ACT 171 towards protecting forest and wildlife resources. To address this requirement and bring our Town Plan into compliance, the MPC joined with the Conservation Commission (MCC) and Agriculture and Natural Areas Committee (ANAC) to form a project team.

The project team developed a proposal to fund a natural resources inventory to address natural resource issues and forest integrity. The team has been awarded ARPA funding to bring a vendor (Arrowwood Environmental) on board to map the forest blocks, habitat connectivity and wildlife corridors. The project team will be working with the vendor over the coming year to fulfill this mapping project. Once data is available the project team will share it in a public forum. Following this, MPC will work with the Town to determine areas to protect. The revised maps and new language will be added to the Monkton Town Plan with a goal of bringing it to a town vote in March 2024.

The MPC worked with the Select Board, the Town Administrator, and Richard Amore, Planning & Outreach Manager for Community Planning and Revitalization for the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development to develop an application for Village Center Designation for Monkton Ridge. The application was submitted to the Vermont Downtown Board in early November and Village Center Designation was granted to Monkton on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Benefits to the Town include technical assistance, historic and code improvement tax credits, and priority consideration for state grants. The full Commission wants to thank Buzz Kuhns for his beautiful photos of Monkton that supported this application. The photos were complimented by the Downtown Board during their review.

The MPC is looking into a pedestrian path from Monkton Ridge down to Monkton Central School and up Pond Road. In support of this work Stan Wilbur, the new Town Administrator, is submitting a feasibility grant proposal.

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

Respectfully Submitted by The Monkton Planning Commission:

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



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

**Annual Report 2023**

During 2022 your volunteer fire department responded to 57 emergency calls. These calls included not only fires but, automobile accidents, carbon monoxide detector activations, medical assists, and down powerlines. As is always, we appreciate the assistance we receive from our neighboring Fire Departments, Monkton First Response, Monkton Highway Department, Bristol Rescue Squad, Vergennes Area Rescue Squad, and Charlotte Rescue.

Your department is currently made up of 12 active members. These members all attend weekly trainings and meetings to keep the department ready for the next emergency. Some members work in town and are able to respond to daytime emergencies and assist our mutual aid departments. This is a very critical relationship we share with the surrounding communities to keep us all equipped day and night for any emergency that might arise. Every year we like to recognize those who go above and beyond. This year the members of the department voted Dan Reinhart the Outstanding Firefighter of the year. The award for the most training hours was earned by Dan Reinhart. Our Most active award for those attended the most calls was given to Max Murray and Kris Kruckel. These two along with Matt Dupont, Robert Howard, and Curtis Layn responded often this year. This year we proudly made Mike New a Life Member. Mike retired from the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department this year after almost twenty years of service. Mike held many positions throughout his time with us from an officer to secretary and treasurer. It was always known that Mike would be ready and could often be found doing the daunting task of paying bills and keeping the department running smoothly. Thank you, Mike for all the years of service.

The past couple of years the Monkton Fire Department has been establishing a truck replacement fund. This year the truck committee started the process of specking out a new truck, we quickly found out the price has significantly increased and build time could be almost two years from an approved contract. The select board has been working with us during this process and we thank them for looking out for our members and the town.

We are always in need of more volunteers to join us in the coming years. We welcome anyone who is interested to stop by the station on a Wednesday night or talk to any member about joining. There is a place for everyone, feel free to contact me (453-6919) if you have any questions.

The following is a list of current department leadership elected by the department members to serve for 2023:

<b>Chief:</b>	Curtis Layn	<b>Captain:</b>	Max Murray	<b>Lieutenant:</b>	Buzz Kuhns
<b>1st Asst Chief :</b>	Robert Howard	<b>Captain:</b>	Dan Reinhart	<b>Lieutenant:</b>	Logan Young
<b>2nd Asst Chief:</b>	Matt Dupont	<b>Secretary:</b>	Logan Young	<b>Treasurer:</b>	Rick Gomez

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

We appreciate your continuing support and encouragement. Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2023!

Curtis Layn, Chief, Monkton Volunteer Fire Department

**12/31/2022 MVFD 2023 Town Meeting Budget Submission**

	<b><u>2022 Income</u></b>
Town to Operating Budget	\$50,000.00
Town to Truck Fund	\$20,000.00
ARPA Funds	\$10,000.00
USPS/Station Rental	\$3,400.00
Donations	\$1,135.00
Fundraising	\$8,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$92,535.00</u></b>

	<b><u>2022 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>2022 Actuals 12/31/2022</u></b>	<b><u>2023 Proposed Budget</u></b>
Awards	\$100.00	\$43.00	\$100.00
Building Repair and Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$4,577.46	\$4,000.00
Cleaning and Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,500.00
Dispatch Services	\$1,600.00	\$1,417.50	\$1,600.00
Dues, Training and Meetings	\$2,000.00	\$793.00	\$2,000.00
Electric Service	\$3,500.00	\$2,777.09	\$3,500.00
Equipment Repair/Supplies	\$4,500.00	\$6,641.07	\$4,500.00
Shelter Related Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$977.00	\$1,000.00
Heating Fuel	\$6,000.00	\$4,989.11	\$6,000.00
Insurance	\$7,100.00	\$7,551.75	\$7,100.00
Monkton First Response	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
New Equipment and Gear	\$6,500.00	\$20,327.26	\$10,000.00
Office Supplies and Postage	\$700.00	\$94.85	\$700.00
Radios and Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$263.50	\$5,000.00
Telephone/Internet Service	\$1,200.00	\$1,126.72	\$1,200.00
Truck Repair and Maintenance	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$6,266.94</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
<b>Operating Budget</b>	<b><u>\$51,700.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$58,896.25</u></b>	<b><u>\$57,700.00</u></b>

**Balances December 31, 2021**

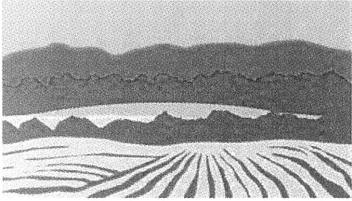
Checking	\$9,542.14
Money Market	\$32,272.43
Truck Fund	<u>\$61,076.08</u>
	<u><u>\$102,890.65</u></u>

**MVFD is Requesting \$58,200 for Operating Budget and \$40,000 for truck fund Total = \$98,200**

## Monkton Volunteer Fire Department Vehicles

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>
<b>Engine #1</b>	Pumper	Freightliner	Heavy Truck	Medium Conventional	1999
<b>Engine #2</b>	Mini-Pumper	GMC	Heavy Truck	TOPKICK	1992
<b>Tanker</b>	Water Supply	Freightliner	Heavy Truck	M2	2006
<b>Utility #1</b>	Fire/Accident Support	GMC	Heavy Rescue	S8500	1994
<b>Brush #1</b>	Brush Fire/Towing	Ford	Pick up	F250	2002
				<b><u>Average Age</u></b>	<b><u>20 Years</u></b>





## Monkton Energy Committee

The Energy Committee focused efforts in 2022 on feasibility of a solar array for the new Town Hall. The committee met and discussed with various installers to get ideas on what an array would look like, how much it would cost, what funding options were available, and what an array could generate. The committee also discussed the goals of an array - to offset the Town's carbon footprint, to reduce energy costs, and to provide some backup power for the building. The committee, as of the time of this writing, is drafting a final set of recommendations to the Selectboard.

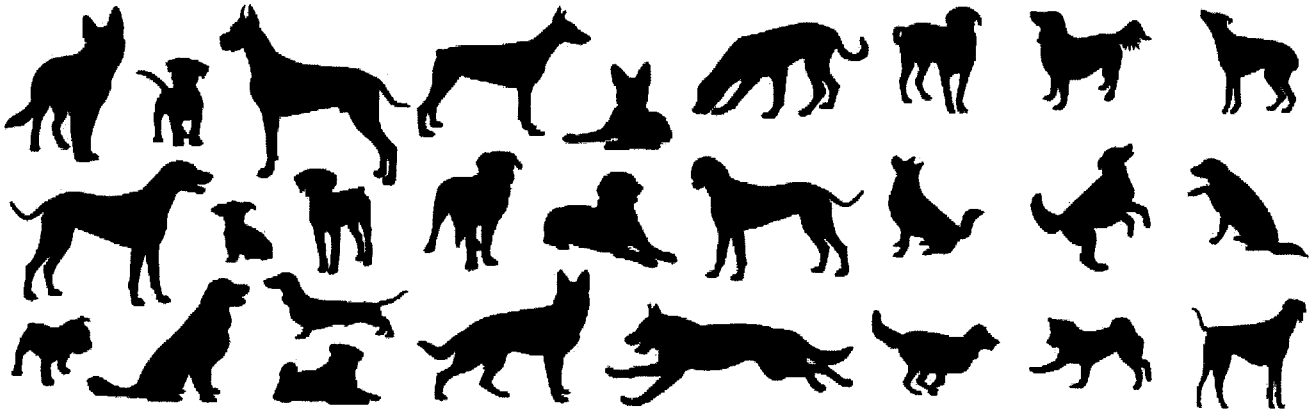
In addition, the MEC began investigating an EV charging station for the parking lot of the new Town Hall. Such a station would not only benefit local residents visiting the building, but provide a "pit stop" option for those on longer EV journeys that may pass through town. The committee is looking into funding options and revenue details as part of the continued efforts for 2023 as well. The committee is, as of the time of this writing, drafting a final set of recommendations regarding this project, for submission to the Selectboard.

Another project for 2023 is ongoing. The project is developing the details of a Monkton Energy Fund, what monies would seed/build the fund, and ideas on what an Energy Fund could be used for. The Town voted in the 2019 Town Meeting to have the Selectboard consider the viability of such a fund.

The Energy Committee provided information via social media to residents during the State's annual "Button Up" campaign, on weatherization initiatives, recommendations for improvements to insulation, and the free energy efficiency kit that each resident can request from Efficiency Vermont.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Boltz-Robinson, Chair  
Chris Boeckman  
John Dunham  
Dave Bristol  
Harry Atkinson



# Remember to register your dog! On or Before April 1<sup>st</sup>

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

208 Dogs Licensed in Year 2022

**Jan. – April 1**

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

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

**After April 1**

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

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

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

## **RABIES CLINIC**

**March 15, 2023**

**At Monkton Vol. Fire Dept.**

**5:30pm – 7:30pm**

**RABIES SHOTS \$20.00**

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

## **The Monkton Community Dog Park is now a full 2 years old!**

A **Note of Gratitude** from all of us on the Monkton Community Dog Park Committee, to all who use and love the dog park. The Monkton Community Dog Park Committee is grateful for:

Everyone who picks up poop whether it's from their dog or not, pitches in to help keep bark mulch in the mud wallows and snow and ice from the entrances and brings a sense of community and love for dogs to the park with them.

Brian Cota, for organizing multiple deliveries of much-needed free wood chips to the Dog Park and Davey's for recently joining in with their support too!

Andrew Peterson, Sam Peisch, Paul Low, and Bob Wahl for taking on the Shade Structure project. We will all be super grateful in the heat of the summer.

All the donors, large and small, and the volunteers who keep the Dog Park going and make it a safe, fun place for dogs to play and for dog people to meet and visit. We are especially grateful to Jolene McKay and Linda Anderson Krech, who organized the Silent Auction at our 2022 anniversary celebration and found great donations to entice our bidders.

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

## ***Highlights from Our 2nd Year at The Monkton Community Dog Park***

**Anniversary Party** - In early June, we celebrated our second year with an anniversary party and fund-raiser. We ate cake, made new friends, and thanks to many generous donors, held a silent auction that raised \$1,673.

**Halloween Treats** - The day before Halloween, we left the Dog Park for a visit up the hill where we participated in Monkton's wonderful Trunk or Treat event. Visitors to the Dog Park van went home with a pair of dog biscuits and a Monkton Dog Park sticker, and of course, candy!

**A note about our community by Jolene McKay**- "The park has created such a welcoming place to socialize with our neighbors and their dogs. It is a morning gathering spot most days for a great group of folks and their pets who have been building new friendships. You usually find a loyal group consisting of dog owners with a variety of dogs enjoying a good time outdoors in our beautiful location at Morse Park.

Amongst the crew you can find many ages and all types of occupations. Many are residents of Monkton but there are also visitors from surrounding towns such as Starksboro, Charlotte, Hinesburg and Ferrisburgh. There are old-time Vermonters and new to the State people. A wonderful and often very useful sharing of info is a result of this mix. There is always an interesting exchange of viewpoints and lively discussions. All this and the pure joy the dogs feel as they romp and zoom about with their friends. It has become a place where if everyone does not remember your name, they always remember your dog's name!

Monkton Community Dog Park is a jewel in our town and welcomes all!"

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

## Coming Soon!

A team has come together to pick up the lagging Shade Structure project and get it done! Andrew Peterson stepped forward and volunteered to initiate the process of helping to make the Shade Structure happen. He organized a team, pulling together resources within the Dog Park community, and helped to get the project permitted and planned.

With approvals and permits in place from the Monkton Rec Committee, The Vermont Housing Conservation Board, the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation, the Monkton Development Review Board and Zoning Administrator, and another generous grant from the Vermont Buildings and General Services Recreational Grant Program, on a mild November day, Paul Low and Bob Wahl along with their crews successfully poured the footings for the Shade Structure. They will return this spring to begin the above ground construction. If all goes well, by the time the summer sun is shining, we will have a beautiful new spot to keep cool.

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

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

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



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

Please make your check payable to Monkton Community Dog Park and mail it to:  
Monkton Town Hall, 92 Monkton Ridge, North Ferrisburgh, VT 05473



Respectfully Submitted,

Cathie Buscaglia, MCDP Chair  
Deb Gaynor, Treasurer  
Ian Schulze, Secretary  
Jolene McKay  
Kerrie Garvey

**We look forward to seeing you at the Dog Park!**

**Be the person your dog thinks you are.**

**MONKTON COMMUNITY DOG PARK**

**WELCOME!**

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

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

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

In an emergency, please call 911.

Questions or concerns?

Contact [dogpark@monktonvt.com](mailto:dogpark@monktonvt.com)

## TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (**VSNIP**), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. **Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law by six months of age.** Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics as well as humane societies during the month of March. Call for their schedules. After the vaccination, contact your town clerk and provide proof of the rabies vaccination to license your dog.

**Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.**

### Licensing a dog:

- 1) Helps identify your dog if lost.
- 2) Provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

For an Application for VSNIP and a List of Participating Offices, send a S.A.S.E. (a 9" Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope) to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Or, to download and print, go to: [VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV](http://VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV) Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. Once *fully* completed, you will mail it back. If approved, you will receive your Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pay the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog registration. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit. Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they've made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let's keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator 1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)

VSNIIP is funded by \$4.00 added to the licensing of dogs. Dogs are required by law to be licensed in the town in which you live by six months of age. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required to be able to license a dog. Puppies and kittens can have a rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Tractor Supply stores offer monthly rabies clinics as do some humane society shelters.

Below is a list of places that offer low cost spay & neuter clinic options to VSNIIP. Animals usually come home the day of surgery. If you must travel, enjoy the day in the area! You may want to call your local humane society to see if they've added a spay day to their schedule.

**LOW COST SPAY NEUTER OPTIONS: LOOK UP THEIR WEB SITES** 🌐

Cat Crusaders of Franklin CTY: Franklin CTY residents considered first. 802-782-9968

Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden CTY, 3 clinics a week! 802-923-9023

Feline & Friends Foundation: 802-323-4793 Cats ONLY in Caledonia, Orleans & Essex Counties considered first. Outside area will be considered as space allows AND Barn & Feral (frightened) Cats in the Northeast Kingdom are welcome. If possible: [Schedule on FFFVT.org](http://Schedule.on.FFFVT.org)

Franklin County Humane Society, St. Albans 802-524-9650 X 707

Frontier Animal Society, Orleans, VT 754-2228 Cats ONLY

Homeward Bound: Addison CTY Humane Society, VT "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100

Humane Society of Chittenden County's Community Pet Clinic, So. Burlington 802-923-9028

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: 802-484-5829 West Windsor, VT

Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter: 802-754-2228 Orleans, VT Cats ONLY

Riverside Rescue: 802-892-5300 Lunenburg, VT 524-9650 X

Rutland County Humane Society: 802-483-6700 Rutland, VT

Second Chance Animal Center: 802-375-2898 Shaftsbury, VT

Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc.: 603-259-3244 Littleton, NH

Springfield Humane Society: 802-885-3997 Springfield, VT

Sullivan CTY Humane Society: 603-542-3277 Claremont, NH

The Feline Connection: Rutland County: [thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com](mailto:thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com)

Upper Valley Humane Society: 603-448-6888 Enfield, NH

Windham County Humane Society: 802-254-2232 Brattleboro, VT

VT- CAN: 802-223-0034: Middlesex, VT

N.E. Kingdom Spay-Neuter Program: 802-334-7393 Orleans, Essex County

## **Monkton Recreation Committee - 2022 Report**

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

### **Monkton Recreation Volunteer committee meeting schedule:**

When: 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

### **Property operations and maintenance coordinated by Monkton Recreation:**

Recreation walking path at Morse Park

Morse Park Parking lot

Pavilions at Morse Park and the Recreation Field

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

Baseball and soccer fields at the Recreation Field on Hollow Road

Lower playing and ball field adjacent to Monkton Central School

### **Morse Park and Recreation Field Pavilion Rentals:**

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

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

### **The Sports Year in Review:**

The Recreation Committee is very proud of and grateful for the community volunteers, coaches, and parents that helped make our children and adult programs successful this past year. Our youth sports programs and coach/parent mentors are strong and Monkton's teams show great sportsmanship and talent on the fields and courts. Their success and pride is a reflection of the investment and opportunity we can afford them. A few highlights from our teams in 2022: The 5-6 Boys basketball team led by John Zaikowski and Scott Hance won the 5-Town Tournament in February 2022, and then went on to place well in the annual Middlebury Tournament later that month, capping off a great season.

Congratulations to John, Scott, and the 5-6 boys (see accompanying photograph). Little League baseball had another successful season. The combined Monkton/Starksboro Majors team led by Adam Crary, Bryan Peck, and John Zaikowski finished runner up in the Mt. Abe Little League's Curler Cup in June 2022, and sent 6 boys on to the Addison County All-Star baseball teams (3 divisions), including two on the State Champion 11U team. The 5-6 boys soccer team led by Ed McCarthy defended their title as 5-Town Cup champions, winning the 5-Town Cup again this past October under the lights in Bristol. Congratulations to Ed and the 5-6 boys (see accompanying photograph). As of the drafting of this report, the 2022-2023 basketball season is off to a great start.

Special thanks go again to a variety of businesses for their generosity to our sports programs, activities, and facilities. These include Clark-Wright Septic, 802 Print, Yates Family Orchard, MAUSD (for the backstop at the MCS ballfield and the bleacher set at the Rec Field), Dicks Sporting Goods, Vermont Landlords Association, VHB, Bennett and Zaikowski P.C., and undoubtedly more that we apologize if we missed. Special thanks also go out to Angela Zaikowski of the Vermont Landlords Association and Bennett & Zaikowski, PC for sponsoring the Majors baseball team year-end Lake Monsters game, the 5/6 soccer teams' jerseys, and the 5/6 basketball teams' warm-up shirts. Special thanks also go out to Kristen Blanchette for her continued dedication serving as the Town coordinator for the baseball/softball programs, Terri Fitzgerald for the volleyball program, and so many other dedicated coaches, sponsors, and volunteers. Our youth sports and adult programs are made possible through these efforts, and our youths' excitement and success in each sport is truly a reflection.

### **Other Highlights:**

On August 27, 2022, Morse Park became the host site for the annual youth football jamboree sponsored by the Northern Vermont Youth Football Association and CSSU Buccaneers youth football program. It was the first year for the event at Morse Park, which hosted 13 teams between 5 participating towns, as well as parents and spectators. The event was highly successful, thanks to the diligent planning and execution from the Recreation Committee, Youth Football and Bucs organizations, and their volunteer corps.

The Monkton Community Dog Park (located at Morse Park), continues to surpass all expectations with frequent attendance, and 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. The Recreation Committee also engaged the services of Chad Wright of Clark Wright Septic to complete much needed work this past summer to clear, grade, and re-seed the Rec Field's outfield area, which had become overgrown with sumac and wild parsnip. This work enabled the reclamation of a significant portion of the outfield and

right field playing areas. Chad also completed some much needed repair of the Rec Field's access road by donating material and resurfacing the access road. Tim Hunt organized the second Monkton Hitting Challenge fundraiser in May for boys and girls 12 and under to show their baseball/softball slugging, with smashing success. Special thanks to Brad Leggett for donating and grilling hot dogs. It again turned into a significant fundraising event for the benefit of our softball/baseball programs and facilities, with some great entry and raffle prizes, including Yeti products and Red Sox game tickets. Many thanks to the businesses that made key contributions to the hitting challenge: Ascend Consulting, Clark-Wright Septic Service, Bennett & Zaikowski P.C., 802 Print, Lantman's, Vermont Nut-Free Chocolates, Vermont Smoke and Cure, Darn Tough Socks, Hannafords, and Shaws. The Rec Committee has also continued to work in partnership with the Town's Conservation Commission to develop a management plan for Morse Park that strives to balance varying management objectives.

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

#### **MORSE PARK and RECREATION FIELD REGULATIONS:**

##### **Activities Allowed:**

X-country Skiing

Walking, running, snow shoeing

Bicycling, snowmobiling (sufficient snow only)

Ball Play

Camping (by reservation and permitting)

Charcoal fires only

##### **Activities not allowed:**

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

MONKTON 5/6 GRADE 5-TOWN BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM  
&  
MT. ABE MOUNTAINS LIONS LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM



*2021-2022 Monkton 5/6 Grade Boys Basketball  
5-Town Tournament Champions*



*2022 MT Abe Mountain Lions  
Little League Majors Baseball team*

MONKTON 5/6 GRADE 5-TOWN GIRLS SOCCER TEAM  
&  
MONKTON 5/6 GIRLS SOCCER TEAM



*2022 Monkton 5/6 Grade Soccer  
5-Town Cup Champions*



*2022 Monkton 5/6 Grade Girls Soccer Team*

## Recycling Center News 2022

Whew! The last recycling day of 2022 saw many of us without power after wet soils and strong winds took down a lot of trees. I'm looking forward to less eventful days. I hear a lot of people are getting generators.

Overall, it was an uneventful year for recycling. Acker Waste Management handled our trash hauling. No new recycling laws went into effect.

We have a small group of dedicated volunteers who help make our drop-off work.

Please give them a **BIG Thank You** next time you see them:

\*\*\*Boy Scout Troop 525, Diana Butler, Critter Creek 4-H, Jessica Demeritt, Friends of the Mt Abe Fall Musical, Joan Holloway, Robin Hopps, Bill Joos, Carroll Maxwell, Jaime Schulte, and Ken Wolpin.\*\*\*

Redeemables donated at the recycling center funded the Mt Abe Fall Musical, Have-A-Heart Food Shelf, Critter Creek 4-H, and water flow devices for supporting beaver habitat. Thank you!

After a couple years off, the **Monkton Recycling Hall of Fame** competition was restarted. There were three recycling quizzes on the Monkton Community Facebook page. The first person with the correct answer became a Hall of Famer. The winners were:

Mike Cousino, Carroll Maxwell, Andrea Jacobson

Please stop throwing trash in your blue bin recycling. **All black plastic and all styrofoam items are trash.** Learn what is accepted for recycling in Addison County at **[addisoncountyrecycles.org](http://addisoncountyrecycles.org)**

The recycling center is located at 4047 State Prison Hollow Road; it's open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9AM-12PM. Blue bin recyclables are accepted at no charge, and trash and food scraps are accepted for a fee.

Please enjoy the pictures of our community at the recycling center!

Kindly submitted by Jessica Demeritt, coordinator



## Russell Memorial Library Trustee's Report

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

2022 was a busy and successful year for the Russell Memorial Library! June saw the return of our much-loved Strawberry Festival & Book Sale after a 2-year pandemic pause. Hosting the event at our new Town Building provided lots of space for food, music, and books - both indoors and out. It was a joy to see so many folks after the hiatus and it was a nice way for many to see the building for the first time.

The library staff has been *very* busy this year with new programs, much of it paid for by grant funds procured through the skilled and tireless efforts of our board member, Theresa Schwegel. Programs at the library have included:

- ✧ A visit in May from the Vermont Institute of Natural Resources out on the patio area where 61 children & adults met a kestral & a wood turtle with the help of Malerie from VINS.

- ✧ Large monthly gatherings of the Stitch & Spin group, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

- ✧ Weekly student visits for the MCS Read-a-Thon program in March. A grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) supported these visits.

- ✧ A month-long "Let's Grow Together" series in May

- ✧ An open mic event where over 50 people celebrated World Music Day on the patio in June

- ✧ Children learned about microscopes with our volunteer, Jan Schwarz

- ✧ Reading events with 3 authors: Angela Burke Kunkel, Robert Broder, & Eugenie Doyle

- ✧ The annual Halloween Trunk or Treat held in collaboration with the Monkton Friends Methodist Church

- ✧ In the fall of 2022, the librarians and volunteers welcomed MCS students to the library on the monthly Early Release days. This has been facilitated by the excellent coordination between library and school, including bus transportation. Our new staff member, Lisa Boeckman, has been instrumental in the success of this program and we feel very lucky to have her as part of our staff.

New programming ideas are always on our minds and we will be starting a Cards & Coffee group based on a library patron's suggestion. We always welcome your input for new programs!

Our proposed FY 2023 budget includes pay increases in response to the rising cost of living. We are using \$5,000 of unspent operating funds from prior years to decrease the amount of money requested from taxpayers this year. We are working on plans to finish the room adjacent to the library and will use our Capital Campaign funds as well as monies from prior Strawberry Festivals to pay for the work. We hope to create needed storage space, a larger area for programs, and space for the expansion of our book collection. The room will include space for the Monkton Museum & Historical Society for displays and access to historical town documents.

The library board and staff are forever grateful to Gretchen Beaupre for her many years of service to the library as both a volunteer and staff member.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Low, Chair  
Cindy Walcott, Treasurer  
Samuel Ludwig

Theresa Schwegel  
Ann Marie Dingler, Secretary

## Monkton Scouts Troop 525

Time sure does fly when you are having fun. 2022 marked the graduation of my first Den of Cub Scouts. 1<sup>st</sup> graders at MCS in 2010. Those boys, Anthony, Billy, Tyler, Tristan, and George have all grown into fine young men and are now guiding their own journey in life. Where does the time go?

Last years calendar shows a return to normal. Our first quarter was full of snow and ice. Some boot hockey on the pond. Another successful day of ice fishing on Monkton Pond. And a very snowy day of food donation collection at the recycling center.

We concluded the winter with a visit to Camp Sunrise. A weekend to ourselves at our Cub Scout camp to say goodbye. The cold rains of March didn't dampen our spirits as we took in the sights of that wonderful property.

Then the May flowers came and so did our annual Spring Camporee. As well as the Vergennes Memorial Day parade. The boys were very excited to again be able to toss a few pounds of candy to the smiling faces lining the streets.

In June we were able to finally celebrate Travis Guillemette's journey to Eagle. A fine celebration at Morse Park overlooking the pond and a treasured piece of property we all are lucky to have.

The third quarter brought us another Parade. This time in our own 5 town community. Signaling summer days and the time of camping. A week of camp at Mt. Norris brought an end to July. Then came Field Days. Again, the Scouts had a presence at our local Fair.

The last quarter of 2022 brought a wonderful fall season. Fall Camporee was a weekend of fun for the boys in early October. From there we took a late season trip to the ocean. A full day of deep-sea fishing was our adventure. A successful day ended with a feast of fresh fish.

A big Thank You to this community. You support us in so many ways to aid in our adventures. Maybe it's your returnable bottles and cans you drop at our bins, or the Christmas trees and wreaths you purchase for your holiday celebrations. It all adds up and your generosity is appreciated.

Mark you calendar for May 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be the return of our annual Spaghetti dinner. Until then, enjoy the last of Winter and the emerging Spring.

Yours in Scouting,

George Parker  
Scoutmaster, Troop 525



## MONKTON MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN REPORT

The Monkton Museum & Historical Society 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 monthly throughout the year in a hybrid fashion of Zoom and in-person meetings. We welcome all Monkton residents and those with Monkton connections or interest to join us in the exciting plans we have for 2023.

These plans include helping to consolidate, coordinate, and publicize our Monkton collection in preparation for display in a museum space. Other projects include creating self- guided tours through the various Monkton boroughs. This year we completed a booklet that offers a self- guided tour of Monkton Ridge. To the delight of many, we unveiled it at the Strawberry Festival. We are currently working on another historical self- guided tour for East Monkton. We look forward to any oral histories you can share on this part of town.

We continue to make our historical work accessible to all. We have a website for our community, and members have an opportunity for forum discussions. Our site is open to all in the public domain at [www.monktonhistory.org](http://www.monktonhistory.org). You will see tabs for projects, publications, a calendar, a forum, and about us. Our publication tab brings you to all kinds of Monkton historical documents on our veterans and homesteaders that the MM&HS compiled over the years. We hope you will explore them and find areas of interest. If you do become a member, you will have access to this site's private account and can participate in the various blogs we have in our forum tab. This site will be a place to tap into what we are doing and get involved.

In review of our year, members have met throughout the year and discussed Vermont during the Civil Rights era, the various U.S presidents who have visited our state, our military heritage, and other less formal historical conversations. We have also had three excellent presentations. Linda Barnard shared with us her experiences in the 251 Club. Many attendees have new hopes to visit all 251 Vermont towns. Jim Atkins, a descendant of the lecture's protagonist, gave an interesting discussion on the Burritt-Atkins Berdan Monkton Sharpshooters. Finally, author and historian, Howard Coffin, gave a rousing and well attended lecture entitled, *Civil War Women*.

MM&HS has also played a role in investigating the feasibility of preserving the 1859 Old Town Hall. We received and matched a grant from the Preservation Trust of Vermont to obtain an architectural assessment. A link to this report is found in the 1859 Town Hall Advocate Report. We have hosted a variety of events at the 1859 Town Hall to garner interest in preserving this town icon, including a pizza party and open house. See the timeline in the 1859 Town Hall Advocate Report.

Finally, we would like to thank Kathy Nolan for her assistance in bookkeeping this year. It is also with a heavy heart that we say farewell to our longstanding MM&HS President, Vice- President, and founding member, Gill Coates. Please read the thank you letter attached to truly appreciate his contribution to our town over many years.

We thank you for any interest you have in the MM&HS and we hope to meet you to share in a love of our Monkton History. Please join us in investigating our local history and sharing it with our community. Email us at [monktonmhs@gmail.com](mailto:monktonmhs@gmail.com) to become a member.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen B. Farrell- MM& HS President  
Robin E. Hopps- Board Member  
Patrick A. Polzella- Board Member

**Monkton Museum & Historical Society Operating Fund  
Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual  
January through December 2022**

1/15/2023

	JAN – DEC '22	BUDGET	OVER BUDG...
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
Book & Index Sales	\$342.00	24.00	+ 318.00
Donations	\$340.00	495.00 -	- 155.00
Dues	\$310.00	230.00	+ 80.00
Grant Income – Town of Mon...	\$1500.00	1,500.00	0
Preservation Trust of VT	\$250.00	0	+ 250.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$2,742.00</b>	<b>2,249.00</b>	<b>+ 811.00</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>			
Christmas Decorations	\$79.71	75.80	+ 3.91
Advertising/Marketing Events	\$465.46	96.00	+ 319.98
Computer Website Expense	\$29.90	198.93	- 169.00
Postage & Shipping	\$67.22	210.00	- 142.78
Presentation Honorariums	\$300.00	500.00	- 200.00
Other Projects- 1859 AA	\$500.00	1000.00	- 500.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>\$1,442.29</b>	<b>1,080.00</b>	<b>- 687.89</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>\$1,299.71</b>	<b>1,169.00</b>	<b>\$123.11</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$1,299.71</b>	<b>1,169.00</b>	<b>\$123.11</b>

## A Tribute to Gill Coates

Historian and Past President of Monkton Museum and Historical Society

Monkton Museum and Historical Society (MM&HS) would like to thank Gill Coates, past president, long-time Board member and artifact conservator, as he leaves the MM&HS Board. We are grateful for all the great historical work he has done for the Society, and for Vermont. We appreciate his legacy of commitment to, and passion for, history. The names Gill Coates and (MM&HS) have been synonymous over the past 2 decades.

Gill initially served as vice president when MM&HS was reactivated in 2004, then later served as president for 16 years. As such, he shared historical information at each monthly meeting, researched and responded to genealogical inquiries from people searching for relatives from Monkton, implemented annual calendar and membership cards, arranged field trips for the society, and he provided annual recap of society's events for the annual Town Report.

Gill made wonderful posters showing Monkton's history, and created displays for events, including having a regular presence at Monkton Town Meetings. He was always happy to engage in conversation about local history with folks who stopped by with questions or comments. Such displays would include pictures of Monkton School houses and map of locations, Sugaring in Monkton, "Then and Now" pictures of town buildings, and biographical research about Eva Munson Smith. He also created an index for the Monkton History book.

Under Gill's leadership, he initiated and participated in MM&HS projects. He inventoried all the town cemeteries with inscription and pictures of stones, partnered with Vermont Humanities Council to host speakers, and supervised the preservation process of the Boro School house. In 2012, Gill was instrumental in planning the Monkton 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of when the town was organized. He arrived dressed as Benning Wentworth, Governor of New Hampshire 1741-1766; Vermont did not have statehood until 1791.

Gill is an accomplished historian and has personal projects, for example, he made the information listed below accessible to the public via the town website:

- Researched and created a list of Civil War Soldiers of Monkton Vermont, 1861-1865, which included each soldier's rank, dates of enlistment and muster, and notes about service. Gill had access to some primary sources.
- Transcribed Monkton History from Hamilton Child's Gazetteer and Business Directory of Addison County for 1881-1882,
- Scanned Monkton's Name List from Hamilton Child's Gazetteer and Business Directory of Addison County for 1881-1882, and,
- Compiled list of Monkton population figures.

Thank you Gill for all your historical knowledge, and your enthusiasm for Monkton's history that you shared as Vice President, and President of MM&HS. We wish you well as you continue researching Vermont's history and enjoying your other endeavors.

In Gratitude,

Monkton Museum & Historical Society

## 2022 1859 Town Hall Report

I will repeat my message of last year by saying Monkton has an incredible opportunity to preserve and invigorate a town icon, the 1859 Old Town Hall. The 1859 Old Town Hall is a Greek Revival style that earned a place on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978 because of its quintessential 19th century New England Town Hall civic architecture. Although the Monkton Museum & Historical Society is unable to purchase or manage its operation, we are committed to preserving the building for its historical significance. Our mission of finding a museum, as our title as an organization attests to, continues. We hope to find a place to house our artifacts and display them to our community. This could be one of the functions of the 1859 Town Hall, if the people of Monkton vote to NOT SELL it privately at this time. There are many other possible social and community building opportunities for this space. I wish to share some of the efforts that were done with your permission. Thank you for voting to give more time last year to pursue the timeline listed below. I urge you to vote to delay the sale again. Here is what has been happening this year in those efforts to preserve the 1859 Old Town Hall:

- **2/22** Grant writing presentation with multiple grant funders present. Monkton 1859 Old Town Hall was featured.
- **3/22** Community discussion on future and function of 1859 Old Town Hall.
- **5/22** Preservation Trust of Vermont and other grant funders visited the 1859 Old Town Hall to better understand the layout of the building and its relationship to the community.
- **6/22** 1859 Old Town Hall opened to the public during the Strawberry Festival to offer Monkton Ridge Historical Tour booklets. MM&HS artifacts on display.
- **7/22** A grant was awarded from the Preservation Trust of Vermont: “ *I am pleased to inform you that the Monkton Museum and Historical Society has been awarded a \$250 Robert Sincerbeaux Fund grant to hire Tom Bursey (TomBurseyDesigns@gmail.com, 802-777-4261) to prepare a condition assessment and preliminary cost estimates for the Old Town Hall located at 280 Monkton Ridge. This grant must be matched by a cash contribution of \$250 to cover Tom’s \$500 fee.*”- **This report was completed in August, 2022.**

**Copies are available at the Town Hall and the link below.**

**8/22** - Tom Bursey Designs submits a 25 page report outlining work needed to be done in two phases. This is a quote from his conclusion:

“The building was assessed in 2021 for \$97,300 (per internet realty search). With a limited budget and many maintenance and repair items to consider, prioritizing where to

focus efforts is a challenge. I have listed about \$85,000+ of repairs that could be done to this building. This does not include, mechanical, electrical & plumbing upgrades, nor does it include site or utilities upgrades. I did not evaluate the building's structure (but there is nothing I observed that would lead one to believe there are any structural deficiencies). The extent of rehabilitation / repair / restoration is in large part dependent on the future use of the building. I recommend only undertaking critical / priority one items until a path forward for the building's future use has been identified."

**Link to the report:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fHTL7BvsSyWqVeXOcrZIa1kxavnHke-2oh5xX3mPmQ/edit?usp=sharing>

- **8/22** Pizza Party Town Brain Storm on Function of the 1859 Town Hall:  
We had a super conversation with over 20 community members who generated many ideas. Below are notes discussed:

**How can we make the 1859 Town Hall a sustainable asset to our community?**

- Offer items that can not be found in Hinesburg or Bristol- All Monkton Products
- The Monkton Museum
- Ready made meals
- Retail- artisan, agricultural products, bread and butter items
- Musical venue
- Art Center
- Community Center
- Square and Contra Dancing
- Telecommuting opportunity
- Daycare/childcare
- Educational/Student programs
- Presentations/movies/talks
  - Wildlife, classes, Ted Talk Style
- Yoga/exercise class
- Social Space- hub/pub
- A place to give tribute to town elders
- Pop Ups

**Who should own the building?**

- Town- Caveats: 1859 Town Hall is self sustaining or **voter approved**
- Community Non- Profit Group that expresses interest

**Who can manage/ be an operator?**

- Cooperative
- Event Planner incorporated into grant writing
- College Intern- Middlebury College/UVM

**Concerns/ \*Solutions:**

- Cost to sustain
- Cost to renovate
- Assessment from Architect- 85,000+
- parking/safety

- Septic Tank: \* An attendee had an idea about a type of compostable toilet, as it was something that does not require electricity
- Concerns if it were a place to offer food: refrigeration/staffing
- Not to be seen as a competing with the Town Hall and Library: \* collaboration
- Internet
- **9/22:** Addison Independent ran an article seeking ideas and an operator/manager opportunity.  
<https://www.addisonindependent.com/2022/09/29/monkton-seeks-ideas-for-old-town-hall/>
- **10/22:** WCAX ran a story on the morning news on the 1859 Town Hall.  
<https://www.wcax.com/2022/10/27/old-town-hall-monkton-get-new-mission/>
- **10/22:** Worked with town administrator to get on the Addison County Economic Development Priority List, a first step in receiving future grants.
- **12/22- HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE-** Met many new folks who just moved into town and many other community guests and friends. MM&HS artifacts on display.

#### **Hopes for the future:**

- Monkton voters vote to NOT SELL the 1859 Town Hall at this time, until further efforts to get operator(s)/manager(s) and more grants can be resolved.
- Monthly events- local artists and artisan themed open houses. Continue to display MM&HS artifacts.

Until the voters decide in this upcoming vote to keep the 1859 Old Town Hall under the town's ownership for the next year, or sell it on the open market, there is no movement forward in seeking any ARPA funding, nor planning upcoming events or seeking additional grants.

The 1859 Old Town Hall building served its life of 163 years admirably and may need a little TLC, but with your vote to NOT SELL at this time, may we seek to restore it into a bridge from our past, through our present, and into our future. If you are interested in being part of this project please contact 1859 Town Hall Advocate- Kristen B. Farrell.  
[777kfarrell@gmail.com](mailto:777kfarrell@gmail.com)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristen B. Farrell  
1859 Town Hall ARPA Advocate

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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## Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2022

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2022 fiscal year:

### Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Worked with Cornwall, Salisbury, Orwell and Vergennes on Municipal Planning Grants
- Worked with Bristol, Lincoln and Shoreham on Bylaw Modernization projects focused on housing.
- Represented the Region in Act 250 and Section 248 hearings.
- Assisted municipalities in applying for Village Center Designation: Salisbury, 2021
- Updated and readopted the Population and Housing section of the Regional Plan.

### Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops on planning topics, including housing, planning essentials and community septic.
- 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.
- Assisted communities in completing Local Emergency Management Plans to maintain ERAF status.
- Updated Mutual Aid agreements for Public Works Departments.
- Led an emergency exercise at the Hannaford Career Center
- Received two Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF) grants
- Received one Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant

### Energy Planning:

- Assisted Waltham, Whiting, Shoreham, and Starksboro in developing their enhanced energy plans.
- Worked with Ferrisburgh and Vergennes to relaunch local energy committees.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.
- Provided energy scorecards for municipalities to track progress on state and local energy efficiency goals.
- Developed an online map of renewable energy resources and siting.

### Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee’s regional priorities and studies.
- Supported Tri-Valley Transit/ACTR by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to reduce road erosion from local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, Better Roads and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for a sidewalk construction projects in Middlebury and Vergennes and a culvert replacement project in Bridport.
- Sponsored town transportation planning studies.
- Conducted traffic and pedestrian studies for towns.
- Hosted the regional Walk/bike council meetings and a statewide Bike/Ped Summit in Middlebury.
- Sponsored a Planning and Environmental Linkages Study for the City of 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.
- Prepared to serve as the Clean Water Service Provider for the Otter Creek Basin
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

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



Addison County  
Regional Planning Commission



# ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## 2022 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 regularly holds virtual meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7 PM, and the Executive Board meets monthly 8 days prior to the Board meeting at 4:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public.

### District Mission

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

### District Office and Transfer Station

**Telephone:** (802) 388-2333      **Fax:** (802) 388-0271      **Website:** [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org)  
**E-mail:** [acswmd@acswmd.org](mailto:acswmd@acswmd.org)      **Transfer Station Hours:** M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM  
**Office Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–4 PM      **HazWaste Center Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. A complete list of acceptable items and prices can be found on the District’s website.

### 2022 Highlights

**COVID-19.** District staff have been working diligently toward maintaining the solid waste management and collection system within its 21 member municipalities during these challenging times. Despite the disruption of COVID-19, the District Transfer Station remained open to commercial haulers and area businesses and continued to provide access to essential services without service interruptions. Despite challenges of supply shortages, vendor staffing difficulties, and rising operational costs in 2022, District staff were creative and committed to keeping the District efficient in managing the solid waste generated. Thank you to our residents and businesses for your support, as well as your individual and collective efforts toward meeting the District’s goals of waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting!

**New Organics Equipment.** In 2022, the District was able to purchase new equipment for the management of food scraps at the Transfer Station, using \$40,000 of a Materials Management Implementation Grant awarded by the VT Department of Environmental Conservation in 2021. Items included: a 15-cu.yd., heavy-duty, sealed roll-off container with a rolling lid; a customized food scrap toter tipper; a portable toter washing system; a pickup truck/trailer for moving the toter washing system; and extra food scrap toters. The District was also awarded a grant from the VT League of Cities & Towns PACIF toward the toter tipper. These purchases enabled the District to more efficiently and safely operate a food scrap collection system at the Transfer Station.

**Regional Residential Drop-off.** The District is in the process of designing and permitting a new regional residential transfer station on Campground Road, off of Rt. 7. The facility is intended to provide an option for residents to drop off bagged trash and recyclables, along with food scraps and leaf & yard waste. The facility, to be built in 2 phases, will eventually accept scrap metal, tires, and special wastes (E-Waste, fluorescent light bulbs, books, and film plastic).

**Financials.** The District anticipates CY2022 total operating expenses of \$4,121,923, with operating revenues of \$3,927,234. CY2021 surplus revenues rolled over to the General Fund will make up the difference. Vendor price increases, fuel surcharges, equipment maintenance and other operational cost increases are beyond budgeted levels this year. Combined with increasing recycling processing fees charged by the recycler, price increases at the Transfer Station are inevitable in CY2023.

**Illegal Burning/Disposal.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff’s Department in 2022 to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. The District served again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, assisting the many area volunteers who organized collection of roadside litter, and providing bags and gloves. The District subsidized the disposal of 10.94 tons of roadside trash, 5.59 tons of tires, and various other items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$2,483.

### 2023 Annual Budget

The District’s adopted CY2023 Annual Budget differs from the proposed budget, due to a recent and unforeseen drop in recycling market prices, The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$145/ton (\$9 minimum fee) for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will increase to \$125/ton. Rates on a few other items will have nominal increases. **There will be no assessments of member municipalities in CY2023.** For a copy of the full 2022 Annual Report and Adopted CY2023 Annual Budget and Rate Sheet, please call (802) 388-2333, or visit the District website at [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org).

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

# Addison County Solid Waste Management District

2023 Adopted Rate Schedule

## TRANSFER STATION & DISTRICT FEES

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

**A \$1.00 admin fee is charged on all<sup>5</sup> monetary transactions in addition to prices listed below.**

<b>MSW (Trash), Construction &amp; Demolition Debris</b> .....	\$145/ton
Minimum Fee - Minimum Load Size - 1/2 ton for MSW only.....	\$64
Minimum Fee - 100 lbs. or less - mixed debris.....	\$9 load
(Telephone poles must be cut into 10' sections)	
<b>Appliances w/ CFCs</b> (refrigerator, freezer, window A/C, water fountain, vending machine, dehumidifier).....	\$15/ea.
Commercial-Grade A/C units & outdoor residential A/C units.....	At Cost
<b>Appliances - no CFCs</b> (furnace, washer, dryer, hot water heater, stove, dishwasher, microwave, woodstove, etc.).....	No Charge
<b>Asbestos, Non-Friable</b> (packaging requirements apply).....	\$250/ton
<b>Asphalt Shingles and Drywall Recycling</b> .....	\$110/ton
<b>Ashes (wood)</b> .....	\$1/load
<b>Batteries</b> (wet-cell, automotive).....	No Charge
<b>Batteries</b> (small dry-cell, cell phones, rechargeable, button cell, lithium, lithium ion, NiMH, NiCad).....	No Charge <sup>1</sup>
<b>Books</b> (hard and soft cover) – Residential.....	\$2/load
Business.....	\$80/ton
<b>Clean Wood</b> , brush, branches, (cut into 16" logs if > 6" diameter) Residential, up to 1 regular pick-up truck or small trailer.....	\$6/load
Large loads or Business.....	\$60/ton
Mulch loading assistance.....	\$10/scoop
<b>Cooking Oil</b> (Large quantities call ahead).....	No charge
<b>Documents</b> (Secure Destruction), small amounts only.....	No charge
<b>Electronics</b> (large items or quantities charged by weight at the discretion of the scalehouse operator).....	\$0.23/lb
Computers, whole systems (includes everything).....	\$11/ea. (or no charge <sup>2</sup> )
Computers, by piece (monitor or CPU or printer).....	\$6/pc. (or no charge <sup>2</sup> )
Televisions (Regular size TV).....	\$7/ea. (or no charge <sup>2</sup> )
(Console size TV).....	\$15/ea. (or no charge <sup>2</sup> )
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
<b>Film Plastic &amp; Plastic Bags</b> (must meet acceptance criteria, Residential).....	No charge
Business limit 1 CY per week or less.....	\$10
<b>Fire Extinguishers</b> – Any size.....	\$5/ea.
<b>Fluorescent Light Bulbs</b> – Compact Fluorescent Lamps.....	No Charge
U-Tube, Circular or Straight Tubes 4 ft. or shorter.....	\$0.35/ea. (or no charge <sup>3</sup> )
Straight Tubes longer than 4 ft.....	\$0.60/ea. (or no charge <sup>3</sup> )
HID Lamps.....	\$1/ea. (or no charge <sup>3</sup> )
UV, Neon or other Specialty Lamps.....	\$1.95/ea.
<b>Food Waste</b> (Residential, containers up to 5-gal).....	\$1/ea.
(Business, containers up to 5-gal).....	\$1.25/ea.
(Business, 32-gallon container).....	\$15/ea.
(Business, 48-gallon container).....	\$20/ea.

<b>Hazardous Waste</b> (Residential) – (including all paint).....	No Charge
<b>Hazardous Waste</b> (Business, CEG) (including all paint) Must call for appointment day/time.....	Actual Cost+\$5 Fee <sup>4</sup>
<b>Leaf &amp; Yard Waste</b> (grass clippings, leaves, small twigs) - 3 CY or less.....	\$20/load
Over 3 CY.....	\$22.25/ea.
<b>Light Ballasts</b> (containing PCBs).....	\$10/CY
<b>Maple Sap Tubing</b> (call for acceptance guidelines, by appointment only).....	No Charge
<b>Mercury Devices</b> (intact thermometers, thermostats, etc.).....	No Charge
<b>Motor Oil</b> (Residential, uncontaminated only, 10 gal or less per day).....	\$2.50/gal.
(Business any amount or Residential > 10 gal), uncontaminated only.....	No Charge
<b>Oil Filters</b> (Residential).....	\$0.30/ea.
(Business) Individual filters.....	\$13/pail
(Business) 5-gallon pail full.....	\$140/drum
(Business) 55-gallon drum full.....	No Charge
<b>Propane Tanks</b> , 1-lb (Residential).....	\$1/ea.
1-lb (Business).....	\$5/ea.
20-lb or larger (grill size, resident or business).....	\$125/ton
<b>Recycling</b> – Single Stream Recyclables from Commercial Haulers.....	\$10.00
Single Stream self-hauled from Businesses - Min. Fee 1 CY or less.....	\$125/ton
Single Stream self-hauled from Businesses > 1 CY.....	\$125/ton
<b>Reuse It or Lose It! (SUSPENDED)</b>	
All items accepted at the discretion of the scalehouse operator only	
Per Visit - Dropping off (50 lbs or less) or Just Visiting Fee.....	\$1/visit <sup>5</sup>
Household goods weighing >50 lbs.....	\$4/ea.
<b>Construction Materials</b> (reusable lumber, doors, fixtures, windows, etc.).....	No Charge
<b>Scrap Metal</b> .....	No Charge
<b>Stumps</b> .....	\$15/CY
<b>Textiles</b> (Must be clean, dry and in bags).....	No Charge
<b>Tires</b> - Passenger Tires.....	\$4/ea.
Large Truck Tires.....	\$11/ea.
Agricultural Tires, Earthmoving Tires, Oversized Tires.....	\$0.20/lb.
Car & Light Truck up to 20" - Large Quantity by the pound.....	\$0.11/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.

<sup>1</sup>VT Battery Law - Primary cells are collected at no charge.

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup>The \$1 admin fee is not charged in addition to the \$1 **Reuse It or Lose It!** per-visit fee.

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## Emergency Management Report 2022

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 2022:

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 December storm resulted in widespread damage throughout the State including parts on Monkton and 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



## 2022 Annual Report

October 17, 2022

Maple Broadband is a Communications Union District (CUD) based in Addison County. Maple Broadband’s mission is to enhance the economic, educational, and medical well-being of the communities it serves by providing a reliable and affordable high-speed fiber internet network, supported by premium-grade customer service, to the households and businesses in its member towns.

Throughout 2022, Maple Broadband’s focus has been on preparing to build and launch service on our fiber-optic network, as well as on obtaining the necessary grant funding to pay for the initial portions of the network. Grant funding available through the State of Vermont, while substantial, will not cover all the costs of building fiber throughout Addison County. Every grant dollar raised reduces the amount of loans (and corresponding interest) that Maple Broadband must incur, which results in lower prices for subscribers.

Maple Broadband has also continued building its organizational capacity to deliver on our ambitious goals.

### Fundraising

- Applied for and were awarded a construction grant of \$8.7 million from the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB). This grant award will allow Maple Broadband to build approximately 180 miles of fiber network beginning in 2022 and continuing into 2023;
- Applied for and were awarded an additional \$635,000 of pre-construction grant funds from the VCBB;
- Applied for and were awarded \$781,284 from the VCBB for the purchase of materials;
- Applied for and were awarded a \$30,000 USDA grant that will support capacity building efforts; and
- Solicited and received \$165,000 town ARPA contributions in 2022. At its October 3, 2022 meeting, the Vermont Community Broadband Board approved a policy that will match all past and future town ARPA contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis. This will result in \$380,000 of new grant funding based on contributions to date. Every additional dollar raised from town ARPA contributions will increase grant funding to Maple Broadband by an equal amount.

### Network Pre-Construction, Construction, and Preparation for Service Launch

- Worked with our engineering firm, Vantage Point Solutions (VPS) to complete a detailed engineering design and construction bid specifications for the initial build area (Phase 1);

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#### Maple Broadband Members

Addison  
Ferrisburgh  
Monkton  
Ripton  
Vergennes

Bridport  
Leicester  
New Haven  
Salisbury  
Waltham

Bristol  
Lincoln  
Orwell  
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- Ordered \$1.2 million of network construction materials in order to begin construction in 2022 and established materials warehousing and management services with network operator Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT);
- Submitted pole applications to Green Mountain Power for the Phase 1 build area. Make-ready work must be performed prior to network installation on telephone poles;
- Performed a competitive bid process and awarded initial construction work to Syracuse Utilities;
- Performed a competitive bid process and awarded construction oversight services to Vantage Point Solutions;
- Initiated development of marketing materials and strategies for service launch in early 2023;
- Procured and configured an online subscriber management system, CrowdFiber, which enables prospective subscribers to register interest; and
- Collaborated with network operator WCVT to refine the customer onboarding process and customization of back-end systems.

**Operational Capacity Building**

- Held bi-weekly meetings of the Executive Committee, which is composed of members of Maple Broadband’s Governing Board who possess expertise in a wide variety of technology and business professions;
- Following a thorough search, hired an Executive Director to support the overall direction of Maple Broadband and to execute Executive Committee initiatives;
- Performed a competitive bid process and awarded marketing services contract to Pivot Group, to help inform the community about Maple Broadband and promote subscriber sign-up; and
- Engaged an auditing firm, Batchelder Associates, PC, and completed Maple Broadband’s first audit.

**Plans for 2023:**

- Complete approximately 200 miles of fiber network construction;
- Prepare a detailed design package for Phase 2 construction;
- Procure materials for Phase 2;
- Add and support subscribers in newly constructed areas.

**Construction Sequence**

While Maple Broadband would love to deliver high speed broadband service everywhere as soon as possible, the reality is that it will take years to complete Maple Broadband’s mission.

As a new organization, Maple Broadband is reliant on grants and donations to fund the network construction. Most of grant funding comes via the VCBB, and this grant funding stipulates that priority must be given to areas that are underserved. Under the constraints of this grant funding, some areas are ineligible for construction. For residents of these areas, this is understandably frustrating, but once Maple Broadband is able to borrow funds to continue construction, it will no longer be bound by grant constraints, and will return to offer broadband service to those previously excluded areas.

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<b>Maple Broadband Members</b>			
Addison Ferrisburgh Monkton Ripton Vergennes	Bridport Leicester New Haven Salisbury Waltham	Bristol Lincoln Orwell Shoreham Weybridge	Cornwall Middlebury Panton Starksboro Whiting

## Business and Organizational Challenges

In the coming months, Maple Broadband will continue to face significant challenges related to availability and increasing cost of construction labor and materials both related to its own network construction, and upstream with the make-ready work that must happen before we can install our network on telephone poles. This could have a profound effect on construction activities. Maple Broadband aims to anticipate and mitigate these challenges, to the degree possible, wherever encountered as it gains construction management experience.

The energy and time required to manage Maple Broadband necessitates engagement of paid professionals who can complement the hours of work performed by our small group of volunteers. Success in fulfilling our mission depends on support from member towns, through the contributions of delegates' time, energies and expertise, and through town ARPA fund contributions.

### Submitted by the Maple Broadband Governing Board:

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

**Executive Director:** Ellie de Villiers (ex officio)

**Chief Financial Officer:** Magna Dodge (ex officio)

**Treasurer:** Cy Tall (ex officio)

**Clerk:** Adam Lougee (ex officio)

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

### About Maple Broadband:

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

Maple Broadband's Governing Board is comprised of one Delegate from each member town. Representatives are appointed by the town Selectboard and serve for one-year terms. The Executive Committee consists of five voting members and four non-voting ex officio members. Meeting times, agendas and minutes are posted on the [website](#).

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#### Maple Broadband Members

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Vergennes

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Lincoln  
Orwell  
Shoreham  
Weybridge

Cornwall  
Middlebury  
Panton  
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Whiting

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# MARRIAGES FILED IN 2022

	<u>DATE OF MARRIAGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
SUZANNE LILLIAN WHITAKER DUSTIN RYAN FLEMING	FEBRUARY 25, 2022	MONKTON, VT
SABRA LYNN DAVISON RICHARD ANTHONY CONNELL	APRIL 3, 2022	MIDDLEBURY, VT
JENNIFER MONIQUE BROCHU GREGORY DANIEL COUSINO	MAY 28, 2022	NO. FERRISBURGH, VT
JESSE MAX MOSTOLLER STEPHANIE CAITLIN STEVENS	JUNE 11, 2022	WESTON, VT
MIRANDA LEE GERO RYAN CHARLES BIRKETT	JUNE 25, 2022	ADDISON, VT
NIKOLE MARIE PEREZ-HEMMINGER KENNETH LEE SHACKELFORD III	JUNE 18, 2022	MONKTON, VT
HANNAH ELIZABETH HESS NICHOLAS SCOTT TERRIEN	AUGUST 20, 2022	CHARLOTTE, VT
PATRICK SERGIO DIMAMBRO JIMENA HUACO	SEPTEMBER 4, 2022	MONKTON, VT
JENNA MARY CARROLL MAX WILLIAM VALENTINE	SEPTEMBER 17, 2022	ALBURGH, VT
CARISSA LEIGH ANN LASELVA CHRISTOPHER JEFFREY MUELLER	OCTOBER 5, 2022	MONKTON, VT
KEITH E. MAYO NATASHA L. LAWYER	OCTOBER 15, 2022	MONKTON, VT
KIRSTEN ROSE MALZAC KAIO CEZAR DAMASCENO DE PAULA	NOVEMBER 19, 2022	HUNTINGTON, VT

## 2022 BIRTHS

2/9/2022	GHALI	OAKLEY	EASTON	AMANDA GHALI ANDREW GHALI
3/21/2022	MCLAM	DAHLIA	CONCHITA	ALEJANDRA GOMEZ MCLAM DANIEL MCLAM
05/13/2022	VARNER	CHARLOTTE	JEANIE HOUPT	LINDSAY VARNER NICHOLAS TERRIEN
05/14/2022	BAKERHILL	ROGER	NELSON	DIANA HILL ANDREW BAKER
07/02/2022	COTA	MAEVE	RUTH	EMILY COTA ANDREW COTA
07/20/2022	COLEMAN COLEMAN	OLIVE EVA	ELIZABETH MAY	ELIZABETH COLEMAN MASON COLEMAN
07/27/2022	BROWN	SHILOH	PEISCH	LARKIN BROWN SAMUEL PEISCH
08/22/2022	BERGMAN	LILLIAN	APRIL	CHARLOTTE CARR ERNEST BERGMAN II
11/11/2022	MURRAY	CALEM	MARSON	ABIGAIL MURRAY MAXWELL MURRAY
11/14/2022	PARKER	ZOE	ANNE	SAMANTHA PARKER JONATHAN SYKES
11/24/2022	MCMAHON	ARLEAUX	J	BRANDY MCMAHON CAMERON MCMAHON
11/28/2022	LOTHIAN	MADISON	JAYE	HEATHER LOTHIAN TYLER LOTHIAN
12/1/2022	MCCULLOUGH-MERTZ	OPHELIA	MARGUERITE	ASHLEY MCCULLOUGH CORRINE MERTZ
12/28/2022	BRENNAN	DAHLIA	CLAIRE	NIKEITHA LOUISON IAN BRENNAN
12/29/2022	YOUNG	REYA	LYDIA	CAREY YOUNG LOGAN YOUNG
12/31/2022	ROGERS	HARRIET	ANNE	WHITNEY LEIGHTON MATTHEW ROGERS

## 2022 DEATHS

<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
LUCILE RUTH COUSINO	JANUARY 6, 2022	MONKTON, VT
ROBERT FORREST DIXON	JANUARY 28, 2022	BURLINGTON, VT
ANDREW ZACHARY BRESNICK JEWELL	FEBRUARY 5, 2022	MONKTON, VT
LEO EDMOND COUSINO	FEBRUARY 5, 2022	MONKTON, VT
DONALD G. POULIN	MARCH 13, 2022	MONKTON, VT
ROBERT W. GAUDETTE	MARCH 22, 2022	BURLINGTON, VT
BABECCA J. TAHAIR	APRIL 3, 2022	BURLINGTON, VT
FRANK PETER JAMES JR.	MAY 2, 2022	BURLINGTON, VT
SANDRA J. COLLINS	JUNE 12, 2022	MONKTON, VT
EARL WENTWORTH HANSON	AUGUST 11, 2022	MIDDLEBURY, VT
RAYMOND G. LATREILLE	AUGUST 12, 2022	MONKTON, VT
BEVERLY D. LATREILLE	AUGUST 13, 2022	MONKTON, VT
PAUL JOSEPH BRUNET	SEPTEMBER 18, 2022	VERGENNES, VT
FIONA RICHMIRE	NOVEMBER 5, 2022	GEORGIA, 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 Large Cafeteria) on **Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 6:00 PM**, to consider and act upon the following articles (1-8) and to discuss the articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Articles 9-11 and Town article regarding the Lincoln exit agreement). **Legal voters who attend via Zoom may not act upon articles from the floor but may participate for informational purposes only.** All legal voters are hereby warned that voting shall take place by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/86384562512?pwd=2OHC2WNEIoGAclfe58RqPEZS6NagAQ.1>

Meeting ID: 863 8456 2512  
Passcode: MAUSD

To Phone In  
Dial 1-301-715-8592 or 1-646-558-8656  
follow the prompts (meeting ID): 863 8456 2512  
Passcode: 967950

**To be acted upon on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.**

- 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, 2023 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, 2023 and serve a one-year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.
- Article 4: To establish the salaries for the elected officers of the District.
- Article 5: To hear and act upon the reports of the School District directors and officers.
- Article 6: To discuss articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Articles 9-11 and Town article regarding the Lincoln exit agreement).
- Article 7: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.
- Article 8: To adjourn the meeting until 7:00 AM March 7, 2023, when voting by Australian ballot shall commence.

**To be voted upon by Australian ballot on March 7, 2023**

- Article 9: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District authorize the School Board of Directors to deposit \$438,504 of the District's unaudited fund balance in the Capital Reserve Fund? The total unaudited fund balance as of June 30, 2022, is \$438,504.
- Article 10: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District authorize the School Board of Directors to transfer an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund into the general fund to pay for expenses related to the lobby and bathroom renovation project at Mt. Abraham Union High School? The balance of the Capital Reserve Fund as of June 30, 2022 was \$1,780,118. In consideration of passage of this Article and Article 9 the new balance of the Capital Reserve Fund will be no less than \$518,622.
- Article 11: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District authorize the School Board of Directors to expend \$33,868,900.00, which is the amount the School Board of Directors has determined to be necessary for the 2023-2024 school year?

**For the purpose of voting by Australian ballot:**

In person voting will be available at local polling places on **March 7, 2023, from 7am – 7 pm**. To request to have an MAUSD absentee ballot mailed to you, please contact your Town Clerk, or use the "My Voter Page" online resource from the Secretary of State which can be found here: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>. Please make your request for **mailed** ballots to your Town clerk no later than **February 28, 2023**. 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 7, 2023, 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 7, 2023, at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

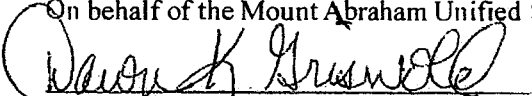
Voters of the Town New Haven will vote at the New Haven Town Hall located at 70 North St, New Haven, VT 05472. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

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 7, 2023, 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:

  
Dawn Griswold, Chair of the Board

Dated this 30 day of January 2023

  
Kevin Hanson, Board Member


Dated this 30 day of January 2023

  
Liz Sayre, Board Member, Clerk

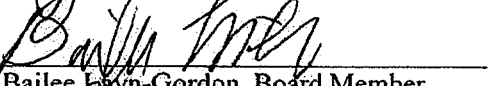
Dated this 31 day of January 2023

  
Krista Siringo, Board Member, Vice Chair

Dated this 31 day of January 2023

  
Erin Jipner, Board Member

Dated this 31 day of January 2023

  
Bailee Layn-Gordon, Board Member

Dated this 30 day of January 2023

  
Kristen Toy, Board Member

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2023

  
Brad Johnson, Board Member

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2023

  
Sarah LaPerle, Board Member

Dated this 30 day of January 2023


Not available to vote on 1-30-23  
Kris Pearsall, Board Member

Dated this \_\_\_ day of January 2023

  
Steve Rooney, Board Member

Dated this 31 day of January 2023

Received for the record and recorded this 31 day of January 2023 by:

  
Jennifer Bauer, Clerk of the District

**WARNING – February 28, 2023 & March 7, 2023**

**PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2023 & MARCH 7, 2023**

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

The legal voters of the Regional Technical School District are hereby warned to meet at the Hannaford Career Center, Middlebury, Vermont in said district on February 28, 2023 at 5:00 P.M., to transact and vote on the following business:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect the following officers:

- a) A Moderator      b) A Treasurer      c) A Clerk

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

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money, pending receipt of payment from member districts, by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date for the purpose of paying the sum approved by the voters.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to assign Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) of the school district's FY22 fund balance into the Health Reserve Fund.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to allocate its remaining FY22 fund balance as follows: assign Two Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000) of the school district's FY22 fund balance as revenue for the 2023-2024 operating budget.

**ARTICLE 6:** To do any other business proper to come before said meeting.

**The meeting will then be recessed to March 7, 2023 on which date member district voters are further warned to vote on the articles listed below by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:**

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend \$4,829,146 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? This budget represents a 17.66% 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 \$26,910 per full-time equivalent student on a 6-semester trailing average. This projected spending per full-time equivalent student is 10.41% higher than spending for the current year.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2023 at Middlebury, Vermont.



Suzanne S. Buck, Chair  
PAHRTSD

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING - 2023**

**THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MONKTON ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO MEET AT THE MONKTON CENTRAL SCHOOL ON SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**

**ARTICLES 1, 7 AND 9 TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY MARCH 7, 2023 AT THE MONKTON TOWN OFFICES**  
**POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

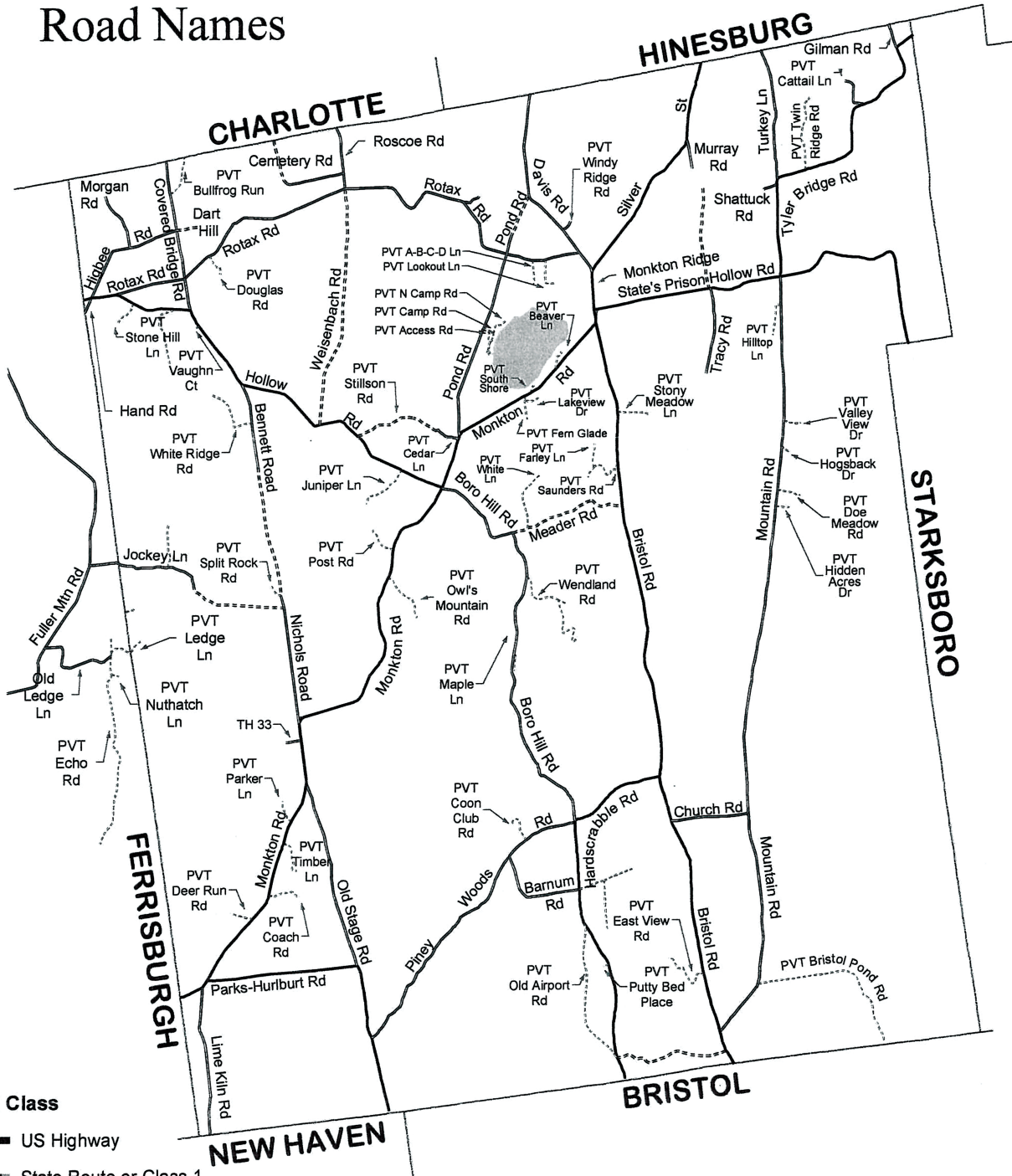
**ARTICLE 10:** To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.

	<u>/s/ Stephen Pilcher</u>
<b>Monkton Town Clerk</b>	<b>Stephen Pilcher, Chair Selectboard</b>
<b>Received and Recorded</b>	
<b>On February 2, 2023 at 9:15 a.m.</b>	<u>/s/ Paul Low</u>
	<b>Paul Low, Member Selectboard</b>
	<u>/s/ Marikate Kelley</u>
	<b>Marikate Kelley, Member Selectboard</b>
<b>Attest: /s/ Sharon Gomez</b>	
<b>Sharon Gomez, Town Clerk</b>	<u>/s/ Walter Crandall</u>
<b>Monkton Town Clerk received</b>	<b>Walter Crandall, Member Selectboard</b>
	<u>/s/John McNerney</u>
	<b>John McNerney, Member Selectboard</b>

### MARCH 2023 TOWN MEETING CANDIDATES AND TERMS

Town Clerk	1 Year Term	2023 - 2024	Sharon M. Gomez
Town Moderator	1 Year Term	2023 - 2024	Jerry L. Schwarz
Selectboard	2 Year Term	2023 - 2025	John McNerney
Selectboard	3 Year Term	2023 - 2026	Walter Crandall
Constable	1 Year Term	2022 - 2023	
Lister	3 Year Term	2023 - 2026	Lisa Burns
	<b>Remainder of 3 Yr Term: 2022-2025</b>		
Lister	2 Year Term	2023 - 2025	Levi Cousino
	<b>Remainder of 3 Yr Term: 2021-2024</b>		
Lister	1 Year Term	2023 - 2024	
Auditor	3 Year Term	2023 - 2026	Janet Cassarino
MAUSD Board	3 Year Term	2023 - 2026	
MAUSD Board	3 Year Term	2023 - 2026	
Planning Commission	3 Year Term	2023 - 2026	Marilyn Cargill
Planning Commission	3 Year Term	2023 - 2026	Wendy Sue Harper
Russell Mem. Library Trustee	3 Year Term	2023 - 2026	Theresa Schwegel
Russell Mem. Library Trustee	3 Year Term	2023 - 2026	Janet Fairchild

# Town of Monkton Road Names



  
 Addison County  
 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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*Community Information*  
*Town of Monkton ~ Chartered in 1762*

**Town Clerk:** Sharon Gomez 453-3800

Clerk's hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

8 am to 1 pm

**Closed Wednesdays**

**Town Treasurer:** William Joos

Treasurer's hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8 am to 1 pm

**Clerk & Treasurer's Evening Hours:**

Tuesday & Thursday

4 pm to 7 pm

**Zoning Administrator:** 453-3800

Kris Perlee

**Zoning Adm. Hours:**

Tuesday 9 am to 1 pm

Thursday 4 to 7 pm

**Listers:** 453-4515

Lisa Burns, Levi Cousino

**Listers' Hours:**

Tuesday & Wednesday

8 am to 11 am

**E-Mails:** Town Clerk - [townclerk@monktonvt.com](mailto:townclerk@monktonvt.com)

Treasurer - [treasurer@monktonvt.com](mailto:treasurer@monktonvt.com)

Select Board - [selectboard@monktonvt.com](mailto:selectboard@monktonvt.com)

Zoning Adm - [zoning@monktonvt.com](mailto:zoning@monktonvt.com)

Listers - [listeners@monktonvt.com](mailto:listeners@monktonvt.com)

Animal Contr. [aco@monktonvt.com](mailto:aco@monktonvt.com)

Town website - [www.monktonvt.com](http://www.monktonvt.com)

**Select Board:**

Steve Pilcher-chair 425-2178

Paul Low

Walter Crandall

John McNerney 877-9929

Marikate Kelley

**Animal Control Officer** see website

**Delinquent Tax Collector** 453-3800

William Joos

**Emergency #'s:** 911

Fire, Rescue Squad

**State Police** 388-4919

**Town Garage:** 453-3263

**Town Constable:** see website

**Schools:**

Monkton Elementary 453-2314

Mount Abraham

Principal 453-2333

All other Depts. 453-2348

Superintendent's off. 453-3657

**Russell Memorial Library:** 453-4471

Librarian: Deborah Chamberlin

**Hours:**

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Friday & Saturday

**Meetings:**

Select Board: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7 pm

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

MM & Historical Society: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 7pm

Planning Comm. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 7 pm

**Post Offices:**

Monkton 453-3115

Bristol 453-2421

Hinesburg 482-2292

New Haven 453-2752

No. Ferrisburgh 425-3231

Starksboro 453-3711

**Hospitals:**

Porter Hospital 388-4701

UVM Medical 1-800-358-1144

Rutland Regional 1-800-649-2187

**Northern New England Poison Center:**

1-800-222-1222

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

(e-mail) [www.vermont.gov/governor](http://www.vermont.gov/governor)

**Attorney General:** 802-828-3171

Charity R. Clark

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Caleb Elder 802-373-6465

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Ruth Hardy

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Bernard Sanders 1-800-339-9834

(e-mail) [www.sanders.senate.gov](http://www.sanders.senate.gov)

**U.S. Representative:**

Becca Balint

(e-mail) [www.balint.house.gov](http://www.balint.house.gov)

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

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