

Annual Report

Eden, Vermont

2022 – 2023



The Congregational Church in Eden Mills, Vermont

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Dedication of the Town Report

Monique Morway is a longtime resident and respected member of the Eden community and still resides on the land where her husband Norman was raised. Together they operated a dairy farm while also working at other jobs. When it was time to move on from farming, Monique studied and became a licensed realtor, a position she held until her retirement. Running her realty business from an office in her home, she enlisted her son Brent to help with sales. Together they closed many property transfers as people in the community and surrounding towns trusted and respected her judgement and guidance.

Family is extremely important to Monique and she is the person that everyone turns to and relies upon. Whenever friends and family visit Eden, they always stop by to check in.



Photo: Norman and Monique Morway, June 2008

Monique is also a prominent member of the local Catholic parish, first at St. Gabriel's, a mission church of St. Theresa and now at the combined Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Monique's faith is as strong as her work ethic and she shared that in the lessons she taught on religious education. In 1990 she and her niece Linda Jewett were instrumental in the formation of the St. Gabriel's Ladies Guild and its multiple functions in support of the local church until it closed in 2016. She served on Parish Council, Futures Committee and currently sits on the Finance Council board of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish. She is always available to help with any church function regardless of the task.

Monique's enthusiasm to help others through giving of herself also shows in the multiple elected and volunteer roles she has had and still holds in Eden. She served as a Cemetery Commissioner from 2002 through 2010. Monique was also elected as the Agent to Convey Real Estate in 2003 and still serves in that role today. Monique's talents and love for her hometown radiates in her gift of giving to the community in so many ways. It is with sincere gratitude that we dedicate this year's town report to Monique Morway.

The front cover photo shows the new steel roof installed in the fall of 2022 on the Eden Congregational Church in Eden Mills. A much welcome improvement that will last many years into the future. Photo credit: Jackie Schmelzer

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TOWN OFFICERS

Elected by voters at Town Meeting

All elected positions shall be registered voters in the Town of Eden

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Officer</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> <u>March of</u> | <u>Length</u> <u>of Term</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Town Moderator | H. Bruce Burnor | 2024 | 1 year |
| Agent to Convey Real Estate | Monique Morway | 2024 | 1 year |
| First Constable | Matthew Hill | 2024 | 1 year |
| Second Constable | Bert Manning | 2024 | 1 year |
| Grand Juror | David Whitcomb | 2024 | 1 year |
| Town Agent | Tracey Morin | 2024 | 1 year |
| Town Clerk & Treasurer | Melissa Whitcomb | 2026 | 3 years |
| Road Commissioner | Ricky Morin | 2026 | 3 years |
| Selectboard | Ricky Morin | 2024 | 3 years |
| | Chair: Tim Bullard | 2025 | 3 years |
| | Clayton Whittemore | 2026 | 3 years |
| Auditors | Ronald Miller | 2024 | 3 years |
| | Leslie White | 2025 | 3 years |
| | Tracey Morin | 2026 | 3 years |
| Cemetery Commission | Colleen Durivage | 2024 | 5 years |
| | Adam Degree | 2025 | 5 years |
| | Faye Cochran | 2026 | 5 years |
| | Open position | 2027 | 3 years |
| | President: Jubal Durivage | 2028 | 5 years |
| LNMUUSD Board Members | Jeffrey Hunsberger | 2024 | 3 years |
| | David Whitcomb | 2026 | 3 years |
| Trustee of Public Funds | Melissa Whitcomb | 2024 | 3 years |
| | Leslie White | 2025 | 3 years |
| | Tracey Morin | 2026 | 3 years |

Recommended by the Selectboard and Appointed by the State

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|--------|
| Fire Warden | Marvin Whitcomb | 2025 | 5 year |
| Health Officer | Position open | | 3 year |
| | Tim Bullard, current acting Officer | | |
| Town Service Officer | H. Bruce Burnor | 2024 | 1 year |

TOWN OFFICERS (continued)

Terms of One Year, Appointed after Town Meeting

| | |
|--|---|
| Dog Officer | Inga Luebkehan |
| Emergency Management Director/Coordinator | Jeffrey Hunsberger |
| Fence Viewer | Michele Cardinal Jubal Durivage Adam Degree |
| Inspection of Wood & Timber | H. Bruce Burnor |
| Tree Warden | H. Bruce Burnor |

Additional Positions

| | |
|--|--|
| Assessor/Lister | Russ Beaudoin from Appraisal Recource Group Melissa Whitcomb, Assessor's Assistant Kristy Ehlers (resigned January 2023) |
| Assistant Clerk & Treasurer | Teleia Pastore (Hired May 8, 2023) |

Committee Appointments (One year term)

Eden Youth Sports Committee

Trevor Bidwell
Kristina Brown
Dan Lathrop
Nick Tetreault **Chair**
Open Position (1)

Eden Planning Commission

Kristina Brown
Kristy Bowen
Dan Lathrop
Jonathan Purcel
Open Position (1)

Eden Energy Committee

Craig Kneeland
Matt Mitchell
Alexandra Gardiner
Open Positions (2)

Lamoille FiberNet

Communications District
Carey Earle

Supervisor for the L.R.S.W.M.D., Appointeed 2 year term.

David Whitcomb Expires March 2025

Justices of the Peace

Elected on November 8, 2022, for a two-year term that starts Feb. 1, 2023, and ends Jan. 31, 2025

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| H. Bruce Burnor | Deb Godin (deceased) | Linda Young |
| Kathleen (Kelly) Daige | Tracey Morin | (resigned August 12, 2023) |
| Amy Fitzgerald | Leslie White | |

WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Eden are hereby notified and warned to meet at the
Eden Central School on Knowles Flat Road, Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 9.00 a.m.

Article 1: To determine whether Robert's Rules or other rules of order shall govern the parliamentary procedure of this meeting.

Article 2: To elect a moderator.

Article 3: Presentation of the Bullard Award.

Article 4: To see if the voters will accept the Town Report.

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to use the un-expended Selectboard Funds from the 2022-2023 fiscal year to reduce the amount required to be raised by taxes for the ensuing budget year? \$ 69,103.17

Article 6: To elect all Town and School District Officers as required by law:
Office to take effect after adjournment of Town Meeting.

| | Presently |
|---|------------------|
| a) Selectperson for three years | Ricky Morin |
| b) Auditor for three years | Ronald Miller |
| c) Cemetery Commissioner for five years | Colleen Durivage |
| d) Cemetery Commissioner for three years | Open Position |
| e) First Constable for one year | Matthew Hill |
| f) Second Constable for one year | Bert Manning |
| g) Grand Juror for one year | David Whitcomb |
| h) Town Agent for one year | Tracey Morin |
| i) Agent to convey Real Estate for one year | Monique Morway |
| j) LNMUUSD Board member for three years | Jeff Hunsberger |
| k) Trustee of Public Funds for three years | Melissa Whitcomb |

Article 7: To see what sum of money the Town will raise on its grand list for the Highway Department?
Budget Proposal \$ 655,055.00 4.98% Increase

Article 8: To see what sum of money the Town will raise on its grand list for the Selectboard Fund?
Budget Proposal \$ 573,609.29 -3.53% Decrease

Article 9: Shall the Town create a separate Reserve Fund with the accumulated balance in the Lake Eden Recreation Area Fund to be used for future capital improvements or or expenses related to LERA or Lake Eden? \$ 111,433.42

Article 10: Shall the Town appropriate \$15,000.00 for the control of Eurasian Water Milfoil in Lake Eden?

Article 11: Shall the Town appropriate the following sums to be raised on its Grand List for local organizations?

| | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| a) After School Program | \$ 4,000.00 | |
| b) Eden Cemetery | \$ 7,500.00 | |
| c) Eden Historical Society | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| d) Eden Youth Sports | \$ 4,500.00 | |
| e) Teach America to Swim | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| f) Lake Eden Association Greeter Program | \$ 4,000.00 | |
| Total Requested Appropriations | \$ 23,000.00 | 0.00% |

WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (continued)

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Article 12: Shall the Town appropriate the following sums to be raised on its Grand List for other organizations?

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| a) | American Red Cross | \$ | 250.00 | |
| b) | Central VT Adult Basic Education & Retired Senior Volunteer Program | \$ | 500.00 | |
| c) | Central VT Council on Aging | \$ | 800.00 | |
| d) | Clarina Howard Nichols Center | \$ | 400.00 | |
| e) | Lamoille Community Food Share | \$ | 250.00 | |
| f) | Lamoille County Mental Health Services | \$ | 750.00 | |
| g) | Lamoille County Special Investigations Unit | \$ | 853.99 | |
| h) | Lamoille Economic Development Corp. | \$ | 150.00 | |
| i) | Lamoille Family Center | \$ | 500.00 | |
| j) | Lamoille Home Health & Hospice | \$ | 3,969.00 | |
| k) | Lamoille Housing Partnership | \$ | 200.00 | |
| l) | Lamoille Restorative Center | \$ | 250.00 | |
| m) | Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County | \$ | 500.00 | |
| n) | North Country Animal League | \$ | 500.00 | |
| o) | Rural Community Transportation | \$ | 1,350.00 | |
| p) | Vermont Association for the Blind | \$ | 100.00 | |
| q) | Vermont Center for Independent Living | \$ | 165.00 | |
| r) | Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force | \$ | 100.00 | |
| Total Requested Appropriations | | \$ | 11,587.99 | Decrease of -6.79% |

NOTE: The Lamoille County Planning Commission appropriation previously included in this article has been moved to the Eden Planning Commission budget.

Article 13: Shall the interest earned on the Sweep Account, the American Gift Fund and the Good Neighbor Fund be used to offset taxes beginning in FY 23-24?


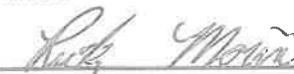
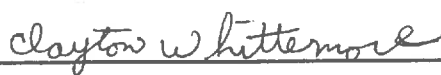
\$24,629.16

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to pay property taxes, municipal and school combined, to the Town Treasurer in three equal installments due on or before November 15, 2024, February 15, 2025, and May 15, 2025, with postmarks acceptable?

Article 15: To transact any other business proper at this time.

Dated at Eden, VT on this 23rd day of January, 2024.

Eden Selectboard:

| | |
|--|----------------|
|  _____ Tom Bullard | _____ Chair |
|  _____ Ricky Morin | |
|  _____ Clayton Whittemore | |

The Eden Town Clerk's Office received and recorded before posting this 23rd day of January, 2024

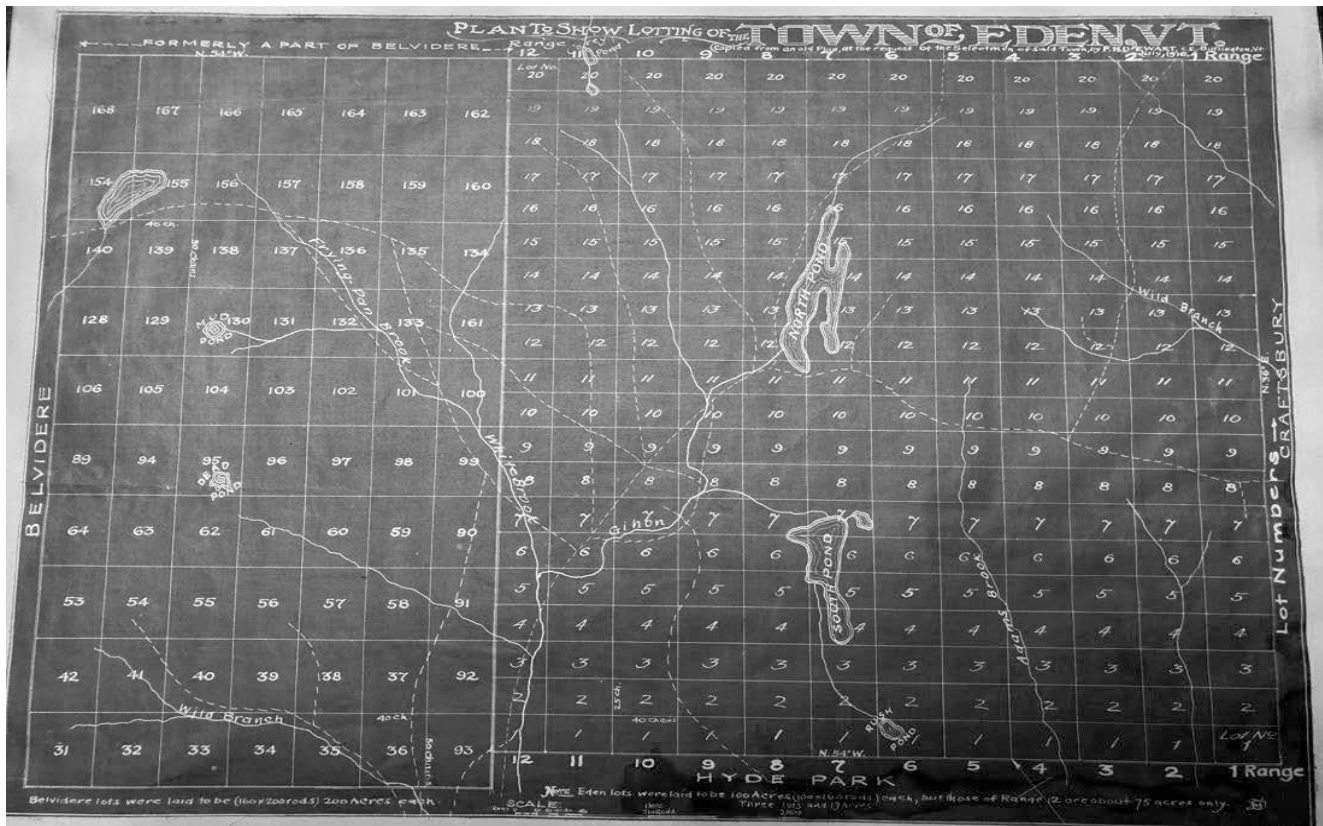


 Melissa Whitcomb, Town Clerk & Treasurer

REVENUE ESTIMATED FOR THE FY 24-25

Estimated revenue figures used to offset amount needed when setting the tax rate.

| Revenue Amounts Estimated | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 7/1/23-6/30/24 | 7/1/24-6/30/25 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Current Tax Interest | \$ 2,700.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Delinquent Tax Interest | \$ 10,500.00 | \$ 10,500.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Delinquent Tax Penalty | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 8,500.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Dog - Impound Fees | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Dog Licenses | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Donations | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| ECS Other | \$ 800.00 | \$ 900.00 | \$ 900.00 |
| Judicial Fines/VSP Tickets | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Interest on Investments | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Liquor Licenses | \$ 140.00 | \$ 70.00 | \$ 50.00 |
| Vault & Recording Fees | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 13,000.00 |
| St. of VT Current Use | \$ 75,000.00 | \$ 75,000.00 | \$ 75,000.00 |
| St. of VT Pilot & F&P | \$ 37,000.00 | \$ 37,000.00 | \$ 37,000.00 |
| St. of VT Highway | \$ 74,000.00 | \$ 74,000.00 | \$ 70,000.00 |
| Vehicle Permits | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 |
| From Good Neighbor Fund | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| General Fund Balance (previous year) | \$ 51,370.54 | \$ 33,335.00 | \$ 69,103.17 |
| Covid 19 Hwy Supplement | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Raised on Grand List | \$ 897,327.34 | \$ 979,711.99 | \$ 952,299.11 |
| Omitted in Tax Calculation in error | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Estimated Revenue | \$ 1,175,237.88 | \$ 1,239,416.99 | \$ 1,263,252.28 |



A map depicting the original division of lots in Eden and the section of Belvidere that was annexed by Eden in 1828 with the divisional line redrawn in 1831. Lots in range # 1 - 12 were laid out to be 100 acres each, 100 x 160 rods. Lots in range # 12 were 75 acres. The Belvidere lots were laid out to be 200 acres each, 200 x 160 rods.

BUDGET PROPOSAL AND EXPENDITURE OVERVIEW

| <u>Selectboard</u> | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 7/1/23-6/30/24 | Proposed 7/1/24-6/30/25 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | Expenditures | Budget | Budget | Budget |
| Town Officers | \$ 112,706.21 | \$ 114,350.00 | \$ 121,150.00 | \$ 120,950.00 |
| Office Expenses | \$ 40,301.02 | \$ 40,053.00 | \$ 40,430.00 | \$ 37,960.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 52,936.20 | \$ 59,255.56 | \$ 63,540.00 | \$ 59,700.00 |
| Payroll (Town Share) | \$ 24,476.87 | \$ 26,403.11 | \$ 27,350.00 | \$ 21,900.00 |
| Utilities | \$ 4,299.97 | \$ 6,350.00 | \$ 7,200.00 | \$ 7,000.00 |
| Fire Department | \$ 38,625.00 | \$ 38,625.00 | \$ 39,525.00 | \$ 42,225.00 |
| Assessors | \$ 26,190.96 | \$ 28,630.00 | \$ 29,400.00 | \$ 27,300.00 |
| Dog Officer | \$ 2,465.67 | \$ 3,625.00 | \$ 3,625.00 | \$ 3,745.00 |
| Health Officer | \$ 1,364.44 | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 1,600.00 |
| Legal | \$ 465.00 | \$ 5,200.00 | \$ 5,200.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Planning Commission | \$ - | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 1,029.29 |
| Professional Expenses | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 10,149.22 | \$ 4,285.00 | \$ 3,911.00 | \$ 4,150.00 |
| New Equipment Fund | \$ 126,000.00 | \$ 126,000.00 | \$ 129,000.00 | \$ 129,000.00 |
| Assessments/Contracts | \$ 100,414.58 | \$ 108,116.00 | \$ 104,399.00 | \$ 108,450.00 |
| Landfill | \$ 562.77 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 600.00 |
| Special Projects/Grants | \$ 18,268.64 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Selectboard | \$ 562,226.55 | \$ 566,192.67 | \$ 580,030.00 | \$ 573,609.29 |
| % of increase/decrease over FY 23/24 | | | | -1.11% |

Separate Articles

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Appropriations-Local | \$ 23,000.00 | \$ 23,000.00 | \$ 38,000.00 | \$ 23,000.00 |
| Appropriations-Other | \$ 12,431.99 | \$ 12,431.99 | \$ 12,431.99 | \$ 11,587.99 |
| Total Separate Articles | \$ 35,431.99 | \$ 35,431.99 | \$ 50,431.99 | \$ 34,587.99 |
| % of increase/decrease over FY 23/24 | | | | -31.42% |

Highway

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Winter Roads | \$ 169,096.43 | \$ 143,600.00 | \$ 162,600.00 | \$ 162,600.00 |
| Summer Roads | \$ 122,253.23 | \$ 88,100.00 | \$ 94,300.00 | \$ 110,000.00 |
| Summer Construction | \$ 19,415.12 | \$ 38,500.00 | \$ 39,500.00 | \$ 39,500.00 |
| Class 3 & 4 Roads | \$ 18,917.96 | \$ 14,500.00 | \$ 15,500.00 | \$ 15,500.00 |
| MRGP (State Mandated Program) | \$ 1,765.00 | \$ 18,500.00 | \$ 18,500.00 | \$ 14,765.00 |
| Insurance Highway Emp. | \$ 96,958.82 | \$ 94,113.22 | \$ 102,270.00 | \$ 113,390.00 |
| Town Garage | \$ 15,914.39 | \$ 18,350.00 | \$ 21,100.00 | \$ 22,600.00 |
| Equipment Maintenance | \$ 105,205.20 | \$ 98,050.00 | \$ 110,200.00 | \$ 116,700.00 |
| Total Highway | \$ 549,526.15 | \$ 513,713.22 | \$ 563,970.00 | \$ 595,055.00 |
| % of increase/decrease over FY 23/24 | | | | 5.51% |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Paving & Structures Fund | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 60,000.00 |
| Special Projects/Grants | \$ 227,519.56 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Grand Total Highway | \$ 837,045.71 | \$ 573,713.22 | \$ 623,970.00 | \$ 655,055.00 |
| % of increase/decrease over FY 23/24 | | | | 4.98% |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Sub Total SB & Hwy | \$ 1,399,272.26 | \$ 1,139,905.89 | \$ 1,204,000.00 | \$ 1,228,664.29 |
| % of increase/decrease over FY 23/24 | | | | 2.05% |

| | | | | |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Grand Total SB/Hwy/Appropriations | \$ 1,434,704.25 | \$ 1,175,337.88 | \$ 1,254,431.99 | \$ 1,263,252.28 |
| % of increase/decrease over FY 23/24 | | | | 0.70% |

SELECTBOARD REPORT

In Eden, we pride ourselves on being self-sufficient, able to tend to business and provide services to all residents in an efficient and fiscally responsible manner. And there is no doubt that we have succeeded. The dedication and hard work of so many people that have contributed to the well-being of the town in the past and those who continue to make this possible everyday should not be underestimated. From full-time employees to the many, many people who contribute as elected officials, on boards and committees, as volunteers, and in other ways, we say a heartfelt thank you.

Eden has quite a unique fiscal portfolio. We've saved, planned ahead, reduced, reused, recycled and lived well within our means. We have also been extremely fortunate to have some additional assets as a financial cushion in reserve funds so voted at Town Meetings or provided by other means. A reserve fund allows the town to carry over money in the designated accounts from year to year.

1. The Future Improvement Fund. In FY 2000-2001, this fund started with \$19,075.27 which was interest accrued on the Sweep Account. It was combined with the Municipal Building Fund (proceeds from the sale of the old schoolhouse building) in FY 2004-2005. Interest on the town accounts has continued to accrue in this fund now totaling \$155,541.73. Article 13 is asking the voters if the interest accrued shall now be used to offset the amount of money to be raised by taxes annually instead of being held in the Future Improvement Fund.
2. The Rainy Day Fund. At Town Meeting in 2003, the voters agreed to set aside excess funds in the amount of \$150,000 that had been carried over in the Sweep Account for a number of years. In FY 2004-2005, \$50,000 was transferred out to pay for the rebuilding of the the back wall of the Town Garage. In FY 2013-2014, \$50,000 was again transferred to the Paving and Structures Fund. The account now has a balance of \$50,000.
3. The Good Neighbor Fund. Related to the Lowell wind towers, Green Mountain Power set up a fund for neighboring communities to receive an annual payment for 10 years proportional to the amount of wind energy generated. Our final installment will be in 2024. The Good Neighbor Fund now totals \$481,094.99 with \$230,000 of that total invested in a CD earning a higher rate of interest than the Sweep Account.
4. The American Gift Fund. Indeed, well named, these funds have been the altruistic gift of an Eden resident since 2013. To be used for the betterment of the community, the account now totals \$412,726.78 with \$230,000 invested in a higher interest rate CD.
5. American Rescue Plan Act Fund. We have received a total of \$430,000 from the Federal Government related to the COVID 19 epidemic. The largest obligations from that fund have been contributions of \$50,000 to fund Lamoille FiberNet which was a matching grant for them and \$100,000 for the new Western Star dump truck. The account now holds \$239,401.16. The plan for the balance of the ARPA money is to facilitate improvements at the Town Clerk's Office including a new meeting room, additional vault space and energy efficiency upgrades for the building.

All the reserve funds above attest to both the good fortune of Eden and the show of fiscal responsibility. Thinking ahead, knowing that some big-ticket items are always in the wings, we include an annual appropriation for the New Equipment Fund, (for town and Fire Department equipment) and the Paving and Structures Fund. This method of budgeting works to keep the tax rate on a much more even trajectory and minimizes the amount of interest we might pay if we were taking out loans for capital improvements.

SELECTBOARD REPORT continued

So, the bottom line is, where are we this year? It is absolutely no surprise that budgets go up as a reflection of the increasing expenses across the board. Fortunately, however, we have a bit of an anomaly this year as the combined municipal and highway budgets have only increased by less than 1%! The highway budget did go up with the most significant change being the cost of materials. Offsetting that increase is the reduced budget for the Town Office.

It has been more than a year and a half in the making but the office is now functioning effectively with 2 full-time employees working a 40-hour week. The very sudden and unexpected absence of Candy in the office and other changes in support staff left a huge hole in our town's framework. It is with the greatest level of appreciation that we say thank you to Tracey Morin for stepping into the role of Town Clerk almost overnight! Not only was Tracey working to get up to speed herself keeping the office afloat, she was also the mentor for the then, newly hired Assistant Town Clerk, Melissa Whitcomb. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Leslie White for her tireless work keeping things organized and on track during this time and helping out in any way possible. The continued support of the two is most appreciated.

Perhaps the board is reflecting back a little more than usual but we want to emphasize just how grateful we are to have been able to make such a significant transition in such a short period of time with virtually no consequences. Thankfully, Melissa has taken on the role as the elected Town Clerk and Treasurer with a level of confidence and dedication we admire and appreciate. Joining Melissa in the office is Teleia Pastore as Assistant Town Clerk. Teleia's experience in accounting, grant writing and grant administration has already proven fruitful. When the town was handed an unexpected expense from the North Hyde Park/Eden Fire department for needed equipment, Teleia was able to secure a grant to pay the full amount for both towns.

The Blakeville Bridge #13 and the Paranto Road box culvert are the 2 most recent structures that have been replaced in Town with significant funding assistance for the projects. We talk about planning for a 100-year flood and we are not that far away from the 100th anniversary of the 1927 flood. Although the July 2023 flood did not affect Eden in the same way as nearby towns, we have certainly seen our fair share of weather damage in years past. This fiscal year completes the repairs from the 2019 flood. It takes a long time to recover from such devastation. The work to comply with the MRGP State mandates and the replacement of the aging highway infrastructure continues with many projects already completed in recent years. These include: culvert upgrades on Cooper Hill, Whitney Lane Bridge, Crooks Road box culvert, Tree Farm Road bridge, Knowles Flat box culvert, Knowles Flat bridge, large culverts on the Albany Road, culverts, ditching and the extended paving on East Hill, and the reclamation and paving of Knowles Flat. The Boy Scout Road boiler plate culvert is next and will be replaced with a box culvert in the summer of 2024.

Please consider joining us at Town Meeting this year to continue the long tradition of direct citizen participation. Learn more about the town and the issues we face as a community. Ask questions, voice concerns, even pay a compliment. Take this unique, once a year opportunity to contribute to our community.

Ricky Morin

Tim Bullard

Clayton Whittemore

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER REPORT

This past year has been very busy with many changes in the Town Office. With Melissa Whitcomb elected for a three-year term as the new Town Clerk/Treasurer at Town Meeting in March of 2023, the search was on for a new assistant. Teleia Pastore joined us in May of 2023. She came with several years of accounting and grant work experience. Tracey Morin was present weekly until Teleia could start.

Melissa and Teleia have taken on many roles in the office beyond Clerk/Treasurer. They have absorbed the duties of the Selectboard Clerk with Teleia spearheading the grant work. Jointly the two of them take care of any required Selectboard business: meeting agendas, meeting minutes, budgets, letters or calls and any research needed. Teleia has been busy learning the many tasks of the office responsibilities and is coming up to speed with the grants that were already in progress. We have already secured several new grants in her time here including additional funding for the Eurasian Water Milfoil control project for the summer of 2023 as well as another grant for 2024. Also, we have already received more than \$65,000 in funds for the new air packs to be used by the North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department.

With Kristy Ehlers resignation as a lister, Melissa has taken over the role as the assistant to our assessor, Russ Beaudoin. Melissa has spent a considerable amount of time communicating with our District Advisor as well as others from the State of Vermont in order to learn the many tasks required to maintain the Grand List. They have been helpful in providing materials as well as answering any questions, which has aided in the transition. Russ Beaudoin has also shown Melissa some of the data entry tasks necessary. Teleia and Melissa are both working 40 hours per week which allows time and the attention to detail needed for the added responsibilities.

We have extended the hours that the office is open with the goal to better accommodate residents and their work schedules. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 until 4:00 pm, on Tuesdays 8:00 to 6:00 pm and on Fridays, 8:00 until noon. We have added the ability to pay by credit/debit cards in the office as well as credit/debit cards and electronic checks online through our website for added convenience. Cash, personal check or direct debit remain payment options.

We want to thank the community for their patience as we continue to learn and hone our skills on the many tasks and responsibilities that the residents of Eden have relied on for many years.

AUDITOR REPORT

The role of Auditor is to ensure that all expenditures of taxpayers' monies are accounted for accurately. There are three positions of auditor that are elected at Town Meeting for three-year terms on a staggered basis. Auditors provide an independent means of checking the financial accountability of the Town. We review the income, bills and invoices, payroll, and orders (checks written) for the Town throughout the year.

Responsibilities include reviewing accounts including the town checkbook, cemetery funds and all other special accounts that have a separate checkbook. The Auditors usually meet 2 half days per month with additional time in November, December and January to compile the financial pages of the Town Report.

Ronald Miller

Tracey Morin

Leslie White

EDEN ASSESSOR REPORT

The Assessor's office has the responsibility for the appraisal of all real property located within the Town of Eden. This includes all new properties either through subdivisions or through new buildings and any physical changes to existing properties. Records concerning ownership, value and physical description are kept for all properties. Tax maps are kept and revised for the subdivisions created or mergers of land on all parcels.

The principal responsibility of the Assessor's Office is the valuation and assessment of properties and preparation of the Grand List for the Town of Eden and related procedures according to Title 32 and other related Titles and Acts pertaining to assessment and taxation. The Assessor completed the assessment changes for the real estate properties that were modified during the 2022-2023 tax year.

For the FY 23-24 Grand List, 104 properties were revalued, including Current Use parcels. After notifying all property owners of their CHANGE OF APPRAISALS, the Assessor's Office received 6 grievances to the new assessments. All were settled by the Assessor. There were no appeals to the Board of Civil Authority. There are no State or court appeals pending against the 2023 Grand List assessments.

GRAND LIST for 2023-2024

Total Grand List = \$153,259,812

Total Exemptions = \$12,504,760

Taxable Grand List = \$140,755,052

The Grand List value is comprised of residential properties, farms, vacant land, land with outbuildings, commercial/industrial and utility properties.

Russ Beaudoin

Kristi Ehlers (resigned 1/31/23)

TOWN FINANCIAL SUMMARY

ASSETS

Beginning Balances (July 1, 2022)

| | | |
|--|----|-------------------------------|
| Town Sweep Account | \$ | 1,213,053.87 |
| Cemetery Account Working Checkbook | \$ | 19,150.70 |
| Cemetery Account Working CB Edward Jones CD | \$ | - |
| Delinquent Tax Escrow | \$ | 1,050.71 |
| New Equipment Fund | \$ | 104,340.59 |
| Eden Recreational Field & Athletic Trust | \$ | 1,610.50 |
| Good Neighbor Fund | \$ | 421,691.32 |
| Good Neighbor Fund Edward Jones CD | \$ | - |
| American Gift Fund | \$ | 345,090.37 |
| American Gift Fund Edward Jones CD | \$ | - |
| ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) | \$ | 204,790.94 |
| Petty Cash | \$ | 300.00 |
| Total Beginning Balances (July 1, 2023) | | <u>\$ 2,311,079.00</u> |

Receipts

| | | |
|---|----|-------------------------------|
| Town Sweep Account | \$ | 4,605,515.91 |
| Cemetery Account Working Checkbook | \$ | 8,436.54 |
| Cemetery Account Working CB Edward Jones CD | \$ | 20,000.00 |
| Delinquent Tax Escrow: | | |
| Interest | \$ | 1.00 |
| Legal Fees Redeemed | \$ | - |
| Tax Sale Redemption | \$ | - |
| Total Delinquent Tax Escrow | \$ | 1.00 |
| New Equipment Fund: | | |
| Appropriation - New Equipment Fund | \$ | 43,000.00 |
| Appropriation - 2019 Fire Truck (thru 23/24) | \$ | 33,000.00 |
| Appropriation - 2023 Fire Truck (thru 27/28) | \$ | 35,000.00 |
| State of VT Loan (0% interest) | \$ | 110,000.00 |
| Sale of 2005 Fire Truck | \$ | 62,735.00 |
| Interest | \$ | 150.71 |
| Total New Equipment Fund Receipts | \$ | 283,885.71 |
| Eden Rec. Field & Athletic Trust Interest | \$ | 3.41 |
| Good Neighbor Fund: | | |
| Green Mtn Power-Annual Payt (Start 2014/End 2024) | \$ | 60,488.50 |
| Interest | \$ | 280.57 |
| Good Neighbor Fund Edward Jones CD | \$ | 230,000.00 |
| Total Good Neighbor Fund Account | \$ | 290,769.07 |
| American Gift Fund | | |
| American Gift Fund-Annual Revenue | \$ | 35,428.14 |
| Interest | \$ | 208.52 |
| American Gift Fund Edward Jones CD | \$ | 230,000.00 |
| Total American Gift Fund Account | \$ | 265,636.66 |
| ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) | \$ | 204,764.33 |
| Interest | \$ | 350.52 |
| Total ARPA Funds | \$ | 205,114.85 |
| Total Receipts | | <u>\$ 5,679,363.15</u> |

TOWN FINANCIAL SUMMARY (cont'd)

Expenses

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Town Sweep Account | \$ 4,688,960.98 |
| Cemetery Account Working Checkbook | \$ 6,454.46 |
| Cemetery Account transfer to EJ CD | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Total Cemetery Expenses | \$ 26,454.46 |
| Delinquent Tax Escrow: | |
| Tax Sale Redemption Payments | \$ - |
| Bank Checks | \$ - |
| Total Delinquent Tax Escrow Expenses | \$ - |
| New Equipment Fund: | |
| Loan Pmt #1 - 2023 Fire Truck Chassis | \$ 29,540.00 |
| Loan Pmt #2 - 2019 Fire Truck | \$ 22,000.00 |
| Loan Pmt #4 - 2018 Freightliner Truck | \$ 20,400.00 |
| Total New Equipment Fund Expenses | \$ 71,940.00 |
| Eden Recreational Field & Athletic Trust | \$ - |
| Good Neighbor Fund: | |
| SB Vote (Tire Removal & Dumpster for Green-up Day) | \$ 1,524.26 |
| Good Neighbor Fund transfer to Edward Jones CD | \$ 230,000.00 |
| Total Good Neighbor Fund Expenses | \$ 231,524.26 |
| American Gift Fund: | \$ - |
| Cemetery Memorial Bench | \$ 3,076.62 |
| Candy's Memorial Bench at LERA | \$ 1,183.00 |
| American Gift Fund transfer to EJ CD | \$ 230,000.00 |
| Total American Gift Fund Expenses | \$ 234,259.62 |
| ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) | \$ - |
| Computers | \$ 3,879.56 |
| Supplies (checks for the account) | \$ 50.08 |
| Town Clerk Office Design Architect | \$ 1,072.50 |
| Lamoille Fibernet Community Union District | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Town Garage Door Repair | \$ 9,586.69 |
| Total ARPA Fund Expenses | \$ 64,588.83 |

Total Expenses

\$ 5,317,728.15

Ending Balances (June 30, 2023)

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Town Sweep Account | \$ 1,129,608.80 |
| Cemetery Account Working Checkbook | \$ 1,132.78 |
| Cemetery Account Edward Jones CD | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Delinquent Tax Escrow | \$ 1,051.71 |
| New Equipment Fund | \$ 316,286.30 |
| Eden Recreational Field & Athletic Trust | \$ 1,613.91 |
| Good Neighbor Fund | \$ 250,936.13 |
| Good Neighbor Fund Edward Jones CD | \$ 230,000.00 |
| American Gift Fund | \$ 146,467.41 |
| American Gift Fund Edward Jones CD | \$ 230,000.00 |
| ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) | \$ 345,316.96 |
| Petty Cash | \$ 300.00 |

ASSETS Total Ending Balances (June 30, 2023)

\$ 2,672,714.00

TOWN FINANCIAL SUMMARY (cont'd)

LIABILITIES

| | | | |
|--|----|----------|-----------------------------|
| Accounts Payable | | | |
| Employee Vision Plan | \$ | 27.48 | |
| Prepaid Taxes | \$ | - | |
| Tax Clearing Account | \$ | 244.29 | |
| Tax Credit Due Taxpayers | \$ | 2,968.09 | |
| VMERS Retirement Account | \$ | 92.41 | |
| Total Accounts Payable | | | \$ 3,332.27 |
| 2023 State of VT Fire Truck Loan | | | \$ 80,460.00 |
| 2019 Fire Truck Loan - State of VT | | | \$ 44,000.00 |
| 2018 Freightliner Hwy Truck Loan - State of VT | | | \$ 19,600.00 |
| Total Liabilities (June 30, 2022) | | | <u>\$ 147,392.27</u> |

TOTAL (ASSETS minus LIABILITIES) \$ 2,525,321.73

OTHER ASSETS

| | | | |
|--|----|------------|---------------|
| Eden Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund | | | \$ 5,212.55 |
| Eden Cemetery PC Fund EJ CD | | | \$ 59,000.00 |
| Eden Cemetery PC Fund EJ Savings | | | \$ 184.35 |
| Eden Recreational Field & Athletic Trust | | | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Fire Dept. Permanent Assets | | | |
| * E-1 2019 Pumper | \$ | 168,000.00 | |
| * E-2 2005 Pumper | \$ | 37,500.00 | |
| * 2009 Tanker | \$ | 67,500.00 | |
| * 2013 Rescue Truck | \$ | 85,000.00 | |
| * 2024 Utility Truck | \$ | 127,783.00 | |
| * 2024 Mini Pumper | \$ | 179,081.50 | |
| Total Share of Fire Department Equipment | | | \$ 664,864.50 |
| <i>* These numbers represent 50% of the total insured value, Eden's share of the Fire Department</i> | | | |

| | | | |
|---|----|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Town of Eden Permanent Assets | | | |
| 2018 Freightliner Truck | | \$ 115,000.00 | |
| 2012 Freightliner Truck | | \$ 65,000.00 | |
| 2001 International Truck | | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| 2018 Ford F350 Pick Up Truck | | \$ 38,000.00 | |
| 2007 Grader | | \$ 75,000.00 | |
| 2012 Loader | | \$ 68,000.00 | |
| Total Town Equipment | | | \$ 371,000.00 |
| Emergency Generator - ECS | \$ | 42,713.00 | |
| Emergency Generator - Town Office | \$ | 12,709.00 | |
| Industrial Site w/well easement EHS | \$ | 42,700.00 | |
| 11.5 Acres Route 100 & Knowles Flat | | | |
| Lake Eden Recreation Area, 5054 Route 100 | \$ | 625,190.00 | |
| Landfill Property, 17 acres South Pond Road | \$ | 36,980.00 | |
| Town Garage, 10.4 acres 3625 Route 100 | \$ | 171,200.00 | |
| Town Office Bldg, 2.7 acres 71 Old Schoolhouse Road | \$ | 179,650.00 | |
| Total Town Property | | | <u>\$ 1,111,142.00</u> |

TOTAL OTHER ASSETS \$ 2,213,903.40

TOWN FINANCIAL SUMMARY (cont'd)

ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE TOWN OF EDEN

| | | | |
|--|--------------------------|----|----------------------|
| Corey Pond | 9.8 acres North Road | \$ | 8,550.00 |
| Dodge Cemetery #1 | .65 acres Route 118 | \$ | 9,670.00 |
| Dodge Cemetery #2 | 1.19 acres Route 118 | \$ | 16,490.00 |
| Eden Cemetery | 9.8 acres Cemetery Road | \$ | 61,720.00 |
| Jenny Shover Land | .4 Acres Route 100 | \$ | 10,080.00 |
| Ober Hill School Lot | .25 Acres Tree Farm Road | \$ | 300.00 |
| Old Gravel Bank | 1 acre Shover Road | \$ | 11,440.00 |
| Old Landfill | 3 acres Cemetery Road | \$ | 3,600.00 |
| Old Library | .1 acre Route 100 | \$ | 13,760.00 |
| Right-of-Way beside Belvidere Road | 3.7 acres | \$ | 4,440.00 |
| Total assessment of additional properties owned by the Town | | | \$ 140,050.00 |

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS REPORT

According to the Vermont State Statute Title 24, § 2431, if the town so votes, three Trustees are elected for staggered 3-year terms. The town's assets including cemetery funds shall be under the charge and management of the Trustees with the Town Treasurer acting as an advisor in any investment decisions.

In January of 2023, the Trustees researched Certificate of Deposit (CD) interest rates that might be higher than what we were currently receiving at Community Bank in the Sweep Account and the conclusion was that Edward Jones in Morrisville had the best opportunities for investing.

The Trustees were looking to invest Cemetery Funds as well as Town Funds in secure FDIC insured CDs. We combined the five (5) Perpetual Care accounts into one account as the spending limitations were all the same and invested \$59,184.35 into a 12-month CD earning 4.6% interest. When that CD matures in January of 2024, it will have earned more than \$2,700 in interest that can go into the Working Checkbook of the cemetery. We also put \$20,000 from the cemetery working checkbook into a 6-month CD at 4.45% interest. That CD earned \$651.10 in interest that can be spent for the annual maintenance of the cemeteries.

The Trustees also opened two (2) additional CD's, investing in each account the sum of \$230,000.00. Funds were from the American Gift Fund and the Good Neighbor Fund. The interest rate on both Town accounts is 4.6%. Together they generated more than \$21,000.00 for the Town to be used to offset the Property Tax Rate in the fall of 2024 if the community approves Article 13. In January of 2024, the Trustees authorized the funds from the American Gift Fund and the Good neighbor Fund to be reinvested in 12 month CD's earning 4.7% interest.

Interest rates have remained higher than in past years and we are looking to continue to make the funds we have work harder for the community.

Melissa Whitcomb Tracey Morin Leslie White

TOWN SWEEP ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance Town Sweep Account (July 1, 2022) \$ 1,213,053.87

Beginning Fund Balances

| | | |
|--|----|------------|
| Beach Fund | \$ | 99,344.51 |
| Beach House VT Community Foundation Grant Fund | \$ | 806.48 |
| Beach: Shelter Reservation Fund | \$ | 350.00 |
| Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve Fund | \$ | 65,616.50 |
| Future Improvement Fund | \$ | 153,912.57 |
| Highway Fund | \$ | 7,938.05 |
| Highway Reserve Fund | \$ | 507,425.41 |
| Lake Eden Prevention Fund | \$ | 5,369.46 |
| Outside Audit Fund | \$ | (5,300.00) |
| Paving & Structures Fund | \$ | 103,023.17 |
| Rainy Day Fund | \$ | 50,000.00 |
| Restoration Fund | \$ | 59,793.81 |
| ROW Excavation Bond Fund | \$ | - |
| Selectboard Fund | \$ | 33,335.00 |
| State of VT Lister Education Fund | \$ | 9,716.41 |
| State of VT Reappraisal Fund | \$ | 121,349.50 |
| Town Meeting Lunch Fund | \$ | 373.00 |

Total Beginning Fund Balances \$ 1,213,053.87

Receipts

| | | |
|--|----|--------------|
| Beach Fund | \$ | 58,242.50 |
| Beach House VT Community Foundation Grant Fund | \$ | - |
| Beach: Shelter Reservation Fund | \$ | 350.00 |
| Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve Fund | \$ | 15,000.00 |
| Future Improvement Fund (Sweep Account Interest) | \$ | 1,629.16 |
| Highway Fund | \$ | 1,475,572.98 |
| Highway Reserve Fund | \$ | 164,612.55 |
| Lake Eden Prevention Fund | \$ | 4,000.00 |
| Outside Audit Fund | \$ | 3,000.00 |
| Paving & Structures Fund | \$ | 60,000.00 |
| Rainy Day Fund | \$ | - |
| Restoration Fund | \$ | 8,410.00 |
| ROW Excavation Bond Fund | \$ | - |
| Selectboard Fund | | |
| Taxes | \$ | 2,667,629.44 |
| Other Revenue | \$ | 138,329.28 |
| Total Selectboard Fund | \$ | 2,805,958.72 |
| State of VT Lister Education Fund | \$ | 920.00 |
| State of VT Reappraisal Fund | \$ | 7,820.00 |
| Town Meeting Lunch Fund | \$ | - |

Total Receipts \$ 4,605,515.91

TOWN SWEEP ACCOUNT (cont'd)

Expenses

| | | | |
|--|----|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Accounts Payable | | | |
| Beach Fund | \$ | | 46,153.59 |
| Beach House VT Community Foundation Grant Fund | \$ | | - |
| Beach: Shelter Reservation Fund | \$ | | 700.00 |
| Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve Fund | \$ | | - |
| Future Improvement Fund | \$ | | - |
| Highway Fund | \$ | | 1,709,255.67 |
| Highway Reserve Fund | \$ | | 156,674.50 |
| Lake Eden Prevention Fund | \$ | | 4,000.00 |
| Outside Audit Fund | \$ | | 1,700.00 |
| Paving & Structures Fund | \$ | | - |
| Rainy Day Fund | \$ | | - |
| Restoration Fund | \$ | | 286.67 |
| ROW Excavation Bond Fund | \$ | | - |
| Selectboard Fund | | | |
| Budgeted Expenses | | \$ 579,389.90 | |
| Non-Budgeted Expenses | | <u>\$ 2,190,800.65</u> | |
| Total Selectboard Fund Expenses | | | \$ 2,770,190.55 |
| State of VT Lister Education Fund | \$ | | - |
| State of VT Reappraisal Fund | \$ | | - |
| Town Meeting Lunch Fund | \$ | | - |
| Total Expenses | | | <u>\$ 4,688,960.98</u> |

Ending Fund Balances

| | | | |
|--|----|--|-------------------------------|
| Beach Fund | | | |
| Beach Fund | \$ | | 111,433.42 |
| Beach House VT Community Foundation Grant Fund | \$ | | 806.48 |
| Beach: Shelter Reservation Fund | \$ | | - |
| Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve Fund | \$ | | 80,616.50 |
| Future Improvement Fund | \$ | | 155,541.73 |
| Highway Fund | \$ | | (225,744.64) |
| Highway Reserve Fund | \$ | | 515,363.46 |
| Lake Eden Prevention Fund | \$ | | 5,369.46 |
| Outside Audit Fund | \$ | | (4,000.00) |
| Paving & Structures Fund | \$ | | 163,023.17 |
| Rainy Day Fund | \$ | | 50,000.00 |
| Restoration Fund | \$ | | 67,917.14 |
| ROW Excavation Bond Fund | \$ | | - |
| Selectboard Fund | \$ | | 69,103.17 |
| State of VT Lister Education Fund | \$ | | 10,636.41 |
| State of VT Reappraisal Fund | \$ | | 129,169.50 |
| Town Meeting Lunch Fund | \$ | | 373.00 |
| Total Ending Fund Balances | | | <u>\$ 1,129,608.80</u> |

OTHER FUNDS HELD WITHIN SWEEP ACCOUNT

Allocated Funds

| | | | |
|---|----|-----------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | \$ | - | |
| Receipts (Transfer from ARPA Account) | \$ | 50,000.00 | |
| Lamoille Fibernet Comm. Union District contribution | | | |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | | \$ 50,000.00 |

Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund

| | | | |
|---|----|-----------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | \$ | 65,616.50 | |
| Receipts: (Town Appropriation FY 22/23) | \$ | 15,000.00 | |
| Total Receipts | \$ | 15,000.00 | |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | | \$ 80,616.50 |

Future Improvement Fund

| | | | |
|--|----|------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | \$ | 153,912.54 | |
| Receipts (Interest Accrued on Sweep Account) | \$ | 1,629.16 | |
| Expenses | \$ | - | |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | | \$ 155,541.70 |

Outside Audit Fund

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1 2022) | \$ | (5,300.00) | |
| Receipts | \$ | 3,000.00 | |
| Expenses | \$ | 1,700.00 | |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | | \$ (4,000.00) |

Rainy Day Fund

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|-----------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | \$ | 50,000.00 | |
| Receipts | \$ | - | |
| Expenses | \$ | - | |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | | \$ 50,000.00 |

Restoration Fund

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|-----------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | \$ | 59,793.81 | |
| Receipts | \$ | 8,410.00 | |
| Expenses | \$ | 286.67 | |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | | \$ 67,917.14 |

Lake Eden Prevention Fund

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|----------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | \$ | 5,369.46 | |
| Receipts (FY 22/23 Appropriation) | \$ | 4,000.00 | |
| Expenses | \$ | 4,000.00 | |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | | \$ 5,369.46 |

State of VT Lister Education Funds

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|----------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | \$ | 9,716.41 | |
| Receipts | \$ | 920.00 | |
| Expenses | \$ | - | |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | | \$ 10,636.41 |

State of VT Reappraisal Funds

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | \$ | 121,349.50 | |
| Receipts | \$ | 7,820.00 | |
| Expenses | \$ | - | |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | | \$ 129,169.50 |

Town Meeting Lunch Fund

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|--------|-----------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | \$ | 373.00 | |
| Expenses | \$ | - | |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | | \$ 373.00 |

Vermont Community Foundation Fund

| | | | |
|--|----|--------|-----------|
| (Grant received for construction of the Beach House) | | | |
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | \$ | 806.48 | |
| Income | \$ | - | |
| Expenses | \$ | - | |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | | \$ 806.48 |

SELECTBOARD FUND

Revenues

Taxes

| | | |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Town & School Collected from Taxpayers | \$ 2,433,882.53 | |
| State of VT School Prebate | \$ 350,567.22 | |
| Highway Funds moved to Highway Accounting | <u>\$ (499,313.22)</u> | |
| Total Current Tax Revenue | | \$ 2,285,136.53 |
| Delinquent Taxes Collected | | \$ 265,255.72 |
| State of VT Current Use | \$ 78,538.00 | |
| State of VT P.I.L.O.T. Program | <u>\$ 38,699.19</u> | |
| Total State of Vermont | | <u>\$ 117,237.19</u> |
| Total Tax Revenue | | \$ 2,667,629.44 |

Other

| | | |
|--|------------------|----------------------|
| American Gift Fund Transfer | | \$ - |
| ARPA Funds Transfer | | \$ 50,050.08 |
| Copier/Fax | | \$ 2,087.25 |
| Current Tax Interest | | \$ 2,661.28 |
| Delinquent Tax Interest | | \$ 13,169.09 |
| Delinquent Tax Penalty | | \$ 15,799.32 |
| ECS Generator Maintenance Agreement | | \$ 5,412.29 |
| Employee Contributed | | |
| Health Insurance (10%) Town Office only | \$ 5,321.29 | |
| Retirement (Town Office & Highway) | \$ 13,852.01 | |
| Vision Plan (Town Office & Highway) 100% | <u>\$ 521.21</u> | |
| Total Employee Contributed | | \$ 19,694.51 |
| Good Neighbor Fund Transfer | | \$ - |
| Grant: Lake Eden Prevention Fund | | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Licenses & Fees | | |
| Cannabis | \$ 100.00 | |
| Dogs | \$ 3,689.00 | |
| Liquor | \$ - | |
| Marriage | <u>\$ 450.00</u> | |
| Total Licenses | | \$ 4,239.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | | |
| Cumulative credit adjustment | \$ 4.00 | |
| Green Mountain Passport | \$ 6.00 | |
| Misc Adjustment | \$ 226.85 | |
| VIRTUS (Insurance Divident Interest) | \$ 6.75 | |
| VIRTUS Account redempted and closed | \$ 146.36 | |
| Total Miscellaneous Income | | \$ 389.96 |
| Tax Credit Due Taxpayers | | \$ 6,296.50 |
| Vault Recording Fees | \$ 13,910.00 | |
| Vault Certified Copies | <u>\$ 620.00</u> | |
| Total Vault, Fees & Copies | | <u>\$ 14,530.00</u> |
| Total Other Revenue | | \$ 138,329.28 |

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|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Total Revenues | | <u><u>\$ 2,805,958.72</u></u> |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|

SELECTBOARD FUND

Expenditures: Budgeted Expenses

| | <u>7/1/22 to 6/30/23</u> <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>7/1/22 to 6/30/23</u> <u>Budget</u> | <u>7/1/23 to 6/30/24</u> <u>Budget</u> | <u>Proposed</u> <u>7/1/24 to 6/30/25</u> <u>Budget</u> | <u>Proposed Budget</u> <u>Description</u> <u>Increase/Decrease</u> |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| TOWN OFFICERS | | | | | |
| Auditors | \$ 3,436.50 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | |
| Civil Board Meetings | \$ 48.35 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 300.00 | |
| Constable | \$ - | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | |
| Elections/Town Meeting | \$ 2,995.20 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| Hwy Labor (Town Office) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | |
| Office Labor | \$ 101,884.50 | \$ 102,500.00 | \$ 110,000.00 | \$ 109,000.00 | |
| Selectboard | \$ 4,018.66 | \$ 3,750.00 | \$ 3,750.00 | \$ 3,750.00 | <i>Pay Rate Set by Auditors</i> |
| 911 Coordinator | \$ 323.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 750.00 | \$ 750.00 | |
| Total Town Officers | \$ 112,706.21 | \$ 114,350.00 | \$ 121,150.00 | \$ 120,950.00 | -0.17% |
| OFFICE EXPENSES | | | | | |
| | <u>7/1/22 to 6/30/23</u> <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>7/1/22 to 6/30/23</u> <u>Budget</u> | <u>7/1/23 to 6/30/24</u> <u>Budget</u> | <u>Proposed</u> <u>7/1/24 to 6/30/25</u> <u>Budget</u> | <u>Proposed Budget</u> <u>Description</u> <u>Increase/Decrease</u> |
| Bank Charges (returned checks) | \$ - | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | |
| Bottled Water | \$ 369.55 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 200.00 | |
| Building/Site Maintenance (Town Office) | \$ 680.38 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | |
| Cleaning Expenses | \$ 630.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Computer Expenses | \$ 8,931.48 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Computer Upgrades | \$ - | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Election Expenses | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 100.00 | |
| Generator Maintenance (Town Office) | \$ 554.00 | \$ 423.00 | \$ 560.00 | \$ 560.00 | |
| Mileage | \$ 1,095.44 | \$ 900.00 | \$ 900.00 | \$ 800.00 | |
| Mowing: Town Office | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | <i>Contracted Service</i> |
| Office Copier Contract | \$ 695.20 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Office Equip/Furniture | \$ 731.72 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | |
| Office Contracts-NEMRC | \$ 7,835.61 | \$ 7,250.00 | \$ 9,500.00 | \$ 9,500.00 | <i>Cost of Contract</i> |
| Postage & Delivery | \$ 1,797.75 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Printing/Postage Town Report | \$ 2,267.55 | \$ 2,700.00 | \$ 1,290.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | |
| Recording Supplies/ACS Contract | \$ 6,140.74 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 8,500.00 | \$ 8,500.00 | |
| Restoration of Records | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Seminars & Dues | \$ 198.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | |
| Shredding of Documents | \$ 264.00 | \$ 350.00 | \$ 350.00 | \$ 300.00 | |
| Snow Removal | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | <i>Was Contracted-Now done by Hwy</i> |
| Supplies (all offices) | \$ 3,521.60 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| Web Site | \$ 288.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 600.00 | |
| Total Office Expenses | \$ 40,301.02 | \$ 40,053.00 | \$ 40,430.00 | \$ 37,960.00 | -6.11% |

SELECTBOARD FUND Budgeted Expenses (cont'd)

| | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 Expenditures | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 Budget | 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Budget | Proposed 7/1/24 to 6/30/25 Budget | Proposed Budget Description Increase/Decrease |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| INSURANCE | | | | | |
| Accident Deductible | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ set by Ins Co. |
| Disability & Life | \$ 281.67 | \$ 602.00 | \$ 2,400.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ set by Ins Co. - 2 employees |
| * Health/Hospitalization | \$ 44,297.44 | \$ 47,850.32 | \$ 52,440.00 | \$ 49,000.00 | \$ set by Ins Co. - Emp. contribute 10% |
| Property & Casualty | \$ 5,666.41 | \$ 6,981.88 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ set by Ins Co. |
| Workers Compensation Insurance | \$ 2,282.94 | \$ 2,059.36 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ set by Ins Co. - 2 employees |
| Unemployment Insurance | \$ 407.74 | \$ 762.00 | \$ 700.00 | \$ 700.00 | \$ set by Ins Co. - 2 employees |
| Total Insurance | \$ 52,936.20 | \$ 59,255.56 | \$ 63,540.00 | \$ 59,700.00 | -6.04% |
| * Employees contribute 10% as of July 1, 2020. | | | | | |
| PAYROLL (Town Share) | | | | | |
| Medicare | \$ 2,002.41 | \$ 2,149.83 | \$ 2,150.00 | \$ 1,900.00 | Rate per Tax Requirements |
| Retirement | \$ 6,408.22 | \$ 8,012.35 | \$ 8,300.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | Rate per VMERS - 2 employees |
| Social Security | \$ 8,561.24 | \$ 8,618.27 | \$ 9,200.00 | \$ 8,000.00 | Rate per Tax Requirements |
| Vacation Pay | \$ 4,855.00 | \$ 5,136.88 | \$ 5,200.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | |
| Sick Pay | \$ 2,650.00 | \$ 2,485.78 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Total Payroll | \$ 24,476.87 | \$ 26,403.11 | \$ 27,350.00 | \$ 21,900.00 | -19.93% |
| UTILITIES | | | | | |
| Electricity (VT Co-op & Eden 3E LLC) | \$ 922.88 | \$ 1,550.00 | \$ 1,700.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | Rate Governed by Vendor |
| Office Heat : LP Gas | \$ 1,046.07 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | Rate Governed by Vendor |
| Street Lights | \$ 798.97 | \$ 1,100.00 | \$ 1,300.00 | \$ 1,300.00 | Rate Governed by Vendor |
| Telephone / Internet | \$ 1,532.05 | \$ 1,700.00 | \$ 1,700.00 | \$ 1,700.00 | Rate Governed by Vendor |
| Total Utilities | \$ 4,299.97 | \$ 6,350.00 | \$ 7,200.00 | \$ 7,000.00 | -2.78% |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT | | | | | |
| Disability Insurance | \$ 700.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | Rate Set by Fire Depts Ins Co |
| Fire Department Budget | \$ 37,925.00 | \$ 38,625.00 | \$ 39,525.00 | \$ 42,225.00 | Rate Set by Fire Dept 2.33% increase |
| Forest Fires | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Fire Warden Supplies | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Total Fire Dept. Expenses | \$ 38,625.00 | \$ 38,625.00 | \$ 39,525.00 | \$ 42,225.00 | 6.83% |
| ASSESSORS | | | | | |
| Advertising | \$ - | \$ 180.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | |
| Computer Expense | \$ 2,321.25 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | |
| Hired Service | \$ 9,712.40 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | Outside Firm w/local admin. |
| Labor | \$ 2,592.00 | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | Town office staff |
| Mileage | \$ 1,202.50 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 100.00 | |
| Postage | \$ 2.94 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 | |
| Proval Contract (software) | \$ 2,741.87 | \$ 2,100.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,800.00 | Rate set by vendor |
| Seminars / Training / Conferences | \$ 10.00 | \$ 150.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | Training Required by State |
| Supplies | \$ 175.95 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | |
| Tax / GIS Maps | \$ 5,900.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | Rate set by vendor |
| Telephone | \$ 1,532.05 | \$ 1,700.00 | \$ 1,700.00 | \$ 1,700.00 | 1/2 Cost Total Telephone Town Office |
| Total Assessors Expenses | \$ 26,190.96 | \$ 28,630.00 | \$ 29,400.00 | \$ 27,300.00 | -7.14% |

SELECTBOARD FUND Budgeted Expenses (cont'd)

| | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 Expenditures | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 Budget | 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Budget | Proposed 7/1/24 to 6/30/25 Budget | Proposed Budget Description Increase/Decrease |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| DOG OFFICER | | | | | |
| Advertising | \$ 111.90 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | |
| Feeding Fees | \$ - | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | |
| Impound Fees | \$ - | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 | |
| Labor | \$ 1,853.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | |
| Mileage | \$ 110.51 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | |
| Misc: (Smartline) | \$ 84.72 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 120.00 | |
| Supplies (Magnetic Sign) | \$ 305.54 | \$ 275.00 | \$ 275.00 | \$ 275.00 | |
| Total Dog Officer Expenses | \$ 2,465.67 | \$ 3,625.00 | \$ 3,625.00 | \$ 3,745.00 | 3.31% |
| HEALTH OFFICER | | | | | |
| Advertising | \$ - | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | |
| Labor | \$ 1,364.44 | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 1,400.00 | |
| Mileage | \$ - | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | |
| Postage | \$ - | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | |
| Seminars | \$ - | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | |
| Supplies | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Total Health Officer Expenses | \$ 1,364.44 | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 1,600.00 | 0.00% |
| 22 PLANNING COMMISSION | | | | | |
| Advertising | \$ - | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | |
| Clerk (to take minutes) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| LCPC Consulting | \$ - | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ - | |
| Membership Dues/LCPC Appropriation | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 929.29 | |
| Mileage | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Misc: Postage - Town Plan | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Supplies | \$ - | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | |
| Total Planning Comm. Expenses | \$ - | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 1,029.29 | 414.65% |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | |
| Adjustment to Taxes | \$ - | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ - | |
| Adjustment to Taxes (Interest) | \$ - | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ - | |
| Advertising | \$ 1,434.34 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | |
| Condolence | \$ 906.99 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Dues (VLCT) | \$ 2,861.00 | \$ 2,769.00 | \$ 2,861.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | <i>Rate Set by VLCT</i> |
| Generator Maintenance (School) | \$ 4,646.29 | \$ 666.00 | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | <i>Any expense reimbursed by school</i> |
| Green-Up Day | \$ - | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | |
| * Leases / Church & School | \$ - | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | <i>Long Standing Payment Agreement</i> |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 300.60 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ - | |
| Tax Sale Purchase | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Total Miscellaneous Expenses | \$ 10,149.22 | \$ 4,285.00 | \$ 3,911.00 | \$ 4,150.00 | 6.11% |

* Leases for the Church and School for FY 22/23 were paid in FY 23/24

SELECTBOARD FUND Budgeted Expenses (cont'd)

| | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 Expenditures | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 Budget | 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Budget | 7/1/24 to 6/30/25 Budget | Description Increase/Decrease |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| LEGAL EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Animal Control | \$ - | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 400.00 | |
| Delinquent Taxes | \$ 60.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Health | \$ - | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | |
| Highway | \$ 195.00 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Listers | \$ - | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | |
| Town | \$ 210.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Total Legal Expenses | \$ 465.00 | \$ 5,200.00 | \$ 5,200.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | -3.85% |
| PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Outside Audit | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | <i>Scheduled in FY 25/26</i> |
| Total Professional Expenses | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | 0.00% |
| NEW EQUIPMENT FUNDS | | | | | |
| Fire Department Equip. Reserve Fund | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | <i>Build Equity in Fire Dept. Equip. Fund</i> |
| Fire Truck Appr. Annual (18/19 to 23/24) | \$ 33,000.00 | \$ 33,000.00 | \$ 33,000.00 | \$ 33,000.00 | <i>Approved TM 2018 for 6 years</i> |
| Fire Truck Appr. Annual (22/23 to 27/28) | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 35,000.00 | <i>Approved TM 2022 for 5 years</i> |
| | \$ 43,000.00 | \$ 43,000.00 | \$ 46,000.00 | \$ 46,000.00 | <i>Build Equity in Town Equipment Fund</i> |
| Total New Equipment Fund | \$ 126,000.00 | \$ 126,000.00 | \$ 129,000.00 | \$ 129,000.00 | 0.00% |
| ASSESSMENTS & CONTRACTS | | | | | |
| Ambulance Service | \$ 55,517.13 | \$ 55,621.00 | \$ 57,333.00 | \$ 59,635.00 | <i>Contracted Services 3.08% increase</i> |
| Lamoille County Tax | \$ 14,543.00 | \$ 15,495.00 | \$ 14,543.00 | \$ 15,492.00 | <i>Contracted Services</i> |
| Lamoille Sheriff's Dept. | \$ 29,826.00 | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 31,523.00 | \$ 32,323.00 | <i>Contracted Services</i> |
| LCSD Emergency Response Coverage | \$ 528.45 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | <i>Contracted Services</i> |
| Total Assess. & Contracts | \$ 100,414.58 | \$ 108,116.00 | \$ 104,399.00 | \$ 108,450.00 | 3.88% |
| LRSWMD | | | | | |
| Labor | \$ 233.55 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 | |
| Supervisor's Expense | \$ 329.22 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 300.00 | |
| Total LRSWMD Expenses | \$ 562.77 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 600.00 | 20.00% |
| Total Selectboard Fund Budgeted Expenses before Appropriations | \$ 543,957.91 | \$ 566,192.67 | \$ 580,030.00 | \$ 573,609.29 | -1.11% |

SELECTBOARD FUND Budgeted Expenses (cont'd)

| | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 <u>Expenditures</u> | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 <u>Budget</u> | 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 <u>Budget</u> | Proposed 7/1/24 to 6/30/25 <u>Budget</u> | Proposed Budget Increase/Decrease <u>Description</u> |
|---|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| APPROPRIATIONS, LOCAL | | | | | |
| After School Program | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Eden Cemetery Assoc. | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Eden Historical Society | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Eden Youth Sports Committee | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 4,500.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Lake Eden-Swim Program | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Lake Assoc. Greeter Program | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ - | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Eurasian Milfoil Eradication | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ - | <i>App'd TM 2023 for FY23/24</i> |
| Total Local Appropriations | \$ 23,000.00 | \$ 23,000.00 | \$ 38,000.00 | \$ 19,000.00 | -39.47% |
| APPROPRIATIONS, COUNTY/STATE | | | | | |
| American Red Cross | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Central VT Adult Basic Ed | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Central VT Council On Aging & RSVP | \$ 800.00 * | \$ 800.00 * | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Clarina H. Nichols Center | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Lamoille Community Food Share | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Lamoille County Mental Health Services | \$ 750.00 | \$ 750.00 | \$ 750.00 | \$ 750.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Lamoille County Planning Commission. | \$ 844.00 | \$ 844.00 | \$ 844.00 | ** | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Lamoille Co. Special Investigation Unit | \$ 853.99 | \$ 853.99 | \$ 853.99 | \$ 853.99 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Lamoille Economic Dev. Corp. | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Lamoille Family Center | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Lamoille Home Health & Hospice | \$ 3,969.00 | \$ 3,969.00 | \$ 3,969.00 | \$ 3,969.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Lamoille Housing Partnership | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Lamoille Restorative Ctr. (Court Diversion) | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Meals On Wheels of Lamoille County | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| North Country Animal League | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Rural Comm. Transportation | \$ 1,350.00 | \$ 1,350.00 | \$ 1,350.00 | \$ 1,350.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| VT Assoc. for the Blind | \$ 100.00 * | \$ 100.00 * | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| VT Ctr. For Independent Living | \$ 165.00 | \$ 165.00 | \$ 165.00 | \$ 165.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | <i>Appropriation Requested</i> |
| Total County/State Approp. | \$ 12,431.99 | \$ 12,431.99 | \$ 12,431.99 | \$ 11,587.99 | -6.79% |
| Grand Total Appropriations | \$ 35,431.99 | \$ 35,431.99 | \$ 50,431.99 | \$ 30,587.99 | -31.42% |
| Total Budgeted Expenses | \$ 579,389.90 | \$ 601,624.66 | \$ 630,461.99 | \$ 604,197.28 | -3.53% |

* These 2 appropriations were mistakenly not included in the budget/warning for FY 22/23. Both appropriations were paid with Selectboard approval in FY 22/23.

** This appropriation was moved to the Eden Planning Commission budget

SELECTBOARD FUND (cont'd)

Expenditures: Non-Budgeted Expenses

| | | | |
|---|--------------|------------------------|--|
| Accumulated Sick Pay Town Office FY 22/23 | \$ 9,741.98 | | |
| Accumulated Sick Pay Highway FY 22/23 | \$ 644.00 | | |
| Total Accumulated Sick Pay | | \$ 10,385.98 | |
| Employee Contributed: Retirement (Town & Highway) | \$ 13,852.01 | | |
| Employee Contributed: Vision Plan 100% | \$ 505.49 | | |
| Total Employee Contributed Expense | | \$ 14,357.50 | |
| Grants and Non-Budgeted Projects | | | |
| LEA Greeter Program | | | |
| FY 22/23 ANC 2023 Grant Expenses | \$ 4,196.61 | | |
| FY 22/23 LEA Program 2022 Expenses | \$ 14,072.03 | | |
| Total Grants and Non-Budgeted Projects | | \$ 18,268.64 | |
| Miscellaneous Adjustment | | | |
| Prepaid Taxes | | \$ 869.73 | |
| School Tax Payment | | \$ 2,135,736.21 | |
| State of Vermont: Marriage Licenses | \$ 450.00 | | |
| State of Vermont: Dog Rabies Control | \$ 1,468.00 | | |
| Total State of Vermont | | \$ 1,918.00 | |
| Tax Credit Due Taxpayers | | \$ 9,264.59 | |
| Tax Sale Purchase by the Town | | \$ - | |
| Total Non-Budgeted Expenses | | \$ 2,190,800.65 | |
| Total Budgeted Expenses | | \$ 579,389.90 | |
| Total Expenditures | | \$ 2,770,190.55 | |

SELECTBOARD FUND SUMMARY

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | | | \$ 33,335.00 |
| Revenues | | \$ 2,805,958.72 | |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Budgeted | \$ 579,389.90 | | |
| Non-Budgeted | \$ 2,190,800.65 | | |
| Total Expenditures | | \$ 2,770,190.55 | |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | | \$ 69,103.17 |

SELECTBOARD GRANTS & NON-BUDGETED PROJECTS

Lake Eden Association (LEA) Greeter Program for the Prevention of Invasive Species in 2022

Expenses:

| | | |
|-------------------|----|-----------|
| Labor | \$ | 13,336.75 |
| Medicare | \$ | 193.37 |
| Port-o-let Rental | \$ | 345.00 |
| Social Security | \$ | 826.91 |

Total Expenses FY 2021/2022 **\$ 14,702.03**

Because the 2022 program covered the summer (May to October) of 2022,
it spanned two of the Town's fiscal years, FY 21/22 and FY 22/23.

Lake Eden Association (LEA) Greeter Program for the Prevention of Invasive Species Overview

Expenses:

| | | |
|---|----|-----------|
| Current FY 22/23 | \$ | 14,702.03 |
| In-Kind (Volunteer) Services Provided by LEA both years | \$ | 8,326.38 |
| Expenses previously reported in FY 21/22 | \$ | 4,075.54 |
| In-Kind (Volunteer) Services Provided by Lakeview both fiscal years | \$ | 22.00 |

Total Expenses for the Program through June 30, 2022 **\$ 27,125.95**

Funds Received to offset Expenses:

| | | |
|---|----|-----------|
| Lake Eden Prevention Fund (Town Appropriation FY 22/23) | \$ | 4,000.00 |
| Donated Funds Received FY 21/22 | \$ | 22,000.00 |
| In-Kind (Volunteer) Services Provided by LEA both years | \$ | 8,326.38 |
| In-Kind (Volunteer) Services Provided by Lakeview both fiscal years | \$ | 22.00 |

Total Received for the Program through June 30, 2023 **\$ 34,348.38**

Funds Remaining to be used in the 2024 Greeter Program \$ 7,222.43

Lake Eden Association (LEA) Aquatic Nuisance Control (ANC) Grant 2023

Working towards the Prevention of Invasive Species in Lake Eden

Expenses:

| | | |
|-------------------|----|----------|
| Labor | \$ | 3,970.75 |
| Medicare | \$ | 13.02 |
| Port-o-let Rental | \$ | 157.13 |
| Social Security | \$ | 55.71 |

Total Expenses FY 2022/2023 **\$ 4,196.61**

Because the 2022 program covered the summer (May to October) of 2022,
it spanned two of the Town's fiscal years, FY 21/22 and FY 22/23.

Funds Received: \$ -

Total Cost to the Town for the ANC Grant through June 30, 2023 \$ 4,196.61



From the Photo Gallery on the Town of Eden website: edenvt.org

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Paving & Structures Fund

| | | |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | | \$ 103,023.17 |
| Receipts | | |
| FY 22/23 Appropriation | \$ 60,000.00 | |
| Total Receipts | | \$ 60,000.00 |
| Expenses | \$ - | |
| Total Expenses | | \$ - |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | <u>\$ 163,023.17</u> |

Highway Reserve Fund

| | | |
|--|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | | \$ 507,425.41 |
| Receipts | | |
| Highway Fund Y/E Balance FY 21/22 | \$ 7,938.05 | |
| Reimburse funds spent on Blakeville Bridge | \$ 156,674.50 | |
| Total Receipts | | \$ 164,612.55 |
| Expenses Blakeville Bridge | \$ 156,674.50 | |
| Total Expenses | | \$ 156,674.50 |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | <u>\$ 515,363.46</u> |

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Blakeville Bridge (#13) over the Gihon River

HIGHWAY FUND

Revenues

| | | | |
|--|----|---------------|------------------------|
| Highway Reserve Fund Transfer FY 22/23 | \$ | 156,674.50 | |
| Paving & Structures Fund Transfer | \$ | - | |
| ARPA Funds for Town Garage Repair | \$ | 9,586.69 | |
| FEMA Funds | \$ | 533,492.43 | |
| State of VT FEMA Funds | \$ | 13,699.93 | |
| G-1 Holdings Settlement Funds | \$ | 21.77 | |
| Grants | | | |
| MRGP - South Pond Road | \$ | 9,400.00 | |
| State of VT - Class 2 Roads East Hill | \$ | 150,983.28 | |
| State of VT Structures - Boy Scout Camp Rd | \$ | 22,972.50 | |
| Total Grant Funds | | \$ 183,355.78 | |
| Miscellaneous | | | |
| Health Insurance Employee Share (10%) | \$ | 5,207.96 | |
| State of VT - Miscellaneous | \$ | 19.01 | |
| Total Miscellaneous | | \$ 5,226.97 | |
| Raised By Taxes | | \$ 499,313.22 | |
| ROW Permits | | \$ 200.00 | |
| State of VT - Class 2 & 3 Roads | | \$ 72,041.69 | |
| Town Office Snow Removal | | \$ 1,500.00 | |
| Vehicle Permits | | \$ 460.00 | |
| Total Revenues | | | \$ 1,475,572.98 |

Expenditures

| | <u>7/1/22 to 6/30/23</u> | <u>7/1/22 to 6/30/23</u> | <u>7/1/23 to 6/30/24</u> | <u>Proposed</u> | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>7/1/24 to 6/30/25</u> | <u>Proposed Budget</u> |
| | | | | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Description</u> |
| | | | | | <u>Increase/Decrease</u> |
| WINTER ROADS | | | | | |
| Cold Patch | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Equipment Labor | \$ 7,724.00 | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 9,000.00 | 0.00% |
| Gravel/Stone | \$ 11,856.94 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| Hired Equipment | \$ 1,050.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | |
| Labor | \$ 66,430.01 | \$ 55,000.00 | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 68,000.00 | 13.33% |
| * Mileage | \$ - | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ - | |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 67.79 | \$ - | | \$ - | |
| Salt | \$ 8,946.21 | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 12,000.00 | |
| Sand | \$ 73,021.48 | \$ 58,000.00 | \$ 70,000.00 | \$ 62,100.00 | -11.29% |
| Total Winter Roads | \$ 169,096.43 | \$ 143,600.00 | \$ 162,600.00 | \$ 162,600.00 | 0.00% |

*Mileage is now included in the expenses of the Town owned pick-up truck.

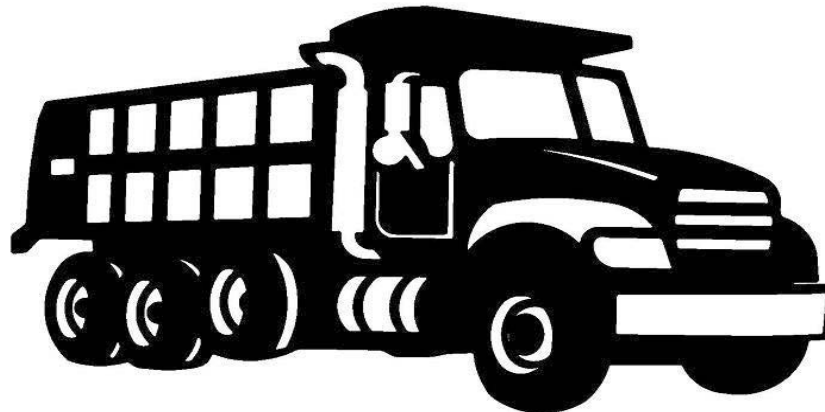
HIGHWAY FUND (cont'd)

| | <u>Expenditures, cont'd</u> | | | | Proposed Budget Description Increase/Decrease |
|---|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 <u>Expenditures</u> | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 <u>Budget</u> | 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 <u>Budget</u> | Proposed 7/1/24 to 6/30/25 <u>Budget</u> | |
| SUMMER ROADS | | | | | |
| Asphalt/Cold Patch | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Beaver Trapping | \$ 275.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 700.00 | \$ 500.00 | |
| Chloride | \$ 14,486.40 | \$ 16,500.00 | \$ 16,500.00 | \$ 16,500.00 | |
| Culverts | \$ 1,991.02 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 8,000.00 | |
| Equipment Labor | \$ 3,762.50 | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | 0.00% |
| Gravel/Materials | \$ 48,904.16 | \$ 14,500.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | |
| Hired Equipment | \$ 9,862.50 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 9,000.00 | |
| Labor | \$ 42,691.65 | \$ 35,000.00 | \$ 38,000.00 | \$ 45,000.00 | 18.42% |
| * Mileage | \$ - | \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ - | |
| Miscellaneous (Stump Removal) | \$ 280.00 | | | | |
| Roadside Mowing | \$ - | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 8,500.00 | \$ 8,500.00 | |
| Total Summer Roads | \$ 122,253.23 | \$ 88,100.00 | \$ 94,300.00 | \$ 110,000.00 | 16.65% |
| *Mileage is now included in the expenses of the Town owned pick-up truck. | | | | | |
| SUMMER CONSTRUCTION | | | | | |
| Chloride | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | |
| Culverts | \$ 5,521.97 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Gravel/Materials | \$ 11,515.15 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | |
| Hired Equipment | \$ 2,378.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | |
| Labor | \$ - | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | 0.00% |
| Miscellaneous | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Total Summer Construction | \$ 19,415.12 | \$ 38,500.00 | \$ 39,500.00 | \$ 39,500.00 | 0.00% |
| CLASS 3 & 4 ROADS | | | | | |
| Culverts | \$ - | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | |
| Gravel/Materials | \$ 13,696.33 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| Hired Equipment | \$ 1,745.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| Labor | \$ 3,476.63 | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 4,500.00 | 0.00% |
| Miscellaneous | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Total Class 3 & 4 Roads | \$ 18,917.96 | \$ 14,500.00 | \$ 15,500.00 | \$ 15,500.00 | 0.00% |

HIGHWAY FUND (cont'd)

| | <u>Expenditures, cont'd</u> | | | | Proposed Budget Description Increase/Decrease |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| | <u>7/1/22 to 6/30/23 Expenditures</u> | <u>7/1/22 to 6/30/23 Budget</u> | <u>7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Budget</u> | <u>Proposed 7/1/24 to 6/30/25 Budget</u> | |
| MRGP (State Mandated Program) | | | | | |
| Gravel/Materials | \$ - | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | <i>Eff. 7-1-18 State Mandated</i> |
| Hired Equipment | \$ - | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | <i>Eff. 7-1-18 State Mandated</i> |
| Permit | \$ 1,765.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,765.00 | <i>Eff. 7-1-18 State Mandated</i> |
| Labor | \$ - | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | <i>Eff. 7-1-18 State Mandated</i> |
| Total MRGP | \$ 1,765.00 | \$ 18,500.00 | \$ 18,500.00 | \$ 14,765.00 | -20% |
| INSURANCE/PAYROLL Town Share | | | | | |
| Accident Deductible | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | <i>\$ set by Ins Co.</i> |
| Disability and Life Insurance | \$ 444.90 | \$ 450.00 | \$ 550.00 | \$ 550.00 | <i>\$ set by Ins Co.</i> |
| * Health/Hospitalization | \$ 54,699.82 | \$ 53,500.00 | \$ 55,000.00 | \$ 62,000.00 | <i>\$ set by Ins Co. - Employees contribute 10%</i> |
| Property & Casualty | \$ 8,258.88 | \$ 9,037.58 | \$ 8,500.00 | \$ 8,500.00 | <i>\$ set by Ins Co.</i> |
| Workers Compensation Ins. | \$ 6,458.18 | \$ 7,784.64 | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 8,000.00 | <i>\$ set by Ins Co.</i> |
| Unemployment Insurance | \$ 182.02 | \$ 221.00 | \$ 240.00 | \$ 240.00 | <i>\$ set by Ins Co.</i> |
| Town Share (TS) Medicare | \$ 2,166.99 | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 2,400.00 | <i>Rate per Tax Requirements</i> |
| Town Share (TS) Retirement | \$ 9,101.99 | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 8,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | <i>Rate per VMERS</i> |
| Town Share (TS) Social Security | \$ 9,266.04 | \$ 6,700.00 | \$ 9,500.00 | \$ 10,500.00 | <i>Rate per Tax Requirements</i> |
| Vacation Pay | \$ 6,380.00 | \$ 5,600.00 | \$ 7,200.00 | \$ 8,000.00 | |
| Sick Pay | \$ - | \$ 1,720.00 | \$ 2,080.00 | \$ 2,200.00 | |
| Total Insurance/Payroll | \$ 96,958.82 | \$ 94,113.22 | \$ 102,270.00 | \$ 113,390.00 | 10.87% |

* Employees contribute 10% of health insurance costs as of July 1, 2020, an increase from 5.5% that began Jan 1, 2012.



HIGHWAY FUND (cont'd)

Expenditures, cont'd

| | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 | 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 | Proposed 7/1/24 to 6/30/25 | Proposed Budget Description Increase/Decrease |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| TOWN GARAGE | Expenditures | Budget | Budget | Budget | Increase/Decrease |
| 911 Road Signs | \$ 4,032.12 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | <i>MUTCD Compliance</i> |
| Advertising | \$ 256.10 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | |
| Building Maintenance | \$ 625.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Dry Hydrant | \$ 110.00 | \$ 750.00 | \$ 750.00 | \$ 750.00 | |
| Electricity | \$ 1,557.42 | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ 2,600.00 | \$ 2,600.00 | <i>Rate Governed by Vendor</i> |
| Firewood | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,500.00 | |
| Heat (L.P. Gas) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | <i>Rate Governed by Vendor</i> |
| Labor | \$ 1,356.50 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | <i>0%</i> |
| Mobile Testing Service | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Rubbish Removal | \$ 1,080.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,100.00 | \$ 1,100.00 | |
| Seminars | \$ 60.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | <i>Mandatory Training</i> |
| Supplies | \$ 2,909.51 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 3,500.00 | |
| Telephone | \$ 676.87 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 650.00 | \$ 650.00 | <i>Rate Governed by Vendor</i> |
| Tools | \$ 1,169.20 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Uniforms | \$ 2,081.67 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | |
| Total Town Garage | \$ 15,914.39 | \$ 18,350.00 | \$21,100.00 | \$ 22,600.00 | 7.11% |
| EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE | | | | | |
| 2001 International Truck #1 | \$ 4,156.36 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| 2012 Freightliner Truck #4 | \$ 21,323.55 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 15,000.00 | |
| 2018 Freightliner Truck #2 | \$ 1,875.04 | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | |
| 2018 Ford PU Truck #3 | \$ 2,468.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Acetylene & Oxygen | \$ 152.46 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | |
| Air Compressor | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | | \$ - | |
| All Equipment | \$ 9,539.42 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 7,000.00 | |
| Power Tools/Chain Saw | \$ 134.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | |
| Chloride Tank | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Diesel Fuel & Oil | \$ 48,478.63 | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 45,000.00 | \$ 50,000.00 | |
| Gasoline | \$ 4,296.26 | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 4,500.00 | |
| Grader | \$ 1,002.80 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 7,000.00 | |
| Grizzly | \$ - | \$ 150.00 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 | |
| Loader | \$ 345.32 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| Plows | \$ 7,135.67 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | |
| Pressure Washer | \$ - | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 | \$ 400.00 | |

HIGHWAY FUND (cont'd)

| | <u>Expenditures, cont'd</u> | | | | Proposed Budget Description Increase/Decrease |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 Expenditures | 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 Budget | 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 Budget | Proposed 7/1/24 to 6/30/25 Budget | |
| Equipment Maintenance (Cont'd) | | | | | |
| Radios | \$ 119.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | |
| Safety Equipment | \$ 53.98 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | |
| Sweeper | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | |
| Sanders | \$ 4,124.71 | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 5,500.00 | |
| Total Equipment Maintenance | <u>\$ 105,205.20</u> | <u>\$ 98,050.00</u> | <u>\$ 110,200.00</u> | <u>\$ 116,700.00</u> | 5.90% |
| Total Highway Fund | <u>\$ 549,526.15</u> | <u>\$ 513,713.22</u> | <u>\$ 563,970.00</u> | <u>\$ 595,055.00</u> | 5.51% |
| Infrastructure Improvement | | | | | |
| Paving & Structures | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 60,000.00 | <i>Voted to establish @ TM 2017</i> |
| Total Infrastructure Improvement | <u>\$ 60,000.00</u> | <u>\$ 60,000.00</u> | <u>\$ 60,000.00</u> | <u>\$ 60,000.00</u> | 0.00% |
| Grand Total Highway | <u>\$ 609,526.15</u> | <u>\$ 573,713.22</u> | <u>\$ 623,970.00</u> | <u>\$ 655,055.00</u> | 4.98% |

HIGHWAY FUND SUMMARY

| | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | \$ 7,938.05 |
| Revenues: | |
| Highway Fund | \$ 1,292,217.20 |
| Highway Reserve Fund Transfer | \$ - |
| Paving & Structures Fund Transfer | \$ - |
| Grants | \$ 183,355.78 |
| Total Revenues | <u>\$ 1,475,572.98</u> |
| Expenditures: | |
| Highway Fund | \$ 609,526.15 |
| Highway Reserve Fund | \$ 7,938.05 |
| Grant Projects | \$ 1,091,791.47 |
| Total Expenditures | <u>\$ 1,709,255.67</u> |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2022) | <u>\$ (225,744.64) *</u> |
| * Funds to offset this negative ending balance are anticipated in FY 23/24 | |
| Funds from FEMA anticipated | \$ 328,343.12 |
| Funds from G-1 Holdings Settlement anticipated | \$ 69,356.08 |
| Total Funds anticipated FY 23/24 | <u>\$ 397,699.20</u> |

HIGHWAY GRANTS & NON-BUDGETED PROJECTS

October 2019 Flood -- FEMA DR-4474 VT Blakeville Bridge #13

Expenses FY 22/23

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Hired Services | \$ 606,186.71 | |
| Labor | \$ 335.00 | |
| Reinburse Highway Reserve Fund | \$ 156,674.50 | |
| Total expenditures FY 22/23 | | \$ 763,196.21 |

October 2019 Flood -- FEMA DR-4474 VT Financial Summary

Expenses

| | | |
|--|---------------|----------------------|
| FY 22/23 | \$ 763,196.21 | |
| FY 21/22 | \$ 69,534.28 | |
| FY 20/21 | \$ 18,729.04 | |
| FY 19/20 | \$ 77,817.66 | |
| Total expenditures to date October 2019 Flood | | \$ 929,277.19 |

Income Offsets

| | | |
|--|---------------|----------------------|
| Highway Reserve Fund Transfer (until grant funds are received) | \$ 156,674.50 | |
| State of VT Funds FY 22/23 | \$ 13,699.93 | |
| FEMA Reimbursement FY 22/23 | \$ 533,492.43 | |
| Grant Funds Received FY 21/22 | \$ 48,605.74 | |
| Grant Funds Received FY 20/21 | \$ 38,735.53 | |
| Total Income Offsets (Grants and Highway Reserve Funds) | | \$ 791,208.13 |

Actual Cost to Town to Date

| | | |
|--|-------------|----------------------|
| <i>FEMA funds anticipated in FY 23/24 for admin. reimbursement 19/20 - 23-24</i> | \$ 9,129.89 | |
| <i>Final cost to the Town when all grant funds are received</i> | | \$ 128,939.17 |

VTrans Accelerated Bridge Program (VABP) - Knowles Flat - Twin Culverts

Expenses FY 22/23

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Hired Equipment | \$ 18.36 | |
| Total expenditures FY 22/23 | | \$ 18.36 |
| Actual Cost to Town to Date | | \$ 18.36 |

VTrans Accelerated Bridge Program (VABP) - Knowles Flat - Twin Culverts Financial Summary

Expenses

| | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------|
| Total Expenses Current FY 22/23 | \$ 18.36 | |
| Total Expenses Previously Reported FY 21/22 | \$ 399.73 | |
| Total Expenses Previously Reported FY 20/21 | \$ 33,226.69 | |
| Total Expenses Previously Reported FY 19/20 | \$ 4,474.78 | |
| Total Expenses Previously Reported FY 18/19 | \$ 5,700.38 | |
| Total Expenses Previously Reported FY 17/18 | \$ 98.69 | |
| Total Expenses Previously Reported FY 16/17 | \$ 8,116.53 | |
| Total Cost To Date: VABP-Knowles Flat Twin Culverts | | \$ 52,035.16 |

Income Offsets

| | | |
|---|--------------|--|
| G-1 Holdings Settlement Funds Received FY 22/23 | \$ 21.77 | |
| G-1 Holdings Settlement Funds Received FY 21/22 | \$ 827.68 | |
| G-1 Holdings Settlement Funds Received Previous Years | \$ 53,684.62 | |
| State of VT Refund Reported FY 18-19 | \$ 48.40 | |
| All Metals Recycling (old culvert) Reported FY 16-17 | \$ 441.00 | |

Total Funds Received

| | | |
|--|--|---------------------|
| | | \$ 55,023.47 |
|--|--|---------------------|

Actual Cost to Town to Date Expenses minus Income Offsets

| | | |
|--|--|----------------------|
| | | \$ (2,988.31) |
|--|--|----------------------|

| | | |
|---|---------------|--|
| VT Accelerated Bridge Program Total Estimated Cost | \$ 815,000.00 | |
| Town Share 5% estimated at | \$ 70,000.00 | |
| G-1 Holdings Monies Received | \$ 55,001.70 | |
| <i>Project completed November, 2020 All Town costs covered by G-1 Holdings monies</i> | | |

Class 2 Grant - East Hill Paving

Expenses FY 22/23

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Hired Services | \$ 254,678.03 | |
| Total Expenditures FY 22/23 | | \$ 254,678.03 |

Income Offsets

| | | |
|--|---------------|----------------------|
| State of VT Class 2 Grant Funds | \$ 150,983.28 | |
| Actual Cost to the Town - Expenses minus Income Offsets | | \$ 103,694.75 |

HIGHWAY GRANTS & NON-BUDGETED PROJECTS (cont'd)

G-1 Holdings Project for Underdrain and Ditching on East Hill

Expenses FY 22/23

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Hired Services/Engineering | \$ 21,042.50 |
| Labor | \$ 18,220.40 |
| Material | \$ 6,840.72 |

Total Expenditures FY 22/23

\$ 46,103.62

Income Offsets (no funds yet received)

\$ -

G-1 Holdings Reimbursement anticipated in FY 23/24 \$ 46,103.62

Final cost to the Town when all grant funds received

\$ -

Municipal Roads Permit (MRGP) Segment Grant - South Pond Road

Expenses FY 22/23

| | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Hired Equipment | \$ 7,015.00 |
| Labor | \$ 3,832.75 |
| Materials | \$ 3,181.04 |

Total Expenditures FY 22/23

\$ 14,028.79

Income Offsets

MRGP Grant Funds Received \$ 9,400.00

Actual Cost to the Town to Date

\$ 4,628.79

G-1 Holdings Reimbursement anticipated in FY 23/24 \$ 4,628.79

Final cost to the Town when all grant funds are received

\$ -

Lake Eden Recreation Area Boat Rack and Rain Garden Project

Expenses FY 22/23

| | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Hired Equipment | \$ 3,840.00 |
| Labor | \$ 2,529.50 |
| Materials | \$ 3,787.58 |
| Other expenses | \$ 3,609.38 |

Total Expenditures FY 22/23

\$ 13,766.46

Income Offsets

\$ -

Actual Cost to the Town to Date

\$ 13,766.46

Grant Funds from Lamoille County Natural Resources

Conservation District received FY 23/24 \$ 13,766.46

Final cost to the Town when all grant funds are received

\$ -

Total Grant & Non-Budgeted Expenditures FY 22/23

Expenses FY 22/23 (without grant funds)

| | |
|--|---------------|
| October 2019 Flood -- FEMA DR-4474 VT Blakeville Bridge | \$ 606,521.71 |
| Repay Highway Reserve Fund Transfer for Blakeville Bridge | \$ 156,674.50 |
| VTrans Accelerated Bridge Program (VABP) - Knowles Flat Culverts | \$ 18.36 |
| Class 2 Grant - East Hill | \$ 254,678.03 |
| G-1 Holdings Underdrain and Ditching on East Hill | \$ 46,103.62 |
| Municipal Roads Permit (MRGP) Segment Grant - South Pond Road | \$ 14,028.79 |
| LERA Boat Rack and Rain Garden | \$ 13,766.46 |

Total Expenses FY21/22

\$ 1,091,791.47

Actual Cost to Town to Date (with grant funds applied)

| | |
|--|---------------|
| October 2019 Flood -- FEMA DR-4474 VT | \$ 138,069.06 |
| VTrans Accelerated Bridge Program (VABP) - Knowles Flat Culverts | \$ (2,988.31) |
| Class 2 Grant - East Hill | \$ 103,694.75 |
| G-1 Holdings Underdrain and Ditching on East Hill | \$ 46,103.62 |
| Municipal Roads Permit (MRGP) Segment Grant - South Pond Road | \$ 4,628.79 |
| LERA Boat Rack and Rain Garden | \$ 13,766.46 |

Net Cost to Town

\$ 303,274.37

Total Grant Funds anticipated in FY 23/24 to offset FY 22/23 Expenses

\$ 73,628.76

Final cost to the Town, all projects completed and grant funds received

\$ 229,645.61

Note: Grant total expenses do not include the cost of using Town equipment

Lake Eden Association Report on Eurasian Water Milfoil

We would like to thank you for supporting our efforts, at last years annual meeting, to control the highly invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) plant in Lake Eden. That money, in combination with a 20K grant and countless volunteer hours, was used to accomplish the following:

- Pre & Post GPS treatment surveys
- 2 weeks of DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) treatments, which removed over 1,800 gallons of Eurasian Water Milfoil and laid 25 Benthic blankets to smother the EWM.
- Purchase of 8 Benthic blankets
- Equipment to assist the volunteer Hand Harvest Team's efforts-Identified location of Eurasian Water Milfoil growth and removed over 200 gallons of the plant.
- Materials to train volunteer and to increase awareness of spread prevention measures-Over 490 volunteer hours were utilized to assist mitigation efforts.

As a result, EWM was prevented from aggressively spreading throughout the lake, suffocating out the native plant and fish life and keeping the lake swimmable and boat -able. Long term these efforts alone will not be sufficient to eradicate this highly invasive weed. This is based on the growth patterns we have seen, unique circumstances of Lake Eden, and the shallowness of the lake, which allows for nearly complete coverage by EWM.

In consultation with aquatic biologists, other lake associations, and the DEC, it has become apparent that herbicides are necessary if we are to eradicate EWM or at least contain its spread long term. Procella COR is currently being used across the country and in roughly 8 VT lakes with great success. It has been proven safe for fish and native plants found in Lake Eden. It is used only as a spot treatment and is applied directly to the plant. A maximum of only 40% of the lakes littoral zone (edge) can be treated in a year per VT permit guidelines. ProcellaCor uses 100X-1000x less active ingredient dosage amounts than other herbicides of the past. It is not traceable in the water within 48 hrs. of a treatment and there are no health risks to humans using the water as per the US Department of Health.

If there is community support and funds available, we would like to apply for an herbicide permit to begin treatments in the summer of 2025. Based on what we are seeing in Lake Eden and the experience of other lakes across the country, this seems to be the most effective plan and use of money long term. We plan to hold a community forum on the topic this spring-summer.

If we fail to control EWM the economic loss of the lake to the Town of Eden and surrounding areas will be very significant, including loss of property values, loss of tourism and a significant decrease in tax base from the properties that abut the lake. In years past a town assessor's study showed that properties around the lake added up to less than 1% of the total landmass in the town of Eden yet the lake properties paid 27% of the town's property tax income. The fact is that those properties values will decline if the lake declines. This means that the tax rate will need to be increased for ALL residents to make up the difference.

Multiple Grants have been applied for and fundraising efforts are underway. However, these efforts alone will not cover the costs needed to mitigate EWM in Lake Eden and stop it from spreading into other local bodies of water. Therefore it is imperative that the town and the community continue to support these efforts if we are to be successful. **We urge you to show up at the annual Town Meeting on 3/5/24 to vote in favor of the article to provide \$15,000 in funding towards the continued treatment of EWM in Lake Eden and to learn more about potential herbicide treatments. Please help us save our beautiful lake, as it is arguably one of the greatest assets that Eden has.**

FOR MORE INFO ON THE USE OF HERBICIDE TREATMENTS, read this article by The Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds (FOVLAP) which includes case studies of 3 VT lakes:

<https://vermontlakes.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/FOVLAP-The-Case-For-ProcellaCOR.pdf>

Sincerely, Friends of Lake Eden

Lake Eden Association Greeter Program

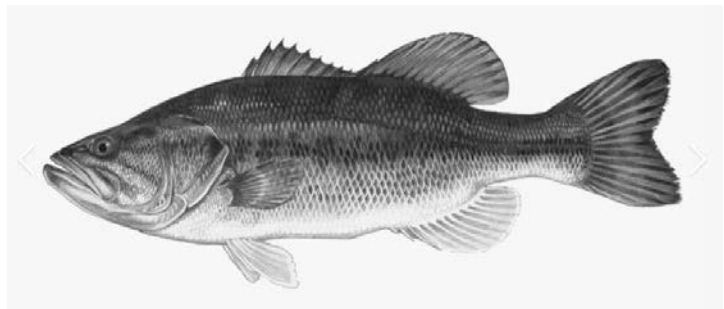
2023 was our 15th year participating in the Vermont Greeter Program. The purpose of this program is to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive species in and out of Lake Eden. Greeters this year performed 1,315 watercraft inspections and decontaminated 27 boats. The program costs roughly \$18,000 to run each season from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day Weekend. It employs 7-9 part-time paid Greeters and is managed by a volunteer member of the Lake Association. This past season we were awarded a \$9,000 grant from the State of VT. We were not awarded the Lake Champlain Basin grant but were thankfully able to run the program with additional funds obtained from a private donor and the funds allocated by the town.

For the first 13 years, this program helped to keep Invasive species out of Lake Eden. Sadly, Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) was identified in the lake in 2022. While the Lake Association is aggressively mitigating this infestation, it remains prudent that we continue the Greeter Program to prevent re-infestations of EWM and its spread to other VT waterbodies. The program is also necessary to prevent the introduction of a variety of other aquatic invasive species that would be as detrimental to the Lake's overall health and recreational value. Not having this program would seriously compromise our ability to obtain grants for the mitigation of EWM as Spread & Prevention Programs are considered a prerequisite to any mitigation plan.

Lake Eden is an absolute asset for the town. The town beach provides an incredible recreation destination for residents as well as an income stream to the town. Eden residents and the Lake Eden Association (LEA) continue their commitment to the preservation of the natural beauty of Lake Eden by volunteering countless hours to monitor, measure, report, educate, and mitigate all issues related to lake health. The Town provides a match in the form of payroll and grant administration. It has been a team effort to preserve this beautiful lake for the benefit of Eden residents and visitors who contribute to Eden's economy.

The Lake Eden Association/Town is again applying for grants through the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) and the VT DEC for the 2024 season. While we are always grateful when awarded these funds, they are not a given and the costs of monitoring the lake go beyond the award amount. Therefore, we ask that the Town again appropriate \$4,000 to help offset these additional costs and to insure we continue to receive grants for the mitigation of EWM.

We are very appreciative of Eden residents, the Lake Champlain Basin Program and the VT DEC for their support. Respectfully submitted, The Lake Eden Association





To the Town of Eden, Vermont,

The ECS Connections (Afterschool/Summer program) would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Our Site Coordinator who oversees the operation of the program continues to be Amanda LaPorte. She has been with us since August of 2022. Amanda has done an amazing job with the students and the activities being offered. The relationships being fostered between students and staff is a wonderful thing to see in action.

Judy Langlois has been with us since the beginning of the program. She continues as our Assistant Site Coordinator. We appreciate Judy's commitment to the program and to our students. Judy is the go-to person when anyone has a question or a student needs extra support.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant is a five-year grant. We are in the second year of this grant. This grant provides approximately 20% of the funding needed. We are anticipating the funding to remain about the same as the previous year. The second area of funding is with the State of Vermont Department of Children and Families. This provides subsidy payments to our program for families that are in high financial need. In order to have the subsidy available we are a licensed childcare site. We also actively look for other grants that can supplement our funding. We applied for a grant that allowed us to offer the summer program to students for free last year and again this year. Grants are becoming increasingly competitive and may be harder to qualify for.

We have an average of 50 students enrolled per session. Each session of our program offers a wide variety of enrichment classes such as Arts & Crafts with multicultural approach, Sports, Cooking & Baking, STEM activities that enhance problem solving and engineering skills, guided outdoor activities where the children can explore nature, free-choice classes, and many more. We like to include our students in the planning process before every new session, to make sure they find at least one activity that really interests them. Our students also experience field trips and off-site activities when possible. The off-site trips are more prevalent in summer months and may include visits to State Parks and Lakes, Movie theaters, Museums and more. Furthermore, we now offer programming for early release days as well.

We are asking for \$4,000.00 in support this year. We understand that this commitment is one that Eden will benefit from as it will continue to support a program that has the best interest in the youth of the town and will keep with the amazing culture that is being created inside the Eden school. The afterschool program is a great extension of learning and self-promotion for our students and we thank the town of Eden, its community members, and of course the families that make this a great place for our children.

If you are interested in partnering with our program, volunteering or sharing a hobby with our students or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Robin

Robin Genetti Afterschool/Summer School Program Director

EDEN CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Perpetual Care Funds

The Trustees of Public Funds met with the Cemetery Commissioners to suggest consolidating the six Perpetual Care (PC) funds below into one account. All of these funds have the same spending restrictions: the principal can only be used for capital improvements.

Interest earned from these accounts is transferred into the working checkbook to be used for annual maintenance expenses. Consolidating these 6 accounts saved auditing time and allowed one lump sum to be invested at a much higher interest rate at Edward Jones.

Beginning Balances (July 1, 2022)

| | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------|
| Community Bank (CB) Money Market (MM) Account | | \$ 14,150.58 |
| CB Perpetual Care (PC)MM Account | \$ 20,062.55 | |
| Interest | \$ 10.71 | |
| Lot Sales | \$ 150.00 | |
| Transfer Interest to Checking Account | \$ (10.71) | |
| Balance of CB PC MM Account | | \$ 20,212.55 |
| Dorothy Collins MM Account | | \$ 500.00 |
| Ed Shattuck MM Account | | \$ 8,000.00 |
| Manona Miller MM Account | | \$ 16,515.25 |
| Mildred Earle Estate MM Account | | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Interest on the 4 accounts above | | \$ 18.52 |
| Perpetual Care Fund Balance on all accounts | | \$ 64,396.90 |

Transfer funds from combined PC accounts to

Edward Jones CD earning 4.6% interest \$ (59,000.00)

CD matures January 12, 2024 (\$2714 interest anticipated)

Balance of PC funds in EJ Savings Acct. earning 5.21% interest \$ (184.35)

Total Perpetual Care Fund w/out CD or savings balance (June 30, 2023) \$ 5,212.55

Eden Cemetery Working Checkbook

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) \$ 19,150.70

Receipts

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Corner Markers | | \$ 265.00 |
| Donation | | \$ 200.00 |
| Lot Sales | | \$ 450.00 |
| Town of Eden Appropriation | | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Interest from PC accounts | \$ 10.71 | |
| Interest on Cemetery Checking | \$ 10.83 | |
| Total Interest on Investments | | \$ 21.54 |

Total Receipts \$ 8,436.54

Expenses

| | | |
|--|--|-------------|
| Advertising | | \$ 108.00 |
| Corner Markers | | \$ 265.00 |
| Flowers | | \$ 71.49 |
| Flags & Markers | | \$ 24.97 |
| Miscellaneous (supplies reimbursement) | | \$ 60.00 |
| Mowing: Spaulding Property Maintenance | | \$ 5,840.00 |
| Rubbish Removal | | \$ 85.00 |

Total Expenses \$ 6,454.46

Fund Balance before EJ CD investment \$ 21,132.78

Transfer funds from the working checkbook to \$ (20,000.00)

EJ CD earning 4.45% interest (\$651.10 in FY 23/24)

Ending Balance Working Checkbook w/out CD Balance (June 30, 2023) \$ 1,132.78

EDEN CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

The commissioners meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Eden Town Clerk's office from April through October. All meetings are open to the public.

The total cost of a cemetery lot is \$580. Of that total, \$225 goes into the working checkbook to be used towards annual maintenance expenses. \$75 is transferred into the Perpetual Care account for long-term cemetery preservation. \$265 is the cost of the mandatory corner markers for every plot and there is a \$15 filing fee. New lots are recorded at the Town Clerk's Office and on the cemetery map. In May we do a walk-through of the cemetery to clean up from winter and place flags for veterans.

We are asking for an appropriation of \$7,500 for mowing.

Thank you to the people of Eden for your continued support.

Eden Cemetery Commissioners:

Jubal Durivage, President *Adam Degree*, Vice President
Faye Cochran, Treasurer *Colleen Durivage*, Secretary
One open position



The bench installed in the fall of 2022 with funds from the Eden Memorial Fund (started in 1956) and the American Gift Fund to honor all those that have served our country with roots in Eden.

EDEN CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS

Revised April 5, 2022

1. All newly purchased lots must have corner markers to mark the boundaries of the lot. Persons desiring to purchase a lot will need to contact a Cemetery Commissioner. A copy of the Cemetery Regulations will be provided from the Town Clerk and/or any Cemetery Commissioner.
2. All arrangements for all internments shall be made a minimum of 24 hours in advance and must be approved by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners. Funeral Directors shall bring and turn over to the Town Office or Commissioners a burial permit or cremation certificate with all information completed prior to any burial service or burial. Internments shall not be held on Sundays except in cases of dire emergency.
3. The transfer of cemetery lots or part of such lot to a third party shall be reported to the Town Clerk and Commissioners for recording before the purchaser shall be allowed to use said lot.
4. Foundations must be four feet deep and of solid cement (no stone or filler allowed) on all upright monuments except Tablets. Owners of the lot shall notify one of the Commissioners before any work begins so a Commissioner can be present to ensure proper installation. If not done according to the rules, the Commissioners shall request lot owner(s) to have the work redone at their expense. Grounds are to be kept clean of debris and cement from any foundation work.
5. Removal of stones and/or monuments for repair, cleaning, engraving or replacement must be pre-approved by the lot owner and the Cemetery Commissioners.
6. Any damage done to any driveways or lawn areas by any contractors or individuals shall be repaired by those persons causing the damage at their expense.
7. No trees, lilac bushes, etc. shall be planted on lot(s). Flowers may be planted along the headstone. Anything else set on the lot(s) such as eternal lights, a flag or flag holder, etc. must be along the headstone. This will help the mowers maintain the cemetery. Anyone that does not follow this rule will allow the Commissioners the right to remove whatever is not within the rules. Plantings that infringe upon the boundaries of any adjacent lot must be trimmed back or removed by lot owners. When plantings are not maintained by the lot owner, cemetery personal may trim or remove plantings if necessary to prevent damage to property and monuments.
8. Flower containers must be removed by family or friends by October 25th each year. Anything remaining shall be removed and disposed of by the groundkeeper. Anything out for the Christmas season must be removed before May 1st each year.
9. Glass containers shall not be used in the cemetery. This is for the safety of the public.
10. All workers, in any capacity, in the cemetery shall be subject to the direction and control of the Cemetery Commissioners.
11. All contractors and/or businesses working in the cemetery must carry current insurance. Minimum coverage required. Each occurrence, \$1,000,000. This must be filed with the Town Clerk prior to any work being done.
12. The cemetery will be open for burial at the discretion of the Commissioners.
13. No dogs shall be allowed in the cemetery unless it is on a leash with its owner. The owner shall clean up after their animals.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Eden Historical Society, Inc. Annual Report

July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

| | | |
|---|-------------|--------------------|
| Cash on Hand: (Includes Money Tree Income) | | \$ 4,197.54 |
| Income: | | |
| Town of Eden Appropriation | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Sale of Books | \$ 200.00 | |
| Total Income: | | \$ 2,200.00 |
| Total Funds on Hand | | \$ 6,397.54 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Vermont Electric Coop | \$ 706.95 | |
| Cooperative Insurance | \$ 909.10 | |
| Postage/Box Rent | \$ 121.90 | |
| Suburban Propane Gas | \$ 854.17 | |
| Working Dogs (Rental of Port-o-let) | \$ 145.00 | |
| Exactbuilt (Engraving of EHS Mugs) | \$ 271.40 | |
| Total Expenses: | | \$ 3,008.52 |
| Checkbook Balance | | \$ 3,389.02 |

Eden Day Account

July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

| | | |
|---|----------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance: | | \$ 1,414.91 |
| Income: Eden Historical Society Account | \$ 25.00 | |
| Total Income: | | \$ 25.00 |
| Total Funds on Hand | | \$ 1,439.91 |
| Expenses: Maintenance | \$ 75.00 | |
| Total Expenses: | | \$ 75.00 |
| Checkbook Balance | | \$ 1,364.91 |

Donna Whitcomb, Treasurer

Eden Historical Society, Inc.

We were able to get the upstairs cleaned out. We continue to do what we can with the money we have. People seem too busy in their own lives and it does take time. We are in hopes this summer to get a dumpster to clean out what is left of odds and ends.

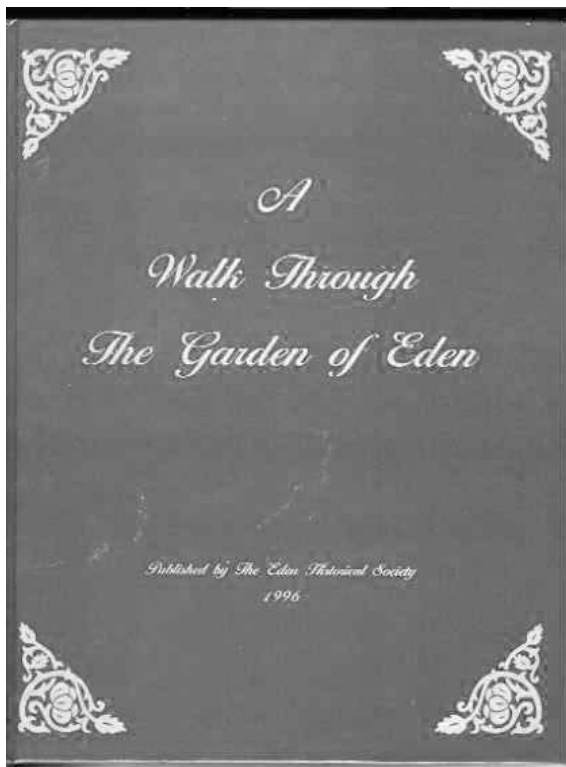
We have finally sold our last book. We are in the process of contacting the printer we had before and get some prices from them. There are new people that have moved into town and people that come to the lake for the summer months for visits that would like to buy one.

We have also been in touch with someone who is going to help us find a grant which would help us with some of our renovations and updates. All this takes money to do and we don't have a lot. This is why we have to do it as money allows.

Please feel free to contact a member to let us know if you have any ideas. Thank you.

We are requesting an appropriation of \$2000 for the Historical Society.

| | | |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| President | Rachel Garfield | 1-802-673-6679 |
| Vice President | (Vacant) | |
| Treasurer | Donna Whitcomb | 1-802-635-2590 |
| Secretary | Colleen Durivage | 1-802-635-7213 |



In 1996, the Eden Historical Society published a comprehensive history of Eden titled,

"A Walk Through the Garden of Eden".

Unfortunately, there are no copies available for purchase at this time. There is a copy at the Town Clerk's Office for reference.

This 175-page, hard-cover book spans "In the beginning," from the formation of the Green Mountains through 1791, to the 20th century, and from about 1920 through the publication date in 1996. The book is filled with old photographs of the mills, lake camps, notable houses, diary entries of early settlers, descriptions of neighborhoods, lists of Town officials, schoolteachers and much more.

EDEN YOUTH SPORTS COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) | | \$ 14,224.71 |
| Receipts | | |
| Fundraisers | \$ 184.00 | |
| Grants | \$ - | |
| Interest | \$ 1.75 | |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 33.71 | |
| Registration Fees | \$ 809.78 | |
| Team Photo Fees | \$ - | |
| Town Appropriation | \$ 4,500.00 | |
| Total Receipts | | \$ 5,529.24 |
| Expenses | | |
| Advertising | \$ - | |
| Equipment/Uniforms | \$ 279.70 | |
| Insurance | \$ 795.00 | |
| Referees | \$ - | |
| Refunds (Registration fee returned) | \$ 76.00 | |
| Rentals | \$ 120.00 | |
| Supplies | \$ 240.00 | |
| Trophies/Medals/Team Photos | \$ 133.92 | |
| Total Expenses | | \$ 1,644.62 |
| Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) | | \$ 18,109.33 |

Eden Youth Sports is a four member committee still seeking a fifth member from the community. We have come a long way in a year. Last season there were only 3 teams with roughly 20 athletes. This year we had 7 teams compete throughout Lamoille County with roughly 70 athletes combined in baseball, soccer and basketball. We look forward to growing even more and continue to support our young athletes the best we can with the support we have. Volunteers are always needed from working on our baseball fields, refereeing/umping home games, running score clocks, coaching and running sessions. Please reach out to Chairman Nicholas at 802-825-3099 with any questions on how to get involved in the Eden Youth Sports program or becoming a member of the Eden Youth Sports Committee.



EDEN YOUTH SPORTS TEAMS





a member of the Aquatic Connection family

WELCOME TO TEACH AMERICA TO SWIM

Teach America to Swim is proud to be a member of The Aquatic Connection, LLC, family of corporations, providing American Red Cross Swim Lessons to children starting at 6 months old!

As a fully licensed and insured Licensed Training Provider (LTP) of the American Red Cross, we can work in conjunction with the American Red Cross to offer the most recent curriculums, which feature courses utilizing industry-leading technology and science, along with the highest quality in-person training. Whether it be swim instruction, lifeguard and water safety instructor certifications, or safety training, we'll strive to continue to lead the industry in the latest training techniques, and top-notch service.

THE AQUATIC CONNECTION PROGRAMMING

- Online and In-Person **American Red Cross Trainings:**
 - Lifeguard Certifications
 - Water Safety Instructor (WSI) Certifications
 - CPR and AED Certifications
 - First Aid Certifications
 - Small Craft Safety Courses
- Staffing and American Red Cross training support for towns and municipalities, state parks, and after-school programs. If you're interested in working with us to staff, certify, and train your lifeguards and swimming instructors at your organization, please contact us.

FIND LESSONS NEAR YOU, CALL 1-833-SWIM-USA

The **Town of Eden** signs a contract with the TEACH AMERICA TO SWIM program in the fall for the following summer. All students sign up directly with the independent program through their website or by phone. Eden residents are provided with swim lessons for free. Those wishing to participate that live in other towns pay for the program individually. That money goes directly to the program, not to the Town of Eden.

The cost per swimmer, paid for by the Eden taxpayers ranges between \$100 to \$115 per student depending on how many students sign up for the summer program. The program needs at least 30 students to run. There is also a travel fee for the instructors of \$250 per person per week. The number of instructors during the summer depends on the number of students.

In 2021, 50 residents and 19 non-residents participated. Total cost to the Town of Eden: \$5,125

In 2022, 57 residents and 18 non-residents participated. Total cost to the Town of Eden: \$6,075

In 2023, 62 residents and 24 non-residents participated. Total cost to the Town of Eden: \$7,400

The accounting in the Selectboard Fund documents the \$1000 appropriation.

The additional costs for the swim program are in the Lake Eden Recreation Area expenses.

LAKE EDEN RECREATION AREA and the SWIM Program

The swim program at the Lake Eden Recreation Area (LERA), or “beach” as it has been known for a long time, has been an article in the town warning for 44 years. From 1980 through 2001, the appropriation was \$500. In 2002 the appropriation amount jumped to \$1,000 and has stayed the same for the last 21 years. The program began by hiring swim instructors, then the Red Cross ran the program and since FY 15/16, kids enroll in the “Teach America to Swim, America’s Premier Swim School”. Although the amount appropriated does contribute to the expense of the program, the total cost for the swim program in August of 2023 was \$7,400. Costs are increasing again this coming summer.

The revenue and expenses for the “beach” are part of the Sweep Account but are not budgeted. For many years, the expenses incurred were greater than the receipts and the Sweep Account covered any deficit. Consistently, since FY 17/18 however, the Lake Eden Recreation Area, as we now refer to it, generates more revenue than expenses and the account now has a surplus of more than \$111,000. Perhaps we need to re-think what expenses should come out of that accounting and what might be a good balance with the excess funds. Below is a 17-year overview for reference:

| Lake Eden Recreation Area Financial Overview | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| FY | Beg. Bal. | Receipts | Expenses | Ending Bal | Profit | Loss | Expenses * |
| 07/08 | \$ 1,831.83 | \$ 32,366.50 | \$ 34,497.57 | \$ (299.24) | | \$ (2,131.07) | \$ (14,478.64) |
| 08/09 | \$ (299.24) | \$ 30,702.50 | \$ 35,730.88 | \$ (5,327.02) | | \$ (5,028.38) | \$ (30,163.06) |
| 09/10 | \$ (5,028.38) | \$ 43,644.77 | \$ 33,966.99 | \$ 4,649.40 | \$ 9,647.78 | | \$ (20,515.28) |
| 10/11 | \$ (20,515.28) | \$ 41,609.49 | \$ 30,715.73 | \$ 10,893.76 | \$ (9,621.52) | | |
| 11/12 | \$ (9,621.52) | \$ 45,327.46 | \$ 38,556.86 | \$ (2,850.92) | \$ 6,770.60 | | |
| 12/13 | \$ (2,850.92) | \$ 44,150.50 | \$ 29,625.39 | \$ 11,674.19 | \$ 14,525.11 | | |
| 13/14 | \$ 11,674.19 | \$ 67,326.40 | \$ 54,193.68 | \$ 24,806.91 | \$ 13,132.72 | | |
| 14/15 | \$ 24,806.91 | \$ 44,054.99 | \$ 26,730.19 | \$ 42,131.71 | \$ 17,324.80 | | |
| 15/16 | \$ 42,131.71 | \$ 46,911.00 | \$ 33,173.90 | \$ 55,868.81 | \$ 13,737.10 | | |
| 16/17 | \$ 55,868.81 | \$ 51,061.86 | \$ 59,330.79 | \$ 47,599.88 | | \$ (8,268.93) | |
| 17/18 | \$ 47,599.88 | \$ 47,677.00 | \$ 38,833.16 | \$ 56,443.82 | \$ 8,843.84 | | |
| 18/19 | \$ 56,443.82 | \$ 51,160.44 | \$ 47,495.03 | \$ 60,109.23 | \$ 3,665.41 | | |
| 19/20 | \$ 60,109.23 | \$ 70,812.89 | \$ 59,163.47 | \$ 71,758.54 | \$ 11,649.41 | | |
| 20/21 | \$ 71,758.54 | \$ 54,478.81 | \$ 40,329.81 | \$ 85,907.54 | \$ 14,149.00 | | |
| 21/22 | \$ 85,907.54 | \$ 59,009.00 | \$ 45,572.03 | \$ 99,344.51 | \$ 13,436.97 | | |
| 22/23 | \$ 99,344.51 | \$ 58,242.50 | \$ 46,153.59 | \$ 111,433.42 | \$ 12,088.91 | | |
| 23/24 | \$ 111,433.42 | | | | | | |

* Other expenses FY 07/08 were related to a stormwater mitigation grant

* Other expenses in FY's 80/09 & 09/10 were for the new beach house

OVERVIEW OF APPROPRIATIONS

- American Red Cross.....\$250.00**
 The mission at the Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. In the FY 22-23, the American Red Cross responded to 6 disaster cases in Lamoille County providing assistance to 13 individuals. Most of these events were home fires. In Lamoille County, the Red Cross collected 939 pints of lifesaving blood. We also provided important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety for 426 Lamoille County residents. There are 5 American Red Cross Volunteers in our county ready to assist those in need.
- Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.....\$500.00**
 This organization has provided free adult education and literacy instruction for Vermonters aged 16 to 90 for 58 years. Last year, 7 Eden residents enrolled in CVABE’s free programs at our Morrisville Learning Center on Portland Street. CVABE provided free instruction to 446 people in the Washington, Orange and Lamoille County service area. Over 70 community volunteers along with professional staff instruct students on a one-to-one basis or in small groups. The support of the towns we serve is a vital component to the mission and we greatly appreciate the support.
- Central Vermont Council on Aging..... \$800.00**
 CVCOA is the primary agency serving Vermonters age 60+, their families and caregivers in the 54 towns in the central portion of the state. We help assist older adults and those with disabilities to remain independent as long as possible, all at no charge. CVCOA provided an array of services to 35 Eden residents. 497 volunteers provided service to 4,040 clients in FY 22-23.
- Clarina Howard Nichols Center..... \$400.00**
 The Clarina Howard Nichols Center has provided services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Lamoille County for 42 years. Services include, a 24 hour hot-line, emergency shelter that is pet friendly, legal advocacy, outreach and education and children’s services. This past year Clarina provided shelter to 51 adults and children, provided criminal and civil court advocacy to 342 individuals and responded to 893 hotline calls.
- Lamoille Community Food Share, Inc. \$250.00**
 The mission of the Lamoille Community Food Share is to help support and improve the physical well-being of individuals who might otherwise go hungry. 2020 has been a very challenging year, but with hardworking employees and volunteers as well as the support of our generous community, we have managed to keep up with the ever-increasing need for food assistance. We are currently seeing a 40% rise in the number of families we are serving. The support we receive from our community allows us to keep our doors open 6 mornings a week for those in need.
- Lamoille County Mental Health Services.....\$750.00**
 LCMH strives to provide the highest quality services and support to the community to enhance independence and quality of life. Over the past year, we provided services to 95 individuals from Eden. Although our main source of funding comes from Medicaid, it often does not cover 100% of the actual costs of providing mental health services to the community. The town’s appropriation helps us serve the greater community in their times of need.
- Lamoille County Planning Commission..... Moved to the Planning Commission in SB Budget**
 Please see page 50 for additional details on the services that LCPC provides for Eden and the decision to change the requested funding from an appropriation to a SB Budget item.
- Lamoille County Special Investigation Unit/Child Advocacy Center..... \$853.99**
 The LCSIU/CIU is a partnership between the Lamoille County State's Attorney Office, Vermont State Police, Lamoille County Sheriff's Department, Morristown Police Department, Stowe Police Department, Morrisville Probation and Parole, Lamoille County Mental Health, the Clarina Howard Nichols Center, Copley Hospital, and the Department for Children and Families, as well as various medical and therapeutic organizations. They respond to reports of child sexual abuse, conduct criminal investigations, prosecute substantiated crimes, provide services and referrals to victims, and respond to other related concerns, such as the sex offender registry and child pornography. In FY 2023, the LCSIU was involved in 139 incidents in Lamoille County.

OVERVIEW OF APPROPRIATIONS (cont'd)

- Lamoille Economic Development Corporation (LEDC)\$150.00**
 LEDC's mission is to strengthen the county's economy through the creation and expansion of jobs and businesses and investing for the prosperity of Lamoille County communities. Initiatives in workforce development, financial planning, small business counseling and business recruitment will benefit Eden's local economy and workforce. LEDC's services are available free to existing businesses looking to expand, start-ups, and businesses looking to relocate in the area.
- Lamoille Family Center.....\$500.00**
 Since 1976, the Lamoille Family Center provides the residents of Eden and the Lamoille Valley with services for parents and children designed to promote healthy, safe, and resilient families including home visits, parenting education, playgroups, resource and referral, substance misuse prevention, emergency assistance, and early care and education services. The Children's Integrated Services team made more than 325 home and virtual visits to 33 Eden families with rent assistance funding, groceries, fuel and household items. 57 families received childcare support with financial assistance and program referrals. The Holiday Project supplied toys and scholarships were awarded to attend summer camp.
- Lamoille Home Health & Hospice (LHH&H)\$3,969.00**
 Since 1971, LHH&H has provided care to hundreds of Lamoille County residents and their families. With programs such as prenatal care, home care, rehabilitation therapy, long-term care and hospice care, their services span a lifetime. Last fiscal year, LHH&H staff made 2,713 home visits to Eden clients. A total of 42,097 home visits were made to all residents of Lamoille County, traveling 330,605 miles. These visits included nursing, physical therapy, speech therapy, medical social worker, licensed nursing assistants, personal care attendants and case managers, chaplain and hospice volunteers.
- Lamoille Housing Partnership (LHP)\$200.00**
 Developed in 1991, LHP develops, rehabilitates and maintains safe, decent, affordable housing through rental, home ownership, or other means to low- and moderate-income individuals and families living within Lamoille County. The need for affordable housing is greater than ever with low housing vacancy rates, homeownership and rental costs that outpace incomes, slow housing production rates, population growth, the rapid annual conversion of long-term rentals to short term vacation rentals plus the destruction of hundreds of homes by the 2023 flooding.
- Lamoille Restorative Center (LRC).....\$250.00**
 The LRC, formally known as the Lamoille Court Diversion Program, was established in 1979. The mission is to uphold the dignity and resilience of individuals and families through restorative justice principles and programs. In Eden, 46 children, youth and adults were served by one or more of the 12 programs offered.
- Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County..... \$500.00**
 Meals on Wheels provides home-delivered and community meals to vulnerable elders and individuals with disabilities throughout Lamoille County. Nine employees and 65+ volunteers deliver meals on 10 routes traveling more than 325 miles daily. During our fiscal year, Oct 22-Sept 23, Meals on Wheels prepared 53,544 meals. Of that total, 20 Eden residents received 3,270 meals.
- North Country Animal League (NCAL)\$500.00**
 The mission of the NCAL is to promote compassionate and responsible relationships between animals and humans through education and adoptions, spay/neuter programs, support of cruelty prevention, and the sheltering of homeless animals. Their community outreach program includes visits to schools, nursing homes, and community groups to teach humane and kind treatment of animals. This past year, NCAL accepted 11 stray or surrendered animals into their adoption/shelter program from Eden. In 2023, we began offering monthly Low-Cost Wellness Clinics at NCAL for income eligible families to provide access to health care for animals in need.

OVERVIEW OF APPROPRIATIONS (cont'd)

- Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)**.....\$1,350.00
RCT provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY 22/23, RCT provided 1,587 trips to 30 Eden residents travelling 46,122 miles at a total cost of \$38,235. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required 20% to 50% monetary match to qualify for federal and state funding programs.
- Vermont Association for the Blind**..... \$100.00
An estimated 14,000 Vermonters are currently blind or visually impaired. As our population ages, that number is expected to rise to at least 25,000 by 2030. This year, the agency provided services to 1,083 Vermont residents including 1 adult and 3 students in Eden as a part of the 24 adults and 12 students in Lamoille County.
- Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)**.....\$165.00
For the past 44 years, VCIL has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities and helping them achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy, and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life. During FY 22/23, 3 residents from Eden were provided support from Meals on Wheels.
- Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force (RFP)**.....\$100.00
The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program, formally known as the Dry Hydrant Program, helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing the fire suppression infrastructure. RFP helps towns identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, designs installations, and assists in finding financial support to defray some of the construction costs. Eden's dry hydrants are located at the Town Garage on Route 100, East Hill Road, Crooks Road, White Road, Boy Scout Road, North Road (at the asbestos mine shared with the Town of Lowell), Blakeville Road, Knowles Flat Road and Warren Road.

Vermont 2-1-1

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VERMONT 2-1-1 is the free number to dial to find out about hundreds of important community resources, like emergency food and shelter, disability services, counselling, senior services, health care, child care, drug and alcohol programs, legal assistance, transportation agencies, educational and volunteer opportunities, and much more. Check out their website: <http://www.vermont211.org> or simply text your zip code to 898211



Looking back through past Town Reports, the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) requested an annual appropriation from the Town of Eden in 1989 for \$671.00. At that time, LCPC was instrumental in forming the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District, was the recipient of computer equipment for the Geographical Information System (GIS) providing resource maps to Lamoille County municipalities and was host of the “Breakfast with your Legislators” and an “Evening with your Legislators” series.

Since that time, LCPC has expanded their role in assisting towns and has requested an annual appropriation from Eden. A town’s contribution to regional planning demonstrates its support for local and regional projects and is used to match grant requirements. This support maintains a municipality’s eligibility for planning grants from the State of Vermont.

Staying connected with our neighboring towns through the Regional Planning Commission has benefitted Eden in many ways:

1. Providing planners to help with updating the Town Plan now in progress
2. Information and support on grant opportunities not available to individual towns
3. Technical support in meeting the regulations of the Municipal Roads General Permit
4. Coordinating with VTrans on traffic safety, speed limits and signs on town and state roads
5. Assisting the town with securing the remaining funds from the VAG/G-1 Holdings settlement
6. Help managing the standards regarding the “3 Acre Rule” and stormwater permits
7. Providing assistance with the Local Emergency Management Plan update
to name just a few...

LCPC’s request for funding has increased very little since 1989. In the last 10 years, contributions from towns have gone from about 3% of LCPC’s annual budget to less than 1%. For comparison, town appropriations for other Planning Commissions around the state are between 2% and 6%. In the fall of 2023, LCPC’s Executive Director, Tasha Wallis, met with the Selectboard asking if they would consider changing their request for funding from an annual appropriation to a line item included as part of the budget as many other towns have already done.

The support provided by LCPC over 40+ years has saved Eden many, many thousands of dollars and provided opportunities we might never have been aware of without their expertise. Much like the League of Cities and Towns where we pay more than \$2800/year, LCPC provides a local service that we benefit from and it would be much more economical to include their request as part of the Selectboard budget than to deny their request and pay \$60/hour for services we have relied upon in the past, are using now and will need again in the future.

The FY 23-24 budget request from LCPC is \$929.29, an increase over FY 22-23 of \$75.30. In an effort to increase the share of municipal funds for LCPC’s annual budget to about 1.5%, a new assessment formula has been calculated taking into account both population numbers and the grand list of the participating towns. Eden is looking at increases in the next 4 budget years working up to \$1,185.15 to be requested in FY 28-29.

PROPERTY TAXES

PROPERTY TAXES: Taxes for the Town and School are combined and billed in three (3) equal installments. Tax bills are mailed to all property owners in September or October. Payments are due on November 15th of the current year and on February 15th and May 15th of the following year. Payment due dates that fall on a day when the Town Clerk's Office is closed will be due on the next business day. There is a mail slot to the left of the Town Clerk's Office door and a large grey standing box right in front of the office for your convenience. Payments deposited in either the mail slot or the large grey box are due by 11:59 PM on the day taxes are due. Tax payments that are mailed must be postmarked on or before the due date to be considered on time.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. Cash
2. Paper check made out to the Town of Eden or Town Treasurer
3. Electronic check that can be processed through the town website, *edenvt.org*. There is a flat fee of \$1.50 for this service that goes to the third party processor.
4. Direct Debit from a bank account.
To start this process, a form must be completed at the Town Clerk's Office a minimum of one week prior to the payment due date. Direct Debit remains on file and is active until cancelled. Updates are only required if any related bank information should change.
5. Credit Card. There is a fee for using this payment option.
All payments will have an added fee of 2.65% of the payment amount or \$3.00, whichever is the larger amount. The fee goes to the third party processor and is not retained by the Town of Eden. Credit card payments may be made online or in person at the Town Clerk's Office.

LATE PAYMENTS: All payments that are submitted after 11:59 PM on the due dates of November 15th, February 15th and May 15th of the following year are considered LATE and will be charged interest at a rate of one percent (1%) per month until paid. Late payments are to be made to the Town Treasurer at the Town Clerk's Office.

DELINQUENT: Payments that are made after the final due date of May 15th are then considered DELINQUENT and will be charged an eight percent (8%) penalty in addition to the one percent (1%) per month interest. All delinquent payments must be made to the Delinquent Tax Collector. Payments are first applied to the penalty until paid in full, then to the interest until paid in full, then to the principal of the property tax due. Payments made towards delinquent taxes when there are multiple years in arrears, shall go first towards the oldest balance due. Property owners that are delinquent in their property taxes and have not made and adhered to a payment agreement with the Delinquent Tax Collector may be subject to the sale of their property. The Delinquent Tax Collector has no authority to abate any interest or penalty charges.

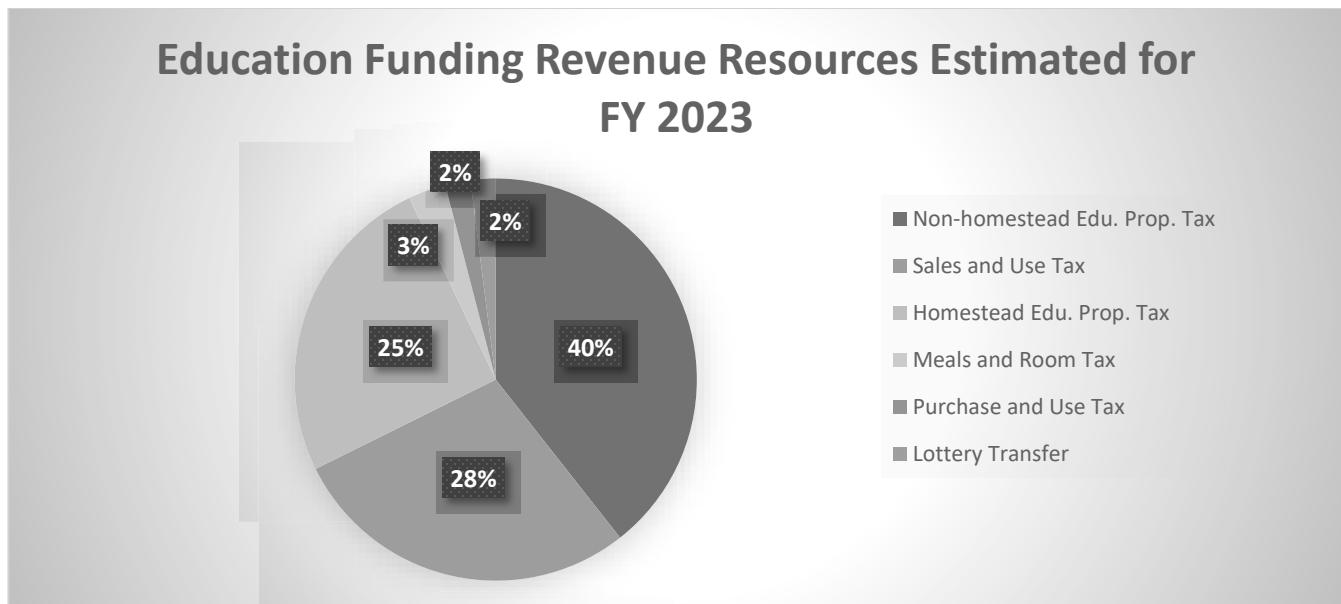
Property Taxes Explained

These pages have been added to provide more information about your property tax bill.

All property or real estate (land and any structures) are assessed and given a monetary valuation or appraisal. Property is appraised at its fair market value, the estimate of the potential sale price on the current real estate market. In Vermont, appraisals can be done by elected listers in the town, by an independently hired assessor or some combination of the two. Beginning in FY 2018-2019, the Town of Eden transitioned from elected auditors to hiring Russ Boudoin from Appraisal Resource Group to assess property with help from office staff.

There are three independent monetary components that are combined to calculate the tax rate: the State Education Property Tax Rate, the Municipal or Town Tax Rate and the Local or County Tax Rate.

State Education Funding: The State Education Fund (EF) is funded by both non-property tax resources as well as property taxes. Non-property resources include all revenues from the Sales and Use Tax, one-third of the Purchase and Use Tax revenue (taxes paid when purchasing a vehicle), one-quarter of Meals and Rooms Tax revenues, all revenues from the State Lotteries, Medicaid Reimbursement funds and some additional resources. The balance of funds needed for schools is raised through property taxes. As of February 2023, the breakdown looked like this:



State Education Funding with Property Taxes: There are two tiers of property education funding set by the State of Vermont Legislature each year. The homestead rate is applied if the owner is a Vermont resident and the property is the principal dwelling occupied for the majority of the year. The nonhomestead rate applies to property leased for more than 182 days out of the calendar year, is used exclusively for commercial (including rental) purposes or is a second home, camp, vacation or summer cottage.

The NonHomestead Education Property Tax Rate: A uniform rate per \$100.00 of property value has been set by statute 21 V.S.A. §5402(a)(1) however generally a customized rate is set each year in session law. The actual rate shown on a taxpayer's property tax bill will vary from town to town depending on the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA).

Property Taxes Explained cont.

Homestead Declaration: By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont homestead must file a Homestead Declaration annually by the April filing deadline. If eligible, it is important to file so that you are correctly assessed the homestead tax rate on your property. Title 32: Chapter 135 § 5401 defines the many ways that a property is considered a homestead. If you do not file or submit the declaration after the deadline, the education property tax rate will not be correct and cannot not be corrected until the following year.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER TO FILE THEIR HOMESTEAD DECLARATION ANNUALLY BY THE APRIL DEADLINE REGARDLESS OF YOUR INCOME.

Common Level of Appraisal (CLA): In Vermont, all 259 towns maintain data of the property values in town. Each town determines assessed values and sets the timing of reappraisals. The **CLA** adjusts the divergence between the assessed value and the fair market value between reappraisals. The CLA ensures that each town is treated equally and uniformly and is calculated annually by the Department of Taxes.

Common Level of Appraisal

Example Showing Equalization of Education Funding Payments using the CLA

| Town | Assessed | Fair Mkt. | CLA | Education Tax Rate | Equalized | Education Tax Paid |
|------|-------------|------------|---------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| | Value | Value | | | District | |
| | (Appraisal) | Sale Price | | | Tax Rate | |
| A | \$250,000 | \$275,000 | 90.91% | \$1.7049 (\$1.55/90.91%) | \$1.55 | \$4,262 (\$250,000 x \$1.7049) |
| B | \$270,000 | \$275,000 | 98.18% | \$1.5787 (\$1.55/98.18%) | \$1.55 | \$4,262 (\$270,000 x \$1.5787) |
| C | \$300,000 | \$275,000 | 109.09% | \$1.4208 (\$1.55/109.9%) | \$1.55 | \$4,262 (\$300,000 x \$1.4208) |

This example shows that even though Towns A, B and C have a different State Education Funding Tax Rate, when it is equalized with the CLA, each property in all towns are paying the same amount towards the education funding.

There are additional calculations used in compiling each individual's education tax rate on their tax bill. If a school district votes to spend more per pupil than the amount set by the state, that town's school taxes will increase. There is also a calculation for Property Tax Credit depending on income level for each household.

Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)

In the spring of 2023, the state passed a new law, H480, that introduces another complexity into the Education Property Tax calculation. It requires a town to conduct a reappraisal if its average change in property values deviates 20% or more from the median change. A high COD means that within your town some people may be paying more than their fair share and some less than their fair share. H480 also specifies that a re-appraisal shall be completed in all towns every 6 years. Our current COD is 25. The state now mandates a full town-wide re-appraisal when the COD is above 20. The Selectboard sent out a request for proposals regarding a re-appraisal and is considering options.

Property Taxes Explained cont.

Property Reappraisal: There have been a large number of properties sold in Eden since COVID and the sale prices have exceeded the assessed value in many circumstances. This situation has lowered our CLA enough that the town is looking to reappraise all properties in the near future. The effects of a reappraisal on an individual property owner will differ based on how their property value changes compared to the town average. Owners of properties that increase more than the town average (on a percentage basis) will pay more in taxes. Owners whose property value increases less than the average change will see a reduction in their taxes. If the property valuation is in line with the town average, there will be little change in the amount of taxes. A large increase in property value does not necessarily mean a bigger bill for the homeowner as the town's education property tax rate and the municipal tax rate will go down.

Lamoille County Budget: A small but important component of taxes that property owners pay goes towards the Lamoille County Budget. The budget to cover the expenses of maintaining the county courthouse and Sherriff's office is set by the assistant judges. The amount assessed shall not exceed five cents on a dollar annually on the equalized grand list. The town must add this expense into the combined property tax rate. The Lamoille County Budget has its own page for a more detailed explanation.

Municipal Budget: The amount of money in Eden for the Selectboard Fund and the Highway Fund are voted on individually from the floor at Town Meeting. Appropriations are also voted on as a separate article from the floor at Town Meeting.

Veteran's Exemption: There is a provision in the Vermont State Statutes that provides qualified veterans with a \$10,000 reduction in the value of their property. The Vermont State government provides the compensation for this \$10,000 exemption through all taxpayers in the State. The State also has a provision in the Statute that allows towns to increase the amount of the veterans' exemption to a maximum of \$40,000. This additional exemption for the valuation of property owned by veterans is funded by the town. In March 2003, the Town of Eden voters approved the maximum exemption for veterans' property values to be reduced by \$40,000.

Your Property Tax Bill: You can always request a copy of your property tax bill if you lose or misplace the copy sent in the mail. You do not need the actual bill to pay your taxes.



DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS as of June 30, 2023

- * *The asterick indicates those taxpayers that have paid **SOME OR ALL** of their delinquent taxes after the end of FY 22/23 (June 30, 2023), as of **January 1, 2024** or have a payment plan agreement with the Delinquent Tax Collector. Tax bills are printed and mailed only once in the fall for payments that will be due in November and the following February and May. When a property is sold before April 1st of any year, the new owner will see their name on the tax bill. Any new property owner that purchased property after April 1st of any year will still receive a tax bill, however, the name on the paperwork will be of the previous owner. Taxpayers that have sold their property could be listed below if the property taxes were not pro-rated or recorded properly in the sale transaction.*

**TAXES DUE FOR FY'S 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016
2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 Principal Balance Due: \$ 874.38**
Foster, Anita

TAXES DUE FOR FY 2019-2020 Principal Balance Due: \$270.11

- * Demar, Peyton Foster, Anita * Merriam, Adam

TAXES DUE FOR FY 2020-2021 Principal Balance Due: \$6,883.67

- * * Boutin, Chip * Foster, Alfonse * Griggs, Trudy
* Demar, Peyton Foster, Brittany * Merriam, Adam
* Erickson, Eric

TAXES DUE FOR FY 2021-2022 Principal Balance Due : \$20,072.48

- * * Boutin, Chip * Flood, Rudolph Machia, Stanley H. II
* Demar, Peyton * Foster, Alfonse * Mack, James R. & Patricia
* Deslandes, Christopher Foster, Brittany * * Merchant, Carol
* Donahue, Christopher * Gates, Julie * Merriam, Adam
* Erickson, Eric * Griggs, Trudy North, Nelson

*** TAXES DUE FOR FY 2022-2023 Principal Balance Due : \$80,638.91**

- * Anthony, Alton * Gutzman, Lillian * Merriam, Adam
* Blaisdell, Andrea * Gutzman, Walter * Millard, Elizabeth
* Botala, Harold Hepburn, Brandon W. * Miller, Rashad
* * Boutin, Chip Hoag, Inga * Moore, William R.
* Currier, Shawn * Jones, Noi * Nguyen, Candi
* Demar, Peyton * Ketcham, Jeannie North, Nelson
DeRose, Andrea * Lague, Tina O'Hear, Patrick
* Deslandes, Christopher * Lake Eden Property * Porter, Heather
* Donahue, Christopher * Langlois, George Prosser, Jason
* Earle, Kevin * Lathe, David * Riskin, Kristopher
* Erickson, Eric * Lilly, Jared * Roberts, Shane
Evans, Jeff Machia, Stanley H. II * South Pond Landowners
* Flood, Rudolph * Machia, Stanley H. S. * Spaulding, Edward
* Foster, Alfonse * Mack, James R. & Patricia * Villeneuve, David
Foster, Brittany * Mad River Equities * Wade, Henry & Linda
* Gates, Julie Marino, Ralph * Wells, Lonny & Wendy
* Gillespie, Tyler * McLean, Tyler * Yetman, Steven
Gonyaw, Rodney * Meisenhelder, Derek
* Griggs, Trudy * * Merchant, Carol

- * * The double asterick indicates that the property was sold at tax sale.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN EMPLOYEES

| | Hourly Rate | Compensation | Total |
|---|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Auditors | | | |
| Miller, Ronald | \$ 17.00 | \$ 255.00 | |
| Morin, Tracey | \$ 17.00 | \$ 890.95 | |
| White, Leslie | \$ 17.00 | \$ 2,290.55 | |
| | | | \$ 3,436.50 |
| Civil Board | | | |
| Burnor, H. Bruce | \$ 19.34 | \$ 9.67 | |
| Morin, Ricky | \$ 19.34 | \$ 9.67 | |
| White, Leslie | \$ 19.34 | \$ 9.67 | |
| Whittemore, Clayton | \$ 19.34 | \$ 9.67 | |
| Young, Linda | \$ 19.34 | \$ 9.67 | |
| Total | | | \$ 48.35 |
| Dog Officer/Animal Control | | | |
| Luebkehan, Inga | \$ 17.00 | \$ 1,853.00 | |
| Total | | | \$ 1,853.00 |
| Elections | | | |
| Bullard, Tim | \$ 17.63 | \$ 88.15 | |
| Burnor, H. Bruce | \$ 13.18 | \$ 79.59 | |
| Daige, Kathleen | \$ 13.18 | \$ 90.40 | |
| Fitzgerald, Amy | \$ 13.18 | \$ 55.09 | |
| Godin, Deborah | \$ 13.18 | \$ 42.84 | |
| Hamel, Carol | \$ 13.18 | \$ 65.90 | |
| Morin, Ricky | \$ 17.63 | \$ 126.85 | |
| Morin, Tracey | \$ 20.00 | \$ 699.25 | |
| Powers, Freeda | \$ 20.00 | \$ 185.00 | |
| Spaulding, Beth | \$ 20.00 | \$ 520.00 | |
| Whitcomb, Melissa | \$ 20.00 | \$ 465.00 | |
| White, Leslie | \$ 17.30 | \$ 464.48 | |
| Whittemore, Clayton | \$ 17.63 | \$ 88.15 | |
| Young, Linda | \$ 12.25 | \$ 24.50 | |
| Total | | | \$ 2,995.20 |
| Health Officer | | | |
| Donahue, Christopher (\$107.16/month) | | \$ 1,364.44 | |
| Total | | | \$ 1,364.44 |
| Highway (includes in-kind grant hours) | | | |
| Burns, Rodney | \$ 21.50 | \$ 15,071.52 | |
| Earle, Harold | \$ 17.75 | \$ 3,913.92 | |
| Morin, Juliann | \$ 16.00 | \$ 48.00 | |
| Morin, Ricky | \$ 26.00 | \$ 80,480.88 | |
| Morin, Ryan | \$ 23.00 | \$ 67,055.11 | |
| Powers, Freeda | \$ 20.00 | \$ 335.00 | |
| Total | | | <u>\$ 166,904.43</u> |

COMPENSATION OF TOWN EMPLOYEES (cont'd)

| Lake Eden Assoc. Meeter Greeter Program | Hourly Rate | Compensation | Total |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Brandolini, Lori | \$ 14.00 | \$ 2,488.50 | |
| Brannagan, Sawyer | \$ 14.00 | \$ 409.50 | |
| Chaleff, George | \$ 15.00 | \$ 4,103.50 | |
| Durivage-Gonyaw, Lauren | \$ 14.00 | \$ 1,407.00 | |
| Eldred, Gordon | \$ 14.00 | \$ 413.00 | |
| Koch, Jeffery | \$ 14.00 | \$ 224.00 | |
| Mace, Hudson | \$ 14.00 | \$ 1,666.00 | |
| Nelson, Kaitlin | \$ 14.00 | \$ 168.00 | |
| Payne, Melissa | \$ 14.00 | \$ 395.50 | |
| Stygles, Shari | \$ 16.00 | \$ 3,171.75 | |
| Uhlendorff, Hunter | \$ 14.00 | \$ 1,785.00 | |
| Zeolial, Alicia | \$ 14.00 | \$ 395.50 | |
| Total | | | \$ 16,627.25 |
| Lake Eden Recreation Area (LERA) | | | |
| Cutler, Joslyn Lifeguard | \$ 13.50 | \$ 2,943.02 | |
| Rounds, Craig Manager weekly | \$ 443.48 | \$ 9,756.52 | |
| Uhlendorff, Hannah Manager Helper weekly | \$ 200.00 | \$ 1,100.00 | |
| Uhlendorff, Johnna Manager Helper weekly | \$ 200.00 | \$ 700.00 | |
| Total | | | \$ 14,499.54 |
| Listers | | | |
| Ehlers, Kristi | \$ 18.00 | \$ 2,592.00 | |
| Total | | | \$ 2,592.00 |
| Selectboard | | | |
| Bullard, Tim | | \$ 1,095.24 | |
| Durivage, Jubal | | \$ 182.54 | |
| Morin, Ricky | | \$ 1,458.34 | |
| Whittemore, Clayton | | \$ 1,282.54 | |
| Total | | | \$ 4,018.66 |
| Solid Waste Management Representative | | | |
| Whitcomb, David Supervisor Expense/ Mtg. | \$ 25.95 | \$ 233.55 | |
| Total | | | \$ 233.55 |
| 911 Coordinator | | | |
| Whitcomb, Marvin | \$ 19.00 | \$ 323.00 | |
| Total | | | \$ 323.00 |
| Town Office (includes in-kind grant hours) | | | |
| Kinney-Wilkins, Karen Cleaning | \$ 30.00 | \$ 630.00 | |
| Morin, Tracey Town Clerk & Treasurer | \$ 20.00 | \$ 18,455.00 | |
| Pastore, Teleia Assistant Town Clerk | \$ 22.00 | \$ 6,560.40 | |
| Powers, Freeda Town Admin. Assistant | \$ 20.00 | \$ 26,730.18 | |
| Spaulding, Beth Assistant Town Clerk | \$ 20.00 | \$ 13,852.19 | |
| Vear, Candace Town Clerk & Treasurer | Salaried | \$ 28,834.89 | |
| Whitcomb, Melissa Town Clerk & Treasurer | \$ 26.00 | \$ 29,440.83 | |
| White, Leslie | \$ 17.00 | \$ 1,207.75 | |
| Total | | | \$ 125,711.24 |
| Total Compensation to All Town Employees | | | \$ 340,607.16 |

COMPENSATION OF TOWN EMPLOYEES (cont'd)

Due to advice from our insurance/legal council in regard to HIPAA Privacy Rules, we are no longer able to publish individual monetary benefit amounts by employee. The list below shows the recipients of the benefits provided for full-time employees. Financial figures for the Town Office and the Highway Department are available on the Selectboard and Highway pages detailing expenses.

Health Insurance:

Employees contribute 10%

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Ricky Morin | <i>Highway Report</i> |
| Ryan Morin | <i>Highway Report</i> |
| Teleia Pastore | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Freeda Powers | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Beth Spaulding | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Candace Vear | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Melissa Whitcomb | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |

Life & Disability Insurance:

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Ricky Morin | <i>Highway Report</i> |
| Ryan Morin | <i>Highway Report</i> |
| Teleia Pastore | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Freeda Powers | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Beth Spaulding | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Candace Vear | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Melissa Whitcomb | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |

Retirement:

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Ricky Morin | <i>Highway Report</i> |
| Ryan Morin | <i>Highway Report</i> |
| Teleia Pastore | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Freeda Powers | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Beth Spaulding | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Candace Vear | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Melissa Whitcomb | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |

Vision Plan: (Employees pay 100%)

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Ricky Morin | <i>Highway Report</i> |
| Ryan Morin | <i>Highway Report</i> |
| Teleia Pastore | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Freeda Powers | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Beth Spaulding | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Candace Vear | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |
| Melissa Whitcomb | <i>Selectboard Report</i> |

Uniforms:

| | |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Ricky Morin | <i>Highway Report</i> |
| Ryan Morin | <i>Highway Report</i> |



DOG LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

State Law 20 VSA §3581 requires that all dogs and wolf-hybrids six (6) months or older must be licensed by April 1st annually. Dogs older than 6 months that are acquired after the April 1st deadline should be registered as soon as possible. Puppies should be licensed when they reach the age of 6 months. Late fees only apply to animals that have been in the owners' possession before the April 1st deadline. Proof of up-to-date vaccination is required for licensing. Strict enforcement and a census of the town takes place in the spring. Per the Town of Eden Dog Ordinance, the Animal Control Officer can issue fines starting at \$100.00 for each unregistered dog.

| <u>Before April 1</u> | <u>Dog/Wolf-Hybrid License Fees</u> | <u>After April 1</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| \$11.00 | Spayed or neutered and registered | \$13.00 |
| \$15.00 | Not spayed or neutered and registered | \$19.00 |
| <u>Special License Fees</u> | | |
| \$31.00 | Breeder License | \$3.00 each over 10 dogs |
| \$25.00 | Pet Dealer | |

Regardless of size, all house pets, including but not limited to dogs, wolf-hybrids, cats and ferrets should be vaccinated against rabies.

**A Rabies Clinic will be held at the Town Garage
on March 23, 2024 for dogs, wolf hybrids and cats.
The clinic will run from 10:15 to 11:15 AM.
Rabies and all other vaccines will be available.**

VT Spay/Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP)

The Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program helps individuals to spay/neuter their animals and provide vaccinations at a reduced rate. Administered by the Vermont Volunteer Services for the Animal Humane Society, the program is funded in part by \$4.00 from each dog licensed in the state. To take advantage of this program, one needs to send in an application by mail. The cost of a VSNIP surgery is \$27.00 if you are eligible and there are no complications.

Applications are available online at VSNIP.Vermont.Gov. You will need an application for each animal participating in the program. Please specify if it is a cat or a dog. Send your application/s in a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

**VSNIP
P.O. Box 104
Bridgewater, VT 05034**

If approved, you will receive a voucher and instructions. There are additional low-cost resources to have your animal spayed or neutered at clinics. Check with your local Humane Society.

Help with vaccinations is also possible. Community Animal Aid (free to those on public assistance) is available at the East Barre Fire Station, 802-734-0259. Tractor Supply also holds monthly clinics for vaccinations. Rabies is in Vermont and is deadly. Licensing your dog (after a rabies shot) proves that your dog is covered if bitten or is the aggressor in an altercation.

Eden Congregational Church

The Eden Congregational Church opened for monthly summer church services beginning on May 28, 2023. Our May service was dedicated in memory of two of our beloved church members, Sandra Camley (July 8, 1941 – April 28, 2023) and Candy Vear (August 26, 1958 – December 22, 2022). Our June service featured a talented group of ladies from the Vermont Women’s Adult & Teen Challenge program.

Robin Genetti officiated our July service, and our offertory was donated to the United Way of Lamoille County’s Flooding Relief Fund. Donations were also sent from our church to two other churches in Lamoille County that were affected by the flooding: the United Church of Johnson, and the Wolcott Methodist Church.

Each monthly summer service featured a different guest speaker. The August service featured Paul McLure, and Ernest Machia officiated in September. After Machia’s outstanding service in September, the members of our congregation all agreed that we should invite Ernest Machia to become our full-time Pastor. At a church meeting on October 7, 2023, we formally asked Ernest Machia to become our Pastor. Machia accepted with the condition that we would no longer close/winterize the church for the winter months. For the first time in recent memory, the Eden Congregational Church will be open for Sunday worship services every Sunday at 11 a.m. In addition to offering the “good news” of Jesus Christ every Sunday, we will work towards making our beautiful, historic church more efficient to heat throughout the winter. May God bless each and every one of you!



Ernest and Charlene Machia
Photo by Jackie Schmelzer

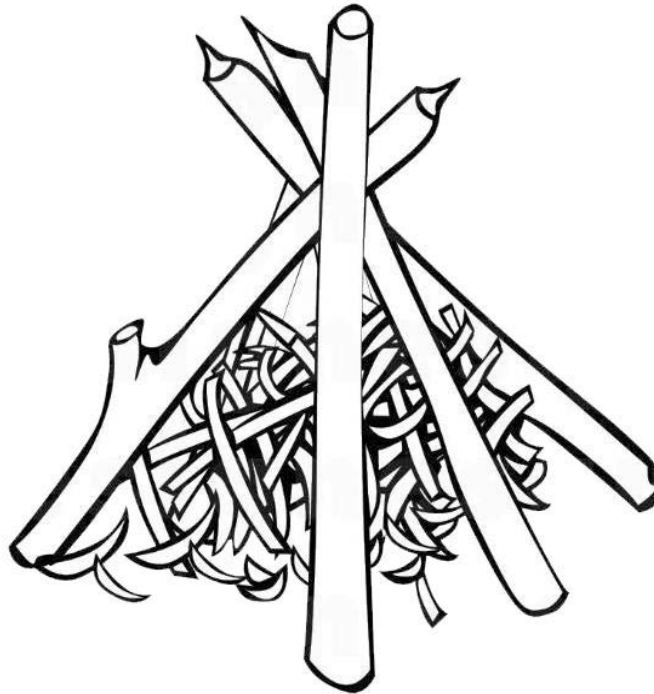
FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

Eden Fire Warden: Marvin Whitcomb

(802) 635-7515

The burning of materials requires a permit from the Fire Warden unless there is approximately 6" of snow on the ground.

Only natural vegetation (grass, leaves, and brush) can be burned. All other wood products require an air pollution control permit in addition to the regular Town burn permit.



Open burning is regulated by the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources "Air Pollution Control Regulations." To view these regulations, visit the ANR website at:

<http://dec.vermont.gov/air-quality/laws>

It is illegal to burn any kind of rubbish, household or otherwise.

Before lighting a match, call for a permit!

LAKE EDEN RECREATION AREA (LERA)

LERA Fund Beginning Balances (July 1, 2022) \$ 99,344.51

Receipts

| | | |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| Appropriation from Town (Swim Lessons) | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Bus Groups | \$ | - |
| Camping Daily | \$ | 10,029.00 |
| Weekly | \$ | 3,014.00 |
| Monthly | \$ | - |
| Seasonal | \$ | 32,150.00 |
| Total Camping | \$ | 45,193.00 |
| Donation | \$ | 81.00 |
| Gate Receipts/Ticket Sales | \$ | 6,329.00 |
| Seasonal Passes (Non-Resident) | \$ | 1,189.50 |
| Petty Cash (Summer 2022) | \$ | - |
| Shelter Rental | \$ | 4,450.00 |

Total Receipts \$ 58,242.50

Expenses

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Labor | | |
| Beach Administration | \$ | - |
| Beach Manager, Craig Rounds | \$ | 9,756.52 |
| Manager's Helper | \$ | - |
| Uhlendorff, Johnna | \$ | 700.00 |
| Uhlendorff, Pamela | \$ | 1,100.00 |
| Total Manager's Helpers | \$ | 1,800.00 |
| Lifeguards | \$ | 2,943.02 |
| Swim Program - Teach America To Swim | \$ | 6,075.00 |
| Total Labor | \$ | 20,574.54 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Insurance & Payroll | | |
| Medicare | \$ | 210.23 |
| Social Security | \$ | 899.05 |
| Workers Compensation | \$ | 764.62 |
| Unemployment | \$ | 108.24 |
| Property & Casualty | \$ | 1,026.22 |
| Total Insurance & Payroll | \$ | 3,008.36 |

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Equipment | | |
| Equipment Maintenance | \$ | 1,862.41 |
| Oil & Gas | \$ | 83.15 |
| Total Equipment | \$ | 1,945.56 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Site Maintenance | | |
| Building & Grounds Maintenance | \$ | 930.29 |
| Maintenance Labor | \$ | 441.00 |
| Materials | \$ | - |
| Septic Upkeep | \$ | 114.31 |
| Total Site Maintenance | \$ | 1,485.60 |

LAKE EDEN RECREATION AREA (cont'd)

Expenses, continued

Utilities

| | | | |
|---|----|----------|---------------------|
| Electric (VT Electric Co-op, Eden 3E LLC) | \$ | 6,458.97 | |
| Propane Gas | \$ | 431.91 | |
| Telephone / Internet | \$ | 1,371.99 | |
| Rubbish Removal | \$ | 1,865.00 | |
| Total Utilities | | | \$ 10,127.87 |

Water System

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|----------|--------------------|
| Water Testing / Maintenance | \$ | 4,809.96 | |
| Total Water System | | | \$ 4,809.96 |

Miscellaneous

| | | | |
|---|----|----------|--------------------|
| Advertising | \$ | 259.25 | |
| Fingerprinting | \$ | - | |
| Lifeguard Supplies | \$ | - | |
| Petty Cash (Summer 2023 not used) | \$ | - | |
| Postage | \$ | - | |
| Supplies | \$ | 2,813.93 | |
| Mileage | \$ | 188.02 | |
| Computer/Supplies | \$ | 558.00 | |
| Tools | \$ | - | |
| Miscellaneous (Nuisance Animal Control) | \$ | 382.50 | |
| Total Miscellaneous | | | \$ 4,201.70 |

Total Expenses **\$ 46,153.59**

Net Profit to Town (Income minus Expenses) **\$ 12,088.91**

Beach Fund Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) **\$ 111,433.42**

SHELTER RESERVATION FUND

Shelter Reservation Fund Beginning Balance (July 1, 2022) **\$ 350.00**

Receipts

| | | | |
|------------------------|----|--------|------------------|
| Shelter Rental Deposit | \$ | 350.00 | |
| Total Receipts | | | \$ 350.00 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|--|----|--------|------------------|
| Shelter Rental Fees (moved to Revenue) | \$ | 700.00 | |
| Total Expenses | | | \$ 700.00 |

Balance Shelter Reservation Fund (Receipts minus Expenses) **\$ -**

Shelter Reservation Fund Ending Balance (June 30, 2023) **\$ -**

The practice of requesting a deposit for reserving a shelter at the Lake Eden Recreation Area has been discontinued. The remaining funds in the account were parties that sent in a reservation deposit but did not show up to use the facilities. All remaining funds in the reservation account were transferred into the revenue account for LERA.

LAKE EDEN RECREATION AREA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

A little history...

In January of 2023, the Town Clerk's Office received a call from Don Collins with a heads up. The Lake Eden Recreation Area was having a big birthday! As Don had been involved in the acquisition, we were grateful for the reminder.

Dr. and Mrs. French (Edward and Elsa) owned and ran the area which included two bath houses with toilet facilities, a pump house, two storage buildings, one shelter and 40 picnic tables. At the time, the Frenches actually owned three properties: the beach area on the south side of Route 100 and two properties on the north side of the road. The opportunity to purchase the land to use as a public recreation area was presented to the Selectmen and to the voters at Town Meeting in March of 1974. The voters agreed to spend \$10,000 for the beach depending on the availability of additional funds. If the cost to the Town was to exceed that cap, then a special town meeting would be held. The Frenches offered this opportunity to the town and were patient while outside funding was secured as there were other parties also interested. In June of 1974, Eden applied to the VT Agency of Environmental Conservation for grant funds to purchase all three properties.

Parcel #1: Lake Eden beach property of 8.8 acres with 850 linear feet of sandy beach for swimming plus 65 linear feet of additional shoreline for other recreational activities valued at \$51,000. This property was formally owned by Danial S. and Sally Bova.

Parcel #2: The Bickford Camp on a small lot valued at \$3,000.

Parcel #3: The Jolicoeur house on .5 acres valued at \$14,000.

The acquisition was promoted as it would be the only public recreational area of its type within a 10-mile radius. Residents of Lamoille County in the towns of Belvidere, Eden, Hyde Park, Johnson, Morristown, and Waterville as well as Lowell in Orleans County would benefit.

With state funding and federal financial assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and the Department of the Interior, the sale was on. Federal funds contributed \$34,000 (50%), state funds \$23,800 (35%) and the Town \$10,200 (15%) for the grand total of \$68,000.

More recently...

The funding that allowed Eden to purchase the beach also came with some restrictions. The south side of Route 100 was the main attraction and ran along with minimal changes for a few years. The buildings across the road however were not used and began to deteriorate. The question arose about selling the .5-acre parcel with house and camp but when the state was contacted on the possible change, the only option was to trade a similar, recreation-only parcel with another municipality. The state restrictions also prevent a solar array from being developed on that side of the road. Incorporating the separate parcel on the opposite side of Route 100 from the beach into the existing recreational facility is not an option. The limitations include size of the parcel, sloped access, no up-to-date water, power or septic and the hazard of crossing the busy road to use the beach, lake and other facilities.

In 2002, after consulting with the state and the VT Historical Society on the significance of the house structure and its present condition, the Town of Eden found someone to take the house down and salvage what they could. The camp still stands rather haphazardly and will be addressed in the near future.

With the bath facilities in poor condition, a grant was received from the Vermont Community Foundation and with an appropriation from the Eden voters, the new bathhouse was constructed in 2005-2006. Many more upgrades including new playground equipment, a water system, electrical infrastructure, erosion control and grading of the access road have been completed. After the many improvements, LERA now generates more in revenue than it accrues in expenses.

The Lamoille County Budget

Each county in the state is required by statute to "...provide and own a suitable courthouse together with the necessary land adjacent thereto..." The legislature further requires that the county courthouse be suitably furnished and equipped for chambers (offices) for all of the judges that may use the building. In addition, each county is responsible for providing offices for the county clerk and probate judge. Each county must also provide a fireproof safe or vault for the safekeeping of the official files and records of the courts and must maintain a modest law library for use by the judges and the law clerk.

The county is also required to provide the sheriff with "...a suitable office, office equipment and supplies..." as well as law enforcement equipment and funds for maintaining and operating such equipment. The county also must provide secretarial support and telephone service to the sheriff, and must provide sufficient funds as are necessary for departmental personnel to comply with basic and in-service training as required by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council.

Funds for these services are derived from a county tax assessed by the assistant judges and are a part of the county budget. County funds cannot be applied towards the costs of policing services and communications. These services are funded through contracts with individual towns in the county.

Every year, the assistant judges call a meeting of the voters of the county to present the proposed budget for the ensuing year. This proposed budget contains estimates for capital construction (if any), ordinary operating expenses of the county, and all other expense obligations of the county. The assessment upon the towns shall not exceed in one year five cents on a dollar of the equalized grand list. Towns can provide input regarding the budget but are mandated to pay the assessment. The total amount of the budget is then apportioned by town according to the ratio of the equalized grand list and is provided by the state director of the division of property valuation and review no later than January 1st of each year. In Lamoille County, our courthouse hosts the state district as well as the family and traffic court, which is not necessarily the case in other counties.

Lamoille County Court Budget FY 24-25 With the Equalized 2023 Municipal Grand List

| | | Percentage | Cost per | Cost per | Increase/ |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 1% of \$ Value | of Total | Town | Town | Decrease |
| Town | 2023 | Budget | FY 23-24 | FY 24-25 | Prior Year |
| Belvidere | \$ 544,980 | 0.717206% | \$ 3,887.00 | \$ 4,420 | \$ 533 |
| Cambridge | \$ 7,055,600 | 9.285334% | \$ 56,349.00 | \$ 57,218 | \$ 869 |
| Eden | \$ 1,910,310 | 2.514012% | \$ 14,543.00 | \$ 15,492 | \$ 949 |
| Elmore | \$ 2,570,320 | 3.382601% | \$ 18,930.00 | \$ 20,844 | \$ 1,914 |
| Hyde Park | \$ 4,415,340 | 5.810690% | \$ 33,181.00 | \$ 35,807 | \$ 2,626 |
| Johnson | \$ 3,274,930 | 4.309884% | \$ 23,985.00 | \$ 26,559 | \$ 2,574 |
| Morristown | \$ 10,794,120 | 14.205313% | \$ 84,798.00 | \$ 87,536 | \$ 2,738 |
| Stowe | \$ 42,473,560 | 55.896192% | \$ 317,774.00 | \$ 344,446 | \$ 26,672 |
| Waterville | \$ 868,830 | 1.143400% | \$ 7,161.00 | \$ 7,046 | \$ (115) |
| Wolcott | \$ 2,078,510 | 2.735367% | \$ 16,776.00 | \$ 16,856 | \$ 80 |
| Totals | \$ 75,986,500 | 100.00% | \$ 577,384.00 | \$ 616,224 | \$ 38,840 |

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
 Communications Assessment
 For the Years FY 2024 -2025

Total Budget Assessment One Half of Budget

FY 2024 -2025

\$ 955,562 \$ 477,781

| Town Name | Population Portion 50% of allocation | | | Grand List Portion 50 % of allocation | | | FY 24-25 | FY 23-24 | Increase/ (Decrease) | Percent Increase/ (Decrease) | Overall Assessment Percentage |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Population | Population Percentage | Population Cost | Grand List | Grand List Percentage | Grand List Portion | Assessment | Assessment | | | |
| Belvidere | 358 | 1.192% | \$ 5,697 | \$ 544,980 | 0.66% | \$ 3,160 | \$ 8,858 | \$ 8,397 | \$ 461 | 5.48% | 0.93% |
| Cambridge | 3809 | 12.687% | \$ 60,618 | \$ 7,055,600 | 8.56% | \$ 40,913 | \$ 101,531 | \$ 101,034 | \$ 497 | 0.49% | 10.63% |
| Eden | 1335 | 4.447% | \$ 21,246 | \$ 1,910,310 | 2.32% | \$ 11,077 | \$ 32,323 | \$ 31,523 | \$ 800 | 2.54% | 3.38% |
| Elmore | 900 | 2.998% | \$ 14,323 | \$ 2,570,320 | 3.12% | \$ 14,905 | \$ 29,227 | \$ 27,729 | \$ 1,498 | 5.40% | 3.06% |
| Hyde Park | 3022 | 10.066% | \$ 48,093 | \$ 4,415,340 | 5.36% | \$ 25,603 | \$ 73,696 | \$ 71,504 | \$ 2,192 | 3.07% | 7.71% |
| Johnson | 3500 | 11.658% | \$ 55,700 | \$ 3,274,930 | 3.97% | \$ 18,990 | \$ 74,691 | \$ 72,887 | \$ 1,804 | 2.47% | 7.82% |
| Morristown | 5676 | 18.906% | \$ 90,330 | \$ 10,794,120 | 13.10% | \$ 62,592 | \$ 152,922 | \$ 148,637 | \$ 4,285 | 2.88% | 16.00% |
| Stowe | 5291 | 17.624% | \$ 84,203 | \$ 42,473,560 | 51.55% | \$ 246,292 | \$ 330,495 | \$ 317,510 | \$ 12,985 | 4.09% | 34.59% |
| Waterville | 700 | 2.332% | \$ 11,140 | \$ 868,830 | 1.05% | \$ 5,038 | \$ 16,178 | \$ 16,045 | \$ 133 | 0.83% | 1.69% |
| Wolcott | 1670 | 5.563% | \$ 26,577 | \$ 2,078,510 | 2.52% | \$ 12,053 | \$ 38,630 | \$ 38,431 | \$ 199 | 0.52% | 4.04% |
| Hardwick | 2950 | 9.826% | \$ 46,947 | \$ 2,882,580 | 3.50% | \$ 16,715 | \$ 63,663 | \$ 62,180 | \$ 1,483 | 2.38% | 6.66% |
| Greensboro | 811 | 2.701% | \$ 12,907 | \$ 3,525,300 | 4.28% | \$ 20,442 | \$ 33,349 | \$ 33,108 | \$ 241 | 0.73% | 3.49% |
| | 30022 | 100.00% | \$ 477,781 | \$ 82,394,380 | 100.00% | \$ 477,781 | \$ 955,562 | \$ 928,985 | \$ 26,577 | 2.86% | 100% |

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Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
 Communications Assessment
 For the Years FY 2023 -2024

Total Budget Assessment One Half of Budget

FY 2023 -2024

\$ 928,985 \$ 464,493

| Town Name | Population Portion 50% of allocation | | | Grand List Portion 50 % of allocation | | | FY 23-24 | FY 22-23 | Increase/ (Decrease) | Percent Increase/ (Decrease) | Overall Assessment Percentage |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Population | Population Percentage | Population Cost | Grand List | Grand List Percentage | Grand List Portion | Assessment | Assessment | | | |
| Belvidere | 355 | 1.188% | \$ 5,519 | \$ 432,500 | 0.62% | \$ 2,878 | \$ 8,397 | \$ 7,877 | \$ 520 | 6.61% | 0.90% |
| Cambridge | 3815 | 12.769% | \$ 59,309 | \$ 6,269,210 | 8.98% | \$ 41,725 | \$ 101,034 | \$ 97,704 | \$ 3,330 | 3.41% | 10.88% |
| Eden | 1335 | 4.468% | \$ 20,754 | \$ 1,618,060 | 2.32% | \$ 10,769 | \$ 31,523 | \$ 29,826 | \$ 1,697 | 5.69% | 3.39% |
| Elmore | 882 | 2.952% | \$ 13,712 | \$ 2,106,150 | 3.02% | \$ 14,017 | \$ 27,729 | \$ 27,052 | \$ 677 | 2.50% | 2.98% |
| Hyde Park | 3019 | 10.104% | \$ 46,934 | \$ 3,691,660 | 5.29% | \$ 24,570 | \$ 71,504 | \$ 67,857 | \$ 3,647 | 5.37% | 7.70% |
| Johnson | 3546 | 11.868% | \$ 55,127 | \$ 2,668,470 | 3.82% | \$ 17,760 | \$ 72,887 | \$ 68,686 | \$ 4,201 | 6.12% | 7.85% |
| Morristown | 5522 | 18.482% | \$ 85,847 | \$ 9,434,350 | 13.52% | \$ 62,790 | \$ 148,637 | \$ 135,573 | \$ 13,064 | 9.64% | 16.00% |
| Stowe | 5288 | 17.699% | \$ 82,209 | \$ 35,354,570 | 50.66% | \$ 235,301 | \$ 317,510 | \$ 289,930 | \$ 27,580 | 9.51% | 34.18% |
| Waterville | 691 | 2.313% | \$ 10,742 | \$ 796,720 | 1.14% | \$ 5,303 | \$ 16,045 | \$ 14,783 | \$ 1,262 | 8.54% | 1.73% |
| Wolcott | 1673 | 5.599% | \$ 26,009 | \$ 1,866,410 | 2.67% | \$ 12,422 | \$ 38,431 | \$ 36,908 | \$ 1,523 | 4.13% | 4.14% |
| Hardwick | 2951 | 9.877% | \$ 45,877 | \$ 2,449,470 | 3.51% | \$ 16,302 | \$ 62,180 | \$ 58,418 | \$ 3,762 | 6.44% | 6.69% |
| Greensboro | 801 | 2.681% | \$ 12,453 | \$ 3,103,510 | 4.45% | \$ 20,655 | \$ 33,108 | \$ 32,258 | \$ 850 | 2.63% | 3.56% |
| | 29878 | 100.00% | \$ 464,493 | \$ 69,791,080 | 100.00% | \$ 464,493 | \$ 928,985 | \$ 866,872 | \$ 62,113 | 7.04% | 100.00% |

Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
 Communications Budget
 July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

| | Budget | Budget | Budget | Budget | Budget | Budget | Percentage | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|
| | 19-20 | 20-21 | 21-22 | 22-23 | 23-24 | 24-25 | Increase | |
| COMMUNICATIONS SALARY | \$ 811,711 | \$ 761,732 | \$ 727,797 | \$ 727,255 | \$ 788,467 | \$ 698,066 | | |
| OVERTIME - regular schedule | | | | | | \$ 70,000 | | |
| OVERTIME - additional hours | | | | | | \$ 20,000 | | |
| SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE | \$ 60,183 | \$ 56,360 | \$ 55,679 | \$ 56,644 | \$ 58,405 | \$ 58,364 | -0.07% | |
| UNEMPLOYMENT | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,500 | 0.00% | |
| HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE | \$ 131,757 | \$ 135,487 | \$ 123,520 | \$ 136,847 | \$ 164,678 | \$ 174,698 | 6.08% | |
| WORKER'S COMPENSATION | \$ 9,500 | \$ 9,000 | \$ 10,500 | \$ 10,500 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 15,000 | 0.00% | |
| RETIREMENT | \$ 82,132 | \$ 76,753 | \$ 85,181 | \$ 121,637 | \$ 125,826 | \$ 129,233 | 2.71% | |
| EQUIPMENT | \$ 12,000 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 12,000 | 0.00% | |
| HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | \$ 650 | \$ 800 | \$ 800 | \$ 800 | 0.00% | |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE | \$ 4,500 | \$ 8,500 | \$ 8,500 | \$ 8,500 | \$ 8,500 | \$ 8,500 | 0.00% | |
| INSURANCE | \$ 5,500 | \$ 5,500 | \$ 5,500 | \$ 5,500 | \$ 5,500 | \$ 5,500 | 0.00% | |
| UNIFORMS | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | 0.00% | |
| ELECTRICITY & SEWER | \$ 10,500 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 6,000 | 20.00% | |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$ 8,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 19,000 | \$ 17,500 | \$ 17,500 | \$ 5,000 | -71.43% | |
| DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS | \$ 4,400 | \$ 4,400 | \$ 5,500 | \$ 4,500 | \$ 4,500 | \$ 4,500 | 0.00% | |
| TRAINING/EDUCATION | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,500 | 0.00% | |
| REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE | \$ 25,500 | \$ 35,000 | \$ 25,500 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | 0.00% | |
| TELEPHONE | \$ 6,550 | \$ 12,300 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 7,700 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,500 | 8.33% | |
| VLETS-SERVICES & SUPPLIES | \$ 2,400 | \$ 2,800 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,800 | \$ - | \$ - | | |
| MANDATORY E-911 TRAINING | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | 0.00% | |
| VIBRS SYSTEM CHARGE | \$ 8,500 | \$ 9,250 | \$ 9,250 | \$ 6,000 | \$ - | \$ - | | |
| DISABILITY INSURANCE | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | \$ - | \$ - | | |
| TOWER RENTAL | \$ 29,600 | \$ 29,600 | \$ 30,000 | \$ 30,000 | \$ 30,000 | \$ 30,000 | 0.00% | |
| GENERATOR MAINTENANCE | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 2,600 | \$ 4,500 | \$ 3,000 | -33.33% | |
| | \$ - | \$ - | | | | | | |
| CAPITAL EQUIPMENT | \$ 21,999 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 | 0.00% | |
| TOTAL BUDGET | \$ 1,252,232 | \$ 1,230,182 | \$ 1,172,557 | \$ 1,212,783 | \$ 1,302,176 | \$ 1,302,661 | 0.04% | |
| | \$ - | | | | | | | |
| 911 Revenue | | | | | | \$ 76,301 | | |
| Town of Barre Revenue | | | | | | \$ 270,788 | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Barre & 911 Combined (previous) | \$ 331,195 | \$ 338,841 | \$ 338,841 | \$ 344,911 | \$ 373,191 | | | |
| TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET | \$ 921,037 | \$ 891,341 | \$ 833,716 | \$ 867,872 | \$ 928,985 | \$ 955,562 | 2.86% | |



Town of Eden 2023 Annual Report

Our NEMS location in Johnson is one of our four locations in Northern Vermont. Besides our corporate headquarters in Newport, we also have stations in Morgan and Troy, which opened in April of 2023. In total we provide 24/7 ambulance service for sixteen Towns and 5 unincorporated Grants and Gores. Geographically we are one of the largest ambulance services in the State of Vermont responsible for covering 786 square miles. Our crews number more than 60 people, using ten fully stocked and prepared ambulances and one Paramedic First Response vehicle. We responded to a total of 5300 calls in 2023.

Our crews in Johnson, which also cover the Towns of Belvidere, Eden, Hyde Park, and Waterville responded to a total of 1746 calls in 2023. Of these 921 were emergency calls, 748 were transports and 77 were mutual aid calls. We responded to 130 emergency calls in Eden and provided transport services for 32 Eden residents between Copley Hospital and other facilities.

In 2023 we asked for funding to add a second crew for three of our seven evening shifts. In 2024 we are asking for additional funding for a second crew for the remaining evening shifts. This second crew will ensure that we can offer quicker response times in the evenings for emergency services, reduce the need for mutual aid as well as provide emergency transports between Copley and other facilities.

We are very pleased to announce that we recently received a \$140,000 education grant from the State of Vermont. This funding will allow us to assist our employees in furthering their education to increase their levels of certification. Six of our employees have begun the process of obtaining their paramedic level certification. Three of these employees are from our NEMS facility in Johnson. This two-year program ensures we will be able to provide high level emergency response services for years to come.

We at Newport Ambulance Service thank you for your support and we look forward to continuing to support all of you and your community.

Respectively,

Jeffrey J. Johansen, Executive Director

NEWPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE (N.E.M.S.) BUDGET

| | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Income</u> | | | |
| 4000 · Town Appropriations | \$364,377.00 | \$375,219.00 | \$393,685.00 |
| 4006 - Interest income | \$0.00 | \$25.00 | 0 |
| 4005 · Donations | \$1,000.00 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |
| 4007 - Covid testing | \$30,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | 0 |
| 4009 · Service Ambulance Runs | \$810,000.00 | \$989,632.00 | \$1,178,431.00 |
| 4012 · Intercept Income | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| 4018 - Ambulance Coverage Time | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| <u>Total Income</u> | \$1,209,877.00 | \$1,389,776.00 | \$1,576,766.00 |
| <u>Expense</u> | | | |
| 5000 · Billing Services Expense | | | |
| 5000.01 · Collection Fees | \$350.00 | \$350.00 | \$250.00 |
| 5001 · Administration Expense | | | |
| 5001.01 ·02.03.04.17 Payroll | \$43,524.00 | \$51,480.00 | \$51,000.00 |
| 5001.05 Nas 11 R&M | \$780.00 | \$780.00 | \$680.00 |
| 5001.6 Nas 11 Fuel | \$546.00 | \$500.00 | \$510.00 |
| 5001.08 · CPA | \$390.00 | \$390.00 | \$680.00 |
| 5001.10 · Office Supplies | \$100.00 | \$150.00 | \$68.00 |
| 5001.11 · Telephone | \$1,775.00 | \$1,775.00 | \$1,714.00 |
| 5001.12 · Cell Phones | \$1,497.00 | \$1,497.00 | \$1,306.00 |
| 5001.13 · Dues | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$170.00 |
| 5001.14 · Health Insurance | \$2,354.00 | \$2,354.00 | \$4,144.00 |
| 5001.15 · Pension | \$4,520.00 | \$4,520.00 | \$4,522.00 |
| 5001.17 Board of Directors | \$8,190.00 | \$8,190.00 | \$7,140.00 |
| 5001.20 Software Subscriptions | | \$585.00 | \$796.00 |
| 5006 · Rubbish Removal Expense | \$1,100.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,680.00 |
| 5007 · Diesel Fuel/Gas Expense | \$28,000.00 | \$32,000.00 | \$42,000.00 |
| 5008.01 · Insurance Package | \$14,985.00 | \$16,500.00 | \$18,020.00 |
| 5008.03 · Health Insurance Exp. | \$54,324.00 | \$84,000.00 | \$83,120.00 |
| 5008.05 · Workers Comp. Ins. Exp. | \$60,675.00 | \$60,675.00 | \$56,780.00 |
| 5009 · Bank Charges/ Fees Exp. | \$1,000.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| 5010 · Interest Expense | \$11,870.00 | \$4,374.00 | \$15,468.00 |
| 5011 · Staff & Squad Training | \$2,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| 5012 · Payroll Expenses | \$803,070.00 | \$912,053.00 | \$994,000.00 |
| special pay | \$10,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5013 · Postage/Delivery Expense | \$20.00 | \$20.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5016.01 · Meals Expense | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| 5016.02 · Travel Expense | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 |
| 5017.01 TPA | \$1,053.00 | \$1,600.00 | \$1,530.00 |
| 5017 · Pension Plan Expense | \$31,500.00 | \$31,500.00 | \$33,780.00 |
| 5018.06 · NEMS #1 R&M | \$5,000.00 | \$8,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |

NEWPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE (N.E.M.S.) Cont.

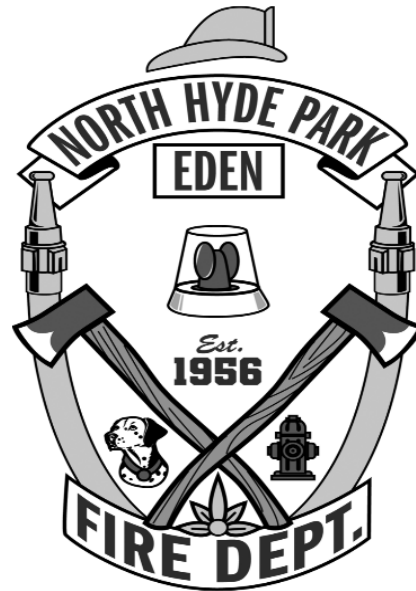
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 5018.07 · NEMS #2 R&M | \$8,000.00 | \$8,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| 5018.08 · NEMS #3 R&M | \$8,000.00 | \$8,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| 5018.14 · Service Agreements/Equipt PMI | \$1,000.00 | \$5,209.00 | \$3,752.00 |
| 5018.10 · Misce. Amb R&M | | \$400.00 | \$900.00 |
| 5023 Grounds | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| 5019 · Building R&M Expense | \$6,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| 5020 · IT Support | \$0.00 | \$2,340.00 | \$2,040.00 |
| 5021.01 · Office Supplies | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$500.00 |
| 5021.03 · Med. Supplies/Equip. | \$12,000.00 | \$18,000.00 | \$25,000.00 |
| 5021.04 · General Supplies | \$2,000.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| 5021.05 · Equipment Batteries | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| 5024 · Oxygen Expense | \$2,500.00 | \$2,800.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| 5025 · Employee Recognition | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| 5027 · Paging Expense | \$1,015.00 | \$1,015.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 5028.03 · Internet Service | \$1,620.00 | \$1,620.00 | \$2,104.00 |
| 5029 · Electricity Expense | \$3,200.00 | \$3,200.00 | \$4,000.00 |
| 5030 · Heating Expense | \$3,000.00 | \$4,500.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| 5032 · Comp Exp Non Capitalize | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| 5034 · Radio Exp Non Capitalized | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 5040 · Squad Uniforms | \$1,400.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 5041. Equipment Repairs | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 5043 · Public Relations | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| 5044 time clock | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$748.00 |
| 5045 · Equipt. Replacement Fund | \$0.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| 5046 · Ambulance Replacement | \$0.00 | \$15,000.00 | \$13,500.00 |
| 5049 Property Tax | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,803.00 |
| 5047 Billing Contract | \$22,558.00 | \$22,558.00 | \$22,558.00 |
| 5053 gps units | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,183.00 |
| Mortgage 2026 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| NEMS 3 2018 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| NEMS 1 | \$13,491.00 | \$17,763.00 | \$0.00 |
| NEMS 2 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Zoll lease | \$4,060.00 | \$5,414.00 | \$0.00 |
| Provider Tax | \$23,810.00 | \$25,564.00 | \$32,941.00 |
| Trucks / Equipment loans | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$66,729.00 |
| Total Expense | \$1,211,899.00 | \$1,391,799.00 | \$1,576,766.00 |
| Income | \$1,209,877.00 | \$1,389,776.00 | \$1,576,766.00 |
| Expense | \$1,211,899.00 | \$1,391,799.00 | \$1,576,766.00 |

This is a non audited report.

North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department, Inc.

The North Hyde Park Eden Fire Department responded to 64 calls in 2023.

| | Hyde Park | Eden |
|--------------------------|-----------|------|
| Fire / CO alarm | 22 | 6 |
| Lift Assist | 0 | 2 |
| Car Accident | 2 | 6 |
| Chimney Fire | 0 | 0 |
| Structure Fires | 5 | 4 |
| Brush Fire | 2 | 1 |
| Vehicle Fire | 0 | 1 |
| Good Intent | 1 | 2 |
| Hazmat Situation | 0 | 3 |
| ATV accident | 0 | 1 |
| Lost or injured hiker | 0 | 1 |
| Mutual Aid to the County | 5 | |



Much appreciation to John Savage for his years as NHPEFD Chief. John stepped out of the Chief



position, but will continue to serve the department as Safety Officer. The North Hyde Park Eden Fire Department would like to thank the Select Boards, Taxpayers, Highway Departments and wrecker services for their ongoing support. The Department received the new Utility Truck in October and is looking forward to the arrival of the new Engine 2. The new Engine and Utility Truck will be an asset to getting around in some of the elements and hard to reach areas of our towns. NHPEFD would like to

thank the Towns for initially approving the purchase of seven new air packs. We are fortunate that the Town of Eden applied for and received a grant that covered the complete cost of \$65,744.00 of the equipment. The Town of Hyde Park has given us approval on a bathroom renovation, which will allow us to install a shower in the event the station is used for an emergency shelter, such as when we hosted the Swift Water Rescue Team 1 from Virginia during the July 2023 flooding. It will also offer members the option to shower before returning home after a fire call, reducing the transference of carcinogens. The Department is anticipating approval on the replacement of our hydraulic rescue tools and is applying for a grant toward that purchase as well as an upgrade of our current radio system. Upgraded radio equipment will assist the Department in gaining improved emergency response communications. The Department is always looking for new members. We meet on the 1st 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Brent Lanpher

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Years of Service</u> | <u>Position/ *FF1 Certified</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Brent Lanpher | 32 | Chief* |
| Marvin Whitcomb | 23 | Assistant Chief* |
| Scott Audet | 34 | Captain |
| Vacant at this time | 00 | Captain* |
| Ethan Griggs | 12 | Lieutenant* |
| Dakota Aither | 6 | Lieutenant |
| John Savage | 42 | Safety Officer* |
| Quint Bapp | 25 | Firefighter* |
| Justin Gillen | 13 | Firefighter* |
| Matthew Hill | 6 | Firefighter |
| Zack Degree | 6 | Firefighter |
| Ben Collier | 6 | Firefighter* |
| Jakob Boyer | 6 | Firefighter* |
| Mariah Ingalls | 6 | Firefighter |
| Rebecca Ferland | 4 | Firefighter |
| Kelley Wells | 3 | Firefighter/Secretary |
| Donald Audet | 2 | Firefighter |
| Thorin Bingham | 2 | Firefighter |
| Matt Hill | 1 | Firefighter |
| Steven Lockwood | 1 | Firefighter |
| Stewart Guyette | 1 | Firefighter |
| Andrew Race | 1 | Chaplain |
| Jarren Edwards | 2 | JR firefighter |

Honorary Members

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| FF | Robert Parsons |
| Captain | Delano Heath |
| FF | Dennis Heath |
| FF | Paul Dumas |
| Asst. Chief | Gary Lanpher |
| FF | Brian Jones |
| FF | Wade Larose |
| Chief | Dexter Stewart |
| Captain | Larry Draper |
| Chief | Marvin Locke |
| FF | Gary Larose |
| LT | Kevin Jones |
| FF | Rodney Burns |
| FF | Gary Wright |
| FF | Roger Audet |
| Chief | Eric Aither |



Virginia Swift Water Rescue Team 1



2019 HME Freightliner M2-112 1500 GPM



1997 body built by Phil Ward (Past Chief)
2008 International cab and Chassis

North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department, Inc.

| | Actual | Budget | Current | Proposed |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Jul 22 - Jun 23 | Jul 22 - Jun 23 | Jul 23 - Jun 24 | Jul 24 - Jun 25 |
| INCOME | | | | |
| Operation Income-Eden | \$38,625.00 | \$38,625.00 | \$39,525.00 | \$42,225.00 |
| Operation Income-Hyde Park | \$38,625.00 | \$38,625.00 | \$39,525.00 | \$42,225.00 |
| Appartus/Fuel Tax credit | \$14.55 | | | |
| Insurance Rebate | \$271.00 | | | |
| | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Income | \$315.30 | | | |
| Sale of 2005 International(E2) | \$130,000.00 | | | |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$207,850.85 | \$77,250.00 | \$79,050.00 | |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| sale of 2005 International(E2) | \$130,000.00 | | | |
| Administration | \$180.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| Air Packs | \$1,383.48 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| Apparatus Fuel | \$2,337.15 | \$1,900.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| Building Maintenance | \$208.10 | \$1,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Capital Expenses | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Chemicals | \$792.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Employee Medical expenses | \$155.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Dues | \$631.88 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 |
| Electricity | \$1,814.40 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Equipment | \$992.66 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 |
| Equipment Maintenance | \$1,609.07 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,300.00 |
| Fire Gear | \$11,922.81 | \$10,500.00 | \$10,500.00 | \$13,000.00 |
| Fire Prevention | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Fire Station Supplies | \$213.71 | \$200.00 | \$300.00 | \$200.00 |
| Firefighting Supplies | \$551.74 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Food | \$816.16 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| Generator | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| Heating Fuel | \$4,758.22 | \$3,500.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Hose/Ladder testing | \$2,356.20 | \$2,200.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| Insurance | \$14,054.00 | \$19,800.00 | \$18,000.00 | \$18,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Office Supplies | \$1,188.22 | \$500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| Professional Fees | \$1,415.00 | \$500.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| Pump Testing | \$230.00 | \$550.00 | \$550.00 | \$550.00 |
| Radio/Pagers/Active911 | \$2,397.35 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Salaries | \$10,872.46 | \$14,000.00 | \$14,000.00 | \$14,000.00 |
| Snow Plowing/Removal | \$1,800.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Telephone | \$2,850.39 | \$2,400.00 | \$2,400.00 | \$2,600.00 |
| Training | \$440.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 |
| Transfer To Money Market | \$5,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Truck Maintenance | \$9,787.73 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$210,757.73 | \$77,250.00 | \$79,050.00 | \$84,450.00 |
| Income 2021/2022 | -\$2,906.88 | | | |
| Beginning Balance (7-1-22) | \$3,932.15 | | | |
| Endinging Balance (6-30-23) | \$1,025.27 | | | |
| Balance Money Market (6-30-23) | \$19,686.11 | | | |

MARRIAGES

| DATE | APPLICANT A | RESIDENCE | APPLICANT B | RESIDENCE |
|------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 08/06/2022 | Whitney Lynn Horner | Eden Mills, VT | Zachary Joseph Lawrence | Eden Mills, VT |
| 08/05/2022 | Devan Rae Heppler Pensinger | Eden, VT | Benjamin Aaron Porter | Eden, VT |
| 08/20/2022 | Kyle William Raymond | Eden, VT | Tiffany Rose Farides | Eden, VT |
| 09/17/2022 | Katy Elizabeth Voyer | Eden, VT | Lucian Austin Durgin | Eden, VT |
| 10/01/2022 | Keisha Marie Bell | Eden, VT | Austin Edward Dolan | Eden, VT |
| 12/24/2022 | Noi Lew Jones | Eden, VT | Danielle Marie Cutting | Eden, VT |
| 01/06/2023 | Tiffany Jean Landry | Eden Mills, VT | Tinnagorn James Khammonh | Eden Mills, VT |
| 03/18/2023 | Kevin Scott Slayton | Eden, VT | Karen Leblanc Messier | Eden, VT |

BIRTHS

Names are listed in the order that they were received at the Town Clerk's Office for recording.

| DATE | NAME OF CHILD | PARENT (maiden name) | PARENT |
|------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 08/14/2022 | Ada May Cochran | Amanda Claire Fisher | Brice Alan Cochran |
| 08/21/2022 | Arthur Scot Martin Niles | Hayley Myla Audet | Scot Michael Niles |
| 11/21/2022 | Paisley Mae Merriam | Nakysa Maria Brooks | Jordan Lance Merriam |
| 11/25/2022 | Kyle Hunter Worthington | Sembellir Villaestiva | Jedediah Ulric Worthington |
| 06/06/2011 | Miabella Jean Stearns | Louise Ellen Mason | Ronald Lee Stearns |
| 01/20/2023 | Maya Bliss Lockwood | Kate Emily Martin | Joshua Allen Lockwood |
| 04/27/2023 | Miley Jean Larose | Lauren Renee Durivage-Gonyaw | Jacob Christopher Larose |

DEATHS

| DATE | NAME | AGE | RESIDENCE |
|------------|--------------------------|-----|----------------|
| 07/19/2022 | Lewis Carl Jones Sr. | 75 | Eden, VT |
| 09/24/2022 | Patrick Thomas O'Hear | 81 | Eden, VT |
| 10/21/2022 | Joyce Marie Ingalls | 89 | Eden Mills, VT |
| 11/11/2022 | Ralph L. Marino | 78 | Eden Mills, VT |
| 11/24/2022 | George E. Desmarais Jr. | 79 | Eden Mills, VT |
| 12/01/2022 | Lawrence Pothier | 66 | Eden, VT |
| 12/22/2022 | Candace Marie Vear | 64 | Eden, VT |
| 03/09/2023 | Bonnie D. Lague | 64 | Eden Mills, VT |
| 04/02/2023 | Brent Lon Cookson | 56 | Eden, VT |
| 04/10/2023 | Peter Winston Whittemore | 54 | Eden, VT |
| 04/14/2023 | Carol Ann Mason | 77 | Eden, VT |
| 04/26/2023 | Judith Ready Root | 86 | Eden, VT |
| 05/02/2023 | Edna Louise Limlaw | 71 | Eden, VT |
| 05/06/2023 | Marilyn Esther Huntley | 91 | Eden, VT |
| 06/20/2023 | Benjamin James Massey | 33 | Eden, VT |

TRASH & RECYCLING and GREEN-UP DAY

Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District (LRSWMD)

Household trash, recycling, donating returnable bottles/cans, metal, construction waste, and e-waste (computers) and compost are accepted at the following locations:

Johnson transfer station located at 941 Wilson Rd, Johnson, VT 05656.

Hours: Friday, Saturday, and, Sunday, 8:30-3:30.

Call ahead to be sure this site is open! (802) 253-4059.

Lamoille Soil compost is available in Johnson seasonally.

Casella, located at 1855 Vermont Rte. 100, Hyde Park, VT 05655

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-4 and Saturday, 8-noon.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

Residents and businesses* of LRSWMD District Towns:
Belvidere, Cambridge, Craftsbury, Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Johnson, Morrisville, Stowe, Waterville, Wolcott & Worcester
may dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW)
at **special HHW collection events:**

Sat., May 4, 2024 & Sat., September 14, 2024

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lamoille Union High School

736 VT Route 15 W, Hyde Park

Keep items in their original containers. Containers will not be returned. No containers larger than 5 gallons accepted. Paint is limited to 10 gallons per car.

***Businesses MUST pre-register for LRSWMD HHW collections.**

Registration for businesses closes one week before the event. All businesses must register by calling 802-888-7317. Business waste accepted 8:00 am - 9:00 am only. The registration deadline for the September 14th date is Saturday, September 7th.

2024 GREEN UP DAY is the first Saturday in May on the 4th.

Pick up your Green Up trash bags at the Town Clerk's Office and get out in your community on Saturday, May 4th. As a volunteer, you make a huge difference! Contact Eden's Green Up Day Coordinator for more details or for extra bags: Anita Gagner (802) 635-2735

GLOSSARY OF TERMS IN THE TOWN REPORT

Agent to Convey Real Estate. An elected official who assists in real estate transactions on behalf of the Town.

American Gift Fund. A reserve fund established from monies gifted to the town by a generous Eden resident. Monies were received annually from 2013 through 2022. These funds are to be used at the Selectboard's discretion for community improvement projects. These funds are in a separate account earning interest. This past year, the American Gift Fund paid for a new bench installed at the Lake Eden Recreation Area to honor our Town Clerk of 26 years, Candace Vear.

ARPA. These letters refer to the **American Rescue Plan Act**. This is a piece of federal legislation passed in 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to facilitate a quicker recovery. Eden was awarded both State and County funds totaling \$409,528.65. These funds have very specific spending limitations and cannot be used to reduce property taxes. Any project using these funds needs to be completed by 12/31/26.

Auditors. Three officials elected at Town Meeting to review and audit all accounts for the Town. The town contracts with an independent firm for an outside audit every five years. The last outside audit was in 2022.

Board of Abatement. This Board is comprised of the Selectboard, Town Clerk, Justices of the Peace, and the Listers (or Independent Assessor in Eden) meeting as needed to consider tax abatement requests.

Board of Civil Authority. This Board is comprised of the Selectboard, the Town Clerk, and the Justices of the Peace. The role of this Board is to maintain the voter checklist, count ballots in an election and at Town Meeting, and to hear grievances regarding property appraisals.

Bullard Award. This award was created in 1990 by the Selectboard as a tribute to Haven "Bud" Bullard who served the community of Eden for many years. The award is to honor an individual who has contributed unselfishly to the community. A sealed box is available for nominations during Town Meeting and at the Town Clerk's Office the remainder of the year. In January, the recipient is chosen by the Selectboard, and the award is then presented at Town Meeting in March. A short, descriptive statement on the merits of the nominee is welcome. Candidates must reside in the Town of Eden. There is a large carved wooden plaque with Bud Bullard's likeness at the Town Clerk's Office. Recipients are honored with a nameplate annually.

Cemetery Commissioners. Officials elected to this Commission are responsible for the care and management of the Town's cemeteries. If no Cemetery Commissioners are elected, the Selectboard fulfills this role.

Cemetery Funds. The Cemetery now has 2 accounts, one is the Perpetual Care Account where only the interest earned on the principal can be used for annual maintenance. Perpetual Care funds can be used for capital improvements. In 1997, funds from this account were used to purchase 5.07 acres of land that adjoined the existing Eden Corners Cemetery. Perpetual Care funds were also used to clear the new property in 2020. In 2022, the Trustees of Public Funds and the Cemetery Commissioners agreed to combine the 6 individual Perpetual Care accounts to reduce the amount of auditing time and allow a larger lump sum to be invested independently at a higher interest rate. The 2 Community Bank accounts and the 4 individual gift accounts from Ed Shattuck (1974), Manona Miller (1986), Dorothy Collins (1989) and Mildred Earle (1997) now comprise the Perpetual Care Account. When a lot is sold, \$75 of the total \$300 is also added to the Perpetual Care Account. The second account is the working checkbook that is where the annual maintenance costs are paid. The working checkbook also receives \$225 from the sale of each lot for annual expenses.

Constables. These elected positions' limited duties are: to serve civil or criminal process, euthanize animals when required by law, euthanize injured deer in accordance with law, assist the Health Officer in the exercise of his/her duties, serve as district court officer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, collect taxes if no tax collector is elected under 24 VSA 1936a(b), and provide assistance to the Dog Officer(s) in the discharge of their duties per Eden's Dog Ordinance. Eden's Constables shall not perform any law enforcement duties.

Current Tax Collector. Collects the school and property taxes for the Town. In Eden, this function is performed by the Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Current Tax Interest. Interest collected on property taxes that are late (the first two payments) but not yet delinquent (taxes paid after the final payment due date).

Dedication. The Town Report is dedicated every year to an individual or group to honor and recognize their exceptional community service contribution. Nominations can be made by the Selectboard or by any Town voter under other business at Town Meeting or at a Selectboard meeting.

Delinquent Tax. Any property tax shall be deemed delinquent if the tax is not paid in full on the final payment due date as set forth at Town Meeting of that same year. Payment of taxes after the established due date shall be remitted to the Delinquent Tax Collector. In Eden, the Town Clerk/Treasurer was voted to be appointed to this position by the Selectboard. A delinquent tax bill consists of three parts: (a) initial tax; (b) interest of one percent (1%) per month starting the day the taxes become delinquent as was voted at Town Meeting March 2, 1982; and (c) penalty of not more than eight percent (8%) of the amount of the tax per State Statute 32 V.S.A. §1674 (2). Any partial payment received shall first be applied to the penalty portion of the bill. Additional payments, after the penalty is paid in full, shall be applied to the interest portion until fully paid, with the remaining payment applied to the principal due.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS IN THE TOWN REPORT (cont'd)

Delinquent Tax Collector. Appointed by the Selectboard. Collects taxes for the Town after the final payment due date is past. In Eden the Delinquent Tax Collector is the Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Delinquent Tax Escrow Account. When properties go up for tax sale and they are purchased either by the town or by an individual for an amount that is equal to or greater than the taxes due. The money owed in back taxes is paid to the town. Any additional funds paid at the tax sale above what was due then goes into the escrow account. Property owners then have a year and one day to repay the amount in taxes that was delinquent. If the original property owner does not pay what is due, the money in the escrow account that has been earning interest at the rate of 1% per month for the year, then goes to the original home owner and the person(s) that bid on the property at the tax sale now owns the property. If the original owner does pay in full what was owed, the money in the escrow account that has earned interest goes back to the bidder.

Dog Officer/Animal Control Officer. One or more people appointed by the Selectboard to control stray dogs, or other domesticated animals, investigate animal cruelty, coordinate an annual rabies clinic, and perform an annual dog canvas.

Eden Recreational Field and Athletic Trust. In 1983, Bud Bullard donated \$2,500.00 to create a fund for the care and maintenance of the athletic fields (owned by the Town) that are adjacent to the school. The interest earned on the principal is available for expenses and is transferred annually into an expense account.

Emergency Management Director. An official appointed by the Selectboard who is responsible for the organization, administration, and operation of local volunteers for emergency management in the Town. The Emergency Management Director is under the direct control of the Selectboard, but may in addition, coordinate his or her emergency management efforts with neighboring Towns, with the State Emergency Management Division and/or with the Federal government.

Fence Viewer. Three Fence Viewers are appointed by the Selectboard after Town Meeting. When called upon, they examine fences and other boundaries within the Town. These are positions of historical tradition.

Fire Department. The North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department was established as a joint entity in November 1985. The contract between the two Towns equally splits the cost of the building, equipment, maintenance, and all operating costs.

Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund. A fund established in FY 17-18 with money appropriated by the Town to help offset the cost of new equipment as needed.

Fire Warden. An official appointed by the State Forester upon the recommendation of the Selectboard. The Fire Warden issues permits for the burning of brush and enforces laws designed to prevent forest fires.

Future Improvement Fund. The money in this Fund is the interest accrued on the Sweep Account to be used for municipal improvements. This Fund began in 2000. In 2004/2005 monies held in the Municipal Building Fund were combined with the assets of this fund as they served the same purpose. The Municipal Building Fund originated when the old school (just north of the Town Clerk's office and now apartments) was sold for \$100,000. The school received \$90,000 (for the building) and the Town received \$10,000 (for the land).

FY or F/Y. Fiscal Year, as in FY 2018-2019. The Town of Eden's Fiscal Year (accounting cycle) begins July 1 and ends June 30 the following year.

G-1 Holdings. This company was the former owner of the Asbestos Mine. After the mine closed, the State of Vermont sued G-1 Holdings for damages that had transpired. In 2009, a memorandum agreement was reached that awarded \$850,000 in compensation to be split between the Towns of Eden and Lowell equally. Many meetings with Trustees of these funds, VT Fish and Wildlife and the VT Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) have been held to discuss Eden's priorities in the allocation of Eden's share. Some of the funds were used for the replacement of the single culvert on Knowles Flat Road and the bridge that replaced the twin culverts also on Knowles Flat. The remaining funds will be split between Lake Eden water quality projects and additional erosion control in the Town.

GIS. An acronym for the **Geographic Information System**. GIS is a system that creates, manages, analyzes, and maps all types of data. Town maps that have been converted to the GIS system are available online at: axisgis.com/EdenVT.

Good Neighbor Fund. A Fund created in 2013 with funds from Green Mountain Power due to Eden's proximity to the Lowell Wind Towers. Funds are to be received annually for a period of 10 years based upon the amount of power generated. Eden's first check was received in 2014 so payments will be expected until 2024. Monies in this fund are used at the Selectboard's discretion. This is a separate account earning interest.

Grand Juror. Helps to prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the Town by giving information to State and local law enforcement. This is an elected position with a one-year term.

Green Mountain Passport. GMP is a discount program that offers free day admission to all VT State Parks, VT Historical Sites and State sponsored events. GMP is available to VT residents who are 62 years or older or are a veteran of the Uniformed Services. Passports are available for \$2.00, are good for life and only available at a Town Clerk's Office.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS IN THE TOWN REPORT (cont'd)

Health Officer. An official appointed to a 3-year term by the State Health Commissioner with the Selectboard's recommendation. The Health Officer enforces the rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards. The Selectboard serves as the health officer when the position is open.

Highway Reserve Fund. A Fund approved by the voters at Town Meeting in 2003 with money appropriated by the taxpayers but not spent from the Highway Account of the previous year. These funds are to be used for highway expenses only and can be carried over from year to year.

Industrial Site. A parcel of land, 11-½ acres in size, owned by the Town between the Eden Central School and Route 100. Originally 12-½ acres, one (1) acre was deeded to the Historical Society in 2000 for the relocation of the Old Town Clerk's Office.

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, and Wood. A position enacted in 1824 and appointed by the Selectboard per State Statute 24 V.S.A. §1031 to "examine and classify the quality of lumber and shingles, measure lumber, shingles and wood and give certificates thereof. An appointment of historical significance.

Justices of the Peace. Elected by the voters every two (2) years, Justices of the Peace may perform marriage ceremonies, act as an ex-officio notary public, and serve on the Board of Civil Authority and the Board of Abatement. The next elections will take place in November of 2024. Terms are from February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027.

Lamoille County Tax. This is a tax assessed on all towns in Lamoille County by the Assistant Judges of the Superior Court. These funds provide for a County Court House as well as facilities and operating costs for the Sheriff's Department. The tax amount, calculated using the annual Court House budget, is apportioned to the towns according to a ratio based on the equalized grand list.

Landfill. The landfill off South Pond Road was closed in 1993. Monitoring wells were drilled and, as mandated by State law, were inspected and water testing was performed annually for a period of 20 years ending in 2013. Current expenditures accrued are compensation for Eden's Representative to the LRSWMD board for meetings and travel.

LCBP. The Lake Champlain Basin Program is a congressionally designated initiative to restore and protect lake Champlain and its surrounding watershed. Working with New York and Quebec, the goal is to coordinate and fund efforts to reduce phosphorus pollution, toxic substances, invasive species and enhance biodiversity.

LCSD Emergency Response Coverage. A contracted service for police coverage from the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department when the Vermont State Police are not available.

LEA. The Lake Eden Association is a group of home owners with properties around Lake Eden. These community members have been instrumental in creating and promoting the Greeter program that works to educate the community and visitors to the Fishing access at the north end of the lake of the importance in keeping boats clean and prevent the spread of invasive species. They have been instrumental in the efforts to control the Eurasian Milfoil detected in the lake in 2022.

Liability Account. An account where money is owed or previously earmarked for a specific purpose. Funds in these accounts can be held over from year to year. Examples include: Restoration Fund, Future Improvement Fund, Highway Reserve Fund, Fire Department New Equipment Fund and the State of VT Reappraisal Fund.

LRSWMD. Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District. Provides for waste disposal in VT.

Marriage Licenses. A marriage license costs \$80.00. \$50.00 is paid to the State for the Domestic and Sexual Violence Fund, \$15 remains in Eden and \$15 is paid to the Vermont General Fund. Any certified copy of the license for the married couple costs an additional \$10.00.

MRGP. This stands for the **Municipal Roads General Permit**. This is a program by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and is one of the requirements of Act 64. These new regulations require a more stringent standard regarding any road maintenance as it relates to storm water runoff and must be followed in order to participate in State grants.

New Equipment Fund. This Fund began in 1979 with an appropriation of \$3,000 to be used for future maintenance and capital purchases. Between 1997 and 1998, the method of accounting changed for the use of Town equipment (trucks, loader, and grader). The practice of charging an hourly rate for each piece of equipment was replaced with an annual lump sum appropriation after examining the costs over a period of years. Appropriations have ranged from \$20,000 to \$46,000 annually since 1998. This is a separate account earning interest. Money in this fund is carried over from year to year.

Paving & Structures Fund. This is a reserve fund (24 V.S.A. §2804(a)) approved by the voters at Town Meeting in 2013 with \$50,000 from the Rainy Day Fund. Monies in this fund are to be used for paving of town highways and replacement of highway structures. Money in this fund is carried over from year to year. Appropriations since 2013 have ranged from \$0 to \$60,000 annually.

Planning Commission. Five residents appointed by the Selectboard, unless the Town votes to elect the positions. Duties include: preparing a municipal plan; making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, preservation; and participating in a regional planning commission.

Rainy Day Fund. A Fund approved by the voters at the 2003 Town Meeting with funds from the Selectboard Account. The beginning balance was \$150,000.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS IN THE TOWN REPORT (cont'd)

- Regional Planning Commission Representative.** A resident recommended and appointed by the Selectboard. This representative attends Lamoille County Planning Commission meetings in Morrisville to help develop a regional plan, assess municipal land use issues and connect with surrounding towns.
- Restoration Fund.** This is a fund established for the preservation and restoration of Town records. Recording fees of \$15.00 per page are charged, with \$5.00 going to the Fund and \$10.00 to the Town as revenue.
- Sheriff's Department Contract.** The money budgeted in this assessment goes to the operation and maintenance of the dispatch for 911 and other emergencies. The Sheriff's Department is located in Hyde Park, next to the Lamoille County Courthouse.
- State of Vermont**
- Current Use.** A State program to appraise agricultural, forest, and conservation land, as well as farm buildings, on use value to keep agricultural and forest land in production. The State sends the Town money based on the reduction in the tax base. The amount the State pays is budgeted by the legislature and is seldom fully funded.
- Digitization Grant** At the beginning of the pandemic with Town Offices closed, the State of Vermont made funds available to the towns so land records and maps could be accessed online for research purposes. Eden contracted with an outside firm and was able to make all land records from 1980 through 2012 available by computer with the \$18,945.64 it received.
- Forest and Parks** State-owned land, such as the Green River Reservoir, the Lake Eden fishing access, and the Babcock Nature Preserve.
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (P.I.L.O.T.)** Money received from the State in lieu of a property tax payment. The amount of compensation is determined by the legislature annually and is only a partial reimbursement to Eden for land the State of Vermont owns within Eden's Town boundaries.
- State Property.** State-owned buildings, such as the State Highway Garage on Route 118 and the fishing access at the north end of Lake Eden.
- State of Vermont Lister Education Fund.** The State of Vermont sends to the Town of Eden money on a sliding scale to be used by Listers (or Assessor in our town) for costs associated with Property Valuation & Review (PVR)-sponsored assessment education courses.
- State of Vermont Reappraisal Fund.** The State of Vermont sends the Town of Eden an amount of money per parcel of property annually. These funds are used to offset the expenses in a reappraisal year. The money can be used to defray the cost of an equalization study or go into the Reappraisal Fund. Money from this fund cannot be used for the regular day to day costs of the assessor.
- Street Lights.** The security lights illuminating the beach, the Town Clerk's Office and the street lights along Route 100 in Eden Mills and Eden Corners.
- Sweep Account.** The Sweep Account is a checking account designed to make the most efficient use of the Town's money, with funds transferred daily to or from the subsidiary investment accounts as needed. Excess available balances are invested overnight in Government agencies.
- Town Agent.** An elected position by statutory provision dating back to the period 1824-1840. The Town Agent's duty consists of assisting when litigation is in progress at the request of the Selectboard.
- Town Meeting Lunch Fund.** A fund established in March 2016 with the money raised from a volunteer supported luncheon which was created to provide a mid-day meal at any future Town Meeting when needed.
- Town Service Officer.** An official appointed by the Selectboard to assist individuals within the Town who require emergency food, fuel or shelter assistance. The role of the service officer is in conjunction with the Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF).
- Tree Warden.** A position appointed by the Selectboard dating back to 1906. The post was designed as a means of protecting the trees that border the public highways of the State, and so gave the Tree Warden the responsibility of planting, trimming, and maintaining the health of trees in the public right-of-way. Another historical position with limited relevance in today's world.
- Trustee of Public Funds.** A three-member Board which has charge of all Town property and funds from which income may be realized. Manages, invests, and reports on real and personal property held in trust by the Town. This includes cemetery trust funds.
- Vault and Recording.** There are many documents that are officially recorded at the Town Clerk's Office for which a fee is charged. Vital statistics (births, deaths, and marriages) are recorded as well as land transactions (mortgages, land purchases and sales, deeds, attachments, and foreclosures). Recording fees are \$15.00 per page, with \$5.00 going into the Restoration Fund and \$10.00 to the Town. There is a \$1.00 charge per page for the copying of any recorded documents, and \$4.00 per hour is charged for the use of the vault (all fees going to the Town).
- VLCT.** The Vermont League of Cities and Towns is an organization based in Montpelier that supports municipal government by providing information, legal guidance, answers questions, and holds educational seminars. VLCT also provides municipal insurance and is Eden's insurance carrier.



To: Lamoille County Selectboards
From: Lisa Birmingham
Cc: Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District Governing Board
Re: Lamoille FiberNet 2023 Report/2024 Plan
Date: January 1, 2024

Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District had a very productive 2023 and is poised to make great progress and begin construction in 2024.

Our 2023 efforts and 2024 priorities are summarized below and on our websiteⁱ, but first, I want to thank our remarkable Governing Board for their leadership. If you know them, thank them. If you have questions, ask them.

Belvidere: Carol Caldwell-Edmonds
Cambridge: Sam Lotto, Matt McCabe
Eden: Carey Earle
Elmore: Randy Tomlin
Hyde Park: Michael Rooney, Carol Fano
Johnson: Paul Warden, Jeffrey Bickford

Morristown: Jane Campbell, John Meyer
Stowe: Stephen Friedman
Waterville: Jeff Tilton (Chair), Scott Johnson
Wolcott: Andrew Ross (Vice Chair), Bradley Horstman

I also want to thank the Lamoille County Planning Commission, the Lamoille Economic Development Corporation, and the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) and their talented staff, and our Lamoille County legislative delegation. Their collective leadership has helped bring universal broadband within reach.

So, let's take a quick look at our 2023 milestones:

- Developed a two-phase Universal Service Plan to bring fiber broadband to all unserved and underserved addresses in Lamoille County, and successfully applied for \$15.6 million in Vermont Community Broadband Board funding to build Phase 1 of the two-phase plan. Phase 1 reaches 86% or 4,170 of Lamoille County's unserved and underserved addresses. Because our partner Consolidated Communications (CCI) is investing almost \$10 million, Phase 1 is fully funded and will begin this spring!
- Thanks to widespread community support, we also raised \$225,800 in local ARPA pledges to support construction costs in Belvidere, Cambridge, Eden, Hyde Park, Johnson, Wolcott, and Waterville! The VCBB approved a 1:1 match, doubling the investments in these seven communities!
- We negotiated a 20-year partnership with Consolidated Communications (CCI) to operate and maintain the new fiber network with service quality, network performance and consumer protection commitments. This includes building a future-ready, 10Gbps network designed for growth and commitments to keep our network current - offering

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the same products here as the rest of northern New England and keeping prices competitive and affordable. For current information on Fidium products and pricing visit <https://www.fidiumfiber.com/fiber-internet>.

- We also continued to build organizational capacity to oversee the implementation of the universal service plan and to remain accountable to our communities. Towards that end, in 2023, we recruited several new board members, launched new website, and completed audits for 2021 and 2022.

Turning to 2024, we have four major objectives:

- Complete Construction of Phase 1 which includes all unserved and underserved areas in Belvidere, Eden, Johnson, and Waterville, all of Lamoille Fiber's footprint in Elmore and Wolcott, most of Hyde Park, except the northeast corner and all of Morristown, except a few addresses on rte. 15 east near Wolcott border. We plan to build roughly 2/3rds of Cambridge and Stowe, building to the ends of line in Sterling Valley and Nebraska Valley in Stowe and North Cambridge to Fletcher in Cambridge. We will be sharing our construction plans with each community when they become available.
- Develop a program, funded by the local ARPA grants, to subsidize installation or extraordinary construction costs.
- Design and fund Phase 2 which will complete the universal service plan, ideally by December 2025.
- Draft long-term sustainability and governance plan, to ensure our grant commitments are fulfilled and our communities continue to benefit from digital equity initiatives. Just a reminder, as a communications union district, we cannot levy taxes. Funding is available through grants, revenue bonds, partnership commitments or contributions.

Our 2024 plan is a manageable challenge. With the continued support and leadership from our Governing Board, our communities, and legislative leaders, I am confident we will be successful.

Again, *THANK YOU!*

¹ Visit our website to keep up with our progress <https://lamoillefiber.net/news> or view our annual report in detail <https://lamoillefiber.net/document/2023-annual-report>.

2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ABSTRACT (continued)

Article 11: Shall the Town appropriate the following sums to be raised on its grand list for local organizations?

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| a) | After School Program | \$ | 4,000.00 | |
| b) | Eden Cemetery | \$ | 7,500.00 | |
| c) | Eden Historical Society | \$ | 2,000.00 | |
| d) | Eden Youth Sports | \$ | 4,500.00 | |
| e) | LERA Swim Program | \$ | 1,000.00 | |
| f) | Lake Eden Association Greeter Program | \$ | 4,000.00 | |
| | Total Requested Appropriations | \$ | 23,000.00 | 0.00% increase |

Approved by voice vote

Article 12: Shall the Town appropriate the following sums to be raised on its grand list for other organizations?

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|----|---|-----------|------------------|----------------|
| a) | American Red Cross | \$ | 250.00 | |
| b) | Central VT Adult Basic Ed. & RSVP | \$ | 500.00 | |
| c) | Central Vermont Council on Aging | \$ | 800.00 | |
| d) | Clarina Howard Nichols Center | \$ | 400.00 | |
| e) | Lamoille Community Food Share | \$ | 250.00 | |
| f) | Lamoille County Mental Health Services | \$ | 750.00 | |
| g) | Lamoille County Planning Commission | \$ | 844.00 | |
| h) | Lamoille County Special Investigations Unit | \$ | 853.99 | |
| i) | Lamoille Economic Development Corp. | \$ | 150.00 | |
| j) | Lamoille Family Center | \$ | 500.00 | |
| k) | Lamoille Home Health & Hospice | \$ | 3,969.00 | |
| l) | Lamoille Housing Partnership | \$ | 200.00 | |
| m) | Lamoille Restorative Center | \$ | 250.00 | |
| n) | Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County | \$ | 500.00 | |
| o) | North Country Animal League | \$ | 500.00 | |
| p) | Rural Community Transportation | \$ | 1,350.00 | |
| q) | Vermont Association of the Blind | \$ | 100.00 | |
| r) | Vermont Center for Independent Living | \$ | 165.00 | |
| s) | Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force | \$ | 100.00 | |
| | Total Requested Appropriations | \$ | 12,431.99 | 0.00% increase |

Approved by voice vote

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to pay property taxes, municipal and school combined, to the Town Clerk and Treasurer in three equal installments due on or before November 15, 2022, February 15, 2023 and May 15, 2023 with postmarks acceptable?

Approved by voice vote

Article 14: To transact any other business proper at this time.

- a) Presentation on the Memorial Fund Project completion of the granite bench engraved with all branches of the military installed at the Eden Corners Cemetery.
- b) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received and planned projects.
- c) Completion of the Blakeville Bridge damaged in the Halloween storm of 2019.
- d) CECS principal, Betzi Goodman update on the building addition and increased services.
- e) Suggestion: Contribute some LERA funds above cost, to the milfoil eradication project. Request additional details for new articles in the warning.
Request to videotape Selectboard Meetings for more community availability.

Eden Selectboard: Ricky Morin (chair)
 Clayton Whittemore
 Tim Bullard
 Town Clerk: Tracey Morin

Meeting adjourned at 11.55am
Registered voters in Eden: 956
Present at Town Meeting: 90

A Little Bit of Historical Perspective

In March of 2001, *Co-op Life*, Vermont Electric Co-op's newsletter was titled "Spotlight on Eden." The house pictured below was the first office of the Co-op in Eden Mills. As recorded in the 1878 edition Beers's Atlas, it was the home of Sabin Scott. The residence and out buildings served as a post office and a store selling boots, shoes, dry goods, groceries, crockery, glassware, farm implements and general merchandise. In 1902-1903, it was purchased by F.L. Whittemore who also ran it as a store under his name.

At the time, in 1938, there was no electricity in the Eden-Lowell-Westfield area. Many towns in Vermont already had electric service but Eden was on a short list that electric companies had repeatedly spurned. Although every electric utility in the area had been contacted multiple times, all proposals had been denied. It was too big a financial risk. It was the foresight of a Morristown resident, Harry Bowman who saw the situation as an opportunity with the recently established Rural Electrification Administration.

A petition from Mr. Bowman and Joseph O'Hara was presented to the Vermont Public Service Commission in July of 1937 to build a line 23 miles long through Westfield, Lowell and Eden.



In March 1938, a small group from Eden and Lowell met with Mr. Bowman and other supporters and incorporated the Vermont Electric Co-op. By October of 1938, the line had expanded to 62 miles with plans to reach 400 farms and homesteads. Horses were used to pull the lines and poles over the hills to connect the original 50 members in Eden.

The Co-op settled into what had been the store in 1938. Lois Beard was the secretary starting in 1940 and worked with Mary Nye keeping track of customer records, bookkeeping and recording payments. After many months of planning and hard work, electricity arrived in Eden, Lowell, Westfield, Irasburg, and Troy on May 6, 1939 when Governor George D. Aiken threw the switch in Eden Mills.

It truly was a miracle as all other utility companies had surveyed the area and were positive that no electric lines could pay their way in this territory. The need was certainly recognized but building lines at a cost of \$2,200 per mile (in 1937) made service in the sparsely settled area financially impractical. As it turned out, memberships increased, the lines were built for half the estimated cost quoted by the utility companies and in less than 3 years, plans were being made to extend service to more than 1,200 members.

By January 1941, 17 schools were connected to the ever-expanding grid and Eden had its first street lights – 6 in the Mills and 3 at Eden Corners. The farmers were especially grateful as the milk could now be cooled, milking machines were possible and there was more than daylight and lanterns for illumination. We have had electricity in Eden for only 85 years!!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Eden Town Office 71 Old Schoolhouse Road Eden Mills, VT 05653 802-635-2528

Melissa Whitcomb Town Clerk & Treasurer email: melissa@edenvt.org
 Teleia Pastore Asst. Town Clerk & Treasurer email: clerk@edenvt.org

Office hours: Mon/Wed/Thurs from 8 am-4 pm, Tues from 8 am-6 pm, and Fri from 8 am-12 pm
 Land Records, Vital Statistics, Marriage Licenses, Green Mountain Passports (to State Parks),
 Payment of Current and Delinquent Taxes, Animal Licenses, Voter Registration, 911 Addressing

Dog Officer •Inga Luebke• (802) 793-2921

Cemetery Commissioners •Jubal Durivage, President• (802) 635-7213

The Cemetery Commissioners meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, April to October at 5 PM.
 Jubal Durivage Adam Degree/Treasurer Faye Cochran Colleen Durivage 1 Open seat

Eden Central School •Betzi Goodman, Principal• Fax: (802) 635-7251 (802) 521-5500

email: <http://www.edenschool.net>

Emergency Management Dir. • Jeff Hunsberger • (802) 730-4033

email: jhunsberger.townofedenvtmd@gmail.com

Eden Planning Commission Fax: (802) 635-1724 (802) 635-2528

Meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Town Office.
 Kristina Brown Kristy Bowen Jonathan Purcell Dan Lathrop 1 Open Seat

Eden Selectboard •Tim Bullard, Chair• Fax: (802) 635-1724 (802) 635-2528

Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6PM at the Town Office. email: clerk@edenvt.org
 Clayton Whittemore (802) 635-9095 Ricky Morin (802) 635-2849
 Tim Bullard (802) 635-2867

Eden Youth Sports Committee email: edenyouthsportscommittee@gmail.com

Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at ECS. Facebook: Eden Youth Sports
 Nick Tetreault, Chair Kristina Brown Dan Lathrop Trevor Bidwell 1 Open Seat

Forest Fire Warden •Marvin Whitcomb• (802) 635-7515

Health Officer •Tim Bullard, acting officer by default• (802) 635-2867

Lake Eden Recreation Area (LERA) (802) 635-7725

LERA Manager: Position Open LERA Assistant Managers: Position Open
 Camping, picnicking, and swimming from May 15th to October 15th.
 Swimming lessons for youth of all ages. Camper sites and shelters available by reservation.

Lamoille North Modified Unified Union School District Fax: (802) 888-2997 (802) 888-3142

•Catherine Gallagher, Superintendent•

The LNMUUSD Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at GMTCC.

Assessor's Office email: assessor@edenvt.org Fax: (802) 635-1724 (802) 635-2554

Assessor: Russ Beaudoin from Appraisal Resource Group Melissa Whitcomb, Assistant
 Mondays 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment.

North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department DIAL 911

Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7pm at the Fire Station in North Hyde Park.

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Lobby open 24 hours every day. Window open from 8 am to 1 am & Noon to 3 pm Monday - Friday.
 Saturdays: Window open 9 am to 11 am, closed Sundays and major holidays.

Town Garage •Ricky Morin, Road Commissioner• (802) 635-2530

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 LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF • Roger Marcoux • (802) 888-3502**